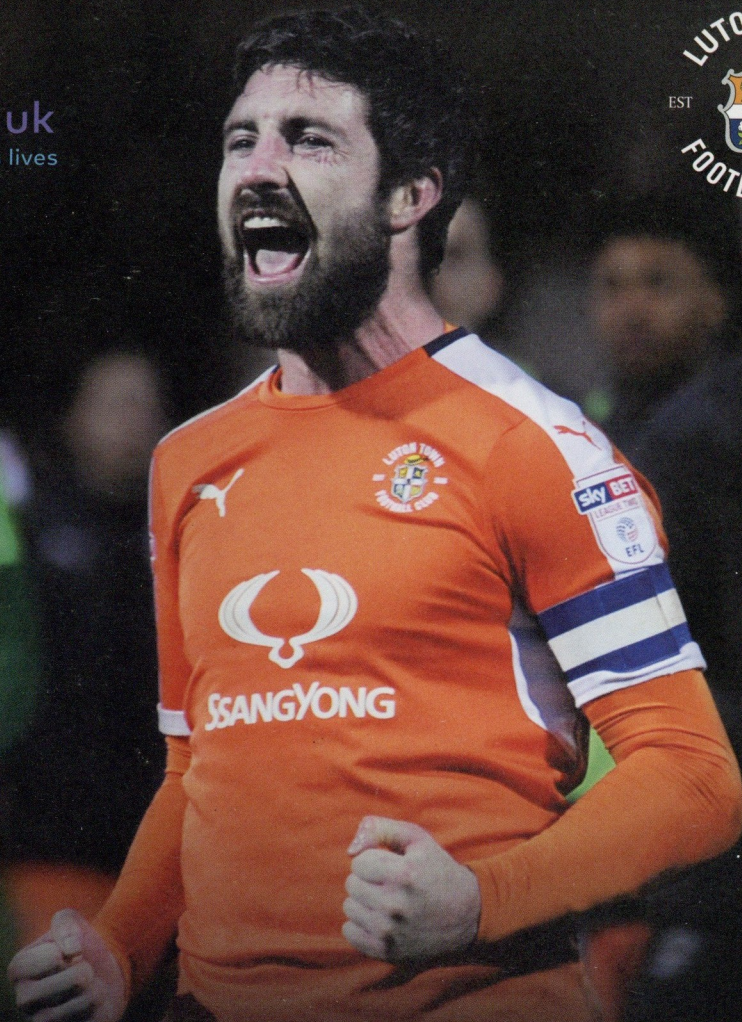
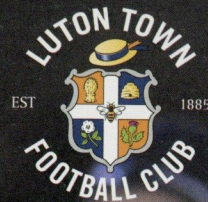




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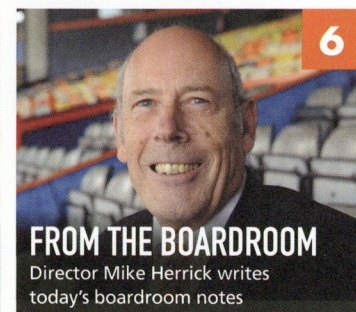
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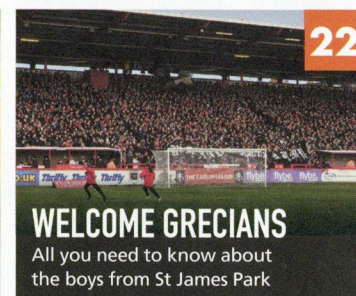
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The boss welcomes Exeter
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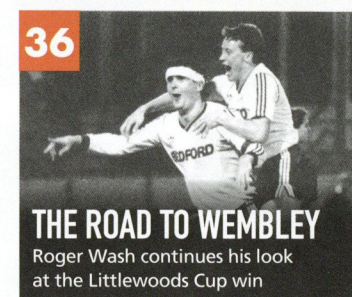
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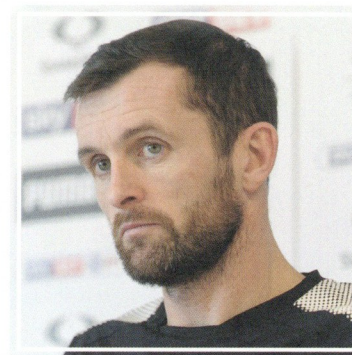


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[THE MANAGER'S NOTES]



THE MANAGER

NATHAN JONES

Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for the second time in five days for another big Sky Bet League Two fixture, this one against Exeter City.

I'd like to welcome everyone who has made the journey up from Devon, including Grecians supporters, directors, manager Paul Tisdale, his staff and their players, and I wish them a safe trip home to the south-west after the match.

Exeter are having an excellent season and when we went down to St James Park in October they posed us one of our toughest encounters of the campaign so far, especially in the first half. Thankfully we produced a wonderful second half showing and came away with all three points to go top of the table for the first time, but we know this will be another massive test for us.

It's a big chance for us to take on another side in the running for promotion, and we have to take these opportunities when they come along – something we unfortunately didn't do in midweek against Wycombe.

We conceded the early goal and then defended naively, which meant that we didn't give ourselves much of a chance to win the game. Some of our attacking play was excellent, though, and it took a fine goalkeeping display to deny us still taking something from the match.

We have to make sure that we are stronger defensively and that we don't concede three at home, because if you do that, you've got to be some team to win the game.

We showed what a wonderful attacking side we are, but we've got to make sure we get the balance right between attacking really well and defending – which in fairness, we have done for the majority of the season so far.

I must say what a wonderful atmosphere it was on Tuesday, despite the result, and for any neutral here it would have been a great game to watch.

We remain in a real good position, especially compared to where we were when we lost 3-2 at home on January transfer deadline day last year – and on that subject I would like to welcome our three new signings, Lloyd Jones, Flynn Downes and Jake Jervis, to the club.

TALENT

We were looking to bring in some short-term defensive cover, but when Lloyd became available from Liverpool, it made sense for us to take him permanently because he's one we'd earmarked to be able to develop and take forward with us.

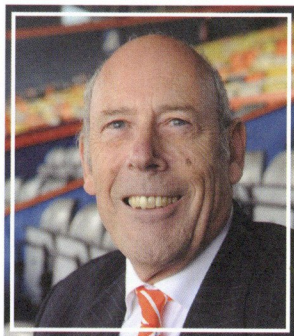
Flynn's loan move gives us extra strength in the midfield holding role. He's only just turned 19 but Mick McCarthy rates him highly and we saw when Ipswich came here in the Carabao Cup in August that he's a fine young talent.

Jake gives us added competition and real pace in attack. He's been promoted from this division and has good experience, but he's an age that we believe we can still work with him to improve further.

We are looking forward to working with all three of the boys who we believe can only make us stronger as the season reaches its climax, and I thank the board and Gary Sweet for their backing as always this week.

I'm sure you'll give them a rousing Kenilworth Road reception, as with all the players, as we go for another big win this afternoon.

Enjoy the game.



FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH DIRECTOR MIKE HERRICK

Today we welcome the supporters, players and directors of Exeter City who have made the long journey to Kenilworth Road for this Sky Bet League Two match.

The earlier fixture away in Exeter last October was a strange affair. Taking the lead somewhat against the run of play, we somehow reached half-time all square but a devastating spell early in the second half took the game away from the hosts and we ran out comfortable winners in the end.

This was the match that took us to the top of the table – a position that we briefly relinquished before returning to the summit, where we still find ourselves today.

A glance at the league table shows just how keenly contested this season is and there is so much to play for, for so many sides. Exeter themselves have been up and around the top of the table throughout the season so we are under no illusions that today's game will be another keenly fought contest.

Despite our unlucky reverse against Wycombe last Tuesday, we remain in good spirits and eager to make amends today.

Throughout this transfer window we've been focussing hard on being able to add yet more quality to the squad to help us over the line and into League One.

I must admit that I'm not a great fan of the transfer windows. I think I preferred it in the 'old days' when the movement of players happened naturally up until a few weeks before the end of the season, rather than having all activity artificially compressed in just August and January.

As transfer fees become ever more ridiculous it's quite a sobering thought to realise that Manchester City have managed to spend a similar amount on their defence to the entire defence budget of Latvia (the country).

That's not necessarily the fault of the transfer window – they'd probably have done that anyway – more a fault

of the way the game has unfortunately been allowed to develop.

Nowadays the teams you play in the first half of the season can be totally different when the return legs are played. It's certainly now a season of two halves. Having said that, we're really pleased with the way the first half panned out and we now look to consolidate our position as we move into the final third.

WELCOME

Helping us to do this, we are absolutely delighted to welcome three new additions: firstly Lloyd Jones – a young centre-back from Liverpool – on a permanent contract; secondly, Flynn Downes, an exciting prospect on loan from Ipswich until the end of the season; and finally, Jake Jervis – a proven striker from Plymouth Argyle who was promoted with them last year – on a permanent contract.

Though these all look on the surface to be last-minute additions, they are far from being just reactionary signings. It's just that it seems to become increasingly difficult to finalise deals.

All have been extensively scouted and, indeed, we tried to sign Jake in the previous window. Lloyd started in the Plymouth academy and was there with Isaac Vassell. Though Isaac was subsequently released, Lloyd saw how much he progressed at Luton with the coaching here and is fully aware how our staff can positively impact a player's career.

Both Lloyd and Flynn already have international experience. It's a measure of the regard in which our club is held that we can attract the high-calibre players we want, who in turn want to join us for the right reasons.



DANNY'S THE DIAMOND FOR DECEMBER!

Well done to striker Danny Hylton, who won the Diamond Player of the Month Trophy for December, polling 42 per cent of vote. We would like to thank all those that took the time to cast their votes, including Derek Borino, who was drawn from the hat and presented the trophy with daughter Madi after Tuesday's game against Wycombe.

Having worked so hard to get to our current position, as a board we cannot allow our season to become derailed by injuries or suspensions which can never be foreseen, and we remain determined to give Nathan and his staff the best opportunity to realise all our hopes.

Congratulations are in order to Andy Awford and his academy staff for overseeing the achievement of the U18s. Their recent results have seen them move into the top six and they will now compete in Merit League One for the remainder of the season. Their home games usually take place on a Saturday morning at Ely Way, and your support is always welcome whenever they are in action.

Finally, can I draw your attention to this year's club charity of the season Transitions UK, on whose behalf donations are invited. Elsewhere in the programme you'll find details of the worthwhile work that this organisation achieves, and we

encourage you to contribute with your customary generosity.

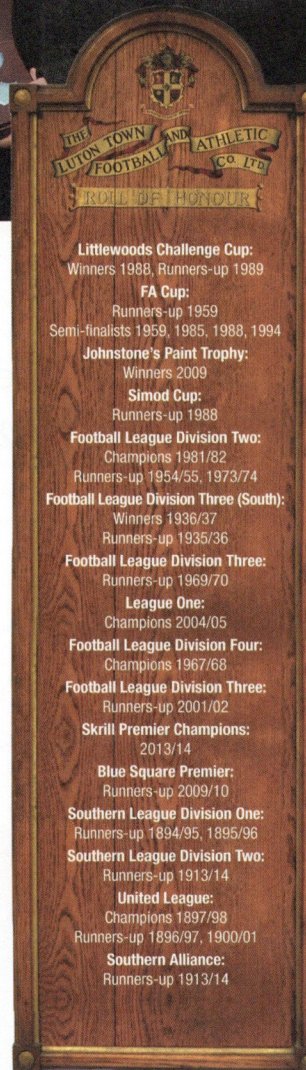
We would also like to thank main sponsors SsangYong for giving up their front of shirt space for this afternoon, when Transitions UK's logo will be worn.

The shirts will be auctioned off to raise funds for the Luton-based charity who do great work with young people who have a range of support needs, so please look out for the opportunity to bid on the club's website and social media channels in the coming weeks.

And so to the main event and the tussle for those all-important league points. Sing loud and proud as always.

Best wishes to all.

Mike



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THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Good afternoon everybody and welcome to Kenilworth Road for this afternoon's game against Exeter City.

For the second time in a week we face a side who have the same ambitions as us, and it's really important we beat opposition like this who are also up there challenging.

Tuesday evening was a frustrating one, we created a lot of chances but in the end it wasn't enough. Wycombe came with a game plan and they executed it, but we were unfortunate not to get something from the match.

It did cut our lead at the top by a point, but it's important after this type of game to stay calm and collected – we're still eight points clear at the summit of the table. Winning games against the Wycombes and the Exeters of this league though is vital, the more space we can put between ourselves and everyone else at this stage will bode well for the rest of the campaign.

UNBELIEVABLE

It did show once again the class of the supporters in midweek – you roaring us on this season has been incredible. To have over 8,500 at the Kenny for a Tuesday night game is unbelievable and although the result wasn't the one we wanted, I can assure you that when you turn out in those sorts of numbers, it really puts the wind in our sails.

One thing that can help maintain the competitiveness in the squad is new additions, and naturally we had a really quiet transfer window until deadline day. We are delighted to welcome Lloyd Jones, Flynn Downes and Jake Jervis to Kenilworth Road. All three add a lot of competition and depth to an already hungry squad.

I hope to be adding to that competition soon. I have now been out for eight weeks, and I am absolutely chomping at the bit to get back into action. If everything goes to plan then I should be back in a month or so, and I am able to run now, so I'm making steady progress.

Last Saturday's game against Grimsby was an absolutely tremendous result, but the clean sheet made it 14 for the season. That means we have had more shut outs this campaign than in the entire league season last year. That's

[SCOTT CUTHBERT]

GREAT SCOTT

quite incredible when you think we still have 16 league games to go.

Of course, I'm frustrated not to be involved, but it's great to see the boys are doing well in my absence and Alan Sheehan and Johnny Mullins have been fantastic captains whilst I've been injured.

In Exeter's ranks is one of my best friends in football, Lloyd James. We played together for a few seasons at Leyton Orient and he's a terrific player, but if we can recreate the performance we had down at St James Park back in October, then I will be more than happy.

As you always do, please get behind the boys. Today's visitors are an excellent side and we're going to need all the support you can give. I hope you enjoy the game.



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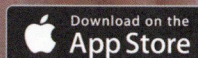


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Founder/CEO, Ron Overton writes: "It's a real thrill to have this special day at Kenilworth Road to express our partnership with the Hatters for this season. We have collectors around the stadium with buckets for your donations, and there are lots of other opportunities to help make a difference to the lives of young people with special needs in Luton. Thank you so much for your support!!"

Transitions UK's Achieve Project provides a two-year mentoring & befriending programme for up to 35 young people with special needs each year. It's especially aimed at supporting young people as they move on from school and college into the community.

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WELCOME TO THE DEADLINE DAY SIGNINGS!

Three players arrived at Kenilworth Road on transfer deadline day – two on permanent deals with another signing on loan until the end of the season.

