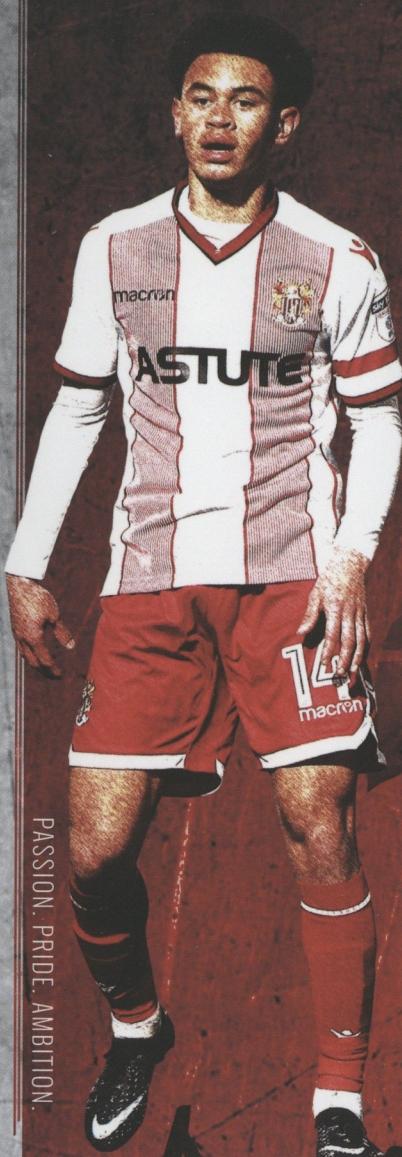




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AGAINST LUTON TOWN.

DARREN SARLL

THE GAFFER

I would also like to welcome Nathan Jones, his staff and all the travelling players.

We come into today's game on the back of last Saturday's 3-2 defeat at Accrington. It was a game we should have won, especially after taking a two goal lead.

Crucial mistakes in our own final third led to all three of their goals and whilst these are both desperately disappointing and frustrating, it was a vastly improved performance for 90% of the game.

The new lads gave the side a clear injection of energy and we started the game in superb fashion.

Luke, Alex and Johnny all put in great individual performances and showed us exactly why we brought them in.

We scored two great goals and but for the width of the post on two occasions, we would have got the all-important third and surely seen out the game.

Football so often comes down to fine margins and we fell the wrong side of those margins last Saturday.

Despite all that, the manner of the goals we conceded was really poor and ended up costing us the three points.

It was a hugely disappointing ending to the game but we must move on. The group can take plenty of positives from the performance overall and we plan to take those into this afternoon's contest.

Our youngsters are continuing to thrive – accentuated by Mark McKee's first goal at the weekend – and in the medium/long term, our future is bright. This group I feel has greater longevity than the last and at present it requires a patience in supporting and improving our young players and our new signings that are still grasping our ways. However, moving forward we should see less turnover and a more established group for the football club and town to thrive off of.

Today's game is a chance for us to right a few wrongs of our previous meeting in October and we need to restore some lost pride that day.

They showed their quality on the day at Kenilworth Road and we were made to pay.

The group and I all believe we are capable of beating anyone in this league and it is our task today to ensure we play to our optimum level.

You can guarantee that we will fight for every inch and leave everything out there on the pitch.

The support at Accrington was once again fantastic and a real shining light on a day where we were left very disappointed.

Please get back behind the players this afternoon and make yourself heard.

Your support and enthusiasm from the stands plays a big part in our success and today we will need you standing side by side with us. Together we will achieve.

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CHAIRMAN

I would also like to welcome the management and staff of our opponents today, along with the visiting directors and fans.

GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME TO ALL OUR FANS FOR TODAY'S GAME AGAINST LUTON TOWN.

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WAS DISAPPOINTED FOR THE LADS LAST SATURDAY, BUT WE HAD NO LUCK AT ALL AND SOMETIMES THAT'S THE WAY IT GOES - WE HIT THE BAR, HIT THE POST AND SEE THEIR KEEPER MAKE A GREAT SAVE AND THEY GET A DEFLECTION THAT ENDS UP IN THE BACK OF THE NET.

the way it goes - we hit the bar, hit the post and see their keeper make a great save and they get a deflection that ends up in the back of the net. Well, what goes around comes around and hopefully Lady Luck will be with us this week instead, as the lads certainly gave a great account of themselves and deserve it.

Our opponents today sit at the top of the league and Nathan Jones has put a very good squad together. They are certainly where they are on merit and look certain to move into League One come May. Their gates of consistently 5000+ more than ours dictates that they can go for players we haven't a chance of affording. Combined with some significant income from transfer fees, this really is their year and they've spent their money well.

It really is a different world from us financially, but games like today provide the opportunity for us to show that team spirit, organisation and desire can be a great

leveller and we'll be looking to avenge the heavy defeat we took at Kenilworth Road earlier in the season.

Each time we play at home, you'll see a little more of the old North Stand removed. Demolition is scheduled to finish on 25th February and we're hoping to start the groundworks the following week. It will be a while before any steelwork goes up, but by the time July comes around we'd hope to have all the football side of the stand complete, with the internal bar areas being completed during August.

Back to the game - this is a crucial one for both sides. Luton need to win to keep a distance away from the chasing pack and we need to find a run of form that creates wins to take us into the top half of the table. It should be a cracking game, full of entertainment. Whether you're watching or playing.

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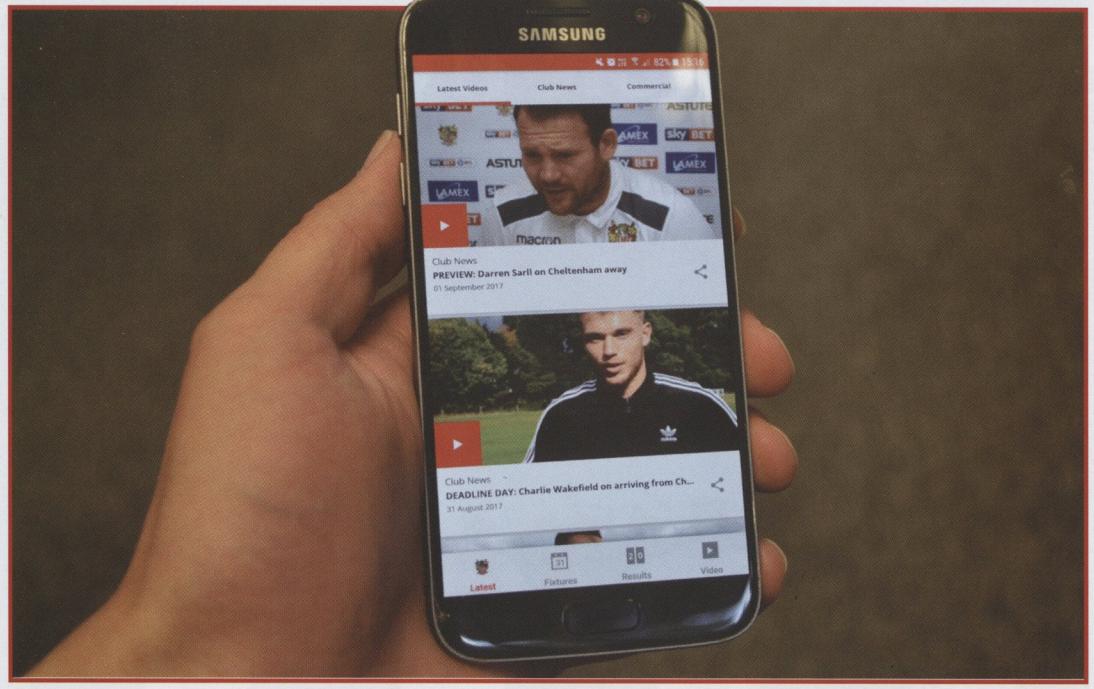
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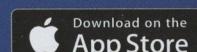
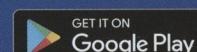
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TICKETS: FOREST GREEN AWAY ON TUESDAY



Stevenage fans can now purchase their tickets for our Tuesday night trip to Forest Green, taking place on Tuesday 13th February, 7:45pm kick-off.

Ticket prices INCREASE on matchday, so fans are strongly advised to purchase in-advance from the club shop or online at borotickets.com to avoid queues and save cash.

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The SFCSA coach will be running with a strict departure time of 3pm from the Lamex Stadium. Tickets cost £25 for members and non-members.



TICKETS: NOTTS COUNTY AWAY NOW ON SALE



Stevenage fans can now purchase their tickets for our trip to Notts County's Meadow Lane taking place on Saturday 24th February, 3:00pm kick-off.

Tickets prices INCREASE by £2 on the day for Adults, Seniors, 18-21's, Under 18's and Under 16's.

PRICES:

- Adults: £20
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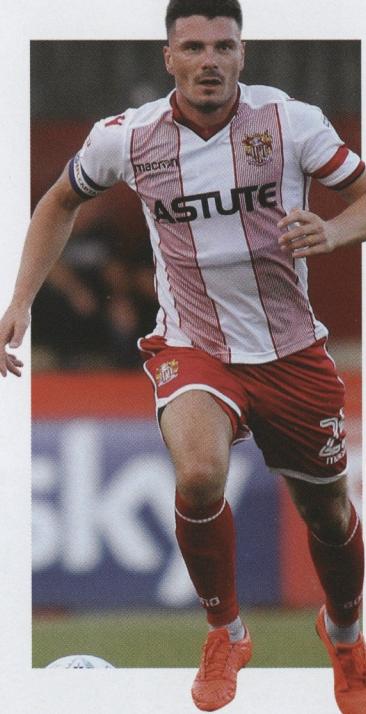
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THE CAPTAIN



RONNIE HENRY

THE CAPTAIN

WELCOME TO EVERYONE FOR THIS THIS AFTERNOON'S SKY BET LEAGUE 2 TIE AGAINST LUTON TOWN.

