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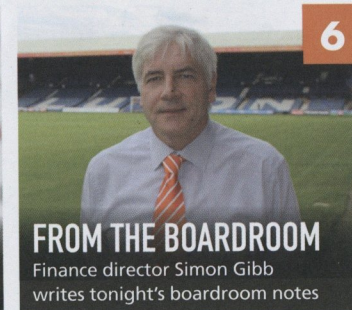
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NATHAN JONES

The boss welcomes Wycombe
to Kenilworth Road



FROM THE BOARDROOM

Finance director Simon Gibb
writes tonight's boardroom notes



WELCOME WYCOMBE

All you need to know about
the Chairboys squad



WHEN I WAS A BOY

Frankie Musonda casts his mind
back for his first memories!



TOWN TEAM-MATES

Jack Stacey fills us in on his pals
in the Hatters dressing room



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Action and reaction from the games
against Morecambe and Grimsby

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[THE MANAGER'S NOTES]



THE MANAGER

NATHAN JONES

Good evening and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for another big Sky Bet League Two fixture against Wycombe Wanderers.

I'd like to welcome everyone who has made the short journey from Buckinghamshire, including Wycombe supporters, directors, manager Gareth Ainsworth, his staff and their players, and I wish them a safe trip home after the match.

I came up against Gareth several times as a player and he was always difficult to play against. He's continued that into his managerial career and we've had some real competitive matches since I took over here just over two years ago.

We've already had one tough, and memorable, encounter with the Chairboys this season when we scored twice in the closing stages at Adams Park to turn the game on its head having been behind, and with our proximity in league position in mind, we expect nothing less tonight.

In the two games since my last notes, I've been delighted to collect maximum points from successive 1-0 victories, here against Morecambe ten days ago and up at Grimsby on a difficult Saturday afternoon.

We've had to show a different side to our game, when we dig in and grind

out results, and I've been so proud of the players for doing that. It can't be champagne and roses every week and we've perhaps been spoilt by some of the big wins we've had here this season.

MAMMOTH

The Morecambe win wasn't as fluent as we have seen, but I watched the game back and was really pleased with how controlled we were. We just maybe lacked a bit of a cutting edge, but once again, we came up with a goal with Johnny Mullins' header and took all three points.

Saturday's success at Grimsby was massive in the context of having been reduced to ten men so early. To play with a man less for over an hour needed a mammoth effort from everyone, and we showed a real spirit to produce such a defensive rearguard action after James Collins had got us the goal that we know we have in us, even in those circumstances.

It was a wonderful win because it's one of those that can go either way, and when it's gone your way, it's a big thing that can galvanise everyone.

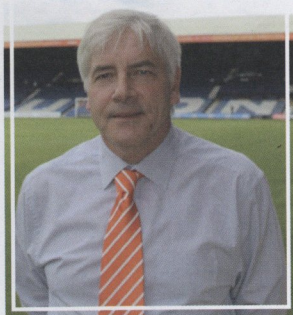
It also took us to 60 points for the season, and to get there so early is a big statement.

We have to maintain the consistency we have shown over the campaign to see the job through now, and Saturday was especially pleasing because we'd had a couple of bad results on the road and it sets us up for a big week here at Kenilworth Road.

That starts tonight with Wycombe and will continue on Saturday when Exeter, another side who are firmly in the running for the top three automatic places, are the visitors.

As ever, we need you to play your part from the stands. The wonderful travelling support was so vocal on Saturday at Blundell Park, so please continue that tonight and let's have one of those memorable nights under the lights against a promotion rival.

Enjoy the game.



FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH FINANCE DIRECTOR **SIMON GIBB**

Good evening and welcome to the rearranged game against our local rivals Wycombe. I would like to extend a warm welcome to their travelling supporters and players and officials.

Wycombe are currently enjoying a good run of results that have pushed them up to within one point of the automatic promotion places, with three wins on the bounce coming in to this game.

They had the weekend off due to other clubs' FA Cup involvement, but enjoyed a good win ten days ago against Crewe with a winner in the dying seconds from our former striker Craig Mackail-Smith, who has contributed nine goals to date to the Chairboys' cause this season. He along with Adebayo Akinfenwa, who is a handful to any defence at this level, will I'm sure be looking forward to challenging our well organised defence.

STRENGTH

On the subject of good defence it was great to come away with an excellent, really hard fought win on Saturday at Grimsby, but also with a clean sheet – despite going down to ten men early on!

It is testament to the strength and depth of the squad that despite a couple of injuries and suspensions in key positions in recent weeks, we are now 11 points clear of the play-off positions. Thanks again to those of you who made the effort to get up to Blundell Park and cheer the lads on!

As always at this time of year there is lots of speculation around possible transfer targets. As a Board we are, of course, very happy with the squad Nathan has put together to date, but equally also want to ensure we help him take us to promotion.

Our aim as a Board is to provide funds for players that, at the right price, would strengthen our position for the future through either experience or youth potential.

We also are keen to hold onto our existing talent. The latter isn't easy when you are successful as success attracts attention from plenty of higher level clubs and their scouts!

As part of our squad adjustments we have let Josh McQuoid depart in recent days, and all at the club wish him well at his new club Aldershot and thank him for his contribution.

As the transfer window deadline comes towards its closure, focus for the support team will be on keeping the existing squad fit for the rest of the season.

I was recently speaking with Simon Parsell and Jared Roberts-Smith, who work very closely with the players on their fitness regimes.

INVESTMENT

Some of you may have noticed that the players now have small electronic devices on the back of their shirts. This is all part of a significant investment by the club to really improve the overall fitness of the players and ultimately reduce injuries and lay-off time.

The new training ground has also allowed us to invest in new, more advanced equipment to enhance this work.

The support team monitor every player, checking such things as metres covered, recovery rates, hydration levels, response rates to different injury recovery techniques and diets and the like, with the aim of making them much fitter, stronger and much less likely to suffer injury.

The results of their work have been staggering with major reductions in average numbers of players unavailable through injury. Well done all.



Club historian Roger Wash with former Hatter Mike Cullen before the Morecambe match

On a different note it was wonderful to welcome back our former player Michael Cullen at the Morecambe home game. Michael, who at 87, is living with dementia but still has fond memories of his playing days here. We were delighted as a club to welcome him and his carers to the match as part of the Silver Wishes programme and to provide him with a very memorable day on his return to Kenilworth Road, where life began for him as a 17-year-old footballer from Scotland all those years ago!

His daughter wrote: "I hope you witnessed on Saturday the happiness etched on my dad's face, the overall feeling of comradery and feeling at home was priceless."

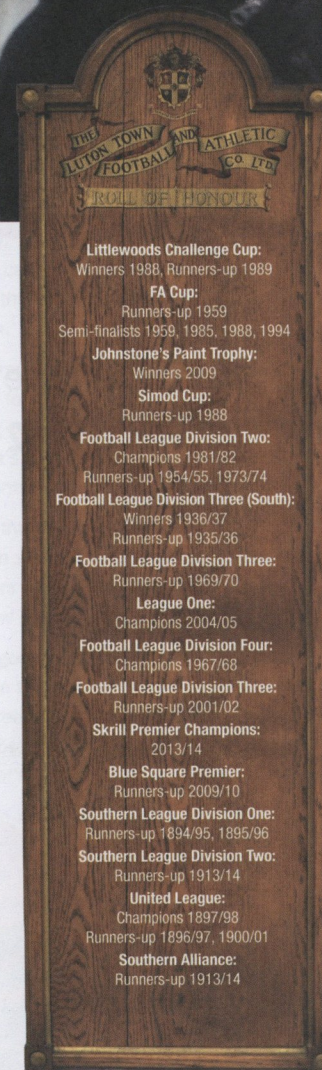
We are pleased he had a great day and best of luck for the future Michael from us all.

Work continues on the planning application for the new stadium at Power Court and retail site at Junction 10.

The process has been slower and more complicated than we had hoped which is frustrating for us all, but I can tell you that we continue to move progressively closer, we believe, to our aim of outline planning approval in the near future.

You may by now be aware that our league match against Barnet on Saturday 24th March has been selected by Sky for live TV coverage. The kick off time has been moved to the later time of 5.15pm. I hope you will still be able to make it. Tickets are now also available for all of our remaining matches so don't miss out on what hopefully will be an exciting and successful run-in.

Enjoy the game tonight. Cheer on the lads out there and let's extend our lead at the top. COYH!



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SHEEZ ENJOYS THE HEAT OF A BATTLE!

ALAN BACK FROM SUSPENSION AND STRAIGHT "INTO THE OVEN" FOR GRIMSBY WIN

Alan Sheehan told iFollow Hatters after the recent Checkatrade Trophy defeat to Peterborough that it was "full duck or no dinner" now for the Hatters, as they were left to concentrate on the season's ultimate aim of winning promotion from Sky Bet League Two.

After returning to the starting line-up at Grimsby on Saturday following his three-game suspension, and having to play a major part in a redoubtable defensive display to secure a 1-0 win following Jordan Cook's first-half sending off, the Irishman used another culinary metaphor.

Sheehan had a running battle with Mariners striker Jamille Matt throughout the game, being caught in the face several times by stray arms, and afterwards he smiled: "It

was off the grill and straight into the oven! It was hard, but that's the way it is.

"No game is going to be easy, whether we had 11 men or ten men. I'm happy to come back in. It was hard. It's been 27 days – I've been counting it down – and that's it. Come back in, clean sheet and we win, thank God! That's it done now and it's hopefully swept under the carpet."

James Collins' header, following up Luke Berry's free-kick that had been tipped onto the bar by former Town trialist Ben Killip, was the only goal

as Sheehan and his colleagues at the back – protected brilliantly by Glen Rea in the midfield holding role – helped goalkeeper Marek Stech to a 14th league clean sheet of the season, the best in League Two currently.

"It was a great win," said Sheehan. "We had to dig deep, which this team is capable of doing, and battled out a brilliant 1-0 win. I think we can definitely call it that, at this time of the season.

"It was a brilliant free-kick and I'm delighted for Collo. It was hard up there for him on his own at times today, and they had a few big centre-backs. But he stuck in there and that's what he's here for, to score goals – and what a priceless three points that could be."

It certainly wasn't the Town's most free-flowing performance of the season, but in the circumstances as the campaign nears its final third, the result was far more important than how the game appeared.

"We want to look good, but at this stage of the season, we just want to win the games," the 31-year-old went on. "Every game is three points now for us. Every three points we add, we get closer to the tally that we need to get promoted, and that's all it is.

"We are very single-minded but we don't really care about any other team. Other people will be looking at us to see if we slip up, but at the end of the day, if we keep winning our games and keep doing what we do, we'll be OK.

"There'll be loads of ups and downs. We'll have slip-ups. Other teams will have slip-ups. But I suppose whoever goes on a little bit of a run, and momentum is huge, will get there. There are 17 games left and we know what we have to do."



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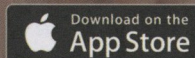


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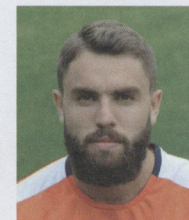
[NEWS]

JOSH SHOOTS OFF TO JOIN THE SHOTS!

While young Hatters Harry and Jack are loaned to Non-League sides Chesham United and Hitchin Town.

Three players have departed Kenilworth Road in recent days – Josh McQuoid to kick-start his career elsewhere while two of the Town's young players, Harry Isted and Jack James, have moved on loan to Non-League clubs to gain experience.

Former Northern Ireland international forward McQuoid had his Kenilworth Road contract cancelled by mutual agreement on Friday, and subsequently joined Vanarama National League high-flyers Aldershot Town.

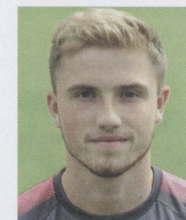


The former Northern Ireland international had been on the transfer list since the end of last

season after finishing the 2016-17 campaign on loan at Stevenage.

He had spent most of the first half of this term on loan at National League side Torquay, but scored once for the Town in the Checkatrade Trophy draw with Tottenham U21s and then made another substitute's appearance in the same competition against Peterborough last month after returning from Plainmoor.

