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THE MANAGER

NATHAN JONES

Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for today's game against Crewe Alexandra.

It's our penultimate home fixture of the season and we all know the significance of what a victory, combined with favourable results elsewhere over the next four days, could mean to us.

We can only focus on ourselves, however, and not worry about what is happening around the country. Win our remaining four matches and we'll be going up from Sky Bet League Two automatically.

We know that we'll be faced with a difficult task today, as our visitors have been in a good run of form and are capable of beating sides in the promotion picture, as they proved at Mansfield last Saturday.

I extend the welcome to everyone who has travelled down from Cheshire – officials, supporters, manager David Artell, his staff and their players – and wish them a safe journey back north this evening.

Luke Berry was on the scoresheet when we went up to Gresty Road in November and won 2-1, so it's appropriate that I begin a round-up of our recent games with the terrible injury he suffered at Colchester on Good Friday.

Luke suffered a dislocated ankle and fractured fibula, but he's been

operated on, he'll receive the best care possible and he will come back stronger, I have no doubt.

The players were clearly affected by losing a team-mate who has been a real big influence on our game, so much so that he was one of the five players – along with Jack Stacey, Alan Sheehan, Dan Potts and Danny Hylton – to be named in the EFL League Two Team of the Year.

PHENOMENAL

To have Olly Lee up for Goal of the Season and the club winning the division's Family Club of the Year award underlines what a special campaign it's been for all Hatters so far, both on and off the pitch.

Credit to all the players for that phenomenal recognition – there could easily have been others nominated too – and to everyone behind the scenes who help make this a real family club that is the focal point of the community.

Back to the busy Easter period, and two successive wins have put us in a position to make it an even more successful and memorable season.

When we were last here we played some wonderful football to come back from a goal down to beat a very

good Mansfield side, and last week we got the quick start we've been missing in recent matches, having the game won by the time Yeovil were reduced to nine men.

Pelly-Ruddock is on the front cover of today's programme, and congratulations go to him on making his 150th appearance for the club at Huish Park. He's come back into the team for the last two games, and it's testament to how well he's trained – and how physically fit he is now compared to when I first took over – that he's been able to step seamlessly in.

We've had another 3,000 following us east and west on our last two trips, taking us past the 26,000 mark for away league games this season. Phenomenal, just as you all were here against Mansfield and have been all season.

Make yourselves heard again today and give the lads all you've got from the stands. We'll get this job done with your help.

Enjoy the game.



FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH CHIEF EXECUTIVE GARY SWEET

Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for what we all hope will be our penultimate home game of the season. Welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Crewe Alexandra. Today's visit, along with that of Forest Green Rovers in a fortnight's time, give us every opportunity to achieve our stated aim of promotion this season.

No doubt many of you have had your calculators out trying to work out all the permutations of how, if and when promotion might be achieved. If we can take all three points this afternoon then hopefully the picture will become a lot clearer by 5 o'clock.

Many of you will have seen earlier this week the fantastic news that we were named as League Two Family Club of the Year and that we will compete with Reading and Blackburn, the other divisional winners, for the overall title at tomorrow evening's EFL Awards in London.

To say that we were all thrilled to learn of this award is an understatement. In our first season back in the Football League, in 2014-15, we did not even earn the basic family excellence accreditation. We made a conscious and determined effort to rectify that and achieved the accreditation in both 2015-16 and 2016-17 before our success this season. It has been a fantastic team effort and I would like to thank everyone involved for their commitment to bringing this very important award to the club.

AWARDS

The EFL made a number of 'secret family visits' to our home matches and their reports made for fantastic reading – they recognised our creativity and numerous personal touches which set our offering above all our competition.

With Jack Stacey, Alan Sheehan, Dan Potts, Luke Berry and Danny Hylton all named in the League Two Team of the Season, tomorrow night's awards ceremony will have a real Luton Town flavour to it – and hopefully Olly Lee's memorable strike from his own half against Cambridge back in November will also collect the Goal of the Season award.

We hope that Luke will be given the all-clear by his consultant to join his team-mates at the ceremony tomorrow evening. This is my first chance to publicly wish Luke the speediest of recoveries from the horrific injuries he sustained at Colchester on Good Friday. The final result that day paled into insignificance when taking Luke's injury into account. Luke is a very likeable and optimistic lad and I do not doubt that he is already working hard to get back to full fitness and to have a major influence on next season's campaign.

Most managers around the country stress how football has become a 'squad game' in recent times – and Luke's most unfortunate injury has simply highlighted that fact. Pelly has found it almost impossible in recent weeks to dislodge the midfield incumbents, but when his chance came against Mansfield he grabbed it with both hands with his 'man of the match' performance.

Pelly also clocked up his 150th appearance for the club at Yeovil last week and, as the only player still on our books who enjoyed our last promotion in 2014, he will be hoping that this season ends in a similar celebration. I should also mention Glen Rea and Alan Sheehan, who each achieved their 100th Luton appearance in recent weeks – well done to all three lads and here's to many, many more!

We were also proud to see our Under-18s go through to the EFL Youth Alliance Cup Final after we overcame Oxford in a thrilling regional final two weeks ago, eventually winning on penalties. We look forward to facing Wigan on the 2nd May at Kenilworth Road for that one, so well done and good luck to our young pros and scholars – let's hope they lift the same trophy we won two years ago at Shrewsbury.

I would also like to give a mention to Luton Ladies who have reached their first national final – they face West Ham United at Hednesford tomorrow in the FA Women's Premier League Plate Final. Good luck to our ladies, here's hoping they add to the growing number of potential trophies and awards for Luton Town this season.

At our last home match against Mansfield on Easter Monday, members of the local Bury Park Community were on hand to distribute chocolates to our supporters in a fantastic gesture of neighbourly kindness which was positively received by everyone.

KINDNESS

It was a remarkable and positive initiative clearly demonstrating the mutual respect and friendship that exists between the local Muslim community and the club and its supporters. Such generosity and kindness does not always capture the headlines – especially when it should – but we felt immensely humbled and proud to be the recipients of such an act. Thank you to those members of the Bury Park Community who organised this event.