It is always a game that both sets of supporters look forward to and it should be another exciting encounter.

Since our last home match there have been some big changes in the squad with Tom Pett leaving for Lincoln and a host of new faces arriving at the training ground. So welcome to the club Alex Revell, Luke Amos, Ben Sheaf, Johnny Goddard and Dean Bowditch – all signed in the window after we'd already secured keeper Tom King. Their arrival strengthens us in several positions and adds to the competition for places which can only be good for everyone. We have also added some experience to the squad which is always good when you have some many young players

learning their way in the professional game.

There can be no hiding from the fact that the results have not gone as we had hoped in our last two outings, a home defeat against Swindon and an away defeat against Accrington. While the performance against Swindon was disappointing it was a far improved performance at Accrington last Saturday, one that deserved all three points rather than nothing. We played some great football in the first half and were deservedly two up after great strikes from Matt Godden and Mark McKee. But sometimes you do not get what you deserve in football and Saturday was one of those occasions. A combination of bad fortune and poor

defending lost us the advantage and meant we travelled home without any reward for a much-improved performance. We hit the woodwork several times ourselves and conceded two goals to deflections at the other end. We can, however, take heart from the fact that we looked much stronger which gives great belief going into the last 15 games of the season. We will continue to take each game one at a time and try and earn the points that will see us climb the table and close in on the play-off positions.

That starts this afternoon and I know it will be a great atmosphere in The Lamex Stadium so get behind the lads and enjoy the game.

Ronnie

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Fouls		
20		30
Booked		



MATCH ACTION

LINE-UP

STEVENAGE: King, Vancooten, King, Wilmot, Franks, McKee, Smith (Sub: Bowditch, 84), Amos, Goddard (Sub: Kennedy, 74), Godden (Sub: Newton, 74), Revell.

Substitutes not used: Fryer, Lokko, Wilkinson, Conlon



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MATCH ACTION



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On Target	
01	06
Corners	
16	16
Fouls	
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Booked	

LINE-UP

STEVENAGE: King, Henry (Sub: Amos, 45), King, Wilmot, Vancoote, McKee (Sub: Gray, 67), Smith, Franks, Kennedy, Godden, Newton (Sub: Conlon, 33).

Substitutes not used: Fryer, Slater, Wilkinson, Georgiou

MEET THE NEW Signings...

TOM KING

DOB: 9/3/1995
POSITION: GK
SHIRT NUMBER: 13

The Millwall keeper was the first to arrive in early January after coming in on loan for the rest of the season.

Tom made an instant impression for the Boro keeping a clean sheet on his debut against Championship side Reading in the 3rd Round of the FA Cup.

The loanee has played every possible minute since joining on the 4th of January and has kept a total of three clean sheets in six games; he has certainly made his presence known at the Lamex.

Tom: "It is a great set-up here and something I couldn't turn down. The manager is great and there is Glenn Roeder and Chris Day to learn off of as well.

"Nicky Shorey is a bit of a hero for me, being a Portsmouth fan. And we've got Joe Martin, who I know well from his time at Millwall.

"It feels good at a new team – new faces, new voices and different coaching ideas."



Tom King

MEET THE NEW Signings...

LUKE AMOS

DOB: 23/2/1997
POSITION: CM
SHIRT NUMBER: 14

The Tottenham U23 midfielder is already very familiar with the surroundings of Stevenage after playing in several competitions for the Spurs youth teams at The Lamex.

The Welwyn Garden City born midfielder arrived on loan the day before last week's game with Swindon Town, making the midfielder eligible to play as he came on as a sub to make his first appearance for the Boro.

Luke: "I am just happy to be here, it is a good opportunity for me, it is a good club and I can't wait to get going."

"It is a stadium I have been to for the past two or three years so I know the environment. It will be completely different though, I am excited to get out there with all the fans for a proper game."

The Gaffer: "I have always been very impressed by his energy and his athleticism. He brings a bit of tenacity that you do not see at U23 football and he has certainly got that."

ALEX REVELL

DOB: 7/7/1983
POSITION: ST
SHIRT NUMBER: 9

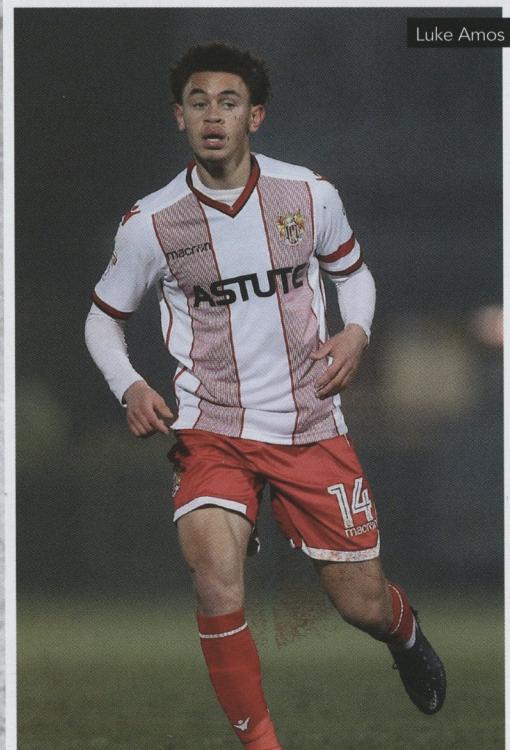
The long-serving forward became our first permanent signing in the January transfer window moving from local side Northampton Town.

Revell already has a strong relationship with the gaffer due to their time working together at Rotherham, when the striker really made a name for himself throughout the divisions.

Quotes from Alex:



Alex Revell



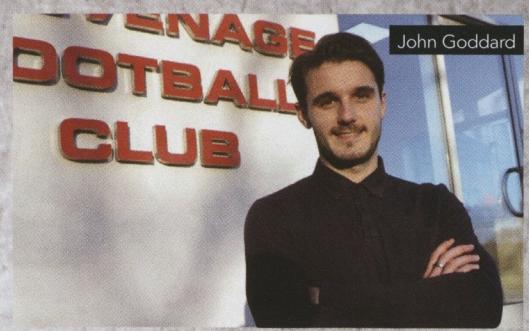
Luke Amos

"Obviously it is great to be here, it has been a long process over the past few weeks but finally it has been done so I am really grateful for all the hard work that everyone has put in to get me here."

The Gaffer: "I have been trying for two years for someone like Alex Revell and to get someone of his calibre, age, experience and still while he has the physical qualities that he has, it is a massive coup for the club."

"He will be a great player for our fans to enjoy when he's fit again."

Darren Sarll has always outlined his passion to have a



John Goddard

Dean: "First of all the manager called me up and asked if I wanted to add a little bit of experience to the team and I know he likes to get the ball down and play."

"But it is about getting games, helping as much as I can and getting back to really enjoying my football."

The Gaffer: "As a footballer, he is wonderfully gifted. He has similar technical qualities to Jobi McAnuff with his right foot coming from the left or playing underneath a centre forward as a shadow striker."

JOHNNY GODDARD
DOB: 2/6/1993
POSITION: LM/RM
SHIRT NUMBER: 11

Former Woking and Swindon Town player was our second signing on Deadline Day after leaving the Robins and joining the Boro for an undisclosed fee.

The expressive midfielder has quickly established himself in the EFL, after making over 40 appearances for Swindon last year in League One.

Seen as a direct replacement for Tom Pett, Goddard hopes to enjoy a fresh start at Stevenage.

Johnny: "This year I have not quite pushed on like I would have liked to, so Stevenage were aware that I was available and when you feel wanted by a club, it makes you really want to go and play for that team and that manager."

The Gaffer: "We have to try and get the consistency that he had last year in League One where he played a lot of games for Swindon. We need to try and add the goals he scored at Woking, which was substantial for a wide midfielder."

from Darren Sarll and will help the team produce more chances on a consistent basis.

Dean came onto the scene as a young player at Ipswich Town in the Premier League back in 2002.

Since then he has played for several Football League clubs, most notably a successful six years at Milton Keynes.

The loanees were described as a player with a 'creative edge'



Dean Bowditch

JOE WHITE
DOB: 16/1/1999
POSITION: ST
SHIRT NUMBER: 26

The teenager has been on Stevenage's radar for a while after really impressing in a reserves game held at Bragbury End just over a year ago.

Joe came through the Dagenham and Redbridge youth system, making three appearances this season for the Daggers before going on loan to Hendon Town.

When Darren Sarll heard that the energetic forward might be available, he knew right away that Joe would be a great addition to the pool of high potential young players at the club.

The Gaffer: "He is a terrific player and what I have seen so far has made me very excited to see where this young man can go."

Joe: "It is a really big opportunity for me and I am very grateful for the club and management to bring me here. I just want to show what I can do now, push on and help the team."



Joe White

DEAN BOWDITCH
DOB: 15/6/1986
POSITION: CAM/RM
SHIRT NUMBER: 22

Stevenage's second signing from the Cobblers was experienced winger Dean Bowditch on loan until the rest of the season.