The former Bournemouth and Millwall man departed with a Hatters record of eight goals in 45 appearances – and the best wishes for his future career from all at the club.



Young goalkeeper Isted joined Non-League side Chesham United on a one-month youth loan

and kept a clean sheet on his debut in the 0-0 Evo-Stik South Premier

Division draw at Royston Town 11 days ago, before helping them to successive wins over Gosport and Bishop's Stortford.

The 20-year-old arrived at Kenilworth Road in the summer, following his release by Premier League side Stoke City, to provide back-up for Marek Stech and James Shea.

Isted, who has featured in development squad friendlies and Beds FA Senior Cup matches, as well as appearing on the bench in the Checkatrade Trophy for the Town, will be in line for valuable game time during his spell with the Generals as they look to break into the play-off places.

James, another of the Town's talented youngsters, moved to the same Step 3 division on a temporary basis by joining Hitchin Town on work experience.



The right-back, who turned 18 last week, has linked up with our Hertfordshire neighbours Hitchin Town,

who are mid-table but also within touching distance of the top seven.

Good luck to both Hatters youngsters in their time out on loan, although they continue to train with the Town on a daily basis.

Striker Aaron Jarvis, meanwhile, has returned to Kenilworth Road after completing his month on loan at National League side Boreham Wood.

SKY CAMERAS HERE FOR BARNET!

The Hatters' Sky Bet League Two match at home to Barnet in March has been selected for live coverage by Sky Sports in the latest batch of EFL televised matches announced last Friday.

As a result, the kick-off time for the fixture on Saturday 24th March has been put back to 5.15pm.

The north London side's visit to Kenilworth Road is the first time the Town have been screened live this season, and this means that unfortunately our overseas subscribers to iFollow Hatters will NOT receive a live video stream of that particular game.

Audio commentary from Simon Pitts will, however, be available as usual to both domestic and overseas subscribers.

The game is one of two fourth tier fixtures selected for live coverage during the international break weekend, with our promotion rivals Notts County's trip to Chesterfield screened the following day – Sunday 25th March – at 1.30pm.

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We very much look forward to hearing from you.

Allan Drummond, LTDSA Secretary

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FOOTBALL FOR PEACE

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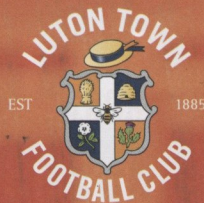
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CRAWLEY TOWN

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO | TUESDAY 13TH FEBRUARY | 7:45PM

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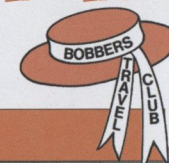
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SKY BET LEAGUE TWO | SATURDAY 24TH FEBRUARY | 3PM

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COLOURS: RED & WHITE STRIPES | GROUND: ST JAMES PARK | MANAGER: PAUL TISDALE

WHO? Paul Tisdale's Grecians got out of the blocks quickly this season, winning seven of their opening eight league games. However, stuttering form since then has seen them win back-to-back league games just twice, although victories over the likes of Accrington, Coventry and Notts County shows their ability to turn up for the big games, and they remain strong candidates for automatic promotion. As we saw when the Town travelled to the south-west in October, their St James Park stadium is currently being redeveloped and as a result, their capacity has dropped to just over 6,000. They had 5,638 at their recent FA Cup tie with West Brom, when – like the Hatters – the Grecians exited at the third round stage to Premier League opposition.

TICKETS Ticket information for Saturday's category A fixture at Kenilworth Road can be found on page 15.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE: Our meeting earlier on this season St James Park saw arguably the most deadly nine minutes from the Hatters this campaign, as goals from Dan Potts, Danny Hylton and Harry Cornick in a superb second half showing helped the Town on their way to a 4-1 win to reach the top of the League Two table for the first time this season. Of the 67 meetings between the two clubs, we have won 35, there have been 15 draws and the Grecians have triumphed 17 times.

IN CHARGE: Paul Tisdale is the longest serving manager in the EFL, only beaten by Arsene Wenger in English football when the Premier League is taken into account.

The Frenchman has ten years on Tisdale's record at the helm, but the Grecians boss is five years ahead of third-placed Jim Bentley at Morecambe. The former Southampton and Yeovil Town midfielder took over at St James Park in 2006 and has overseen two promotions – from the Conference to League One through two consecutive promotions in 2008 and '09 – and one relegation, back down to League Two in 2012. They went close to going up again last season, reaching the play-off

Danny Hylton heads in Town's equaliser in the 1-1 draw against Exeter here last season



final after overcoming Carlisle United in the semis thanks to a very late Jack Stacey goal, but lost in the Wembley final to the Hatters' conquerors, Blackpool.

PREVIOUS FORM Currently sixth in the table, Exeter have won four of their last six league matches and have produced two excellent wins in a row against promotion rivals since being knocked out of the FA Cup. They beat Coventry 1-0 at home before upsetting second-placed Notts County 2-1 at Meadow Lane ten days ago, with 14-goal top scorer Jayden Stockley on target.

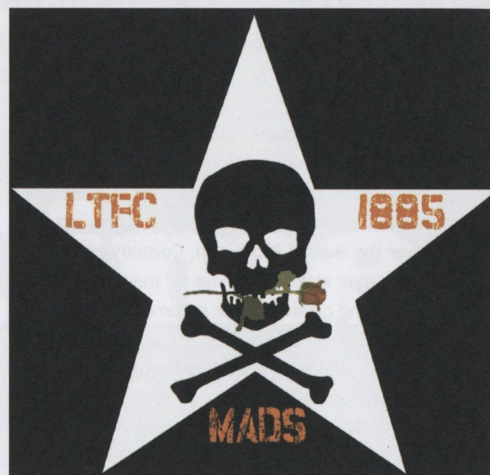
KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU Town right back Jack Stacey was a hit whilst on loan at St James Park last season, making 38 appearances and scored his only goal of the season as mentioned above to make it 6-5 on aggregate in Exeter's favour. Town midfielder Lawson D'Ath played eight times for the Devon side during a loan from Reading in 2013, scoring once, while the Grecians' current top scorer Jayden Stockley had a spell on loan at Kenilworth Road from Bournemouth, netting three times in 13 appearances during 2014-15.

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It's a little different for the MADS sponsorship this season as we celebrate the 70th birthday of one of our own...Pat Ware! For those of you who don't know the MADS, Pat is the organised one. She's the one with the address details of the pubs we're going to, the one we trust with the kitty and the only really sensible voice in a bunch of unruly and mainly middle-aged idiots. Her birthday was earlier this month, but as this game got moved to accommodate the Newcastle Cup match, we celebrated up there to kick off the party with the intention of carrying on until now, so happy birthday Pat from all of the MADS crew...! x



TODAY'S MASCOT:



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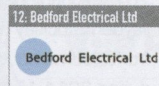
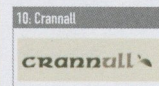
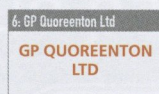
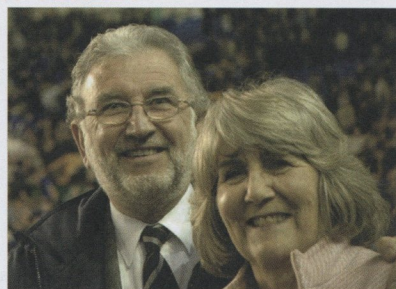
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HOBBIES: FOOTBALL AND HARRY POTTER

FAVOURITE PLAYER: ALL OF THEM!

MATCHBALL SPONSOR: JOHN AND ANN CHATTERLEY

Ball sponsors this evening are John and Ann Chatterley, who have supported the club through the highs and lows over the years and are Club Members in the John Moore Lounge. Over the past years John has been match and ball sponsor many times. John and Ann welcome Derek Vere, the Managing Director of VERCOR Office Furniture Limited with his guests from Wycombe, together with wine connoisseur Daphne Francis, and hope they have an enjoyable time...but leaving the three points behind at Luton!



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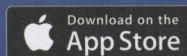
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WELCOME WYCOMBE WANDERERS

FACTFILE:

NICKNAMES: THE CHAIRBOYS

GROUND: ADAMS PARK

MANAGER: GARETH AINSWORTH

LAST SEASON: 9TH IN LEAGUE TWO

The Hatters would like to extend a warm welcome to tonight's visiting staff, players and supporters of Wycombe Wanderers.

One of a number of sides to have missed out on a place in the top seven on the final day of last season, the Chairboys are certainly mounting a serious push this campaign for one of those top spots, currently in fourth place.

Just a point short back in May, they now sit in a tightly congested pack with 11th place still within reaching distance of second. Their chances of keeping pace with the sides around them was taken away at weekend, as their would-be opponents Coventry played MK Dons in the fourth round of the Emirates FA Cup.

What they certainly have over last season is a sharper attack. Just six league goals short of their entire tally for the last league campaign – currently on 52 – the Chairboys had netted the second highest amount of goals in the division, after the Hatters, going into the weekend.

Adebayo Akinfenwa leads the goal scoring charts for Wycombe this season with 14 goals to his name, but a summer signing who Town supporters will certainly recognise is Craig Mackail-Smith. Macca has been directly involved in 12 goals since his arrival at Adams Park – with nine goals and three assists – adding promotion know-how as well as having nearly 600 career appearances under his belt.

His time at Kenilworth Road never quite reached the heights he had achieved throughout his career, as a leg break in March 2016 curtailed his first season here and massively impacted his second, leading to a loan at Peterborough United before his contract expired with the Hatters last summer.

The Chairboys have fairly recent experience of League One football having been promoted to the third tier in 2009 and 2011, although both of those campaigns ended in relegation.

Manager of Wanderers now for over five years, Gareth Ainsworth has had mixed finishes at Adams Park. This no



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more apparent than in the 2013-14 campaign when his side avoided relegation on goal difference, before finishing in the play-off places the following season. Ainsworth was a midfielder in his playing days, turning out for the likes of Lincoln City, Port Vale and QPR, as well as the side he currently manages.

Prior to his appointment as boss at Adams Park, the 44-year-old had brief stints as caretaker manager at Loftus, where he built up his reputation as a coach, before taking over the reins at Wycombe in 2012.

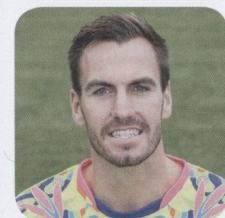
Town took all three points in our last meeting, with James Collins scoring deep into injury time to secure a 2-1 at Adams Park back in September, after skipper Scott Cuthbert had netted a 90th-minute equaliser. Of the 24 meetings between the two, the Hatters have won 11, drawing nine and only losing four.

THE MAIN MEN

IN BETWEEN THE STICKS

SCOTT BROWN

A Wolverhampton Wanderers academy graduate, Brown left Molineux in 2003



without making an appearance. Spells with Welshpool Town and Bristol City saw him earn a deal at Cheltenham

Town in 2005. He spent nine years with the Robins, playing across League One and Two and making 282 appearances, before moving north of the border in 2014 to sign for Scottish Premiership side Aberdeen. He returned to England two seasons later when he penned a two-year contract with the Chairboys.

THE WALL

JOE JACOBSON

A former Wales Under-21, Jacobson joined Wycombe in 2014. The 31-year-old started off with hometown club Cardiff City, coming through the youth ranks and making two first team appearances for the



Bluebirds. He also enjoyed loan spells with Accrington Stanley and Bristol Rovers before joining the latter permanently in 2007. He then went onto Oldham Athletic and Shrewsbury Town, winning promotion from League Two alongside our own James Collins in 2011-12, before moving to Adams Park in 2014. The left-back has played over 150 times for the Chairboys.

THE MAN IN THE MIDDLE

SAM SAUNDERS

An experienced midfielder who has played across the EFL, the 34-year-old counts the Chairboys as the sixth club he



has pulled on a shirt for. Starting out with Welling United in 2000, Saunders joined Ashford Town in 2003, before climbing up the pyramid with Carshalton Athletic and then Dagenham & Redbridge, where he won promotion to the EFL in 2007. That earned him a move to Brentford, which yielded another promotion as the Bees went up to the Championship. He joined Wycombe a year ago on an 18-month deal.

