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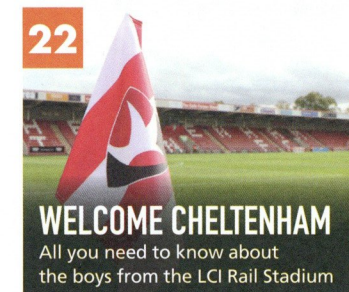
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The boss welcomes Cheltenham
to Kenilworth Road



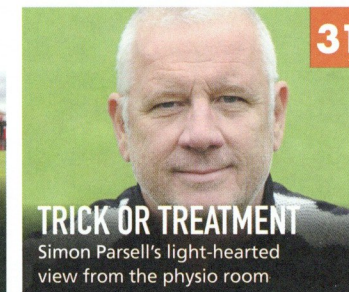
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writes tonight's boardroom notes



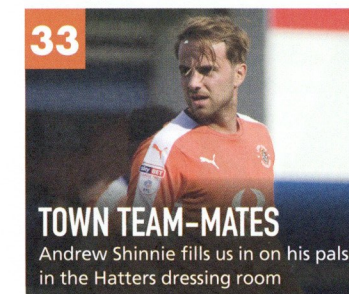
WELCOME CHELTENHAM

All you need to know about
the boys from the LCI Rail Stadium



TRICK OR TREATMENT

Simon Parsell's light-hearted
view from the physio room



TOWN TEAM-MATES

Andrew Shinnie fills us in on his pals
in the Hatters dressing room



CRAWLEY CRUSHED

Town hit four in a formidable
midweek display

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THE MANAGER

NATHAN JONES

Welcome back to Kenilworth Road for another crucial game in shaping the outcome of our season, with Cheltenham Town the visitors this afternoon.

I would like to welcome everyone who has made the trip across from the Cotswolds, including manager Gary Johnson, his staff, their players and club officials – plus the Cheltenham supporters who have followed their team. I wish them all a safe journey home this evening.

Gary is a manager I know well having played under him at Yeovil. He's got vast experience and I know he will have his side well prepared for today's game, just as they were when we drew 2-2 at Whaddon Road in November.

That game triggered an eight-match unbeaten run in the league that, after victory in the next game against Cambridge, saw us move to the top of the table. It is a position we have held for the three months since and our goal is to maintain it for another two-and-a-half months, of course, but ultimately we will be happy with any of those top three positions as we look to secure League One status for next season automatically.

DELIGHTED

Off the pitch, James Shea has signed a two-year contract extension. Cast your mind back to when Cheltenham came here last season, we'd lost Christian Walton that morning and had to bring in two loans to replace him.

We earmarked having two number one goalkeepers of our own for this season, with a third young one to develop. Although James hasn't played as much as he'd have liked, he is so important to us alongside Marek Stech, so we are delighted to have him commit long term.

On the pitch, we are currently in a spell of real good form, playing some fantastic football here in our last game against Crawley. Having ground out a series of 1-0 wins and the 1-1 draw at Stevenage leading into that fixture, it

was great to see the goals fly in again – and deservedly so because we attacked with real fluency and had a clinical edge about our play, despite how others may have viewed the game!

We've got to keep backing that up now. It's a real shoot-out between now and the end of the season and we've got to make sure that we keep getting the results that keep pushing us. It's a time when we are going to have to keep our nerve as well as show our quality and our determination to get results.

VITAL

Your support will be vital in that process, as you showed in that fantastic win under the lights last time out. Just like earlier in the season, we follow Cheltenham with the immediate next game against Cambridge, and once again I'm delighted – but not surprised – to see our allocation of over 2,400 tickets already sold out.

After a weekend off due to Coventry's involvement in the FA Cup, we've been given the chance to get most of our injured players back and it's great to have them chomping at the bit to be back out on the pitch. I'm sure you'll all be the same in the stands this afternoon.

Be loud and proud. There are half-a-dozen games left here at Kenilworth Road, so let's have six cup final atmospheres to help take us all to where we want to be.

Enjoy the game.



FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR **STEPHEN BROWNE**

A very good afternoon to everyone.

A warm welcome to the travelling fans who are sure to give excellent support to Gary Johnson, his staff, and their players. The Robins are not having the best of runs at the moment but they are in a mid-table position so are not flirting with any danger.

Of course they will want to cement their League Two place for next season as soon as they possibly can, so yet again at Kenilworth Road we will witness a tough encounter where we can take absolutely nothing for granted. Let's not forget that after our goalkeeping crisis last season, Cheltenham got two early goals and went on to collect all three points! The Robins are a cracking club that will take advantage of any mistakes we make, so it's all to play for.

We are approaching the last quarter of the season and over the coming weeks the fog will lift from the league tables and we will start to see which teams are jockeying for what positions. This is the time for well-placed teams to make runs for either auto or play-off spots. These are the weeks when the months of hard work start to pay off for some, and break the hearts of others.

As I wander amongst Hatters I hear hushed talk of promotion, whispers of League One, widened eyes at the prospect of finishing the season as Champions... we are indeed in exciting times. But we are Hatters, we've seen it all before, so of course, there is not only anticipation, but naturally worry too. Let's remember, there are countless other fans at other clubs who are worried too. The achievements of the team so far, and the position they have gotten to, have put us in the very best position we could have imagined back in August. From here the pressure is on others to catch us and so our focus must be to keep doing what we are doing.

Some teams will challenge us right to the last game, and there are no 'gimmies' in this league. We have tough teams to face, all fighting for points for themselves. Teams

like Accrington Stanley have very hard run-ins on paper, playing most of the top teams, so if they do finish above us, they will thoroughly deserve to do so! Also, many of our challengers have to play each other, so our lads have put us in a fantastic position, and we can just concentrate on ourselves.

We could bathe in the glory that has been achieved so far, but we all know we've not achieved anything yet, and it would be silly in February anyway. We are not arrogant and we are all still focussed on just one thing – promotion. Anything more than that is a bonus for us to enjoy should the time come.

Objective No.1 is to finish above fourth, and only once that is achieved, we will then do our best to finish as high as we can. The last time I wrote in these pages we were 11 points ahead of fourth with 66 points available (22 games). Today, with most teams around us equal on 33 games played, we start effectively nine points ahead with just 39 points available. We are not there yet, but we are closing in....

Like you, I am thoroughly enjoying the season and all the positive things going on at the Club at the moment. I am very lucky in that I get to see and feel the amazing enthusiasm behind the scenes, and the vibrant culture that we now have. Monday will mark the tenth anniversary of LFC2020's foundation, and if we achieve our ambition at the end of this season, we will finally be in a higher league position than when we took over formal custodianship of the club on 1 August 2008 (and for those that remember, a lot of 'tbc's' on the official programme teamsheet!).

The 'Conference Years' were not what I would call enjoyable and everyone at the Club – players, staff, and management – was under huge pressure week-in, week-out to deliver results and win that league. Under such pressure and with so much at stake, it was always hard



to gain any satisfaction out of any points we earned and instead we yearned for season(s) to be over so we would know our fate and if we had regained League status. I, personally, would wish away a game just to get to the result and move on to the next week, impatient for our final position to be decided.

Now, it's very different. We are in one of the most competitive leagues in the world and we are trying to do things the right way, so it's not that there's any less pressure. But what we do have is football back in our lives! Now, I savour every minute of the 90. We are never out of a game even if we go down to ten men or lose a key player early on to injury. Going a goal behind does not breed further mistakes.

Now, the 90 minutes is full of twists and turns, ooos and ahhs. You always feel there is another gear or a piece of magic just seconds away. It is just fantastic to be engaged with football again rather than next week's cashflow, this week's attendance, or whether Wrexham got a last minute winner. Our future really is in our hands and from the stands we are a vital part of it.

And talking of fast, exciting, engaging football, Mick was at the Club Shop in The Mall on Thursday (pictured) reminiscing about our Littlewoods Cup win, accompanied by the Carabao Cup – the modern day namesake. This was part of a country tour the Cup was making to past winners.

This is being followed by our 30th Anniversary Exhibition that will take place at Wardown House Museum between

6th April and 4th May. It's free to visit so get yourselves down to the museum and put a smile on your face – there will be many fantastic memories to relive.

There is something you can do today though that will also make a difference and put a smile on some other, less fortunate, faces. Today is our collection day for the Supporters' Charity of The Season – Keech Hospice Care. I'm sure many of you will know of the fantastic work Keech Hospice does so please give as generously as you can – every penny helps in some way.

Keech Hospice brings joy to the lives of children and parents at the most difficult times anyone can face. They have given so many children and families memories that they will treasure after having endured some of the most traumatic circumstances any of us can imagine. Whenever I have visited or worked with Keech, I have been humbled by the amazing work they do. The players will be wearing Keech shirts in the warm-up, and we know the work that Jack Sapsworth did for them, so as it's exactly a year since dear Jack passed away, please empty your pockets as much as you can to those collecting for this wonderful charity.

As ever, let's play our part today. Sing loud and proud and help us get one step closer to what we all desire.

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THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Good afternoon everyone and welcome back to the Kenny for what I am sure will be a tough test as we face Cheltenham Town.

Results-wise we haven't fared as well as we would have wanted in recent seasons against the Robins – a 2-2 draw earlier on in this campaign saw us concede late on – but given our home form this campaign, we don't fear anyone.

What this game really does show though is how far we have come in a year. Gary Johnson and his side came here on transfer deadline day in January 2017 and in a physical contest, they beat us 3-2.

A win would have put us within touching distance of the automatic promotion places and a real momentum going into the rest of the season. Things, as we know, didn't pan out the way we wanted, but today we find ourselves rightly at the top of the division and in a completely different mindset.

IDEAL

Gary Johnson has bags of experience and we have no doubt his team will be more than up for the game. Being top of the table means everyone wants to knock you off your perch. We have dealt really well with the tag as league leaders, but Cheltenham will be no different to any side we have faced here and will be looking to cause us problems.

We couldn't really be going into this game in a better situation either. Eleven days' rest has come at an ideal time in the season as the marathon slowly evolves into more of a sprint, and with it being this time of year, heavy pitches can really take it out of you.

These days off have also seen those of us returning from injury get back into first team training. It's been a really tough 12 weeks for me. The lads have been doing superbly well in my absence and I have been desperate to get back involved.

I am back in training now and naturally I am delighted, but the squad is unbelievably competitive. There isn't a single passenger in our group and I know getting back in to the

[SCOTT CUTHBERT]

GREAT SCOTT

starting XI is going to be a tough task, but this is the best squad I have been a part of since moving south of the border and that only adds to me wanting to be back in the team.

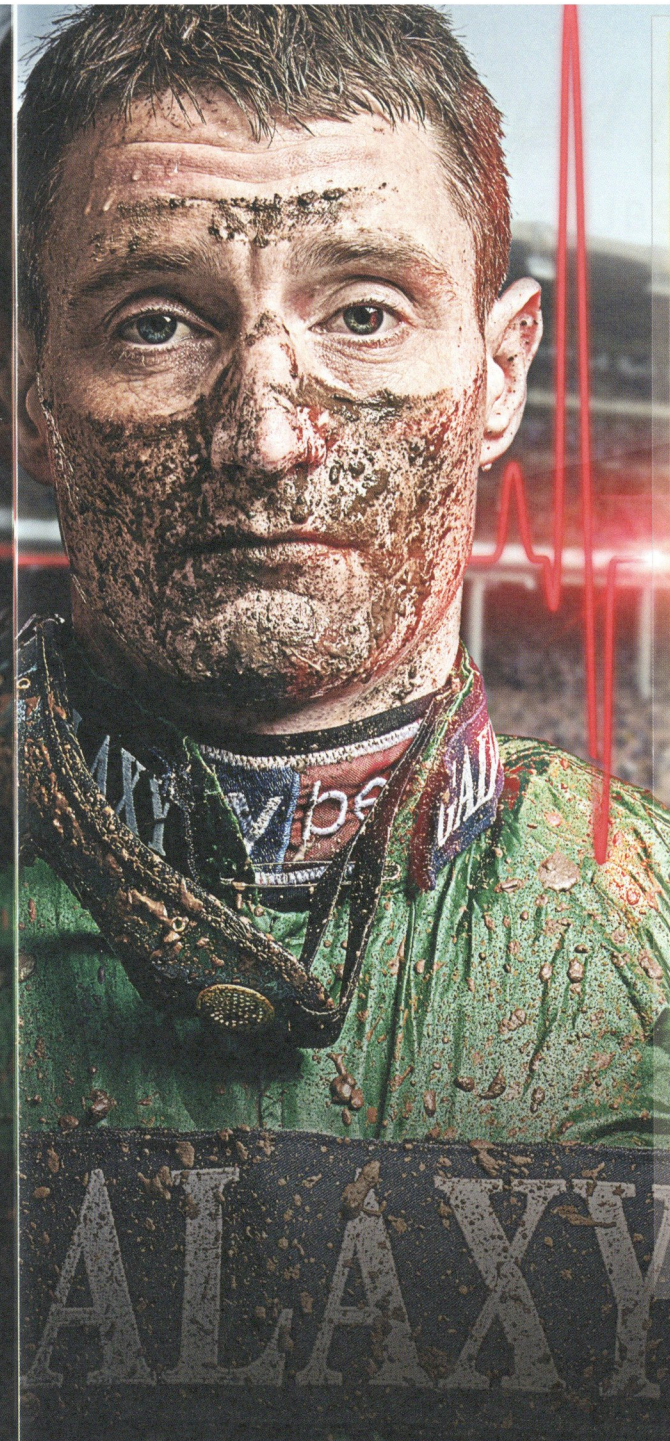
MAGNIFICENT

Today marks the first of our final six games at Kenilworth Road this campaign. You supporters have been absolutely magnificent this season and you have lifted the team when we needed it, roaring us on throughout difficult games.

We couldn't have asked any more of you so far, so please just carry it on, help us over these final hurdles and hopefully we will all be reaping the rewards come the beginning of May.

I hope you enjoy the game.





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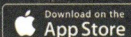
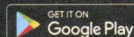
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"I DON'T THINK KEECH HOSPICE CARE CAN DO ANY MORE THAN WHAT IT'S DOING - IT'S DOING A GREAT THING."

"I thought Keech Hospice Care was only about end of life care and it would just be full of cancer patients but it's not. What I didn't realise was just how much the charity does for people like me. Keech even offered support to my family and friends - that's pretty amazing for a charity." Rob Figgins, Keech Hospice Care patient.

Life-long Luton Town fan Rob was cared for by Luton based charity, Keech Hospice Care after being diagnosed with cancer in April 2017. He also chose to spend his final days at the hospice where he died last year.



As a charity, Keech Hospice Care provides free, specialist care for adults in Luton and south Bedfordshire, and children from Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Milton Keynes with life-limiting and terminal illnesses, as well as vital support for their family and friends.

Keech is special - it is one of only a few hospices in the UK which supports both children and adults. Its excellent care is not just provided at the hospice itself but in hospitals, schools, care or the family home - wherever its support is needed the most.

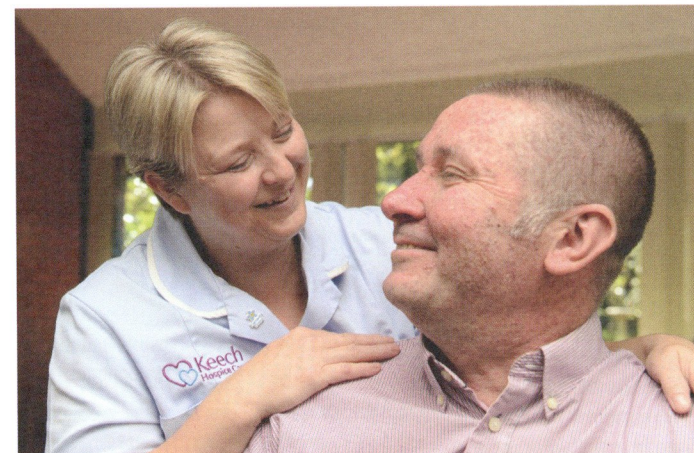
The charity offers emotional, spiritual and practical support, and its care

does not stop at death. For these families, when it seems as though nothing will be the same again, Keech Hospice Care is there to help.

"Rob loved Luton Town Football Club and Keech Hospice Care equally," says Rob's wife Gill.

"Every week Rob looked forward to spending the day at Keech's Palliative Care Centre, talking to others who knew what he was going through and having reflexology. He received excellent care and support from all Keech Hospice Care's fantastic nurses."

As a charity, Keech relies on the support of its community for around 70 per cent of its funding. It needs to



raise over £5.7 million every year for its survival.