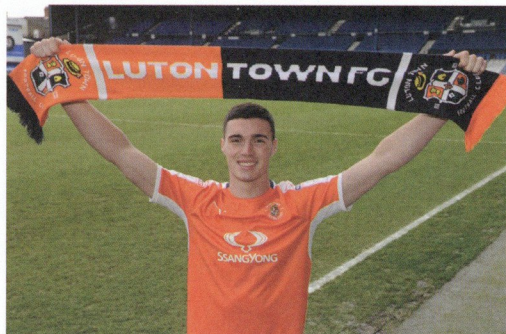
There were no departures, meaning striker Josh McQuoid – whose contract was cancelled by mutual agreement – is the only player to have left permanently during the transfer window, while youngsters Harry Isted and Jack James had already joined Chesham United and Hitchin Town on loan.

HERE ARE THE NEW-BOYS...

ARRIVAL No.1: LLOYD JONES

Age: 22 | Position: Centre-half

Signed from: Liverpool



The Hatters completed a deal to sign central defender Lloyd Jones on a permanent transfer from Premier League club Liverpool for an undisclosed fee.

The 22-year-old has joined the Town on a two-and-a-half year contract, running until the end of the 2019-20 campaign.

Plymouth-born Jones started out in the academy at his hometown club Plymouth Argyle, before Liverpool paid a reported six-figure fee to take him to Anfield in 2011.

During his seven years with the Reds, the defender has been a regular with the Under-21s and U23s and was included in the first-team squad on the final day of the 2012-13 season, but leaves without having made a senior appearance.

He has won international caps for both Wales and England at youth level up to Under-20s, however, and has gained valuable experience during time out on loan in the EFL.

Jones made his senior debut in League Two for Cheltenham Town in January 2015, racking up six appearances before ending that season with Accrington Stanley, where he played 11 times.

In 2015-16 he signed for League One Blackpool on a season-long loan, before he joined Swindon in the same division on similar terms last season. During his time at the County Ground, Jones made 29 appearances – scoring twice – before returning to Anfield in the summer.

After passing a medical at Kenilworth Road, the 22-year-old said: "I found out the move was a possibility about three days ago, it got followed up and here I am today.

"I want to play regular first-team football. I've been in the Under-23s at Liverpool for quite a while now and I wanted a new challenge, and I thought Luton was the right club for me."

He added: "I spoke to the manager yesterday as well and as I just said, the club wants to move forward and has ambitions, and that was a big factor in me coming here.

"Nathan has got a massive passion for winning, and for improving players as well. I've come here to play as much as I can and do as well as I can.

"I'm really looking forward to it. Hopefully we can push for promotion and get into League One for next year."

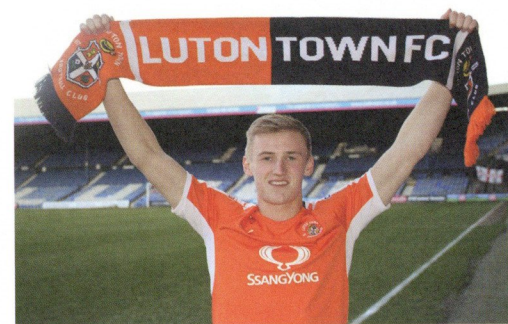
Lloyd will wear squad number 28.

ARRIVAL No.2: FLYNN DOWNES

Age: 19 | Position: Central midfield

Signed from: Ipswich Town (loan)

Young Ipswich Town midfielder Flynn Downes became the second signing of transfer deadline day, joining on loan until the end of the season.



The 19-year-old has been one of the bright stars of the Championship side's season so far, having penned a three-year contract at Portman Road soon after turning professional in the summer.

He has made five starts among his 11 appearances – including his full debut when the Tractor Boys came to Kenilworth Road in the Carabao Cup in August – since being handed his first substitute's appearance by manager Mick McCarthy on the opening day.

Brentwood-born Flynn has also made his England Under-19 debut this term, and he says he was delighted when McCarthy suggested a loan spell at Kenilworth Road.

"I can't wait to get started," said Downes. "It's happened totally out of the blue. I was called into the gaffer's office and he literally just said 'Do you want to go out on loan to Luton?' I just said 'Yes, get me there, I just want to be playing football!'"

"That is the main reason I've come, because I want to play football. Every youngster wants to be improving, and that's my aim – to come here, improve and help the team."

Flynn will wear squad number 20 during his time with the Hatters!

ARRIVAL No.3: JAKE JERVIS

Age: 26 | Position: Striker

Signed from: Plymouth Argyle

With his arrival announced at 10.30pm, striker Jake Jervis made the switch from Plymouth Argyle to the Hatters for an undisclosed fee to become the third signing of deadline day.

Manager Nathan Jones has moved to sign the 26-year-old former Birmingham City, Portsmouth and Ross County forward on a contract until the end of 2019-20, adding competition to his strike force – and valuable promotion-winning experience from Sky Bet League Two.

Jervis has spent the past two-and-a-half seasons with Plymouth, with his 13 goals last term helping the Pilgrims finish runners-up in the fourth tier.

He has four goals to his name in League One during the current campaign, and Jones explained how his acquisition on a two-and-a-half year deal ends a lengthy pursuit of the Wolverhampton-born forward.

The Hatters boss said: "We tried to add Jake in the summer but we weren't able to do it, so we're delighted to get it done now. He has been promoted from and scored goals at this level, and he comes with a good experience for his age."

Jervis, who also includes loan spells with Hereford, Notts County, Swindon, Preston, Carlisle and Tranmere – plus a spell in the Turkish Super Lig with Elazigspor on his CV – was delighted to sign on the dotted line at the Kenny tonight after passing a medical.

He said: "I'm extremely happy to be here. It's been a long time coming since the summer when things didn't happen, but I'm very happy to be here now.

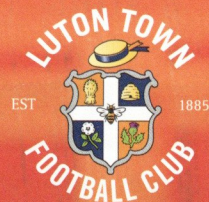
"It fills you with confidence to know a manager actually wants you and going forward it's something that makes you think 'Yeah, I can settle in, the manager wants me here' – and it's something that will definitely help me.

"The ambition of the club and Nathan's vision for the way he wants players to play really sold it to me, plus the aim of promotion, which is something I believe the club are going in the right direction for."

Jake will wear the No.15 shirt at Kenilworth Road.

Welcome to all three new-boys!





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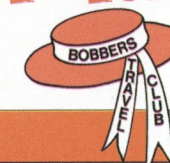
Supporters who have taken an Away Season Ticket will automatically receive one ticket in the South Stand, which will be processed on Friday 9th February. If you require two tickets, terrace tickets or do not require a ticket for this fixture, please advise to ticketoffice@lutontown.co.uk before this date. **Prices:** South Stand – Adults: £20, Concessions: £15, Under-18s: £10, Under-12s: £5, Under-5s: FOC. South Habbins Terrace – Adults: £16, Concessions: £12, Under-18s: £8, Under-12s: £5, Under-5s: FOC. **(Concessions are 64-plus, Students with NUS CARDS, Young Adults 18-21, Ambulant Disabled pay the relevant price plus a Carer free of charge)**

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WE'RE ON OUR WAY

STEVENAGE SATURDAY 10TH FEBRUARY, 3PM

FORMED: 1976 | NICKNAME: THE BORO | LAST SEASON: 10TH IN LEAGUE TWO | FOLLOW THEM ON TWITTER: @STEVENAGEFC

COLOURS: WHITE & RED STRIPES | GROUND: LAMEX STADIUM | MANAGER: DARREN SARLL

WHO? A Non-League club up until 2010, Stevenage won double promotion, climbing from the Conference into the third tier by 2011. A three-season stay there ended with relegation, with Boro remaining in League Two ever since. Mixed finishes in the league has seen them finish in the play-off places, the bottom and top half of the table, narrowly missing out on a place in the top seven in the last campaign. Matt Godden was in prolific form last season, netting 21 times, and has carried that on this year with 13 so far. His fellow Non-League climber Danny Netwon is also getting in on the goals, with 11 since arriving from National League North side Tamworth after catching the eye at Jamie Vardy's V9 Academy in the summer.

TICKETS Ticket information for this fixture at the Lamex Stadium next Saturday is available on page 15.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE Nathan Jones' three games in charge of the Hatters against Stevenage prior to October's meeting had seen Town defeated in all of those matches. However, they certainly put that right with the 7-1 thumping of the Boro, when Luke Berry netted a perfect hat-trick. That was the 11th fixture between the two in the Conference and League Two, with the Hatters claiming six wins, whilst Stevenage have won four, the only draw being the goalless encounter at the Lamex in 2015.

IN CHARGE Darren Sarll took over the reins at Lamex Stadium a month after Nathan Jones arrived here. The

ex-Bedford Town and Dunstable Town midfielder came in originally as caretaker after Teddy Sheringham's departure, finishing the season with a mixed bag of results. With Glen Roeder arriving as an advisor to Sarll, the 35-year-old was given the job on a full-time basis, leading the side to a tenth placed finish in his first full campaign at the club.

PREVIOUS FORM Stevenage go into today's game at Accrington in mixed form, having followed up last Saturday's 1-0 win at improving Chesterfield with a midweek home defeat to Swindon. Before that they had drawn with Morecambe and Carlisle, while holding Championship side Reading to a goalless draw in their FA Cup third round tie at the Lamex before losing the replay 3-0. Goals have been hard to come by, with just two in the six matches since beating Cheltenham 4-1 on New Year's Day. They currently sit 14th.

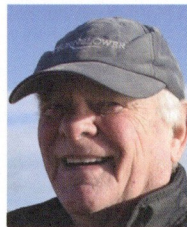
KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU Former Town players Fraser Franks, Luke Wilkinson, Ronnie Henry and summer addition Jonathan Smith all now play for Boro – three of whom came up from the Conference with Town in 2014. Combined the four made 369 appearances for the Hatters. Henry recently became Stevenage's record appearance holder, having played his 469th game for the Boro. Josh McQuoid went on loan to the Lamex Stadium last season where he made 16 appearances, scoring once, whilst Keith Keane, Efe Sodje and Harry Worley all include the Hatters and Stevenage as their former clubs.



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a move, with his wife Liz, down to Dorset. His visits to the ground may have got fewer, but his passion remains undimmed. He's seen them all but his favourite ever Luton player is Ricky Hill. Keith is attending today's game with his Luton supporting family, who are helping him to celebrate his 80th birthday.

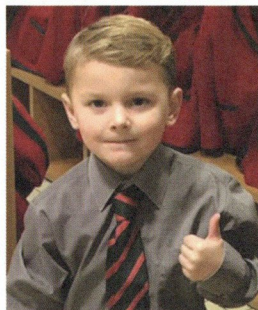
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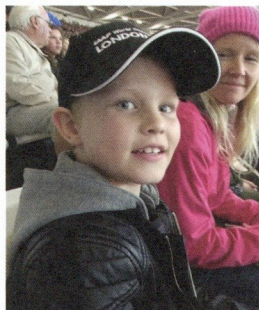
Today's Matchball Sponsor is Zar Nicholson who has just celebrated his big 5-0, a scoreline we are yet to have this season! Zar is a life-long supporter with his first game being back in 1977 when he was lucky to see Bruno's first goals in the 4-0 win over Sheffield United. Over Zar's 40 years of support, he has seen the Hatters

play at over 60 grounds, experiencing the true rollercoaster of all emotions. For him, the best of these (outside the classic Littlewoods Cup and JPT finals) was the 3-2 win over recent opponents Newcastle in April 1982, when we recovered from 2-0 down with a Bruno hat-trick. Favourite player? "Mossy....such a classy winger". Happy Birthday Zar!

TODAY'S MASCOTS:



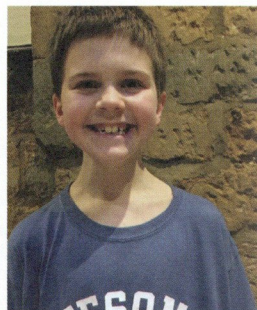
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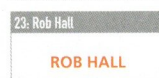
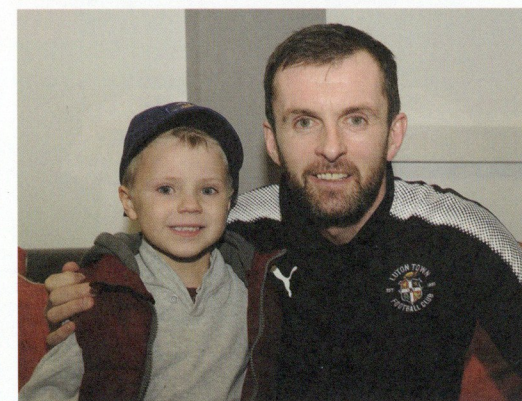
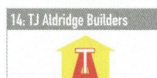
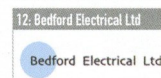
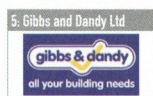
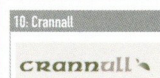
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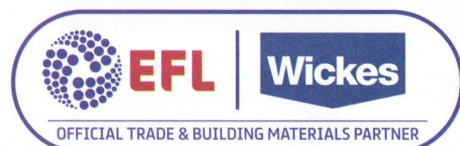
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WELCOME EXETER CITY

FACTFILE:

NICKNAMES: THE GRECIANS

GROUND: ST JAMES PARK

MANAGER: PAUL TISDALE

LAST SEASON: 5TH IN LEAGUE TWO

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

Paul Tisdale's side got off the line quickly in Sky Bet League Two this campaign, winning seven of their opening eight league games. Stuttering form after that saw Exeter fall off top spot in the league, but three successive wins have taken them back up to fourth, and victories over the likes of Accrington Stanley, Coventry City and Notts County has clearly highlighted their ability to turn up for the big games.

The Grecians' boss is the longest serving manager in the EFL, only beaten by Arsene Wenger if you include the Premier League. The Frenchman has ten years on Tisdale's record at the helm, but the 45-year-old 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 final after overcoming Carlisle United in the semis – which saw a certain Jack Stacey net an absolutely tremendous goal in the dying moments of the second leg to help them win 6-5 on aggregate. That set-up the final against Blackpool, but the Grecians lost 2-1 on the day.

Exeter have recruited well this season, bringing in former Town loanee Jayden Stockley for a club record fee, and he's certainly delivered. Fifteen goals, including one in Wednesday night's win over Forest Green Rovers, sees the forward chasing the League Two golden boot. The 24-year-old played 13 times for the Hatters, scoring three times.

This transfer window has seen them take Kyle Edwards and Kane Wilson until the end of the season from West Bromwich Albion, and Ryan Loft on loan from Tottenham Hotspur, who Hatters supporters may remember, as he netted for his parent club against us in the 2-2 draw in the Checktrade Trophy. Keeper Paul Jones has returned to the club on loan from Norwich City for the rest of the campaign.

Our meeting earlier on this season at St James Park saw arguably the most devastating 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.

Of the 67 meetings between us and the Grecians, we have won 35, drawn 15 and been defeated 17 times.

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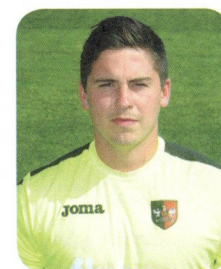
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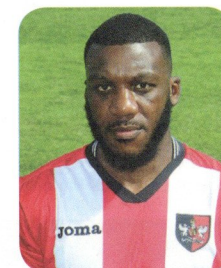
CHRISTY PYM



The 6ft stopper is an Exeter City academy graduate, having worked his way up through the youth ranks before signing his first professional contract in April 2013. His performances towards the end of the 2013/14 season led to a call-up by England Under-20s, for whom he made three appearances. The beginning of the following campaign saw him take the number one spot on a permanent basis and he has now made over 75 appearances for the Grecians.