THE DANGERMAN

ADEBAYO AKINFENWA

'The Beast' has been a regular goalscorer in the third and fourth tier for the past 14 years, and even at the age of



35, is proving to be a threat more than ever. With 14 goals prior to the weekend's action, he could potentially break the 20-goal barrier this season – something he hasn't managed in his career yet. He has played for a number of clubs including Swansea City, Northampton Town and AFC Wimbledon, as well as FK Atlantias in Latvia at the beginning of his career.

GOALKEEPER

YVES MA-KALAMBAY

AGE: 31

PREVIOUS CLUB: OTTELUL GALATI

DEFENDERS

SIDO JOMBATI

AGE: 30

PREVIOUS CLUB: CHELTENHAM TOWN

ANTHONY STEWART

AGE: 25

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AGE: 33

PREVIOUS CLUB: SHREWSBURY TOWN

NATHAN MCGINLEY

AGE: 21

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AGE: 27

PREVIOUS CLUB: MILLWALL

NATHAN TYSON

AGE: 35

PREVIOUS CLUB: KILMARNOCK

CRAIG MACKAIL-SMITH

AGE: 33

PREVIOUS CLUB: LUTON TOWN

THE VIEW FROM THE OAK ROAD



JONNY KING, a Wycombe Wanderers supporter of 19 years, gives us his thoughts on what lies in store for his team this season in Sky Bet League Two and this evening on their visit to Kenilworth Road, as well as his top XI players to ever pull on a shirt for the Chairboys...

GENERAL ENQUIRIES:

Right on the cusp of an automatic promotion spot this term, the Chairboys missed out on a play-off place last season, are you confident you can finish in the top seven this time around?

Fairly confident, yes, but a lot depends on keeping our players fit. We have a small squad, with quite a few older and/or injury-prone players, and this has come back to bite us in recent seasons, with injuries and fatigue taking their toll and affecting our form towards the end of the season. Despite losing a few key players to injury in recent weeks, we've stayed in the play-off places and are keeping pace with the teams in the automatic spots. With a bit of luck, I think we're looking good to stay up there.

Adebayo Akinfenwa is still delivering the goods at the age of 35. How important has he been for your push up the table this season?

We certainly wouldn't be where we are without him. The season before he arrived we'd struggled for goals and it was clear we needed someone to lead the line. I was sceptical when he signed, as I thought he was past it. But we play to his strengths, as we have players like Joe Jacobson and Sam Saunders who can provide him with good quality deliveries. He's the focal point of our attack and even when he doesn't score, he's creating opportunities for others.

Gareth Ainsworth has been in charge at Adams Park for over five years. Is he the man to take you up?

Yes. He makes mistakes now and then, but as a fairly young manager he is still learning and he has coped admirably with the considerable financial constraints placed upon him. Four years ago, the club was in danger of going down a black hole, but Ainsworth has spearheaded a stunning revival and promotion to League One would be a fitting reward. His capacity to inspire and motivate players, his eye for young talent, his ability to reenergise older players and his general enthusiasm and commitment for the job have completely turned this club around, both on and off the pitch.

Who were you most pleased to see remain at the club over the summer?

Anthony Stewart had a superb season alongside Aaron Pierre in central defence and with them both out of contract in the summer, there was serious concern among many Wycombe fans that we could lose them both on free transfers. Pierre did leave in the end, but Stewart, arguably the better of the two, thankfully signed a new deal. I was also pleased to see long-serving midfielder Matt Bloomfield get a new deal to take him to 14 years at Adams Park.

Out of your January transfer signings who are you most looking forward to seeing in action?

With little cash to spend, Ainsworth has been limited to making just three loan signings; right-back Tafari Moore from Arsenal, centre-back Nathan McGinley from Middlesbrough and striker Randall Williams from Watford. McGinley and Moore made their debuts in our match against Colchester and whilst McGinley did a good job in a patched-up defence, it was Moore who really caught the eye with a confident, rampaging display down the right flank. His pace, technique and desire to attack make him an absolute joy to watch.

Craig Mackail-Smith joined you guys in the summer after two seasons with us, and by the looks of things he's a hit. How impressed have you been with Macca?

He's been an inspired signing. I was worried that his past injury problems could have taken their toll on him, but he looks fit and sharp and has a turn of pace that you wouldn't expect from someone approaching their 34th birthday. He's taken some of the burden off Bayo up front, with nine goals already this season, but I've also been impressed by his overall work-rate. He's usually played out wide and has shown great stamina and intelligence in that position, but he also tracks back and helps out the midfield, which is essential to our energetic style of play.



Former Hatter Craig Mackail-Smith



A dinner invitation for Martin O'Neill

MY ALL-TIME WYCOMBE XI...

This would change weekly if you kept asking me!

GK: MARTIN TAYLOR

An outstanding goalkeeper who played a key role in getting us to the 2001 FA Cup Semi-Finals.

RB: JASON COUSINS

Imagine a right-sided Stuart Pearce and you get the idea.

CB: ROGER JOHNSON

A product of our youth team. A tall, commanding centre-back with a decent goal-scoring record.

CB: MIKE WILLIAMSON

A classy defender who formed a formidable partnership with Johnson and helped us to the 2007 League Cup Semi-Final.

LB: CRAIG WOODMAN

This might raise a couple of eyebrows, but he was absolutely superb in our 2008/09 promotion season.

RM: DAVE CARROLL

Nicknamed 'Jesus'. Past his best when I started watching Wycombe, but could still light up a match with a moment of magic.



Dave Carroll

CM: MATT BLOOMFIELD

Known as 'Mr Wycombe'. One of the most committed, hardest working players I have ever seen.

CM: KEITH RYAN

Another who would run through brick walls for the team. Scored against Liverpool in the 2001 FA Cup Semi-Final.

LM: STEVE BROWN

Capable of both a thunderous shot and a bone-crunching tackle. His 30-yard wonder strike against Colchester is still talked about.

ST: ANDY RAMMELL

An old-fashioned centre-forward whose goal and snow-dive celebration against Wolves during the FA Cup run is the stuff of legend.

ST: SEAN DEVINE

A remarkable striker, who at one time was our record Football League goalscorer. Great left foot.

QUICKFIRE:

Terrace or Seats? Terrace

Who are your rivals? Colchester United.

Favourite all-time manager?
John Gorman

Predicted player of the season?
Macca's in with a shout, but I suspect it'll be Bayo again

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

We're a little shaky at the back this season – Mike Williamson would sort that out.

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

Martin O'Neill, obviously; Sido Jombati, who's injured at the moment, so a nice lasagne might cheer him up; Roy Essandoh, so he could officially tell people he's still 'dining out on THAT goal'; Tony Adams, so I could ask him what the hell he was playing at when he was Wycombe manager and then send him home without any dessert; and finally Adebayo Akinfenwa – because I wouldn't want to have tell him he wasn't invited!

Most treasured piece of Chairboys memorabilia?

My framed Matt Bloomfield shirt from our 2010/11 promotion season. My wife hates it.

What league will Wycombe be in next season?

Of course I'm going to say League One!

Who will win Sky Bet League Two this season?

Barring some kind of crazy, self-destructive collapse, it's hard to see Luton not winning it. Fingers crossed though...

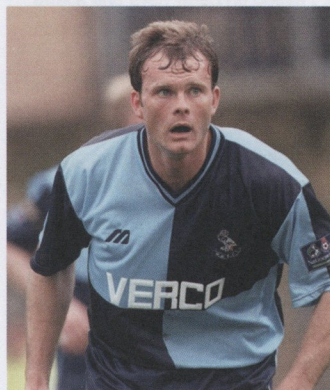
TOP BOYS

MARK WEST

England Semi-Pro striker Mark West was Wycombe Wanderers' leading marksman in six successive seasons, netting the winner in the 1991 FA Trophy final. Born locally, he had spells with West Ham and Reading prior to joining Wycombe in December 1984. He helped them to win promotion and the Hitachi Cup that season, then starred in their 1986-87 Vauxhall-Opel League title and 1992-93 Conference title triumphs. Twice voted 'Player of the Year' he netted 122 goals in 281 League games for the Chairboys before joining Slough Town in July 1994. Later with Farnborough Town, he then managed Thame United.

KEITH SCOTT

Striker Keith Scott was Wycombe Wanderers' top scorer three times including their 1992-93 Conference title and FA Trophy 'double' success. He had spells with Leicester United and Lincoln City prior to joining



Wycombe in March 1991, scoring in that season's FA Trophy final triumph. Moving to Swindon Town in November 1993, he then played for Stoke City and Norwich City before rejoining the Chairboys in March 1997. He netted 74 goals in 159 League games overall prior to joining Reading in March 1999, then played for Colchester United, Dover, Scarborough, Leigh RMI, Dagenham & Redbridge and Windsor & Eton.

STEVE GUPPY



England Semi-Pro winger Steve Guppy starred in Wycombe Wanderers' 1992-93 Conference title and FA Trophy 'double' triumph. A former Southampton trainee, he joined Wycombe in August 1989 and featured in their 1991 FA Trophy final success. He was a key figure in the Chairboys' 1993-94 Third Division play-off final triumph and netted 25 goals in 178 League games before joining Newcastle United in August 1994. Moving via Port Vale to Martin

FOOTBALL HISTORIAN LEIGH EDWARDS PROFILES TEN WINNERS OF WYCOMBE WANDERERS' 'PLAYER OF THE YEAR' AWARD

O'Neill's Leicester City in February 1997, the England international was a League Cup winner in 2000, then played for Celtic, Leeds United, Stoke City and Wycombe again.

STEVE BROWN

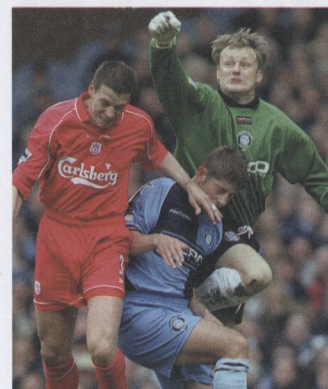
Versatile left-sided midfielder Steve Brown was 'Player of the Year' when Wycombe Wanderers finished sixth in the Second Division in 1994-95. He began with hometown club Northampton in August 1983 and had a spell with Irthlingborough Diamonds before rejoining the Cobblers in July 1989. Top scorer in 1992-93, he joined Wycombe in February 1994, helping them win promotion in 1993-94 and reach the FA Cup semi-finals in 2000-01. He netted 35 goals in 371 League games prior to joining their coaching staff in June 2004. Later QPR's youth team boss, then Everton's national Academy scout, he is now a talent recruiter for Adidas.

DAVE CARROLL

Long-serving favourite Dave Carroll was Wycombe Wanderers' 'Player of the Year' in 1995-96. He impressed with Ruislip Manor prior to joining Wycombe in July 1988 and was ever-present in 1989-90, then featured in the 1990-91 FA Cup run. Helping the Chairboys win the FA Trophy in 1991, he starred in their 1992-93 Conference title and FA Trophy 'double' success and scored twice in the 1993-94 Third Division play-off final triumph. He was an FA Cup

semi-finalist in 2000-01 and moved to Aldershot in March 2002. Later Windsor & Eton's player-boss, he is now manager of self storage firm Space Station.

MARTIN TAYLOR



Goalkeeper Martin Taylor was ever-present as Wycombe Wanderers reached the FA Cup semi-finals in 2000-01. Starting with Mile Oak Rovers, he joined Derby County in July 1986 and understudied Peter Shilton and Steve Sutton. He was ever-present 'Player of the Year' as the Rams qualified for the First Division play-offs in 1993-94. Reuniting with John Gregory at Wycombe in March 1997, he was ever-present again in 2001-02 and 'Player of the Year' in three successive seasons. He played 238 League games, moving to Telford United in July 2003, then Burton Albion, becoming Derby's goalkeeping coach.