If you have any questions or would like to fundraise or volunteer for Keech Hospice Care, please call 01582 707940, email letmehelp@keech.org.uk or visit www.keech.org.uk.

Join hundreds of others this summer and take part in Keech Hospice Care's new foam-tastic Bubble Rush on Sunday 15 July at Cranfield University?

Find out more and sign-up today at keech.org.uk/bubblerush.

JAMES' JOY AT NEW DEAL

Shea commits to the Hatters until the end of 2019-20

Goalkeeper James Shea has put pen to paper on two-year contract extension to keep him at Luton Town until 2020.

The 26-year-old joined the Town on a one-year deal last summer after being released by AFC Wimbledon and has made five appearances so far, all in the Checktrade Trophy, while pushing Marek Stech for a starting spot in Nathan Jones' side.

After signing his new deal at Kenilworth Road, the former Arsenal keeper said: "I'm delighted to extend my contract by another two years. When the gaffer approached me



about extending it, I couldn't wait to get it done.

"I've really enjoyed my time here, even though I haven't played as much as I'd have liked. But it's one of those situations where I have to hold my hands up, Stechy has played so well. I have to bide my time and hopefully one day I'll be in that team, but I'm over the moon to extend my contract.

"I've enjoyed every single minute with the gaffer and working with Kev Dearden, who has been absolutely brilliant with us this year. Every day in training he works us hard with really good sessions. We get exactly what we need out of them, and I'm looking forward to working with him a lot more."

Shea travels up from his home in Islington on the train each day to work at The Brache, and he added: "I feel so settled here and that's one thing I'm really happy about. I've

got a young family, so it's a great place to come every day. I can still live at home. I don't have to move anywhere, so all the boxes are ticked – it's perfect for me."

Boss Jones was delighted to extend the Londoner's contract.

"We've been really happy with James," said the Welshman. "We brought him in to push Marek because we believe we've got two number one keepers at the club, and he's done exactly that.

"He's been a little bit unfortunate that due to the form of Marek, his game time is limited, but he has developed as a goalkeeper.

"He's a great character and he's one that we feel whatever level we are at, he has the experience and quality to keep taking us forward, so we're delighted to extend his contract."

Congratulations on the new deal, James!

BACK HOME AND A LOAN!

On the loan front, one of our other young goalkeepers – Harry Isted – has returned to Kenilworth Road from his loan at Chesham United after suffering a hamstring injury in a goalless draw against Hitchin Town on 13th February.

The 20-year-old – who impressed while keeping three clean sheets in seven Evo-Stik League South Premier games that included four wins and two draws – was forced out late in the game at Top Field, where fellow Hatters prospect Kavan Cotter was making his return to Hitchin for another loan spell.

Cotter, who joins Jack James at the Hertfordshire club, has now made 33 appearances for Hitchin this term.

WALK ON, FELLAS!

The Luton Town Walking Football Over-50s side have reached the National Part of the TRA National Cup, having progressed from the regional round of the competition.

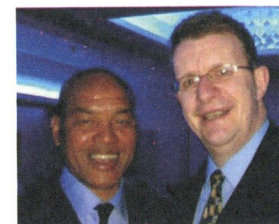
Last Sunday the Hatters took on Shefford Walkers, defeating them 5-0 and 6-1 in the first two games in a best of three format, to reach the next phase of the Cup.

Player-manager Arthur Mason said: "They were very tough games and closer than the scores suggest. We played some good pass and move at times. We were more clinical in front of goal, scoring 11 in total and it was pleasing to see seven different goalscorers on the scoresheet."

Well done gentlemen, and good luck in the next stage!



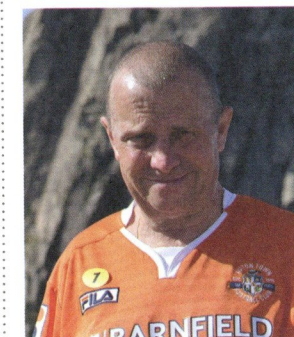
HAPPY 60TH JONATHAN!



Jonathan Perry has been a Luton Town supporter and season ticket holder for over 50 years. His first match was Luton V Halifax in August 1966. Over the years

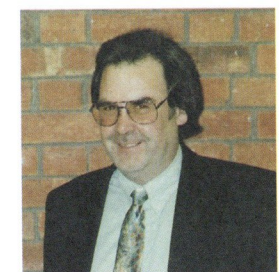
Jonathan has also been able to support the club by sponsoring several players, and has keenly followed the careers of players such as Mick Harford and Andre Gray. His favourite player over the years has to be Brian Stein, who he met at the 25th Anniversary of the Littlewoods Cup in 2013. Have a great birthday Jonathan, from all your family, friends and your 'Match Day' family.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS, PETER!



Rita Gardner would like to wish husband Peter Gardner a belated happy birthday! He has supported Luton for almost 50 years, going to matches home and away games, sits in the Lower Kenny. Hopefully the boys will give you the perfect present of three points, Peter!

DERYCK TAYLOR



We are sorry to announce that Hatters supporter Deryck Taylor passed away suddenly on 10th January, aged 64. He will be missed by his family, his friends and his colleagues at the Royal Mail (Hemel Hempstead and St

Albans). Deryck had been a Luton Town fan since his school days and a season ticket holder for many years (Kenilworth Stand Upper Block D Row T Number 4).

HILARY BROWNLESS



Hilary Brownless, a loyal supporter of the Town for over 50 years, sadly lost her brave battle against cancer on 28th January, aged 61. Deborah Bonner wrote: "Hilary introduced me and Sian (lifelong Gooners) to Kenilworth Road four years ago to watch 'proper football', and we have been attending home games with her whenever we have had the

opportunity ever since. The atmosphere is great and now, as Hatters, we will continue to come along in my best friend's memory."

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We have now sold out of our allocation of 2,403 tickets for the trip to Cambridge United next week. CUFC are looking to see if any further tickets can possibly be made available. If so, we will advise as soon as we know.



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

Tickets for this category B game are now on sale from the LTFC Ticket Office.



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

The Hatters have received an initial allocation of 2,050 seats in the South Stand for our rearranged fixture against Coventry City. Tickets are on sale now to Diamond season ticket holders at four-per-person until close of business this afternoon. These tickets will be on sale from the Ticket Office via phone or in person only. Season ticket holders will be able to purchase three tickets each from Monday. 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 Saturday 3rd March. Any remaining tickets will be available from 10am online, over the phone and in person on Monday 5th March and will remain on sale until 2pm on Tuesday 13th March. Wheelchair and Ambulant Disabled tickets are available at the age-related price with a Carer FOC. **Prices:** Adult: £22, Senior (60+): £15, Young Adult (18-21): £15, Student: £15, Under-18: £10



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

The Hatters have received an initial allocation of 1,045* seats in the South Stand for our fixture against Newport County AFC on Saturday 17th March. Tickets are now on sale to Diamond season ticket holders at three-per-person until close of business today.

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 Monday. 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 Saturday 3rd March.

If you require two or three tickets or do not require a ticket for this fixture please advise to ticketoffice@lutontown.co.uk before this date. Any remaining tickets will be available from 10am online, over the phone and in person on Monday 5th March and will remain on sale until 2.30pm on Friday 16th March. *(400 reserved Seats in the covered Bisley Stand and 645 in the unreserved uncovered Purevans.com Stand)

Prices: Bisley Stand: Adult: £20, Senior (60+): £16, Young Adult (16-21): £14, Under 16s: £8, Under 12s: £6, Acc. Under 6s: FOC Purevans.com Stand: Adult: £18, Senior (60+): £16, Young Adult (16-21): £12, Under 16s: £8, Under 12s: £6, Acc. Under 6s: FOC



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

Tickets for this fixture are available from the Ticket Office at category B prices.



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. Any remaining tickets are now available on general sale 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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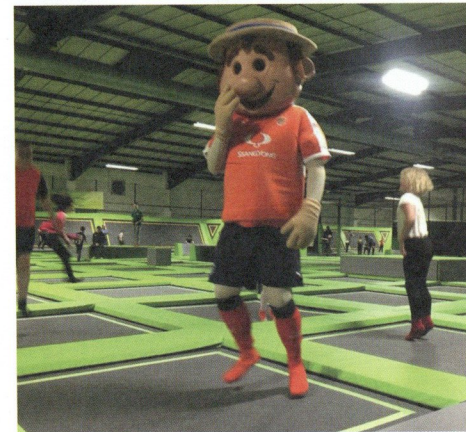
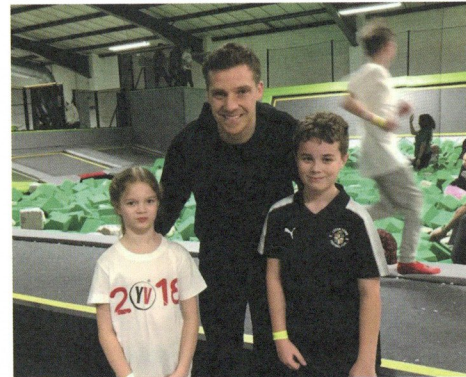
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BOUNCING JUNIOR DIAMONDS!

The Town would like to say a big thank you to all the Junior Diamond season ticket holders who came to the Junior Diamond party earlier this month at the Orbital Trampoline Park.

We hope all of our brilliant junior supporters enjoyed the day, when they also got to meet Town first team players James Shea, Jack Senior, Harry Isted and Johnny Mullins – as well as Happy Harry of course!

The party is just one of the benefits of a Junior Diamond season ticket – which this year was available for only an additional £50. News on next year's Diamond Packages will be available in the near future...





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[OUR NEXT OPPOSITION]

WE'RE ON OUR WAY

CAMBRIDGE UNITED SATURDAY 3RD MARCH, 3PM

FORMED: 1912 | NICKNAME: THE U'S | LAST SEASON: 11TH IN LEAGUE TWO | FOLLOW THEM ON TWITTER: @CAMBRIDGEUTDFC

COLOURS: YELLOW & BLACK STRIPES | GROUND: ABBEY STADIUM | MANAGER: JOE DUNNE

The Hatters head to the Abbey next Saturday hoping to make it four consecutive wins against the U's...

WHO? A club who have played across the EFL over the past 40 years as well as Non-League as recently as 2014, when they were promoted alongside the Hatters, the U's have – like ourselves – remained in the fourth tier ever since. Home to many a great goalscorer over the past few decades, with the likes of Dion Dublin, Dave Kitson and, of course, Luke Berry all pulling on a yellow and black jersey at some point during their careers.

TICKETS We have now sold out of our allocation of 2,403 tickets for the trip to Cambridge United next week. CUFC are looking to see if any further tickets can possibly be made available. If so, we will advise as soon as we know.

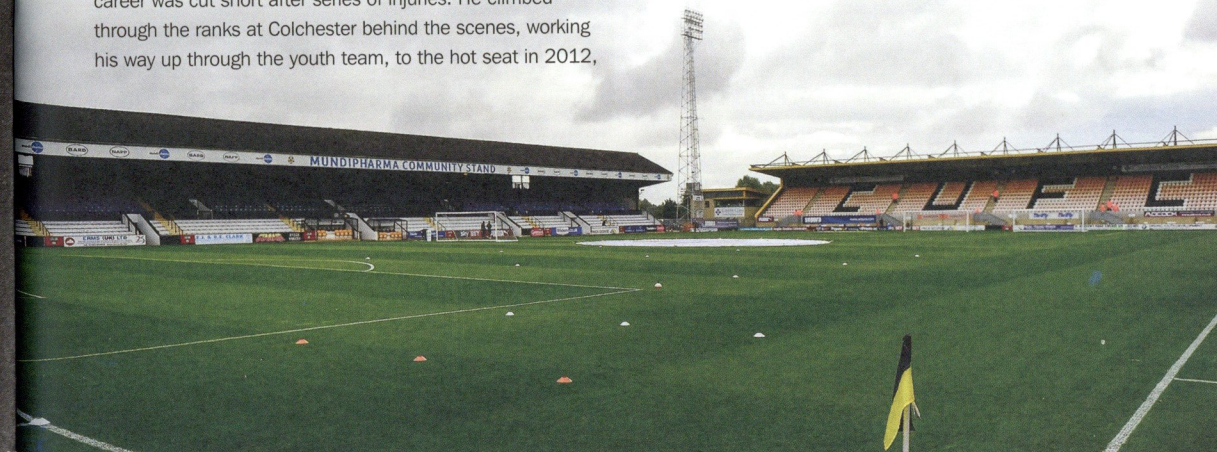
HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE? Our last meeting proved to be the Hatters' biggest win of the campaign – a 7-0 victory at Kenilworth Road in November. Although Danny Hylton netted a hat-trick, the game will be remembered for the outrageous goal from Olly Lee, who fired in from inside his own half. That was the 40th meeting between the teams, with the Hatters recording a 16th win in that sequence. Cambridge have won nine, with the other 15 ending in draws.

IN CHARGE A defender in his playing days – 44-year-old Joe Dunne made over 300 career appearances for Gillingham, Dover Athletic and mostly Colchester United, but his playing career was cut short after series of injuries. He climbed through the ranks at Colchester behind the scenes, working his way up through the youth team, to the hot seat in 2012,

a position he held for two years. He joined the backroom staff at Cambridge in 2015 and has taken over the reins as caretaker following the departure of Shaun Derry.

PREVIOUS FORM There's been an upturn in results following Dunne's appointment as boss, picking up back-to-back wins following a run of six games without a victory. In that poor run, Forest Green put five past the U's, but victories against Chesterfield and Grimsby have helped lift the Abbey outfit up to 14th – just eight points short of seventh place. Whilst the U's have struggled for wins on the road, the Abbey has become a bit of a fortress, as Cambridge have picked up nine wins in 16 games. They have however, failed to beat any of the sides currently in the top eight.

KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU There's a fairly long list of players who have represented both teams, but the only two currently playing for the clubs are Berry and Greg Taylor. Berry made over 250 appearances for the U's, netting 65 times and finishing as their top scorer in four of the six seasons he spent in the first team there. Taylor made 43 appearances for the Town between 2011-13. Keith Keane started his career off here before signing for the U's in 2015, while Cameron McGeehan had a loan spell there before coming back to the Kenny on a permanent basis in 2015.



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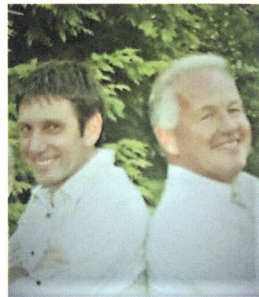


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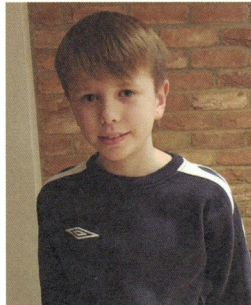
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MATCHBALL SPONSOR: MICK HEWITT'S 60TH BIRTHDAY GIFT FROM STEVE WILKS

Lifelong LTFC fan and ex-England Schoolboys' physio Mick says: "Supporting Luton Town has often been frustrating and soul destroying BUT – I would not support another team. I remember being behind the goal at Wembley at the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final. When Scunthorpe scored, the response from 40,000 Hatters supporters will live with me forever as, to a person, they rose and roared their defiance. The hairs on my neck still tingle!! I wish all my students, past, present and future had that feeling. The passion. The pride. The love of the team. Gary Sweet and Nathan Jones have built a club that is repaying the faith and, restoring the pride in the team and our much-maligned town."