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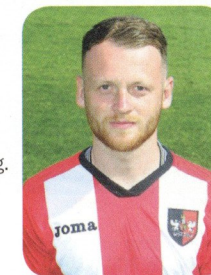
TROY ARCHIBALD-HENVILLE



The 29-year-old came through the youth ranks at Tottenham Hotspur, although the closest he came to an appearance for them was being named on the bench twice, including in a North London Derby against Arsenal. Loans away from White Hart Lane to Norwich City and the Grecians saw him eventually join Exeter permanently. Moves to Swindon Town and Carlisle United followed before he returned to St James Park in 2016 on a permanent basis.

THE MAN IN THE MIDDLE

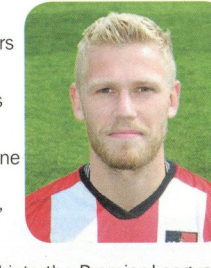
JAKE TAYLOR



The Wales international joined Exeter City on loan in 2016 after leaving Reading. He joined the Royals at the age of eight, progressing through the youth ranks and getting call-ups to the Wales Under-17s, 19s and 21s along the way. He made his debut for the Madejski Stadium outfit in 2010, racking up 36 appearances for them in total. The midfielder also gained experience out on loan with the Grecians, Cheltenham and Motherwell before joining Paul Tisdale's side permanently two years ago.

THE DANGERMAN

JAYDEN STOCKLEY



One of the youngest players ever to play for Bournemouth's first team, Stockley was one of the victims of the Cherries' incredible rise up the EFL and into the Premier League as he struggled to break into the side the higher up they got. Over a six-year period he went on loan nine times, including a spell at Kenilworth Road where he made 13 appearances, netting three goals. The Grecians signed him from Scottish Premier League side Aberdeen at the beginning of the season.

GOALKEEPER

PAUL JONES
AGE: 31

ON LOAN FROM NORWICH CITY

DEFENDERS

PIERCE SWEENEY
AGE: 23

PREVIOUS CLUB: READING

CRAIG WOODMAN
AGE: 35

PREVIOUS CLUB: BRENTFORD

JORDAN MOORE-TAYLOR

AGE: 23

GRECIANS ACADEMY GRADUATE

DEAN MOXEY

AGE: 32

PREVIOUS CLUB: BOLTON WANDERERS

MIDFIELDERS

LLOYD JAMES

AGE: 29

PREVIOUS CLUB: LEYTON ORIENT

JORDAN TILLSON

AGE: 24

GRECIANS ACADEMY GRADUATE

RYAN HARLEY

AGE: 32

PREVIOUS CLUB: SWINDON TOWN

LEE HOLMES

AGE: 30

PREVIOUS CLUB: PRESTON NORTH END

HIRAM BOATENG

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LIAM MCALINDEN

AGE: 24

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MATT JAY

AGE: 21

GRECIANS ACADEMY GRADUATE

RYAN BRUNT

AGE: 24

PREVIOUS CLUB: PLYMOUTH ARGYLE

THE VIEW FROM THE OAK ROAD

JAMIE HAWKINS, an Exeter City supporter of 17 years, gives us his thoughts on what lies in store for his team this season in Sky Bet League Two and this afternoon on their visit to Kenilworth Road, as well as his top XI players to ever pull on a shirt for the Grecians...

GENERAL ENQUIRIES:

Like the Hatters, we have no doubt you will be desperate to avoid the play-offs this year, how strongly do you rate your chances of automatic promotion this campaign?

A strong start to the season saw city go the first eight league games unbeaten, and expectations have been pretty high since then. League Two is once again proving to be unpredictable and close, especially in the top-half, and our 2-1 win at Notts County earlier this month closed the gap on second place, and there is genuine belief now that a top three finish is achievable. Our home form has been excellent this season, and if we can maintain it and get a few more away wins going, then I think automatic promotion is a realistic goal.

Whilst enjoying some fantastic results, you've also had some defeats against sides you might have expected to do better against. What do you put this down to?

Our away form hasn't been particularly great of late, with five defeats out of six on the road, most of which have been against teams towards the lower half of the table. I think we have perhaps shown too much respect to some teams, along with making some individual mistakes at the back. With regular defenders Jordan Moore-Taylor and Troy Brown out injured, the back four has been disrupted somewhat, leading to some sloppy goals. Hopefully that

fantastic win at Notts County can give us that confidence boost on the road for the second half of the season.

Paul Tisdale was under a little bit of pressure last season, but turned things around. As the EFL's longest serving manager, how important is he to the set-up at St James Park?

It's remarkable to think that Tisdale has been at the club for nearly 12 years in today's managerial climate, and non-one can argue he is our most successful manager in history. Tisdale knows the club inside out, and has helped academy products move on to bigger things, with Ollie Watkins, Ethan Ampadu, Tom Nichols and Matt Grimes all progressing their careers up the footballing pyramid. His relationship with a club can only be matched with Arsene Wenger at Arsenal, and I cannot think of any other manager who could achieve what he has at the club with limited resources at his disposal.

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

Jayden Stockley returned last summer for a club record fee, which instantly would have put the pressure on the former Aberdeen striker to impress – and he has. After an impressive short loan spell in 2016, he re-joined on a permanent basis, and with 15 goals already, no-one can argue the brilliant impact he has made at St James Park.



Stockley has also proved he is not just a target man, but has shown pace and agility (check out his goals against Morecambe and Notts County). I struggle to think where we would be in the table without his goals, and an equally impressive second half of the season will be crucial in our promotion push.

Who were you most disappointed to see leave in the summer or January transfer window?

I was gutted to see David Wheeler depart last summer, but it didn't come as much of a surprise after a fantastic season. He scored 21 goals last campaign, including an equaliser in the play-off final, and set a new club record after scoring in seven consecutive league games. Wheeler has pace and strength, making him the complete forward, and having had the opportunity to speak to him a few

times off the pitch, he really was one of the 'nice guys' in football. I don't think there were too many left surprised when QPR came in for him, it's great to see him in the Championship.

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

Home performances have seen city adapt to a more direct approach, due to the difficult St James Park surface, which taken somewhat of a battering over the winter with severe weather. With Stockley playing as the sole striker the past few games, expect several balls to be played up to him. I think we will opt for a packed midfield to try and stop Luton dominating the ball in that area, and try to catch Town on the break with Jake Taylor and Lee Holmes leading counter-attacks.

QUICKFIRE:

Terrace or Seats? Terrace

Who are your rivals? Plymouth Argyle

Favourite all-time manager? Paul Tisdale

Predicted player of the season? Christy Pym

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

Which five current or former Exeter players or managers would you invite to a dinner party? Steve Flack, Paul Tisdale, Steve Tully, David Noble and Pierce Sweeney

Most treasured piece of Grecians memorabilia? Adam Stansfield's autograph

What league will Exeter be in next season? League One!

Who will win Sky Bet League Two this season? Luton Town

MY ALL-TIME EXETER XI...

GK: CHRISTY PYM

CM: ROB EDWARDS

RB: SCOTT HILEY

CM: MATT GRIMES

CB: MATT TAYLOR

LM: RYAN HARLEY

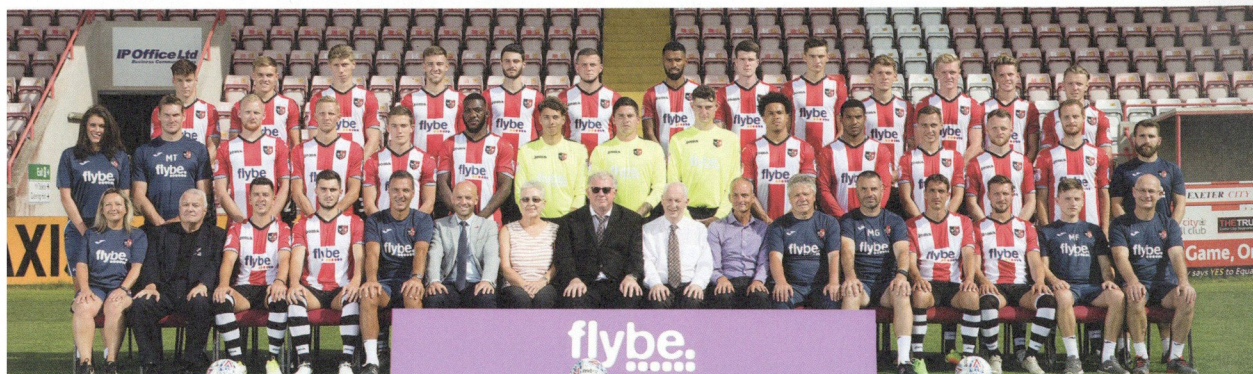
CB: TROY BROWN

ST: JAMIE CURETON

LB: DEAN MOXEY

ST: ADAM STANSFIELD

RM: DAVID WHEELER



TOP BOYS

ARNOLD MITCHELL

Long-serving wing-half Arnold Mitchell holds Exeter City's appearance record. A former Sheffield Wednesday amateur, he had spells with Derby County, Nottingham Forest and Notts County before moving to St James Park in July 1952. He played in every position for Exeter, including in goal when Geoff Morris was injured in the 0-0 draw at Southend in September 1954. Ever-present in Exeter's 1958-59 promotion near-miss, he captained them to promotion in 1963-64 and netted 44 goals in 495 League outings, moving to Taunton in July 1966. He was Exeter's assistant-trainer, then a cleaner, and remained local until his death in October 2014.

ALAN BANKS

Striker Alan Banks was Exeter City's 'Player of the Year' in 1968-69. Signing professional for Liverpool in May 1958, he scored on his



League debut in their 5-0 victory over Brighton four months later but was allowed to join Cambridge City and starred in their 1962-63 Southern League title triumph. He moved to Exeter in October 1963 and was leading marksman in their 1963-64 promotion campaign, then again in 1965-66. Joining Plymouth Argyle in June 1966, he returned to Exeter in November 1967 and netted 101 goals in 258 League games overall for the Grecians before moving to Poole Town in July 1973. He later ran a sports shop in Exeter.

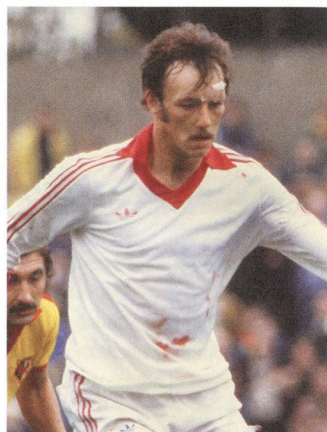
JIMMY GILES

Popular central defender Jimmy Giles was Exeter City's 'Player of the Year' in two consecutive seasons. Initially with hometown club Kidlington, he joined Swindon Town in March 1965 and moved to Aldershot in October 1968. He was their 'Player of the Year' in 1968-69 and joined Exeter in March 1971. Missing just two matches in 1972-73, he starred as they beat West Brom in the 1973-74 League Cup third round and moved to Charlton Athletic in June 1975. He rejoined Exeter in December 1977 and netted 13 goals in 313 League games overall prior to joining Yeovil Town in February 1981, then worked in the building trade in Ottery St Mary.

TONY KELLOW

Long-serving striker Tony Kellow holds Exeter City's all-time goalscoring record. Moving to St James Park from Falmouth in July 1976, he starred in

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



Exeter's 1976-77 promotion success and moved to Blackpool for a then club record £105,000 in November 1978. He rejoined Exeter for £65,000 in March 1980 and was top scorer as they reached the FA Cup sixth round in 1980-81. Moving to Plymouth Argyle in November 1983, he had spells with Swansea City and Newport County before returning to Exeter again in July 1985. He netted 129 goals in 332 League games overall for the Grecians. Later commercial manager, he died in February 2011.

JOHN HORE

Versatile central defender John Hore was ever-present in Exeter City's 1976-77 promotion success. Signing professional for Plymouth Argyle in December 1964, he was ever-present in 1970-71, starring as they were League Cup semi-finalists in 1973-74 and won promotion in 1974-75. He reunited with John Newman at Exeter

in March 1976 and missed just two matches in four seasons, helping them reach the League Cup fourth round in two consecutive seasons. Making 193 League appearances, he became Bideford's player-boss in December 1980, then managed Plymouth, Taunton and Barnstaple as well as running a health and fitness centre in Exeter.

JOHN DELVE

Ex-England Schoolboy midfielder John Delve skippered Exeter City to the FA Cup sixth round in 1980-81. Initially with QPR, he featured in their 1972-73 promotion campaign as Terry Venables' understudy and joined Plymouth Argyle in July 1974. He starred in their 1974-75 promotion success and reunited with Bobby Saxton at Exeter in March 1978. Helping twice reach the League Cup fourth round, he joined Hereford United in June 1983, then moved via Gloucester back to Exeter in October 1987. He netted 21 goals in 228 League games overall, then played for Taunton and Elmore. Later a publican, he has since managed two shops in Exeter.

KEITH VINEY

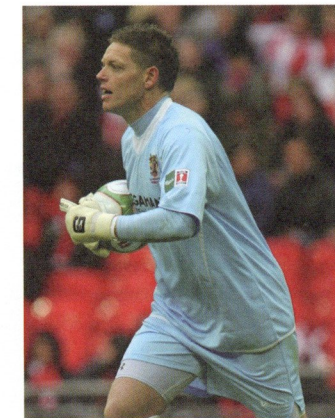
Hard-tackling left-back Keith Viney was 'Player of the Year' in his first two seasons at Exeter City. He turned professional with Portsmouth in October 1975 and made his League debut in their 1-0 victory at Fulham five months later. Featuring in Pompey's 1979-80 promotion campaign, he was their 'Player of the Year' in 1980-81 and moved to Exeter in August 1982. He missed just one match in each of three successive seasons, then was ever-present in 1987-88 and netted eight goals in 270 League games while at St James Park until leaving in January

1989. Later with Torrington and Elmore, he has settled in Exeter and currently works in insurance.

SHAUN TAYLOR

Central defender Shaun Taylor was captain and 'Player of the Year' in Exeter City's 1989-90 Fourth Division title triumph. He impressed with Bideford before moving to St James Park in December 1986 and was ever-present for Exeter in 1988-89. Netting 17 goals in 200 League games for the Grecians, he joined Swindon Town in July 1991. He was ever-present as they won promotion to the Premier League in 1992-93 and again in the top-flight the following season, then helped win the Second Division title in 1995-96. Moving to Bristol City in September 1996, he was a promotion winner in 1997-98. He has coached at Exeter, Torquay and Plymouth.