NATHAN TYSON

Ex-England youth striker Nathan Tyson was Wycombe Wanderers' leading marksman and 'Player of the Year' in 2004-05. A former Reading trainee, he turned professional in March 2000 but failed to secure a regular first-team slot and was loaned



to Swansea City and Cheltenham Town, before moving to Wycombe in January 2004. He netted 42 goals in 78 League outings prior to joining Nottingham Forest for £675,000 in November 2005. Helping the Reds to qualify for the League One play-offs in 2006-07 and win promotion in 2007-08, he has since appeared for Derby County, Blackpool, Doncaster, Kilmarnock and Wycombe again.

ROGER JOHNSON

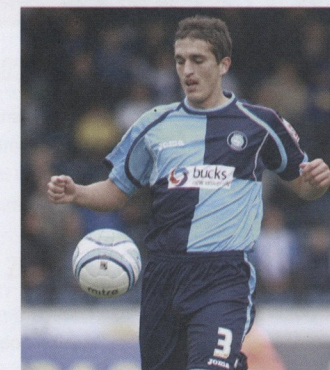
Central defender Roger Johnson was captain and 'Player of the Year' when Wycombe Wanderers qualified for the League Two play-offs in 2005-06. He turned professional with Wycombe in July 2001 and missed just one match in 2005-06, netting 19 goals in 157 League games before joining Cardiff City for £275,000 in July 2006. A key figure as they reached the FA Cup final in 2008, he moved to Birmingham City for £5m in June 2009. He featured in their 2011 League Cup final triumph and was sold to Wolves for £7m in July 2011, since playing for Charlton Athletic, FC Pune City, Charlton again and Bromley.

TOMMY DOHERTY

Northern Ireland international midfielder Tommy Doherty was 'Player of the Year' when Wycombe

Wanderers reached the League Cup semi-finals in 2006-07. Signing professional for Bristol City in July 1997, he featured in their 2003 LDV Vans Trophy final triumph and moved to QPR in June 2005. He joined Wycombe on loan in September 2006, then returned in October 2007. Helping to qualify for the League Two play-offs in 2007-08 and win promotion in 2008-09, he scored twice in 96 League games overall, joining Ferencvaros in January 2010, then Bradford City, Newport, Bath City and Exeter City.

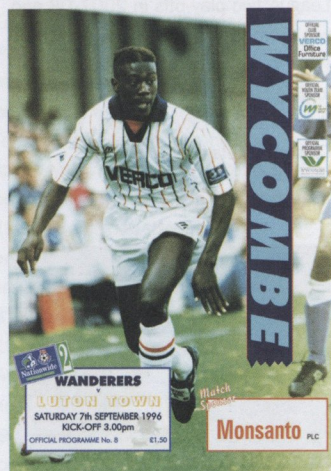
CRAIG WOODMAN



Consistent left-back Craig Woodman was Wycombe Wanderers' 'Player of the Year' in two consecutive seasons. He turned professional with Bristol City in February 2000, helping them twice reach the Second Division play-offs and win promotion in 2006-07. Following loan spells at Mansfield Town and Torquay United, he joined Wycombe in August 2007 and featured prominently as they qualified for the League Two play-offs in 2007-08, then was ever-present as the Chairboys won promotion in 2008-09. He scored twice in 119 League games before joining Brentford in July 2010 and moved to Exeter City in July 2012.

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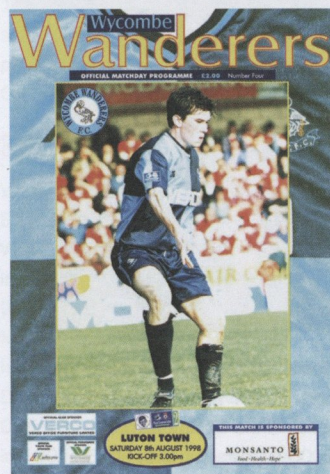


◀ SEPTEMBER 1996

The Town's first visit to Wycombe for a competitive match sees a scrambled David Oldfield goal separate the sides.

▶ AUGUST 1998

On a scorching hot day, a 25-yard screamer from Town skipper Steve Davis is good enough to win any game.

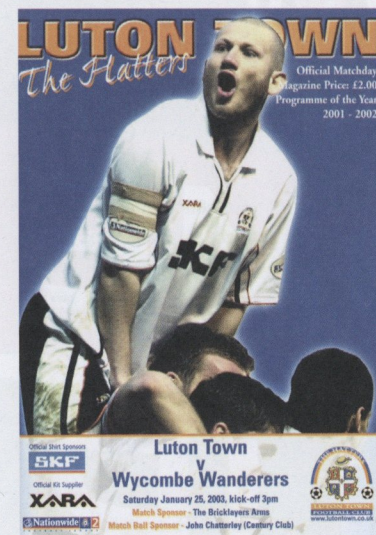
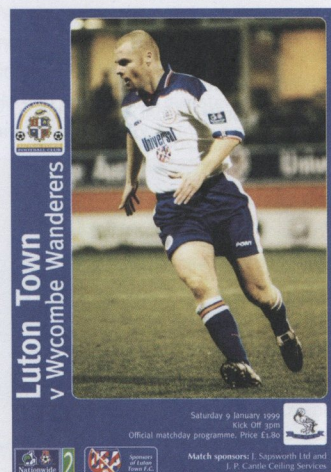


◀ JANUARY 1999

The Town have gone nine games without a win, but finally beat Wycombe at Kenilworth Road at the third time of asking. Three players are dismissed, two from the Chairboys.

▶ DECEMBER 2002

Two goals from Steve Howard give the Hatters a comfortable interval lead, but an error from goalkeeper Carl Emberson leading to a Wycombe gift leaves the Town hanging on.

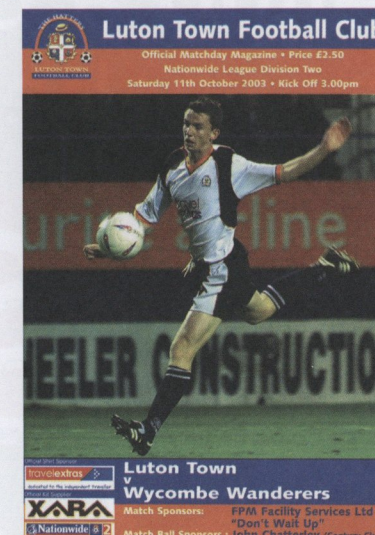


▲ JANUARY 2003

A solitary Matt Spring effort, netted from a narrow angle, is enough to keep the Town hovering just below the play-off positions.

▼ FEBRUARY 2016

Cameron McGeehan's strike means it is two away wins out of two for new manager Nathan Jones.

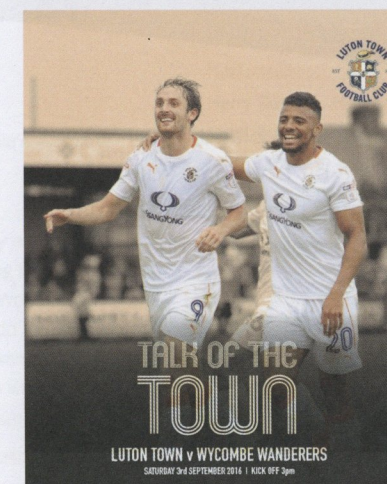


▲ OCTOBER 2003

Steve Brown's penalty gives Wycombe a first half advantage, but three goals in the last 14 minutes, including two from Gary McSheffrey, means the points stay in Bedfordshire.

▼ SEPTEMBER 2016

Hat-trick hero Danny Hylton helps Luton to a 4-1 victory and, with it, top spot in the table.



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[TOWN TEAM-MATES]

JACK STACEY'S TOWN TEAM-MATES

Who do you travel in with?

I live with Harry Cornick and Harry Isted, so we travel in together from Milton Keynes and take it in turns to drive.

Who do you sit next to in the dressing room?

I've got Harry Cornick on one side, and Scott Cuthbert on the other. They look after me.

Who do you room with?

James Collins, ever since we went to Slovenia for the pre-season training camp just after we'd signed. He's a good roomie. I make the teas usually though!

Most annoying on away trips?

I have to say James Shea. He's in our card school and he's known to cheat now and again!

Best trainer?

If you put the Lee brothers together they are very good, although they only pass to each other! Also, Harry Isted is very good in training.

Worst trainer?

Training is a good standard so I don't know if there's a worst trainer consistently, but I'd say the worst individual session I've seen in Luke Berry on one particular Friday. I don't think he kept the ball all session – and it was out of character – but it

was the worst training session I've seen since I've been here.

Strongest in the gym?

Frankie Musonda is in there a lot, so he's probably the strongest in the gym. Pelly is strong without really having to go in the gym.

Quickest feet?

Luke Gambin and Harry Cornick. They are both very good one v one, with very quick feet.

Nutmeg king?

Olly Lee in the rondos, and Luke Berry loves a nutmeg in a game.

Biggest moaner?

In training sessions I'd say Sheez. He always likes to make sure everyone is at their best, so he moans a bit. Off the pitch, it's Elliot Lee. He moans about everything – although it's usually something to do with Andrew Shinnie!

Loudest in the dressing room?

Probably Glen Rea.

Gaffer's pet?

Glen again!

Best taste in music?

I like Andrew Shinnie's – a bit of House music.

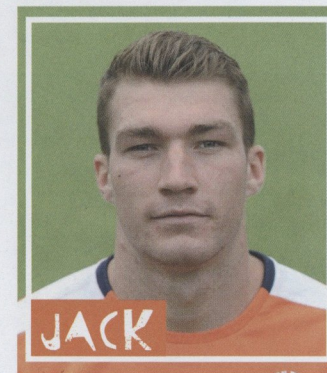
Best initiation song?

Luke Berry was very enthusiastic and started clapping his hands when

he said 'Wonderwall'. The crowd didn't really respond how he wanted them to, but there was a lot of enthusiasm there.

Worst initiation song?

It's the usual answer, but I've got to say Shins as well. Forgot the words to



Angels. I did a rap – Notorious BIG. I think it went down well in Slovenia!

Best dressed?

Probably Jordan Cook.

Worst dressed?

James Shea – I've never seen him in anything other than a polo shirt, but he does make a good cup of tea!

Who spends the longest time in front of the mirror?

Definitely Pottsy or Harry Cornick, both doing their hair.

Most intelligent?

Harry Cornick. He goes under the radar but he's quite intelligent. He's got A-Levels in psychology (A*), PE (A) and biology (B) – but they're not as good as mine. I got three As in English, Business and Economics!

Best banter?

Sheez. He's very funny – but Glen and Gambo are funny together as well.

Most likely to be a manager?

I'd say Macca or Sheez – the old boys doing their badges!

Finally, predict your player of the year?

Hylys or Olly Lee.



Harry Isted in training

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[THE HAPPY HARRY WINNER INTERVIEW]

WHEN I WAS A BOY...

FRANKIE MUSONDA

Happy Harry Lunch Bag winners — nine-year-old **JNRJOHN** and eight-year-old **ALFIE** — got to meet and interview Town defender Frankie Musonda before a recent home game. They were joined by little brother **LUCAS**, 5, as Frankie revealed all about his earliest memories...

THE BOYS: What is your first football memory?

Frankie: That would be playing over the park when I was four or five years old with my neighbours. It was good!

What was the first team you supported?

The first team I supported was Arsenal, but my dad is a Chelsea fan, so he said he would never take me to an Arsenal game...so I ended up supporting Chelsea!

What was the first team you played for?

The first team I played for I don't think exists anymore, but it was a team near where I live in Bedford.

Who was your favourite player when you were a boy?

Probably Patrick Vieira or Frank Lampard.



What was the first position you played?
I played centre-midfield.

What was your best subject at school?
It has to be PE.

What did you want to be when you were growing up?
A footballer first, then a builder or a plumber.

What was the first replica shirt you had?
It's either a Frank Lampard Chelsea shirt or a David Beckham England shirt.

What was the first CD you bought?
It was by AKON, an album called Convicted. I was about eight.

What make were your first pair of boots?
Nike football boots — 90s.

When did you first meet one of your heroes?

I haven't really met any of my heroes...actually I met Ian Wright!

What has been a special moment in your life so far?

I'd say scoring my first professional goal against Gillingham.

What game have you enjoyed the most this season?

Probably the game against Yeovil Town when we won 8-2 — but there's been a few good games this season!