TODAY'S MASCOTS:



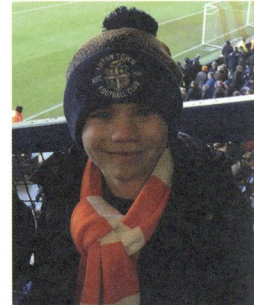
NOAH GRYLLS AGE: 9
HOBBIES: FOOTBALL AND TENNIS
FAVOURITE PLAYER: OLLY LEE



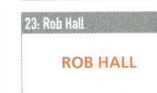
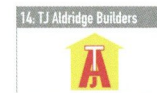
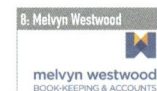
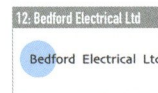
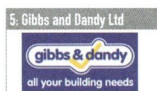
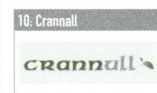
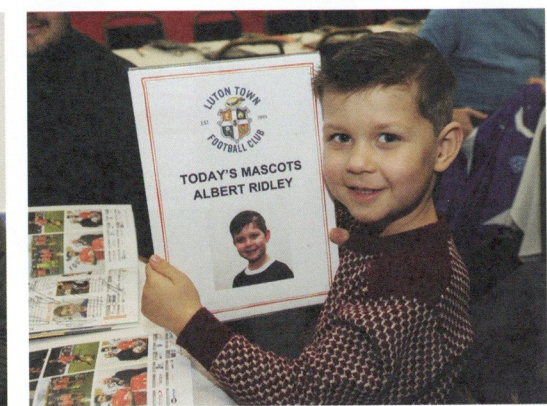
SAM TOMLIN AGE: 12
HOBBIES: SKIING, FOOTBALL AND RUGBY | FAVE PLAYER: PELLY



BENJAMIN HALE-BROWN AGE: 10
HOBBIES: FOOTBALL AND TENNIS
FAVOURITE PLAYER: MAREK STECH



JACK TAYLOR AGE: 6 | HOBBIES:
FOOTBALL, COLLECTING LTFC PROG
FAVE PLAYERS: DANNY & MAREK





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[TOWN v CHELTENHAM TOWN | SATURDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2018] 21



The Vanarama National League champions of 2015/16 visit Kenilworth Road as they look to climb up the Sky Bet League Two table...

The Hatters extend a warm welcome to the Robins, who were 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.

This campaign they sit far more comfortably above those bottom spots, a point better off than at this stage last season, with 12 points between themselves and 23rd place.

Capable of beating any side in the division, the Robins have defeated the teams around them such as Port Vale, Crewe and Colchester, as well as those looking for a place in the top seven in the shape of Mansfield, Lincoln and Swindon.

Promotion and League Two stability has all been achieved under Gary Johnson in recent times, who took over Cheltenham as they were set to be relegated to Non-League in 2015.

FACTFILE:

NICKNAMES: THE ROBINS

GROUND: LCI RAIL STADIUM

MANAGER: GARY JOHNSON

LAST SEASON: 21ST IN LEAGUE TWO

An immediate return in fantastic fashion is just one of a number of achievements the 62-year-old has enjoyed during his 25-plus year career as a manager. He took Yeovil Town out of Non-League during his first stint at Huish Park between 2001-2005, as well as winning the FA Trophy, before returning seven-years later, taking the Glovers into the Championship for the first time.

The former Latvia and Bristol City boss brought in a number of players over the summer, but his standout arrival has to be Mohammed Eisa. Prolific in Non-League with Greenwich Borough, where he netted 57 times in 100 games, he has carried that form into professional football with 17 goals to his name this campaign. That includes his first professional hat-trick in a 5-1 win over Port Vale a fortnight ago.

After first gaining Football League status in 1999, the Robins have twice won promotion to what is now known as League One, achieving their highest ever finish of 17th in the third tier in 2006-07.

The Hatters have had little joy against the Robins in recent seasons, having drawn both of our games at the LCI Rail Stadium over the past two seasons under Nathan Jones, as well as suffering a frustrating 3-2 defeat here at Kenilworth Road back in January 2017.

HATTERS v CHELTENHAM

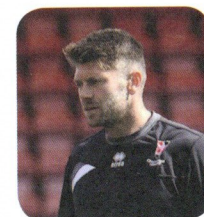
LUTON WINS: 3 | DRAWS: 6 | CHELTENHAM WINS: 3

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THE MAIN MEN

IN BETWEEN THE STICKS

SCOTT FLINDERS



A vastly experienced EFL keeper who has also spent time in the National League, the 31-year-old counts the Robins as his 11th club. A summer arrival from Macclesfield, Flinders started out at Barnsley before joining Crystal Palace in 2006. A number of loans away followed before a permanent move three years later when he joined Hartlepool, where he made over 250 appearances. He also famously netted a last-minute equaliser for Pools in a match against Bournemouth in 2011. Earlier in his career Flinders made a handful of appearances for England U20s.

THE WALL

WILL BOYLE



The no-nonsense centre-half came through the youth ranks at Huddersfield Town, going onto make two Championship appearances for the Terriers before departing for Cheltenham in January last year, helping the Robins preserve their League status. The 22-year-old had already enjoyed loan spells away from the John Smith's Stadium outfit with the likes of Kidderminster Harriers, York City and Kilmarnock, gaining valuable experience. A regular since signing for the Robins, he has now made over 50 appearances for Gary Johnson's team.

THE MAN IN THE MIDDLE

CARL WINCHESTER



A Northern Ireland international right from Under-16 level, all through the ranks up to a senior appearance in 2011, the 24-year-old is an ever present in the Robins' starting XI. Winchester made a name for himself at Oldham Athletic, leaving his first club Linfield for the Latics in 2010 and making his EFL debut in the 2010-11 season before eventually becoming a regular in 2014. He left Boundary Park in January 2017 for the Robins, having played 140 times for Oldham, scoring eight goals.

THE DANGERMAN

MOHAMED EISA



A one-year deal after joining the Robins in July last summer was swiftly extended until 2020, having found his feet quickly in Sky Bet League Two. Now with 17 goals to his name in 33 appearances – 15 of those strikes coming in the league – Eisa is making a real name for himself. A Non-League riser, he had spells with National League South side Dartford and Isthmian League club Greenwich Borough, the latter at which he shone, scoring 57 goals in 100 appearances. His brother Abo recently earned a move to League One leaders Shrewsbury Town.

GOALKEEPER

RHYS LOVETT

AGE: 20

PREVIOUS CLUB: ROCHDALE

DEFENDERS

JAMIE GRIMES

AGE: 27

PREVIOUS CLUB: DOVER

JORDAN CRANSTON

AGE: 24

PREVIOUS CLUB: GATESHEAD

JORDAN FORSTER

AGE: 24

PREVIOUS CLUB: HIBERNIAN

JOE RODON

AGE: 20

ON LOAN FROM SWANSEA CITY

EMMANUEL ONARIASE

AGE: 21

ON LOAN FROM ROTHERHAM UNITED

MIDFIELDERS

NIGEL ATANGANA

AGE: 28

PREVIOUS CLUB: LEYTON ORIENT

HARRY PELL

AGE: 26

PREVIOUS CLUB: EASTLEIGH

KEVIN DAWSON

AGE: 27

PREVIOUS CLUB: YEOVIL TOWN

JERELL SELLARS

AGE: 22

PREVIOUS CLUB: ASTON VILLA

JOE MORRELL

AGE: 21

ON LOAN FROM BRISTOL CITY

STRIKERS

DANNY WRIGHT

AGE: 33

PREVIOUS CLUB: KIDDERMINSTER

ELIJAH ADEBAYO

AGE: 20

ON LOAN FROM FULHAM

BRIAN GRAHAM

AGE: 30

PREVIOUS CLUB: HIBERNIAN

THE VIEW FROM THE OAK ROAD

JON PALMER, a Cheltenham 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 afternoon on their visit to Kenilworth Road, as well as his top XI players to ever pull on a shirt for the Robins...

GENERAL ENQUIRIES:

The Robins have seemingly turned up for the big games this season, defeating the likes of Mansfield, Lincoln City and Swindon Town. What do you put this down to?

All of those wins were at home, where Cheltenham have looked much stronger than they have on the road for most of the season. It shows they are not far away from being an effective team, but consistency has been the main problem. That has meant Cheltenham have been completely unpredictable this term. They can turn on the style one minute and give anyone a game, but then look flimsy and like a team who could easily be struggling against relegation the next.

Home form has been key to your current points tally, but away from home you've only picked up three wins, what's happening at the LCI Rail Stadium that hasn't on the road?

There have been several occasions when naivety has cost Cheltenham in away matches. That is likely to be down to a lack of nous and Football League experience. Some of the younger players will be far more comfortable playing at home, but when things have gone wrong on the road Cheltenham have been guilty of crumbling and conceding goals in quick succession, which makes it extremely hard to win games, or even

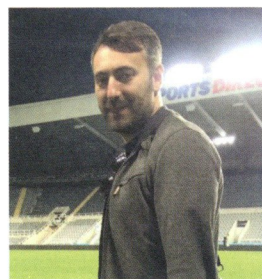
pick up a point. There is plenty of talent and potential, but not a huge amount in the way of Football League career appearances, goalkeeper Scott Flinders aside.

Gary Johnson has managed the Robins for over 150 games now, how important is he to the Robins' way?

After last season's health concerns, he has fought back remarkably well and started pre-season as if nothing had happened, despite being in a life-threatening condition just a couple of months earlier. Although this season has been frustrating at times and disappointing overall, he has the full backing of chairman Paul Baker and most of the fans would settle for a mid-table finish after last year's battle against the drop. There is also some optimism over the club's chances of kicking on next season, being in a strong position off the field and with several important players already tied down for another year.

He brought in a few players over the summer and January transfer windows, which of his signings have you been most impressed with?

Signing of the season has to be Mohamed Eisa, who made the move from Isthmian League Division One South side Greenwich Borough in the summer and has netted 17 goals this season.



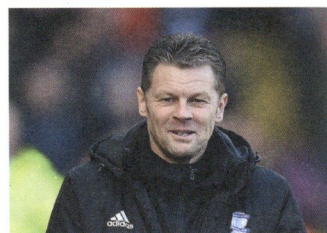
QUICKFIRE:

Terrace or Seats? Terrace

Who are your rivals? Gloucester City traditionally, Rushden & Diamonds briefly, Forest Green Rovers recently

Favourite all-time manager?

Steve Cotterill



Predict player of the season?

Carl Winchester

If you could bring back one player from the past back into the Cheltenham team, who would it be? Neil Grayson (equivalent of three players in one!)

Which five current or former Cheltenham players or managers would you invite to a dinner party? For pure entertainment (chaos): Kyle Storer, Martin Allen, Julian Alsop, Scott Murray and Bobby Gould!

Most treasured piece of Robins memorabilia? Chris Banks' shirt from the 1999/00 season.

What league will Cheltenham be in next season? League Two

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



He had never played in the Football League before, but has made the step up four levels look easy and at 23 years old, he could make the club a lot of money. Of the loanees, Wales Under-21 international midfielder Joe Morrell from Bristol City has been

MY ALL-TIME CHELTENHAM XI...

GK: STEVE BOOK

Won the FA Trophy and two promotions. Like any keeper should be, a complete clown – but now the club's respected goalkeeping coach.

RB: MICHAEL DUFF

The club's best ever youth product who went on to play in the Premier League with Burnley after three promotions with the Robins.

CB: CHRIS BANKS

Captain throughout Steve Cotterill's historic reign as manager and the best footballing centre-half you could wish to see. Now a physio at Stoke.

CB: STEVE ELLIOTT

Helped us reach successive play-offs under Mark Yates. A man mountain who once (nearly) beat Akinfenwa in a shoulder to shoulder challenge!

excellent and is fit again after missing two games with a groin injury in recent weeks.

Who were you most disappointed to see leave in the summer/most recent transfer window?

Cheltenham wanted to sign goalkeeper Scott Brown on a permanent basis after a successful loan spell from Wycombe Wanderers during the second half of last season. He had already spent a decade with the Robins between 2004 and 2014 and was a genuine fans' favourite so it would have been a popular move. But the deal fell through and Cheltenham started the season with Wolves loan youngster Jon Flatt between the posts. He struggled early

LB: JAMIE VICTORY

Arrived from Bournemouth in 1996 and by the time he had retired, Town had gone from Southern League to League One. Should have played much higher.

RM: MARTIN DEVANEY

Thoroughly entertaining on either flank, one of the few Cheltonians to play regularly for the club in the Football League.

CM: JOHN FINNIGAN

Only man to play in both the 2002 and 2006 play-off final wins, wearing the armband in the second. Now Robins' commercial manager.

CM: GRANT MCCANN

Northern Ireland international McCann was a set piece specialist always destined for a higher level, leaving for Barnsley in 2006. Now Posh boss.

on and was quickly replaced by the unflappable Scott Flinders, who has been a shrewd addition.

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

Cheltenham set up in a defensive looking 5-4-1 formation at Kenilworth Road last season and it helped them win the game 3-2, which was one of their best results of the campaign. So I expect them to start off by trying to keep things tight and hit Luton on the break with the pace of Eisa. They can be direct, but also have some useful technical footballers in the side and have shown some signs of progress since their January strengthening.

LM: RUSSELL MILTON

The current assistant manager was a cultured ball player, who never really needed to move much, his passing and positioning was that good.

ST: NEIL GRAYSON

The closest thing Cheltenham have had to a superhuman player! Brave, passionate and one of the key men in helping the club reach the Football League in 1999.

ST: DANNY WRIGHT



Player of the year during the 2015/16 National League title success, scoring 22 and finally earning the right to play in the EFL after eight years of shining in the fifth tier.

TOP BOYS

DAVE LEWIS

Long-serving striker Dave Lewis holds Cheltenham Town's all-time goalscoring record. Born locally, he impressed with Cheltenham YMCA and St Marks before joining the Robins in August 1970. Top scorer nine times, he was 'Player of the Year' in 1974-75 and helped to win promotion in 1976-77, moving to Gloucester City in July 1980. He was a Southern League Cup finalist in 1982 and returned to Whaddon Road in July 1982, featuring in Cheltenham's 1982-83 promotion success. Scoring a club record 205 goals in 391 Southern League games, he had a spell as manager and worked for Smiths Industries Aerospace.

PAUL TESTER

Skilful winger Paul Tester was 'Player of the Year' in Cheltenham Town's 1982-83 promotion triumph. Initially with Chalford and Shortwood United, he moved to Whaddon Road in January 1980 and was ever-present in 1981-82. He was twice leading marksman for the Robins and netted 33 times in 107 Southern League games prior to joining Shrewsbury Town in May 1983. An influential figure as they twice won the Welsh Cup, he moved to Hereford United in August 1988 and was a Welsh Cup winner again in 1990. He later played for Worcester City and Bridgnorth Town and became a warehouse manager for Frans Maar.

KEVIN WILLETTS



Versatile left-back Kevin Willetts was 'Player of the Year' a record three times while at Cheltenham Town. He impressed in the Hellenic League with Sharpness before moving to Whaddon Road in August 1985 and was an influential figure as the Robins were FA Trophy quarter-finalists in 1985-86 and 1987-88, then ever-present in 1990-91. Representing both the FA X1 and Middlesex Wanderers, he netted 28 goals in 281 Conference/Southern League games for Cheltenham prior to joining Gloucester City in February 1994. He later appeared for Weston-Super-Mare, Kidderminster Harriers, Worcester City and Witney Town.

BRIAN HUGHES

Influential midfielder Brian Hughes was ever-present 'Player of the Year' as Cheltenham won promotion to the Conference for the first time in 1984-85. A former Swindon Town apprentice, he turned professional in July 1980 and moved to Torquay

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

United in August 1983. Joining Cheltenham in July 1984, he starred as they twice reached the FA Trophy quarter-finals and scored 34 goals in 162 Southern League/Conference games for the Robins before joining Gloucester City in June 1988. He skippered their 1988-89 promotion success and the glazing company boss then managed Gloucester, Witney Town and Cirencester Town.

JASON EATON



Striker Jason Eaton was Cheltenham Town's 'Player of the Year' in 1995-96. Initially with Bristol Rovers, he moved via Clevedon to Bristol City in March 1989 and helped win promotion in 1989-90. He joined Gloucester City in November 1990 and moved to Cheltenham in October 1992. Leading scorer in 1993-94, he helped regain Conference status in 1996-97, then starred as they won the FA Trophy final in 1998 and Conference title in 1998-99. He netted 86 goals in 227 Southern League/Conference games before joining Yeovil Town in May 1999, then Newport County, Forest Green Rovers, Basingstoke Town and Bath City.

RAY BAVERSTOCK

Versatile defender Ray Baverstock was Cheltenham's 'Player of the Year' in 1987-88. Signing professional for Swindon Town in December 1981, he featured in their 1982-83 FA Cup run and moved to Whaddon Road in July 1983. He was a key figure as the Robins won the Southern League title in 1984-85, then were FA Trophy quarter-finalists in 1985-86 and 1987-88. Netting 22 goals in 238 Conference/Southern League games before joining Gloucester City in July 1990, he later played for Worcester City, Bath City, Moreton, Trowbridge Town, Forest Green Rovers and Cirencester Town. He runs B&H Property with Neil Hards.