The loanee was described as a player with a 'creative edge'

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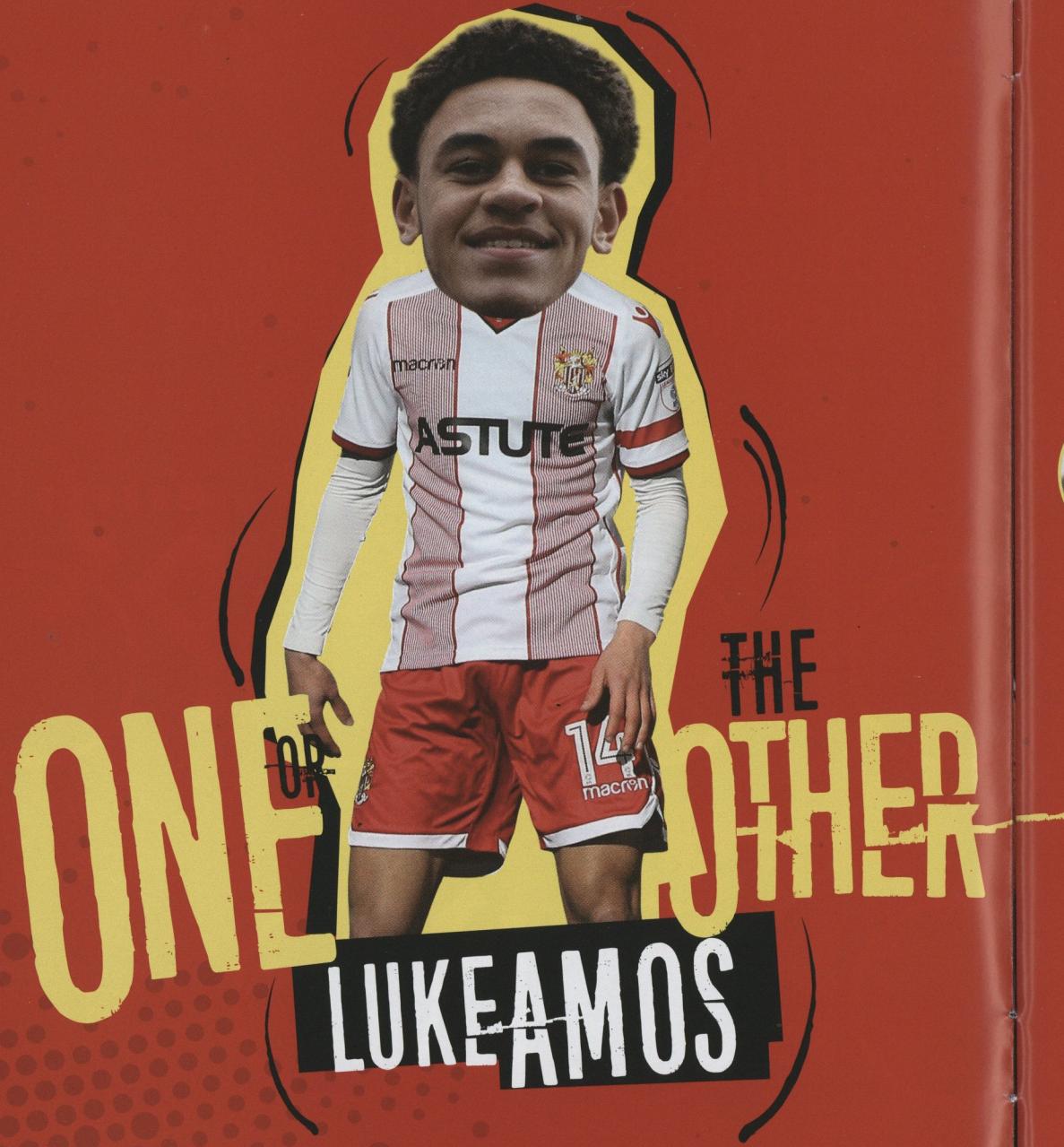


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Rugby or CRICKET?
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Cup Final or PART OF A TEAM
THAT WINS CHAMPIONS LEAGUE?

(CHINESE or Indian?)

SATURDAY 3PM or Tuesday 7.45pm?

Twitter or INSTAGRAM?
Even though I rarely post

City break or BEACH HOLIDAY?

MAYWEATHER or McGregor?

Harry Potter or STAR WARS? Mainly
due to the games I played as a kidANT or Dec? Near enough
the same person, no?

Friday night or SATURDAY NIGHT?

TEA or Coffee? Never had a cup of
coffee in my life

Summer or WINTER?

CHRISTMAS EVE or Boxing Day?

40 YARD SCREAMER or
tiki-taka team goal? Going
to be selfish here!

COMEDY or Action?

CHICKEN or beef?

(NIKE or Adidas?)

COSTA or Starbucks?

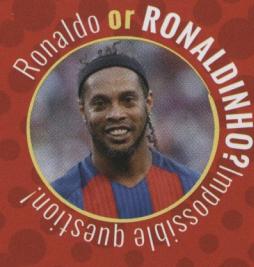
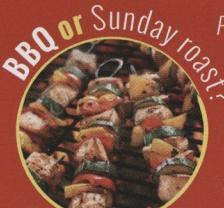
POSTMAN PAT or Fireman Sam?

FIFA or PES? Not even a question.

HENRY or Shearer? Greatest
Premier League Striker of All Time

PIZZA or pasta?

SAUSAGE or bacon?



MONEY or fame?

BARCA or Real Madrid?
And Team Messi!

90th minute winner or 5-0 WIN?

IPHONE or Android? No contest.

FLIP FLOPS or sandals?

Suit or TRACKSUIT? I live in tracksuits

LA or New York? From
what I have seen on TV

Baseball or BASKETBALL? For sure

TERRY or Ferdinand? Tough one

HIP-HOP or house? Another non-contest

Papa John or DOMINOS?

AC MILAN or Inter Milan?
Mainly because of Kaka

WORLD CUP or Champions League?

Wine or BEER? Rather a Fanta

Running or WEIGHTS? Pain either way

GOALS or clean sheets?

Mourinho or GUARDiola?

Superman or BATMAN?

SPICY or mild?

TAKE A RISK or play it safe?

Copa Mundials or TOTAL 90S?
They were my boots!

DIY or not? Well, I try

Manager or PUNDIT? It's much easier

PROMOTION or cup run?



ACADEMY



WHO'S WHO? Robbie O'Keefe - Academy Manager, Glenn Quirke - Academy Operations Manager, Stephen Payne - Head of Coaching, Jorden Gibson - Professional Development Phase Lead Coach, Ieuan Lewis - Youth Development Phase Lead Coach, Adam Ballotta - Foundation Phase Lead Coach, Jake Robinson - Head of Sport Science & Medicine, Ian Morris - Head of Academy Recruitment, Sam Donkin - Head of Academy Goalkeeping Coach, Deanne Goring - Welfare Officer. Elite Development programmes: (16-19) James Martin - Lead Coach Stevenage, Mark Bentley - Lead Coach Cheshunt.



Xe--o

GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME TO THE LAMEX STADIUM FOR TODAY'S BIG GAME AT HOME TO LUTON...

It is always a privilege to report on life with our U18s. It is even better when I can share good news.

After a season of hard work up this point, I am pleased to report that we have successfully reached Merit League 1.

The top six teams from the South East section and the top 6 teams from the South West Section advance into the Merit League 1. This is the second successive season we have made it through and I am really pleased how our lads who have given their all this season.

The achievement is all the more impressive considering the number of U16s we have fielded this year. We have been short in numbers for much of the season but the opportunity to promote youngsters from other age groups is a big positive.

Second year loanee, Claudio Ofosu is still enjoying a very successful loan move to Mildenhall Town which has resulted in a further two Man of the Match performances.

The relationship with Mildenhall has been strengthened by their manager who has been open to the development of Claudio. They regularly provide feedback and each game is filmed which enables our analysis department to keep an eye on how he is doing.

Not only do we receive all of the footage, but we like to get out first hand and see how they are doing in person too. Another second year, Macsen Fascer, has recently joined Kings Langley in the Evo Stick Premier who are managed by UEFA

Trials will soon be getting underway for one of our most successful schemes, the Elite Development



Tom Mallindine – Performance Analyst

A license coach Steve Conroy. Steve is a coach that we respect highly and it will be a good test to see how Macsen does in men's football.

Not only do some of our players get sent out on loan, but we are open to sending our players out to Premier League and Championship clubs for work experience, too. We have been receiving more and more interest in our players and the opportunity to spend time at these top clubs is all beneficial to their development.

As mentioned earlier, all of this enables us to promote our young academy graduates and we have seen 90 appearances from our U16s, of which 31 have started games. We have also used one U15 so far and have begun identifying younger talents who will hopefully be involved at some point in the coming months.

Programme. We have had a number of players come through the programme in recent years to go on and represent our U18s. Macsen Fraser has been arguably the EDP's biggest success but we have also had success away from the playing field. Tom Mallindine, our Performance Analyst, progressed through the scheme as an aspiring footballer. Everybody knows that not everyone can make it as a player so we want to provide alternative professional opportunities too.

Tom is currently studying at university whilst supporting our U18 department with excellent analysis work and his role is invaluable.

Finally, I want to wish all the First Team the best of luck for today's derby and as always, I will cheering the boys on for 3 points.

**By: Jorden Gibson,
Professional Development
Phase Lead Coach**

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LATE TACKLE

POOR OLD NEWCASTLE WERE LEFT HANGING THIS WEEK WHEN DANIEL STURRIDGE SIGNED ON LOAN FOR WEST BROM.

The Magpies had agreed a deal with Liverpool, prepared a welcome party and were simply waiting for the striker to show up at St James' Park.

Alas, he never did. The first time anyone at Newcastle saw the England man, he was wearing a Baggies shirt and a beaming grin.

Sturridge said family reasons were behind his decision; whatever the reason, he certainly not the first player to have a last-gasp change of heart.

WILLIAN

With Gareth Bale on his way to Madrid, Spurs needed a wily schemer in behind the striker. That man was Willian, signed from Anzhi Makhachkala for a hefty £30m.

As the Chelsea song gleefully relates, Spurs paid for the Brazilian's flight, put him up in a hotel, then conducted a medical.

Yet all the while, Blues owner Roman Abramovich was plotting with Anzhi counterpart - and fellow Oligarch - Suleyman Kerimov to gazump Tottenham's offer.