This act and the hundreds of positive messages we received thereafter reminded me about how we have planned and executed so many hugely positive community initiatives in recent seasons. In fact, they are too numerous to list in full here, but I will pick out a few which set your club aside from the others as being innovative at all times and, most importantly, wanting to be at the heart of our community.

In 2016 we became the first English professional football club to become a National Living Wage employer, committing to paying all of our full and part-time staff a fair hourly rate for their hard work.

We assigned the right to veto any change to our image rights to Luton Town Supporters Trust whereby, effectively, our badge, colours, nickname and mascots' characters are ultimately protected well into the future.

We have introduced an Over 50s club on Wednesday mornings when we provide the environment and refreshments for local community members to get together and enjoy some social interaction which otherwise might be missing from their lives. We have a trophy winning walking football squad. We have supported nine local charities over the last three seasons, helping them to raise almost £100,000 in the process. We renamed our stadium the Prostate Cancer UK stadium for a televised fixture against Wycombe in March 2015.

We hosted the 'headscarves to football scarves' initiative in 2012 when a large group of Muslim girls attended and enjoyed their first ever football match proudly donned in traditional dress.

And that's just for starters and doesn't include the wonderful everyday work carried out by our Community Trust, which sees almost 4,000 weekly engagements to boys and girls at schools, colleges and clubs and the ever popular kids' holiday camps.

When we say that we care about Luton and its communities, we back it with action!

Each of these initiatives in turn should make you proud to be a Luton Town supporter, but we are constantly challenging ourselves to think up even more ways in which we can further highlight our culture of community, charity and social responsibility so we can have an increasingly positive influence on our environment, town and county in years to come.

IMPACT

Most importantly, just imagine how much of a bigger, better and wider positive impact we could create with our new stadium and new developments?

Which is why it is beyond me, beyond any of the team involved, beyond the understanding of our board and staff and, most probably, beyond you to think why anyone or any organisation could seek to harm this very influence if they had anything other than just a purely commercial interest in our town, despite claims otherwise.

I'm being asked more than ever as to our progress on our planning applications and, once more, I need to beg for patience and to urge you to await further news from Luton Borough Council. I remain as frustrated as anyone that we haven't been able to push on with matters yet.

However, we are not far away now. The dream of taking another step upwards towards our rightful position in the League pyramid, and a giant leap forward towards firmly laying our roots down in a brand new stadium in the heart of our town in the same season is very much still on.

Let's unite our voices today and onwards!

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THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to Kenilworth Road for our penultimate home game of the season.

I last had to write programme notes for the Mansfield Town edition of This Is Our Town, which I had to do prior to the Colchester game due to print deadlines.

A lot has happened in a short space of time. The two main points being the six points picked up, as well as the injury to Luke Berry.

It's never nice seeing anyone in that much pain, and it's the worst thing I have ever seen on a pitch. Luke's been so positive though. We all think so highly of him. He's played a massive, massive part this year having missed out on pre-season with us, so to slot in the way he did was phenomenal.

We went on to lose the game against Colchester, but we've had a trend throughout this season that when we get knocked, we get back up again and go on a good run. Mansfield was a fantastic comeback, and although Yeovil was comfortable in the end, it was a massive three points.

I had to go off against the Stags after I hurt my groin again, but it looks as if I will be back in action sooner rather than later.

After the operation I had back in November, I was given a time frame for recovery, but I worked hard and was quite ahead of that window. I played four and a half games in a short space of time and I probably overdid it, but I was desperate to get back. Hopefully I will be available for the run-in.

The EFL Sky Bet League Two Team of the Season was also revealed, with five of the boys getting in the team. It was sort of strange though, as there's still a number of our players who you look at and can imagine they'd feel hard done by not getting in there. Dan Potts, Alan Sheehan and Jack Stacey have been fantastic this season at the back, whilst Luke has been great in midfield. Hylts, I don't need to say too much on, but it's worth a mention that his season has been interrupted by injury and he still got in the team. He's been massive for us since he joined nearly two years ago.

GREAT SCOTT

We now find ourselves in the situation where, with the gap we have between ourselves and fourth, we just need to win our final games to get over the line. It's easier said than done, but we are confident we can get the job done.

Today's visitors are renowned for playing good football and I doubt they will try and win the game any other way. I played with Chris Dagnall at Leyton Orient and I know how much of a handful he can be, so the boys need to be at their best again if we want to get something from the game.

I hope you enjoy the match.



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EFL AWARD WINNERS ON AND OFF THE PITCH!

We were delighted to announce this week that as well as having five players in the League Two Team of the Year, and Olly Lee in the final five shortlisted for Goal of the Year, the Hatters have been named League Two Family Club of the Year!

We now go head-to-head with Championship winners Reading and League One winners Blackburn to see who will be the overall winner at tomorrow night's EFL Awards event at the London Hilton on Park Lane.

The Hatters represent League Two, according to the EFL, "for their continued year-on-year commitment and focus on improving experiences for families and young supporters".

A delighted Town chief executive Gary Sweet said: "We are so proud to be named League Two Family Club of the Year, especially as we approach the tenth anniversary of 2020's custodianship of Luton Town Football Club. Building a strong community and family culture has always been at the top of our agenda since taking over when the club was at its lowest ebb.

"When we returned to the EFL almost four years ago, we did not even get a family excellence accreditation in our first season, given that we have to implement these activities in such an old stadium. We started from scratch, using families from our staff and supporter base, putting in place a strategy based on family friendly benefits designed by our young supporters and club staff with families, to take us to a point where we could gain that recognition – something we have done for the last two seasons.

"We introduced a number of initiatives which have been successful in helping us engage with families, including

family fun days, the appointment of a junior supporters' liaison officer, scarves for first-time supporters, kids' lunch bags and the opportunity to interview a player, among many others that add to the matchday experience.

"Our delight at now being recognised as the best in our division at delivering these projects is even more so when you consider that our staff and volunteers have been able to achieve this despite the difficult constraints of operating in an old stadium, penned in by houses.