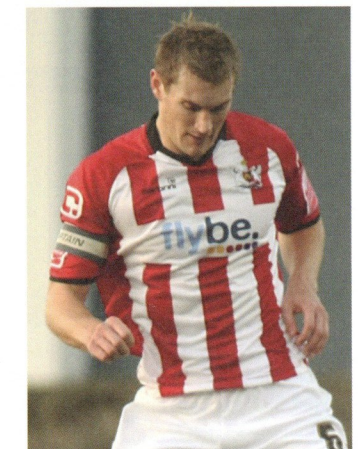
ASHLEY BAYES



Ex-England Youth goalkeeper Ashley Bayes was voted Exeter City's 'Player of the Year' in 1997-98. Signing professional for Brentford in July 1990, he moved to Torquay in August 1993 and helped qualify for the Third Division play-offs in 1993-94. He joined Exeter in July 1996, missing

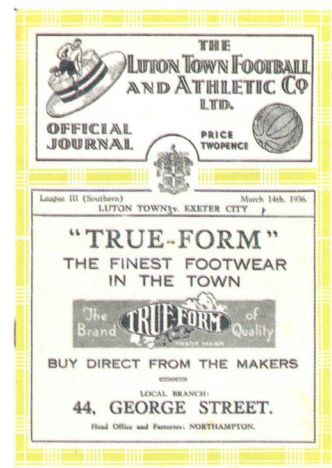
just one match in 1997-98 and making 127 League appearances before joining Leyton Orient in July 1999. Featuring in the 2000-01 Third Division play-off final, he had spells with Bohemians, Woking and Hornchurch before helping Grays Athletic win the FA Trophy in 2005 and 2006. He has since played for Crawley, Stevenage, Basingstoke and AFC Wimbledon, where he is currently goalkeeper coach.

MATT TAYLOR



Central defender Matt Taylor captained Exeter City's 2008-09 promotion success. Initially with Burscough, he played in their 2003 FA Trophy final triumph, then had spells with Rossendale United, Matlock, Hucknall, Guiseley and Team Bath before following Paul Tisdale to St James Park in June 2007. He skippered Exeter's 2007-08 Conference play-off final triumph and formed a strong defensive partnership with player-coach Rob Edwards. Exeter's ever-present 'Player of the Year' in 2009-10, he scored nine goals in 105 League games prior to joining Charlton Athletic in July 2011, then Bradford City, Cheltenham, Newport County and Bath City.

COVERED!



◀ MARCH 1936

It is now three wins in a row for the Town as they see off Exeter 3-1 in front of a Kenilworth Road crowd of 12,710. Only a month to go before Joe Payne bursts on the scene!

▶ SEPTEMBER 1936

A 4-2 win at Exeter on the way to promotion from Division Three South. Inevitably Payne is on the scoresheet with two.

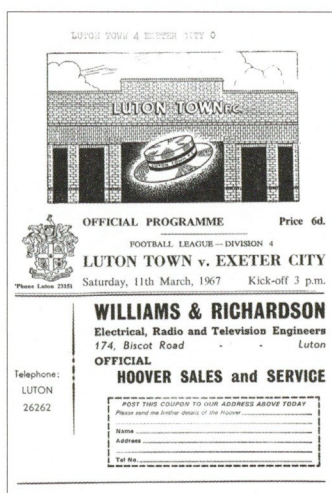
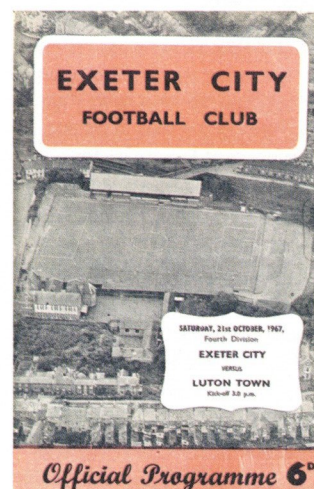


◀ MARCH 1967

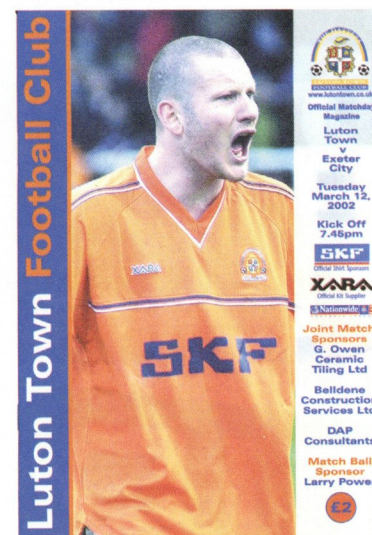
Keith Allen makes his Luton debut and scores in a 4-0 victory. It is the fourth time the Town and Exeter have clashed this season with two FA Cup ties to add to the league games.

▶ OCTOBER 1967

New signing John Ryan runs riot on the wing as the Hatters record a 5-0 win. Four different goalscorers for the Town with Allen netting twice.



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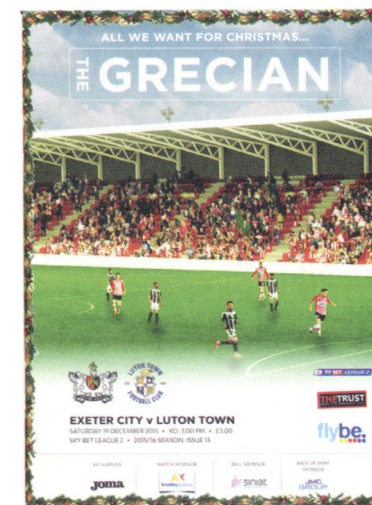


▲ MARCH 2002

The Town make it seven wins in a row when seeing off Exeter 3-0 at Kenilworth Road. Two goals from Steve Howard and one from Matt Taylor ensure the Hatters close the gap on leaders Plymouth in Division Three (now League Two).

▼ DECEMBER 2015

A goal in the 100th minute from Paul Benson secures a 3-2 victory at St James Park. The win is a surprise given the Town's recent away form.

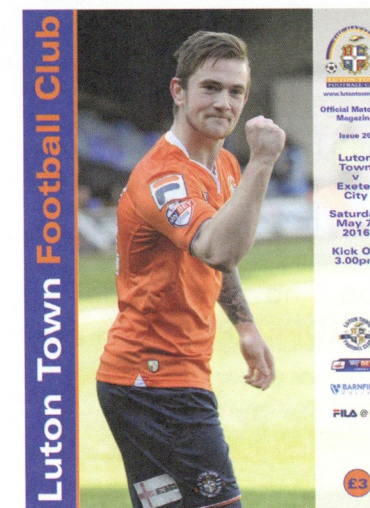


▲ AUGUST 2008

With minus-30 points to claw back the Town earn three at Exeter with a solitary Sam Parkin header from a Kevin Nicholls free-kick.

▼ MAY 2016

The Hatters finish the season in style with a 4-1 win and leapfrog Exeter in the process. Tyreeq Bakinson and James Justin are handed their Football League debuts when coming on as late substitutes.



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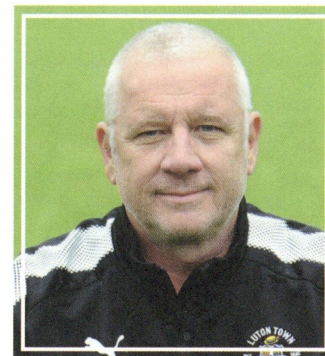
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Where has two thirds of the season gone? So it's 16 games to go and everything to play for. As they say, exciting times.

This is where all those football phrases start to come out. One game at a time, we can only worry about ourselves and what will be, will be. It's also the time you see all those little superstitions come out. I will keep my beard until we lose – or the wife says 'Shave it off as it scratches!'

Luke Berry likes the same pants and socks. Obviously washed between games. Hylts likes odd socks and places his kids' wristbands in his socks, plus he always has a goal rub before games. The way he is going, our fingers could be raw.

Olly likes a couple of wrist bands. Mully has a nail trim before every game and Darren stops at the same service station for coffee on every home matchday. On the coach it seems everyone now has their own seat. So long as they work, who cares? I thank my lucky stars that I am not superstitious.

I have to go back to Newcastle. Firstly to say the support was outstanding, but also to give you an amusing little story. As I stood in the dugout, I could see the manager walking down the tunnel. He got to the bottom and stood watching the warm up when he was approached by a steward.

The steward asked: "What are you doing here? How did you get here?"

TRICK OR TREATMENT

A HUMOROUS INSIGHT TO PHYSIO SIMON PARSELL'S WORK

You do realise this is a restricted area and you're not meant to be in the technical area."

He was just about to ask Nathan to leave when Nathan said: "I am the Luton manager!" Well, you have never heard so many apologies. If ever a man wanted the ground to open up!



It was amusing when one of the youth players asked for tickets to the Newcastle game. He was reminded that he had a game the same day. He replied that it was ok, and that he would be available the following week.

On the injury front, Macca is back in full training and we are hoping that the worst is now over. He is going to be a big asset over the next period. Scotty has progressed unbelievably well from his injury and we are well ahead of schedule, but patience is

a virtue. To be fair when they are running around the training ground, it's hard to tell who's who from a distance.

Gambo is also back on the training field and ready to push on. They have all enjoyed the Watt bike cardio sessions (Thanks to Bobbers Travel again for buying it). In fact, Gambo said he couldn't understand why anyone would do the Tour De France. The answer is simple. It's the best way to win a yellow T-shirt.

The work behind the scenes by the medical and sports science is now more important than ever as we push to keep our best players on the pitch.

Elliot injured his shoulder on Tuesday night, right at the end. Good news is that he didn't fracture his collar bone. It's a shame as he was on fire during the game, just proving that good things do come in small packages.

Congratulations to the Staff team for winning the Quiz Night recently. However one question caused some discussion. "On the internet, what is the most used language?" The older team members went for English or possibly Mandarin. The younger members went for Emoji. Now that is a sign of the times.

Enjoy the game. COYH

[SIMON SAYS...]

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[TOWN TEAM-MATES]

HARRY CORNICK'S TOWN TEAM-MATES

Who do you travel in with?

My house-mates, Jack Stacey and Harry Isted.

Who do you sit next to in the dressing room?

In between Hylts and Stacey. It's a very good corner.

Who do you room with?

Luke Berry, who's a good room-mate – especially at making the teas!

Most annoying on away trips?

I'm going to say James Shea, because he's on my table on the coach. He never moves, never makes teas, doesn't put anything in the bin. He just stays still and makes everyone do everything for him.

Best trainer?

Olly Lee, hands down.

Strongest in the gym?

Frankie Musonda is in there a lot, but strongest is Pelly – even though he's never in there.

Quickest feet?

The Lee brothers. There was a disgusting nutmeg from Elliot Lee on Johnny Mullins in training today, but I'll go for both of them.

Nutmeg king?

Same answer!

Biggest moaner?

Collo. Whenever I'm crossing the ball, even if it's a brilliant cross but it's not to him, it's my fault. It HAS to go to him – or he's not happy!

Loudest in the dressing room?

Mully, he's always loud and on the go.

Gaffer's pet?

Hylts, hands down.



And the worst at pool?

Jack Stacey, easily. He's always making the teas.

Best dressed?

Jordan Cook.

Worst dressed?

Frankie Musonda once wore a navy tracksuit and black top with it, and I hated it. But I'm going to go for Aaron Jarvis, because he's got this sheepskin Jack Wills top that put me on the back foot when I met him!

Who spends the longest time in front of the mirror?

Pottsy does quite a bit, and Macca and Scott Cuthbert when they're shaving their heads.

Most intelligent?

Stacey is up there because he's doing a degree and he's going to set up his own business, but in terms of actual intelligence, Scottie is so old and wise.

Least intelligent?

Hylts.

Best banter?

For me personally, Elliot Lee. I feel that me and him bounce off each other nicely.

Most likely to be a manager?

Everyone goes for Macca because he's doing his badges, but I can see Collo becoming a manager because he's a moaner and he talks a good game. Macca too though, because he's got a good football brain.

Finally, predict your player of the year?

Hylts, Stechy or Dan Potts – he's been unbelievable – but probably Hylts as he'll vote for himself!

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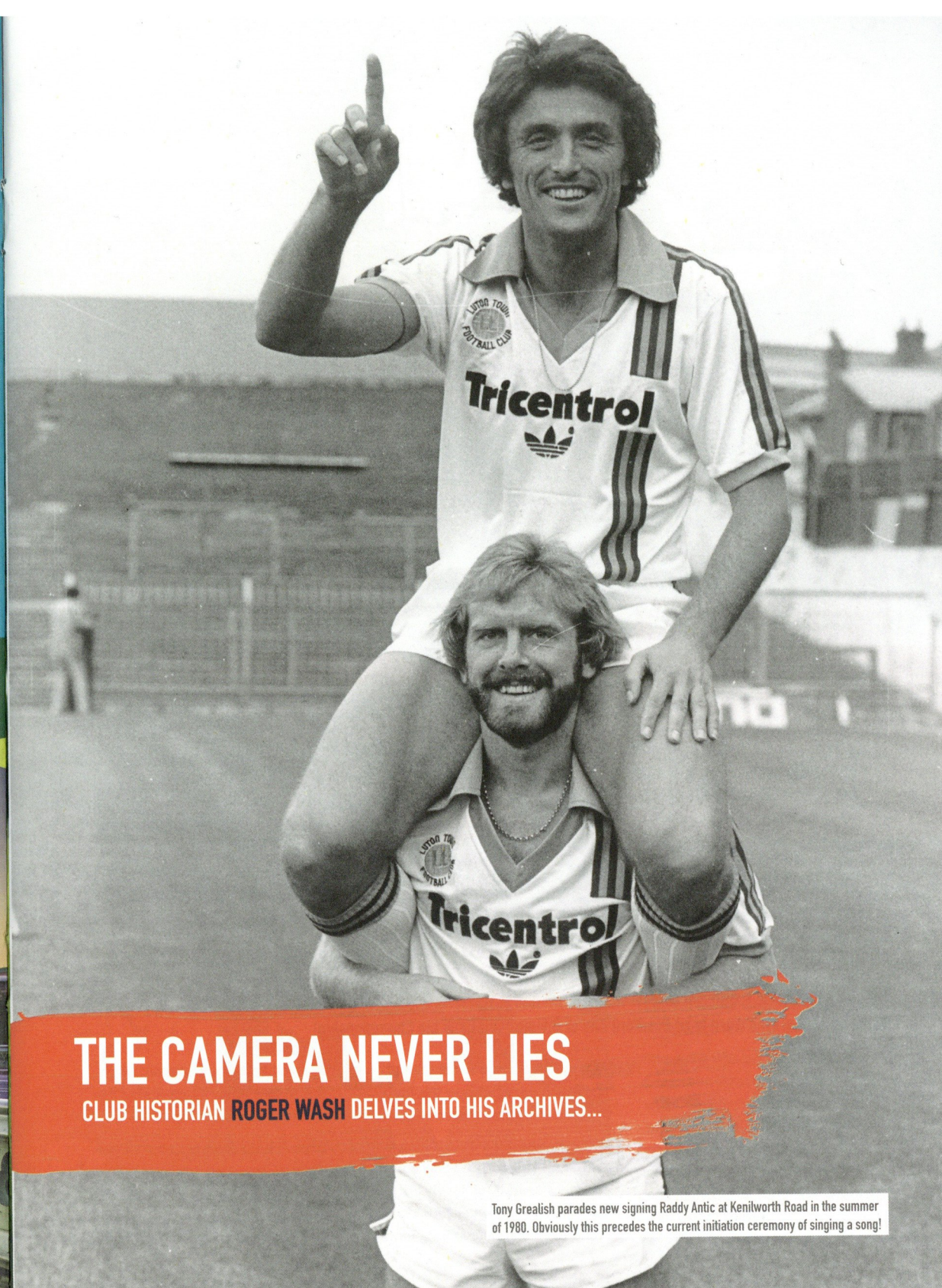


