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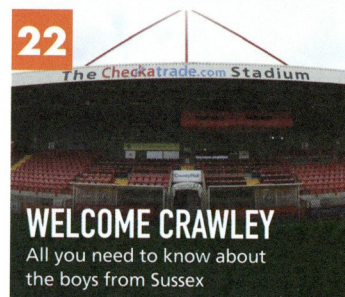
NATHAN JONES

The boss welcomes Crawley
to Kenilworth Road



FROM THE BOARDROOM

Chief executive Gary Sweet writes
tonight's boardroom notes



WELCOME CRAWLEY

All you need to know about
the boys from Sussex



THE JAZZ MAN

Head of sports science Jared
Roberts-Smith's latest column



TOWN TEAM-MATES

Elliot Lee fills us in on his pals
in the Hatters dressing room



DOWNES DEBUT DELIGHT

Flynn Downes absolutely loved
his debut on loan from Ipswich

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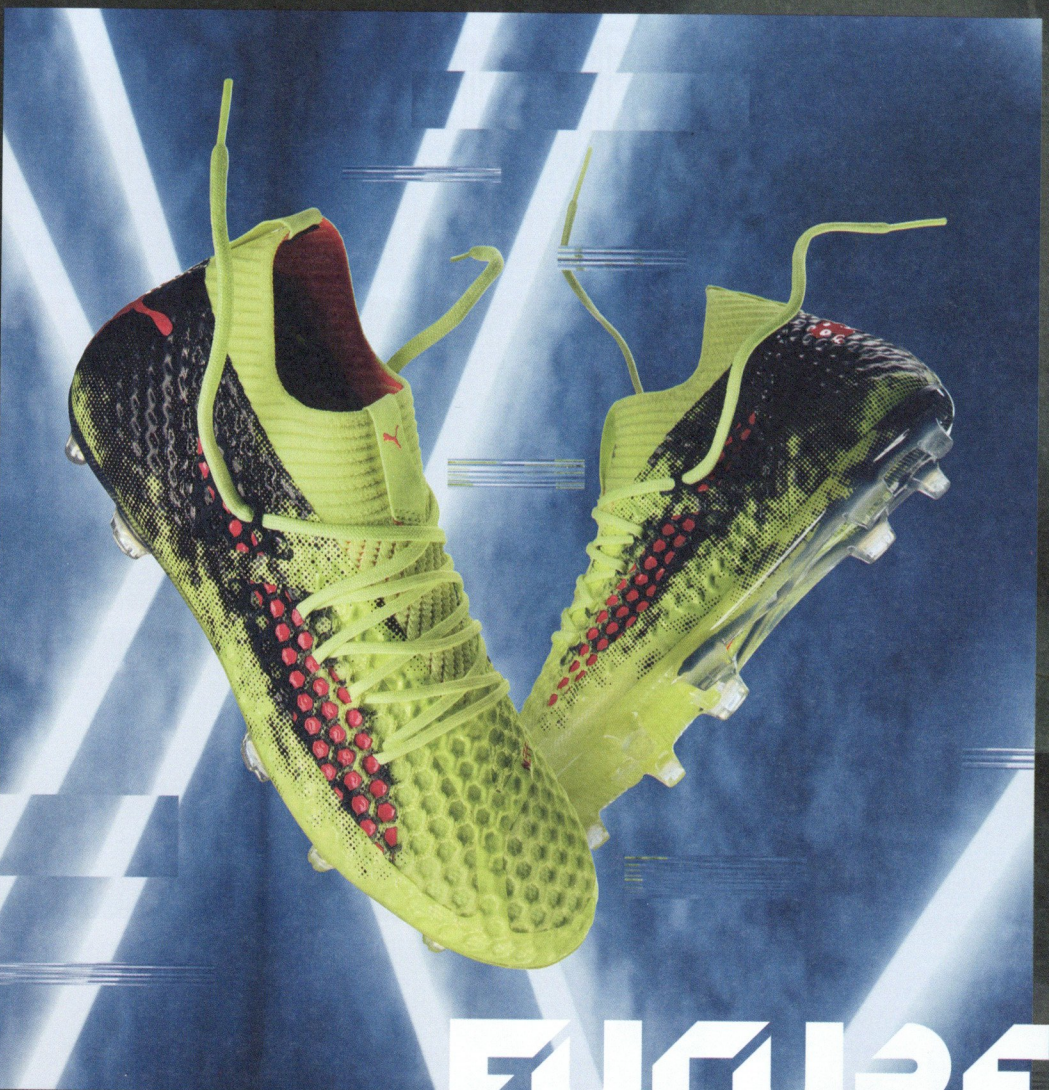
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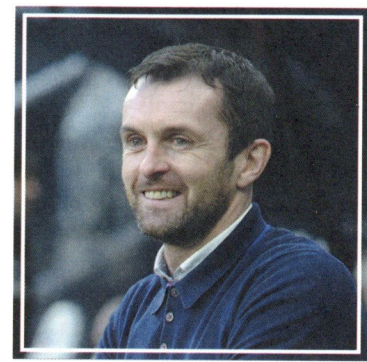


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[THE MANAGER'S NOTES]



THE MANAGER

NATHAN JONES

Good evening and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for another massive game in our quest to secure promotion from Sky Bet League Two, with Crawley Town the visitors.

I would like to welcome everyone who has made the journey around the M25 from an area of the country I know well having spent much of my career in Sussex with Brighton.

As well as manager Harry Kewell, his staff, their players and club officials, I extend that welcome to the Crawley supporters who have followed their team, and I wish them all a safe trip home after the game.

As was the case when Exeter came here last time out – and Wycombe, Morecambe, Lincoln, Grimsby and Notts County before them – Crawley are a team currently on an excellent run of form. We know from our goalless draw down at the Checkatrade Stadium in October that this will be a real tough test for us, but we are in good shape ourselves.

Of course, we were disappointed not to bring all three points back from Stevenage on Saturday. When you score in the 85th minute you back yourselves to win the game, and that is something we've been right on top of in recent times, with three 1-0 wins in four matches before the weekend.

Unfortunately that wasn't the case at the Lamex Stadium, but we know that Stevenage is a tough place to go, especially in the difficult conditions we encountered on Saturday, and we all see it as a positive point towards the ultimate goal of winning automatic promotion this season.

In that last game here at Kenilworth Road, we once more showed the character we have within the dressing room by winning the fixture immediately after a defeat, and some of the football we played in that win over Exeter was top drawer.

With a bit more of a clinical edge we could have scored more than the one goal we got from Harry Cornick, who was a threat throughout the game, but I was delighted with how we responded to the Wycombe set-back.

We saw in that victory how we added even more character, quality and depth to the squad on transfer deadline day with Flynn Downes impressing in midfield, Jake Jervis carrying a threat up front and Lloyd Jones coming on in the closing stages to help us secure three valuable points.

ATMOSPHERE

All three lads have settled in well and will only help us as we now find ourselves in the final three months of the season, while some of the younger members of the squad will go out on loan to gain valuable experience of senior football, as Frankie Musonda has with Oxford City in the last few days.

Finally, thank you once again for such wonderful support both here in the Exeter game – when the atmosphere was electric as ever – and at Stevenage on Saturday when almost 2,000 of you filled the away end behind the goal.

Yes, it's a local one, but you've proved throughout the season that you cover the miles in support of your team, and we all appreciate the money you spend and time you devote to the cause.

Enjoy the game.



FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH CHIEF EXECUTIVE GARY SWEET

Good evening one and all to Kenilworth Road for tonight's League Two fixture against Crawley Town. Whilst this "wintry cold February night game against the 'other' red devils" doesn't necessarily stimulate one's romantic imagination for most, it's a game I've been very much looking forward to.

It will certainly be a game that I can be confident will be a million miles from that mind-numbingly horrific encounter we had the great misfortune to experience on Saturday, alongside two thousand other Luton supporters!

Welcome to all from Crawley Town; their players, staff, officials and, most importantly, supporters. There are many similarities between tonight's opponents and Saturday's. Both considered as 'new clubs' (despite Crawley's 120-year history), both rising from the Conference (as it was then) in our early years of dropping into it, and both with a 'chequered' recent history of popularity with our supporters, mainly encouraged by controversial managers and with us having a bit of a bogey reputation with them over recent seasons – until this.

I'm happy to say though that Crawley are deservedly earning their plaudits, certainly in the way they are trying to play and claim an identifiable mark in the game. I have built a very good relationship with their director of football, Selim Gaygusuz – one of the Turkish representatives of the Club's custodians – whose opinion I respect and, together with the board, were correct in giving Harry Kewell more time than many other Clubs have given their managers to find their feet. Something which Harry has clearly done now.

Stephen Browne commented to me on Saturday, "How is it we seem to always play the opposition when they're in their best form of the season?". Without checking the statistics of this perception, it certainly does appear to be accurate as we face the division's top recent performers tonight and whose excellent recent run has given them a beady eye on a play-off position.

Regardless of that, we are top of the league for good reason. We may have mis-fired a little at times recently,

but this is understandable with so many absences of key leaders in the team (Cuthbert, Hylton, Sheehan, Mullins, McCormack and Lee to name a few) and playing in some freakishly windy conditions and on some surfaces that only arable freeholders would be proud of. I know it is supposed to be the same for all teams, but it's in such games when we need our leaders on the pitch, which we have sorely missed.

Despite that, we have bolstered our resources by having another very good transfer window meeting our objective of strengthening the squad without losing any key players, which we duly accomplished – not that it was all plain-sailing, I should add! January is a horrific window where the treacherous traps and pitfalls are generally more common than the opportunities it presents, and with 80 per cent of the month's trading happening on the last day.

We're very pleased with how we came out of it having signed two very good long-term, permanent players and one highly-rated loanee. Welcome to Luton Town Jake, Lloyd and Flynn. All three lads and their representatives were a pleasure to get signed and introduce into the fold. All three will require a little patience from you too, as they find their feet in the Lutoian culture and raise their fitness levels to our bar of expectation.

In addition to our expenditure of a total value approaching £200,000 in January, we managed to avoid letting any of our top players go despite receiving bids in total of over £2.5m placed in respect of a few players. There were a variety of reasons for these decisions.

For most, retaining the services of these players was important because we strongly felt we needed to keep the squad together for the all-important run-in, especially

as injuries have taken their toll and could continue to do so. For others, however, it may be a different reason. We generally accept that if a player develops more quickly than the Club is able to, we are more than happy to help them progress to the right opportunity, at the right time, receiving the right amount of compensation without it negatively impacting our season. We generally work hard to help this process if the inevitable situation is upon us but, alas, this couldn't happen in January. In any case, none of these decisions will affect the long-term aspirations of any player.

Adding three players without loss does bloat the squad to an uncomfortable level, though – or it certainly will when our injured and suspended start to return. Consequently, it's good to see Frankie Musonda, Harry Isted and Jack James get valuable game-time out on loan with others soon to follow.

February, for us, is also a time when we begin the process of securing and extending the contracts of some existing players for the longer term and this process is ongoing positively as we speak.

So, as we have entered the final third of the season the same two principal goals remain potentially alive for us all; promotion to League One and a receipt of a planning consent by the Local Council.

On this latter aim, I can only apologise for not giving more updates recently, however, I'm sure you all understand that as we are now in the final technical throes of the process there is little we can do or say other than wait. Naturally, we are working tirelessly (and sometimes sleeplessly) to respond to the various technical cross-examinations thrown our way,

which of course, we're able to and happy to respond to.

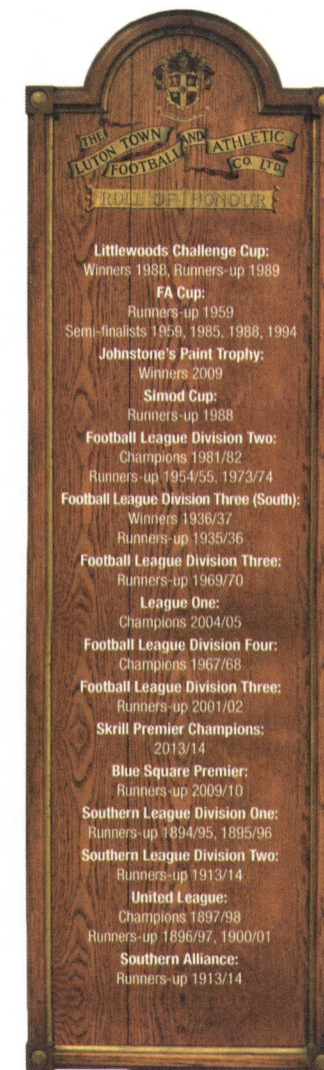
Indeed, there is very little now we can possibly answer given that everything should now have been reviewed in detail, other than one small but important final document which can only be issued once everything else has been.

In March – week commencing 13th to be precise – 2020 will be very well-represented at MIPIM in Cannes (the event where we won two acclaimed architectural awards last year) – an important global property exhibition where partnerships are created and deals are done. We have politely asked the Council to be mindful of the fact that visiting Cannes at great expense without having a planning decision after twenty months of consideration will create a not insignificant delay in progressing with the project. Indeed, the inability to be able to trade at MIPIM will not only hamper our progress but the progress of the town itself!

We fully understand and appreciate that planning officers must be meticulous in their considerations, but we have been very patient, as helpful as any developer could be and have been swift in responding to any questions or challenges. I'm beginning to find it unfathomable how something so positive and already so detailed upon submission can take so long.

It will be incredibly disappointing (and costly) if we were to miss this key timeframe and I have urged our Council, as far as I am possibly able, to give us the ammunition to begin the process of making this dream a reality.

Right here, right now, for both the development of our town and Club, we could be lucky enough to be celebrating two major events



this season and you can play a fundamental role. Your voices need to be heard on the stands and terraces and may still need to be heard if our applications get challenged after determination. Let's not lose these opportunities – be loud and proud by make yourselves heard starting tonight to spur the team on to three points!

COYH!

Gary

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COLLO CALLS FOR COOL HEADS DURING RUN-IN

STRIKER SAYS PROMOTION EXPERIENCE WITHIN TOWN DRESSING ROOM WILL HELP THE HATTERS

James Collins netted his 14th goal in a Luton Town shirt in the 1-1 draw at Stevenage at the weekend — and ahead of tonight's game against his former club Crawley, the striker called for his team-mates to use all their promotion-winning experience to see the Hatters over the League Two line.

With 14 games to go, that point helped the Hatters move ten ahead of fourth-placed Notts County as they look to secure one of the three automatic spots by the first Saturday in May.

Collins, 27, is aiming to win a fourth promotion from the EFL's fourth tier in a career that has already seen him go up to League One with Shrewsbury, twice, and Northampton Town.

CONFIDENCE

After seeing Stevenage hit back with a late equaliser to cancel out his penalty opener at the Lamex Stadium on Saturday, the forward said: "We are gutted in there. When you nick a goal with 85 minutes gone, you fancy yourselves to see the game out, but it wasn't to be.

"Results elsewhere have gone for us today though, so it could turn out to be a good point. It definitely helps having another game so quickly. We're back at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday and we go into that game full of confidence.

"It wasn't the prettiest of games today, but I think Tuesday will be a completely different game and we go into it looking to go and get another three points."

On that run-in, with the Town now well into the final third of the fixture list, he added: "There are numerous leaders in the dressing room, not just myself.

"There's loads of promotions in the dressing room and we are all coming together, trying to put our heads together and make sure we see this over the line.

"Today you either look at it as two points dropped or a point closer to getting promotion, and if we go and win on Tuesday, I'd say it's another point closer to promotion."



Last season Collins netted 22 goals in all competitions for tonight's visitors as they finished sixth-from-bottom in League Two under Dermot Drummy, who sadly passed away last November.

The Red Devils are currently on a good run of form under former Leeds and Liverpool winger Harry Kewell and are now within sight of the play-offs themselves after seven wins in their last eight matches.

The Hatters had to settle for a point down in Sussex in October, and Collins said: "They are doing really well. It was a difficult game down at their place. They've picked up some form and it won't be an easy game, but we are at home and we are confident that we can cause problems.