MARK BUCKLAND

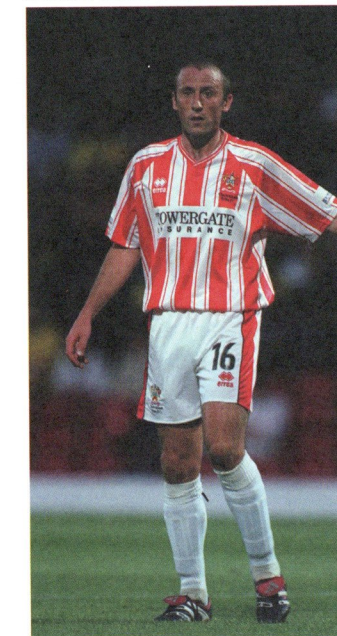
Utility player Mark Buckland was Cheltenham Town's 'Player of the Year' in two consecutive seasons. Born locally, he progressed through the ranks at Cheltenham, following Graham Allner to AP Leamington in July 1982. He helped them win the Southern League title in 1982-83 and joined Wolves in February 1984. Gaining top-flight experience, he reunited with Allner at Kidderminster Harriers in July 1985 and rejoined Cheltenham in April 1987. He scored 44 goals in 233 Southern League/Conference games before joining Gloucester in June 1992, then Moreton, Cirencester and Endsleigh, working for GB Scaffolding.

NEIL GRAYSON

England Semi-Pro international striker Neil Grayson was 'Player of the Year' as Cheltenham Town won the Conference title in 1998-99. He impressed with Rowntree Mackintosh before joining Doncaster Rovers in March 1990, then had spells with

York City, Chesterfield and Boston United. He moved to Northampton Town in June 1994 and scored their fastest-ever hat-trick, featuring in their 1996-97 Third Division play-off final triumph. Moving via Hereford United to Cheltenham in March 1998, he netted 24 goals in 108 League games before joining Forest Green Rovers in June 2002, then Stafford Rangers and Glapwell.

MARK YATES

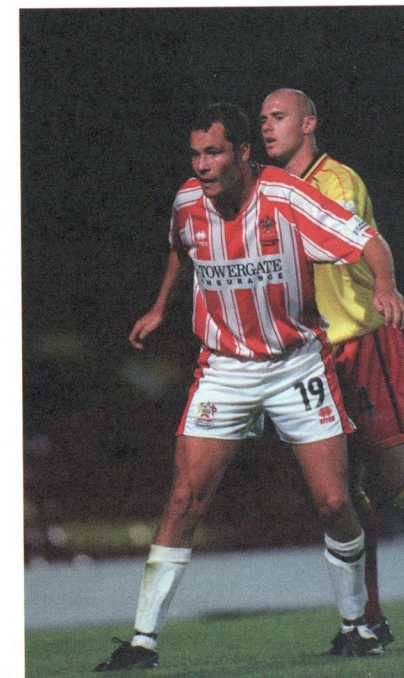


England Semi-Pro international midfielder Mark Yates was Cheltenham Town's 'Player of the Year' in 2000-01. He began with Birmingham City and joined Burnley in August 1991, helping to win the Fourth Division title in 1991-92. Moving via Doncaster Rovers to Kidderminster Harriers in August 1994, he was an FA Trophy finalist in 1995 and joined Cheltenham in January 1999. He helped clinch the Conference title and scored 19 goals in 194 League games, returning to

Kidderminster in February 2004. Later their manager, he managed Cheltenham from December 2009 until November 2014, then Crawley and Solihull Moors.

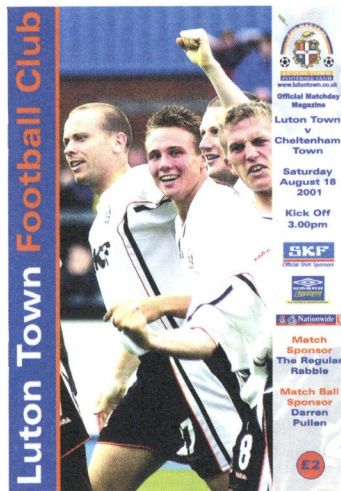
JULIAN ALSOP

Striker Julian Alsop was leading marksman and 'Player of the Year' as Cheltenham Town won promotion and reached the FA Cup fifth round in 2001-02. He played for Halesowen before joining Bristol Rovers in February 1997 and moved to Swansea City initially on loan in January 1998. Helping them win the Third Division title in 1999-2000, he joined Cheltenham in July 2000 and netted 35 goals in 117 League games before moving to Oxford United in July 2003. He has since played for Northampton Town, Forest Green Rovers, Tamworth, Newport County, Cirencester, Cheltenham again, Bishop's Cleeve and Carmarthen.



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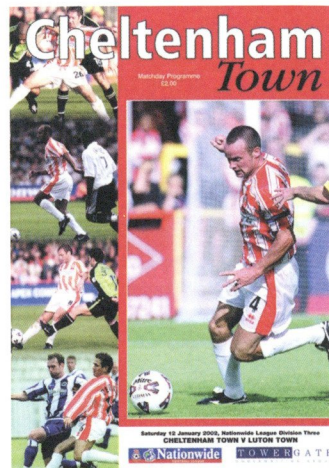


◀ AUGUST 2001

Seven players make their home League debuts for the relegated Town who are back at the basement level for the first time since 1968. Goals from Paul Hughes and Carl Griffiths seal a 2-1 victory against battling opponents.

▶ JANUARY 2002

A promotion clash at Whaddon Road ends in a 1-1 stalemate. Robins' striker Tony Naylor nets from 25 yards in the first half, but the Hatters are stronger towards the end and level through the boot of Steve Howard.

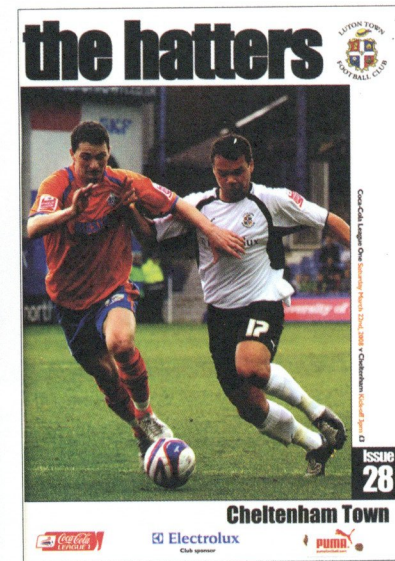
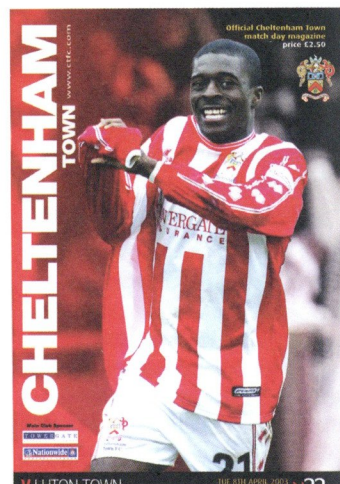
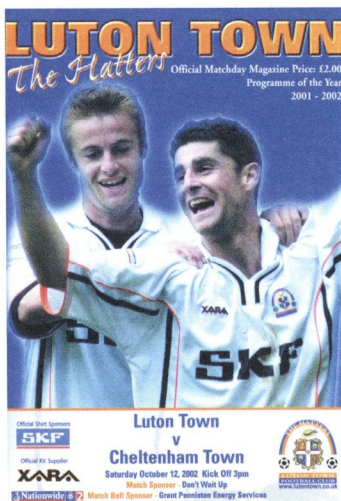


◀ OCTOBER 2002

With both sides now playing at a higher level, the injury-hit Town win 2-1 with goals from Chris Coyne and Andrew Fotiadis after relegation-threatened Cheltenham take an early lead.

▶ APRIL 2003

An end-to-end thriller at Whaddon Road with Julian Alsop's late header for Cheltenham earning a point in a 2-2 draw. Loanees Sammy Igoe has a hand in both Luton goals scored by Paul Hughes and Adrian Forbes.

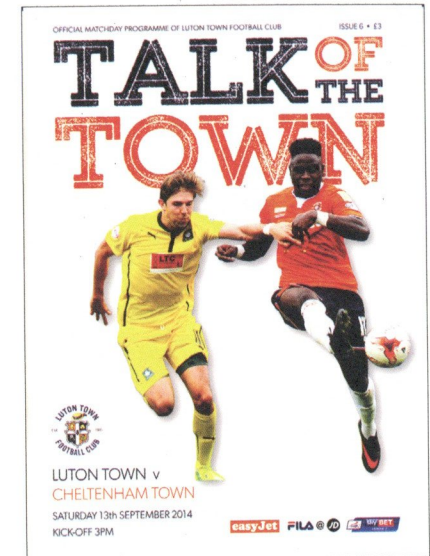


▲ MARCH 2008

With a ten-point deduction to contend with the Town are struggling at the wrong end of the League One table. Sam Parkin heads the Hatters into an interval lead, but Steven Gillespie's late effort means two more points dropped.

▼ JANUARY 2015

In the return at Whaddon Road the Hatters remain in fourth spot in the table following a hard fought 1-1 draw. Sean Whalley is the Town's goalscorer.



▲ SEPTEMBER 2014

Back in the Football League after five years away, a solitary goal from Mark Cullen seals the Town's first home win of the season.

▼ OCTOBER 2016

Danny Hylton nets his sixth League goal of the season in another 1-1 draw at Whaddon Road against a side who have won only once since their return to the Football League after one year away.



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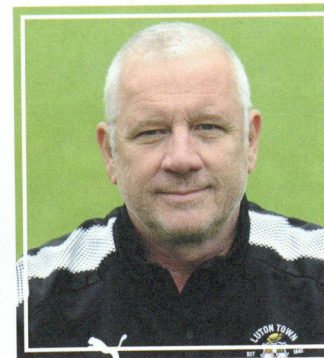
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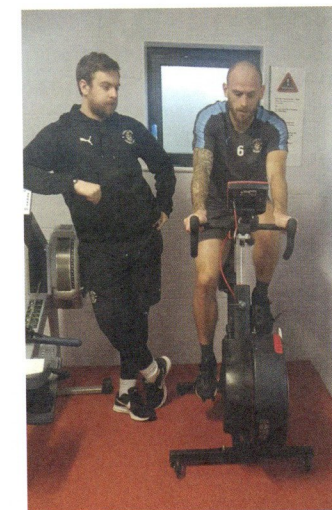
Everybody will be looking at fixtures at this stage of the season, but for us it's business as usual and concentrate on today's game. Luckily fixtures allowed us a weekend break, which was well received and allowed us to get the squad up to full strength.

However, a weekend off was strange – but it did allow family time. So I was taken to IKEA and watched my credit card being used. I would have preferred it stolen – I think the thief would have spent less. But luckily we came to an agreement I am the boss in my house, but my wife makes all the decisions. I did wonder at IKEA, if you had an interview, would they say make a chair and sit down?

The quote competition is gathering pace. The latest entrant is Harry Cornick, who sent a text to Darren the Kitman: 'Don't think I packed my pink boots in the skip. Could you check they ain't on my legs still?' I am hoping that was a typo. Hot on his tail is James Collins, who asked the question "Is water edible?"

Everyone enjoys a good prank, but when you fall for the same one on numerous occasions, questions have to be asked. For every home game, Rog the groundsman brings a stainless steel teapot into the dressing room and on each occasion the teapot handle is stood in front of the portable heater causing it to heat up. You guessed it – on every occasion Rog picks it up and shouts 'Wow – that's hot!'

Injury wise we are looking good with everybody involved in training sessions. Scott Cuthbert is, in fact, about 20 days ahead of schedule, which is credit to him and all those who have worked with him. Interesting little facts are that during gym sessions, he will have lifted 50,665kgs – the equivalent of five London buses. Sessions are monitored closely to plan progression.



Macca is training well and Elliot is training, but still with strength work to be done. Talking of monitoring and

what a GPS shows you, I think my readings against Crawley would have gone off the scale. I was chasing Sheez from one corner flag to the other, plus I had a voice in my ear asking 'What's wrong with Sheez?' I had to respond: "When I catch him, I will let you know!"

Jared and I had a near miss at Stevenage. As we sat on the box by the dugout, we became aware of a ball coming straight at us. Neither of us could move and the draught of the ball could be felt between us. At that moment, we both looked at each other and said: "That was close".

A recent trip to a hospital amused me. The receptionist went to lengths to explain to me that all records were now electronic. She then handed me a clipboard and asked if I could fill out some forms.

The Motto TEAM comes to mind at this point in the season: Together Everybody Achieves More. The unity of the club – players, fans, directors and many more that help – is outstanding. If we stay that way, who knows what can happen. With a new stadium hovering, the future is bright, the future is orange. COYH!

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ANDREW SHINNIE'S TOWN TEAM-MATES

Who do you travel in with?

Scottie, the Lee brothers, Potty and Flynn's an Essex boy as well, so I think he'll be coming in with us now and again.

Who do you sit next to in the dressing room?

James Shea and Elliot Lee. Good guys.

Who do you room with?

Olly Lee, who's been my roomie for a few years at Birmingham and now here – and on lads' holidays in between! He goes to bed really early and snores loudly, but apart from that he's a good roomie.

Most annoying on away trips?

Pelly-Ruddock. He's noisy, he's always coming for me and slugging my hair off!

Strongest in the gym?

Cookie is quite strong. He was wearing proper squatting shoes the other day!

Quickest feet?

I've got to go for Elliot – really sharp around the box.

Nutmeg king?

Olly, but a sly one who is quite good at nutmegs is Akin Famewo. He goes under the radar but he's done me a couple of times.

Biggest moaner?

James Collins is real moody – and he'll admit that!

Loudest in the dressing room?

Glen and Gambo are always lively. They've got their own chemistry going on that nobody else understands.

Gaffer's pet?

Hylts, but he's also got a soft spot for Luke Berry.

Best taste in music?

Scott Cuthbert plays some good tunes in the car. He manages to get some Scottish folk songs on.

Worst taste in music?

Pelly. We've had the same songs every day since the start of the season, and they're getting a bit boring now.

Best initiation song?

Most of the boys who did it in Slovenia – Macca, Collo, Sheasy – were all a great standard!

Worst initiation song?

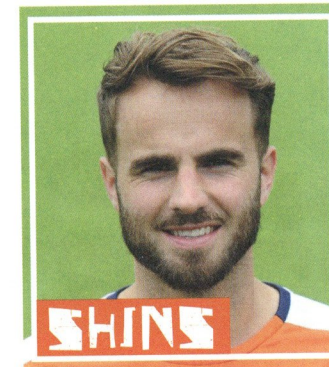
I'll put myself forward for this – as most of the other boys already have! They've been telling you the wrong song though – it was 'Let Me Entertain You' by Robbie Williams, not Angels. I had a song in mind, and I changed my mind just as I was about to get up. I thought 'I'm not sure I know all the words to that', so I chose 'Let Me Entertain You' and stumbled on the intro! The worst thing was I started again and made the same mistake!

Toughest opponent on the pool table?

Scott fancies himself, and he is good – but I beat him 5-0 the other day and he didn't take it well. Macca's a good player too.

Worst on the pool table?

Jack Stacey. We were partners today in doubles, we got beat and I didn't even get a shot!



Best dressed?

Cookie's gear is cool.

Worst dressed?

The Lee brothers wear tracksuits every day and look like they've just woken up and chucked them on. You've got to have a bit of respect about yourself.

Who spends the longest time in front of the mirror?

Lawson D'Ath. I don't know what he's seeing, but it must be awful!

Most intelligent?

Macca. He's a smart guy – a bit older, wiser and more intelligent.

Best banter?

Olly and I are used to each other's banter. I don't think anyone else gets it...but I also like Pelly's...sometimes!

Most likely to be a manager?

Scott would be good. He's got a bit of authority about him. Same with Macca.

Finally, predict your player of the year?

Collo and Hylts have banged in a few and I think Olly's had a great season as well – so I'll go for one of those three.

Ashley Grimes nets direct from a free-kick in the second leg to make the aggregate score 3-1



THE ROAD TO WEMBLEY

BY ROGER WASH

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

After seeing off Wigan, Coventry, Ipswich and Bradford City, all that stood between the Town and the 'Twin Towers' was Oxford United, who had won the trophy two years before.

Both the Town and Oxford were then top flight sides but we held the upper hand in League clashes that season, winning 5-2 at the Manor Ground and 7-4 in a crazy game at Kenilworth Road in the return.

The semi-final first leg took place at Oxford on 10th February where the Manor pitch, which had been covered with snow only hours before kick-off, had seen a quick thaw and was now a slippery mudbath.

This seemed to suit the Town who were first to go close when Mick Harford brought a flying save from ex-Hatter Alan Judge in the Oxford goal. Luton keeper Les Sealey was forced to tip over a 30-yard effort from Trevor Hebbard, while at the other end Harford appeared to be tripped by Tommy Caton but referee Keith Styles would have none of it.