"Thank you to all who have contributed to bringing this fantastic accolade to our club, our community and our town, despite the limitations. As much as we love Kenilworth Road, the thought of wonderful state-of-the-art facilities and space to explore at a new stadium gives us all at LTFC the aim of being leaders in family excellence by the time we relocate to Power Court."

Nathan Jones' squad are also proudly represented by five players – Alan Sheehan, Dan Potts, Jack Stacey, Luke Berry and Danny Hylton – in the League Two team of the season, selected by managers throughout the division. And tomorrow we will also find out if Olly's 70-yard 'From another post code' strike against Cambridge United last November has won Mitre Goal of the Season.

A huge well done to all – more coverage on the awards will follow in the Forest Green edition of This Is Our Town!



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- ◆ Priority access to purchase away tickets and cup match tickets.
- ◆ FREE admittance to the first home cup game played in the season.
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- ◆ Distinctive leather season ticket wallet.
- ◆ Training Day – your chance to watch a training day free-of-charge at Kenilworth Road for you and an adult, with the opportunity to meet players and management. Refreshments provided.
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Tickets for this category A game are now on sale from the Ticket Office.



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WELCOME TO THE AFZAL FAMILY!

Today we offer a warm Kenilworth Road welcome to the Afzal family – Nasreen, Imran and their three children, Ehsaaq (aged 7), Aleesa (5) and Ismael (3) – who are attending their first Hatters match this afternoon.

Ehsaaq and Aleesa are pupils at St Matthew's Primary School in Luton and they will be cheering their favourite player Danny Hylton on from the front row of the family section in the Kenny End.

Hopefully Danny will deliver you a first-game goal and he has been known to celebrate with the junior Hatters at that end of the ground, so enjoy the match guys!



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WHO? The distance between Brunton Park and Kenilworth Road is a 550-mile round trip. Last season finished in similar heartbreak for the Hatters and the Cumbrians – with both reaching the League Two play-off semi-finals before conceding a last-minute goal that saw them crash out of the promotion chase. Under ex-England international Keith Curle, Carlisle have got progressively better, finishing 20th, then tenth and finally sixth in his three seasons so far at the club. He is known for usually making themselves tough to beat at home, but so far this campaign his team have picked up three more points on the road than at home, and they currently sit 10th, four points off the play-offs.

TICKETS Ticket information for this fixture can be found on page 15.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE? Carlisle visited the Kenny on a Tuesday night back in November, with the Hatters putting three past the Cumbrians without reply. Andrew Shinnie opened the scoring with an excellent curling effort, before Dan Potts headed in from an Alan Sheehan free-kick and Harry Cornick then calmly slotted home. Danny Hylton also missed a penalty. Our last visit to Brunton Park ended in a 0-0 draw back in March 2017. Of the 29 meetings between the two, Town have won 12, drawn 10 and been defeated seven times.

IN CHARGE Ex-Bristol City, Wimbledon, Manchester City, Wolverhampton Wanderers and England defender Curle called time on his playing career to focus on management in 2003. He was player-manager at Mansfield and has since gone onto take charge of Chester City, Torquay United, Notts County and now the Cumbrians.

PREVIOUS FORM The Cumbrians have only been defeated once in their last ten outings ahead of their trip to Morecambe this afternoon. Four of those have ended in draws though, with Carlisle only netting once in their last three games. Of their 42 Sky Bet League Two games this campaign, they have won 16 times.

KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU The Cumbrians' hopes of a place at Wembley last season were ruined by then Exeter right-back Jack Stacey, who now plays for the Hatters. He also enjoyed a loan spell at Brunton Park back in 2016, where he netted twice in nine appearances. Former Town forward Jack Marriot includes the Cumbrians as one of his former clubs, having made five appearances on loan from Ipswich. Currently on loan at Bradford City from Newcastle United, Alex Gilliead played 21 times for the Hatters in the first half of last season scoring twice. In the 2016/17 campaign he was an important figure at Brunton Park, as he made 41 appearances for Curle's team, netting five times.

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Anthony has been a fan since the mid 1980s – his earliest memory is the Hatters putting the seven past Shilton. His first game at Kenilworth Road was against Man Utd in April 1992 – making his first game almost 26 years to the day. Since then he's experienced the highs and lows that come with being a Luton fan! Usually seated in the Oak Road Stand, he's enjoying the day with some fellow Luton fans.



TODAY'S MASCOTS:



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KEYNES | HOBBIES: PLAYING
FOOTBALL FOR NEWPORT PAGNELL
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FAVOURITE PLAYER: DANNY HYLTON
WHO DO YOU ATTEND GAMES WITH:
DAD



OSCAR ROSE
AGE: 9 | SCHOOL: HAYWOOD GROVE,
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FOOTBALL & XBOX. I'VE BEEN TO
37 EFL STADIUMS PLUS OTHERS
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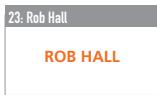
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PLAYING AND WATCHING FOOTBALL
FAVOURITE PLAYER: ALAN SHEEHAN
WHO DO YOU ATTEND GAMES WITH:
MUM, DAD AND BROTHER NIAIL



RYAN MACBETH
AGE: 9 | SCHOOL: WIGMORE
PRIMARY | HOBBIES: FOOTBALL
RYAN GOES TO ALL HOME MATCHES
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[TOWN v CREWE ALEXANDRA | SATURDAY 14TH APRIL 2018] 21



WELCOME CREWE ALEXANDRA

The Hatters would like to extend a warm welcome to the travelling staff, players and supporters of today's visitors, Crewe Alexandra.

Crewe have the joint fewest draws in the division – five, alongside Accrington – so we can almost certainly expect one of the sides to leave Kenilworth Road with three points this afternoon.

The Railwaymen had a large sticky patch through the middle of the campaign after a decent start, but look as if they're finishing with a flourish, having picked up three wins from their last five. That includes last Saturday's 4-3 win at Mansfield Town, where they were 4-1 up at half-time.

A blend of youth products and experienced pros, Crewe have a decent mix throughout the team. The side that beat the Stags last weekend saw seven academy graduates turn out for the Railwaymen – including on-loan forward Shaun Miller, who has returned to the club where he started, joining from Carlisle United in January.