"He (Kewell) has brought a few in, but the majority of the lads I played with are still there. I still keep in contact with a couple of them and they enjoy it there, working under him, so we'll see how good they are on Tuesday."

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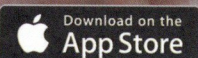


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[NEWS]

HATTERS HOST WADERS IN BEDS FA SENIOR CUP FINAL

After winning 1-0 in the semi-final at Bedford Town last Tuesday night, the Hatters will host Biggleswade Town in the final of the Beds FA Senior Cup next month.

The final against the Evo-Stik South Premier Division Waders, who beat Biggleswade FC in a penalty shoot-out, will take place at Kenilworth Road on Monday 26th March, with a 7.30pm kick-off.

The Main Stand and Enclosure will be open on the night, with entrance via the Maple Road Bridge turnstiles and the Press gate at the Kenilworth Road end of the ground. Admission will be

£8 for adults and £3 for over 60s and under 16s.

The Hatters youngsters have reached the final by winning 3-0 at Arlesey Town and 4-1 at Barton Rovers before Frankie Musonda netted an injury-time winner at The Eyrie.

Biggleswade Town, who are currently just below mid-table in their Step 3 division, knocked out Kempston

Rovers (4-1) and Leighton Town (1-0), before edging past their Spartan South Midlands League tenants at the Carlsberg Stadium after a 1-1 draw in 90 minutes.

Reece Fielding netted their goal inside normal time, then with former Hatters keeper Liam Gooch saving Biggleswade FC's first spot-kick in the shoot-out, it enabled them to progress to the final 5-3 on penalties.

YOUTH TEAM OFF TO OXFORD

The Hatters youth team will travel to Oxford United in the Southern Area final of the EFL Youth Alliance Cup next month.

Like the Town Under-18s in their semi-final victory at Cheltenham last month, Oxford needed penalties to overcome Exeter City ten days ago.

The winners of the game, which will take place on Saturday 31st March, will then face the victors of the Northern Area Final between Wigan Athletic and Hartlepool United.

This is the third season in a row that the Town have played in the regional final, beating Swindon Town in 2015-16 before going on to win the national title against Shrewsbury. Last year they lost in the southern final at AFC Bournemouth.



ENGLISH SCHOOLS FA V REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

Don't forget that there will be international football on offer at Kenilworth Road on Friday 16th March, when the English Schools FA Under-18s host the Republic of Ireland in the Centenary Shield – kick-off 7pm.

The Hatters were due to be playing at Newport County the same night when the international was first announced, but with our league fixture now having reverted to Saturday March 17th, we hope some Town fans will take the opportunity to see what promises to be an exciting match at the Kenny!

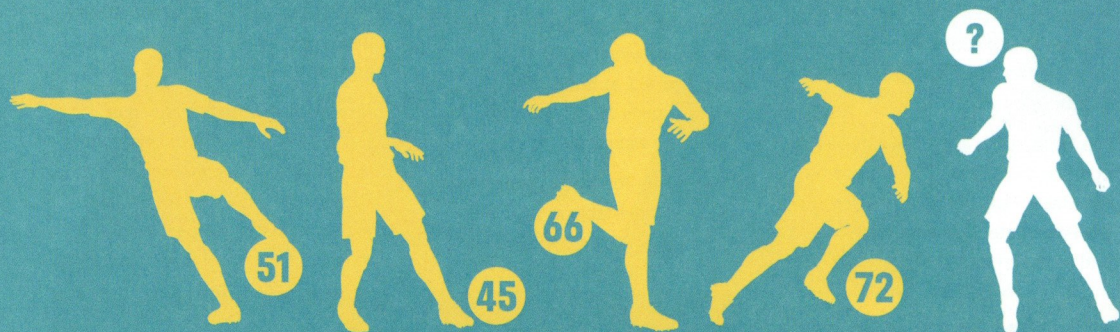
Tickets will be priced at £8 for adults and £5 for concessions (age 65-plus and Under-18), while schools will be able to apply for group booking discounts of £5 adults and £3 for school pupils, with one adult going free with every group of 10 children booked.

Look out for an announcement next week about how tickets can be obtained.

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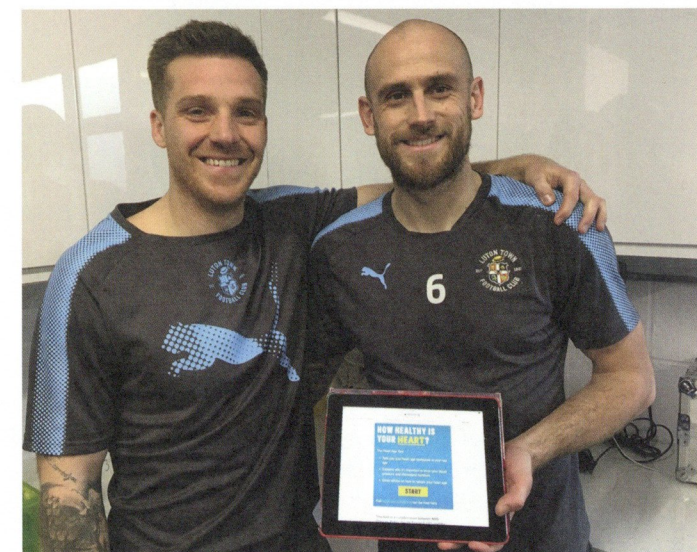
What better the night before Valentine's Day than to include a picture of two of the Town's more mature players under this headline?

Captain Scott Cuthbert and fellow centre-half Johnny Mullins have been recovering from injury in recent days, but they were more than happy to support Luton Borough Council's Healthy Hearts campaign at the Brache last week.

The Hatters would encourage all supporters – but especially those in their target group of men aged 30-65 years – to take the Heart Age test, as both defenders did, along with physio Simon Parsell, the self-styled 'Love Doctor' who we've had to include to fit the headline of this piece!

"Once you've got your blood pressure reading, all it takes is 30 seconds of your time to answer a few yes or no questions online," said Scott, 30.

Johnny, 32, added: "It's worth it to find out how old your heart is, and whether you need to take any action to get healthier."



Details of how to take the test are featured in the advert opposite.

Patient confidentiality prevents us publishing results, but it's fair to say

the elder of the three Hatters heart-throbs mentioned here has been hitting the gym in the last few days since taking the test!

FRANKIE GOES TO OXFORD CITY ON LOAN

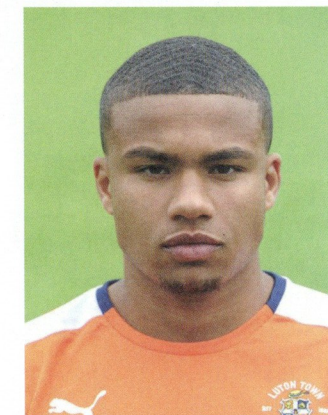
Young Hatters defender Frankie Musonda has joined Vanarama National League South side Oxford City on a one-month youth loan.

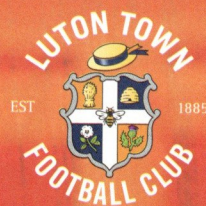
The 20-year-old centre-half has made 12 senior appearances for the Town after progressing through the youth ranks, with his four starts this term all coming in the Checkatrade Trophy.

Musonda, who captained the Town youth team to a league and cup double success and on a run to the FA Youth Cup quarter-finals in 2015-16, will link up with his team-mate from that side, Craig King, the goalkeeper who left Kenilworth Road last summer and has recently started playing again.

He will also work under former Hatters player and academy coach Joe Deeney, who is assistant-manager at Court Place Farm.

Oxford are currently involved in a fight to avoid relegation from the Step 2 division, so Frankie – who made his debut in Saturday's 4-1 win over Hemel Hempstead – will gain more valuable experience following his loan at Braintree Town last season.





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SKY BET LEAGUE TWO | SATURDAY 10TH MARCH | 3PM

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SKY BET LEAGUE TWO | SATURDAY 17TH MARCH | 3PM

Ticket information for this away fixture will be released when provided by the Exiles.



COLCHESTER UNITED

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO | FRIDAY 30TH MARCH | 3PM

The Hatters have received an allocation of 1,710 seats in the North Stand for this fixture. Due to the staggered price increases by date Colchester details have been released earlier than normal to give all supporters the opportunity to purchase at the cheaper prices.

Tickets are on sale now to Diamond season ticket holders at two-per-person until close of business tonight. These tickets will be on sale from the Ticket Office via phone or in person only. Season ticket holders will be able to purchase two tickets each from tomorrow. They will be available online using your individual client reference numbers and also via phone or in person from the Ticket Office. These will remain on sale until close of business on Tuesday 20th February. Any remaining tickets will be available from 10am online, over the phone and in person on Wednesday 21st February and will remain on sale at the cheapest price until close of business on Monday 26th February. ***Concession = over 65, disabled with a carer FOC, and Armed Forces. Under 11 are FOC on a one adult/senior to four basis. After this additional U11 costs apply.**

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[OUR NEXT OPPOSITION]

HOME COMFORTS

CHELTENHAM TOWN SATURDAY 24TH FEBRUARY, 3PM

FORMED: 1887 | NICKNAME: THE ROBINS | LAST SEASON: 21ST IN LEAGUE TWO | FOLLOW THEM ON TWITTER: @CTFCOFFICIAL

COLOURS: RED & WHITE STRIPES | GROUND: WHADDON ROAD | MANAGER: GARY JOHNSON

Our next game isn't for another ten days, when we welcome Cheltenham Town to Kenilworth Road...

WHO? Promoted in the 2015-16 season from the National League, they were the first club in 27 years to achieve the feat of bouncing straight back up as champions after relegation from the EFL – they managed it with 101 points. The Robins avoided relegation by just four points as they finished 21st in Sky Bet League Two last season with a poor run of form from late October through to the New Year putting them in danger of slipping back down to the fifth tier.

TICKETS Ticket prices for this fixture are on page 15.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE Our last meeting came in mid-November when, after Dan Potts' opener had been cancelled out, Elliot Lee put the Town in the lead late on only for the Robins to equalise with what was essentially the last kick of the game. Of the 12 games between the two sides, the Hatters have won three, drawn six and lost three.

IN CHARGE Ex-Peterborough United, Northampton Town and Yeovil Town boss Gary Johnson has been in charge at Whaddon Road since March 2015, when he couldn't prevent the Robins' relegation from League Two, but then masterminded their immediate return to the division. One of the 61-year-old's greatest achievements was guiding the Glovers to the Championship via the League One play-offs, at one point going on a run of eight consecutive League One wins. Father of Bristol City boss Lee Johnson, the Robins manager boasts a win record of 42 per cent with nearly 1,000 games as a boss under his belt.

PREVIOUS FORM Cheltenham moved up to 14th in the table on Saturday with their biggest win of the season, beating Port Vale 5-1 to record their first home victory in two months. Leading scorer Mohamed Eisa netted a hat-trick to take his tally to 15 for the season - his first in professional football after being signed from Greenwich Borough - as the Robins brought an end to a four-match winless run in fine style.



KNOWING ME KNOWING YOU The Hatters and the Robins have had a number of players represent both teams over the years. Former Town midfielder Jake Gray had a short loan spell with Cheltenham in 2015 making four appearances, whilst Asa Hall – who had been with Cheltenham since 2014 until the summer when he moved to National League outfit Barrow – made 89 appearances for the Town, scoring 16 goals. Amari Morgan-Smith made 48 appearances for Town, netting 18 times in a two season spell between 2010-12. He made his loan to York City a permanent deal in the summer. The only current player in either squad to have played for both clubs is new Hatters defender Lloyd Jones, who made six appearances for Cheltenham on loan from Liverpool in 2015.

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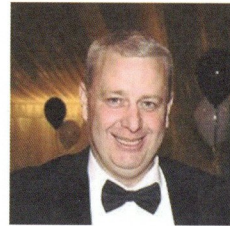
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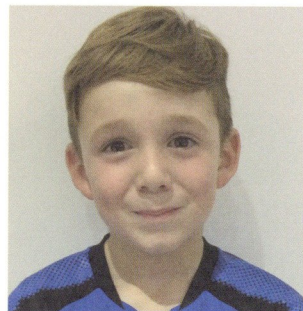
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Martin does so much for his community, raising thousands of pounds every year, for not only various charities but local families in need. Martin is on a number of committees for boards and charities, he is the Regional Director for Construction Company Toureen

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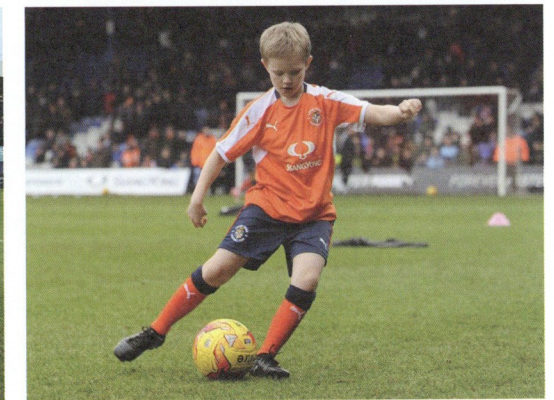
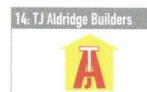
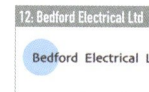
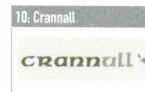
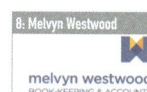
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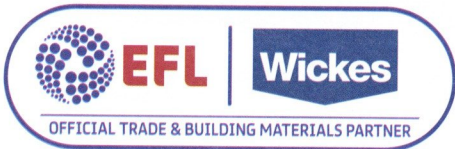


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WELCOME CRAWLEY TOWN

FACTFILE:

NICKNAMES: THE RED DEVILS
GROUND: CHECKATRADE STADIUM
MANAGER: HARRY KEWELL
LAST SEASON: 19TH IN LEAGUE TWO

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

After a slow start under first time manager Harry Kewell, the Red Devils looked set for a relegation scrap and Kewell finding himself under a bit of early pressure. However, players returning from injury and the former Australia international getting his message across has seen the Checktrade Stadium outfit go on a tremendous run – which if they maintain, could see them finish in a play-off place, or even higher.

Seven defeats in their opening 11 league games didn't bode well, but only five losses in their following 21 fixtures, including a recent run of seven wins in their last eight matches, has seen them shoot up the table to within four points of seventh.

Ex-Leeds United, Liverpool and Galatasaray forward Kewell took over at Crawley in the summer after leaving his job as Under-23 boss at Watford, becoming the first Australian to manage an English Football League side. He was appointed after the departure of Dermot Drummy, who sadly passed away back in November.

Kewell's side's recent form saw him nominated for Sky Bet League Two Manager of the Month for January, as they won four of their five outings. The award however was picked up by Wycombe Wanderers' Gareth Ainsworth.

The Red Devils brought in strikers Panutche Camara and Thomas Verheydt over the summer, but Enzo Boldeuwijn –

who has been at the club since 2016 – is the man who has been finding the back of the net regularly this season. His performances last month also saw him nominated for Player of the Month, and although he didn't win it, the 25-year-old has helped his team carry on their run of form, having defeated Chesterfield at the Proact Stadium at the beginning of February.

Crawley's climb up the football pyramid has been quite remarkable, having not made it into the EFL until 2011. Promotion as champions from the Conference that season was followed by another hugely successful campaign as they finished third in League Two, going up automatically to League One.

A three-season stay followed before relegation, with the Red Devils finishing in 20th and 19th in their two campaigns back in the fourth tier. Now-Hatters forward James Collins topped the scoring charts for Crawley last year, netting 22 times for them – including their only goal here in their last visit, which ended in a 2-1 win for the Town, courtesy of a Danny Hylton brace.

The last fixture between the Hatters and Crawley finished as a goalless draw back in October at the Checktrade Stadium, which marked the second draw between the two clubs. Crawley have won six, and Town have been victorious three times in the other nine fixtures.