He eventually chucked in an extra £2m and Willian was on his way to the Bridge. "Well, they should have done the medical in secret," chuckled Jose Mourinho.

To this day, Spurs chairman Daniel Levy suspects the move was made purely out of spite after he refused to sell Luka Modric to Chelsea the year before.

MO JOHNSTONE

Striker Johnstone was playing in France for Nantes when he publicly announced he'd be returning to Celtic - the club for whom he'd scored 72 goals in 128 games - at the end of the 1988-89 campaign.

"There is no other British club I could play for apart from Celtic," said the Glaswegian, even posing for a photo alongside Hoops manager Billy McNeill.

In fact, there was. And of all the clubs in all the world, it turned out to be bitter rivals Rangers, who'd offered a lot more money.

Branded Judas by Celtic supporters, he was also shunned by Rangers fans. The kitman at Ibrox even refused to touch Johnstone's shirt or dole him out post-match food. Still, three titles probably softened the blow.

PAUL GASCOIGNE

Arguably the most legendary U-turn of all time, Gazza was supposed to sign for Man United in 1988.

Alex Ferguson called the midfield maestro, turned on the charm and set off on holiday safe in the knowledge he'd snagged his man. "His last words to me were 'Go and enjoy yourself Mr Ferguson, I'll be signing for Manchester United," recalled Fergie.

Two days later, Ferguson got a call from United chairman Martin Edwards to say Gazza had signed for Spurs.

The reason? Tottenham chairman Irvine Scholar had bought a house for Gazza's parents, a car for his dad and even a sunbed for his sister. Deal done.

MO SISSOKO

Nobody could quite understand why Everton were so desperate to sign Sissoko in the summer of 2016. After all, the French midfielder had been about as much use in Newcastle as a bikini on Bamburgh beach.

So imagine the surprise when Spurs then snatched Sissoko from under Everton's noses with an eye-watering £30m bid. Turns out he'd avoided Ronald Koeman's calls on deadline day, then bizarrely claimed that Everton had "dithered" over the signing.

Yet if the saga was an embarrassment for Everton, the aftermath was a huge relief as Sissoko predictably bombed at White Hart Lane. Talk about dodging a bullet.

BY CHRIS DUNLAVY



Surname	First Name	Starts	Sub	Unused Sub	Minutes	Goals	Assists	Cautions	Sent Off
Akinyemi	Afolabi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amos	Luke	1	1	0	136	0	0	1	0
Beautyman	Harry	12	2	10	924	1	0	0	0
Bowditch	Dean	0	1	0	6	0	0	0	0
Conlon	Tom	4	11	15	517	0	0	2	0
Day	Chris	2	0	30	180	0	0	0	0
Ferry	James	1	2	1	155	0	0	0	0
Field	Paul	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Franks	Fraser	22	4	10	1911	1	0	2	0
Fryer	Joseph	30	0	9	2700	0	0	2	0
Georgiou	Andronicos	0	4	3	65	0	0	0	0
Goddard	Johnny	1	0	0	74	0	0	0	0
Godden	Matthew	34	1	0	2856	14	1	4	0
Gorman	Dale	19	2	3	1539	2	0	4	1
Gray	Jamie	0	9	4	124	0	0	2	0
Henry	Ronnie	35	0	0	3074	0	0	4	0
Johnson	Ryan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kennedy	Ben	16	8	0	1508	5	3	1	0
King	Jack	21	3	0	1853	0	0	5	0
King	Tom	7	0	0	630	0	0	1	0
Leslie	Joe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liburd	Rowan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lokko	Kevin	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Martin	Joseph	34	0	0	2957	2	0	3	0
McKee	Mark	18	4	5	1639	1	1	1	0
Newton	Daniel	28	8	1	2471	11	0	6	0
O'Keefe	Charley	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
OWN GOAL		0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Pett	Tom	30	4	2	2638	7	2	4	0
Revell	Alexander	1	0	0	90	0	0	0	0
Samuel	Alexander	12	15	4	1158	4	0	1	0
Smith	Jonathan	34	1	1	2999	4	0	7	0
Toner	Kevin	5	4	7	534	0	0	1	1
Turgott	Blair	0	1	1	17	0	0	0	0
Vancooten	Terence	13	3	17	1171	0	0	2	0
Wade Slater	Luke	2	1	5	215	0	0	0	0
Wakefield	Charlie	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whelpdale	Christopher	15	7	10	1314	0	0	3	0
White	Joe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wilkinson	Luke	20	4	9	1836	0	0	4	1
Wilmot	Ben	9	1	12	815	0	0	1	0
Wootton	Kyle	5	6	0	416	2	0	0	0
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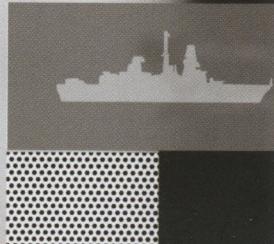
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Our first mascot is 8 year old Henri Storey who currently attends Round Diamond School. Henri's favourite hobbies are Muay Thai and playing football for his team Bedwell FC. Henri's favourite player is skipper Ronnie Henry.

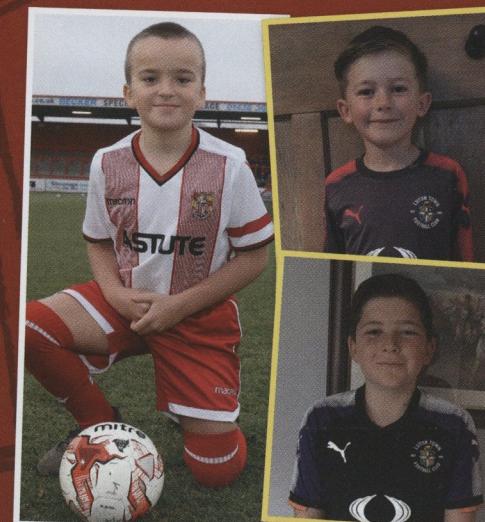
We would also like to welcome two mascots from Luton Town.

Firstly we have 12 year old Alfie Bourne who goes to Bassingbourn Village College. Alfie's favourite hobby is playing football (of course!) for his team Potton Colts. Alfie's favourite player for the Hatters is Pelly Ruddock-Mpanzu.

Secondly we welcome Stanley Bourne, who is 7 years old and attends Wrestlingworth Lower School. Stanley's favourite hobbies include playing football and all sports. Stanley's favourite player for the Hatters is goalkeeper Marek Stech.

Mascot packages are available for all league home games for the 2017/18 season and are just £100!

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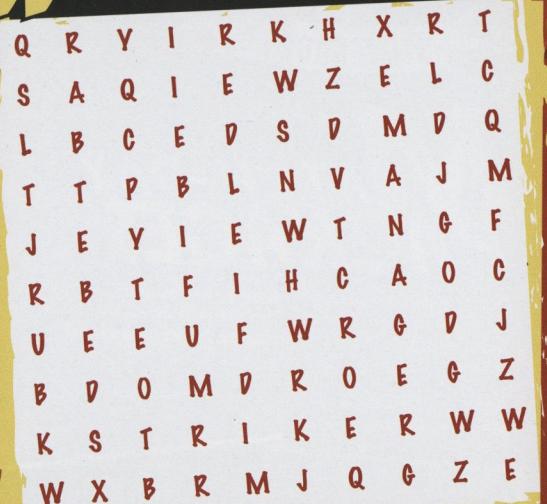
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HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT STEVENAGE'S HISTORY WITH LUTON?

1. What are the names of Luton Town's mascots?
a) Harry & Hatty b) Henry & Hilary c) Harley & Holly
2. Who scored the last minute winner when we last welcomed the Hatters to The Lamex?
a) Ben Kennedy b) Matty Godden c) Jack King
3. Which of these players didn't previously play for Luton Town?
a) Jonathan Smith b) Alex Samuel c) Ronnie Henry
4. Which Premier League side did Luton travel to in the 3rd round of the FA Cup, taking 7,500 fans with them?
a) Huddersfield b) Huddersfield c) Stoke
5. Which team did current Luton gaffer Nathan Jones have a brief spell as a caretaker manager at?
a) Brighton & Hove Albion b) Bournemouth c) Southampton



WORDSEARCH



FIND THE FOOTBALL RELATED WORDS LISTED BELOW?

KEEPER | DEFENDER | MIDFIELDER
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BORO BEAR HAS GOT LOST ON THE WAY TO THE GAME, CAN YOU HELP HIM FIND HIS WAY?