There is a spine of old heads though, with Michael Raynes at centre-back, Paul Green in the middle of the park and Chris Porter up top. The three combined have over 1,500 games under their belt, with Porter on 150 career goals.

Alex boss David Artell captained the Railwaymen to League Two promotion during his playing days, which also included stints with the likes of Mansfield Town, Chester City and

Morecambe. The 37-year-old also made seven international appearances for Gibraltar, playing in their first-ever match – a 4-1 defeat to the Faroe Islands. For a defender, he was also fairly busy up the other end of the pitch, netting 44 times in a career in which he made over 500 appearances.

Artell took over at Crewe in January 2017, with the Alex sitting in 18th after Steve Davis' departure. His first game in charge was against the Hatters, with Nathan Jones' team winning that affair at Gresty Road – Town managing to run out 2-1 victors after Alan Sheehan had been sent off just after half-time.

This campaign marks the Alex's second season back in the fourth tier following relegation from League One after a four-season stay. The Railwaymen have been in the Championship as recently as 2006, goals from academy graduate Dean Ashton keeping them there for three seasons.

Our most recent meeting was similar to last year's outing at the Alex, when again the Hatters ran out 2-1 winners, this time Danny Hylton and Luke Berry getting on the scoresheet for the Town, whilst Johnny Mullins scored an own goal for Crewe's late consolation.

HATTERS V CREWE

LUTON WINS: 12 | DRAWS: 4 | MANSFIELD WINS: 9

LAST MEETING:

CREWE 1-2 LUTON 25TH NOVEMBER 2017

THE MAIN MEN

IN BETWEEN THE STICKS

BEN GARRATT



One of many academy graduates to regularly feature for Crewe this season, Garratt made his debut for

the Railwaymen in 2013 at the age of 18, keeping a clean sheet in a 2-0 win against Walsall. He has gone onto make over 190 appearances for them, as well as enjoying a brief loan spell at Stafford Rangers. The 23-year-old won caps for England at Under-17, 18 and 19 level, picking up the Alex's Breakthrough Player of the Year in 2014.

THE WALL

EDDIE NOLAN



The 29-year-old joined the Alex at the beginning of the campaign, following his release by Blackpool. Having played for the likes of

Preston North End, Scunthorpe United and York City, he has plied his trade across the EFL. Whilst with the Lilywhites in 2009, he made three international appearances for the Republic of Ireland, having previously played for their Under-21 side. Having made 30 appearances this campaign, he triggered a year's extension to his previous 12-month deal.

THE MAN IN THE MIDDLE

JAMES JONES

Another off the academy graduate production line, Jones has made over 100 appearances for the Alex. A Scotland



international at Under-19 and Under-21 level, the 22-year-old made his debut for the Railwaymen in a 1-1 draw at Crawley in November 2014. His first goal for the Alex followed a few months later, netting in a 3-2 win against Colchester United. He has become a fairly prolific goalscoring midfielder, having scored ten times last season, as well as getting one last Saturday in the 4-3 win over Mansfield.

THE DANGERMAN

JORDAN BOWERY

The 26-year-old began his career with Chesterfield, making 101 appearances for them before signing for



then-Premier League Aston Villa. Two seasons at Villa Park followed as well as a loan spell at Doncaster Rovers, before he became Rotherham United's record signing in 2014. He departed in 2016 for Oxford United, signing on a short-term deal, helping them to promotion from League Two. He joined Crewe initially in January 2017, turning the move permanent in the summer.

GOALKEEPER

DAVE RICHARDS

AGE: 24

PREVIOUS CLUB: BRISTOL CITY

DEFENDERS

PERRY NG

AGE: 21

PREVIOUS CLUB: CREWE ACADEMY GRADUATE

ZOUMANA BAKAYOGO

AGE: 32

PREVIOUS CLUB: LEICESTER CITY

GEORGE RAY

AGE: 24

PREVIOUS CLUB: CREWE ACADEMY GRADUATE

MICHAEL RAYNES

AGE: 30

PREVIOUS CLUB: CARLISLE UNITED

MIDFIELDERS

BRAD WALKER

AGE: 22

PREVIOUS CLUB: HARTLEPOOL UNITED

CALLUM AINLEY

AGE: 20

PREVIOUS CLUB: CREWE ACADEMY GRADUATE

RYAN WINTLE

AGE: 20

PREVIOUS CLUB: ALSAGER TOWN

TOMMY LOWERY

AGE: 20

PREVIOUS CLUB: CREWE ACADEMY GRADUATE

CHRIS PORTER

AGE: 34

PREVIOUS CLUB: COLCHESTER UNITED

CHRIS DAGNALL

AGE: 31

PREVIOUS CLUB: HIBERNIAN

SHAWN MILLER

AGE: 30

PREVIOUS CLUB: ON LOAN FROM CARLISLE

THE VIEW FROM THE OAK ROAD



PETE LEYDON, a Crewe Alexandra supporter of 36 years, gives us his thoughts on his team's 2017-18 Sky Bet League Two campaign and what lies in store this afternoon on their visit to Kenilworth Road, as well as his top XI players to ever pull on a shirt for the Railwaymen...

GENERAL ENQUIRIES:

After relegation from League One back in 2016, the Railwaymen have been fighting at the wrong end of the table both this season and last. Was that expected by Crewe supporters? Or is there hope you can push for a place back towards the top of the fourth tier next season?

There was hope, rather than expectation, that this season would be better than last. However, like last season, our defensive frailties and lack of backbone have been far too obvious in too many games and it has cost us. Too many games lost from winning positions because we don't show the fight to see games out. Next season, if we can build on the current squad rather than lose best players, we could be an outside bet for play-offs.

David Artell took over from Steve Davis last season, guiding the Alex away from the relegation zone and seeing them fare slightly better this campaign. What do supporters make of him?

He shows passion, his heart is in right place, and fans like that. What frustrates supporters is too many of his players don't display that sort of character on the pitch when the going gets tough. It's also irritating that given Artell played his career as a tough centre back, why he can't get the defensive unit right. We're still leaking far too many soft goals and making defensive blunders.