THE MAIN MEN

IN BETWEEN THE STICKS

GLENN MORRIS



The experienced stopper started off at Leyton Orient, making 150 appearances before leaving for Southend United in 2010. He stayed there for two seasons, before joining Aldershot Town, where he spent another two years. A move to Gillingham followed but he made only ten appearances for the Gills between 2014-16, signing for Crawley after he left Priestfield. He has been the Reds' first choice keeper since his arrival, with the 34-year-old closing in on 80 appearances for them.

THE WALL

MARK CONNOLLY



The Bolton Wanderers academy graduate is in his second spell at the Checktrade Stadium, having previously been there between 2012-14. After loan spells north of the border with St Johnstone and then in League Two with Macclesfield Town, he left the Trotters in 2012 to join the Red Devils. He made 80 appearances before going back to Scotland with Kilmarnock, but returned to the Sussex outfit in 2016. He recently made his 200th career appearance, and has 11 goals to his name.

THE MAN IN THE MIDDLE

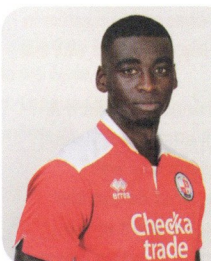
JIMMY SMITH



Captain of Crawley Town having signed in 2014, the 31-year-old came through the youth ranks at Chelsea, where he captained the reserve team. That led to a single Premier League appearance in 2006, coming on to play for Jose Mourinho's side in a 1-0 defeat at Newcastle United. Loans away from the Blues led to a permanent switch to Leyton Orient in 2009, where he spent four seasons before leaving for Stevenage. Smith played a single campaign at Boro before joining the Reds.

THE DANGERMAN

ENZO BOLDEWIJN



Crawley's top scorer this campaign, the Dutchman is in his second season at the Checktrade Stadium. The 25-year-old joined from Dutch second division side Almere City, where he made just over 100 appearances, scoring 18 times. He started off at Eredivisie side FC Utrecht, before a loan with Den Bosch, which was followed by the move to Almere in 2013. Six of his eight goals this season have directly contributed to four of the Reds' league wins.

GOALKEEPER

YUSUF MERSIN
AGE: 23
PREVIOUS CLUB: KASIMPASA

DEFENDERS

LEWIS YOUNG
AGE: 28
PREVIOUS CLUB: BURY

JOSH DOHERTY
AGE: 21
PREVIOUS CLUB: ARDS

JOE MCNERNEY
AGE: 28
PREVIOUS CLUB: WOKING

JOSH YORWERTH
AGE: 22
PREVIOUS CLUB: IPSWICH TOWN

MIDFIELDERS

JOSH PAYNE
AGE: 27
PREVIOUS CLUB: EASTLEIGH

DEAN COX
AGE: 30
PREVIOUS CLUB: LEYTON ORIENT

JORDAN ROBERTS
AGE: 24
PREVIOUS CLUB: INVERNESS CT

DANNIE BULMAN
AGE: 39
PREVIOUS CLUB: AFC WIMBLEDON

MARK RANDALL
AGE: 28
PREVIOUS CLUB: NEWPORT COUNTY

STRIKERS

PANUTCHE CAMARA
AGE: 20
PREVIOUS CLUB: DULWICH HAMLET

THOMAS VERHEYDT
AGE: 26
PREVIOUS CLUB: MVV MAASTRICHT

THE VIEW FROM THE OAK ROAD

STEVE HERBERT, a Crawley Town supporter of 30 years, gives us his thoughts on what lies in store for his team this season in Sky Bet League Two, and this evening on their visit to Kenilworth Road, as well as his top XI players to ever pull on a shirt for the Red Devils...

GENERAL ENQUIRIES:

A few weeks ago you were nervously looking over your shoulders, but six wins in seven before the weekend has now got you looking towards the play-offs. What's changed at the Checktrade Stadium?

The belief and confidence has all of a sudden kicked in amongst the players. Harry Kewell comes across as a very confident and composed guy. That confidence has now grown in the players and it's showing every time they step on to the pitch. Long may it continue.

The Red Devils have experienced League One football before. Is there a feeling around the club that with the openness of this division's promotion race, you can creep into the play-offs?

The play-offs would be a first for Crawley Town. In football you have to dream big, so why not? Although, after three poor seasons the main aim at the start of the season was for some League Two stability this time around. That goal has not changed.

Manager Harry Kewell was coming in for some criticism earlier in the campaign, but must surely have won supporters over with that recent run?

A couple of supporters, no names mentioned "Mitch & Kieran", threw a wobbly at Mr Kewell after a 4-0 defeat at Wycombe earlier in the season, which was well documented in the press at the time. That defeat and incident has turned out to be the turning point of our season. Harry and the two supporters in question deserve medals for turning our season around!

Karlan Ahearne-Grant netted on his debut at Chesterfield last week after signing on loan from Charlton as the only signing of the January transfer window. Was that a sign of Kewell being content with his squad?

The big thing is we didn't lose anyone during the window. Harry Kewell knows he has a decent squad at his disposal. As for Karlan Ahearne-Grant, he played like a League Two version of Lionel Messi at Chesterfield! He was absolutely

immense. Why Charlton have allowed such a talented player to go out on loan is beyond me.

And the club have stated that they turned down bids for several players during the window. How please were you to see everyone remain with important players like Josh Payne and Glen Morris signing new contracts?

It shows a bit of ambition from our Turkish owner that he wants to try and build for the future by keeping our better players. We have some quality footballers on our books who could easily play at a higher level. The fact other clubs have been sniffing around them is a sign the team is doing well. Josh Payne and Glenn Morris are big players for Crawley, it's great see them both sign new deals.



Which of his summer signings has impressed you most over the course of the season?

To be fair to Harry Kewell a lot of the signings were made before his arrival, but the return of club legend Dannie Bulman from AFC Wimbledon has given everyone a lift. He's been outstanding so far this season.

Honours have been even over the last two seasons with one win each last term and a goalless draw in Sussex earlier this season. Are you hopeful of a decent result today? What do you think the score will be?

I know Luton fans have called us their bogey team in recent seasons – we always seem to turn it on against you. Even your own fans admitted we should have won at the Checktrade stadium back in October. It will be tough tonight, and obviously a point would be a superb result for us – 1-1 would do me.

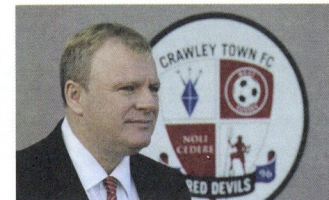


QUICKFIRE:

Terrace or Seats? Terrace

Who are your rivals? Aldershot, Woking and Dover Athletic

Favourite all-time manager? Steve Evans



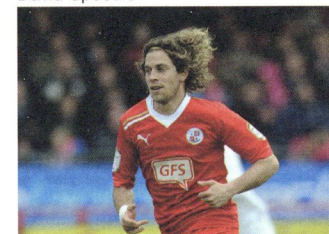
Predicted player of the season? Glenn Morris

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

For tonight it would be Richard Brodie, just so he can score against you again.

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

Michel Kuipers, Francis Vines, Sergio Torres (pictured), Dean Saunders and David Speedie



Most treasured piece of Crawley memorabilia?

A 'We're Going Up!' Blue Square promotion banner from our 2010/11 record Conference-winning season.

What league will Crawley be in next season?

Not the Conference, that's for sure!

Who will win promotion from League Two?

Notts County, Wycombe, Accrington and Coventry

MY ALL-TIME CRAWLEY XI...

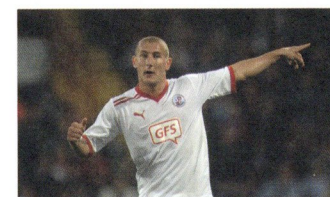
GK: BEN HAMER

Outstanding goalkeeper who won player of the season in 2006-07. No surprise he's now playing in the Premier League with Leicester.

RB: DAVID HUNT

Made over 75 appearances for the Reds and was a massive part of the Steve Evans glory days. Had one of the longest throw-ins I've ever seen.

CB: KYLE MCFADZEAN



Signed from Alfreton Town in 2010, Kyle was an instant success at Crawley winning back-to-back promotions. A calm centre half, superb in the air who could spot a pass.

CB: RICHARD WOOD

Outstanding defender signed on loan in February 2015 while we were fighting relegation from League One. So great was Woods' influence, that we nearly stayed up.

LB: IAN PAYNE

Ian joined Crawley in 1997 from Plymouth Argyle. Ever reliable Payne played over 325 games for the Reds and famously saved a Steve Claridge penalty at Weymouth as an emergency keeper!

RM: SERGIO TORRES

Little Argentinian wizard scored a 90th-minute winning goal against

Derby County in a live televised third round FA Cup tie in 2011 which bought him instant club legend status.

CM: DANNIE BULMAN

Talking of club legends, the only player of the current squad that makes it in to my all-time Reds XI. Dannie joined the Reds in 2006. After a couple of brief affairs with Oxford and Wimbledon, Dannie returned to his spiritual home last summer.

CM: TONY VESSEY

Captained the Reds at the old Goldstone ground against his former club Brighton in the Cup third round in 1992. Another player that holds cult status amongst the older generation of Reds fans.

LM: JAMIE COOK

Totalled 100 games for Crawley between 2007 and 2011. A Steve Evans signing who played a massive part in getting us into the League. A very talented player who once scored from 40 yards v Oxford.

ST: MATT TUBBS

The man with more clubs than Tiger Woods! Scored 66 goals in 97 appearances and was also the main reason we went from Conference to League One in two years. Will always be loved by us!

ST: CRAIG WHITTINGTON

A prolific goalscorer for Crawley with 72 goals in 173 appearances between 1990-93, before Scarborough paid £50,000 for his services. Scored for fun in the Beazer Homes League back in the day.

TOP BOYS

DAVE HAINING

Versatile full-back Dave Haining gave Crawley Town magnificent service in various capacities. He played for Crawley United before moving to Town Mead in August 1965 and helped Crawley to win promotion in 1968-69. Ever-present in 1973-74, he netted 58 goals in 348 Southern League games prior to becoming the club's physio. He spent five spells as caretaker-boss/manager and had a testimonial match against Crystal Palace in 1994. Later the club secretary, he remained involved with the Red Devils until his death in May 2012, associated with the club for 47 years. Crawley's 'Player of the Year' award is named in his honour.

JOHN LEEDHAM

Long-serving central defender John Leedham was ever-present in Crawley Town's 1968-69 promotion

campaign. A former Fulham junior, he had a spell with Epsom & Ewell prior to joining Millwall in October 1962. He joined Walsall in May 1964, then appeared for Orient and Dartford before moving to Crawley in July 1968. Ever-present in three successive seasons, he helped take Exeter City to an FA Cup first round replay in 1971-72 and played 371 Southern League games until a knee injury ended his career in May 1980. He settled in Carshalton and ran the Norbury Bedding & Furniture Centre in South London.

VIC BRAGG

Versatile midfielder Vic Bragg starred in Crawley Town's 1968-69 promotion success. A former Fulham junior, he joined Crawley in August 1968 and was a key figure as they reached the FA Cup competition proper in two consecutive seasons, taking

FOOTBALL HISTORIAN LEIGH EDWARDS PROFILES TEN WINNERS OF CRAWLEY TOWN'S 'PLAYER OF THE YEAR' AWARD

Exeter City to a first round replay in 1971-72. He also featured in a defensive role and moved to Horsham in May 1975. Rejoining Crawley in September 1976, he netted 24 goals in 359 Southern League games overall before rejoining Three Bridges in May 1983. He was head of PE at Langley Green Middle School, since coaching England Schoolboys and Brighton's youth team.

JOHN MAGGS

John Maggs gave Crawley Town record service as goalkeeper, manager and chairman. A former Millwall junior, the England Schoolboy international moved via Herne Bay to Crawley in August 1963. He was ever-present in the 1968-69 promotion success and helped Crawley take Exeter City to an FA Cup first round replay in 1971-72. Joining Maidstone United in April 1973, he rejoined Crawley in July 1975 and played a club record 440 Southern League games. He managed Crawley to promotion in 1983-84, then was chairman. Later Horsham's manager for 11 years, he has since been Tonbridge Angels' general manager.

STEVE BREACH

Central defender Steve Breach was ever-present in Crawley Town's 1983-84 promotion campaign. He had spells with Arsenal, hometown club Brighton, Thanet United and Dover before joining Crawley in June 1977. Ever-present for the Red Devils in 1982-83, he skippered John Maggs'

side to third place in the Southern League Premier Division in 1984-85, the club's highest-ever finish at that time. He scored 25 goals in 354 Southern League games before becoming Three Bridges' player-manager in June 1987. Later assisting Horsham, Oakwood, Lewes, Wick and Broadbridge Heath, he is now employed as a transport manager.

CLIFF CANT

Long-serving midfielder Cliff Cant was an important figure in Crawley Town's 1983-84 promotion success. A former Arsenal apprentice, he turned professional in December 1977 but failed to secure a first-team slot and briefly followed Malcolm Macdonald to Fulham before playing for Norwegian side Harstad. He joined Crawley in July 1982 and followed Terry Robbins to Welling United in November 1986, rejoining Crawley five months later. Helping to twice win the Sussex Senior Cup, he played against Brighton in the 1991-92 FA Cup third round, then assisted Horsham and Carshalton. He now works in Post Office management.

TERRY ROBBINS

England Semi-Pro striker Terry Robbins was Crawley Town's leading scorer and 'Player of the Year' in 1984-85. A former Gillingham junior, he had a spell with Maidstone United before joining newly-promoted Crawley in July 1984. He was top scorer again in 1985-86, with a then record 33 goals, netting 60 times in 84 Southern League games prior to joining Welling United in October 1986. Topping their goalscoring charts in six successive seasons, he was twice 'Player of the Year' and became player-boss in November 1992. He moved to Barnet in



Matt Tubbs

July 1995, then Boreham Wood, Cambridge City, Wisbech and Enfield.

TONY VESSEY

Inspirational central defender Tony Vessey was twice voted Crawley Town's 'Player of the Year'. A former Brighton apprentice, he turned professional in November 1979 and made his First Division debut in their 4-1 victory over Coventry City in March 1981. He joined Swedish side Vasalund in March 1982, then played for Steyning and Worthing before moving to Crawley in July 1987. Skipping them to the FA Cup third round in 1991-92, he starred in two consecutive Sussex Senior Cup final triumphs and briefly became manager in December 1994. He became an independent financial adviser at Hunter Hammond in Hove.

DAVE VENABLES

England Semi-Pro striker Dave Venables was Crawley Town's 'Player of the Year' in 1990-91. Born in Horsham, he spent four seasons with Eastbourne United before joining Crawley in August 1990. He helped the Red to reach the FA Cup third round for the first time in

1991-92, appearing against Sussex rivals Brighton in front of 18,031. He moved to Wealdstone in March 1992, then Stevenage Borough in June 1993. Starring as they won the Isthmian League title in 1993-94 and Conference title in 1995-96, he joined Kettering Town in December 1996, then played for Enfield, Cambridge City, Boston United and Stamford.

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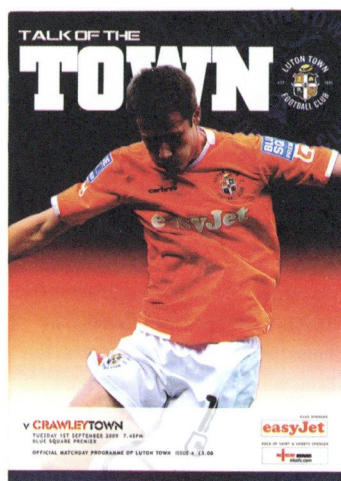
England Semi-Pro striker Matt Tubbs was leading marksman as Crawley Town won the Conference title in 2010-11. A former AFC Bournemouth trainee, he played for Dorchester Town before joining Salisbury in October 2003. He featured prominently as they twice won promotion and was loaned back to Bournemouth prior to joining Crawley in July 2010. Helping to reach the FA Cup fifth round in 2010-11, he appeared in their 2011-12 promotion campaign and rejoined Bournemouth in January 2012. He reunited with Steve Evans at Rotherham, since playing for Wimbledon, Portsmouth, Eastleigh and Havant & Waterlooville.