The breakthrough came five minutes before the interval when Harford and Brian Stein exchanged passes before

the latter drilled a left-foot shot past Judge from 20 yards.

Only 33 seconds after the interval, Oxford were level when Judge's long clearance enabled Dean Saunders to beat Mal Donaghy for speed before falling over.

The referee, still 40 yards behind play, pointed to the spot with Saunders sending Sealey the wrong way with his kick to keep up his record of scoring in every round.

The Town players were incensed when Saunders and Donaghy were involved in another tussle with the result that a second penalty was awarded. This time Sealey listened to the advice of Danny Wilson, who had played with Saunders at Brighton, and went the right way to save the kick.

The drama was not yet over as Saunders went over for a third time in the area, which looked the most blatant penalty of the lot, but the referee waved play on.

Afterwards, Saunders expressed surprise that the referee had awarded the first penalty from so far away and admitted that the second was no more than a little bump.

Although the Town had beaten United twice in the League during that season, the second leg could not be looked on as a foregone conclusion. United quite liked playing on the Town's artificial surface and had won on it twice previously.

The second leg was played on a Sunday afternoon to accommodate a live TV audience. Even seasoned professionals like skipper Steve Foster were tense before the start as the feeling around the ground was that the Town had done the difficult job at Oxford. All Foster could do was trot out the old cliché about it being only half-time.

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On the pitch the Luton players were heartened to see creative midfielder Trevor Hebbard lining up as a sweeper for Oxford. Whatever the formation, the Town stuck to their game plan and attacked from the start and by the interval were two goals up and strolling.

Firstly, Brian Stein took advantage of a clever cross from Rob Johnson to head the ball powerfully into the top corner of the net and then, after Caton was judged to have fouled Harford, Ashley Grimes curled a

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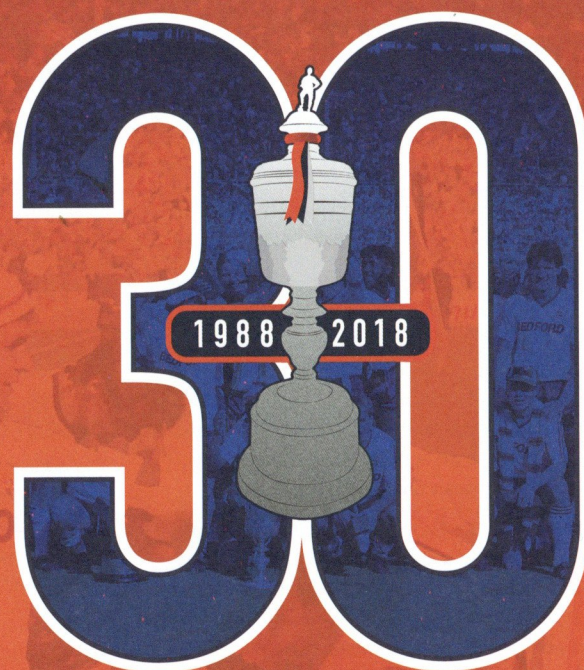
sweet left-foot free-kick over the wall for number two.

The Hatters easily contained Oxford in the second half with Sealey having only one save to make, while at the other end both Wilson and Stein went close to adding to the tally.

At the end of the game supporters surged on to the pitch – the Hatters were going to Wembley!

Brian Stein fires the Town into the lead during the first leg game at Oxford





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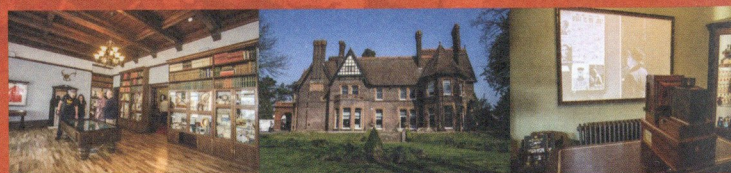
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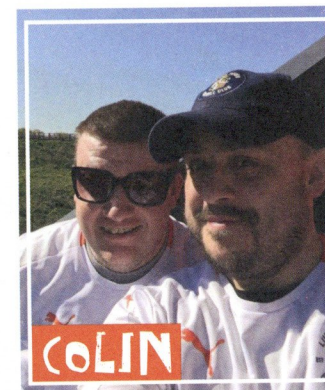
“ This wasn't the best game in the world. I think it was fairly obvious that this was going to be a battle rather than a game of football during the warm-up when the pitch was cutting up into something of an unploughed field.

With the game heading towards a 0-0 draw a brilliant piece of skill from James Collins earned him the chance to burst into the box. Just as he was about to shoot, Ronnie Henry barged him over. Amazingly Henry stayed on the pitch but Collins made no mistake from the spot.

It looked like we had nicked a win but unfortunately we allowed an equaliser from a corner just before the match went into injury time. We were not able to find a winner so we had to settle for a draw.

Not a match that will live long in the memory but with a short journey home it was one that could be quickly forgotten. On the bright side it was another game unbeaten and another point towards promotion! ”

...AND HIS INTERVIEW WITH FELLOW TRAVELLING TOWN FAN COLIN ADAMSON



Kenilworth Road a Manchester United fan and walked out a Luton Town fan.

Where do you sit at home games?
Kenilworth Road Upper.

Who do you go to matches with?
My mum at home games and away we sit with the Bobbers Travel Club family.

Do you prefer to sit or stand at away games?

I'd probably say sit, but I'm happy to stand too — although if I have a seat I want to sit on it. I feel for our older supporters that can no longer stand and have someone stand in front of them out of principle because it's "traditional". One day that'll be us.

Who is your all-time favourite Luton player?

Scott Oakes. That FA Cup run was simply magic and his skills had a lot to do with it.

Who is your favourite Luton manager?

I always say my favourite Luton manager is the current Luton

manager, so Nathan Jones for what I believe he is about to achieve.

What is your favourite memory as a Luton fan?

On a personal level I will say the day I was invited to perform parts of my children's magic show at Kenilworth Road. It was a dream come true.

What is your favourite Luton match?

The JPT Final vs Scunthorpe. Amazing day and I'll never forget it.

If you could bring one player back from the past to play in the current team who would you choose?

Kevin Nicholls, to wear the captain's armband as only he knows how.

Where will Luton finish this season?

I think we've already got League Two won this season.

What does LTFC mean to you?

Just a huge sense of pride. Luton Town is a huge part of who I am and my identity.

Describe LTFC in 3 words.

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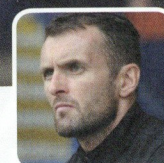
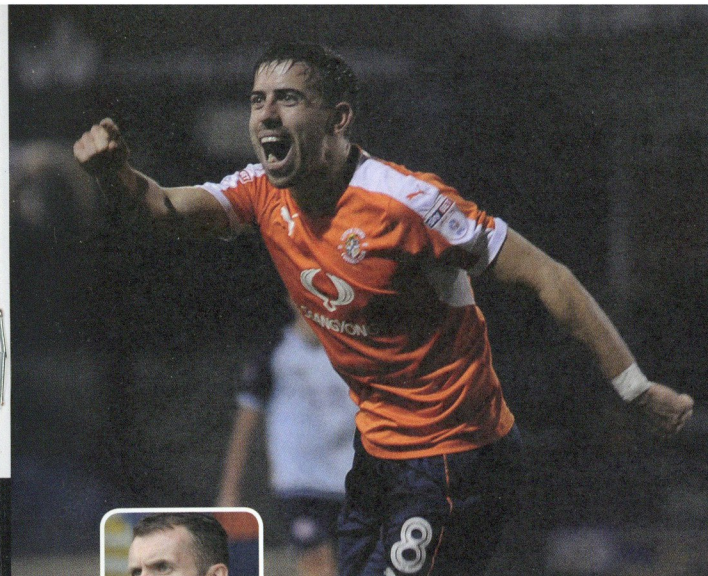
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Luke Berry scores the third

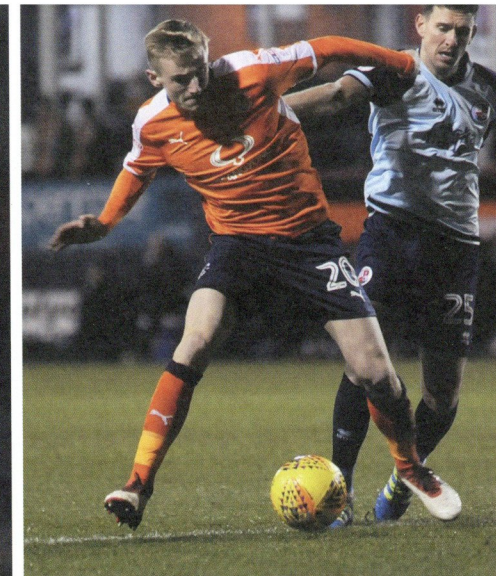


James Collins nets number four from the spot



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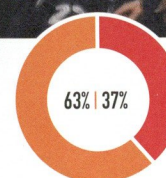
"They've won seven out of eight and they have come here and looked to play, they have got a structure about how they want to play. But we got at them, we suppressed them. We stopped them playing and some of the stuff we played was a different gear. I wouldn't like to see the stats, but the possession stats, the chances — that was as convincing a performance I have ever seen. If we look back, some of the football was breath-taking at times. We needed the goal and we got a bit of luck. We hit the post, they hit the post to be fair with probably their only chance. I thought we were excellent."



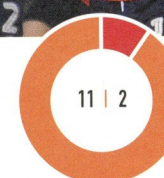
THE MAIN MINUTES

- 17' THE HATTERS HIT THE POST!** James Collins sees a driving effort smack off the post, keeper Glenn Morris didn't move. Glen Rea then heads over from close range. The Hatters are on top at the moment.
- 30' OLLY LEE! PICK THAT ONE OUT!** Luke Berry nutmegs Jordan Roberts, gets it to Collins who picks out Lee on the edge of the box and he absolutely hammers it, it loops up off Cedric Evina's outstretched foot and it smashes down off the crossbar and into the back of the net! **1-0**
- 45' COLLINS NETS AGAINST HIS OLD SIDE!** Jack Stacey wins a corner, Lee takes, Collins meets it and it deflects past Morris for the striker's 15th of the season! Perfect timing as the Hatters take a two-goal lead going in at the break! **2-0** #COYH

- 56' WHAT A GOAL!** Lovely, lovely move. Andrew Shinnie plays it to Stacey who runs in from the right, he controls it excellently, before picking out Berry on the other side of the box and he hammers it into the bottom left corner! **3-0** #COYH
- 76' PENALTY TO THE HATTERS!** Collins is tripped by Josh Lelan after a fine bit of skill by Lee to the right of the area. The striker takes it himself and sends Morris the wrong way for his second on the night and 16th of the campaign! **4-0** #COYH
- 87' GOAL to Crawley.** The visitors have their consolation and it's a well taken one by Karlan Ahearne-Grant, who jinks his way into the box before finishing smartly past Stech. **4-1** #COYH



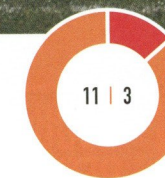
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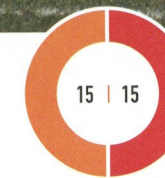
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[JAMES JUSTIN ON CRAWLEY]

JJ'S ENJOYING LIFE IN THE LEFT-HAND LANE!

Town defender James Justin made a winning return to the Hatters' starting XI in the 4-1 victory over Crawley Town— the 20-year-old's 12th start of the season.

The Hatters academy graduate has slotted in comfortably at both right and left-back this campaign and filled in for the suspended Dan Potts in the win over the Reds, a position in which he has thrived behind Luke Berry on the left of the midfield diamond.

The two have also found the scoresheet on a number of occasions when played together – with six of the nine goals the two have netted coming when they both start.

Justin said: "It happens when I am playing at left-back! Bez said to me 'One of us scores whenever you play left back', so hopefully we can get a bit of a partnership going!

"I am a patient guy, I don't get annoyed or anything like that too much when I am not starting. Obviously when I get

my chance I want to take it. We did so well going forward that it doesn't really matter in the end that we didn't get the clean sheet.

"It was an excellent performance, the two centre backs did really well, Jack Stacey's done quality, Marek Stech made saves when he needed to and obviously the boys going forward were excellent."

It was another brilliant performance as the Hatters cruised to victory with some outstanding play, with Justin enjoying the 13th win of the 18 games he has played a part in so far this season.

"The lads were excellent," he continued. "That was probably one of the best performances of the season, apart from the goals flying in. I think we played well, we passed it, moved it well and obviously got the result.

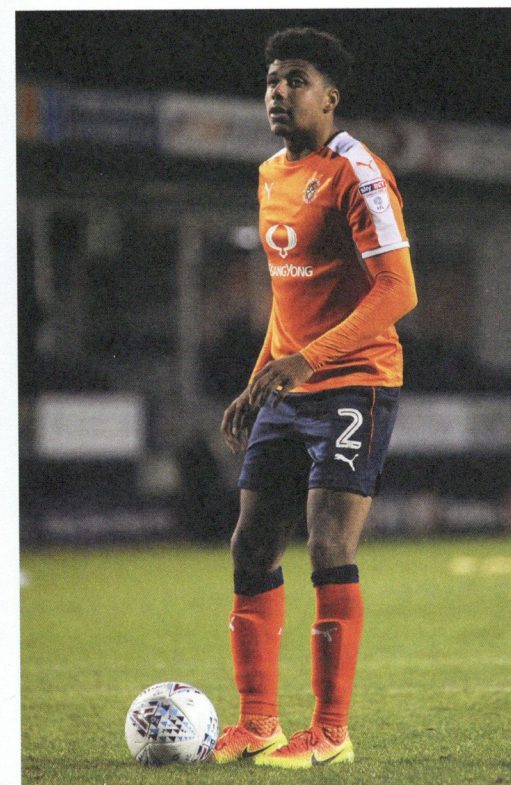
"The system just ripped them apart. They couldn't deal with the movement in midfield, with Flynn Downes at the base and then Sheez and Glen passing it into him, they couldn't deal with us.

"We could have had plenty more. It felt like it was very similar to the Stevenage game, the amount of chances we had. Obviously the seven goals didn't flow in, but still the performance was excellent.

"It's bewildering that someone has come into the team who is actually younger than me! Flynn has come in and played excellently. Especially the two games at home, he's been a Rolls Royce in there."

The three points helped maintain the Town's lead at the top of the table, eight points clear of fourth spot and five ahead of second with 13 games to go.

"That's our goal, stay clear of fourth place, keep building our lead, keep extending our lead so we can hopefully win the league at the end of the season," Justin added.





GET GAME READY



BRING IT ON!

[OLLY LEE ON CRAWLEY]

FIVE-STAR OLLY'S BACK ON TARGET!

NOT QUITE FROM ST ALBANS, BUT LEE HAPPY WITH FIFTH OF THE SEASON

It was back to the high scoring Hatters we've been accustomed to during 2017-18 as Nathan Jones' side scored three or more goals for the 12th time this campaign in the 4-1 victory over Crawley Town.

Town midfielder Ollie Lee grabbed his fifth goal of the season as his powerful effort crashed in off the crossbar to open the scoring – his first goal in 13 games.

He said: "I haven't been shooting as much as I'd like in the last couple of games, so it was a thing coming into the game – I thought I'd get at least three shots off.

"Thankfully I did that and one of them went in, so that was good. I haven't scored for a little while and it's been playing on my mind a little bit. Sometimes these things happen when you don't score for a while, but hopefully I can go on a little run, get some shots off and a few more goals. I just thought I'd take a touch and have a shot.

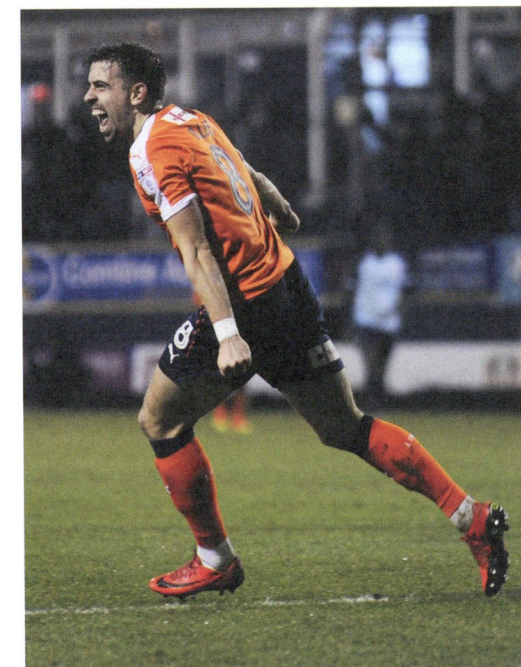
"The goalies always seem to up their game when they come here, they always seem to play well. But thankfully we got the breakthrough and then we kicked on from there. It was a good, hard earned three points."