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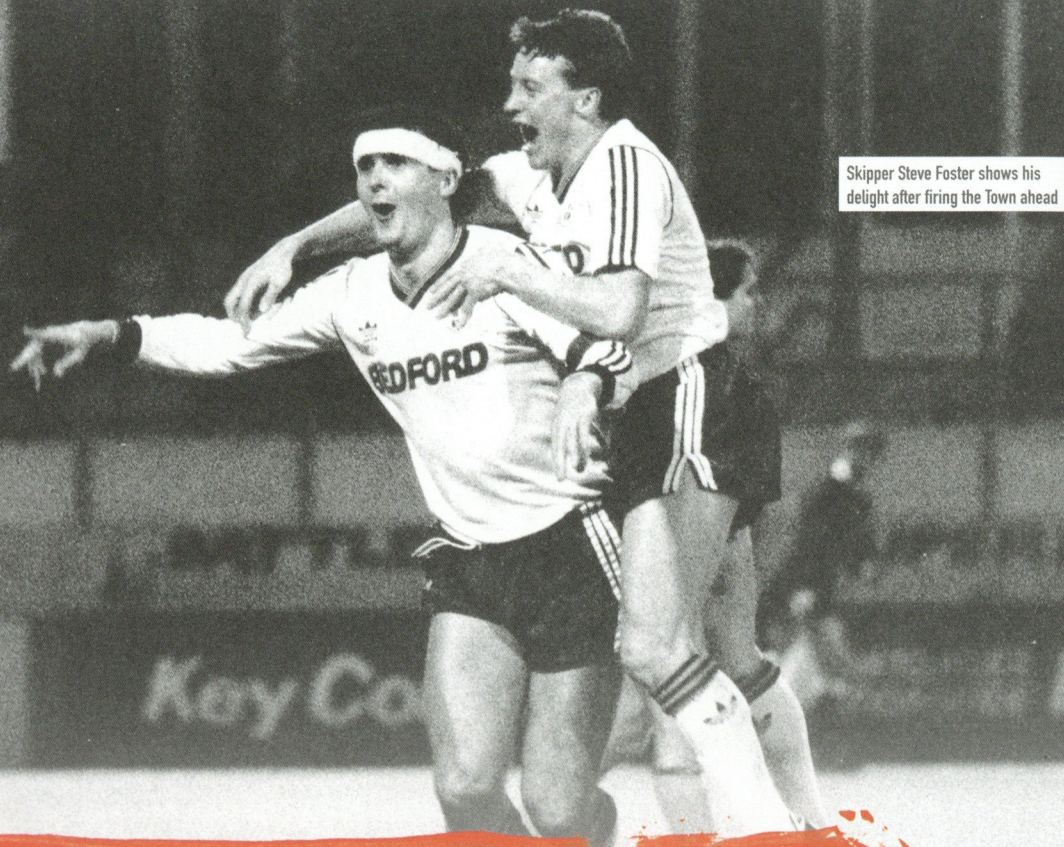
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CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH DELVES INTO HIS ARCHIVES...

Tony Greatish parades new signing Raddy Antic at Kenilworth Road in the summer of 1980. Obviously this precedes the current initiation ceremony of singing a song!



Skipper Steve Foster shows his delight after firing the Town ahead

THE ROAD TO WEMBLEY

BY ROGER WASH

COME APRIL 24TH 2018, IT WILL BE 30 YEARS SINCE WE ENJOYED THE MOST GLORIOUS DAY IN THE CLUB'S HISTORY WHEN LIFTING THE LITTLEWOODS CUP AT WEMBLEY. IN THIS OCCASIONAL SERIES, WE WILL BE LOOKING BACK AT THE ROAD TO WEMBLEY WITH ALL ITS TWISTS AND TURNS BEFORE FINALLY STEPPING OUT AT THE 'TWIN TOWERS.'

Following the fourth round win at Ipswich, the Town had to wait over two months before taking on their next opponents in the competition, who were to be Bradford City of Division Two (now the Championship).

In the meantime, nine League games had to be taken care of with five wins and two draws recorded to push the Hatters up to eighth spot in the table. Notable home wins over Tottenham and Chelsea, plus a 1-0 win at Vicarage Road, put Luton supporters in good spirits.

Also in this period was the start of an FA Cup run which saw the Town progress through to the semi-finals.

Wembley was still a distant dream at that stage though, as we had only come out narrowly on top 2-1 at Hartlepool in a tough encounter in round three and were looking forward

to a visit from Southampton, which was to take place 11 days after the clash with Bradford City.

When the Littlewoods Cup draw was made in November, the Bantams immediately asked for their full allocation of 3,500 tickets. When Coventry had done the same in round

three, the police and Local Authority had refused to licence the game at Kenilworth Road citing health and safety reasons, as most of the cages and fences had been ripped up after the Town banned away supporters in 1986 and segregation would prove difficult.

Not wishing to move the game as they did against Coventry, the Town made strong representations to the authorities with the upshot that £3,000 was spent to move a refreshment bar off the Kenilworth Road terrace and move a police walkway. The Bantams were also asked to limit their ticket sales to members only.

City had dropped from top spot to sixth in the intervening period having won only one of their last eight League games, but there would be a welcome return to Kenilworth Road

for the first time in ten years of Ron Futcher, who was the top scorer at Valley Parade that season. Also in the City side was future Hatter Mick Kennedy.

A crowd of 11,022 – the second best of the season at that stage – turned up, including 2,500 from Bradford, to hear the news that talisman striker Mick Harford was back after suspension and had agreed a new three-year deal to stay at Kenilworth Road.

The first half was very tense, with City quick to draw nine men back behind the ball in the hope that they could take the Town back to Valley Parade. Chances were few and far between, and in fact the best opportunity fell to the Bantams when, with the Town pushing up, a poor pass from Danny Wilson let in City's Mark Ellis, but he shot hopelessly wide.

The stalemate was eventually broken on 55 minutes with the type of goal you do not see very often. City goalkeeper Paul Tomlinson collected the ball, dribbled it out of the area and back again before picking it up for a second time without another player touching it.

Late replacement referee John Martin, who was less than popular at Kenilworth Road due to the awarding of a free-kick that never was during

MICK HARFORD WAS BACK AFTER SUSPENSION AND HAD AGREED A NEW THREE-YEAR DEAL TO STAY AT KENILWORTH ROAD.

the FA Cup semi-final against Everton at Villa Park in 1985, leading to a Toffees equaliser, immediately blew for an indirect free-kick. "It's all there in Law 12 section 5a," he said afterwards.

Wilson rolled the ball to Foster whose shot flew into the City net via a deflection, and with that the floodgates could, and should, have opened as the Bantams had to come out to seek an equaliser.

The game was over nine minutes later when Wilson fired in a shot which was parried to Harford, who netted with a diving header. Several chances were spurned after that, but everyone was happy with a 2-0 win and forthcoming semi-final clashes with Oxford United.



Kingsley Black is beaten to the ball by Bradford City's John Hendrie

TOWN 2 : WYCOMBE 3

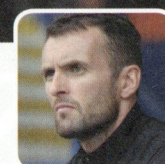
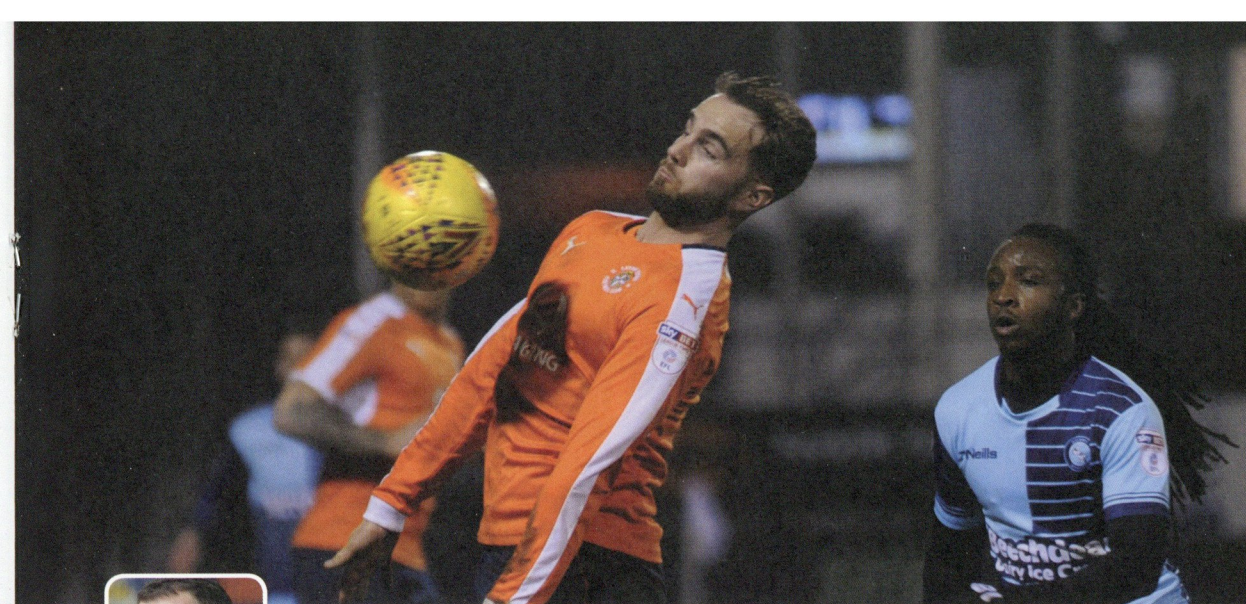


TUE 30TH JANUARY | KENILWORTH ROAD | ATTENDANCE: 8,564 | AWAY: 791

TOWN GOALS: ELLIOT LEE 43, 78' | **WYCOMBE GOALS:** COWAN-HALL 2', TYSON 39', 70'

HATTERS: STECH, STACEY, MULLINS (MPANZU 57), SHEEHAN ©, POTTS, REA, O LEE (D'ATH 78), BERRY, SHINNIE (CORNICK 69), E LEE, COLLINS. | **SUBS NOT USED:** JUSTIN, JARVIS, FAMEWO, SHEA (GK) **YELLOW CARDS:** POTTS

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JONES:

"It was a disappointing evening. A wonderful game for the neutral, in terms of end-to-end chances. But it's disappointing from our point of view. We didn't give ourselves a real chance after we conceded after the first minute from schoolboy defending, poor defending in fact. When you concede three at home, it's very unlikely you win the game."



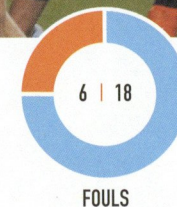
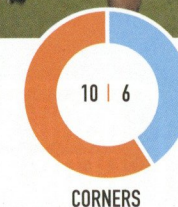
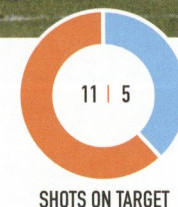
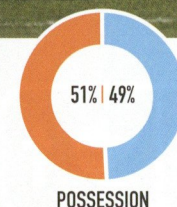
Elliot Lee fires in his second goal



THE MAIN MINUTES

- 2'** GOAL to Wycombe – Paris Cowan-Hall fires the ball into the bottom left corner from 18 yards after Marek Stech superbly denied Nathan Tyson one-on-one from close range. 0-1 #COYH
- 19'** Town have grown into this, and they're unlucky not to get a goal back – Elliot Lee turns his man to get into the box, looks for the bottom right corner with a low effort, Brown saves, Collins follows up from 10 yards but it's blocked!
- 39'** GOAL to Wycombe - the visitors double their lead as Tyson fires in from close range after Town fail to deal with a Chairboys' corner, Akinfenwa heading it back across goal for his fellow forward to convert. 0-2

- 43' GET IN THERE! TOWN GET A GOAL BACK!** Elliot Lee reduces the deficit – Scott Brown denies James Collins from close range, Jack Stacey gets it to Elliot who manages to get a shot away through a crowd of players, finding the bottom left corner! 1-2 #COYH
- 70'** GOAL to Wycombe – the visitors counter through Tyson, who tucks the ball under Stech from close range to extend the Chairboys' lead. 1-3 #COYH
- 78' ELLIOT AGAIN!** Town are back in it, Elliot Lee gets an acrobatic effort away which forces a great save from Brown, but the striker is quickest to the loose ball, lashing in from close range – an emphatic finish! 2-3 #COYH



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[JACK STACEY ON WYCOMBE]

JACK LOOKS TO BOUNCE STRAIGHT BACK

STACEY AIMING FOR IMMEDIATE RESPONSE AGAINST FORMER CLUB

Town defender Jack Stacey is hoping to put the wrongs of Tuesday night's defeat to Wycombe right this afternoon as the Hatters welcome his former side Exeter City to Kenilworth Road.

Although disappointed with the result against Chairboys, the ex-Reading and Carlisle United man believes his side will be more than capable of bouncing back today.

He said: "We're all massively disappointed, it was such a massive chance against a big team. But credit to Wycombe, they came here with a game plan and they matched us up in the diamond and now we just have to look forward to Saturday, it's another big game.

"We believe the whole way through games that we can get goals to win games. It didn't come off for us today, but if we carry on creating chances the way we did then they will drop for us throughout the rest of the season.

"From Saturday, keeping a clean sheet with ten men, to the Wycombe game, when we go a goal down in just over a minute, but we still believed we could get back into the game. Elliot scored two good goals and we had chances.

"He's very good in those tight spaces and we knew he could cause their centre-backs trouble. He showed two pieces of real quality to score the goals."

The defeat also saw the Town's lead at the top of the table cut by a point, but the right-back is confident the Hatters can rebuild that points difference, starting with a good result today.

"A bit of perspective, we are still ten points ahead of fourth and we have got a great chance on Saturday to push ourselves ahead of a team that are in that pack behind us, so that's all we can look forward to now," he added.

The 21-year-old made 38 appearances for the Grecians last season, netting the winner in their play-off semi-final win over Carlisle United.



Paul Tisdale's side put in an excellent first half performance when we visited St James Park in October, but a tremendous second 45 minutes from the Hatters saw them run out 4-1 winners.

With that performance in mind, Stacey knows today's visitors will be a real test for Nathan Jones' team.

Jack continued: "Exeter were very good in that first 45 minutes, but in the end, the way we created chances in the second half, we ended up winning the game, so we know it's going to be a test.

"That first 45 minutes was probably the best team we have played against this season, so it's going to be a big game.

"These are the games we work so hard on the training pitch for and we make sacrifices for, so we've got that to look forward to now."



GET GAME READY



BRING IT ON!