This Crawley team photo 1987 features four of their player of the year winners: Middle row – John Maggs (far left) and Dave Haining (third from right in striped tracksuit); Front row – Cliff Cant and Tony Vessey (second and third from right)

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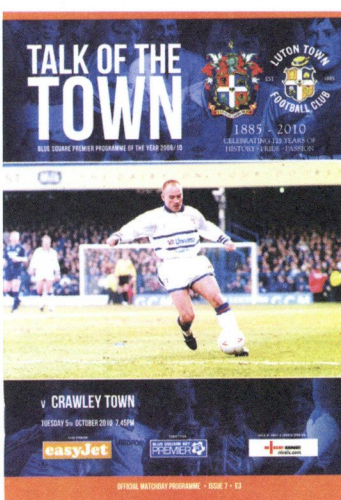


◀ SEPTEMBER 2009

In the first ever competitive first team meeting between the Town and Crawley, two goals from George Pilkington and a single from Tom Craddock secure a 3-0 victory to maintain an unbeaten start to the Hatters first season in the Conference.

▶ FEBRUARY 2010

Hopes of catching the Conference leaders Stevenage and Oxford suffer a big blow with a below par performance at Crawley leading to a 2-1 defeat. The game marks the final appearance for Kevin Nicholls.

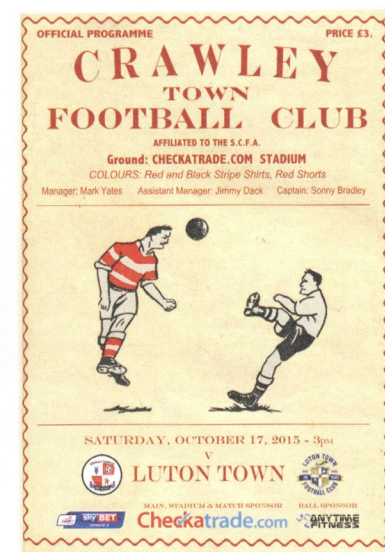


◀ OCTOBER 2010

Leaders Crawley come to Kenilworth Road and return with all three points courtesy of a last-gasp winner from future Hatter Craig McAllister.

▶ APRIL 2011

A goal from Alex Lawless secures a point in a 1-1 draw at Crawley, who are already crowned champions.

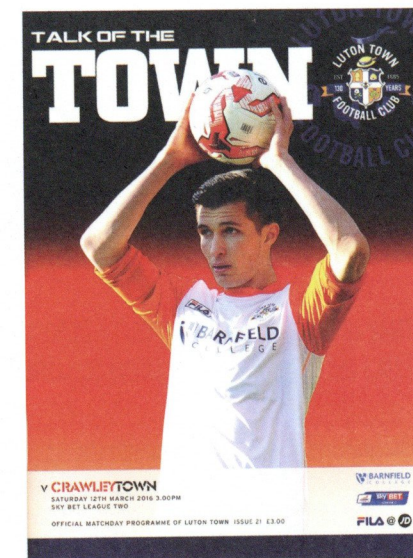


▲ OCTOBER 2015

Despite taking the lead through Cameron McGeehan, the Town go down 2-1 and remain marooned in mid-table. They return three weeks later for an FA Cup clash and reverse the scoreline!

▼ SEPTEMBER 2016

Another dismal performance at Crawley with this time the Town losing 2-0. The Hatters drop to seventh after topping the table two weeks before.

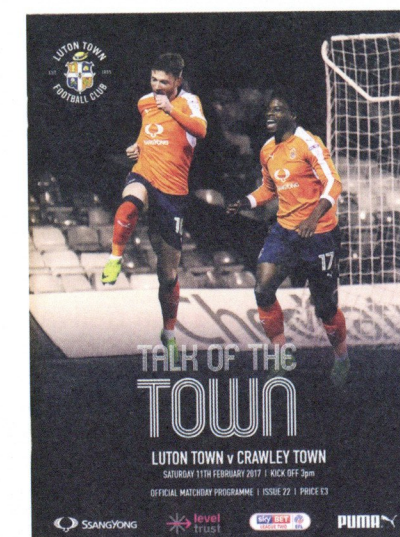


▲ MARCH 2016

After a run of four straight wins, the Town go down 1-0 on a frustrating afternoon in front of a Kenilworth Road crowd of 8,264.

▼ FEBRUARY 2017

Finally, a win is recorded against a team fast becoming a 'bogey' side. Two goals from Danny Hylton secure a 2-1 victory.



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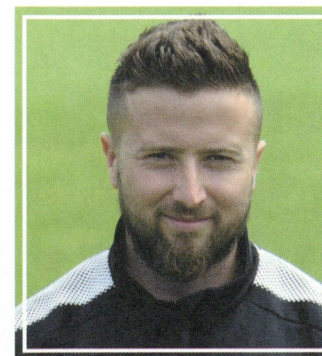
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THE TOWN'S HEAD OF SPORTS SCIENCE, JARED ROBERTS-SMITH, GIVES US AN INSIGHT INTO HIS WORK WITH THE HATTERS LADS...

Evening Hatters fans.

It's been a few weeks since my last article and despite a heavy workload fixture-wise, it's good to see we are still sitting top of the tree!

It's been a busy period down at The Brache, which has seen improvements in our GPS and monitoring systems, enhancements in our player performance nutrition, and a special focus on our recovery strategies with the mobile cryotherapy unit making frequent visits.

Those highlights have been coupled with the additions of three new lads in Jake, Flynnnandinho and Lloyd (pictured). All three have made a seamless transition into the squad and have been well received by the other lads, as you'd expect. I'm especially looking forward to these three lads' initiation songs as I reckon they have all got a bit...I will update you in my next column.

The last month has seen great improvements and a real step up in both Scottie and Macca's rehabilitation. It's been good craic working with both these lads, and although Pelly often refers to them as the Mitchell brothers (from far enough across the training ground so that he can't get caught, may I add!) they are a lot warmer, and two great lads to spend time around.



Amongst the cold weather we have recently had down at the training ground, our resident super striker James Collins has been working hard in the gym as always. He loves the quote "Summer bodies are made in the winter" – and this has seen a real rise in partakers in LTFC Beach Weights Club.

These sessions are bulked on to our performance specific strength and conditioning sessions and monitored closely to make sure the lads don't get too top heavy. Regular partakers over the previous few weeks include Glen Reazor, Super Gambo, the Ginger Twins (Cook and Senior) as well as JJ.

You guys will have to make sure you're keeping an eye on their

instagrams over the off season to see if their hard work has paid off... although I think it's mainly to make sure their guns are looking good when they hopefully get to hold the League Two trophy come May 5th, or maybe that's me just being hopeful. That's what we are all aiming for, but there is plenty of hard work still to do between now and then – on the pitch and in the gym!

Keep up your amazing support as I always mention. It really is unrivalled at this level and great to see every week...it gives me a lift when doing the warm-up, so 100 per cent helps the lads during the game!

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[TOWN TEAM-MATES]

ELLIOT LEE'S TOWN TEAM-MATES

Who do you travel in with?

The Essex car school! Scottie, Olly, Pottsy and Shins – five of us squeezing in now. We have a meeting point in between Brentwood and Hornchurch, park in a road, jump in one car and then Essex car school are off!

Who do you sit next to in the dressing room?

In the training ground I'm next to Glen, Sheasy and Shins, and on a matchday I'm next to Sheezy, Frankie and Akin.

Who do you room with?

Pottsy. I've roomed with him since we were eight or nine, going on tour to Belgium with West Ham, so it's quite easy. He's a good roomie but he likes to Facetime his girlfriend though, so sometimes I go in with Harry Cornick, or Olly and Shins, and have a chat with them.

Most annoying on away trips?

Harry Cornick. He always says he's got food – biscuits and such like – then you go to get some off him and he'll say they're all gone, but he's lying. I've caught him out before.

Best trainer?

I've got to give that to big bro – Olly's very good.

Worst trainer?

A tough one. I'm going for Glen Rea, but I must say he's either unbelievable – or he's unbelievably bad.

Strongest in the gym?

Probably Pelly. He doesn't even have to do anything, he's just a tank.

Quickest feet?

Shinniasta. Sometimes you think you've got him, then he does something and he gets away from you.

Nutmeg king?

Gambo or Olly, they are two who are very good in training.

Biggest moaner?

Collo – 100 per cent – and Olly.

Loudest in the dressing room?

I'll give Johnny Mullins a shout out. He's quite loud, but Glen and Gambo can do some weird stuff as well.

Gaffer's pet?

Danny Hylton.

Best taste in music?

I like Pottsy's music that we have on in the car. He's got a little bit of everything – old school, new school, but it's got to be Sheez for the best overall taste. I love his tunes on the coach home from away games.

Worst taste in music?

Andrew Shinnie likes old-school clubland classics or Scottish stuff, like the other day, when he had the Proclaimers '500 Miles' on!

Best initiation song?

Familiar answer here, but I liked Macca's rendition of 'Wild Rover' – it got everyone going.

Worst initiation song?

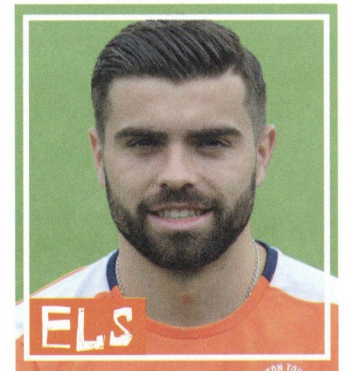
You already know this! Shins. Forgot the Robbie Williams 'Angels' lyrics – it was the most embarrassing thing I've ever seen!

Toughest opponent on the pool table?

Scottie Cuthbert, he's got a bit.

Worst at pool?

Harry Cornick – the worst player at the club by a long shot! He's got terrible table manners all-round. Have you seen my Instagram videos of him eating?!



Best dressed?

Johnny Mullins – he comes in a lovely salmon jumper every now and then that gets the lads going.

Worst dressed?

Shins wears double XL in everything and I just don't like it. So baggy!

Who spends the longest time in front of the mirror?

Hylts is always trying to mop his hair to the side to cover his receding hairline – helped by Johnny Mullins!

Most intelligent?

Jack Stacey. He's a quiet one, but apparently he's really clever and he does come up with some good facts.

Best banter?

I think me and Harry Cornick are singing from the same hymnsheet, but Fat John's got great banter as well. (This causes much laughter in the physio room as Mully has an ice pack wrapped around his upper body!)

Most likely to be a manager?

Scott Cuthbert. Gives great advice.

Finally, predict your player of the year?

Sheezy.

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[NEWS]

NORWEGIAN LARS OVE MAKES KENNY DEBUT!

Thank you to Marius Dahl for writing to This Is Our Town with the following about his dad Lars' first-ever trip to Kenilworth Road for tonight's match as a 50th birthday treat...

There are over 200 registered fans of Luton Town in Scandinavia. My father is one of them. Many of them are probably more hardcore, travelling a lot more to England. In fact, it took Lars Ove Dahl 30 years and six days from falling in love with the Hatters, before he makes his Kenilworth Road debut tonight.

Many of those Scandinavian fans probably fell in love at the same time, that February day in 1988, when Luton Town hammered Oxford 7-4 in a stunning game broadcasted on Norwegian TV. Having seen a lot of boring games from England, 20-year-old Lars Ove fell in love with this crazy side and got his first favourite team in England.

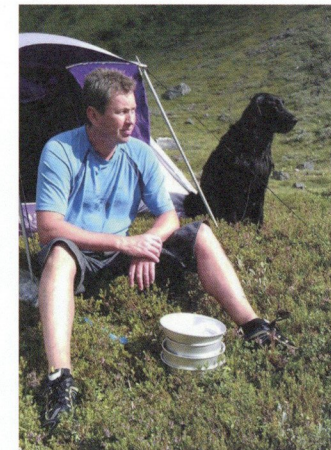
Living in Elverum, Norway, he hardly knows other Luton fans. That's probably why he hasn't travelled before. But he has stuck by Luton's

side in spite of troubled years and annoying comments from friends, supporting a lot more mainstream sides.

I'm proud that he has never left. He has yelled at teletext scorelines and had some tough Hatters years. He wouldn't pick up his phone for hours when they lost the promotion battle on penalties back in 2011. He saw that on a bad streaming website.

Good memories holds his spirit up. In spite of a 5-3 defeat, those minutes where Luton were beating Liverpool in the 2006 FA Cup was magical. That was on TV as well, maybe even more crazy than the start of the journey 18 years earlier. A few years back he also won a match-worn jersey from Luke Guttridge.

In September last year, my father turned 50 years and I was never in



a doubt what the old man would get for his birthday. Tonight, we're celebrating a double anniversary: 50 years on earth, 30 years as a true Hatters fan.

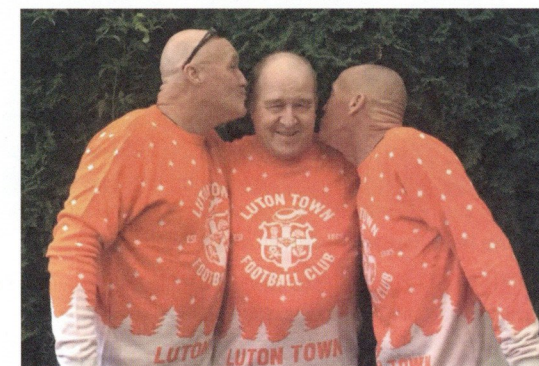
Ha en god kamp, pappa!
Hilsen Marius

HATTERS DOWN UNDER!

We know Luton Town supporters are hidden all over the world — and in some cases, they aren't so inconspicuous, especially when they are wearing bright orange Hatters Christmas jumpers in the heat of a New Zealand summer!

Thanks to Rae Evans for sending this picture of her husband Dave Evans and his two younger brothers, Peter (left) and Paul (right).

Rae says: "They grew up in the Little Billington/Leighton Buzzard area and have always been Luton supporters, continuing to support the Hatters from afar when they emigrated to New Zealand. Dave looks up the BBC football results first thing every Sunday to see how the team are doing. When the three of them get together Luton is always a hot topic. This year Paul got a jumper for each of them, and as you can see they are completely blissed out!"



TOWN 1 : EXETER CITY 0



SATURDAY 3RD FEBRUARY | KENILWORTH ROAD | ATTENDANCE: 8,788 | AWAY: 464

TOWN GOAL: CORNICK 38

HATTERS: STECH, STACEY, REA, SHEEHAN (C), POTTS, DOWNES, BERRY, O LEE, COLLINS, CORNICK (JONES 84), JERVIS (HYLTON 76). | **SUBS NOT USED:** JUSTIN, SHINNIE, MPANZU, D'ATH, SHEA (GK).

EXETER: PYM, WILSON, STOREY, SEABORNE (MCALINDEN 72), MOXEY, TAYLOR ©, JAMES (HOLMES 55), TILLSON, EDWARDS, BOATENG, STOCKLEY. | **SUBS NOT USED:** SWEENEY, SIMPSON, JONES (GK), JAY, BYRNE.



Harry Cornick hits the only goal of the game

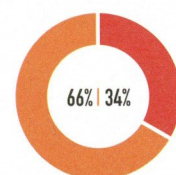
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- 5'** Midfielder Flynn Downes – one of two deadline day signings making their debut, along with Jake Jervis – picks out Harry Cornick with an excellent pass, the forward gets it on his left foot and shoots from 20 yards, but the post comes to Exeter's rescue!
- 27'** Cornick has been a real livewire so far. He goes past a defender out on the right before putting in a dangerous cross, but City keeper Christy Pym is able to gather. Town soon have another attack, this time Pym denies Luke Berry from ten yards from a tight angle.
- 38' CORN DOG SCORES!** Dan Potts cuts in from the left in brilliant fashion, he gets it to Cornick and his strike from the edge of the box is deflected into the top right corner! Town have the lead – **1-0** #COYH
- 52'** Scintillating stuff on the right from Jack Stacey and Cornick as they combine before the latter puts in a fantastic low ball. James Collins and then Jake Jervis go close to putting it away, but neither can get a toe on the end of it and Kane Wilson clears at the far post.
- 68'** Glorious opportunity for a second there, Alan Sheehan takes a corner out on the far side, Berry meets it unmarked ten yards out, but he doesn't get the right contact on it and Pym can gather.
- 88'** Nervy moment for the Town as Marek Stech spills the ball and Exeter put it in the back of the net, but the ref disallows it as the Hatters keeper was tripped.