We've seen flashes of brilliance from your side throughout this campaign, beating Chesterfield 5-1 and Lincoln 4-1, why haven't they been able to do that on a regular basis?

And again last Saturday going 4-1 up away at Mansfield! As an attacking unit, we can be devastating. The Crewe way – pass and move – works when conditions are right and players are switched on. It doesn't work so well on bobbly pitches and when teams press high. That's when we struggle to turn to a plan B, and often get rolled over!

Which of your signings this season have you been most impressed by?

Although only on loan from Aston Villa, I like the look of Harry McKirdy. He's sharp, good finisher, and plays with a real desire to close down and fight for the cause. At the back, Eddie Nolan has done well. He had a shaky start, looked off the pace in the first game at home to Mansfield Town, but since then has shown he is a class act, composed, quick and experienced. And although he has his critics, Jordan Bowery has also played well and is on a good scoring streak – hopefully he can continue against Luton!

Out of the players you had last season who went onto leave, who do you wish you could bring back into the team?

We had Callum Cooke on loan last season from Middlesbrough. He was a good attacking midfielder, strong, good eye for a pass. I was hoping Crewe could sign him last summer but he went elsewhere to Blackpool in League One. It showed he had ability to play a league higher. We also sold George Cooper in January window this season to Peterborough. On his day, Cooper could open up many defences and had quality dead-ball delivery.

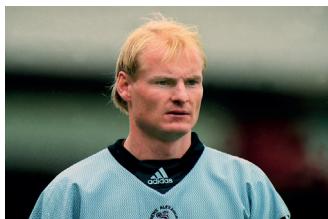
How can Town supporters expect your side to play this afternoon – open and attacking? Direct football? Or neither?

Counter-attacking like at Lincoln and Mansfield. We can only win by scoring more as we always let goals in! But we are quick on the counter, ball played on the deck, full-backs supporting quickly. We can cause problems, but we'll leave ourselves exposed when we commit too many on the counter.

MK ALL-TIME CREWE XI...

THIS IS SO DIFFICULT...

GK: JASON KEARTON



Was brilliant during our glory 'Championship' years in late 90s

RB: ROB JONES

Went on to Liverpool (and England). Lightning quick, great in defence and attack

CB: DAVE WALTON

Mr Reliable during our Championship years, solid and committed. What we are missing now

CB: PETER BILLING

Big, tough physical player never intimidated by a big striker. He played in the 1980s, a bit of a cult hero when I watched the Alex as a teenager.

LB: SHAUN SMITH

Once scored from the halfway line and netted a Wembley play-off winner in 1997. Cultured left-foot, more than 400 appearances

RM: DANNY MURPHY

Exceptional talent, helped Crewe reach highest ever tier with 1997 play-off win

CM: DAVID PLATT

Probably the first big star from Gradi's new 'academy' regime. England

captain. Often played as striker in late 80s, but better as a midfielder

CM: NEIL LENNON

Tiger in the tackle, astute passer, made the midfield tick, key in a team which won play-off finals and promotions in the 90s

LM: CRAIG HIGNETT

Attacking midfielder, versatile, another cult hero – could play out and out striker, or all midfield positions. Even played right back once!

ST: DEAN ASHTON

74 goals in 177 appearances – top quality, scored all types, Shearer-like, would have been star England striker but for terrible injuries

ST: NICK POWELL

One of most naturally gifted talents, never forget the Wembley strike v Cheltenham in 2012, one of the best ever goals

*Missing Stan Bowles, Rob Hulse, Geoff Thomas, Tony Naylor, Ashley Westwood and many more...

QUICKFIRE:

Terrace or Seats?

Terrace

Who are your rivals?

Port Vale

Favourite all-time manager?

Dario Gradi

Predict your player of the season?

Eddie Nolan

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

Dean Ashton or Nick Powell – can't decide!

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

Robbie Savage, Neil Lennon, Bruce Grobelaar, Dean Ashton and Nick Powell!

Most treasured piece of Crewe memorabilia?

Wembley flag 1993 – we lost in play-offs to York, but great day out

What league will the Railways be in next season?

League Two

Who will win Sky Bet League Two this season?

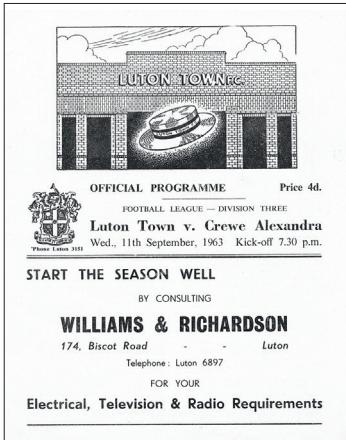
Accrington Stanley



Nick Powell

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ROGER WASH
PICKS OUT EIGHT
PROGRAMME COVERS
FROM PAST GAMES
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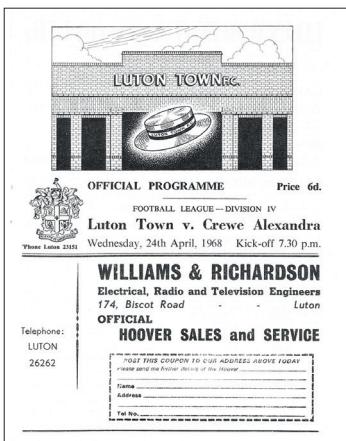
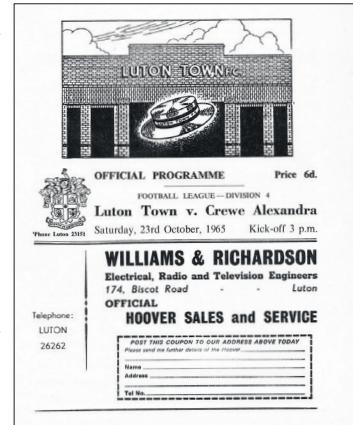


◀ SEPTEMBER 1963

The first League meeting between the two sides at Kenilworth Road ends in a 3-3 draw. In the first home game since the departure of iconic striker Ron Davies to Norwich, it is left to veteran Gordon Turner to bag two goals. Frank Lord nets all three for Crewe in this Division Three (now League One) clash.