GAME

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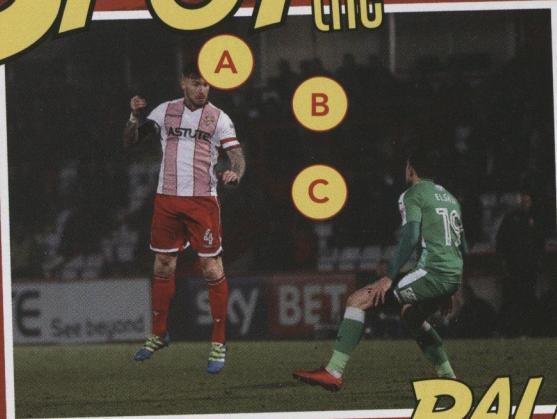


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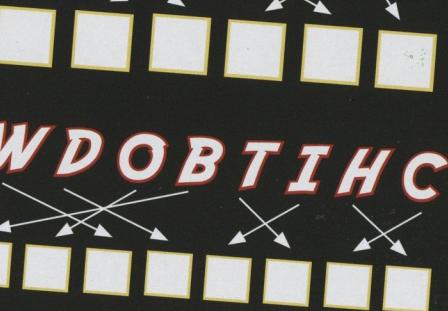
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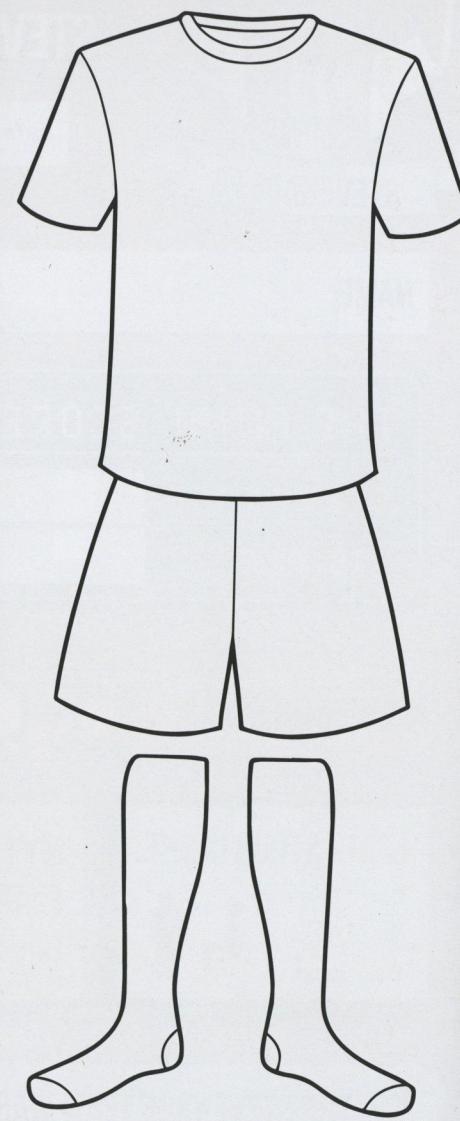
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THE DIFFERENCE: The 0 is missing from Mark McKee's shorts, the Puma logo is missing from the back of his shirt, the Stevenage crest is missing from Mark McKee's shirt

ANSWERS: HEAD: 1: A, 2: B, 3: C, 4: B, 5: A. SPOT THE BALL: NAME FORMATION: Dean Bowditch, Alex Samuels SPOT





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MY MATCH REPORT

STEVENAGE V

date: / /

Fill out your match report by writing in the boxes or circling the pictures!



NAME:

AGE:

THE FINAL SCORE

STEVENAGE
VISITOR

THE GOALS WERE SCORED BY:

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THE WEATHER WAS:



I SAT/ STOOD IN THE:

East Terrace
North Terrace
Main Stand



MY FAVOURITE
PLAYER WAS:



I'D RATE THIS GAME:

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THE STEVENAGE TEAM WAS:

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LEAGUE TWO TOP FIVES

GOALS

1		KEE	17
2		HYLTON	15
3		DOIDGE	14
4		GRANT	14
5		ADEBAYO AKI...	13

ASSISTS

1		COOPER	9
2		TAYLOR	9
3		ADEBAYO AKI...	8
4		KEE	8
5		WRIGHT	8

SHOTS ON TARGET

1		EISA	43
2		DENNIS	37
3		UCHE IKPEAZU	37
4		ADEBAYO AKI...	35
5		MCNULTY	34

MINUTES PER GOAL

1		HYLTON	142
2		KEE	148
3		SZMODICS	154
4		MCNULTY	160
5		ROSE	165

% OF GOALS INVOLVED IN

1		DOIDGE	55
2		POPE	53
3		KEE	49
4		DENNIS	48
5		UCHE IKPEAZU	43

MINUTES PER CHANCE CREATED

1		TAYLOR	188
2		REID	195
3		COOPER	221
4		MCALINDEN	252
5		WRIGHT	281

FOULS

1		UCHE IKPEAZU	87
2		ADEBAYO AKI...	77
3		POPE	76
4		NEWTON	71
5		MANDRON	63

MINUTES PER GOAL CONCEDED

1		GARRATT	51
2		ANYON	51
3		RICHARDS	51
4		ROSS	54
5		KRYSIAK	54

LEAGUE TWO SPOTLIGHT

Gary Johnson has lost each of his last three Football League meetings with Port Vale.

LEAGUE TWO SPOTLIGHT

David Flitcroft has faced Mansfield four times in the Football League and won all four matches.

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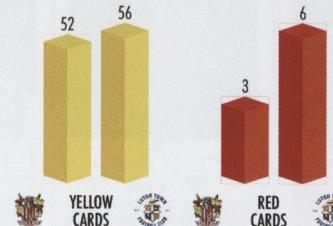
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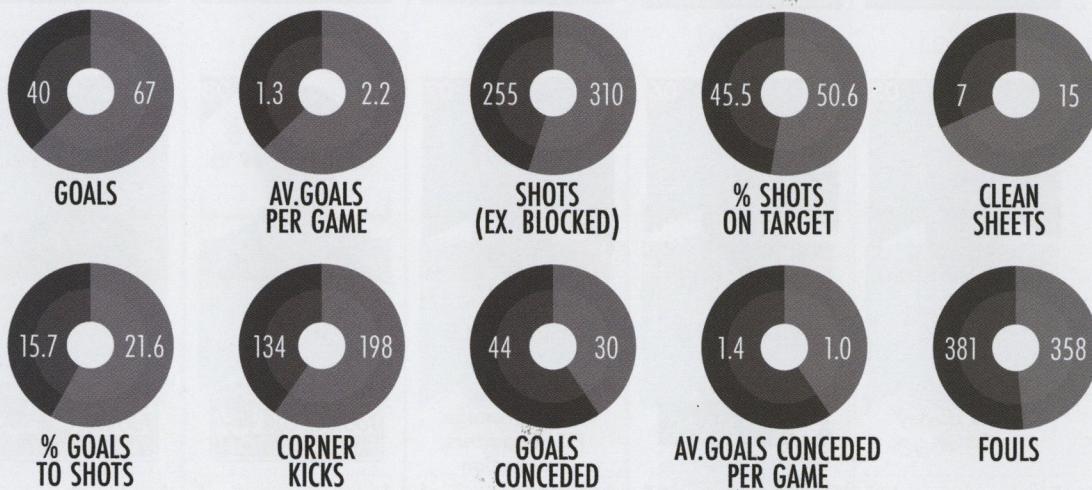
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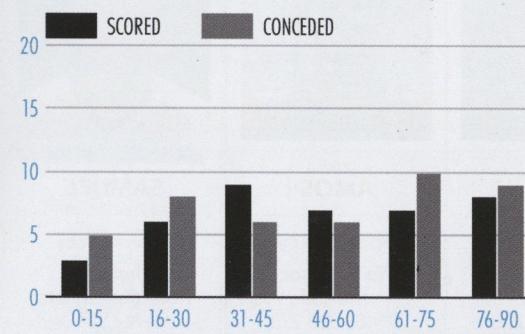


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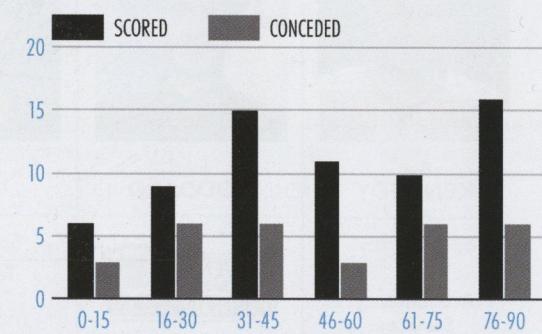
Luton won the reverse fixture against Stevenage 7-1 at Kenilworth Road in October, one of three occasions they have scored 7+ goals in a single league game this season alone.



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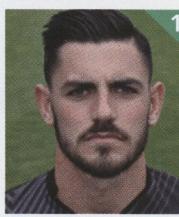
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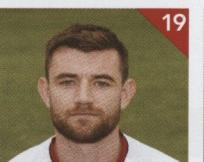
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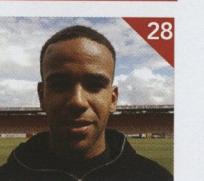
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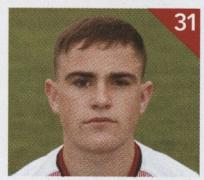
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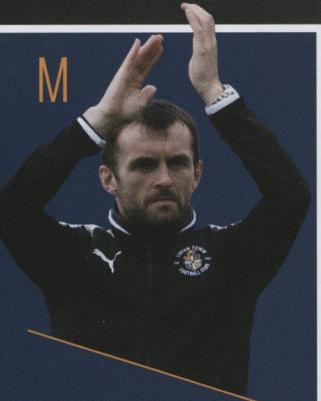


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Welshman Jones was appointed as John Still's successor in January 2016. A former coach and assistant-manager at Brighton & Hove Albion, Charlton Athletic and Yeovil Town, he was a player at Kenilworth Road in 1995 but left without making an appearance.

Jones spent a year in Spain before returning to the UK and playing for Southend, Brighton and Yeovil, making over 500 appearances. The 44-year-old began his coaching qualifications while still a player with Yeovil, initially coaching the Ladies team, and achieved his UEFA Pro-Licence in 2014. In March 2016 Jones signed a new three-and-a-half year contract with the Hatters to tie him to the club until 2020. His first full season in the hot-seat ended with a fourth-placed finish and qualification for the League Two play-offs.

NATHAN JONES
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Welcome LUTON TOWN

The result sees the Town maintain their eight-point cushion over second placed Wycombe, as well as moving ten points clear of fourth.

Jones said: "I am really delighted. It's a great way to bounce back from the disappointment the other day, and bounce back with a clean sheet.

"I thought going forward we were excellent the other night, just defensively we were poor. Whereas today we were excellent defensively and going forward I think that's as good a performance you'll see from a League Two side in that first half – the way we moved the ball.

"A little bit more composure and we would have gone in at the break a bit more comfortable. But I have got to be honest, the way we moved the ball the way we counter attacked, I thought that was as good a performance from a League Two side as you're likely to see.