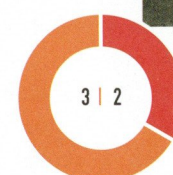


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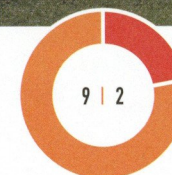
"I am delighted. It's a great way to bounce back from the disappointment of the other day, and bounce back with a clean sheet. I thought going forward we were excellent the other night, just defensively we were poor. Whereas today we were excellent defensively, and going forward I think we were first class. A little bit more composure and we would have gone in at the break more comfortable. But the way we moved the ball and the way we counter attacked, I thought that was as good a performance from a League Two side as you're likely to see."



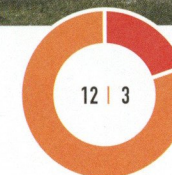
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DREAM DEBUT FOR IPSWICH
LOANEE DOWNES IN EXETER WIN



Deadline day loan signing Flynn Downes had a Luton debut to remember as he excelled in the 1-0 victory over Exeter City, which helped maintain the Town's lead at the top of Sky Bet League Two.

After impressing for Ipswich Town this season in the 12 appearances he has made for Mick McCarthy's team, the 19-year-old confidently slotted into the Hatters starting XI and looked like he had been playing at Kenilworth Road for many a year.

Deployed in the holding midfield role, the arrival from the Championship outfit put in a top-class performance as his all-round play and contribution helped put the Town attack on the front foot.

The young Tractor Boy said: "I loved it. I absolutely loved it. The boys have welcomed me and made me feel a part of the team and that's how I play – I help the team.

"When I get the ball I just give it to the frontman and let them do their job – they were all beating their man so that's all I can do. I thought defensively the boys were excellent. Obviously, Stockley up top is a handful, but the boys dealt with him well.

"It was tough out there. I've got a few cuts and bruises, it was similar to the Championship, I just really enjoyed it. I thought the boys were excellent."

The England Under-19 international has been impressed with a lot of things since his arrival at Kenilworth Road, including the supporters and the squad, as he looks to get minutes under his belt after his move happened so late in the window.

"The fans are unbelievable, every team needs fans when they're having a little drought and they were excellent today," said Downes, who made his full Ipswich debut in their Carabao Cup win at the Kenny earlier this season.

"There's a lot of depth in the squad. If someone gets injured, we've got good players coming in and that's what every team needs. Playing here in August was one of the toughest games I've played. So I wanted to get over here and add to the team and help them.

"Every youngster wants to be playing football, that's the same for me, I want to be playing first team football, Under-23s is not the same.

"To be honest the move was a bit rushed, I played for the 23s on the Monday, I got called into the gaffer's office after that and there was two days left until deadline day. He suggested Luton, so I said 'get me there'. The gaffer said it would be a good club to go to, he said 'they play good football'. I'm delighted to be here."

Town boss Nathan Jones was just as impressed with his signing, as he said: "He was outstanding. It's as if he lives here in terms of the way he went about the pitch, the confidence he played with, the security and everything he had. But we kind of knew what we were getting, we just hoped he could carry on the form that he's had with Ipswich to here and he was absolutely outstanding, he really was."

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[HARRY CORNICK ON EXETER]

HARD-WORKING HARRY'S HITTING THE HEIGHTS!

Town forward Harry Cornick was delighted to get on the scoresheet as his winning goal against Exeter City helped the Hatters bounce back from the disappointment of defeat to Wycombe Wanderers.

The summer signing from Premier League Bournemouth has been in excellent form since he arrived at Kenilworth Road, and his strike against the Grecians was his fifth goal of the season.

Dan Potts' brilliant run and cut-in from the left to tee up Cornick seven minutes before half-time really impressed the forward, who was pleased to see his side put the defeat to the Chairboys behind them.

Harry said: "Pottsy was brilliant. He kept getting the better of his wide man and kept bombing on, which put them on the back foot straight away and set me up nicely. It was a good win – especially after what happened on Tuesday night. It was a massive game.

"The Wycombe one was disappointing as I thought we played quite well. We had more chances, but it was one of those days for us. It was good that it was on a Tuesday and then we didn't have long to think about it, because sometimes Saturday-to-Saturday you end up thinking about the game too much.

"So we had a game straight afterwards to put things right. We've done really well to get the three points and dug deep to the end. It's not the sevens and eights that we have got at times, but it's three points and at the end of the season, you look back and see a win and that's all that matters.

"We need to keep the wins ticking and keep going until the end of the season now. We had a lot of chances. We only took one but that was enough on the day."

The forward has been a part of a hard-working side that, with the win over Paul Tisdale's team, remained eight points clear at the top of Sky Bet League Two.

That intensity has seen the 22-year-old pull up late on with cramp in recent fixtures, but it comes as little surprise given how hard he works – but he also wants to see an improvement in certain areas of his own game as well.



Cornick continued: "It was a bit of cramp. I keep getting cramp at the end of the game. I try to do my running in the game and then just blow up at the end which is a bit annoying, but we'll get on top of that.

"I think my crossing needs a bit of working on, a bit of finishing too and I can get better. But that's what we have to keep working on the training ground and then keep getting better as a team.

"If I keep improving, keep working on it, then I'm going to keep improving and keep the team improving, which is the main thing."

STEVENAGE 1 : TOWN 1

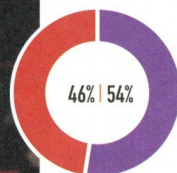


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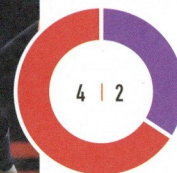
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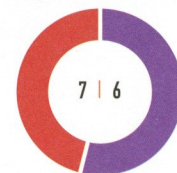
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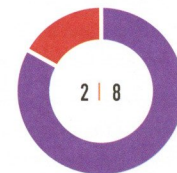
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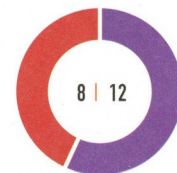
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21' Dan Potts receives the ball out on the left, he turns two players exquisitely in the box and cuts back for James Collins, who sees his effort blocked. Soon after Stevenage's John Goddard shoots straight at Marek Stech, Pottsy is at it again, playing a one-two with Olly Lee in the area but his cross is deflected wide.

38' Best chance of the game so far – Jack Stacey plays Harry Cornick down the right and he powers away from Terence Vancooten, crosses in to the box where Jake Jervis meets it, but his glancing header drifts wide of the far post.

42' Cornick has been the Hatters' most likely in a tough battle so far, and this time he cuts in from the left and goes for goal from 25 yards, but it doesn't dip enough to trouble Boro keeper Tom King, who then has to save from Luke Berry from similar range. 0-0 #COYH

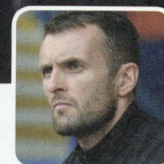
46' Eighteen seconds into the second half and Boro striker Alex Revell goes close to opening

the scoring as he nods Matt Godden's cross just wide. Two minutes later the recent signing from Northampton gets on the end of John Goddard's centre, but scuffs his shot wide.

81' Great chance for the Hatters as Cornick wins a corner on the right, Alan Sheehan takes, King misses it and Potts is so close to getting on it at the back stick!

85' COLLO KEEPS HIS COOL! After being brought down by a tackle from behind by ex-Town skipper Ronnie Henry when about to pull the trigger, Collins picks himself up to send King the wrong way from the penalty spot. Goal No.14 of the season for Collo! **S 0-1 LT #COYH**

88' BORO BOUNCE BACK – The equaliser comes in the 88th minute when Stevenage sub Danny Newton meets Ben Kennedy's corner with a powerful header that went in off the underside of the bar. **S 1-1 LT #COYH**



JONES:

"I thought we were the better side in the first half. We had more of the chances and we got to grips with the conditions a lot better. The conditions were awful, we knew it was going to be difficult, the wind was swirling, so it was very difficult for there to be any quality in the football game. They probably showed more of it in the second half. Once you get the goal after 85 minutes, you're disappointed that you don't see the game out. That's the disappointing thing, but it's probably a fair result."

James Collins puts the Town in front from the spot



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[GLEN REA ON STEVENAGE]

GLEN'S GUTTED BY LATE LEVELLER...

...BUT CENTRE-HALF RECKONS BORO POINT WILL PROVE A BIG ONE IN THE END

Utility man Glen Rea admitted the players were down in the changing room after conceding a late equaliser at Stevenage on Saturday, but the 23-year-old believes the point will be a big one at the end of the season.

The Hatters saw their lead at the top cut to six points with Accrington Stanley moving second with a 2-0 win at Coventry.

But the point earned at the Lamex Stadium, however disappointing it was to see James Collins' 85th-minute penalty cancelled out by a Danny Newton equaliser three minutes later, still increased the Town's advantage over the play-off places to ten points.

"Everyone is disappointed the way we conceded right at the end," said the former Republic of Ireland U21 international. "We got the goal and it would have been the perfect away performance.

"We didn't play as well as we could have, but it still would have been the perfect away result. The goal right at the end has dampened our spirits a bit, but hopefully that'll prove to be a good point come the end of the season. The point is a positive and we'll go again on Tuesday."

Collins netted his 14th goal of the season after being brought down for the penalty, and Rea says he predicted the goal with the Town striker during the half-time interval of a game that proved a real battle of attrition on a difficult pitch.

"The way we beat them in the last game, they were obviously going to come in with more motivation to try and beat us this game," said Rea. "We know from last year that it was hard coming here. It's a hard place to come.

"But we get the penalty and that's what Collo's there for, isn't it? He scores goals. I said to him at half-time, you're going to score a goal and he's done it again for us."

With Alan McCormack out injured since mid-September, Rea has spent much of his time in recent months in the holding midfield role. Since Flynn Downes' arrival on loan



from Ipswich, however, he has moved back into centre-half alongside Alan Sheehan in the last two matches.

On his positional switch, he said: "You know me from last year, I just want to play, so if I can help the team out, I'll play anywhere. I've known Sheez for a long time now. We are good friends off the pitch, and we do gel on the pitch as well.

"We knew they were going to make it difficult for us, but we came here and we wanted to be solid, which I thought we were. We've defended well for the majority of the game, it was just at the end."

On the deadline day signing of Downes – and forward Jake Jervis and defender Lloyd Jones – Rea added: "Flynn has done really well in the last couple of games. He's come from a Championship club and you can see that he's got Championship quality, so he's done really well.

"They've all boosted our squad. We've got an amazing squad, so any addition is going to be a good one. It's good competition for everyone."



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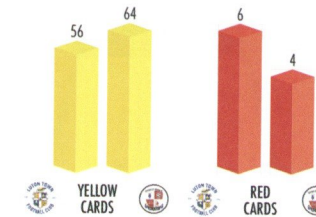
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CRAWLEY TOWN



MATCH FACTS

Luton have beaten Crawley just once in five previous League Two clashes (D1 L3), although they have avoided defeat in each of the last two (W1 D1).



MATCH FACTS

The Hatters haven't had two 0-0 draws against the same opposition in the Football League in a single season since the 1996-97 campaign against Bury.



GOALS



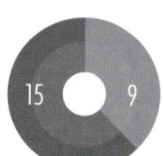
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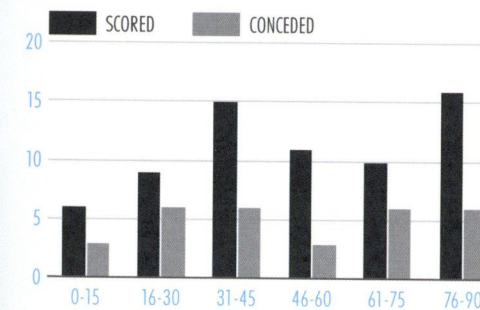


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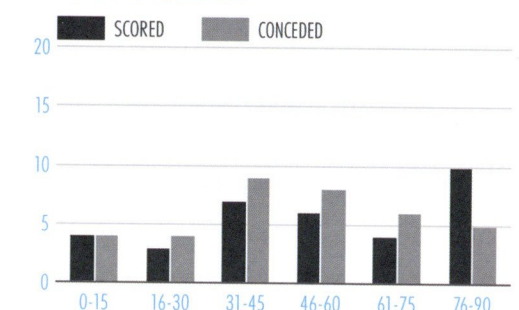


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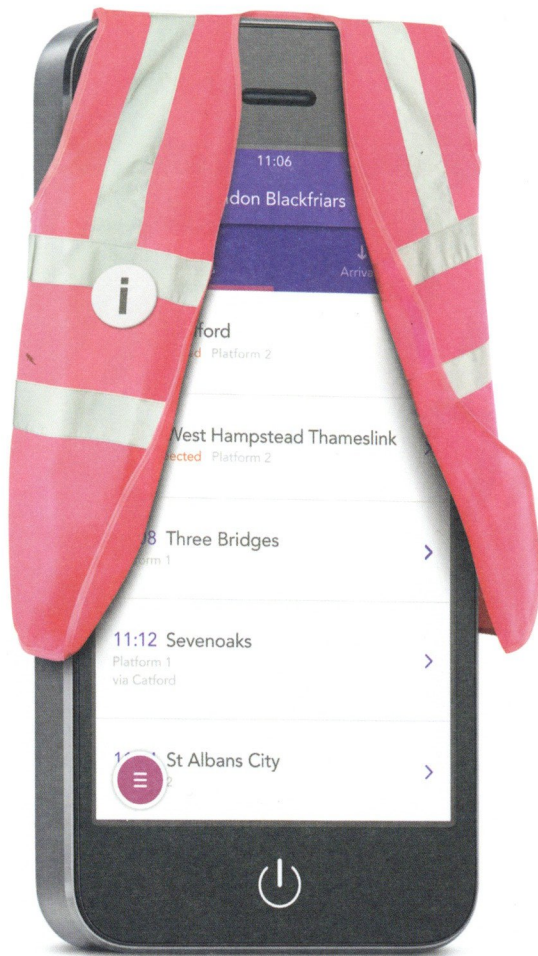


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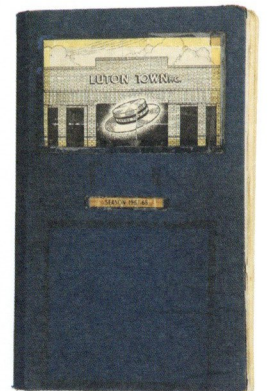
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PART SEVENTEEN

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...



Following the home win over Darlington the Town invested in a short 'holiday' for the players at Blackpool as a reward for maintaining a place at the top of the table.

The break was meant as a bonding exercise (before the term was invented) in readiness for the trip to Chesterfield on the following Saturday.

The Spireites were seen by the management team as the toughest hurdle yet to overcome on the road to promotion, although supporters could think of other sides worthy of that title.

Manager Allan Brown had set his stall out by saying: "I do not care how the points come away from home, so long as we win with authority on our own ground." In layman's terms, this meant a point away and two at home would see us up.

Chesterfield were hovering around the promotion places and boasted a mean defence, and a Saltergate crowd of 14,075

turned out to watch an entertaining 0-0 draw. As expected, both defences were tight but the Hatters enjoyed the better of the chances and on another day, a header from Keith Allen, which thudded against the bar, would have gone in.

Back to Kenilworth Road the following week where lower mid-table Port Vale were to be the visitors. Vale were in crisis at the time having received the news that because of financial irregularities, which included paying amateur players and paying illegal bonuses and signing on fees, they were to be fined £2,000 and expelled from the Football League at the end of the season.