► OCTOBER 1965

With both clubs now in Division Four (now League Two), the Town maintain their high scoring home record with a 4-0 victory over the Railwaymen. John O'Rourke is the new goal hero with a hat-trick, but the crowd is mesmerised by winger Graham French making his home debut.



◀ APRIL 1968

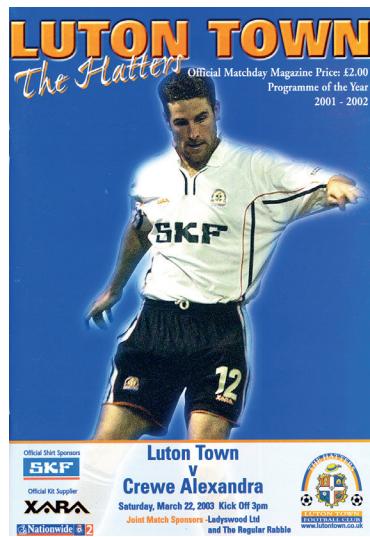
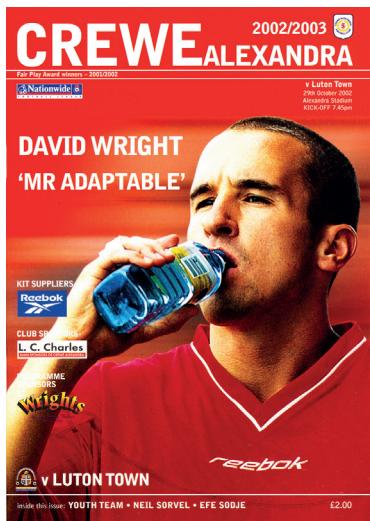
On a night of high emotion, a crowd of 18,904 witnesses the clinching of the Division Four title with a 4-0 win over second placed Crewe. All the goals come in the first half with John Moore, Alan Slough and a brace from Bruce Rioch settling the nerves.

► DECEMBER 1996

The Town push up to third spot in Division Two (now League One) with a comprehensive 6-0 home victory. Tony Thorpe nets three against a side who finish the game with nine men following the dismissals of Shaun Smith and Ashley Westwood.



[ROGER WASH]

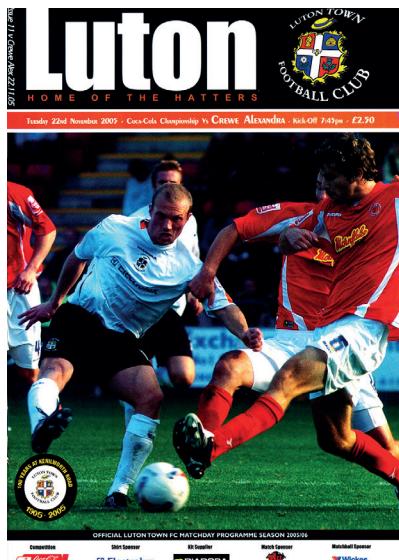


▲ OCTOBER 2002

The Hatters win at Gresty Road for the first time at the seventh attempt when Sol Davis sets up Steve Howard for a late winner.

▼ NOVEMBER 2005

After four straight defeats the Hatters win this Championship contest 4-1 on a foggy night. Rowan Vine scores twice against a side who have Stephen Foster sent off.

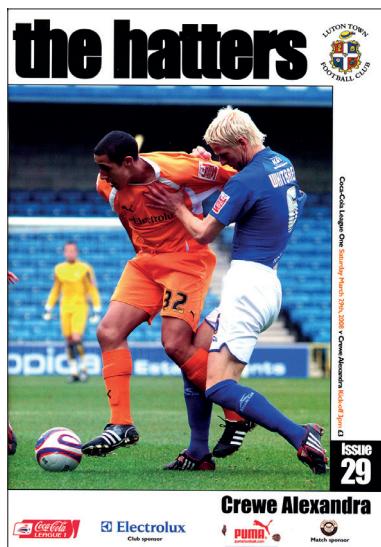


▲ MARCH 2003

Teenage Crewe sensation Dean Ashton is unplayable on the day and scores two as Crewe tear the Luton defence apart, winning 4-0. The Town's play-off hopes from Division Two are now all but over.

▼ MARCH 2008

With a ten-point deduction this is a must-win game for the Town against fellow strugglers Crewe. Two goals from Matthew Spring earn a narrow 2-1 victory, but this is to be the last as the Hatters slip out of League One.





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TOM HUNT

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Tom Hunt on 16th February 2018.

Tom was an extremely popular figure at Kenilworth Road over many years and began watching the Town in August 1960 after moving to Luton from Co. Wexford, Ireland as a teenager.

Tom followed the Town home and away and was well known for his meticulous organisation of trains and coaches for large groups of supporters.

Tom is perhaps most well-known to long-standing Hatters as being a key figure in the fans' opposition to the club's proposed move to Milton Keynes in the 1980s.

Very active as the Supporters Club's Communications Officer, Tom was in high demand by regional and national press including an interview by Jeremy Paxman on BBC's Panorama.

Locally, Tom was a driving force behind large public demonstrations including marches from Pope's Meadow and aircraft flying over Kenilworth Road bearing 'NO TO MK'; and was a regular attendee at shareholders' meetings, strongly voicing the opinion of the majority of fans that the club should stay in Luton.

In more recent years, attending matches became difficult due to illness, but ever the stalwart and with help from his wife Denise, daughter Rachel and friends Kathy and Clive, he missed very few games.

Tom will be sorely missed by all his friends and family in Block B and will always be remembered by long standing



Hatters for being key in keeping the club in Bedfordshire; but most of all, Tom will be remembered and cherished as a loving and loyal husband, father and friend.

Supporters who would like to make a donation to Parkinsons UK and/or the Luton Town FC Academy in Tom's memory can do so via www.memorygiving.com/tomhunt

IN MEMORIAM 2018

For the second year, Luton Town Supporters' Trust are again compiling a video in tribute to Hatters supporters, staff and former players who have passed away in the last 12 months.