A WARM WELCOME TO THE LAMEX STADIUM TO THE PLAYERS, OFFICIALS AND SUPPORTERS OF LUTON TOWN FOR TODAY'S SKY BET LEAGUE 2 FIXTURE. AFTER A MIDWEEK DEFEAT AT WYCOMBE WANDERERS TABLE TOPPING LUTON GOT BACK ON THE WINNING TRAIL WITH A 1-0 VICTORY OVER EXETER CITY AT KENILWORTH ROAD LAST WEEKEND.

Town boss Nathan Jones was thoroughly impressed with his side last Saturday as Harry Cornick netted the only goal in a 1-0 win over Exeter City at Kenilworth Road.

After a dominant first half display, Dan Potts' clever run and lay-off for Cornick saw the ex-Bournemouth man shoot from the edge of the box after 38 minutes – his effort deflecting past Christy Pym for the Town forward's fifth goal of the season.

"I wouldn't say it was comfortable because I wouldn't say there was no problem whatsoever. They're a very direct side Exeter, they go into Stockley and he wins. At this level when you've got the Akinfenwas, the Stockleys and the Ameobis of the world, and all it takes is one long ball, one knock down, someone not to go with the runner, and all your 90 minutes of hard work is undone. We didn't do that today.

"It was always in the balance because it's 1-0, but I thought we were excellent. We controlled the game in possession, we were excellent. First half was so, so pleasing. We are a good side when we play like that and we thoroughly deserved the win because it should have been more."

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A Czech Republic international – winning one cap in 2014 – the 27-year-old joined the Hatters in June 2017 from Sparta Prague.

He started his career in his home country as a schoolboy with Sparta, before joining West Ham United at 16 and gaining experience on loan with clubs including Wycombe Wanderers and Yeovil Town.

The 6ft 5ins stopper earned cult hero status in Somerset after signing permanently in 2012, helping the Grovers to promotion to the Championship for the first time in the club's history before leaving following their immediate relegation in the summer of 2014 to play in the Europa League with Sparta. Also has 12 Under-21 caps to his name.

Cultured defender Sheehan joined the Hatters on loan from Bradford City in January 2016, becoming Nathan Jones' first signing after taking over as manager.

The Irishman made 20 appearances and captained the team for the final seven matches of 2015-16 after Scott Cuthbert suffered a season-ending injury. The left-footer can operate at either full-back or in central defence, and has made over 300 appearances in his career so far with the majority coming during two spells with Notts County.

Sheehan also counts Leeds United and Swindon Town among his former employers, as well as loans with Mansfield, Crewe, Oldham and Peterborough United, after starting out at Leicester City. He signed a permanent deal with the Town in May 2016 and made 41 appearances in his first full season, including his 50th in a Luton shirt in a 0-0 draw at Carlisle. He has Hatters four goals to his name, including three stunning free-kicks that were all nominated for 2016-17 goal of the season.

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LUTON TOWN DEADLY DUOS

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

GORDON TURNER & ALLAN BROWN

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

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

MALCOLM MACDONALD & DON GIVENS

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

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



DAVID MOSS & BOB HATTON

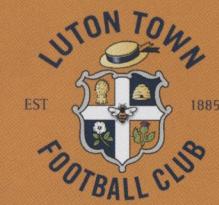
Winger David Moss was Luton Town's top scorer in two consecutive seasons. Initially with hometown Witney, he joined Swindon Town in July 1969 and was twice leading marksman before moving to Luton for £110,000 in May 1978. He featured prominently in their 1981-82 Second Division title triumph and was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

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

BRIAN STEIN & MICK HARFORD

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

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



STEVE HOWARD & TONY THORPE

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

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



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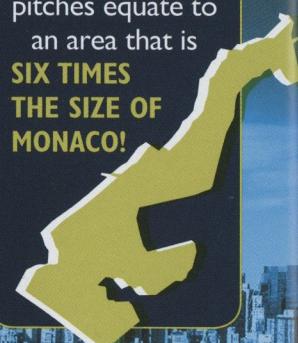
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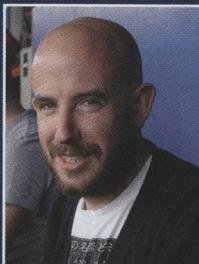
What style of football does the manager like to play?

It was an excellent first half of the season, was that a surprise? Not really - Town have recruited during the summer with promotion as the one thing on their mind for the new campaign.

Having improved a squad that reached the play-offs last term, with some big players joining, then it was always expected they would be mounting a serious promotion charge.

What were the hopes now for the current season?

Without doubt it is to go up automatically, but with 15 games to go and Town having established a healthy lead, then they should be looking to win the League Two title. It won't be easy as they still have some tricky places to go, but given the position Luton are in, there's every chance they can do it.



THIS WEEK MIKE SIMMONDS, SPORTS EDITOR, LUTON NEWS GIVES US HIS VIEWS ON TODAY'S OPPONENTS

It's very much an on the front foot style from Nathan Jones as he likes his side to get on the ball and attack the opposition with pace whenever possible. Although he does demand his team keep the ball, they are at their most dangerous when turning over possession and breaking on their opponents as has been proved in some hefty victories this term.

Which players should Stevenage fans look out for?

With Danny Hylton a doubt, then Harry Cornick has been in eye-catching form recently as his pace and direct running at the heart of the opposition makes him a nightmare for defences to play against as they never get a moments rest. He is also adding goals to his game as well, scoring the winner against Exeter last week.

Boro will know all about Luke Berry after his hat-trick at Kenilworth Road earlier in the season, while new addition Flynn Downes made a real impression with a superb debut last weekend.

Are there any previous meeting with Stevenage that stand out?

The main one that sticks out has to be from a few months ago when Luton simply ran riot with a thumping 7-1 win. Going into the game, there was a definite air of caution among some supporters, with Boro a real bogey side and Town hadn't won in four meetings. However that was to change quite dramatically, with Luke Berry scoring the perfect hat-trick as Luton simply ran riot on the day.

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15 GAMES TO GO AND TOWN HAVING ESTABLISHED A HEALTHY LEAD, THEN THEY SHOULD BE LOOKING TO WIN THE LEAGUE TWO TITLE.

Downes joined on deadline day from Ipswich and had a wonderful debut against Exeter, giving a performance that belied his 19 years of age.

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SKY BET LEAGUE TWO TABLE 17/18

POS	TEAM	HOME					AWAY					FULL							
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Luton Town	31	12	1	3	45	16	7	5	3	22	14	19	6	6	67	30	37	63
2	Wycombe Wanderers	30	9	3	3	34	22	7	4	4	25	21	16	7	7	59	43	16	55
3	Accrington Stanley	30	10	2	3	31	17	7	2	6	22	20	17	4	9	53	37	16	55
4	Notts County	30	10	4	2	32	15	5	5	4	20	18	15	9	6	52	33	19	54
5	Mansfield Town	30	9	5	1	29	16	5	6	4	17	17	14	11	5	46	33	13	53
6	Exeter City	29	11	0	3	22	11	5	3	7	18	23	16	3	10	40	34	6	51
7	Swindon Town	31	6	2	7	19	27	10	1	5	29	17	16	3	12	48	44	4	51
8	Coventry City	30	10	2	3	22	9	5	3	7	13	14	15	5	10	35	23	12	50
9	Lincoln City	30	8	6	2	27	14	5	4	5	16	16	13	10	7	43	30	13	49
10	Colchester United	31	7	6	3	25	15	5	4	6	17	22	12	10	9	42	37	5	46
11	Newport County	31	6	6	2	20	13	6	4	7	21	25	12	10	9	41	38	3	46
12	Crawley Town	31	6	2	7	15	15	7	4	5	19	21	13	6	12	34	36	-2	45
13	Carlisle United	30	5	5	5	21	16	6	3	6	21	25	11	8	11	42	41	1	41
14	Stevenage	31	6	6	3	27	17	4	2	10	13	27	10	8	13	40	44	-4	38
15	Cambridge United	30	8	3	3	18	11	2	5	9	10	30	10	8	12	28	41	-13	38
16	Cheltenham Town	31	6	4	5	20	18	3	5	8	21	28	9	9	13	41	46	-5	36
17	Grimsby Town	32	4	6	7	14	21	5	3	7	15	23	9	9	14	29	44	-15	36
18	Yeovil Town	30	7	4	5	25	16	2	3	9	18	34	9	7	14	43	50	-7	34
19	Port Vale	31	5	4	7	19	21	4	3	8	15	20	9	7	15	34	41	-7	34
20	Morecambe	31	5	3	7	16	21	2	7	7	13	20	7	10	14	29	41	-12	31
21	Crewe Alexandra	30	6	2	7	21	24	3	0	12	14	29	9	2	19	35	53	-18	29
22	Forest Green Rovers	31	6	2	8	22	27	2	3	10	11	27	8	5	18	33	54	-21	29
23	Chesterfield	31	5	3	8	17	22	2	3	10	14	33	7	6	18	31	55	-24	27
24	Barnet	30	3	4	7	12	17	2	3	11	17	29	5	7	18	29	46	-17	22

*Last week's
RESULTS*

03.02.18

Accrington Stanley 3-2 Stevenage

Chesterfield 1-2 Crawley Town

Colchester United 2-0 Newport County

Forest Green Rovers 2-1 Coventry City

Grimsby Town 1-1 Cheltenham Town

Lincoln City 2-3 Swindon Town

Luton Town 1-0 Exeter City

Mansfield Town 3-1 Barnet

Notts County 4-1 Crewe Alexandra

Port Vale 0-0 Morecambe

Wycombe Wanderers 4-3 Carlisle United

Yeovil Town 2-0 Cambridge United

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Accrington Stanley 2-1 Swindon Town

*This week's
FIXTURES*

09.02.18

Cambridge United v Lincoln City

TODAY

Barnet v Notts County

Carlisle United v Colchester United

Cheltenham Town v Port Vale

Coventry City v Accrington Stanley

Crawley Town v Grimsby Town

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STEVENAGE WEDNESDAY FOOTBALL TEAM AT LUTON



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Luton Woes

Lloyd Briscoe takes his regular look in the history of football in the town. This weekend he looks back 108 years as Luton's financial woes threatened the club

however that the club will fulfil all its engagements this season.