That strike put him within a single goal of Luke Berry, but the ex-Cambridge United man regained the two-goal cushion over his team-mate as he hammered an effort into the left corner – a goal that came about after Lee smartly left the ball for Berry to strike.

"I keep thinking I'm catching Luke for goals and then he scores, it annoyed me a little bit! But we know what he's like, he's clinical there – it was a great finish," Lee continued.

"Me and Bez like to try and get on the scoresheet and try to chase the strikers as hard as we can. I'm trying to chase my brother as well."

It was a thoroughly entertaining evening at Kenilworth Road, as an in-form Crawley side looked to play, but



ultimately that fell straight into the Hatters' hands as they were able to pick apart Harry Kewell's side.

Ollie said: "Credit to Crawley, it makes a nice change for a team not to come here and boot it long and waste time from the first minute.

"It was a good night at the office. We've been due a high scoring game, so it was nice that we can finally put a few goals in the net and make it a little bit more comfortable than the last couple of weeks."

LUTON TOWN SUPPORTERS' TRUST SAY... COME ON LUTON BOROUGH COUNCIL GIVE THE PEOPLE WHAT THEY'VE ASKED FOR!



'It's nearly two years since a record 11,000 emails and letters were sent to LBC supporting Power Court and Newlands Park – why are we still waiting for a decision?'

Here at the Trust – and out and about in town and at games – we are bombarded with questions about one thing: 'What's happening with Power Court and Newlands Park? Why hasn't there been a decision yet?' They're questions we'd dearly love an answer for too, and they come not from just Luton Town fans, but from right across all the Luton communities and beyond. People know the Trust are involved, and they want to know what's going on and why there have been such long delays.

What Power Court and Newlands Park will bring to the town is exactly what the people want. Progress. Pride. A new face. Jobs. Inward investment. We're confident that Luton Borough Council want that too – but we need to see it happening, and soon!

People's frustrations have been building up towards the point of anger and the situation wasn't helped when Gary Sweet's programme notes for the last home game attracted a rather disappointing and confusing statement from the Luton Borough Council.

So we thought we'd take this opportunity to try and clear a few things up and clarify what the Trust's position is, as the official representatives of you, the fans, and shareholders in the club we all love.

Our relationship with 2020 and the club is tremendous, and they keep us right up to date with what's happening on a regular basis. They've assured us that their relationship with the council is sound, professional and mutually respectful. But that doesn't alter in any way the fact that these delays have been going on too long.

When the council replied to this point by Gary: *'...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, with 'they (2020) still need to submit to us about the funding for the two*

schemes', we got a glimpse of the Catch 22 situation which is in danger of developing. The council say they still need some paperwork; the club say it can't be provided until they (LBC) have completed their own technical assessments.

LBC also dropped a bit of a bombshell when they stated: 'This funding assessment, along with a final technical report, need to be reviewed by independent experts. We expect that this will take about a month and assuming these outstanding matters are addressed, we should be in a position at the end of April to announce the date of the special Development Control meeting where the applications will be considered.'

Hold on council, what on earth have you been doing? We were told by your good selves that we could expect a decision by December 2017 – you're now talking about considering the applications in April 2018???

That was the last straw for many people and the council statement drew a flood of angry responses on Facebook and elsewhere.



Yes, we know it's a complicated application and yes we all want it to be watertight so it goes through unchallenged. And we also know that the 'elephant in the room' is Capital & Regional, who operate The Mall and who have taken it upon themselves to oppose the applications in any way they can, with their then-officer Ken Ford threatening to 'kick them into the long grass' and defy the clear will of the Luton public – their own customers – for as long as possible.

They're the villains of the piece of course, and one of the reasons why the plans have to be so meticulously thorough that they can't be challenged by C&R on a technical point. (They can't be opposed on a commercial basis, but we all know that C&R's real objection is a commercial one, based on the supposed negative impact of Newlands Park. They call it a retail park – when it never has been planned as such but as mixed usage of hotels, offices, leisure and some non-competitive retail. Shame on you, Capital & Regional for treating the town which has been so profitable for you with such utterly cynical disdain!)

BUT in the time since 2020 first submitted its plans, we've seen numerous major projects in the town approved by the Council and building get under way. The Airport's Mass Transport System was approved in just four months and Napier Park was submitted two months before 2020's plans, but was positively determined over a year ago.

We've seen other football clubs' stadium plans be approved – despite them not having the overwhelming public support which 2020's attracted. Chelsea's equally complex application, for instance, received approval in January – 14 months after submission.

Now, thanks to this continued prevarication, the club are unable to go to the prestigious MIPIM networking conference in Cannes – where the plans sensationally scooped two highly respected architecture awards – with the planning permission which may well have enabled them to form invaluable partnerships. Such a disappointment.

Who knows what impact these endless delays are having.

Do we really want C&R to have their way and leave us with a town full of 'Pound Stores & Eyesores'? No, Luton councillors, we do not – so please, please get on with it – people's patience is running out, and don't forget you depend on their votes. We don't want you to become seen as the bad guys in this, and we know you're not...but you're in danger of being seen that way!

Enough is enough, LBC – you say: 'The council has been committed to finding the Club a suitable location for a new stadium for a long time and if LTFC's plans were to be approved by the independent planning committee, the developments would positively transform a derelict and unsightly piece of land and an undeveloped site, creating new jobs and opportunities for local people.' **SO COME ON, MAKE A DECISION!**

So, what can you do?

As the Supporters' Trust we say: Keep your eyes open, don't let the council delay further and we'll keep you updated with what constructive action you might want to take when appropriate.

In the meantime, if you're not already a member of the Trust please join us as we fans seek to give the club our full support in making a massive and essential step forward... for the whole town of Luton and its communities.

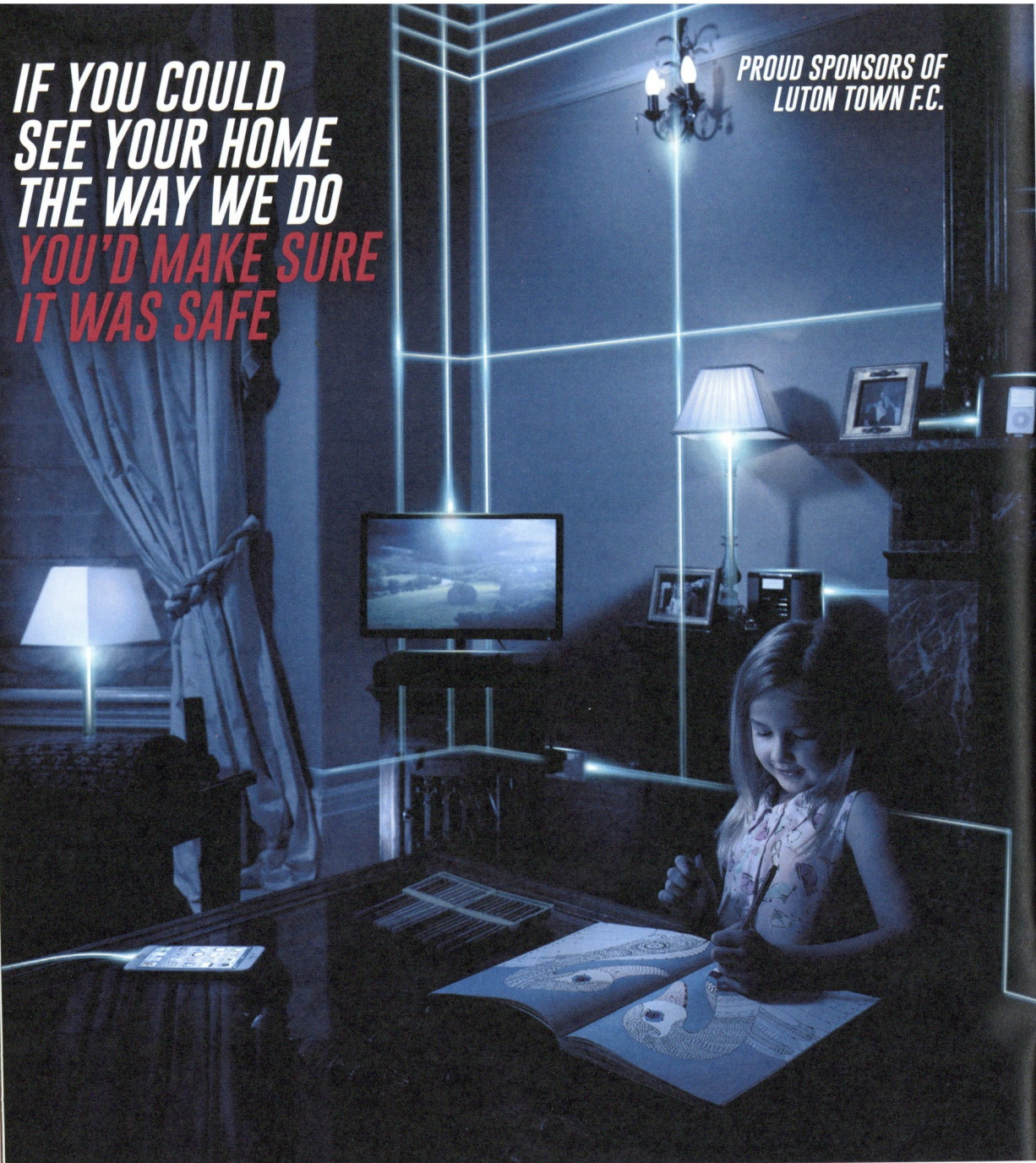
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Tony Murray, Chairman, Luton Town Supporters Trust

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CALDON'S CORNER

BY TOM CALDON
LTFC FAN AND WRITER OF
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It's been a bizarre season for our football club; one in which we have experienced a remarkably broad spectrum of score lines. Thankfully the frustrating defeats have been anomalous among sequences of stunning performances and commanding victories.

However, the losses to Port Vale, Chesterfield and Wycombe in recent weeks temporarily dampened the mood at Kenilworth Road. Perhaps it's me, but I think we're at risk of seeming a little ungrateful.

This coming Monday will mark ten years since the announcement was made that LTFC2020 had been formed, and would lead to them taking custodianship of the club before the start of 2008-09. It would be pertinent then to look at these two junctures in Hatters history. 2008 was my first year as a season-ticket holder. On the field, Town were in the middle of a three year glissando from Championship to Conference. Off the field, the staff were enduring administration for the third time in nine years.

With Luton under embargo and selling their best players in the January transfer window, I had to consider as an 11-year-old losing the club I had only recently learned to love. Compare it with the most recent window when a plethora of bids for our young talented players were rejected. Moreover, recall the squad list on the back of the programme from the first game of the 2008/09 season, when 11 of the 19 squad numbers were accompanied by the acronym 'TBC' (right).

Times have changed, of course, but we should revel in the sustainability and ambition of our club, and what's more, we have a team to really get behind. We have Alan Sheehan, so often composed in the most precarious situations; a leader who regularly punches above his weight in aerial battles. Luke Berry is an irrepressible force in midfield; an artist who craves the ball at every opportunity. The beguiling Danny Hylton chases every lost cause and provides classy finishing touches. In fact, while contemplating who might be player of the season, there is a case to be made for almost every member of the starting XI and maybe even a couple of the 'game-changers.'

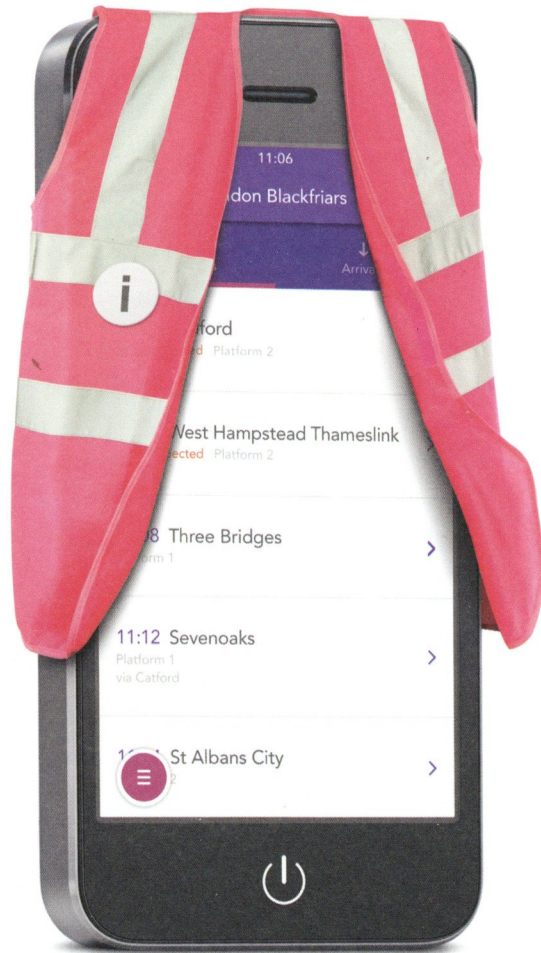
This team, led by the impassioned yet astute Nathan Jones, have given us identity. Looking back at those turbulent times helps illuminate the other ways in which the club image has progressed. By handing the Supporters' Trust the right to veto alterations to the club's emblem, kit colours, and name, the board have adhered to their principles of transparency and supporter engagement.

Furthermore, the financially viable stadium plan is the complete opposite of the empty promises which we had become accustomed to by the end of 2007. We have a lot to shout about.

I couldn't have been the only one to feel a symmetry between the game at St James' Park last month and the FA Cup third round replay at Anfield in January 2008. A timely cash injection, an unforgettable noise from the travelling supporters, and a valiant effort by the team.

But we're happier this time. Not penniless this time. To those who held pieces of A4 aloft, witnessed Gerrard's perfect hat-trick, and scaled the Leazes Stand a decade later: remember the crisis which united us all. With a little good fortune, we could be celebrating more than promotion this summer.

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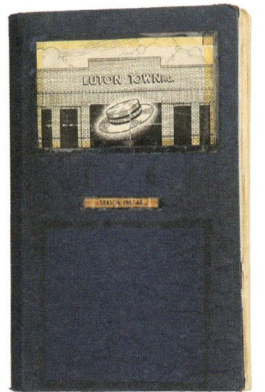
WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!

PART EIGHTEEN

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 poor home performance against Exeter, which had finished 0-0, the Town had a tough midweek visit to Aldershot to contend with.

Previously, the match at the Recreation Ground had been twice called off because of the state of the pitch with the Hatters wanting the re-arranged game played at the end of the season.

Aldershot wanted it played earlier as they were on the fringes of the promotion positions and were boasting a long unbeaten home record. The Football League ruled in their favour.

Missing the injured Fred Jardine, Alan Slough and Ray Whittaker, the Town called upon Billy McDerment, John Ryan and 21-year-old trialist from Forfar, George Potter.

A crowd of 9,721, the best of the season by a long way, gathered to see the home side have most of the play in the first half as the Town were pushed back and they were probably pleased to reach half-time with the game scoreless.

What was said in the changing room at half-time was not published, but the Town were a completely different side second half and took the game to Aldershot with wave after wave of attacks.

The final scoreline showed a 1-0 win for the Hatters, courtesy of a clever header from Ian Buxton following a pin-point Graham French cross on 70 minutes, but two perfectly good goals were ruled out that would have made the result more realistic.

After shattering Aldershot's 22-match unbeaten home run stretching back for more than a year with a classic away performance, even the doubters were convinced it was going to be the Town's year.

Next up was the long trip to Darlington, a ground the Town had visited only once before. With French being added to the list of casualties, manager Allan Brown decided to play without wingers for the first time but the patched-up side,



Luton hot shots do the double

Luton Town 3
Aldershot 1

LUTON'S sharp shooters added another three goals to their League tally today to complete the home and away double over Aldershot.

THE HATTERS COMPLETE LEAGUE DOUBLE OVER ALDERSHOT

As expected, Luton manager Allan Brown eyed Graham French on the left-wing in place of the injured Ray Whittaker and Alan Slough still injured, trialist George Potter was given a further chance to prove himself at right-half.

Micky Brown, who played so ill at Darlington last week, lined his right-wing position, but was expected to do most of his work in midfield. The counter-attractions of Grand National and the Race, coupled with heavy zizzles, kept the crowd down. Aldershot were all out for once for the home beating. A goal from Luton a week ago Wednesday made one change from the team that played that night. Gowans came in on the left-wing in place of Alan Burton, who has a leg injury.