Naturally a wave of sympathy swept through the football world, given the severity of the sanctions – and so it was probably not a good time to play them as a siege mentality had set in amongst the players.

A best of the season so far, for a Saturday game, crowd of 12,749 turned up to see the now settled Town side open in



VALE PUT UP
A STRONG
FIGHT



Ian Buxton (8) and Ray Whittaker race hopefully into the Port Vale goalmouth, but Sharratt's lunging save foils them

↑ POST 11-3-68
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Ken Head (right) has to rush from his goal to clear the danger as Port Vale winger, Mahon, finds some room in which to work

NEWS
OF
THE
WORLD
10-3-68

Rioch's rocket boosts Luton

BRUCE RIOCH provided the only golden touch in Luton's shambling 2-0 win over Port Vale.

In the 63rd minute he showed why so many clubs fancy him.

He ran on to a loose ball and from 35 yards thundered home a tremendous left-foot shot.

And it was Rioch who in the 24th minute finished off a 50-yard dash with a pass for Ian Buxton to give Luton a lead they did not deserve.

It was difficult to see Luton as a prospective Third Division side on this below par showing.

Port Vale often produced neat moves against a Luton defence which was too easily drawn out of position.

Apart from their two goals, Luton twice hit the bar, but their forwards will need to improve in cohesion if they are to make sure of promotion.

Luton go swinging to title

By Bob Morley

LUTON 2, PORT VALE 0

PORT VALE obviously intend to fight for points all the way to their suspension day at the end of the season.

They put on such a spirited show, particularly in defence against Luton—the jet-set of the Fourth Division—that it took two extra special efforts by dynamic Bruce Rioch to crack their resistance.

Rioch, who hit the Vale bar within two minutes, burst through dramatically on the left and crossed low for Buxton to slide home Luton's first goal.

And Rioch thumped home the second—a magnificent 25-yard left half volley, taken on the turn. No wonder managers Brown is deaf to inquiries about this player!

Vale's defence was splendidly marshalled by Asprey, who kept Allen in check, though the Luton striker drove one hard shot against the Vale bar.

James and Wilson kept a firm grip on Luton's wingers, Whittaker and French, who were so lively at the start. French was withdrawn in favour of McDermott after 58 minutes because of a muscle injury in the back.

Luton, fast and strong, and looking the best team in the Fourth Division, allowed Vale a few neatly-constructed moves. When they did break through Read dealt efficiently with their efforts.

Mahon and Goodfellow struggled to work past Dougan and Jardine and, in the middle, Chapman fought without pause to batter single-handed at the barrier set up by Cranston and Moore.

Luton's midfield men, Rioch and Slough, had time and space to move and pass in constant support of their own attack.

Lively Luton, with 31 out of 33 points at home, look, as Sir Stanley Matthews said: "Sure to go up."

LUTON: Read 7; Dougan 6; Cranston 7; Meers 7; Jardine 6; Slough 7; RIOCH 8; French (inj.) 6; Buxton 7; Ian 6; Whittaker 6; Sub: McDermott 6.
PORT VALE: Sharratt 7; Chapman 6; Asprey 6; Sorenson 7; Wilson 7; Paul 6; Whelan 5; Gullerton 6; Mahon 5; Jones (H.J.) 7; Goodfellow 6; Jones 6; J. Clarke (Warwickshire) 6.

PEOPLE
10-3-68



A Port Vale defender makes sure that high-jumping Keith Allen does no damage on this occasion

↑ POST 11-3-68
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Luton's Ian Buxton and John Moore are foiled by a lunging save from Port Vale 'keeper Sharratt

RIOCH ON
TARGET...
AGAIN



John Moore backs into the Port Vale goalkeeper while Ian Buxton is ready to pounce



blistering fashion with Bruce Rioch setting up Alan Slough for a run on goal, followed by a hard shot which was brilliantly saved by Stuart Sharratt in the Vale goal.

Immediately after this, Vale broke away and with an open goal in his sights, Mick Mahon shot weakly wide. Rioch then hit the bar with a fierce shot before the same player fired in centre which was turned in by Ian Buxton.

The Hatters continued to live dangerously against a spirited Vale side, and the supporters could see that one goal would not be enough. As so often the case that season, it was left to 'Golden Boy' Rioch to come up with another one of his specials to effectively settle the contest.

In the 64th minute, Rioch picked up a loose ball 25 yards out and fairly hammered a left foot strike into the top corner

of the net with Sharratt rooted to the spot. A goal fit to win any game.

Now in full control, the Town saw out the rest of the game with ease. Not a vintage performance but two points nearer to promotion.

Trumping the football for a short while came the long-awaited news that for the third consecutive year the Supporters Club would be holding their Football Queen competition in the Bobbers Club. You can see the winner on page 65 of this programme.

The Hatters now had a big chance to consolidate their position at the top as next up at Kenilworth Road were Exeter, who they had beaten 5-0 at St James Park earlier in the season.

They would, though, have to go into the game without the two new signings that manager Allan Brown attempted to secure before the transfer deadline.

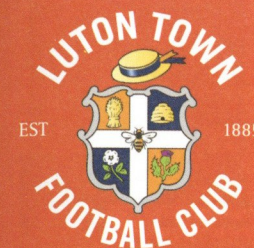
Tottenham's Eddie Clayton arrived at Luton early one morning, agreed terms but left without putting pen to paper. He signed for Southend that afternoon!

The other player interesting Luton was Brian Lewis of Coventry, who decided to remain at Highfield Road after the two clubs agreed a fee. Brown would eventually get his man, but it would have to wait until the summer.

For the visit of the Grecians the Town were missing Alan Slough, who was suffering a groin strain, with Billy McDerment taking his place.

The least said about this particular game the better, as Exeter pulled everyone back behind the ball, and with winger Ray Whittaker injured early and limping through to half time, and full-back Fred Jardine needing to play on the wing because of an ankle injury, it became a poor spectacle.

Exeter became the first side to prevent the Town from scoring at home that season, and according to Brown's mantra the Hatters would now need to pick up some wins away from home.



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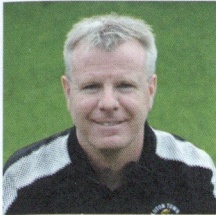
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YOUTH TEAM FIXTURES

MERIT LEAGUE 1 FIXTURES:				
Sat Feb 17	Swindon Town	H		
Sat Feb 24	Exeter City	H		
Sat Mar 3	Bournemouth	A		
Sat Mar 10	MK Dons	H		
Sat Mar 17	Stevenage	A		
Sat Mar 24	Gillingham	A		
Sat Mar 31	Oxford United	A	(League Cup Southern Area Final)	
Sat Apr 7	Southend Utd	A		
Sat Apr 14	Cambridge Utd	H		
Sat Apr 21	Bristol Rovers	A		
Sat Apr 28	Portsmouth	H		
TBC – Oxford United H				
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ANDY AWFORD'S ACADEMY UPDATE

Good evening everyone and welcome to tonight's game versus Crawley Town.

BEDFORDSHIRE FA SENIOR CUP

Well done to the players for reaching the final after beating Bedford Town 1-0 last week.

A young side travelled up to Bedford and gave an encouraging display in very difficult conditions. Frankie Musonda scored very late on to see us over the line and we now look forward to the final on Monday March 26th at Kenilworth Road against Biggleswade Town, from the Evo-Stik South Premier Division.



I would like to give a special mention to our apprentice goalkeeper Ciaran Gordon-Stearn, who was making his first appearance for 18 months, following knee surgery and a long-standing back issue. It was great to

see Ciaran back out between the posts. He acquitted himself admirably on the night, so well done Ciaran and well done to the staff.

U13S TOUR

Good luck to the U13s who are off to Barcelona for a three-day tournament, that will again provide the players, staff and parents with a rich experience. You can follow their progress on the Academy Twitter (@academyltfc) page, whereby we will go up against Espanyol, Valencia, Man City and West Bromwich Albion amongst others.

U18 MERIT LEAGUE 1

The EFL have now distributed fixtures for the Merit League 1 for the remainder of the season (see page 54). As always, we will look to develop our U16s into these matches and give them valuable minutes and experience in the U18s programme, as they start to prepare to come in as full-time apprentices in June, after the completion of their GCSEs at school.

Enjoy today's game. COYH!!

Andy

EFL YOUTH ALLIANCE SOUTH EAST DIVISION RESULTS 2017/18

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



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1	Milton Keynes Dons	22	14	2	6	40	27	13	44
2	Southend United	22	13	1	8	44	37	7	40
3	Cambridge United	22	12	2	8	42	25	17	38
4	Gillingham	22	11	1	10	43	42	1	34
5	Stevenage	22	8	6	8	37	34	3	30
6	LUTON TOWN	22	9	3	10	30	28	2	30
7	AFC Wimbledon	22	9	3	10	35	37	-2	30
8	Dag & Red	22	9	3	10	32	39	-7	30
9	Northampton Town	22	8	5	9	32	35	-3	29
10	Leyton Orient	22	7	4	11	33	39	-6	25
11	Barnet	22	8	1	13	33	46	-13	25
12	Peterborough Utd	22	7	3	12	33	45	-12	24



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LUTON TOWN IN THE COMMUNITY

BY **KEVIN THOBURN** HEAD OF THE HATTERS COMMUNITY TRUST

HATTERS WALKING FOOTBALLERS DOUBLE SUCCESS!

We were pleased to celebrate our Over-50s walking footballers' double success at our last home game with a half-time presentation to the guys of the EFL Eastern Regional Cup and the Man City Kingsmaid Cup.

As winners of the EFL Eastern Region National Walking Cup which the Trust organised at V360 last summer, our Over-50s team qualified to compete in the EFL National Finals in scorching temperatures (remember those!), narrowly losing out in their attempt to become national champions, losing 2-0 to eventual winners Sheffield United in the semi-finals.

As one of the top ten nationwide qualifiers from the regionals, the Hatters were drawn with Blackpool, Cheltenham Town, Notts County, Colchester United and Bradford City in the group stage, ending up with one win, one loss and three drawn games in a very tight group to qualify for the semi-finals. In the last four, the Blades proved just too strong and went on to win the competition, beating Kidderminster Harriers in the final.

Following on from the success in the EFL National Cup the guys were invited to take part in the Man City-hosted Kingsmaid Cup, and following group qualifying success, squeezed past Preston North End in the semi-final, 3-2 on pens following a 2-2 draw in normal time.

Inevitably, the final was against the hosts Man City, with the mighty Hatters winning 3-1. No doubt City



will dip into the transfer market to strengthen for this year's competition!

Our walking football sessions have grown in popularity over the last year with new players joining every week, and while most of the guys are season ticket holders, it is not a prerequisite to joining the group.

The rules are simple, the same as five-a-side, if you can cast your memory back that far, except if you run, you concede a free kick – so no danger there then!

The group runs every Wednesday evening, 6-7pm on the astroturf at Playfootball.net in Stopsley, and newcomers are always welcome. Don't worry if you haven't pulled a shirt on for 20 years or you think you might lack a bit of confidence, everybody's in in the same boat – just looking for a bit of a run out (sorry walk out) and a social.

Kevin Thoburn, Head of the Hatters Community Trust, commented:

"Walking football is growing fast and is a great way to stay fit for over 50s who still want to play. The fellas who travelled up to Villa take it as seriously as their younger counterparts, and to finish in the top four teams nationally is a fantastic effort.

"But don't forget our weekly sessions at Playfootball.net are open to anyone who simply wants to stay fit and enjoy the social side of a team sport."

If you want further information simply call the community office on 01582 561622, or email us on community@lutontown.co.uk. The cost of each session is £3 and you can simply pay and play with no commitment to play regularly – you can miss a week or two and play whenever you feel up to it. We're a friendly bunch – why not come down and join us!

For more information you can visit the groups own participant run website at www.ltfwalkfb.com



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FA PEOPLE'S CUP

Hot on the heels of our walking footballers' success, we have another proud team of cup winners at the club as our Men's Adult PAN Disability team lifted the FA People's Cup in a competition hosted by Bedfordshire FA at Skimpot Lane in Dunstable last week.

The FA People's Cup is a joint initiative between the BBC Get Inspired project and the FA for all categories of the game, and our Hatters disability team competed with teams from all over Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire to finish outright winners.

The competition provided an ideal way to celebrate the start of the new Ability Counts league season, as well as engaging with our new players into the team.

Luke Hyde, from the Hatters Community Trust who runs our jointly EFL Trust and Wembley National Stadium Trust funded Every Player Counts project, will lead his Luton Town Hatters team into the Regional

Semi-Finals, representing the Super-League division in Bedfordshire.

Standout performance for the Hatters has to go to Liam Leishman, who couldn't stop scoring. He'll have the opposition worried in the next round if he keeps up this form.

The Regional Semi-Finals are expected to be held across the weekend of Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th of March, and we'll be reporting on future progress – so good luck boys!

Our Community Trust coaches who run the teams are always happy to welcome new players into our two squads. We currently hold our weekly



indoor training session every Friday morning during the winter at Inspire Sports Village in Stopsley – 12-2pm.

If you know of anyone who might want to get involved then please ring Luke in the community office on 01582 561622, or send us an email at community@lutontown.co.uk



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LADIES GAIN REVENGE ON ORIENT WITH FOUR-MIDABLE SHOW!

Leyton Orient WFC 0-4 Luton Town Ladies

Luton Town Ladies avenged comprehensive home defeats to Leyton Orient WFC earlier in the season by securing a sensational 4-0 win against the O's at Mile End last Sunday to reinforce their position in the top five of FA Women's Premier League South East Division One.

The Hatters' attention has turned to the cup competition in recent times with their last league outing coming in the shape of an 8-2 victory over Norwich City Ladies at the end of November, so they were eager to establish a positive return to the divisional game.

And Natasha Fensome almost provided the perfect start as she burst through down the left and, having steadied herself for the shot, fired tamely at the near post as the goalkeeper collected.

However, a defensive lapse presented the Orient forward with an excellent opportunity to nudge her side in front, but as she rounded goalkeeper Kezia Hassall her shot was blocked by the defender and scrambled clear.

That sparked a rather perturbing spell for the Luton backline as the hosts enjoyed a five-minute period of extended pressure that yielded a golden chance, although the striker looped her shot over from close range.

The importance of surviving that moment was heightened shortly after, when the opening goal arrived with Fensome's volley striking the post

and falling presentably for Steph Gale to finish.

Orient were determined to restore parity from the outset of the second period with a ball launched into the penalty area that culminated in a shot sailing over the bar.

And from that point Luton accelerated into gear and delivered a masterful performance, doubling their lead through Fensome as she was released by Nicola Henman's pass before side-stepping two defenders and drilling low across the keeper into the bottom corner.

Arguably, Fensome should have added a third following some intricate link-up play with Gale in the box, but the pacey striker shot harmlessly wide.

Where she failed, Lisa Nixon succeeded in astounding fashion as she pounced on Zara Carroll's blocked free-kick to volley viciously into the top corner.

Luton were rampant and in their pursuit of more goals they were awarded a penalty as an O's defender harnessed her inner goalkeeper to produce a diving save with her hands on the goal line.

She was dismissed for her infringement and substitute Joanne Rutherford assumed penalty-taking duties, but her strike cannoned off the crossbar and over the top.

The away side wouldn't be denied a fourth to match the scoreline Orient

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	W 4-0
P-P	Stevenage	A	
Sun Feb 18	Cambridge	H	

*Home games are played at Stockwood Park Athletics Stadium

beat them by back in September, and it was the irrepressible Fensome who provided it, drifting infield with some delightful trickery before guiding her shot into the far corner with unforgiving precision.

A marvellous return to league action and the prospect of finishing runners-up is undoubtedly within grasp for Town!