It cannot be complained that the directors are spending too much money on the wages bill. The present team is about the cheapest one they have run for many seasons, and it is said that not one player has received the £4 limit.

A Luton contemporary suggests that it is of little use to send the hat around again, as the help usually comes from the same few men every year, who are getting tired of "shelling out". They suggest that Lutonians may have to go to Watford to see Southern League football. What a catastrophe!"...

The fact that the above article is almost 108 years old did cause a wry smile at the time of reading it. Luton Town fans decamping to Watford? A catastrophe indeed!

Moving on 25 years and the Stevenage Wednesday Football Club pay a visit to Luton Town, who are now a Football League club competing in Division 3. The visit coincided with the same season that Luton's Joe Payne scored 55 goals in 39 games. In one fixture alone (v. Bristol Rovers), Derbyshire-born Joe scored an amazing 10 goals, a Football League record that still exists today.

Stevenage Wednesday were members of the Luton and District Wednesday League and lost every game in their first season.

Being the League's whipping boys, "the Wednesday" did manage to get a team together for every match, and they did fulfil every fixture. In September 1935, members of the Club were entertained to a tea party at the Whipsnade Park Restaurant, where, in the presence of representatives from all of the other clubs in their League, the President, Mr L. Lyons, presented to Stevenage a handsome silver cup in recognition of their sportsmanship in carrying on the previous season, - in spite of a long succession of overwhelming defeats.

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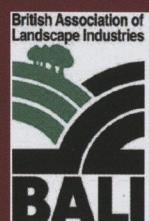
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After finishing top of the public vote and taking part in a judging day at Needham House Hotel, the Foundation have now made the shortlist of finalists, with the winners being announced at the awards ceremony on Friday 2nd March.

The prestigious awards night will take place at Tewin Bury Farm in Welwyn Garden City and will be hosted by popular Broadcaster and Television personality, Eamon Holmes OBE.

On receiving news of making the finalist shortlist, Head of Foundation, Joe Goude said "We're absolutely thrilled to have been selected as one of the finalist in the biz4Biz Awards. It has been a great process to be involved in and we've make some truly remarkable organisations along the way.

"The staff that were involved in the presentation to the judges last month really highlighted how far we've come as a charitable organisation in recent years and we look forward to having the privilege of sharing the night with our fellow finalists."

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17/18 FIXTURES & RESULTS

DATE	H/A	OPPONENT	K/O	RES (F/A)	ATT	POS						
AUGUST												
SAT 05	H	NEWPORT COUNTY	15:00	3 - 3	2,650	10	Fryer	Martin	Wilkinson	Franks	Henry	McKee
TUE 08	A	MILLWALL EFL CC	19:45	0 - 2	3,096	N/A	Fryer	Martin	Wilkinson	Franks	Henry	McKee
SAT 12	A	COLCHESTER UTD	15:00	1 - 1	3,330	17	Fryer	Martin	Wilkinson	Franks	Henry	Smith
SAT 19	H	GRIMSBY TOWN	15:00	3 - 1	2,793	8	Fryer	Martin	Wilkinson	Franks	Henry	Smith (1)
SAT 26	A	BARNET	15:00	1 - 0	1,883	3	Fryer	Martin	Wilkinson	Franks	Henry	Smith
TUE 29	H	OXFORD UNITED EFL CT	19:45	2 - 6	799	N/A	Day	Martin	Toner	King	Vancooten	Smith
SEPTEMBER												
SAT 02	A	CHELTENHAM TOWN	15:00	1 - 0	2,694	2	Fryer	Martin (1)	Wilkinson	Franks	Henry	Smith
SAT 09	H	LINCOLN CITY	15:00	1 - 2	3,427	5	Fryer	Martin	Wilkinson	Franks	Henry	Smith
TUE 12	H	CRAWLEY TOWN	19:45	1 - 1	1,922	7	Fryer	Martin	Toner	Franks	Henry	Smith
SAT 16	A	SWINDON TOWN	15:00	2 - 3	6,022	11	Fryer	Martin (1)	Toner	Franks	Henry	Smith
SAT 23	H	MORECAMBE	15:00	2 - 1	1,996	9	Fryer	Martin	Vancooten	Franks	Henry	Smith
TUE 26	A	CARLISLE UTD	19:45	2 - 0	3,701	6	Fryer	Martin	Vancooten	Franks	Henry	Smith
SAT 30	H	PORT VALE	15:00	2 - 0	2,678	6	Fryer	Martin	Vancooten	Franks	Henry	Smith (1)
OCTOBER												
TUE 03	A	MK DONS EFL CT*	19:45	0 - 0	2,031	4	Day	Slater	Wilkinson	Toner	Wilmot	Ferry
SAT 07	A	CREWE ALEXANDRA	15:00	0 - 1	3,679	7	Fryer	Martin	Wilkinson	Franks	Henry	Smith
SAT 14	A	LUTON TOWN	15:00	1 - 7	9,208	9	Fryer	Martin	Wilkinson	Franks	Henry	Smith
TUE 17	H	ACCRINGTON STANLEY	19:45	3 - 2	1,788	7	Fryer	Martin	Vancooten	Franks	Henry	Smith
SAT 21	H	FOREST GREEN ROVERS	15:00	1 - 2	2,099	9	Fryer	Martin	Vancooten	Franks	Henry	Smith
SAT 28	A	YEOVIL TOWN	15:00	0 - 3	2,439	11	Fryer	Martin	Vancooten	Franks	Henry	King
NOVEMBER												
SAT 04	H	NANTWICH TOWN FAC1	15:00	5 - 0	1,436	N/A	Fryer	Martin	Wilkinson	Smith (2)	Henry	King
TUE 7	H	BRIGHTON EFL CT	19:45	3 - 1	389	3	Fryer	Wilmot	Wilkinson	Vancooten	Toner	Slater
SAT 11	H	NOTTS COUNTY	15:00	1 - 1	2,962	13	Fryer	Martin	Wilkinson	Smith	Henry	King
SAT 18	A	MANSFIELD TOWN	15:00	0 - 1	3,353	13	Fryer	Martin	Wilkinson	Smith	Henry	King
TUE 21	H	COVENTRY CITY	19:45	1 - 1	2,544	13	Fryer	Martin	Wilkinson	Smith	Henry	King
SAT 25	A	CAMBRIDGE UTD	15:00	0 - 1	4,039	15	Fryer	Martin	Wilkinson	Smith	Henry	King
DECEMBER												
SAT 02	H	SWINDON TOWN FAC2	15:00	5 - 1	1,883	N/A	Fryer	Martin	Wilkinson	Smith	Henry	King
SAT 09	H	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	15:00	0 - 0	2,430	16	Fryer	Martin	Wilkinson	Smith	Henry	King
SAT 16	A	EXETER CITY	15:00	1 - 2	3,448	16	Fryer	Martin	Wilkinson	Smith	Henry	King
SAT 23	H	CHESTERFIELD	15:00	5 - 1	2,403	15	Fryer	Martin	Vancooten	Smith	Henry	King
TUE 26	A	LINCOLN CITY	15:00	0 - 3	9,268	16	Fryer	Martin	Vancooten	Smith	Henry	King
SAT 30	A	CRAWLEY TOWN	15:00	0 - 1	2,075	17	Fryer	Martin	Franks	Smith	Henry	King
JANUARY												
MON 01	H	CHELTENHAM TOWN	15:00	4 - 1	1,989	15	Fryer	Martin	Franks	Smith	Henry	King
SAT 06	H	READING FAC3	15:00	0 - 0	3,877	N/A	T. King	Martin	Wilmot	Smith	Henry	J. King
SAT 13	A	MORECAMBE	15:00	1 - 1	1,268	15	T. King	Martin	Wilmot	Smith	Henry	J. King
TUE 16	A	READING (FAC3R)	20:00	0 - 3	4,986	N/A	T. King	Martin	Wilmot	Smith	Henry	J. King
SAT 20	H	CARLISLE UTD	15:00	0 - 0	2,476	15	T. King	Martin	Wilmot	Smith	Henry	J. King
SAT 27	A	CHESTERFIELD	15:00	1 - 0	4,981	14	T. King	Vancooten	Wilmot	Franks	Henry	J. King
TUE 30	H	SWINDON TOWN	19:45	0 - 1	2,116	14	T. King	Vancooten	Wilmot	Franks	Henry	J. King
FEBRUARY												
SAT 03	A	ACCRINGTON STANLEY	15:00	2 - 3	1,324	14	T. King	Vancooten	Wilmot	Franks	Amos	J. King
SAT 10	H	LUTON TOWN	15:00									
TUE 13	A	FOREST GREEN ROVERS	19:45									
SAT 17	H	YEOVIL TOWN	15:00									
SAT 24	A	NOTTS COUNTY	15:00									
MARCH												
SAT 03	H	MANSFIELD TOWN	15:00									
SAT 10	H	CREWE ALEXANDRA	15:00									
SAT 17	A	PORT VALE	15:00									
SAT 24	H	COLCHESTER UTD	15:00									
FRI 30	A	GRIMSBY TOWN	15:00									
APRIL												
MON 02	H	BARNET	15:00									
SAT 07	A	NEWPORT COUNTY	15:00									
SAT 14	H	CAMBRIDGE UTD	15:00									
SAT 21	A	COVENTRY CITY	15:00									
SAT 28	H	EXETER CITY	15:00									
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SAT 05	A	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	15:00									