[KEVIN HARPER]

TOWN TRAVELLERS

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

“This was a fantastic win. When we look back on the season in May, hopefully sipping a glass of bubbly celebrating promotion, this is one of those three points that will have played a huge part in it.

To play away from home with ten men for almost an hour and still find a way to win says everything about both the spirit in the team, and the quality.

We dodged an early bullet in the game when a thunderbolt from Grimsby midfielder Luke Summerfield smacked the crossbar, while Grimsby then survived a scare when a Luke Berry header was cleared off the line and Cornick's follow up hit a Luton man.

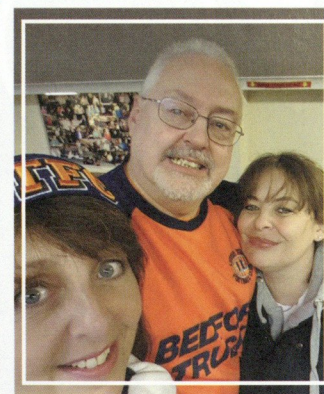
We were then up against it once Jordan Cook was dismissed just after the half hour mark for a second yellow with the score still at 0-0.

I would have taken a point at half-time, however shortly into the second half a brilliant Luke Berry free-kick was met with a great save, but the ball came back off the bar to James Collins, who has made a living out of scoring from that range. In fairness, we saw the game out really well and fully deserved a brilliant win.

There's nothing better than watching Luton win away, especially when we have been up against it – so this was a good day.

It was topped off by the excellent fish and chips on offer before the game and while the journey each way was a long one, it ended up being well worth it as the Town pulled further clear at the top, and three points closer to the overall aim. Get in! ”

...AND HIS INTERVIEW WITH FELLOW TRAVELLING TOWN FAN **TONY MURRAY**



Who do you go to games with?

A right gang of reprobates! Mostly friends and family.

Who is your all-time favourite Luton player?

Very hard to name just one, but it would be between Malcolm Macdonald, Peter Anderson, Ricky Hill and Mick Harford.

Who is your all-time favourite Luton manager?

David Pleat, primarily for the exciting style of football.

Apart from the cup final wins, what are your favourite Luton games?

4-1 win over 'them' in 1981, and the 2013 cup win at Norwich.

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

Two spring to mind for different reasons. Matt Spring's goal at

Vicarage Road in the Worthington Cup. Brian Stein's winner in the 1988 Littlewoods Cup final, too.

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

Ricky Hill. He was pure class.

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

Harry Haslam, Eric Morecambe, Alec Stock, Mick Harford and Steve Foster. What a fun night that would be!

Where will Luton finish this season?

Champions – where else!?

What does LTFC mean to you?

A constant presence in my life that has given me fantastic emotional highs and lows, as well as some great friends and good times.

Describe LTFC in three words.

The absolute world!

How long have you supported Luton?

More years than I care to remember!

What got you into supporting Luton?

My Grandad and my uncle, who was actually a Rotherham fan.

Where do you sit at home games?

In the main stand, just above the tunnel.

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[NEWS]

SOMERSET HATTERS HIT THE HIGH ROAD!

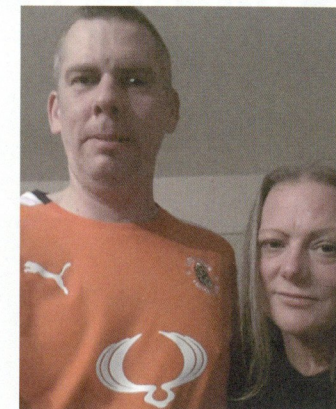
Somerset-based Hatter Gavin Hale got in touch with This Is Our Town ahead of this afternoon's match to tell us how he and his partner, Kelly Croft, are clocking up the miles – and goals – in support of the Town this season!

Gavin wrote: "My partner and I are travelling to watch Luton v Exeter from Somerset.

It's a six-hour round trip on a good day. Since converting Kelly to a Hatter (she was a Pompey fan!), we have managed to come up for three league games so far this season with an aggregate score of 18-4 – Luton 8 Yeovil 2, Luton 3 Newport 1 and Luton 7 Stevenage 1!

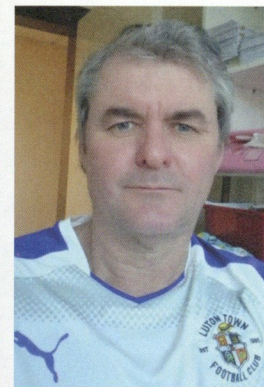
"Coming from close to Yeovil, I can only chose that opening day game as the best. We seem to have chosen the best games and hope the Exeter one will be just as high scoring for the Hatters. Can't wait to see the Hatters in action and all the best for the rest of the season – COYH!"

Have a great day guys, and hopefully the goals have followed you up the M5 again!



CALLING SOUTH WALES SUPPORTERS!

Another long-distance Luton fan, Gary McCall, wrote in to see if there are any Town fans who would want to share lifts with him to Hatters matches nationwide.



"I live in Barry, near Cardiff in south Wales, and I am a lifelong Town fan from the days of living in Dunstable back in the late 1960s early 1970s," wrote Gary.

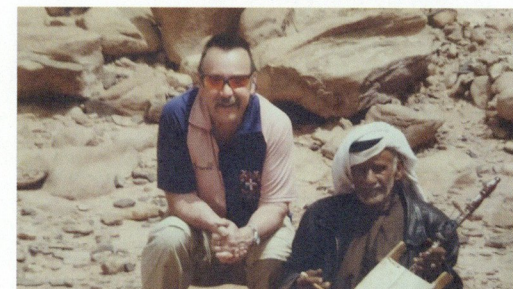
"I was wondering if there were any supporters groups in the south Wales region that I could contact, and maybe travel with to away games mainly.

"I sometimes travel to games on my own, including flying up to Newcastle from Bristol recently to watch the Town take 7,500 fans to St James Park.

"If there are local groups in my region I would appreciate being put in touch with them."

Gary can be contacted on garry_mccall@yahoo.co.uk

MALCOLM WHARTON



Mike Johnson has brought us the sad news of loyal Town fan Malcolm Wharton passing away before the turn of the year.

Mike wrote: "Malcolm became a Hatter in the early 1960s and the first match he attended was on the 24th August 1963, a 1-0 win against Walsall with Gordon Turner scoring the only goal. From that point on his support for Luton was unwavering and during his 54 years of supporting the Town, he witnessed eight relegations and seven promotions.

"Malcolm was a historian and travelled far and wide in pursuit of his interests. He would usually be wearing a Luton shirt and the photograph shows Malc in the desert in Jordan telling the fiddler about the delights of being a Hatter!

"Sadly, Malcolm passed away at the end of 2017 after an 18-month fight against cancer, leaving behind his beloved wife Sue and his two daughters, Abigail and Esther, with whom he was besotted. Rest in peace, Malcolm."

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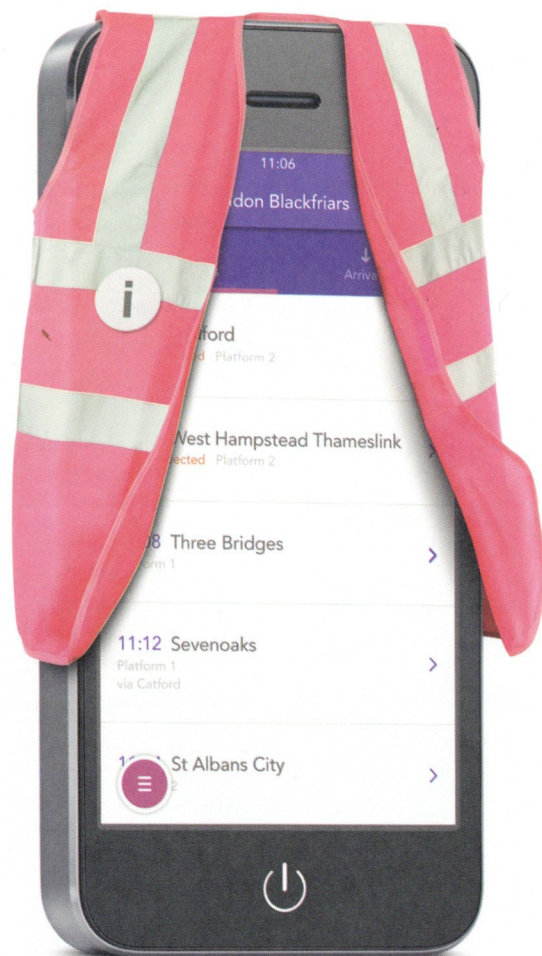
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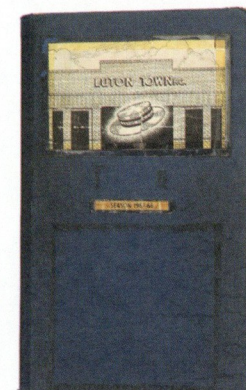
WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!

PART SIXTEEN

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...



Saturday February 17th 1968 will be etched in the memories of all Luton supporters who were present at Griffin Park, Brentford that afternoon.

A 2-0 win, the first away since November, was of course welcome. But the major reason for the outpourings of delight was that the Town were now top of the table for the first time that season.

Following a return to form the previous Saturday, leading to a 4-1 home thumping of Rochdale, the Hatters side was unchanged and a good many supporters travelled to West London to see a scrappy first half with the Town forwards spurning several opportunities that came their way.

This all changed in the second half when two goals in four minutes effectively killed the game. Firstly, Alan Slough was on the end of a well-worked move, which involved winger Ray Whittaker pulling the ball back into his path on the edge of the area where it was smashed home.

Shortly after, Bruce Rioch took advantage of a Brentford defensive error when the ball was presented to him and he lashed home, again from the edge of the area.

The fight drained out of Brentford at this point and the Town should have improved their goal average, but although there were some near misses, everyone was content with a comfortable 2-0 victory.

The Luton party enjoyed a champagne celebration in a London Colney hotel on the way home when it was revealed that manager Allan Brown had turned down the chance to take over at Plymouth of Division Two (now the Championship), where he could have earned £5,000 a year!

"I want to stay at Kenilworth Road and pilot the team into Division Three...and from there who knows?" said Brown.

Next up was a re-arranged midweek trip to Aldershot. The original game was postponed the previous November due to a waterlogged pitch, a fate which also befell the current



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THE PLAYERS
ARE HANDED
BRAND NEW
TRACKSUITS



Mr John Brent joins the Luton team for a jog round the pitch this morning. The team are wearing the new tracksuits which Mr Brent has given them. They will be used for keeping warm while loosening up before a match and for special occasions. In the picture (from left to right) Graham French, Brian Riech, Mr Brent, Alan Slough, Max Dougan and Terry Branstom.

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SO SIMPLE
FOR LUTON

Luton 4, Lincoln 2. By HAROLD MAYES
ALAN BROWN'S fire-
crackers—with matches
in hand over their
closest rivals, and a pre-
-determined of home games
—the Fourth Division
run-in—really
started only ten minutes to
go, but any chance of
a goal in checking their suc-
cessful fall.
At that time they had
reced to a two-goal lead,
created chances enough to
have scored three more, and
generally given the impres-
sion that they could win
easily and how they pleased.
Lincoln hopes flickered
when their first
effective raid produced a
corner which led to Jim
Grummett reducing the
error.
But the rampaging Luton
forwards really sealed up the
game when Ray Whittaker
converted a penalty in half
an hour to put them 3-1
ahead.
Keith Allen's fourth, a

Luton's
ex-mascot
provides
sartorial
elegance!

Mascot

"When I was a small boy I was the Town's mascot. I used to travel to away matches as well with the team. Before the match I would don the famous black and white strip and run out with the team.

"Now I am based in Brussels, and I have been abroad for the best part of 35 years. I always watch the football matches on Eurovision TV and I noted that the teams always wear track-suits for the kick-about in order to start the match warm.

"I thought this would be a good idea for Luton, and so I have bought the team a set," he said.

The suits are royal blue, and Luton manager Allan Brown said: "They are too good for training. We will just use them on special occasions. The boys will wear them for kick-about before matches as Mr Brent wishes, and we will wear them for our trip to Blackpool next week and when we have overseas tours.

"The team will really look very smart. We are very grateful to Mr Brent for his generosity."

Said Mr Brent: "When I am on the continent, the first thing I do on a Saturday afternoon is to give a Saturday afternoon to Luton's result. I have been a staunch supporter of the club ever since I first saw that game 50 years ago.

Four-goal Luton stay at top

Luton Tn 4
Lincoln 2

By ROGER
DUCKWORTH

LUTON were in top form at Kenilworth Road this afternoon with a 4-2 win over Lincoln.

There was something of a Cup-tie atmosphere before the match. Luton's supporters were entertained by a display of police-dog efficiency as part of Luton's cut-crime drive.

Luton were at full strength and retained the side that has won the last two matches so convincingly. Lincoln were also as programmed.

It was the first time in this successful season that Town had attracted their fans to Kenilworth Road as table toppers, and 20 minutes before the kick-off there looked as if there was going to be a big gate.

Lincoln began when Peden headed a long ball into the Luton penalty area, but Terry Branstom headed clear.

Just a minute later Luton fans were roaring in anticipation when Keith Allen just missed a ball from the right in front of goal.

Splendid

This had been a splendid move which involved Riech, Buxton and Slough, and Jardine chased across to stop the ball going into touch, gave it back to Allen, but after a scramble goalkeeper Kennedy had only a short shot to save.

Dougan set them roaring again when he robbed the fast-moving Holmes and chased 50 yards.

The ball went out to the right where Buxton beat his man and centred. The ball was just too high for the jumping Allen, but WHITTAKER was running in and swept the ball passed Kennedy from close range.

A minute later Luton almost went further ahead when Jardine put Riech through with a brewed pass and the inside left's shot was not very far wide.

Town kept up the pressure and from a Whittaker corner Buxton was penalised for riding on Harford's shoulders. Moore put in some hard work on the half-way line, but a return pass from Riech was blocked and Moore lost control.

French came into the picture in the eighth minute when he headed a ball from the right with a

dazzling run and accepted a return pass from Allen, and it was only hands by Pilgrim just outside the area that prevented him from going through.

Slough's free kick, quickly taken, shot into a group of photographers on the left hand side of the Oak Road end goal.

Luton went two up in the 10th minute with a superb goal from BRUCE RIECH's right foot which swung from well outside the penalty area.

Branstom thumped a long free kick into the area, Slough headed it on and it was only half cleared by RIECH who smashed it back first time past Kennedy, who didn't even have time to move.

Fine attempt

A long first-time clearance by John Moore in the face of a rapidly building Lincoln attack was chased by Allen into the empty half of the field, and the advancing Kennedy only just got there first.

After 15 minutes Whittaker made another fine attempt at goal and his quick thinking almost put Town further ahead.

Buxton turned quickly to give the winger a return pass on the edge of the box following a Moore pass, and under heavy pressure and with the goalkeeper advancing, Whittaker tried a cheeky chip instead of the expected drive and his effort was only just over the crossbar.

In a rare attack that built up slowly from the left Holmes almost surprised Read with a snap shot that was turned round for a corner. From this Lincoln scored the easiest of goals when GRUMMETT was unmarked and he didn't have a lot of difficulty in heading into the net.