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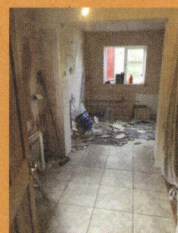
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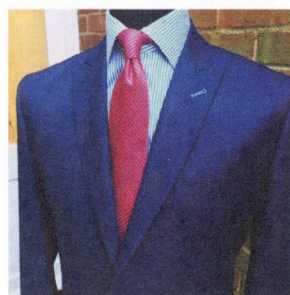
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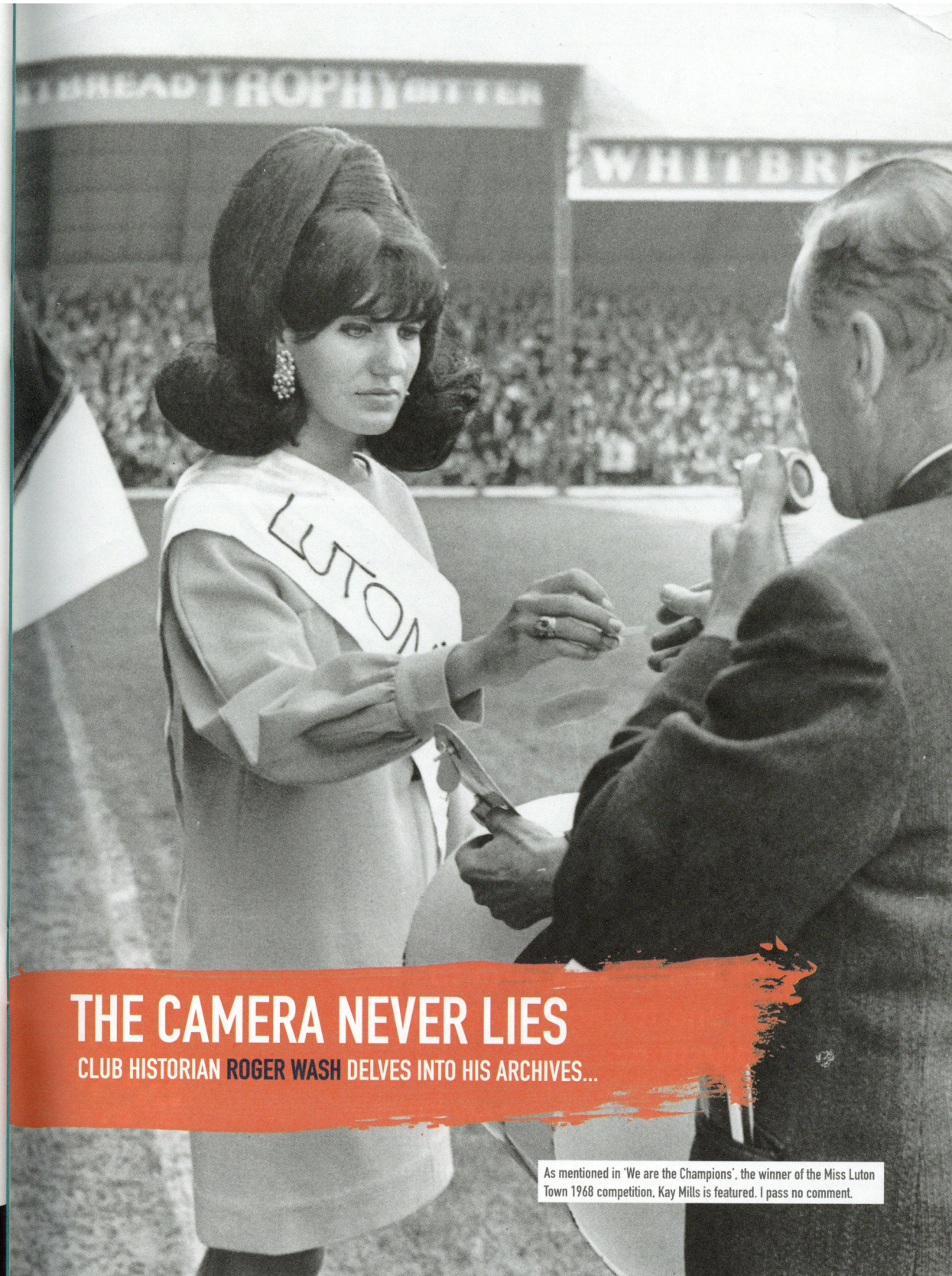
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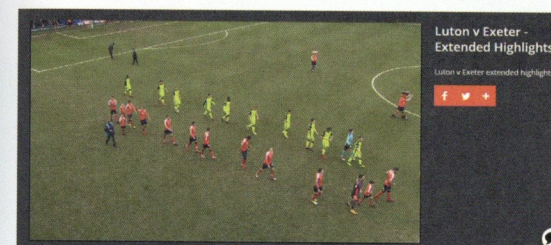
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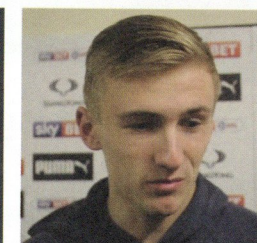


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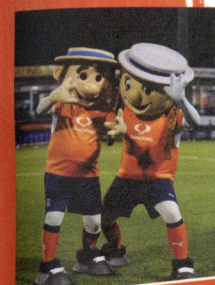
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SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

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Last week, our junior diamond season ticket holders enjoyed their rearranged Christmas party at Orbital Trampoline Park in Luton. The party was supposed to happen before Christmas, but it had to be cancelled because of heavy snow. Anyway, all our junior diamonds had a great time - and so did Happy Harry, and players James Shea, Johnny Mullins and Jack Senior who posed for photos and even showed off their trampolining skills!

TWEET TWEET TWEET!

You might not know it, but Happy Harry has his very own twitter account! He's always tweeting what he's been up to as well as sharing news from behind the scenes at Luton Town. It's also a great way to find out whenever there's a new Junior Hatters YouTube video. Make sure you follow Harry so you can get the first scoop on his antics: @HappyHarry_LTFC

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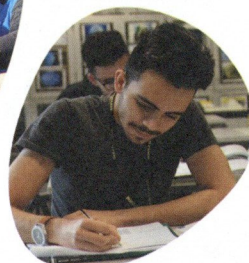
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[STATS AND LEAGUE UPDATE]

LEAGUE LOOK

SATURDAY'S LEAGUE TWO RESULTS:

Barnet 1-0 Notts County
Carlisle United 1-1 Colchester United
Cheltenham Town 5-1 Port Vale
Coventry City 0-2 Accrington Stanley
Crawley Town 3-0 Grimsby Town
Crewe Alexandra 0-0 Yeovil Town
Exeter City 1-1 Wycombe Wanderers
Morecambe P-P Chesterfield
Newport County P-P Forest Green Rovers
Stevenage 1-1 Luton Town
Swindon Town 1-0 Mansfield Town

TONIGHT'S LEAGUE TWO FIXTURES:

Accrington Stanley v Crewe Alexandra
Chesterfield v Cambridge United
Colchester United v Coventry City
Forest Green Rovers v Stevenage
Lincoln City v Cheltenham Town
Luton Town v Crawley Town
Mansfield Town v Newport County
Notts County v Carlisle United
Port Vale v Exeter City
Wycombe Wanderers v Swindon Town
Yeovil Town v Barnet

LEAGUE TWO TOP SCORERS:

(League goals only)

Billy Kee (Accrington) 18
Mohamed Eisa (Cheltenham) 15
DANNY HYLTON (LUTON) 15
Jorge Grant (Notts County) 14
Tom Pope (Port Vale) 14
Christian Doidge (Forest Green) 14
Adebayo Akinfenwa (Wycombe) 13
JAMES COLLINS (LUTON) 13
Kristian Dennis (Chesterfield) 13
Marc McNulty (Coventry) 13

LEAGUE TABLE 2017/18

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	LUTON TOWN	32	19	7	6	68	31	37	64
2	Accrington Stanley	31	18	4	9	55	37	18	58
3	Wycombe Wanderers	31	16	8	7	60	44	16	56
4	Notts County	31	15	9	7	52	34	18	54
5	Swindon Town	32	17	3	12	49	44	5	54
6	Mansfield Town	31	14	11	6	46	34	12	53
7	Exeter City	30	16	4	10	41	35	6	52
8	Lincoln City	31	13	11	7	43	30	13	50
9	Coventry City	31	15	5	11	35	25	10	50
10	Crawley Town	32	14	6	12	37	36	1	48
11	Colchester United	32	12	11	9	43	38	5	47
12	Newport County AFC	31	12	10	9	41	38	3	46
13	Carlisle United	31	11	9	11	43	42	1	42
14	Cheltenham Town	32	10	9	13	46	47	-1	39
15	Stevenage	32	10	9	13	41	45	-4	39
16	Cambridge United	31	10	9	12	28	41	-13	39
17	Grimsby Town	33	9	9	15	29	47	-18	36
18	Yeovil Town	31	9	8	14	43	50	-7	35
19	Port Vale	32	9	7	16	35	46	-11	34
20	Morecambe	31	7	10	14	29	41	-12	31
21	Crewe Alexandra	31	9	3	19	35	53	-18	30
22	Forest Green Rovers	31	8	5	18	33	54	-21	29
23	Chesterfield	31	7	6	18	31	55	-24	27
24	Barnet	31	6	7	18	30	46	-16	25

PLAYER STATS 2017/18

	THIS SEASON												CAREER TOT
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		DISP		Y		R		
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	Y	R	APPS	GLS	Y	R	
Tyreek Bakinson	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	6	0
Luke Berry	23	(3)	5	4	(1)	1	27	(4)	6	4	1	31	6
James Collins	26	(3)	13	3	(0)	1	29	(3)	14	5	0	32	14
Jordan Cook	1	(9)	0	5	(1)	1	6	(10)	1	3	1	58	5
Harry Cornick	13	(15)	5	2	(2)	0	15	(17)	5	1	0	32	5
Kavan Cotter	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	1	1	(0)	1	0	0	2	1
Scott Cuthbert	15	(1)	1	2	(0)	0	17	(1)	1	2	1	104	3
Lawson D'Ath	2	(6)	0	4	(0)	1	6	(6)	1	1	0	25	1
Flynn Downes	2	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	0	0	2	0
Akin Famewo	1	(2)	0	5	(0)	0	6	(2)	0	0	0	14	0
Luke Gambin	3	(2)	1	4	(3)	1	7	(5)	2	0	0	29	3
Danny Hylton	25	(1)	15	4	(0)	2	29	(1)	17	8	0	77	44
Jack James	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0
Aaron Jarvis	0	(1)	0	2	(1)	1	2	(2)	1	0	0	4	1
Jake Jarvis	2	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	0	0	2	0
Lloyd Jones	0	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0
James Justin	6	(6)	2	5	(0)	0	11	(6)	2	1	0	57	3
Elliot Lee	8	(14)	7	5	(1)	2	13	(15)	9	1	0	39	12
Olly Lee	26	(0)	3	4	(1)	1	30	(1)	4	5	0	111	8
Alan McCormack	8	(0)	1	0	(0)	0	8	(0)	1	4	0	8	1
Josh McQuoid	0	(0)	0	0	(2)	1	0	(2)	1	0	0	45	8
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	11	(11)	0	7	(1)	0	18	(12)	0	2	1	148	7
Johnny Mullins	14	(1)	2	4	(1)	0	18	(2)	2	1	0	49	3
Frankie Musonda	0	(0)	0	3	(1)	0	3	(1)	0	0	0	12	1
Dan Potts	30	(0)	5	3	(0)	1	33	(0)	6	10	0	77	7
Glen Rea	27	(5)	0	4	(0)	0	31	(5)	0	4	1	95	3
Arthur Read	0	(0)	0	0	(2)	0	0	(2)	0	0	0	3	0
Jack Senior	0	(0)	0	5	(0)	0	5	(0)	0	1	0	21	0
James Shea	0	(0)	0	5	(0)	0	5	(0)	0	1	0	5	0
Alan Sheehan	28	(0)	2	4	(0)	0	32	(0)	2	7	1	93	6
Andrew Shinnie	19	(4)	1	5	(1)	2	24	(5)	3	3	0	29	3
Jack Stacey	28	(0)	1	4	(0)	0	32	(0)	1	1	1	32	1
Marek Stech	32	(0)	0	4	(0)	0	36	(0)	0	2	0	36	0
Connor Tomlinson	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	1	0
Isaac Vassell	2	(0)	2	0	(0)	0	2	(0)	2	0	0	55	16