The video will be shown as part of our Player of the Season Presentation Evening which is being held at Venue 360 on Sunday 22nd April 2018. After which we will upload the video to our YouTube channel.

To view last year's In Memoriam video, search for 'Luton Town Supporters' Trust In Memoriam 2017' on YouTube.

If you have lost a Hatters fan this past year we urge you to contact us with details of name, year of birth, when they

passed, and of course any photos you are willing to share (maybe supporting the Hatters at a game) so that they may be included in the presentation. Please send details to lutontownst@gmail.com.

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MAREK STECH'S TOWN TEAM-MATES

Who do you travel in with?

I travel with Macca, we live down the road from each other. We have a little routine – Monday and Tuesday I will drive and Macca will on Thursday and Friday. The one who doesn't drive gets the coffees in!

Who do you sit next to in the dressing room?

Collo. He is good as gold and really funny. There's always banter.

Who do you room with?

Sheasy. The keepers are together always. We have a little routine as well, I usually have the tea sorted out in the room, so we will just chill with a nice cup of tea and a few biscuits.

Most annoying on away trips?

I have to say Sheasy cheats quite a lot at cards. He's really sneaky and he will look at the other players' cards! It can get a bit annoying after a couple of hours of the journey.

Best trainer?

Olly Lee, he's top class. Everyday he puts the work in, staying out working on his technique.

Worst trainer?

Glen and Gambo. Every time they get together – let's say on the green team – they always lose, so I try and stay away from them.

Strongest in the gym?

Frankie. He's there in the morning, doing his core session and stuff like that. Pelly, when we do heavy weights, is one of the strongest too.

Quickest feet?

Gambo, Luke Berry and Elliot Lee. They're really fast. Lots of stepovers and tricks.

Nutmeg king?

Definitely Olly Lee.

Biggest moaner?

The Essex car school is a joke. Elliot's always moaning about traffic on the M25. Shins as well. The car school has split because they don't have a big car anymore. The Scottish lads travel together, then the young lads – Olly, Elliot, Pottsy and Flynn. There's always something to moan about!

Loudest in the dressing room?

That's me. I always come in with a big smile on my face!

Gaffer's pet?

Hylts and Glen. Both of them. They love him.

Best taste in music?

I quite like Pell's. He normally does the music in the dressing room and on the coach. Sheez as well, he's got good taste, he plays the older stuff, rock and stuff like that.

Best initiation song?

Lloyd sang Chris Brown, he had quite a good voice. He was dancing, going up to people. Normally people just stand on the chair, but he was quite lively.

Worst initiation song?

Flynn was so bad. He started with 50 Cent, then forgot the lyrics. He then went to a completely different song.

Toughest opponent on the pool table?

The top one would be Macca, second would be Sheez and then Collo.

Worst at pool?

I was quite bad at the start. Harry Cornick and Jack Stacey are very up and down.



Best dressed?

Cookie. Macca as well.

Worst dressed?

Jarvo. He needs to give the red trainers a rest. He looks like a Ferrari driver!

Who spends the longest time in front of the mirror?

Pottsy and Harry Cornick, who's got a lovely haircut – Peaky Blinders!

Most intelligent?

Macca. He's quite experienced. Sheez and Scottie as well. When they're talking it makes sense and everyone listens.

Best banter?

Gambo and Glen together, and Pelly as well, dancing in the gym. The stuff they come out with, it's so funny.

Most likely to be a manager?

Sheez and Macca. They've been in the game a long time.

Finally, predict your player of the year?

It'll be between Hylton and Olly Lee. He has been class. He's got some good goals this year. Maybe Collo. I could name three or four more.

COLCHESTER UNITED 2 : TOWN 1



FRIDAY 30TH MARCH | WESTON HOMES COMMUNITY STADIUM | ATTENDANCE: 5,461 | AWAY: 2,002

TOWN GOAL: HYLTON (PEN) 88 | **COLCHESTER GOALS:** EASTMAN 4, PROSSER 15

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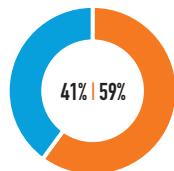
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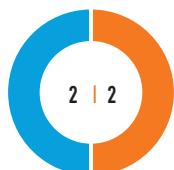
JONES:

"It's a bad injury for Luke and one that will keep him out for a while, we don't know the full extent but it's a sad day really because he's been in great form, he's a great kid and he's a wonderful player for us and our best wishes go out to him."

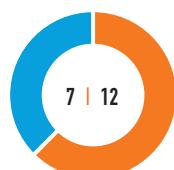
"The best thing we could have done for him was to win the game and that's what we didn't do, we didn't recover from that and uncharacteristically we conceded two from set-plays. They were basic and the lapses of concentration are what cost us in the end."



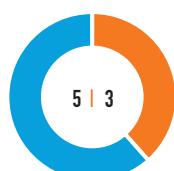
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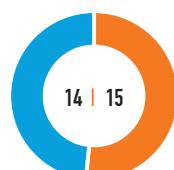
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THE MAIN MINUTES

2' Luke Berry goes to ground to make a challenge and is clearly in a bad way as his foot gets caught in the turf. Referee Trevor Kettle takes the players into the dressing rooms while Luke receives treatment and is carried off on a stretcher to a great ovation from both sets of supporters. Play restarts after being suspended for 12 minutes, and it is later confirmed that the Hatters midfielder has dislocated his left ankle and fractured his fibula.

4' The hosts go a goal up soon after play resumes as a right-wing corner is taken short and centre-half Tom Eastman meets the eventual cross with a firm header from six yards out – CU 1-0 LT

15' It's 2-0 to Colchester...and another goal from a corner, this time the other centre-half, captain Luke Prosser, heading in a left-wing corner from Ben Stevenson at the far post. CU 2-0 LT

42' First real bit of pressure from the Town as Danny Hylton finds the back of the Colchester net, but he's offside, then Olly Lee goes close after smart play from Glen Rea, but his shot from the edge of the box flies wide

51' Olly Lee shoots just wide after a neat one-two with Andrew Shinnie, and just before the hour mark, Hylton glances a header wide from a Sheehan free-kick before seeing a deflected shot go just over after good work from substitute Elliot Lee in getting to the byline

88' **HHHHYLLLLTTOONNN!** The Hatters halve the deficit after Luke Gambin is brought down in the box by U's full-back Ryan Jackson. Danny chips the spot-kick down the middle of the goal to beat Sam Walker! **CU 2-1 LT #COYH**

90+2' Collins races onto a flick-on from captain Scott Cuthbert – playing as an emergency centre-forward – but the striker was denied the chance to shoot as Eastman got back to make a crucial challenge. **FT – CU 2-1 LT**





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BURY PARK COMMUNITY'S SWEET TREAT!