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Gorman	Whelpdale	Pett	Samuel	Godden	Newton	Smith	Turgott	Day, Vancooten, Beautyman, Conlon	S. Hooper
Gorman	Whelpdale	Beautyman	Newton (1)	Godden	Samuel	Kennedy	Pett	Day, Vancooten, McKee, Conlon	A. Coggins
Gorman	Samuel	Pett	Newton (1)	Godden	Kennedy (1)	Conlon	McKee	Day, Vancooten, Beautyman, Whelpdale	S. Oldham
Gorman	Whelpdale	Pett (1)	Newton	Godden	Kennedy	Toner	Vancooten	Day, Samuel, Beautyman, Conlon	R. Clark
Conlon	Beautyman (1)	Pett	Samuel (1)	Godden	Wilkinson	Ferry	Gray	Fryer, Franks, Wilmot, Newell	C. Breakspear
Whelpdale	Beautyman	Pett	Newton	Godden	Samuel	Gray	Toner	Day, Vancooten, Ferry, Wilmot	C. Hicks
Whelpdale	Beautyman	Pett	Newton	Godden (1)	Toner	Kennedy	Gray	Day, Vancooten, Samuel, Conlon	A. Backhouse
Kennedy	Beautyman	Pett	Newton (1)	Godden	Vancooten	Samuel	Whelpdale	Day, Gray, McKee, Conlon	A. Haines
Kennedy	Gorman	Pett	Newton (1)	Godden	Whelpdale	Samuel	McKee	Day, Vancooten, Gray, Beautyman	J. Brooks
Kennedy	Gorman	Pett	Newton	Godden (1)	Wootton (1)	Samuel	Conlon	Day, Toner, Beautyman, Conlon, Whelpdale	J. Busby
Kennedy (1)	Gorman	Pett	Newton	Godden	Wootton	Wilkinson	Conlon	Day, Toner, Whelpdale, Gray	M. Salisbury
Kennedy	Gorman	Pett	Newton (1)	Godden	Wootton	Gray	Conlon	Day, Toner, Wilkinson, Whelpdale	C. Sarginson
Whelpdale	Gorman	Conlon	Beautyman	Wootton	Newton	Georgiou	Pett	Fryer, Field, Franks, Smith	N. Kinesley
Whelpdale	Gorman	Conlon	Newton	Godden	Wootton	Slater	Georgiou	Day, Toner, Wilmot, Beautyman	T. Kettle
Kennedy (1)	Gorman	Pett	Newton	Godden	Wootton	McKee	Samuel	Day, Toner, Vancooten, Whelpdale	B. Huxtable
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Kennedy	Gorman	Pett	Wootton	Godden (1)	Newton	Samuel	King	Day, Toner, Whelpdale, McKee	L. Collins
Whelpdale	Gorman	Pett	Wootton	Newton	Wilkinson	Samuel	Toner	Day, Slater, Wilmot, Conlon	C. Sarginson
McKee	Whelpdale	Pett	Godden (3)	Newton	Gorman	Wootton	Wilmot	Day, Vancooten, Conlon, Samuel	M. Salisbury
Conlon	Beautyman	McKee	Wootton (1)	Samuel (2)	Georgiou	Ferry	Whelpdale	Day, O'Keefe, Leslie, Pett	C. Breakspear
Whelpdale	Beautyman	Pett	Godden	Newton (1)	Samuel	Gray	Day, Franks, Wilmot, Conlon, Vancooten, McKee	R. Joyce	
Whelpdale	Beautyman	Pett	Godden	Newton	McKee	Conlon	Samuel	Day, Franks, Wilmot, Vancooten	T. Nield
McKee	Beautyman	Pett (1)	Godden	Newton	Samuel	Whelpdale	Conlon	Day, Franks, Wilmot, Vancooten	K. Johnson
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McKee	Whelpdale	Pett	Samuel	Godden (1)	Newton	Conlon		Day, Franks, Wilmot, Beautyman	S. Duncan
McKee	Whelpdale	Pett	Samuel	Godden (1)	Newton	Beautyman	Kennedy	Day, Conlon, Gorman, Vancooten	A. Kettle
McKee	Gorman (1)	Newton (1)	Samuel	Godden (2)	Kennedy	Gray	Franks	Day, Beautyman, Whelpdale, Pett	C. Hicks
McKee	Gorman	Newton	Samuel	Godden	Wilkinson	Kennedy	Pett	Day, Franks, Beautyman, Whelpdale	C. Boyeson
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A DAY OUT AT...



WHAT IS THE NEW LAWN LIKE?

The New Lawn ground is situated on the western edge of the picturesque Cotswold town of Nailsworth.

The name Forest Green is taken from the area of the town where the clubs home is found. Opened in 2006, the New Lawn ground is sited on top of a fairly steep hill and is quite exposed to the elements. It is only a short distance from the site of their old Lawn ground, which has now been redeveloped for housing.

The stadium is dominated by the smart looking Main (East) Stand at one side of the pitch. This stand is all seated and has a capacity of 1,881. It has a cantilever roof as well as row of executive boxes running across the back of it. The team 'dugout' areas are located at the front of this stand.

WHERE TO EAT AND DRINK?

There is bar at the ground itself called the Green Man, which is built into the back of the Main Stand.

This bar serves real ale from the Stroud Brewery, hot food is available and it has a number of televisions showing televised sports. However, with promotion to the Football League then this is mostly for home fans only. The Club though have set up a small marquee bar for visiting fans which is located near to the away turnstiles.

Maxwell Meadows a visiting Solihull Moors fan adds: "We went to a pub called the George, which is on Newmarket Road around a 15 minute walk from the ground. It is an extremely atmospheric pub serving a good pint of beer. It is worth seeking out despite the walk back up the hill. To find this pub from the ground then walk back down the main road towards the town centre. Half way down look out for Burma Road on the right and follow it along into Seven Acres Road. Carry on till you see a footpath on your left heading sharply down the hill. It is a shortcut that leads to the back of The George which is in Newmarket Road. It was a bit of a stiff walk back up to the ground but not as far as from the town centre and at least Burma Road is on the level."

Opposite is the small open West Terrace, which is only seven steps high. Running along the back of this terrace are four floodlight pylons. Interestingly both ends have to different degrees been relocated from the old Lawn ground to the new stadium.

At the Nympsfield Road (North) end of the ground, is a covered terrace, the roof of which came from the Barnfield Road side of the old ground. Opposite is the South Stand, which until recently was a covered all seated stand, but has now had the seats removed to make it a terrace for home fans. This stand is of interest as it was the Trevor Horsley Stand which was transported from the Club's old ground and re-erected at the New Lawn. Overall the New Lawn is a small but tidy stadium that is well maintained.

HOW TO GET THERE AND WHERE TO PARK?

When planning a trip here, don't try and find Forest Green on your map, look up Nailsworth, south of Stroud in Gloucestershire.

The best way to approach is from the M5 and exit at junction 13 and head for Stroud on the A419. At Stroud turn onto the A46 towards Nailsworth. This will bring you into the centre of the town when you reach the Information Centre take the first right at the mini roundabout into Spring Hill, which goes up a steep hill sign posted Forest Green. The Lawn is at the top of this hill. Turn left at the roundabout at the 'summit' into the stadium entrance. There is no parking available in the club car park for visiting fans unless you are a blue badge holder who has pre-booked a space. A short distance away down Nympsfield Road is Nailsworth Primary School which offers parking at £5 per car. Otherwise, there is plenty of on-street parking in the area, although please be considerate to local residents.

The Club operates a Park & Ride scheme from the premises of Renishaw plc, which are located on the main A46 Stroud Road (GL5 5EY). There are 200 spaces for cars and cost of £5 per vehicle. Buses up to the ground commence up to three hours before kick off and return after the match has ended.

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AFTER TODAY'S FIXTURE BORO TRAVEL DOWN TO THE SOUTH WEST FOR A MIDWEEK FIXTURE AGAINST NEWLY PROMOTED FOREST GREEN ROVERS

WHAT CAN BORO SUPPORTERS EXPECT?

Away fans are housed in the West Terrace on one side of the ground.

This terrace has a capacity of around 1,150 fans and runs the full length of the pitch. The terrace is uncovered, so hope that it doesn't rain. Unfortunately, it is difficult to really make some noise from the open terrace which dampens down the atmosphere somewhat. Apart from disabled fans, the Club does not provide any seating to visiting supporters. The entrance to the away terrace is at the back of the stadium from the main entrance and the access paths are quite narrow. Entrance to the ground is via electronic turnstiles, meaning that you need to scan your ticket to gain admittance.

If you are looking for a Meat Pie, Beef Burger or Hot Dog to buy inside the ground, then you will be disappointed, as the Club has decided not to sell any meat products and instead only sell Vegan ones. So on offer, are Veggie Burgers (£3.30), Q-Pies (filled with Quorn £3.50) Chips and Curry Sauce (£3.20), Chip Butties (£3.20) and Chips (£2.70).

My visits to The New Lawn (and the old ground for that matter) have been most enjoyable and it would be difficult to find a more friendly and welcoming club than this one. If the chance arises, a visit to this Gloucestershire ground is a pleasant days outing in a unique setting.

I have been informed that the Club are looking at installing a temporary roof over part or all of the West Terrace and also adding some seating for away fans on that side too.

BANNED IN THE MORNING YOU'RE GETTING BANNED IN THE MORNING

All 72 EFL Clubs have signed up to a new Chairman's Charter to help put an end to the dangerous use of pyrotechnics.

It is already a criminal offence to enter a football stadium while in possession of a flare, smoke bomb or firework. Any supporter now found to be in breach of the terms of the Chairman's Charter will also face a minimum three-season Club ban.



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