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FIXTURESPILE-UP

DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS	STARTING XI
AUGUST								
Sat 5	3.00pm	H	Yeovil Town	W 8-2	8,101	258	1	Stech Stacey Cuthbert Sheehan Potts McCormack 1 • O. LEE 1
Tue 8	7.45pm	H	Ipswich Town (Cup 1)	L 0-2	4,610	794	-	Stech Stacey Cuthbert Sheehan Potts McCormack O. Lee
Sat 12	3.00pm	A	Barnet	L 0-1	3,555	2,109	8	Stech Stacey Cuthbert Sheehan Potts McCormack O. Lee
Tue 15	7.45pm	H	Tottenham U21 (Trophy)	D 2-2*	2,699	404	-	Shea Justin • Mullins Famewo Potts Senior Bakinson Cook
Sat 19	3.00pm	H	Colchester United	W 3-0	7,865	445	3	Stech Stacey Rea Sheehan Potts McCormack O. LEE 1
Sat 26	3.00pm	A	Mansfield Town	D 2-2	4,665	987	5	Stech Stacey Cuthbert Sheehan Potts McCormack O. Lee
SEPTEMBER								
Sat 2	3.00pm	A	Lincoln City	D 0-0	9,332	1,268	6	Stech Stacey Cuthbert Sheehan Potts McCormack • Rea
Sat 9	3.00pm	H	Swindon Town	L 0-3	8,455	832	13	Stech Stacey Cuthbert • Sheehan Potts McCormack O. Lee •
Tue 12	7.45pm	H	Port Vale	W 2-0	7,046	136	9	Stech STACEY 1 Rea Sheehan Potts McCormack Berry
Sat 16	3.00pm	A	Wycombe Wanderers	W 2-1	5,512	1,459	4	Stech Stacey Rea • Sheehan Potts McCormack • Berry
Sat 23	3.00pm	H	Chesterfield	W 1-0	7,575	310	3	Stech Stacey Cuthbert Sheehan Potts Gambin • O. Lee •
Tue 26	7.45pm	A	Morecambe	D 0-0	1,354	326	5	Stech Stacey Cuthbert Sheehan Potts Gambin O. Lee
Sat 30	3.00pm	H	Newport County AFC	W 3-1	7,681	296	5	Stech Stacey Cuthbert SHEEHAN 1 Potts Gambin • O. Lee
OCTOBER								
Tue 3	7.45pm	H	Barnet (Trophy)	D 1-1**	1,530	68	-	Shea Justin Mullins Famewo Senior Jarvis Cook
Sat 7	3.00pm	A	Accrington Stanley	W 2-0	2,193	587	3	Stech Stacey Cuthbert Sheehan Potts McCormack O. LEE
Sat 14	3.00pm	H	Stevenage	W 7-1	9,208	595	3	Stech Stacey Cuthbert Mullins JUSTIN 1 Rea • O. Lee
Tue 17	7.45pm	A	Exeter City	W 4-1	4,209	353	1	Stech Stacey Cuthbert Sheehan Potts McCormack O. Lee
Sat 21	3.00pm	A	Crawley Town	D 0-0	3,494	1,642	1	Stech Stacey Cuthbert Sheehan Potts McCormack O. Lee •
Sat 28	3.00pm	H	Coventry City	L 0-3	9,670	1,067	3	Stech Stacey Cuthbert Mullins • Potts Rea • O. Lee
Tue 31	7.45pm	A	AFC Wimbledon (Trophy)	W 2-1	581	98	-	Shea Justin Musonda Famewo Senior E. Lee Shinnie •
NOVEMBER								
Sat 4	3.00	H	Portsmouth (FACR1)	W 1-0	5,333	1,143	-	Stech Stacey Cuthbert Sheehan Potts Mpanzu O. Lee
Sat 11	3.00pm	A	Cheltenham Town	D 2-2	3,900	1,007	4	Stech Stacey Cuthbert Sheehan Potts McCormack O. Lee
Sat 18	3.00pm	H	Cambridge United	W 7-0	8,721	642	2	Stech Stacey Cuthbert • Sheehan Potts McCormack O. LEE 1
Tue 21	7.45pm	H	Carlisle United	W 3-0	7,644	215	1	Stech Stacey Mullins • Sheehan Potts McCormack O. Lee
Sat 25	3.00pm	A	Crewe Alexandra	W 2-1	4,571	1,244	1	Stech Stacey Mullins Sheehan Potts McCormack O. Lee
DECEMBER								
Sun 3	2.00pm	A	Gateshead (FACR2)	W 5-0	1,339	381	-	Stech Stacey Mullins Sheehan POTS 1 Rea • O. LEE 1 •
Tue 5	7.45pm	H	West Ham U21 (Trophy R2)	W 4-0	1,670	108	-	Shea Justin Musonda Famewo Senior COTTER 1 COOK 1
Sat 9	3.00pm	H	Notts County	D 1-1	10,063	810	1	Stech Stacey Mullins SHEEHAN 1 Potts Rea O. Lee •
Sat 16	3.00pm	A	Forest Green Rovers	W 2-0	2,546	841	1	Stech Stacey Mullins SHEEHAN 1 Potts Rea O. Lee •
Sat 23	3.00pm	H	Grimsby Town	W 2-0	9,102	446	1	Stech Justin Mullins Sheehan Potts Rea O. Lee
Tue 26	3.00pm	A	Swindon Town	W 5-0	8,526	1,408	1	Stech Justin Mullins Sheehan Potts Rea O. Lee •
Sat 30	3.00pm	A	Port Vale	L 0-4	5,523	1,175	1	Stech Justin Mullins Sheehan Potts Rea D'Ath •
JANUARY								
Mon 1	3.00pm	H	Lincoln City	W 4-2	9,659	1,044	1	Stech Stacey Mullins Sheehan • JUSTIN 1 Rea O. Lee
Sat 6	3.00pm	A	Newcastle United (FACR3)	L 1-3	47,069	7,477	-	Stech Justin Mullins Rea Potts Mpanzu • O. Lee
Tue 9	7.45pm	H	P'boro United (Trophy R3)	D 0-0***	2,253	408	-	Shea Famewo Musonda Sheehan Potts Senior Gambin •
Sat 13	3.00pm	A	Chesterfield	L 0-2	5,715	1,244	1	Stech Justin Mullins Famewo Potts Rea O. Lee •
Sat 20	3.00pm	H	Morecambe	W 1-0	8,476	61	1	Stech Stacey MULLINS 1 Rea Potts D'Ath • O. Lee
Sat 27	3.00pm	A	Grimsby Town	W 1-0	4,159	522	1	Stech Stacey Mullins Sheehan Potts Rea Cook •
Tue 30	7.45pm	H	Wycombe Wanderers	L 2-3	8,564	791	1	Stech Stacey Mullins • Sheehan Potts Rea O. Lee •
FEBRUARY								
Sat 3	3.00pm	H	Exeter City	W 1-0	8,788	464	1	Stech Stacey Downes Sheehan Potts Rea O. Lee
Sat 10	3.00pm	A	Stevenage	D 1-1	4,365	1,899	1	Stech Stacey Downes • Sheehan Potts Rea O. Lee
Tue 13	7.45pm	H	Crawley Town					
Sat 24	3.00pm	H	Cheltenham Town					
MARCH								
Sat 3	3.00pm	A	Cambridge United					
Sat 10	3.00pm	H	Accrington Stanley					
Sat 17	3.00pm	A	Newport County AFC					
Sat 24	5.15pm	H	Barnet					
Fri 30	3.00pm	A	Colchester United					
APRIL								
Mon 2	3.00pm	H	Mansfield Town					
Sat 7	3.00pm	A	Yeovil Town					
Sat 14	3.00pm	H	Crewe Alexandra					
Sat 21	3.00pm	A	Carlisle United					
Sat 28	3.00pm	H	Forest Green Rovers					
MAY								
Sat 5	3.00pm	A	Notts County					
TBC		A	Coventry City					

*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)

WHO, WHEN AND WHERE THE HATTERS ARE PLAYING THIS SEASON

KEY: • First Substitute | ♦ Second Substitute | ▲ Third Substitute | ■ Sent off | GOALSCORER

SUBS														
Mpanzu	Shinnie ▲	COLLINS 3 ♦	VASSELL 2	Rea •	E. LEE 1 ♦	Mullins ▲	Cook	Senior	Gambin	Shea				
Mpanzu	Shinnie •	Collins	E. Lee •	Gambin •	Mullins •	Senior	McQuoid	Bakinson	Musonda	Shea				
Mpanzu	Shinnie •	Collins	Vassell •	Rea •	Cook •	E. Lee ▲	Mullins	Cornick	Gambin	Shea				
GAMBIN 1	Cornick •	Hylton •	E. Lee	James •	MCQUOID 1 ♦	Read ▲	Peck	Jones	Shamalo	Isted				
Mpanzu	Shinnie •	COLLINS 1 •	Hylton ▲	Cornick •	Cook •	E. Lee ▲	Justin	Mullins	Gambin	Shea				
Mpanzu	Shinnie •	COLLINS 1	HYLTON 1	Rea •	Berry •	Cornick ▲	Justin	Gambin	E. Lee	Shea				
Mpanzu	Berry	Collins •	Hylton	Cornick •	Cook •	Mullins	O. Lee	Shinnie	E. Lee	Shea				
Mpanzu	Shinnie •	Collins	Hylton ▲	Rea •	Cornick •	Berry ▲	Justin	Gambin	E. Lee	Shea				
Mpanzu	Shinnie •	Collins •	Hylton	Cornick •	E. Lee •	Justin	Mullins	Gambin	O. Lee	Shea				
Mpanzu	Shinnie •	COLLINS 1	Hylton	CUTHBERT 1 •	Cornick •	E. Lee ▲	Justin	Mullins	O. Lee	Shea				
Mpanzu	Shinnie •	Collins	HYLTON 1	Rea •	Rea •	Cornick ▲	Justin	Senior	Jarvis	Shea				
Rea	Cornick •	Collins •	Hylton	Cook •	Jarvis •	Justin	Senior	Musonda	Famewo	Shea				
Rea	Cornick •	Collins	HYLTON 2	Cook •	Justin •	Mullins	Jarvis	E. Lee	Famewo	Shea				
Mpanzu	D'Ath •	E. LEE 1	Berry	Musonda •	Read	James	Mead	Tomlinson	Neufville	Isted				
Berry	Cornick •	COLLINS 1	HYLTON 1	D'Ath •	Justin •	Mullins	Cook	E. Lee	Famewo	Shea				
BERRY 3	Cornick •	Collins	HYLTON 2 ▲	Mpanzu •	GAMBIN 1 •	E. Lee ▲	Cook	D'Ath	Famewo	Shea				
Berry	CORNICK 1 •	COLLINS 1 •	HYLTON 1	Justin •	E. Lee •	Mpanzu ▲	Mullins	Cook	Gambin	Shea				
Berry	Cornick •	Collins	Hylton •	E. Lee •	Mpanzu •	Cook •	Justin	Mullins	Gambin	Shea				
Berry	Cornick •	Collins ▲	Hylton	Mpanzu •	Shinnie •	E. Lee ▲	Justin	Gambin	D'Ath	Shea				
Mpanzu	D'Ath	Gambin	E. Lee •	Jarvis •	Berry •	Potts	O. Lee	Sheehan	Richardson	Isted				
Berry	Shinnie •	COLLINS 1	Hylton	Cornick •	Justin	Gambin	D'Ath	E. Lee	Famewo	Shea				
Berry	Cornick •	Collins •	Hylton	E. LEE 1 •	Mpanzu •	Justin	Cook	Shinnie	D'Ath	Shea				
Berry	Shinnie •	E. LEE 2	HYLTON 3	Mpanzu •	Cook •	Justin ▲	Mullins	Cornick	Gambin	Shea				
Mpanzu	SHINNIE 1 ▲	E. Lee •	Hylton	CORNICK 1 •	Cook •	Famewo ▲	Justin	Cook	Gambin	Shea				
BERRY 1	Cornick •	E. Lee •	HYLTON 1	Shinnie •	Mpanzu •	Famewo ▲	Justin	Cook	Gambin	Shea				
BERRY 1	Shinnie	E. LEE 1 •	HYLTON 1	Cook •	Gambin •	Mpanzu ▲	Justin	Senior	D'Ath	Shea				
Mpanzu	D'Ath 1 •	Gambin	JARVIS 1	Read •	Potts	O. Lee	Rea	Berry	E. Lee	Isted				
Berry	Shinnie •	E. Lee •	Hylton	Collins •	Gambin •	Justin	Cook	Mpanzu	D'Ath	Shea				
Berry	Shinnie ▲	E. Lee •	HYLTON 1	Cornick •	Collins ▲	Mpanzu	Mpanzu	Gambin	D'Ath	Shea				
BERRY 1	Shinnie •	COLLINS 1 •	Hylton •	Cornick •	E. Lee •	D'Ath ▲	Mpanzu	Gambin	Famewo	Shea				
Berry	Shinnie •	COLLINS 1	HYLTON 1 •	CORNICK 1 •	E. LEE 1 •	Mpanzu ▲	Cook	D'Ath	Famewo	Shea				
Mpanzu	Cornick ▲	E. Lee •	Hylton	Berry •	Collins •	Shinnie ▲	Cook	Gambin	Famewo	Shea				
Berry	Shinnie •	COLLINS 1	HYLTON 1	CORNICK 1 •	Cook •	Mpanzu ▲	Gambin	E. Lee	Famewo	Shea				
Berry	Shinnie ▲	Collins •	HYLTON 1	Cornick •	Shinnie •	O. Lee ▲	Justin	Potts	Cotter	Isted				
Berry	D'Ath •	Cornick •	Cook	McQuoid •	Cook •	Mpanzu ▲	Stacey	Senior	D'Ath	Shea				
Berry	Shinnie ▲	Collins	E. Lee	Cornick •	Cook •	Justin	Cook	Mpanzu	Famewo	Shea				
Berry	Shinnie •	Collins	Hylton •	E. Lee •	Cornick •	O. Lee	Justin	Mpanzu	Famewo	Shea				
Berry	Shinnie •	Cornick ▲	COLLINS 1 •	D'Ath •	Justin •	E. Lee ▲	O. Lee	Mpanzu	Famewo	Shea				
Berry	Shinnie •	E. LEE 2	Collins	Mpanzu •	Cornick •	D'Ath ▲	Justin	Jarvis	Famewo	Shea				
Berry	CORNICK 1 •	Jervis •	Collins	Hylton •	Jones •	Justin	Shinnie	Mpanzu	D'Ath	Shea				
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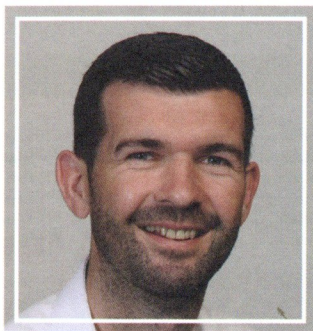


JANICE GIDDINS

We are sorry to report that Janice Giddins, a loyal Luton Town supporter for more than 50 years, passed away peacefully on January 23rd after a long fight against cancer.

Janice was a member of Luton Town Supporters' Club and was a committee member for many years, helping arrange the presentation night. Husband Brian says it was "a special job" to her.

She will always be remembered with love by her many friends among the Kenilworth Road faithful and the thoughts of all at LIFC are with Brian and Janice's at this sad time.



HOLD THE BACKPAGE

WITH **STUART HAMMONDS** PRESS & COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

It's often said that you learn more in defeat than you do in victory. Ok, Nathan would have learned plenty about his squad in the recent wins over Lincoln and Grimsby, when reduced to ten men so early on.

Plenty about their character, for sure. Gutsy, determined, stubborn. Pretty damn good at passing the football and moving into space to make light of being a man down, too, if you recall that half-an-hour immediately after going 1-0 down on New Year's Day, before going onto win 4-2.

One thing struck me that day, however, when the Hatters could quite easily have gone under. It came back to me during and after the 3-2 defeat to Wycombe a couple of weeks ago – and that is your reaction as a crowd.

Alan Sheehan would have barely reached the top of the tunnel when he'd have heard the roar that greeted Michael Bostwick's goal for Lincoln. And I'm not talking about the 1,044 Imps in the Oak Road End cheering their goal.

I'm talking your roar. Your positive reaction to going a goal down. I know the players felt that surge spreading from our part of the Oak, G Block, through the Main Stand, Enclosure, David Preece and right to the far side of the Kenny End, and it helped them play as well as they did in that truly memorable game.

The atmosphere against Wycombe was similar after suffering an early

blow, though we never quite got there in another end-to-end, thrilling encounter.

Afterwards, though, was a mark of true support. We'd lost out to a decent team, and you guys not only applauded Nathan and the team off, but sang them up the tunnel. 'We're top of the league, we're top of the league' would have been ringing in their ears as a reminder of the position they've put themselves in with some fantastic performances this season.

Afterwards, social media is always a true test – and on the Friday after the Wycombe game I received a call from a counterpart at another EFL club, whose team and manager have been taking some stick recently, asking for some advice.

"I've been through your Twitter after Tuesday night and all I can see if positivity, nothing negative about the result or the manager," he said. "I'm ringing to see if you've found a filter to switch off all the dissenters?"

Of course, I told him that there wasn't one. It'd be as useful as a chocolate teapot in the red-hot Kenilworth Road atmospheres we've been experiencing this season.

Yes, the boys have built up a bank of credit at home, so a blip can be

tolerated. But your performances in the stands, in front of your laptop screens or tapping away on your phones haven't gone unnoticed either, and we're going to need more of the same over the next two-and-a-half months as we aim to seal that much pined-for promotion.

It's little coincidence that every time we've lost a league game this season, the boys have responded with a big win in the next game – as this terrific tweet from supporter Dave O'Flanagan pointed out last Saturday. What's more, all six of those bounce-back victories came here at the Kenny.



Keep playing your part over the next 14 games, even if there's the odd defeat. Then hopefully we'll all be tucking into a bit of Sheez's "full duck dinner" when we visit his old club Notts County on 5th May!

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TEAMS



MANAGER:

NATHAN JONES

- 1 Marek Stech
- 2 James Justin
- 3 Dan Potts
- 4 Alan McCormack
- 5 Johnny Mullins
- 6 Scott Cuthbert
- 7 Jack Stacey
- 8 Olly Lee
- 9 Danny Hylton
- 10 Jordan Cook
- 11 Andrew Shinnie
- 14 Harry Cornick
- 15 Jake Jervis
- 16 Glen Rea
- 17 Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu
- 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
(On loan at Oxford City)
- 38 Elliot Lee
- 39 Akin Famewo
- 40 Harry Isted
(On loan at Chesham United)
- 44 Alan Sheehan



MANAGER:

HARRY KEWELL

- 1 Glenn Morris
- 2 Lewis Young
- 3 Josh Doherty
- 4 Josh Payne
- 5 Joe McNerney
- 6 Mark Connolly
- 7 Enzo Boldewijn
- 8 Jimmy Smith
- 9 Karlan Ahearne-Grant
- 10 Dean Cox
- 11 Jordan Roberts
- 12 Yusuf Mersin
- 14 Josh Yorwerth
- 16 Kaby Djalo
- 17 Billy Clifford
- 18 Cedric Evina
- 19 Aryan Tajbakhsh
- 20 Dannie Bulman
- 21 Josh Lelan
- 22 Thomas Verheydt
- 24 Mark Randall
- 26 Moussa Sanoh
- 27 Panutche Camara

MATCH OFFICIALS

-  **CRAIG HICKS**
-  **GEORGE WARREN**
-  **LOUIS MARKS**
-  **STUART BUTLER**

NEXT HOME GAME:

CHEL TENHAM TOWN

SATURDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2018 | 3PM