Frankie and James Justin as 10-year-olds

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

In this early 1950s shot Ray Smith and Gordon Turner proudly show off their new club issue 'blazer and flannels'. The obligatory pen is in the breast pocket ready for autograph signing.

TOWN 1 : MORECAMBE 0

SAT 20TH JANUARY | KENILWORTH ROAD | ATTENDANCE: 8,476 | AWAY: 61

TOWN GOAL: MULLINS 64

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Johnny Mullins heads in the winner

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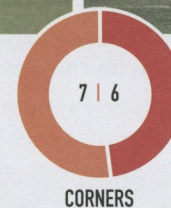
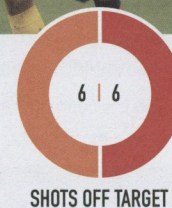
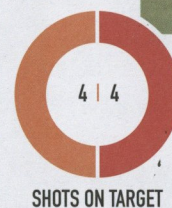
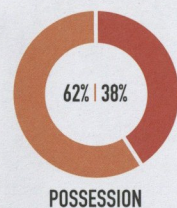
"It was one of those days. I wouldn't say it was ugly in terms of the manner, but we scored from a set-play and had to dig in. I am proud of them for doing that. Last year we would have drawn or lost that game and we had a lot of big players missing. Sometimes we might have to grind out results and we did. We extended our lead at the top, and that's what you have got to do. It isn't always going to be fluent football. It was a wet, cold day, the pitch was a bit heavy. But today we have shown we are a stronger side than we were last year and that's what I am pleased about."



THE MAIN MINUTES

- 9' A blow for Town as top scorer Danny Hylton, who missed the previous week's defeat at Chesterfield with a stiff right hamstring, is forced off by a problem with his left, sustained while turning Shrimps centre-half Max Muller for the second time in the opening five minutes.
- 14' Great work from Andrew Shinnie as he pinches the ball midway inside the Morecambe half before having a shot from 20 yards, which Barry Roche just manages to palm away. Luke Berry then crosses towards the back stick, it's knocked down for Elliot Lee and his shot is blocked for a corner.
- 17' Morecambe counter through Garry Thompson down the right, his low cross is really well cleared by Jack Stacey from a yard out with Aaron Wildig waiting to smash it into the back of the net!
- 33' Glen Rea has the next attempt in the 33rd minute, shooting wide on the turn as Olly Lee's right-wing corner was half-cleared in his direction 12 yards out.

- 58' Very nearly a scruffy goal for Morecambe as a ball in from the left takes three deflections and Marek Stech has to dive to his left to palm Adam McGurk's scuffed effort away for a corner – three minutes after a carbon copy save from the same player, that one with a deflection off Johnny Mullins!
- 64' **MMMUUULLLLLLYYY!** Elliot Lee is fouled out on the left, Olly Lee curls in the free-kick and captain Mullins heads in from six yards to give the Hatters the lead with his second goal of the season! **1-0 #COYH**
- 72' Substitute Harry Cornick is denied for a second time in quick succession as Roche beats away a powerful shot after another lightning quick surge down the right.
- 85' Big chance for Morecambe to level as unmarked centre-half Steve Old meets a left-wing corner, but he heads it well wide from ten yards.
- 88' James Collins has the chance to put the game to bed, but he hammers the ball over from the edge of the box after Shinnie picked him out!



CLEAN SHEET KING!

Keeper Marek Stech made a number of crucial saves in the Hatters' last outing at Kenilworth Road as they beat Morecambe 1-0 to move six points clear at the top of Sky Bet League Two.

It also marked the Town's 13th league clean sheet of the season – a feat that took the whole of the last campaign for the Hatters to achieve. Stech increased that number to 14 with another shut-out in the win at Grimsby.

The Morecambe one didn't come easily though, as the Town were really tested by the Shrimps on a cold and wet afternoon at the Kenny.

Stech, who has now kept 16 clean sheets in all competitions, said: "It was a very difficult game and we knew what we were up against. With the conditions it wasn't going to be easy.

"In the warm-up it was snowing and icy, so we knew it was going to be difficult. I am just really happy about the result and the fact we kept another clean sheet.

"I managed to make a couple of saves, but that's why I am there. The last couple of games we've conceded a few goals, which we've been really disappointed about, so I am really pleased that we gave a great response after the Chesterfield game.

"We worked hard and Mully scored a very good goal, so it's been an excellent day at the office."

The result came on the back of a couple of difficult games for the Czech Republic international, but he believes this has made him mentally stronger and Nathan Jones' confidence in him has built up his confidence by continuing to play him.

"That's a massive relief for me that he still feels I'm important for this football club and I've got his backing, so I'm really happy," Stech continued.

"We had a chat and he said, 'It's been two games, so get your head down, train hard, do your basics' – and obviously this week it really paid off."

Although the game against Jim Bentley's side was a tough encounter, it certainly highlighted the Town's ability to score against teams who are difficult to break down – something Stech believes will help the Hatters in their search for promotion.

He said: "I think these kind of games are the most important games and that's what the gaffer said in the changing room afterwards.

"He said that last year we would have lost these games, so I'm really glad this year we can see the games out. We've got more experience, more experienced players, we're maybe cleverer than last year.

"Obviously I wasn't here, but judging on what the gaffer's been saying, I think this kind of game – hard conditions, very difficult side, loads of balls in the box – would have been one that we'd have slipped up in.

"It is these games that will win you the league and get you the promotions."

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[JOHNNY MULLINS ON MORECAMBE]

JOHNNY ON THE SPOT TO SEAL SHRIMPS WIN

Johnny Mullins was over the moon with the 1-0 win over Morecambe last time out at Kenilworth Road – as he used his “big head” to secure a huge three points for the Hatters!

Mullins met Olly Lee's inswinging free-kick with an emphatic 64th-minute header to secure the points for the Town with a more conventional scoreline than we've seen on other occasions at the Kenny this season.

It was the centre-half's second goal of the campaign, following his header in the 1-1 draw with Notts County in early December, and the 32-year-old said: “There was one in the first half where Olly's put a great cross in and I was on my heels a bit, and Joaquin has been on at me about just getting across people.

“I've made the run and Olly's put it on a sixpence for me. All I've got to do is get the big head on it and thankfully it went in. There's not many better feelings in football, so it was nice to get it.”

It was the Hatters' 42nd home league goal of the season and although it didn't have the excitement of the emphatic wins over Yeovil, Stevenage, Cambridge and Lincoln, Mullins believes the victory over the Shrimps could be every bit as significant – if not more so – in the Hatters' overall season.

SMILES

He said: “To win 1-0 and have another clean sheet for big Marek is nice. We extended the lead at the top of the league, so all-in-all it's a great day at the office.

“This is the bread and butter. The sevens and eights don't come around very often. When you have a couple, they're never going to say it becomes the norm, but people may expect it to happen on a more regular basis. It's League Two, though, and when the pitches are like that it's not the case.

“So to get a win like that when our backs are up against the wall at some stages, and we needed big saves, leaves us all with smiles on our faces.”

The game was slightly marred early on when Town's leading scorer and Mullins' best mate, Danny Hylton, had to go off



with a hamstring problem. Although disappointed to see his old Rotherham and Oxford team-mate depart the action after missing the previous week's defeat at Chesterfield, Mullins believes the strength in the depth the Town have will be fine coping whilst the striker is absent.

JOY

“We all know what Hylts brings, he sets the tempo for us,” Mullins continued. “I'm gutted for him but I thought Elliot came on and was a real livewire. We've got players who can step in with real quality to push us on.

“Harry Cornick, when he starts or when he comes on, gives us a different dimension to our game. He stretches teams and gets at them, and it's a real joy when you're running out and you see him running up the pitch – it means you can have a bit of a breather!”

GRIMSBY TOWN 0 : TOWN 1



SATURDAY 27TH JANUARY | BLUNDELL PARK | ATTENDANCE: 4,159 | AWAY: 522

TOWN GOALS: COLLINS 49

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"AVERAGE" MAYBE, BUT COLLO BANGS IN ANOTHER!

JAMES IS IN RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME FOR NO.13 OF THE SEASON...

Town striker James Collins conceded he didn't have his best performance in the 1-0 win over Grimsby, but he was more than happy to see his strike early on in the second half secure all three points for his team.

After Jordan Cook's 33rd-minute dismissal with the game goalless, Collins was in the right place at the right time to head in Luke Berry's saved free-kick in the 49th minute for his 13th goal of the campaign – which resulted in boss Nathan Jones giving the striker some mixed feedback!

Collins explained: "I didn't have my best performance, but the gaffer said to me after the game 'You were average, but you got us the winner and that's what you're here for'. I think there's a little compliment in there somewhere!

"For the goal I just made sure I stayed onside, as soon as Bezza hit the free-kick I thought it was in. The keeper has managed to tip it onto the bar, I have had a lot of time to think about it and I have managed to get good contact on it and it's way over the line.

"Potts has kicked it as well trying to nick one of my goals again – he always does it! It was way over."

The Hatters really pulled together as a unit after the dismissal, with Collo impressed by his defenders as they kept their 14th league clean sheet of the season.

"I thought as a team performance we were excellent, we didn't look like conceding even when we went down to ten

men," Collins continued. "I thought that Stechy, the back four and Glen in front were excellent. I don't think we were in any trouble at all and then to nick the winner, as a striker there aren't many better feelings than that, especially in front of the away fans. I am delighted.

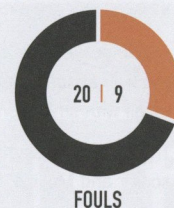
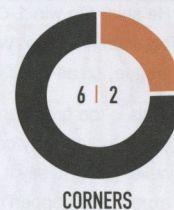
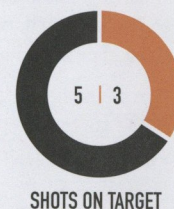
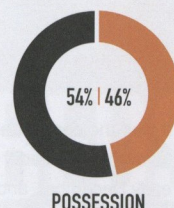
"We had to dig in deep and got away with a couple, little bits of fortune. But if you work hard you deserve that luck. Results have gone for us elsewhere, so it's been an enjoyable afternoon."

With the Town heading into the fixture at Blundell Park six points clear at the top of Sky Bet League Two with a game in hand over second placed Notts County – who were in Emirates FA Cup action – it provided the Town with the opportunity to move nine points ahead, a chance which they took.

Collins added: "I think with quite a few teams not playing it was a boost – trying to get a better advantage, you'd rather have the points on the board than not. That was a bit of a boost for the boys going into the game.

"We wanted to come here and make sure we didn't get beaten, and we did that."

James Collins bags the winner



THE MAIN MINUTES

- 4'** Luke Summerfield crashes an effort against the crossbar from 25 yards after the ball rolls nicely for him to hit it first time, Stech was beaten, a lucky escape for the Hatters!
- 18'** A bit of controversy – Town win a corner, Luke Berry meets Alan Sheehan's cross, there are claims it crosses the line before Harry Cornick's rocket of an effort is inadvertently deflected wide by Jordan Cook and out for a goal-kick. Referee says corner but then changes his mind, giving the hosts a goal-kick.
- 33' RED CARD:** Cook receives his marching orders for picking up a second yellow card for a foul on Danny Collins on the nearside.

- 49' THE TEN MEN OF THE TOWN ARE IN THE LEAD!** Berry sees his free-kick from 25 yards excellently tipped onto the crossbar by Ben Killip, but James Collins is there to nod it in from close range! **GT 0-1 LT** #COYH
- 59'** Nervy moment for the Town as they struggle to clear it inside the box, Summerfield has a go from 18 yards, but his shot is deflected to Marek Stech who gathers comfortably.
- 76'** Close for the hosts as Jamille Matt heads a cross from a corner onto the top of the crossbar, but it bounces safely behind for a goal-kick.