After Lincoln's goal had shocked Luton they burst back into attack and Buxton, presented with a good opportunity, shot just wide.

Well saved

Allen chased a long ball through the middle, controlled it well, ran clear, but with only Kennedy to beat shot wide.

French controlled a high clearance and after he had cut inside his shot was blocked and bounced clear to Buxton, whose angled shot was well saved by Kennedy.

Half-way through the first half Luton appeared to have lost some of their impetus, and Dougan was called on to make a fine tackle to rob Thom in a dangerous position on the left.

Lincoln were looking dangerous in breakaways and the Luton crowd was relieved to see the linesman's flag wave as Holmes found himself with the ball right in front of goal.

After Allen had been scored by Harford five yards from the

touchline on the left knee was inches high with a header. In the 30th minute Luton were awarded a penalty for hands by Brown, who stopped Buxton's header entering the net. WHITTAKER scored in immaculate style.

The events leading up to the penalty produced some fine football. French beat Peden, slipped the ball to Slough, who in turn passed to the overlapping Dougan by the corner flag. The full back put across a grand centre and it was from this that Buxton had his attempt handled.

Jardine was hurt in a melee on the edge of the Lincoln penalty area and received lengthy treatment from Town's new trainer Doug Davidson.

Just before the interval Luton set their Oak Road end choir into full voice when Keith ALLEN collected a long ball from Slough over towards the right, pushed it forward tantalisingly close to Kennedy then followed it up and thumped it into the net for Luton's fourth.

HT: Luton 4 Lincoln 1
Straight from the kick off for the second half Buxton jiggled his way through, and a smart effort by Harford the wrong way his hard shot was blocked in front of goal by an outstretched foot.

French won a corner which Kennedy completely missed and Brown, who had been unlucky to give away a penalty in a similar position in the first half, headed off the goal line.

Allen was following up and his hard shot rose just above the crossbar into the crowd.

Pilgrim started a promising move for Lincoln, but Holmes ruined it in the penalty area by giving a through ball which went straight out for a goal kick.

Lincoln's defence was panicked into giving away a corner, and from the kick French's effort was headed back for a second. This one was punched clear.

Over bar

French featured in another good move for Luton when his long cross was headed back by Allen, and Riech shot just over the bar.

French continued to tease the defence with hanging centres and on one occasion Kennedy made a good diving save to cut out one of these from the head of Buxton.

In the 60th minute manager Allan Brown sent on Mickie Brown to substitute for Alan Slough, who did not appear to be injured. Lincoln sent on Ford for Cobb.

A short pass from Whittaker back in defence sent Riech away and after a 50-yard sprint he shot just wide.

Brown showed well within a couple of minutes of taking the field when he robbed Lincoln of possession and sent French away on the right.

The winger won a corner after his centre was punched over the bar, and in a terrific goalmouth scramble Kennedy lost possession twice, a shot from Allen was headed off the line and Luton were awarded two more corners in quick succession before Lincoln eased the pressure.

Brown also got himself into trouble a couple of times with well-meant clearances that went wrong, and with Lincoln sensing they could score again, the Luton goal came under some pressure.

Do-or-die

A long free kick into the goal mouth by Dougan caused Lincoln some problems, and Harford was forced to make a do-or-die clearance which almost resulted in an own goal.

With the clock showing two minutes to go Read made a good low save to a smart effort by Pilgrim and seconds later Grummett just failed to get to a low centre.

Seconds before the end Holmes started a good move on the left and his pass inside was neatly collected by THOM who smashed a hard shot past the unsuspecting Read.

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Luton Tn	30	17	8	5	62
Sheff City	33	18	5	6	60
Walsley	22	16	9	7	45
Southend	21	15	10	6	44
Crewe	30	14	10	6	35
Aldershot	30	13	12	5	31
Chatterfield	29	15	7	7	34
Hartlepool	31	14	6	11	36
Halifax	30	10	10	10	26
Brentford	22	13	4	15	43
Swansea	29	12	6	11	46
Wrexham	30	11	7	12	46
Doncaster	30	9	11	10	43
Newport	30	9	11	10	42
Notts County	31	10	8	13	36
Lincoln	31	10	7	15	40
Port Vale	31	8	11	12	40
Rochdale	21	8	10	13	37
Exeter	29	9	9	12	36
Wokington	22	8	9	15	43
York	20	8	8	14	42
Darlington	29	8	11	12	32
Sheff	31	6	9	16	35
Grimsby	30	4	12	14	24

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THE OAK
ROAD END
CHOIR IS IN
FULL VOICE



Concerned colleagues watch Fred Jardine receive treatment during the Lincoln clash at Kenilworth Road



attempt – at least we were spared the trip to Hampshire as this time the coaches had not left Oak Road when the news was received.

The Kenilworth Road crowd was up to 11,159 to see the table toppers take on Lincoln the following Saturday. They were greeted by a Luton team running out in their brand new blue tracksuits kindly donated by long standing Hatters fan, Brussels-based John Brent.

For the second home game in a row the Town surged into a 4-1 first half lead, then appeared content to rest on their laurels in the second period. Whittaker had opened the scoring after only four minutes when he tapped home a Slough cross at the far post, closely followed by a Rioch mis-hit shot which trickled past the unsighted goalkeeper into the net.

The Hatters were completely on top so it came as a surprise when Lincoln, in a rare breakaway, won a corner which was headed home by Jim Grummett.

It was only 12 minutes before the Town regained their two-goal lead when Lincoln's Mick Brown handled an Ian Buxton header that appeared to be going wide with Whittaker making no mistake from the spot.

Keith Allen added to the scoreline just before the interval when he was left in acres of space to latch on to a long ball from full-back Max Dougan to pick his spot.

Lincoln added a second goal from Lewis Thom just before the end to give the scoreline an unrealistic look, but

the Town had not exerted themselves in the second half knowing that they had another home game two days later.

The original home game against Darlington had been abandoned after only seven minutes the previous October due to rain of biblical proportions. This time the pitch was a lot drier and a crowd of 13,948, including two scouts from Arsenal, saw Rioch open the scoring after six minutes with a wonder goal.

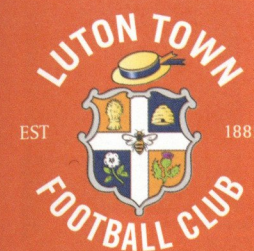
HEROICS

Deep in his own half, Rioch called for the ball from goalkeeper Tony Read before setting off on a 60-yard run, hurtling past four defenders before smashing home a shot from the edge of the area.

The lead was doubled on 39 minutes when Allen took full advantage after a Buxton shot was blocked, and after that it was complete one-way traffic with Darlington defending desperately and their goalkeeper, Tony Moor, performing heroics.

The Town's third goal, which was the least they deserved, came from the unlikely boot of John Moore four minutes from the end when his left foot shot from the narrowest of angles completely bamboozled Moor.

Two minutes later Moore's happiness was dampened somewhat when he diverted a hard cross from Harry Kirk past Tony Read for an own goal. No matter, we were now three points clear at the top with games in hand.



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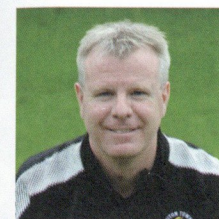
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ANDY AWFORD'S ACADEMY UPDATE

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to today's game versus Exeter City.

U18S

Football should never surprise us! However, it has certainly taken me aback over the last couple of weeks! After writing in my programme notes for the Morecambe game, that following a narrow 2-1 defeat away at Northampton Town, it appeared that the Under 18s would have to settle for a place in Merit League 2, a very indifferent sequence of results, coupled with our recent 5-2 victory over Dagenham & Redbridge, left us needing a win against Barnet on Tuesday at Ely Way to qualify for Merit League 1.

Could we do it? I am happy to report that we won the game 1-0, although typically it was not plain sailing. After creating numerous chances first half, we were disappointed to go in 0-0 at half time, through some very good goalkeeping and some wasteful finishing.

In fairness to Barnet they had the upper hand after the break and we were grateful to our goalkeeper, Tiernan Parker, who made two fine saves to keep us in the game.

With ten minutes remaining it didn't look like we would earn the win, however Jack James popped up to fire home from an acute angle and we then saw the game out professionally to pip AFC Wimbledon on goal difference into the top six.

The top-six finish will now see us play the stronger sides from our South-East league and the South-West league, and provide both U18s and 16s with a decent games programme to the end of the season.

Our early season performances, both as individuals and as a team, were not at the required standard and the first half of the season was huge learning curve for all their players.

In fairness to them, and coach Inigo Idiakez, the last 13 competitive fixtures have seen them win 11 and lose two, so they deserve credit for the turn-around in results and performances.

CUP COMPETITIONS

We will find out who we will play in the Southern Area Cup Final today as Exeter and Oxford play their semi-final.

Hopefully, we can get a home draw and progress into the National Final facing the winner of the following semi-finals, also played today: Hartlepool v Grimsby and Wigan v Preston.

Tuesday night sees us travel to Bedford Town for the semi-final of the Bedfordshire Senior Cup. Bedford will have a familiar face as Paul Benson (who now coaches our Academy U13 players), has joined them on loan from Boreham Wood. Kick-off is 7.45pm and it would be great to see as many of you as possible over there to support the boys in their quest to reach the final.

WELCOME MY FRIEND

Finally, I would like to personally welcome a good friend and life-long Hatters fan, who currently resides across the water in America, to today's game. He would slaughter me for naming him so I won't, however he is totally supportive of the club, in

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

particular the Academy in more ways than one, and we are all extremely grateful for his support.

I'm sure you'll break your 'curse' this afternoon!! If not you'll have to watch the remainder of this season's games from Mars!

Enjoy today's game. COYH!!

Andy



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SUPER MOVERS HITS LUTON SCHOOLS

The Hatters Trust community team along with Happy Hatty (Harry was grounded!) joined pupils around the corner at Dallow Primary School last week for the launch of Super Movers.

The BBC and the Premier League have launched Super Movers in partnership to help primary school teachers to inspire children to become more active throughout their school day and enhance their learning.

The campaign is specifically designed to help address declining rates of physical activity amongst primary aged children in the UK to achieve all children engaging in at least 60 minutes of physical activity a day, of which 30 minutes should be in school. Through the campaign, teachers are able access short, simple and effective online resources that focus on primary school children and support national curriculum objectives.

With resources that will help teachers blend physical activity throughout every child's school day and hopefully beyond Happy Hattie and our coaches led lots of class activity on launch day and even got a shout out on the BBC!

James Hatch, Hatters Trust School Sport Manager, said: "Super Movers is another Premier League schools initiative that will complement our Primary Stars project which seeks to use the inspiration of professional football to inspire all to learn, be active and develop important life skills. Super Movers re-inforces our message to schools of the



importance of physical activity and its widespread benefits for schools and children."

If you would like your school to take part in Super Movers or our Primary Stars projects, please give James a call at the community office on 01582 561622 or drop him an email at james.hatch@lutontown.co.uk



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The first open training session and course information seminar will take place at the Alexander Sports Centre in Bedford next Saturday 10th February, and interested students can register a place by contacting us on 01234 340782.

The Luton Town FC Educational Programme in partnership with SSG will provide budding young footballers with the opportunity to represent Luton Town FC at regional level whilst gaining a Level 2 or 3 Diploma in Sport. The course will combine weekly fixtures and training sessions with educational learning, providing a fantastic platform to develop skills and understanding of the game delivered in partnership with Bedford-based Sport Support Group's (SSG) team of tutors.

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NEW VENUE IN LUTON AT ELY WAY TRAINING GROUND

February half term is almost here! If you are one of the hundreds of youngsters who attended our soccer camps last year, then you will already know the format and how to book – and you will also probably have received all of the details of our soccer camps already.

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07725 172345 or by emailing soccerschool@lutontown.co.uk. We look forward to seeing everyone during half-term.



HATTERSLADIES

17-UP AS TOWN BEAT WOBURN TO REACH LAST FOUR!

The first team started their defence of the Beds County Cup away at Woburn last Sunday and they progressed to the semi-finals in emphatic fashion against the side they beat at the same stage last season.

Manager Nikki Baker made a few changes to the side for her last game before going off on maternity leave.

Youngster Amy Martin made her first team debut in goal, and the Hatters opted for an attacking 3-4-3 formation.

It didn't take long before the goals started to flow and after four minutes, Kim Farrow scored from close range after the keeper made a good save from Tash Fensome's shot. A few minutes later, Steph Gale scored another on the rebound from the keeper to double the lead.

On 17 minutes it was 3-0 when Lisa Nixon played a superb cross in and Fensome slotted it in, then Henman's header from Zara Carroll's cross made it 4-0.

The Hatters then went on a rampage, scoring another three in four minutes. Firstly, Henman headed in another Carroll corner, before Farrow finished well to make it six. Henman then passed the ball into Jess McKay and she beat the keeper to it to finish into an empty net.

After a ten-minute spell without scoring, Carroll hit a free-kick goalwards that was saved and rolled over the line to make it 8-0, and right on half-time, Fensome scored her second to make it nine, converting a Rachel Kosky cross.

The Hatters ladies carried on the goalscoring rampage after the break and Fensome completed her hat-trick from another Kosky cross to take the score into double figures.

Dionne Manning smashed a shot against the bar on the hour and goal-hungry Fensome scored her fourth on the rebound. Minutes later she added her fifth, before Kosky made it 13-0.

After 75 minutes, Manning found herself through on goal and finished well, before Nixon rounded off some great one-touch football between Fensome, Manning and Henman.

With eight minutes left the Town were not done scoring and Henman completed her hat-trick with a bullet header from Lucy Webster's cross, before Manning tapped it in to complete the scoring at 17.

"We played very well today and kept the tempo up throughout," said Baker. "It was a really professional performance and to score 17, you can't complain. I hope we can take some of that goalscoring form into the league now!"

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)	H	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

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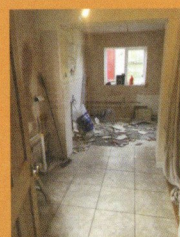
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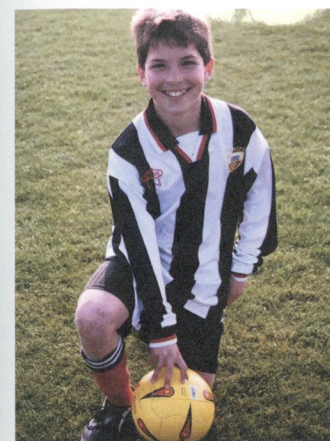
[THE HAPPY HARRY WINNER INTERVIEW]

LUKE GAMBIN

Happy Harry Lunch Bag winners – four-year-old **ELLA** – got to meet and interview Town midfielder Luke Gambin before a recent home game. With the help of her dad, Ella asked the Malta international all about his earliest childhood memories...

ELLA: What is your first football memory?

Luke: I used to go training with an ex-professional called Allan Cockram. He used to take me and my brother for one-on-one training sessions, that's my first memory of kicking a ball.



What was the first team you supported?

My brother was an Arsenal fan, so I just followed him.

What was the first team you played for?

Royal Blues, it was Sunday League.