60-second goal

Luton got off to a tremendous start with a goal in the first minute.

Jardine, on the left, won a throw in from which Rioch burst through on the left, beat his man and crossed hard and low across the face of the goal.

With Buxton racing in for what must have been a certain goal, the ball struck the leg of Aldershot left-half Walker and was deflected into his own net.

From the kick-off, Luton pressed again. Brown made ground in the right and unchallenged, put in a low shot which was inches wide of the right-hand upright.

Then a cleverly chipped centre by Brown into the goalmouth was well saved by Godfrey.

Following a free kick by Dougan, Jardine suddenly appeared on the right-wing and did well to get in a short centre which was scrambled away.

Walker collected a severe talking to from Mr Kirkpatrick for bringing down Rioch in full flight. The Luton star had collected a long throw in on the right and made a good 40 yards before he was upended on the edge of the penalty area.

The free kick, hammered through the defence by Rioch himself, was just wide of the post.

On the left French was impeded by Dawes and his free kick from inside the box was nudged about between Allen and Buxton before the inside right shot wide.

Luton kept on attacking and a clever pass by Rioch put Buxton through, but the centre forward fouled the goal keeper.

John Moore got himself into a bit of trouble in Luton's penalty area as he tried to dribble a long free kick out of danger, but he stuck out a foot in front of Gowans, who was nicely positioned, and gave away a corner which came to nothing.

Aldershot were awarded a free kick near the right hand corner flag for a foul on Howarth by Dougan, but Brown was on hand to head the kick away.

Luton went two up in the 19th minute after a piece of clever football by George Potter.

Following some short football, Potter dribbled clear and slipped a good pass to Jardine. The full-back controlled the ball and pushed it through to Rioch who hammered it past Godfrey at the second attempt. His first shot hit an outstretched foot, but the ball bounced kindly for him and he was able to choose his spot from close range.

Luton were making and Potter again started a move which almost brought a third goal.

Cool as you like he beat off a tackle and slipped the ball into

A free ball slipped through his hands and rolled slowly across the line.

After Luton's third goal, Aldershot brought O'Brien on for Walton.

Rioch set off one of his characteristic charges through the middle, but the effort lacked his usual enthusiasm and he was robbed, rather easily, on the edge of the box.

Fine move

A glorious move by Luton 11 minutes from the end almost brought goal No 4. A long clearance by Branton was headed down by Buxton and Allen split the defence with a pass out to Brown who made ground before slipping the ball back into the goalmouth at top speed. But Allen just had the ball nudged away and he shaped to shoot.

Micky Brown, who was having a brilliant game, then won cheers when he received a short pass from Rioch, outsmarted two close markers and, from inside his own half, set off at top speed towards goal.

Spurred on by the roar he cleverly waited until the last minute before shooting and it looked as if his effort had beaten Godfrey, but it just rolled wide.

to French whose hard cross was chased by Brown out to the touch line, stopped, and centred accurately for Allen to head just over the crossbar.

An ambitious overhead kick by Ian Buxton caused no problem to Godfrey following a second header into the penalty area by Rioch.

Slack marking

Aldershot pulled a goal back following a foul on Gowans by Rioch. Madden floated the free kick into the goalmouth, Edwards flicked it on and Gowans, unmarked in front of goal, had only to shove the ball past Read.

Slack marking by the Luton defence can be blamed for this goal and it upset their confidence. Two minutes later Priscott and Walker combined well to provide Howarth with a chance, but he was bundled off the ball and Moore cleared.

Edwards had a golden opportunity when he was put through on his own, but he muffed the chance with only Read to beat.

Luton found themselves in more trouble when Renwick fought off a challenge in the left-hand corner and found Edwards with a neat pass.

Edwards centred hard across the goalmouth, but there was nobody on hand.

Aldershot were certainly coming more into their own in the later stages of the first half and a foul by Jardine on Walton won them another free kick which caused Luton trouble before Dougan cleared.

Brown continued to show some good touches on the right and he found Rioch with a peach of a pass which was banged across to French, but the winger lost possession.

Near miss

In the 40th minute, Keith Allen went very close to increasing Luton's lead, and again it was Brown who set up the move.

He controlled the bouncing ball beat two men and slipped a pass through for Allen who took it in his stride and slammed a hard shot inches wide of the post.

Less than half a minute later it was Buxton's turn for some cruel luck. He positioned himself well for a French free kick from the left and headed crisply towards goal. But Godfrey had positioned himself squarely well and pulled the ball down immediately it left Buxton's head.

Then Allen was fouled by Madden on the by-line. French's free kick almost brought another goal from Jardine who volleyed the ball back towards the goal mouth, but it was just wide.

HT: Luton 2 Aldershot 1

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right from the second half kick off. Luton had a hair-line off side decision against them. Potter put across a good centre which Allen chased, but he was whistled up. It was poetic justice when, 32 seconds later, Edwards had a similar decision against him at the other end.

A neat forward move by Aldershot ended in Howarth trying a shot but Moore headed clear. Aldershot missed another chance when Priscott mistimed a shot on the turn in front of goal following an accurate through ball by Walker.

Then came a fine move by Luton's attack. French jinked his way through and squared the ball back from close in. There was nobody on hand, but Brown, racing into position, appeared to be tripped and as the ball was half cleared Keith Allen hit a long shot over the top.

Allen was badly fouled by Renwick some 25 yards from goal and Rioch tried his old trick of hammering the ball through the defence while they were still positioning themselves. Godfrey was ready for the ruse and caught the hard shot well.

Offside 'goal'

Luton continued to have the best of things and Rioch was only a foot wide with a first-time shot to Brown's pass.

Edwards had the ball in the net for Aldershot after Jardine through, but he was given offside.

A minute later Aldershot had more bad luck when a Walton header from a Gowans cross was turned round the angle by Read.

Read found himself in trouble when he caught the corner and he was penalised inside the area for taking it too many steps with the ball. But Renwick sliced the free kick.

Luton stormed back and Buxton did well to get in a shot as he was closely marked by two defenders. It was well saved by the diving Godfrey.

Brown hits No 3

Aldershot continued to show well when on attack and Luton were lucky in the 64th minute when they conceded a goal. Moore stuck out a foot to get the ball back to Read just as Edwards was about to shoot from close range.

But, in the 70th minute, BROWN was rewarded for his hard work with goal No 3 for Luton.

He dribbled towards goal from mid field, sold Renwick a dummy and shot hard and low towards the goal. Godfrey was a bit slow going down and the



It's there. Buxton turns away after seeing Rioch's cross deflected into the net for Luton's first goal. POST 30-3-68

LOOKING UP-IT'S LUTON

Luton 3 Aldershot 1

NOTHING'S more certain than Luton's promotion this season, but they missed a great chance of improving their goal average after shaking Aldershot with a first-minute goal. They should have taken more than the three they got.

The sixty-second shocker was conceded by Aldershot's own Walker, who deflected Bruce Rioch's hard low cross into his own net. When Rioch snapped up another chance all on his own after 19 minutes, Aldershot looked to be in for a drubbing.

But, unaccountably, Luton let the opposition off the hook, possibly through over-confidence. Certainly indecision crept in when Peter Gowans was allowed to cut the lead after 28 minutes, and Luton were never the same power afterwards.

Despite Aldershot's lack of punch up front, Luton's position was far from tenable until the 84th minute, when Micky Brown, who's not a first team regular, shot in a third goal that slipped through Tony Godfrey's hands.

CASUAL LUTON STROLL IT

Luton 3, Aldershot 1

LUTON were completely in charge and then, surprisingly, let Aldershot back into the game with some slipshod defensive work. The game opened with Rioch crossing from the left and Walker hitting an own-goal as he tried to stop the ball reaching Buxton.

Rioch had a great shot well saved but put Luton two up after Potter, a useful young Scot on trial from Forfar, had carved an opening.

The over-confident Luton defence threw away a goal when Madden's free-kick was flicked on by Edwards and the unmarked Gowans tapped it in.

A minute afterwards Edwards missed an open goal and more chances were to be wasted before half-time.

Aldershot gave away the vital goal. Brown's soft shot was dropped by Godfrey and trickled in. Luton, now unbeaten since January 13, must surely go up. Their defence, Dougan excepted, was a bit patchy at times but in midfield there was no better player than Rioch in the first half.

All the strikers were impressive, with Brown outstanding. He is not a regular, but on this form he should be.

The Aldershot defence was let down by Madden and Dawes, so it was just as well Renwick was in good form.

Tom McAnearney distributed the ball as well as ever in midfield and Edwards had a great all-round game.

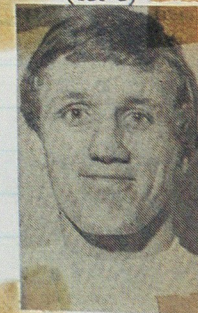
LUTON: Read 6; Dougan 7; Branton 8; Moore 5; Jardine 6; Potter 8; Rioch 7; BROWN 3; Buxton 7; Allen 7; French 6.

ALDERSHOT: Godfrey 8; Dawes 8; Madden 6; Walker 6; Renwick 7; McAnearney 7; Priscott 5; Walton (with Brown) 5; EDWARDS 8; Howarth 5; Buxton 7; Sub: O'Brien 6.

Referee: R. Kirkpatrick (Leicester) 8.

'CASUAL LUTON'S' PROMOTION LOOKS MORE CERTAIN

KEITH ALLEN (LOCAL)





One of my favourite photographs. Darlington goalkeeper Tony Moor organises his defensive wall with the ball already bouncing out of the net!



although taking time to adjust to the change in formation, took the lead after only ten minutes.

The Hatters were awarded a free-kick just outside the area which was tapped to Bruce Rioch, but before he could shoot the referee ordered the kick to be re-taken because of encroachment. Rioch simply put the ball down and smacked it into the net while Darlington goalkeeper Tony Moor stood rooted to the spot organising his wall.

A dog on the pitch then held up play for three minutes (you don't see that nowadays, more's the pity) before Darlington, stung by the soft goal, put the Town's defence under some pressure.

An equaliser eventually came early in the second half as Darlington, with wind and rain – which was not evident to the same extent in the first period – at their backs, attacked with a vengeance. Jim O'Neill, taking advantage of a smart through ball, stroked the ball past Tony Read in the Luton goal.

If either side would go on and win, the money was now on Darlington but just after the hour mark, a wicked free-kick from Rioch out on the left was blasted into the box, where it was met by forgotten man Rodney Green, who volleyed home from close range.

The goal knocked the stuffing out of Darlington and the remainder of the game was seen out with no major incident.

It was now back to Kenilworth Road for a Saturday afternoon kick-off against Aldershot. I stress Saturday afternoon, as a

good number of clubs had opted to play in the evening due to the televising of the Grand National.

Luton secretary Bob Readhead boldly felt that given the Town's present position the attendance should not suffer, and "those interested will bring a small transistor radio with them and we will broadcast the result over the loudspeaker system when it is to hand".

The attendance for the return against the Shots was down slightly, but that was because of heavy rain which began to fall three hours before kick-off. Jardine and French were fit to return to the team, and the game got off to a sensational start with a goal in the first minute when Rioch fired in a shot from a narrow angle, which was deflected into his own net by Aldershot defender Len Walker.

The lead was doubled on 19 minutes when Rioch netted one he could call his own. After a fierce effort from the Town's top scorer rebounded kindly into his path, he made no mistake second time around.

Shortly afterwards slack defending left Peter Gowans with a tap-in to reduce the deficit, but although they stepped up their efforts, Aldershot did not really trouble the Town defence again and the game was made safe when Micky Brown, making a rare appearance in the starting line-up and winning a man of the match award, advanced from midfield in the 64th minute and fired in a shot which was fumbled over the line by Tony Godfrey in the Aldershot goal.

The League table now looked very rosy.

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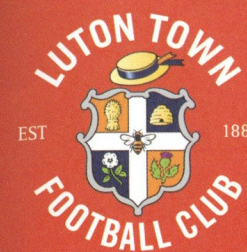
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YOUTH TEAM FIXTURES

MERIT LEAGUE 1 FIXTURES:				
Sat Feb 17	Swindon Town	H	L 1-3	
Sat Feb 24	Exeter City	H		
Sat Mar 3	Crystal Palace (TBC)	A		
Sat Mar 10	MK Dons	H	KO 10.30am	
Sat Mar 17	Stevenage	A		
Sat Mar 24	Gillingham	A		
Mon Mar 26	Biggleswade Town	H	(Beds Senior Cup Final)	
7.30pm kick-off – Kenilworth Road				
Sat Mar 31	Oxford United	A	(LC Southern Area Final)	
11am kick-off – Grenoble Road (Kassam Stadium)				
Tue Apr 3	Bournemouth	A		
Sat Apr 7	Southend United	A		
Tue Apr 10	Oxford United	H		
Sat Apr 14	Cambridge United	H		
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LUTON TOWN IN THE COMMUNITY

BY KEVIN THOBURN HEAD OF THE HATTERS COMMUNITY TRUST

February half term last week turned out again to be a busy week with lots of player visits on our soccer camps and over 60 development fixtures for our young recruited players, as well as our Football for Peace project kicking off and trips down to Brentford and Leyton Orient for an Under-16 KICKS tournament.

SOCCER CAMP PLAYER VISITS

Every season the Community Trust receives central funding from both the EFL and PFA as part of their commitment to see Community Player Engagement at the heart of all professional clubs' social responsibilities work.

Last season our player visits for the whole club totalled over 400 with more than 150 of them on specific Community Trust projects and events, and last week the first team were out in force at our soccer camps handing out medals and coaching tips to over 200 soccer crazy youngsters all over Luton and Bedfordshire. The visits make such a difference to all our young fans.

Thanks to Alan Sheehan, Jack Senior, Lawson D'Ath, Lloyd Jones, Jack Stacey and Flynn Downes for doing the honours.



PL KICKS U16 BOYS VISIT BRENTFORD AND LEYTON ORIENT FC

Our Kicks projects is now in its second year and aims to use football as a hook to engage and target young people and attempt to divert them away from crime and anti-social behaviour.

Last week we travelled down to our pals from Brentford and Leyton Orient for the first U16 KICKS tournaments of the year.

We took two separate teams made up from boys from all over Luton, and as part of the day at Orient the boys also attended a workshop on knife crime, gang and violent behaviour from ex professional boxer Mark Prince, who tragically lost his son – who was a scholar at QPR – to knife crime. Next up is the national PL KICKS Cup!



FOOTBALL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Like many other EFL Clubs, our fully integrated youth player development structure at the club is run by the Community Trust. It starts with players as young as four years old who simply 'pay and play' each week, through to our Skills Performance Centres for boys up to 12, who train on our termly coaching programme.

All of the boys, together with recruited boys up to U16, continue their journey for an academy place at our Centre

of Excellence centres in Luton, Dunstable, Kempston and Arlesey, which have over 450 boys with a further 160 boys signed at our Luton Pre-Academy.

An important part of the process is the games programme and during half-term we visited Wycombe Wanderers and Northampton Town while hosting Brentford, Stevenage and Norwich City. Next up are tours to Holland and residential to Stowe School in the Easter break.

FOOTBALL FOR PEACE

It was great to finally get all of our 'peace ambassadors' together to begin our FFP project, which has been funded by the Home Office building a Stronger Britain Together campaign.

The project has brought together a team of 30 young people from Luton aged 16 and 17, who through a love of sport have committed to organise a programme of inter school 'peace games' to improve community cohesion in Luton.

First phase of the project involved the group focusing on becoming qualified coaches, taking their L2 Sports Coaching certificate over 3 days in half term, and over the coming months they will attend various workshops covering equality, diversity and conflict management as well as completing their sports qualification.

Daniel Douglas, Hatters Community Operations Manager, commented: "We had a fantastic turnout to kick-start the programme, with a wide variety of Luton youngsters all



mixing and working together and making real progress. There were also a few excellent young coaches in the group who will be volunteering with us, starting next week."

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TOWN PROGRESS INTO COUNTY CUP FINAL

Luton Town Ladies 2-1 AFC Dunstable Ladies

Luton Town Ladies edged their way past local rivals AFC Dunstable Ladies with a narrow 2-1 win at Stockwood Park last Sunday to progress into the final of the Bedfordshire County Cup.

The Hatters saw off their lower league opponents 4-0 in the Women's FA Cup back in November, but were presented with a far more organised, disciplined Dunstable side this time around and that was reflected in a very tight first half.