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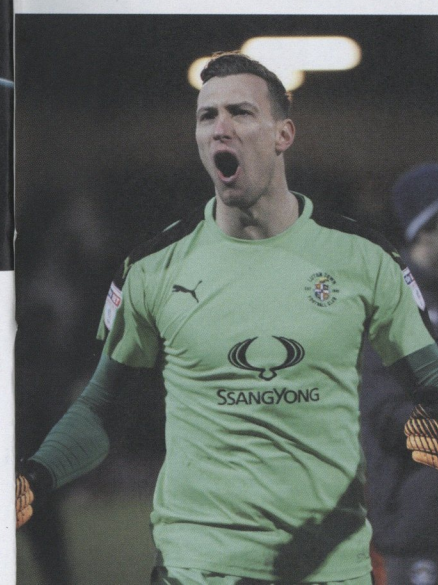
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JONES:

"It's a massive win, a huge win in the context of everything. It's an absolutely massive win. The way we have dug in and grafted after going down to ten men. We said we were going to get one opportunity and we're going to have to take that opportunity and we did. Then we showed a real grit, a desire to defend our box. It's all about results these days, it wasn't pretty in anyway from us, but I would have taken that all day long. Today was a great away performance, I probably wouldn't have it any other way, They don't half galvanise you, these sorts of results."





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[KEVIN HARPER]

TOWN TRAVELLERS

LUTON TOWN SUPPORTERS' TRUST MEDIA OFFICER **KEVIN HARPER'S** VIEW FROM CHESTERFIELD...

“Football eh? What a funny game! One week we are serving it up to Newcastle and the next we are struggling at Chesterfield. That unpredictability is why we love it so much!

Unfortunately we just never got going at the Proact Stadium. We looked flat from the outset and struggled to find our rhythm and got what we deserved.

Chesterfield took the lead with a well worked goal and then doubled their advantage with a penalty that looked a poor decision. They held on relatively comfortably from there.

It was good to see Akin Famewo get a game – but other than ticking a new ground off the list, this one was largely a day to forget. ”

...AND HIS INTERVIEW WITH FELLOW TRAVELLING TOWN FAN **DAVE O'FLANAGAN**



Who do you go to games with?

I primarily attend games on my own although I'll meet friends – sometimes an away fan – before the game.

Who is your all-time favourite Luton player?

Steve Howard. Although I liked players from the teams in the 90s and early 2000s, Howard was probably at his best as I started attending games regularly.

Who is your all-time favourite Luton manager?

Does the gaffer read this – if so, can I say him? At the moment I'd have to say John Still. Getting us out of the Conference in his first full season can't be underestimated.

What is the best goal you've seen Luton score?

Olly Lee's 'postcode' goal has to be up there. I know it's easy to say but I was in the Oak for that and it looked good as soon as it left his boot.

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

Kevin Nicholls in his first spell. Although I think Rea has been very

impressive this season, I think the lack of a midfield enforcer is probably one thing we are lacking.

Which five LTFC associated people would you invite to a dinner party?

Nick Owen is an obvious choice, Gary Sweet for similar reasons. Steve Foster so I can ask him how it felt to lift the League Cup at Wembley. I'm a big fan of Alan Sheehan and Scott Cuthbert for security purposes!

What is the best League ground you've seen Luton play at?

Elland Road was definitely a step up from Kenilworth Road, even if the result wasn't the greatest.

Seats or terraces for away games?

Terraces.

Where will Luton finish this season?

First.

What does LTFC mean to you?

LTFC are a massive part of my life. I've told myself after a bad game that I'm not that bothered, but within a day I'm waiting for the next match to put it right.

Describe LTFC in three words.

Roller Coaster Ride.

How long have you supported Luton?

Just over 22 years. I moved to Luton when I was a child so I was a first generation fan attending my first game in December 1995, beating Tranmere 3-2.

What got you into supporting Luton?

I lived near the ground on Warwick Road when I was younger and could often hear the cheers as we scored, and I decided I wanted to be part of that.

Where do you sit at home games?



The Oak Road is the place for me, especially when there's a strong away following.



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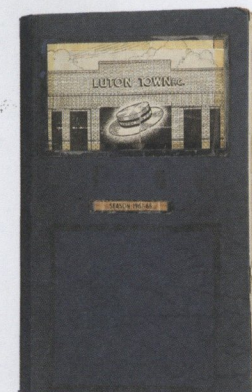
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PART FIFTEEN

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...



Although by the end of January the Town were awaiting their first win of 1968, they were still handily placed in third position in the table. The goals had dried up though and the defence was not looking as rock solid as it had done during the long winning run before Christmas.

Next up was a trip to lower mid-table Port Vale in a game re-arranged for a Friday evening to avoid a clash with Stoke, who were at home to Cardiff in the FA Cup.

In a dour game, the Town were not at their greatest with the easiest chances falling to Vale, who failed to beat Luton goalkeeper Tony Read – now back to his best having seen off manager Allan Brown's attempts to replace him.

In the circumstances a point away was not to be sniffed at but it came at a price with star forward Bruce Rioch limping off 15 minutes from the end with a recurrence of the knee injury suffered over Christmas.

As it turned out, Rioch was fit to return for the Town's trip to York on February 3rd where it was hoped that, given the

form of the second-from bottom hosts, a first victory of the year might be recorded.

Missing his first game since joining the club was Ian Buxton, who had rung Allan Brown the evening before the match complaining of a sore throat. Into his place stepped big money summer signing Rodney Green, who was still not completely match fit according to his manager.

Again the Town were out of sorts and were outplayed by lowly York, who squandered several good opportunities in the first half as the Hatters resorted to 'strong arm tactics'. Having weathered the storm, it was a major disappointment when the unmarked and unchallenged Tommy Ross netted for the Minstermen with the second period only four minutes old.

The Town failed to step up a gear and it was York who looked the more likely to score the next goal, and it was only the linesman's flag that prevented Ross from doubling the home sides lead.



Luton hit top form in brilliant 4-1 win

Luton 4 Rochdale 1

LUTON came back to promotion-hunting form this afternoon with a spectacular 4-1 win over Rochdale at Kenilworth Road.

Luton brought back right winger Graham French, who was preferred to new signing Peter Denton.

And Ian Buxton, out last week with a throat infection, returned to replace Rodney Green, named as substitute.

Manager Allan Brown persevered with the same defence. The Kenilworth Road pitch was heavily sanded to dry up the recent rain.

Rochdale, in the bottom half of the table, are not enjoying the best fortunes at the moment. And this week it was announced that the Lancashire club is more than £100,000 in the red.

Luton started briskly with a smart move on the left touch-line, but a through ball from Moore beat all the Luton forwards to the goalkeeper.

Smart

Half a minute later Rochdale wasted a golden opportunity of taking a snap lead when Mellewew pushed a low pass through the retreating Luton defence.

It was collected smartly by Hutchinson who only had Read to beat, but he shot tamely against the diving goalkeeper's legs.

It was a glaring miss that stunned Luton into action, and straight away Moore burst through to test Green with a hard shot which the goalkeeper did well to hold at the first attempt.

Read showed how sure he is in the air when he made a fine catch to Rochdale's first corner in the fifth minute.

Buxton and Allen set up French on the right, but the winger slipped while in possession and lost the ball. And then Dougan, attempting to lob the ball into the penalty area, mis-kicked.

Too high

Luton showed their fans they were capable of better things, and Whittaker sold Cockcroft a beautiful dummy before slipping the ball to Green, who did the same to Taylor before sending the Rochdale defence the wrong way and finding the head of Buxton with a good centre.

But it was just too high and the headie right headed wide.

A defensive slip by Luton let

By ROGER DUCKWORTH

in winger Harley, whose transverse pass was met by Mellewew and his low shot was not very far wide.

Jenkins worked quickly to get the ball back to his goalkeeper under pressure from Allen.

In the tenth minute it was Luton's turn to miss a good opportunity of going ahead.

Allen worked hard for possession on the touchline, found Whittaker, who worked his way down to the by-line before crossing low, and as the ball sped across the goalmouth Buxton swung a foot at it but missed.

Full voice

Goalkeeper Green would applaud from the Luton crowd when he made a brilliant diving save to cut out Buxton's cross after a clever piece of ballwork by French.

What with away matches and home draws it's a long time since Luton's fans have had much to sing about.

But in the 15th minute they burst into full voice when Bruce RIOCH, following up well, robbed a Rochdale defender and smashed his way through to beat off two tough tackles before thumping the ball past Green with his left foot.

This was vintage Rioch. It was the type of situation he loves, and his fight for the ball and struggle to retain possession while heading for goal was right up his street.

It was good to see that Luton were not satisfied with one goal, and a minute later French beat his full back in grand style before crossing, and Buxton's swift header was only inches away.

Danger

Rochdale were always ready to break away and a lot of the danger came from the right wing, where Harley caused a lot of trouble.

And it was from this direction that Rochdale equalised in the 22nd minute when FLETCHER had the easiest of tasks to score past Read.

Luton swept back into the attack and French worked an opening from the right. ALLEN darted into the penalty area, half-turned to meet the ball and swung round on his left leg to lash it past Green into the top of the net.

Luton really had their backs up.

French again won control on the right and slipped the ball to Slough, whose cross was half cleared. Allen headed the rebound towards the netting but it hit something — I'm not quite sure what! — and rebounded to Whittaker, whose shot was again scrambled away.

Hard work

Luton were concentrating on pure football with little else in mind but finding the net. And how their followers loved it.

French once again put in some hard work before leaving it to Whittaker to push the ball goalwards. And Luton seemed to have a legitimate appeal for a penalty turned down when Allen was impeded as he went for the ball.

French was making his comeback with a capital C, and it was he who opened the

Rochdale defence like a tin can, and Cockcroft had to get in and kick the ball right out of the ground from under his goalkeeper's nose.

Allen caused another flutter of anticipation when he rose high in an attempt to reach a French corner, but goalkeeper Green made up for anticipation what he lacked in inches, and managed to get the ends of his fingers to the ball.

Revering in the superiority, Ian Buxton made it 3-1 for Luton six minutes before the interval. Branston backed up his forwards for a Whittaker corner and headed the ball on for BUXTON to nod it cleverly into the goal.

Cheeky

There seemed to be no stopping Luton, and in the 43rd minute skipper Terry BRANSTON scored quite the most cheekily fantastic goal so far.

Positioning himself near the near post for a French corner he calmly waited until the ball reached him and then coolly belted it over his shoulder into the net.

HT: Luton 4 Rochdale 1

Allan Brown emphasised his confidence in the side when he substituted Rodney Green for the hard-working Ian Buxton after the interval.

Green is fighting to find his form and his fitness following a long lay-off after a knee operation.

Rochdale were down but certainly not out and just to underline this Fletcher worked himself a good opening just after the interval but wasted the chance by blasting the ball into the net.

Rochdale also brought on a substitute for the second half.

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10-2-68

and folded Calloway for Mellewew.

Luton had another chance when French and Slough combined well, and the latter chipped across a good centre which was just out of Allen's reach.

Determination

Allen had some more hard luck when he was just wide after doing well to reach French's centre.

Luton continued to show a lot of determination in their tackling, and after particularly good ones by Dougan, Jardine and Allen, the centre forward went close with a header to another centre from French.

Rochdale's Smith had treatment after being hurt in a brave tackle on Allen as he was about to cross from the right.

Green featured in another good move when his difficult header found Allen. The ball was swept out to Whittaker and Rioch almost surprised the goalkeeper with a long shot from the winger's pass.

Jardine forced his way through and Green was well out with a spectacular-looking overhead kick which went completely the wrong way.

Good save

Despite Luton's pressure Rochdale were always ready to counter, and Read had to make a good save when he dived full length near a post to stop a smart shot from Calloway.

Read made a grand save to a hard shot from Taylor 12 minutes from the end.

French rekindled the Luton flame with a 40-yard dash and a hard shot which was well gathered by Green.

Luton fought right to the end, and Allen and Rioch were

busy with late efforts. With a minute to go, following a free kick on the 18-yard line, Read made another fine save to a Russell header.

With the final whistle imminent Dougan rounded off a sound performance when he headed another effort by his partner off the goal-line.



Ian Buxton's header is on its way into the net, after a Whittaker corner was nodded onto him by skipper Terry Branston

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Green in the Rochdale goal desperately strives to reach Keith Allen's fine shot which gave Luton the lead for the second time in the 24th minute

TOWN REVEL
IN THEIR
SUPERIORITY



All fall down. Keith Allen and the Rochdale defenders have difficulty in keeping their feet



Completely against the run of play the Town forced an equaliser on 77 minutes when a free-kick was cleverly headed on by Green to Keith Allen in acres of space, and he fired into the corner of the net.