Who was your favourite player when you were a boy?

Gianfranco Zola. (Pictured right)

What was the first position you played?

I've always been a winger – always the small one on the wing!

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



I think it's always been to be a footballer.

What was the first replica shirt you had?

It would be an Arsenal one.

What was the first CD you bought?

One of Michael Jackson's.

What make were your first pair of boots?

Lotto.

When did you first meet one of your heroes?

I met Neymar at the old training ground at Barnet, when Brazil were over to play England.

What's your favourite Luton song?

'We love you Luton, we do, oh Luton we love you!'

Who is your favourite Disney princess?

I have got loads! It's a tough one, I have got too many! (Luke has since had a chat with Danny Hylton and told TIOT that his favourite is Elsa from Frozen!)



ELLA'S INTERVIEW WITH LUKE CAN BE VIEWED ON WWW.LUTONTOWN.CO.UK

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LAST WEEK:



SHEEZ IS PLEASED

Captain on the day Alan Alan Sheehan was more than happy with his winning return to the side after completing a three game suspension.

COLLO CRASHES HOME WINNER

Hatters forward James Collins shares his thoughts on the 1-0 win over the Mariners, in which he netted his 13th goal of the season



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FAMILY FUN DAYS

It might seem a long way off, but we're already looking forward to springtime when our popular family fun days will be returning to Kenilworth Road. We've earmarked our matches against **Accrington Stanley on March 10th** and **Crewe Alexandra on April 14th** as our next fun days, with entertainment, games, player appearances, music and food for you to enjoy. We'll be announcing further details closer to the time, but make sure you make a note in your diaries so you can get along early and enjoy the atmosphere.

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Don't forget that we offer special lunch bags for our younger supporters for just £5! Happy Harry's lunch bags contain a sandwich (ham, cheese or tuna mayo), a juice drink, a bag of Pomme Bear crisps, a Yo-yo Bear dried fruit snack bag and a piece of fresh fruit. You can pre-order your bag for our home games via our website, and collect them on matchday from Harry's lunch shack outside the Kenilworth Road end. #COYH



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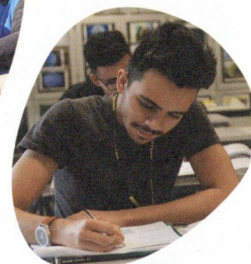
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[STATS AND LEAGUE UPDATE]

LEAGUELOOK

MIDWEEK LEAGUE TWO RESULTS:

Coventry City **3-1** Cambridge United

Lincoln City **3-1** Newport County

Luton Town **2-3** Wycombe Wanderers

Stevenage **0-1** Swindon Town

Yeovil Town **3-0** Grimsby Town

Exeter City **2-0** Forest Green Rovers (Weds)

TODAY'S LEAGUE TWO FIXTURES:

Accrington Stanley **v** Stevenage

Chesterfield **v** Crawley Town

Colchester United **v** Newport County

Forest Green Rovers **v** Coventry City

Grimsby Town **v** Cheltenham Town

Lincoln City **v** Swindon Town

Luton Town **v** Exeter City

Mansfield Town **v** Barnet

Notts County **v** Crewe Alexandra

Port Vale **v** Morecambe

Wycombe Wanderers **v** Carlisle United

Yeovil Town **v** Cambridge United

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	30	18	6	6	66	30	36	60
2	Wycombe Wanderers	29	15	7	7	55	40	15	52
3	Notts County	29	14	9	6	48	32	16	51
4	Exeter City	28	16	3	9	40	33	7	51
5	Coventry City	29	15	5	9	34	21	13	50
6	Mansfield Town	29	13	11	5	43	32	11	50
7	Swindon Town	29	16	2	11	45	40	5	50
8	Accrington Stanley	28	15	4	9	48	34	14	49
9	Lincoln City	29	13	9	7	41	28	13	48
10	Newport County AFC	30	12	10	8	41	36	5	46
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	30	10	8	12	38	41	-3	38
15	Cambridge United	29	10	8	11	28	39	-11	38
16	Cheltenham Town	30	9	8	13	40	45	-5	35
17	Grimsby Town	31	9	8	14	28	43	-15	35
18	Port Vale	30	9	6	15	34	41	-7	33
19	Yeovil Town	29	8	7	14	41	50	-9	31
20	Morecambe	30	7	9	14	29	41	-12	30
21	Crewe Alexandra	29	9	2	18	34	49	-15	29
22	Chesterfield	30	7	6	17	30	53	-23	27
23	Forest Green Rovers	30	7	5	18	31	53	-22	26
24	Barnet	29	5	7	17	28	43	-15	22

PLAYER STATS 2017/18

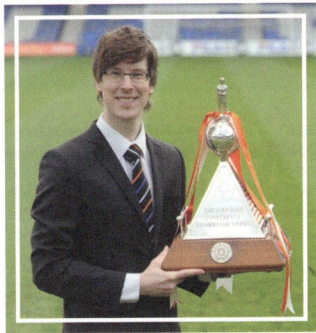
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Luke Berry	21	(3)	5	4	(1)	1	25	(4)	6	4
James Collins	24	(3)	12	3	(0)	1	27	(3)	13	4
Jordan Cook	1	(9)	0	5	(1)	1	6	(10)	1	3
Harry Cornick	11	(15)	4	2	(2)	0	13	(17)	4	1
Kavan Cotter	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	1	1	(0)	1	0
Scott Cuthbert	15	(1)	1	2	(0)	0	17	(1)	1	2
Lawson D'Ath	2	(5)	0	4	(0)	1	6	(5)	1	1
Akin Famewo	1	(2)	0	5	(0)	0	6	(2)	0	0
Luke Gambin	3	(2)	1	4	(3)	1	7	(5)	2	0
Danny Hylton	25	(0)	15	4	(0)	2	29	(0)	17	8
Jack James	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0
Aaron Jarvis	0	(1)	0	2	(1)	1	2	(2)	1	0
James Justin	6	(6)	2	5	(0)	0	11	(6)	2	1
Elliot Lee	8	(14)	7	5	(1)	2	13	(15)	9	1
Olly Lee	24	(0)	3	4	(1)	1	28	(1)	4	5
Alan McCormack	8	(0)	1	0	(0)	0	8	(0)	1	4
Josh McQuoid	0	(0)	0	0	(2)	1	0	(2)	1	0
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	11	(10)	0	7	(1)	0	18	(11)	0	2
Johnny Mullins	14	(1)	2	4	(1)	0	18	(2)	2	1
Frankie Musonda	0	(0)	0	3	(1)	0	3	(1)	0	0
Dan Potts	28	(0)	5	3	(0)	1	31	(0)	6	9
Glen Rea	25	(5)	0	4	(0)	0	29	(5)	0	4
Arthur Read	0	(0)	0	0	(2)	0	0	(2)	0	0
Jack Senior	0	(0)	0	5	(0)	0	5	(0)	0	1
James Shea	0	(0)	0	5	(0)	0	5	(0)	0	1
Alan Sheehan	26	(0)	2	4	(0)	0	30	(0)	2	7
Andrew Shinnie	19	(3)	1	5	(1)	2	24	(4)	3	3
Jack Stacey	26	(0)	1	4	(0)	0	30	(0)	1	1
Marek Stech	30	(0)	0	4	(0)	0	34	(0)	0	2
Connor Tomlinson	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0
Isaac Vassell	2	(0)	2	0	(0)	0	2	(0)	2	0



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*Score at full-time: 2-2. (Hatters won 4-2 on penalties for a bonus point) ** Score at full-time: 1-1. (Hatters won 4-3 on penalties for a bonus point) ***Score at full-time 0-0. (Hatters lost 7-6 on penalties)

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WITH **ANDREW BARRINGER** FORMER LTFC PRESS OFFICER

It's transfer deadline day. I'm sitting here in Vienna trying to type this piece, checking Twitter for latest the gossip and politely asking Danny Hylton to stop tweeting. All whilst writing a preview for a beach volleyball tournament in the USA.

I might have left Kenilworth Road almost two years ago, but – and don't tell anyone I work with – I do miss the old girl. Absence makes the heart grow fonder and all that. Okay, perhaps the long journeys home from Barrow and Gateshead, keying in match reports and uploading videos in Gareth Owen's Mercedes Benz on the M6, are things I can live without.

One thing I really do miss from the job, however, is interacting with you, the fans. With it being transfer deadline day, I often remember the days – or nights, rather – waiting. Yes, just waiting. As press officer, you're usually one of the last to know of a potential signing.

I won't lie, sometimes given the speed in which deals get done, there were a few occasions where a new signing would walk through the office door and I would have absolutely no idea who this person was.

Collin Samuel was one of those players. I was half-way through devouring a late-night Nandos at the time when the Trinidad & Tobago international strode in that night in August 2011. Luckily, Collin was introduced to me by his full name. So, after wiping my periperi fingers, shaking his hand and scouring

Google, I told Collin and then-manager Gary Brabin to wait upstairs in the Eric Morecambe Lounge, took a quick photo and released the story on the official website before it was 11pm. Phew.

While Collin's Town career only amounted to a substitute appearance in a midweek goalless draw at Bath, one deadline day signing I won't forget is still going strong in the current dressing room.

Pelly-Ruddock was already a massive hit, having joined on loan from West Ham, so when it was time to announce he was signing permanently on deadline day in January 2014, it was a big, big deal.



As is typical in this day and age, somebody always lets the cat out of the bag.

Sadly it seems there are very few secrets left in the game.

With Pelly it was different. Nobody saw it coming. So, with thousands of inquisitive fans at my fingertips, I decided to play. I tweeted something horribly cryptic — “he's played for us before” — and then I watched the fun unfold as the guesses rolled in. Perhaps it was a bit naughty of me, revelling in knowledge that my privileged position entitled me. But when the news was out the reaction was priceless. What a signing. Pelly will make his 148th appearance if selected today and – fingers crossed – he looks set to add to his Conference winner's medal with a League Two one in May.

Pelly's permanent arrival made so many people happy. There was joy, surprise. Plus there was also a feeling his arrival was light at the end of the tunnel, a realisation – by signing a footballer of his calibre – that the Conference days would soon be over.

So who knows? Let's hope Lloyd Jones, Jake Jervis and Flynn Downes will go on to achieve great things and help the Hatters leap into League One.

And did I know Pelly's face when he walked in? Did I f...

Enjoy the game.

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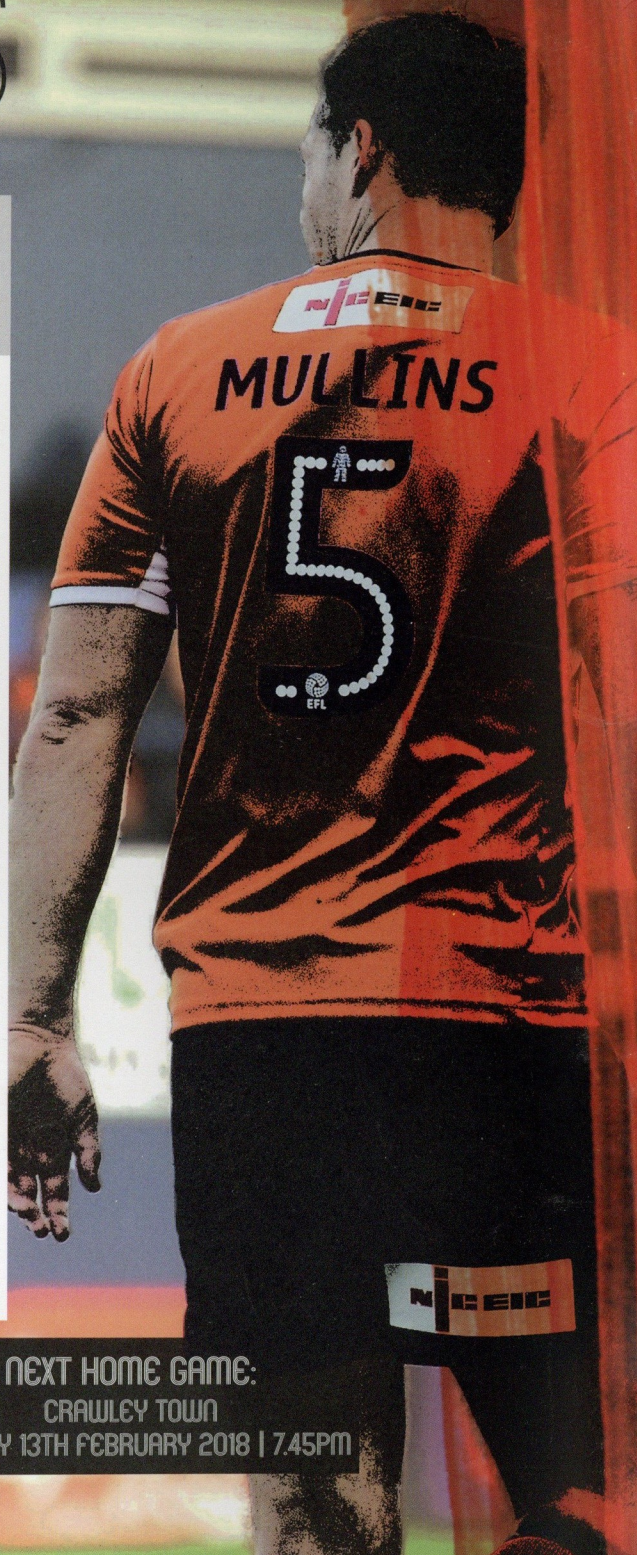
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NATHAN JONES

- 1 Marek Stech
- 2 James Justin
- 3 Dan Potts
- 4 Alan McCormack
- 5 Johnny Mullins
- 6 Scott Cuthbert
- 7 Jack Stacey
- 8 Olly Lee
- 9 Danny Hylton
- 10 Jordan Cook
- 11 Andrew Shinnie
- 14 Harry Cornick
- 15 Jake Jervis
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- 18 Luke Berry
- 19 James Collins
- 20 Flynn Downes
- 21 Jack Senior
- 22 Luke Gambin
- 24 Lawson D'Ath
- 27 Aaron Jarvis
- 28 Lloyd Jones
- 33 Kavan Cotter
- 35 Arthur Read
- 36 James Shea
- 37 Frankie Musonda
- 38 Elliot Lee
- 39 Akin Famewo
- 40 Harry Isted
- (On loan at Chesham United)
- 44 Alan Sheehan



MANAGER:
PAUL TISDALE

- 1 Christy Pym
- 2 Pierce Sweeney
- 3 Craig Woodman
- 4 Lloyd James
- 5 Troy Archibald-Henville
- 6 Jordan Tillson
- 7 Ryan Harley
- 8 Robbie Simpson
- 9 Adam Stansfield
(Posthumous award – shirt retired in Adam's honour)
- 10 Lee Holmes
- 11 Jayden Stockley
- 12 Paul Jones
- 13 James Hamon
- 14 Ryan Brunt
- 15 Jordan Moore-Taylor
- 19 Liam McAlinden
- 20 Matt Jay
- 21 Dean Moxey
- 22 Kane Wilson
- 23 Luke Croll
- 24 Alex Byrne
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- 26 Daniel Seaborne
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