The visitors successfully negated the potent Luton attacking armoury that were fresh from a thumping 4-0 triumph at Leyton Orient WFC last time out, as for long periods both sides were restricted to ambitious free-kicks in pursuit of an opening goal.

But the home team reminded the OD's of their offensive potential in the second period when Nicola Henman's cutback broke for Dionne Manning, who skewed her shot with the outside of her right boot wide of the post.

Henman then volleyed over from close range after the Dunstable defender inadvertently set her up by

failing to deal with a long throw into the penalty area.

Luton breathed a huge sigh of relief shortly after, however, as the Dunstable forward broke through on goal, rounded the goalkeeper and was only denied by the covering Erica Byron.

That sparked a significant few minutes that drastically altered the complexion of the match, starting with Henman's burst of pace which saw her arrive at the byline on the left-hand side before her cross flew into the net off the unfortunate defender to break the deadlock. And having exhibited remarkable resistance up to that moment the away side briefly lost their discipline as straight from the kick-off they conceded possession and allowed Manning to progress towards the box and feed Steph Gale, who was upended.

The resulting penalty was converted by captain Zara Carroll, and Luton had now established a commanding and most likely unassailable lead. But an incredible strike from Samaira

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
Sun Feb 18	AFC Dunstable (County Cup)	H	W 2-1
Sun Feb 25	MK Dons (Plate QF)	H	
Sun Mar 4	Ipswich	H	
Sun Mar 11	Cambridge Utd	H	
Sun Mar 18	Norwich City	A	

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Captain Zara Carroll slots home the penalty

Khan as she fired into the top corner from an improbable angle on the right-hand side halved the deficit with a fair portion of the contest remaining.

The equaliser was not forthcoming, though, and Town held out to ensure their progression into the final ahead of a FA WPL Plate tie with Milton Keynes Dons FC Ladies tomorrow, 2pm kick-off.

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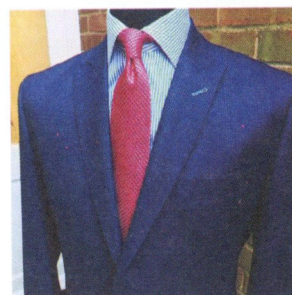
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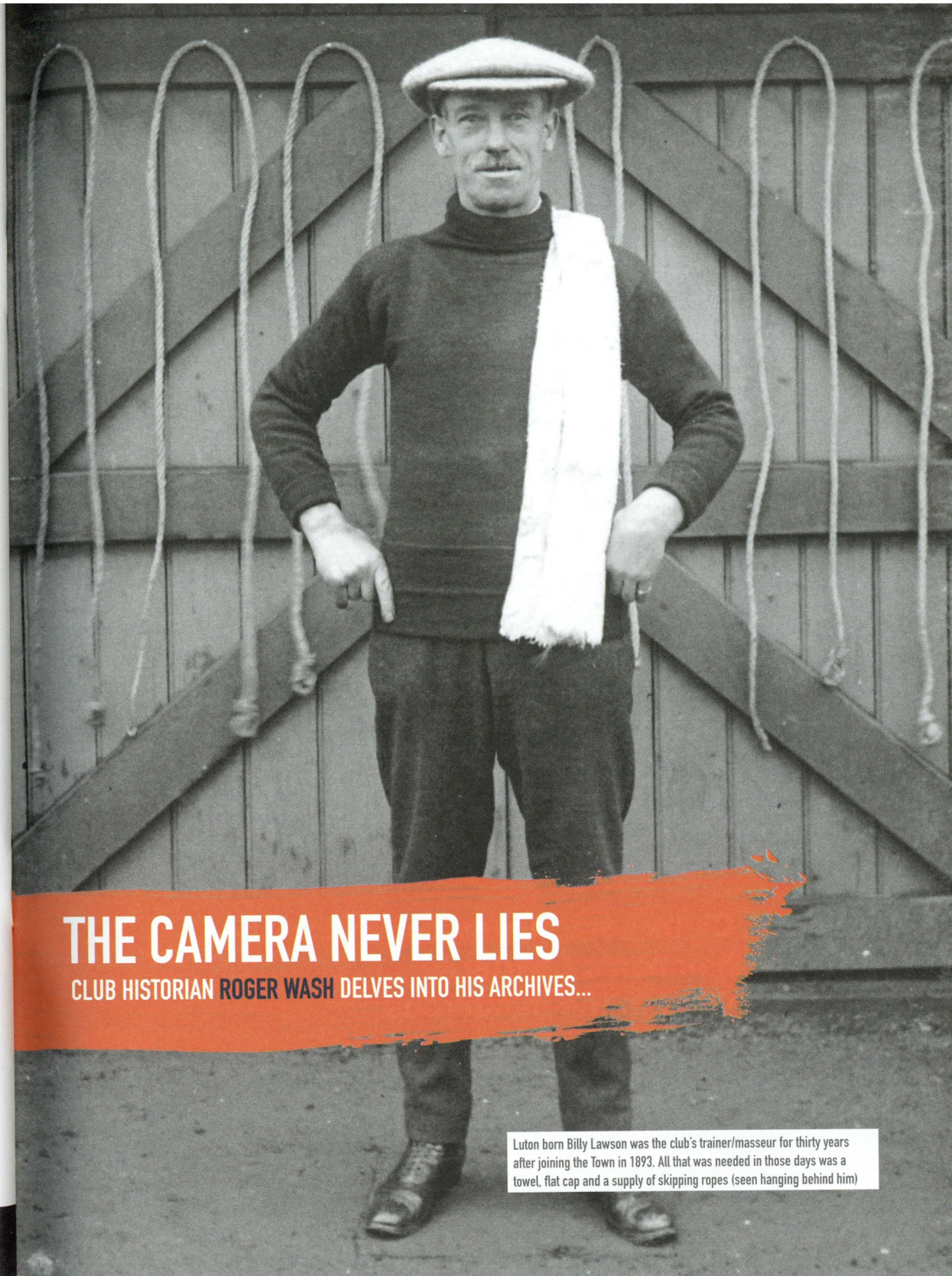


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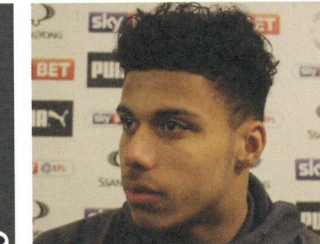
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UNBEATEN FEB PLEASES JJ

Town defender James Justin was pleased to be in the team as the side continued their unbeaten run this month



OLLY REACHES FIVE

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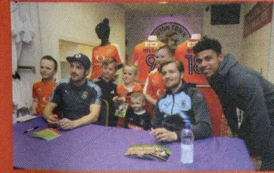
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WORDSEARCH

Harry has hidden the surnames of ten players from the Hatters and the Robins in the grid below, but can you find them all? Good luck!

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Downes | Jervis | Jones | Sheehan | Collins
Lee | Eisa | Winchester | Pell | Dawson



Danny Hylton and Luke Berry were at the club shop in the Mall on Valentine's day to pose for pictures, sign memorabilia and to chat to fans. And what a turn out it was! So many people came to the signing that both players stayed an hour longer than scheduled to make sure nobody went home disappointed. Local lad James Justin popped in to say hello too.

A massive thank you to everyone who came down to see the players. Here's to another three points today...#COYH



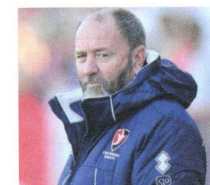
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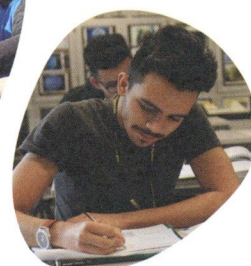
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[STATS AND LEAGUE UPDATE]

LEAGUE LOOK

LAST WEEK'S LEAGUE TWO RESULTS:

Barnet 1-1 Accrington Stanley
Cambridge United 3-1 Grimsby Town
Carlisle United 2-0 Chesterfield
Cheltenham Town 0-2 Wycombe Wanderers
Crawley Town 3-1 Lincoln City
Crewe Alexandra 1-0 Colchester United
Exeter City 0-1 Mansfield Town
Morecambe 1-1 Forest Green Rovers
Newport County 0-0 Notts County
Stevenage 4-1 Yeovil Town
Swindon Town 3-2 Port Vale
MIDWEEK:
Barnet 1-3 Carlisle United
Cambridge United 1-0 Notts County
Crewe Alexandra 1-2 Exeter City

TODAY'S LEAGUE TWO FIXTURES:

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

LEAGUE TWO TOP SCORERS:

(League goals only)

Billy Kee (Accrington) 19
Adebayo Akinfenwa (Wycombe) 15
JAMES COLLINS (LUTON) 15
Christian Doidge (Forest Green) 15
Mohamed Eisa (Cheltenham) 15
DANNY HYLTON (LUTON) 15
Jorge Grant (Notts County) 14
Tom Pope (Port Vale) 14
Danny Rose (Mansfield) 14
Kristian Dennis (Chesterfield) 14

LEAGUE TABLE 2017/18

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	LUTON TOWN	33	20	7	6	72	32	40	67
2	Wycombe Wanderers	33	18	8	7	65	46	19	62
3	Accrington Stanley	33	19	5	9	57	38	19	62
4	Mansfield Town	33	16	11	6	52	34	18	59
5	Notts County	34	16	10	8	54	36	18	58
6	Swindon Town	34	18	3	13	54	49	5	57
7	Exeter City	32	17	4	11	43	37	6	55
8	Lincoln City	33	14	11	8	45	33	12	53
9	Crawley Town	34	15	6	13	41	41	0	51
10	Coventry City	32	15	5	12	36	27	9	50
11	Colchester United	34	13	11	10	45	40	5	50
12	Carlisle United	34	13	9	12	49	45	4	48
13	Cambridge United	34	13	9	12	35	44	-9	48
14	Newport County AFC	33	12	11	10	41	43	-2	47
15	Stevenage	34	11	9	14	46	49	-3	42
16	Cheltenham Town	34	10	9	15	46	50	-4	39
17	Yeovil Town	33	10	8	15	46	54	-8	38
18	Grimsby Town	34	9	9	16	30	50	-20	36
19	Port Vale	33	9	7	17	37	49	-12	34
20	Forest Green Rovers	33	9	6	18	37	56	-19	33
21	Crewe Alexandra	34	10	3	21	37	56	-19	33
22	Morecambe	32	7	11	14	30	42	-12	32
23	Chesterfield	33	7	6	20	33	60	-27	27
24	Barnet	34	6	8	20	32	52	-20	26

PLAYER STATS 2017/18

	THIS SEASON										LIFEC	
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		DISIP		DISIP		CAREER TOT	
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	Y	R	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS
Tyreeq Bakinson	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	6	0
Luke Berry	24	(3)	6	4	(1)	1	28	(4)	7	5	1	32
James Collins	27	(3)	15	3	(0)	1	30	(3)	16	5	0	33
Jordan Cook	1	(9)	0	5	(1)	1	6	(10)	1	3	1	58
Harry Cornick	14	(15)	5	2	(2)	0	16	(17)	5	1	0	33
Kavan Cotter	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	1	1	(0)	1	0	0	2
Scott Cuthbert	15	(1)	1	2	(0)	0	17	(1)	1	2	1	104
Lawson D'Ath	2	(6)	0	4	(0)	1	6	(6)	1	1	0	25
Flynn Downes	3	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	1	0	3
Akin Famewo	1	(2)	0	5	(0)	0	6	(2)	0	0	0	14
Luke Gambin	3	(3)	1	4	(3)	1	7	(6)	2	0	0	30
Danny Hylton	25	(1)	15	4	(0)	2	29	(1)	17	8	0	77
Danny James	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1
Aaron Jarvis	0	(1)	0	2	(1)	1	2	(2)	1	0	0	4
Jake Jervis	2	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	2	(1)	0	0	0	3
Lloyd Jones	0	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1
James Justin	7	(6)	2	5	(0)	0	12	(6)	2	1	0	58
Elliot Lee	8	(14)	7	5	(1)	2	13	(15)	9	1	0	39
Olly Lee	27	(0)	4	4	(1)	1	31	(1)	5	5	0	112
Alan McCormack	8	(0)	1	0	(0)	0	8	(0)	1	4	0	8
Josh McQuoid	0	(0)	0	0	(2)	1	0	(2)	1	0	0	45
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	11	(11)	0	7	(1)	0	18	(12)	0	2	1	148
Johnny Mullins	14	(1)	2	4	(1)	0	18	(2)	2	1	0	49
Frankie Musonda	0	(0)	0	3	(1)	0	3	(1)	0	0	0	12
Dan Potts	30	(0)	5	3	(0)	1	33	(0)	6	10	0	77
Glen Rea	28	(5)	0	4	(0)	0	32	(5)	0	4	1	96
Arthur Read	0	(0)	0	0	(2)	0	0	(2)	0	0	0	3
Jack Senior	0	(0)	0	5	(0)	0	5	(0)	0	1	0	21
James Shea	0	(0)	0	5	(0)	0	5	(0)	0	1	0	5
Alan Sheehan	29	(0)	2	4	(0)	0	33	(0)	2	7	1	94
Andrew Shinnie	20	(4)	1	5	(1)	2	25	(5)	3	3	0	30
Jack Stacey	29	(0)	1	4	(0)	0	33	(0)	1	1	0	33
Marek Stech	33	(0)	0	4	(0)	0	37	(0)	0	2	0	37
Connor Tomlinson	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	1
Isaac Vassell	2	(0)	2	0	(0)	0	2	(0)	2	0	0	55

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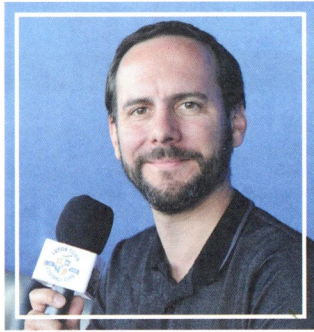


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*Score at full-time: 2-2. (Hatters won 4-2 on penalties for a bonus point) ** Score at full-time: 1-1. (Hatters won 4-3 on penalties for a bonus point) ***Score at full-time 0-0. (Hatters lost 7-6 on penalties)



HOLD THE BACKPAGE

WITH **SIMON PITTS** IFOLLOW HATTERS COMMENTATOR

Usually when I write these articles there's a statistical or historical theme to them for one reason or another and this piece is no different.

My topic for today's programme is memories, all those special matches and celebrations that we've enjoyed over the years.

At Grimsby last month the day was a focus for the Sporting Memories Foundation, a charity that does superb work in helping tackle dementia, depression and loneliness through sporting memories.

No doubt we've all got our own special memories from our time following the Hatters, some obvious and some for our own personal reasons.

By coincidence I've been asked to write this article for a match that is a particularly significant one for me personally, as according to my spreadsheet it's the 1,000th competitive Luton Town game that I've attended.

Needless to say I was grateful the Coventry game was postponed last weekend so that I could celebrate the landmark here at Kenilworth Road, where it all started back in December 1983.

I was recently a guest on the Supporters' Trust podcast, with regulars Kevin, Tony & James; and one of the topics was my favourite game. This is a question I've been asked previously, and it's always a "top three" answer as they are all special for different reasons.

One of these three is of course 9th February 2010 v Oxford United, the 2-1 victory courtesy of that Keith Keane goal direct from the corner. The Sporting Memories website now has some audio of my recollection of that night (along with the goal commentary!) in their memory archive section.

That night certainly provided one of those "I was there" moments, likewise Wembley in 2009 when Claude Gnaka sent 40,000 fans wild, Carrow Road in 2013 when Scott Rendell scored and, from this season, when Danny Hylton



celebrated in front of 7,500 Luton fans at St James' Park.

Last month Nathan Jones celebrated two years in charge of the Hatters, and the 4-1 victory over Crawley last time out was his 100th League match. The results of W51 D27 L22 give him a 51 per cent win ratio, and an incredible 1.8 points per match. Both of these stats are the highest ever achieved by a Luton manager; he passed Allan Brown's 50.5 per cent and 1.74 points per game (assuming 3 points per game as – for the younger generation – it used to only be 2 points for a win).

The current side has certainly been creating memories for us all to enjoy and treasure from this season. We're all likely to remember the opening day victory over Yeovil for years to come, what a way to start the campaign scoring eight goals! Interestingly with 13 games remaining Luton have already netted two more goals than they did in all 46 League matches last season!

As I said at the start we all have our own personal memories, but we're certainly all hoping that by the end of the season we can add promotion celebrations to those memories.

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- 10 Jordan Cook
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