The game opened up after this, but good saves from Mike Walker in the York goal, and Read for the Town, meant it was another stalemate for the Hatters. Having now played 15 away games but only 12 at home, where form was excellent, perhaps performances and results might now improve?

Finally, the Town had a home game to look forward to with Rochdale the visitors to Kenilworth Road. But before that, an unexpected bombshell hit the club with trainer Dennis Evans, who had only been appointed the previous July, suddenly upping sticks stating that he was moving to a more lucrative post in South Africa.

The haste of the departure led to the rumour mill flowing freely, but whatever the true reason, manager Brown immediately appointed an old colleague (and Scot!) Doug Davidson as trainer, who moved from a similar position at Portsmouth.

Also during that week, Brown made enquiries for old Town favourite John O'Rourke, who was supposedly unsettled at Middlesbrough. If you have watched the O'Rourke interview from ten years ago on YouTube, then I think that Luton would have been the last place he would have wanted to go to!

With a week's rest, the Town were at full strength for the visit of Rochdale when a crowd of 10,400 turned up to see

the away side almost take the lead in the first minute, with only the outstretched legs of Read preventing the goal.

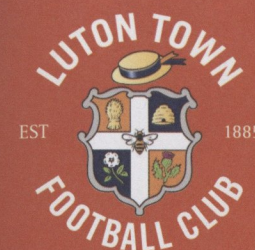
Shaken by this, the Town slowly grew into the game and it was a typical surging run from Rioch followed by a hammer shot that opened the scoring after 14 minutes. Rochdale were continuing to cause concerns to the Luton defence on the break, and levelled on 23 minutes through Joe Fletcher. But straight after, the Town regained the lead when Allen shot home after the ball bobbled around in the Rochdale area.

For the rest of the half the Town were rampant and certainly back to their formidable best. Graham French, who had quickly replaced new signing Peter Denton, was enjoying his finest game for ages and gave ex-Hatter John Reid the runaround, sending over a string of tantalising crosses which the Rochdale defence could not cope with.

Ian Buxton ended his lean spell in front of goal with a header on 38 minutes, and three minutes later skipper Terry Branston netted with an overhead-kick following a French corner.

The match petered out a little in the second half as there did not seem to be any urgency to add to the four-goal tally, but there was plenty of effort from Green, who had come on at the interval to replace Buxton, who was suffering from a groin strain.

With other results going the Town's way, the team was now up to second. A return to form was happening at just the right time.



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ANDY AWFORD'S ACADEMY UPDATE

Good evening everyone and welcome to tonight's game versus Wycombe Wanderers.

U18S

The Youth team got back to winning ways with a thoroughly dominant display, beating Leyton Orient 5-2 at Ely Way ten days ago. A superb strike from Arthur Read got the ball rolling and further goals from Scott Belgrove, Ricco Grecco, Drew Richardson and Michael Shamalo saw us win convincingly.

A strange run of recent results has now left us with a slim, outside chance of finishing in the top six, which would result in us being placed in Merit League 1 for the second part of the season.

These notes were written prior to the final league fixture versus Barnet this afternoon at Ely Way, which was a must win game, to enable us to finish in the top six, along with a couple of results going our way. Fingers crossed, I'll update on Saturday...



LIFE SKILLS WORKSHOPS

The Youth Team have taken part in some excellent life skills workshops of late, organised and co-ordinated by Dale Brunton, our Academy Head of Education & Welfare. The current apprenticeship offers them a variety of opportunities outside of the football programme and we have been delighted to see them attend Drive Awareness, Lifestyle & Money Matters, Social Media & Self Efficacy/Self Belief courses.

The Apprentices have certainly found the workshops extremely beneficial and we hope to organise more similar opportunities for them in the future.

You'll see from the pictures of the Under-11s on the opposite page the kind of event Dale has been organising for all our age groups.

Enjoy today's game. COYH!!

Andy

EFL YOUTH ALLIANCE SOUTH EAST DIVISION FIXTURES 2017/18

Sat Aug 5	Dag & Red	A	L 0-2
Sat Aug 12	Leyton Orient	A	W 1-0
Sat Aug 19	Barnet	A	L 0-1
Tue Aug 22	Southend Utd	A	L 0-1
Tue Aug 29	Barnet (LGCup1)	H	W 8-1
Sat Sep 2	P'borough Utd	H	D 1-1
Sat Sep 9	Gillingham	A	L 0-2
Tue Sep 12	Plymouth (LGCup2)	H	W 2-1
Sat Sep 16	Stevenage	H	D 1-1
Sat Sep 23	MK Dons	A	L 1-2
Sat Sep 30	Cambridge Utd	H	L 0-1
Sat Oct 7	N'hampton Town	H	W 2-0
Sat Oct 14	AFC Wimbledon	A	D 1-1
Sat Oct 21	Southend United	H	L 2-4
Sat Oct 28	P'borough Utd	A	L 0-2
Wed Nov 1	Stevenage (FAYCR1)	H	L 1-2
Sat Nov 11	Gillingham	H	W 3-1
Tue Nov 21	Swindon (LGCupQF)	A	W 1-0
Sat Nov 25	Cambridge Utd	A	W 1-0
Sat Dec 2	MK Dons	H	W 4-0
Sat Dec 16	AFC Wimbledon	H	L 1-4
Tue Dec 19	Stevenage	A	W 2-0
Sat Jan 6	Dag & Red	H	W 3-1
Sat Jan 13	Cheltenham (LGCupSF)	A	D 1-1 (won 4-2 on pens)
Tue Jan 16	N'hampton Town	A	L 1-2
Sat Jan 20	Leyton Orient	H	W 5-2
Tue Jan 30	Barnet	H	

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ACADEMY KIDS COOK UP A TREAT!

As Andy Awford refers to in his Academy update, Hatters head of education and welfare Dale Brunton has been organising special workshops for our young players.

Within the Academy, each age group receives two different Life Skills events each season which are aimed at developing the boys as individuals off the pitch as well as improving their performance on the pitch.

Pictured here is an example from just before Christmas, when the Under-11s enjoyed a three-hour nutrition and cooking workshop at Central Beds College in Dunstable, where they received information on diet, and how it links to sports performance.

As part of the session, the players also helped cook a healthy three-

course meal which included mackerel starter, chicken with rice, fruit and nuts and fruit pavlova desert. Parents/guardians were then invited in to eat the meal, which was served by the college's catering students.

Other Life Skills events include online safety, cardiac health, first aid, social media guidance and car maintenance, and Dale said: "The Life Skills programme is something new that the Academy introduced last season, as we see it as being vital that the boys develop holistically whilst they are with us.

"Obviously their football skills are developed during training and matches, but the softer skills are something that we are also keen to develop during their time within the Academy.

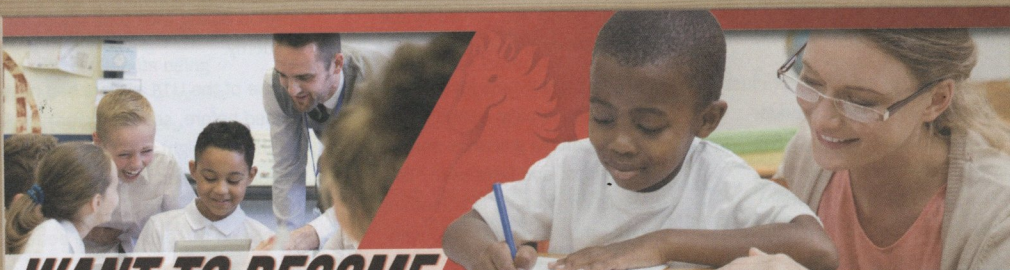
"Some of the U11 players had never cooked before, so it was great to give them insight into how food is prepared, cooked and served, and how this can relate to a healthy lifestyle off the pitch, and a better performance on it."



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Our latest Man v Fat league will soon be reaching its climax and we are now looking to recruit for our new league beginning this side of Easter. It's fairly straightforward with weigh-ins before games, and then the goals from the games are added to bonus goals teams can earn through



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Congratulations to Pirton Hill Primary School from Luton who narrowly beat Priory Academy from Dunstable 3-2 in our Bedfordshire EFL Kids Cup Final here at Kenilworth Road during half-time at the Morecambe game.

Over 50 schools took part in our Bedfordshire tournament with the two finalists providing a great game, and hopefully strong winners in the rest of the competition.

The U11 Kids Cup is the biggest youth competition in the country, with every EFL club entering teams via regional six-a-side competitions culminating in three finals across the EFL play-off weekends in May.

All 72 EFL clubs are first split into three divisions, in line with our divisional status before being again split into two groups, north and south.

So our local winners, Pirton Hill Primary School, will progress as Luton Town FC into the Division Two South play-offs next month against other regional winners from Wolves, QPR, Swindon, MK Dons, Oxford, Plymouth, Stevenage and Reading.

If successful, the boys could proceed to the regional North v South final with the eventual final to be played at Wembley Stadium before the EFL League Two Play-Off final at Wembley in May. Best of luck boys!



PREMIER LEAGUE KICKS PROGRAMME – NARROW LOSS TO NEWCASTLE

Well done to our KICKS boys, who lost out narrowly to Newcastle United 7-5 as they enjoyed being guests of the Premier League giants at our recent FA Cup adventure.

Not sure the boys have ever been up as early in their lives as they were for the day trip up north, but fair play to all of them as they battled away in a close game following a five-hour car journey up the A1! The boys were all guests of the Club for the FA Cup game, and all in all had a great experience.

Community Operations Development Officer Daniel Douglas commented: "KICKS is a fantastic project that encourages young people of all ages and abilities to come together and enjoy football. Quite often it's the first stage of a young person becoming involved with the Club's Trust, from

KICKS they may also decide to volunteer with us or sign up for employability support programmes.

"KICKS can just be about coming along to play football every night with friends, but for the majority of students it's so much more than that – it's a step towards making positive changes within their lives. The 'Toon' were fantastic hosts and the boys had an experience they will never forget."

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HATTERSLADIES

A LOOK BACK TO THE FA CUP 3RD ROUND, WHEN THE TOWN LOST 2-0 AT CHICHESTER CITY

After beating Maidenhead, AFC Dunstable and Harlow in previous rounds, the Hatters drew Chichester City away. The opponents were mid-table in the league above, while Luton sat fourth in their division.

The game was played on a very boggy pitch and after settling into the game it was the away side who had the first chance of the game after 10 minutes, Steph Gale latching onto a through ball, before forcing the keeper into a save. Nicola Henman then had two follow up shots blocked on the line.

Minutes later, Erica Byron delivered a corner that was flicked on at the near post by Henman, and Gale had an excellent chance to put her side ahead, but the ball was smashed over.

With a good ten-minute spell, the Hatters' Zara Carroll then got in on the action and smashed a superb shot goalwards, but it was well blocked.

Chichester then began to get more of a grip on the game and Kezia Hassall made a superb double save, firstly diving with her hands and sending the rebound wide with her feet.

Just before half-time, Hassall was called into action again as she came out to narrow the angle after the Chichester forward was through on goal. Being patient, Hassall stood her ground and saved the shot well.

In the second half the Hatters continued to cause their higher league opponents problems as Jess McKay found herself in shooting

range and beat the keeper with her effort, but it then hit the near post, rolled along the line, hit the far post and bounced out.

Some excellent defending at the other end from a corner saw a goalline scramble after Hassall had the ball knocked out of her hands. She then dived towards the ball as two Luton defenders eventually scrambled it away.

With 20 minutes to go, Funmi Babalola was brought on to add pace up top and she was unlucky not to get on the end of a through ball. Some great work from Dionne Manning then set up Kim Farrow, but her shot flew into the side netting.

Both sides continued to try and win the game with half chances at both ends, and some good defending.

However, in the dying minutes of the game there was heartbreak for the Hatters as a good ball went into the channel in behind Byron, and City attacker Alex Collighan managed to finish well, over the outcoming Hassall.

With five minutes to go, Town pressed further forward in hunt of an equaliser but deep into injury time were caught on the counter attack and Hassall could do nothing but watch Cherelle Khassal's chip sail over her head.

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	L 1-2
Sun Jan 14	Southampton Saints (Plate)		W 3-1
Sun Jan 28	Woburn (Beds County Cup)	A	W 17-0
Sun Feb 4	Leyton Orient		A
Sun Feb 11	Stevenage		A
TBC	Cambridge		A

*Home games are played at Stockwood Park Athletics Stadium

Despite the result, it was an excellent team performance from the Hatters, who matched their opponents for 86 minutes, and manager Nikki Baker said: "We couldn't have asked anymore from the girls. We came with a plan and defended superbly throughout.


"We should have gone ahead twice and were very unfortunate not to score. We gave an excellent account of ourselves and are proud of our performance."

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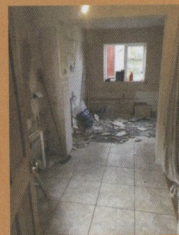
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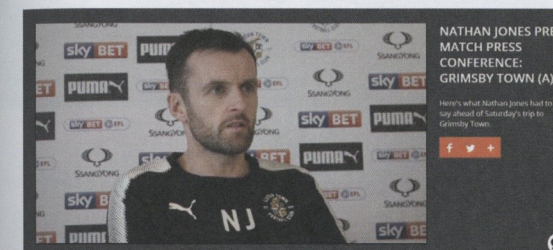
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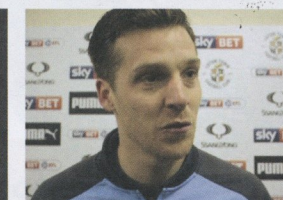
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BETWEEN THE STECHS!

Goalkeeper Marek Stech discussed his 13th league clean sheet of the campaign after the Shrimps win



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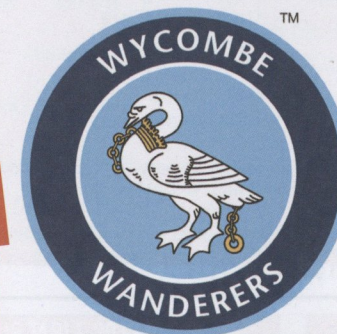
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Last time...



Wycombe 1 - 2 Luton

Today's visitors to Kenilworth Road are Buckinghamshire side Wycombe Wanderers, or the Chairboys as they are also known. Their crest features a swan with a crown and chain - a symbol that has been connected to the town for hundreds of years. Harry has been messing about with Photoshop (again). Can you spot five differences between the two crests below?



PREDICTO VISION!

Last week, our junior supporters liaison officer James made his way around the stands with our film crew getting your predictions and thoughts on the score for the Morecambe match. Big thanks to everyone who took part and helped make our entertaining clip. Check it out and make sure you subscribe to our youtube channel: <http://bit.do/juniorhatterstv>

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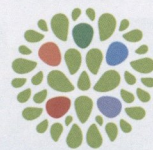
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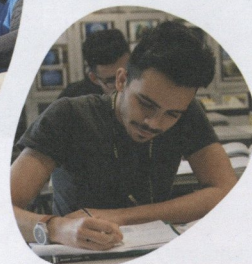
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LEAGUE LOOK

[STATS AND LEAGUE UPDATE]

SATURDAY'S LEAGUE TWO RESULTS:

Carlisle United 1-0 Forest Green Rovers

Cheltenham Town 1-1 Barnet

Chesterfield 0-1 Stevenage

Crawley Town 2-1 Accrington Stanley

Grimsby Town 0-1 Luton Town

Morecambe 1-2 Mansfield Town

Port Vale 2-2 Colchester United

Swindon Town 4-3 Crewe Alexandra

TONIGHT'S LEAGUE TWO FIXTURES:

Coventry City v Cambridge United

Lincoln City v Newport County

Luton Town v Wycombe Wanderers

Stevenage v Swindon Town

Yeovil Town v Grimsby Town

Exeter City v Forest Green Rovers (Wednesday)

LEAGUE TWO CLUBS IN THE FA CUP:

MK Dons 0-1 Coventry City

Newport County 1-1 Tottenham Hotspur

Notts County 1-1 Swansea City

*As a result of Coventry City's involvement in the fifth round, the Hatters' scheduled visit to the Ricoh Arena on Saturday 17th February will now be rearranged.

LEAGUE TWO TOP SCORERS:

(League goals only)

Billy Kee (Accrington) 16

DANNY HYLTON (LUTON) 15

Jorge Grant (Notts County) 14

Christian Doidge (Forest Green) 14

Adebayo Akinfenwa (Wycombe) 13

Tom Pope (Port Vale) 13

Kristian Dennis (Chesterfield) 13

JAMES COLLINS (LUTON) 12

LEAGUE TABLE 2017/18

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 LUTON TOWN	29	18	6	5	64	27	37	60
2 Notts County	29	14	9	6	48	32	16	51
3 Mansfield Town	29	13	11	5	43	32	11	50
4 Wycombe Wanderers	28	14	7	7	52	38	14	49
5 Accrington Stanley	28	15	4	9	48	34	14	49
6 Exeter City	27	15	3	9	38	33	5	48
7 Coventry City	28	14	5	9	31	20	11	47
8 Swindon Town	28	15	2	11	44	40	4	47
9 Newport County AFC	29	12	10	7	40	33	7	46
10 Lincoln City	28	12	9	7	38	27	11	45
11 Colchester United	30	11	10	9	40	37	3	43
12 Crawley Town	30	12	6	12	32	35	-3	42
13 Carlisle United	29	11	8	10	39	37	2	41
14 Stevenage	29	10	8	11	38	40	-2	38
15 Cambridge United	28	10	8	10	27	36	-9	38
16 Cheltenham Town	30	9	8	13	40	45	-5	35
17 Grimsby Town	30	9	8	13	28	40	-12	35
18 Port Vale	30	9	6	15	34	41	-7	33
19 Morecambe	30	7	9	14	29	41	-12	30
20 Crewe Alexandra	29	9	2	18	34	49	-15	29
21 Yeovil Town	28	7	7	14	38	50	-12	28
22 Chesterfield	30	7	6	17	30	53	-23	27
23 Forest Green Rovers	29	7	5	17	31	51	-20	26
24 Barnet	29	5	7	17	28	43	-15	22

PLAYER STATS 2017/18

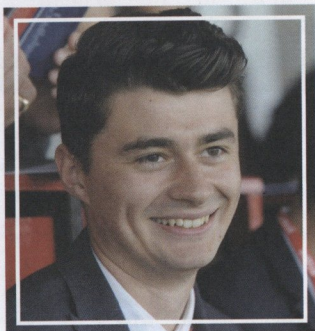
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	LEAGUE				CUP				TOTAL				DISIP	CAREER TOT
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	Y	R	APPS	GLS		
Tyreeq Bakinson	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	6	0	
Luke Berry	20	(3)	5	4	(1)	1	24	(4)	6	4	1	28	6	
James Collins	23	(3)	12	3	(0)	1	26	(3)	13	4	0	29	13	
Jordan Cook	1	(9)	0	5	(1)	1	6	(10)	1	3	1	58	5	
Harry Cornick	11	(14)	4	2	(2)	0	13	(16)	4	1	0	29	4	
Kavan Cotter	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	1	1	(0)	1	0	0	2	1	
Scott Cuthbert	15	(1)	1	2	(0)	0	17	(1)	1	2	1	104	3	
Lawson D'Ath	2	(4)	0	4	(0)	1	6	(4)	1	1	0	23	1	
Akin Famewo	1	(2)	0	5	(0)	0	6	(2)	0	0	0	14	0	
Luke Gambin	3	(2)	1	4	(3)	1	7	(5)	2	0	0	29	3	
Danny Hylton	25	(0)	15	4	(0)	2	29	(0)	17	8	0	76	44	
Jack James	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0	
Aaron Jarvis	0	(1)	0	2	(1)	1	2	(2)	1	0	0	4	1	
James Justin	6	(6)	2	5	(0)	0	11	(6)	2	1	0	57	3	
Elliot Lee	7	(14)	5	5	(1)	2	12	(15)	7	1	0	38	10	
Ollie Lee	23	(0)	3	4	(1)	1	27	(1)	4	5	0	108	8	
Alan McCormack	8	(0)	1	0	(0)	0	8	(0)	1	4	0	8	1	
Josh McQuoid	0	(0)	0	0	(2)	1	0	(2)	1	0	0	45	8	
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	11	(9)	0	7	(1)	0	18	(10)	0	2	1	146	7	
Johnny Mullins	13	(1)	2	4	(1)	0	17	(2)	2	1	0	48	3	
Frankie Musonda	0	(0)	0	3	(1)	0	3	(1)	0	0	0	12	1	
Dan Potts	27	(0)	5	3	(0)	1	30	(0)	6	8	0	74	7	
Glen Rea	24	(5)	0	4	(0)	0	28	(5)	0	4	1	92	3	
Arthur Read	0	(0)	0	0	(2)	0	0	(2)	0	0	0	3	0	
Jack Senior	0	(0)	0	5	(0)	0	5	(0)	0	1	0	21	0	
James Shea	0	(0)	0	5	(0)	0	5	(0)	0	1	0	5	0	
Alan Sheehan	25	(0)	2	4	(0)	0	29	(0)	2	7	1	90	6	
Andrew Shinnie	18	(3)	1	5	(1)	2	23	(4)	3	3	0	27	3	
Jack Stacey	25	(0)	1	4	(0)	0	29	(0)	1	1	1	29	1	
Marek Stech	29	(0)	0	4	(0)	0	33	(0)	0	2	0	33	0	
Connor Tomlinson	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	1	0	
Isaac Vassell	2	(0)	2	0	(0)	0	2	(0)	2	0	0	55	16	



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For me personally this season has been magnificent in comparison to the last few years, when for the most part I have been wondering why I sit and watch football in the first place.

As an Aston Villa supporter, the amount of hair I must have lost from watching on as they seemingly self-implode has left me, well, impressed if anything – at the fact I am not bald.

Last season – my first working for the mighty Hatters – did little to remedy the situation as draws for the Town, combined with play-off heartbreak and Villa trying their best not to get promoted at the first opportunity, left me a little confused as to why on earth I have such a deep devotion to the sport in the first place.

Well, 2017/18 is certainly providing the perfect antidote to any ill-will I was feeling.

The 8-2 triumph over Yeovil on the opening day was one of those where you're kind of thinking 'I am so lucky just to have witnessed something like that.' However the results that have followed have if anything made it normal.

Three-nil wins now feel like draws and 1-0 victories seems as if we've just been whacked 5-0 and the players have spat in my face. Of course what is needed here is a decent helping of perspective. I don't like thinking about last

season too much, but it does provide the perfect 'well at least things aren't like that anymore' springboard.

Villa are seemingly making me even more complacent as Steve Bruce and the boys appear to be actually trying to get back into the promised land.

Morecambe put up a more than admirable fight to take something from Kenilworth Road and at the end I was kind of pleased the match was over. The same can be said of Saturday's heroic ten-man victory at Grimsby, when the players really dug in and protected the 1-0 advantage James Collins' goal shortly after half-time had given them.

With hindsight, and now looking ahead to the rest of the season, I will do my utmost to enjoy those sorts of games more. A clean sheet and three points after 90-plus gripping minutes, however the boys get there, is so satisfying.

The fact is, you can't smash teams every week. In truth some teams are lucky if they do it once in a season. We go into every game every single week now expecting to win, which is great – that mentality is vital if you're going to achieve something over the course of a season. But we shouldn't let our expectation get in the way of actually enjoying three points.

We only have to glance back over our shoulders to see the tough and difficult times we have endured – both from a Luton and a Villa perspective.

If the bookies are anything to go by, the season is looking rosy for both teams. But until we cross the line and Danny Hylton has got a bottle of champagne in his hand walking around Kenilworth Road with 10,000-plus supporters screaming his name as we look forward to League One football, I will be making the most of every goal and each point we get for the rest of the season.



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