Before the game against Mansfield Town on Easter Monday, members of Bury Park's Muslim Community greeted supporters on their way into Kenilworth Road with free chocolates, as a gesture of friendship and thanks to the club.

Sufian Sadiq was one of the local residents and shopkeepers behind the initiative in which 2,000 Ferrero Rocher gifts were sourced and handed out to fans, with the message: "Come on you Hatters! We are stronger together. From the Bury Park community."

Sufian spoke about the respect and friendship between the local Muslim community and the Club and its supporters.

"It is really about thanking the local community, the supporters of the football club who come into Bury Park on a weekly basis," said Sufian.

"Showing a small act of kindness to the local community, the football club is an integral part of the community. We want to show the fans that we are very grateful that we have that community spirit."

All at Kenilworth Road would like to thank Sufian and his fellow volunteers for such a wonderful gesture. It worked a treat with a superb atmosphere inside the ground during a sweet come-from-behind success over the Stags!



TOWN 2 : MANSFIELD TOWN 1



MONDAY 2ND APRIL | KENILWORTH ROAD | ATTENDANCE: 9,592 | AWAY: 725

TOWN GOALS: COLLINS 61, REA 70 | **MANSFIELD GOAL:** HEMMINGS 34

HATTERS: SHEA, STACEY, CUTHBERT (REA 43), SHEEHAN, POTTS, MCCORMACK, MPANZU, O LEE, E LEE (JUSTIN 83), HYLTON (JERVIS 69), COLLINS. | **SUBS NOT USED:** CORNICK, DOWNES, GAMBIN, STECH (GK)
YELLOW CARDS: SHEEHAN, SHEA.

MANSFIELD: LOGAN, BENNETT, DIAMOND, MACDONALD, MELLIS, ANGOL, ATKINSON (POTTER 71),
WHITE (MILLER 88), HUNT, HAMILTON, HEMMINGS. | **SUBS NOT USED:** DIGBY, PEARCE, ANDERSON,
OLEJNIK, BYROM. | **YELLOW CARDS:** ANGOL, HEMMINGS, MELLIS, WHITE.



THE MAIN MINUTES

33' Chance for the Town, who have been playing some good stuff. Terrific ball from Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu into James Collins, a lay-off to Olly Lee who plays his brother in towards the area, but Stags keeper Conrad Logan races out to smother Elliot's shot.

34' Goal for Mansfield. A long ball forward by Logan, Lee Angol flicks on and Kane Hemmings turns Scott Cuthbert and finishes low past James Shea – **LT 0 MT 1**

53' Unbelievable save by Logan! Elliot Lee strikes a brilliant volley from the edge of the box, latching onto a header clear from the Mansfield defence. It's bound for the top corner but the Stags keeper flies across his six-yard box and pushes it away.

61' THE HATTERS ARE LEVEL!! Brilliant work by Pelly, clearly revelling in his return to the team, taking on four Stags defenders to get to the right byline and cut the ball back for Collins to turn in his 20th of the season from close range. The striker then ran to the home dugout and got Luke Berry's No.18 shirt to hold aloft to the crowd. What a moment! **LT 1 MT 1 #COYH**

65' Now Collins is doing his bit inside his own six-yard box... tackling Angol as he gets on the end of Zander Diamond's knock-down. Certain goal there for Mansfield if our goalscorer hadn't intervened

69' Cynical challenge by Hemmings on Collins as the striker is homing in on the Stags' penalty area. Another yellow card for the visitors with the Hatters in a wonderful position to profit

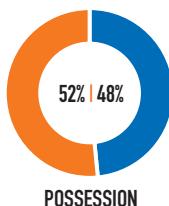
70' REA'S IN THE RIGHT SPOT! Sheehan whips the free-kick over the wall and down again, it bounces in front of Logan who can't hold it, and Glen Rea – on as a sub for the injured Cuthbert – is there to sweep in his first goal of the season from six yards! Get in Glen!!! **LT 2 MT 1 #COYH**



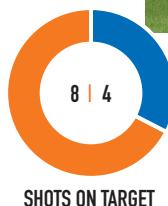
JONES:

"I'm not going to play it down in any way. It was an absolutely massive game and a massive win against quality opposition. We had to show a load of real, real desire to win a football match – and we showed loads of quality as well. I thought they were wonderful from start to finish, but second half we were excellent.

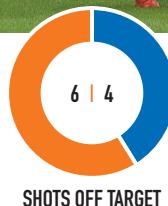
"I'm so proud of them, and so pleased for them as well because they've taken some knocks. They've taken a knock at the weekend with their mate getting injured, and he's a big part of it. They love him here and once again we've shown the character and the quality. All of the characteristics that you need to get promoted, we've shown them today."



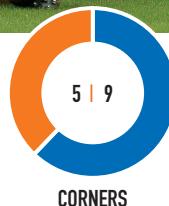
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Victorious Hatters with the trophy

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 HAVE LOOKED 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, Bradford City and Oxford United, the Hatters were finally through to Wembley, where they were to meet Arsenal – but there was a two month gap between the semi-final second leg and the final itself.

Seven league games, a run through to the FA Cup semi-final and the final of the Simod Cup had to be overcome before the big day.

Leading up to the final the Town had several injury problems. Les Sealey was still suffering from a shoulder injury he picked up during a league game against Sheffield Wednesday three weeks before, Mal Donaghy had injured ankle ligaments during the Mercantile Credit Centenary celebration game at Wembley the

previous weekend, and Darren McDonough had hurt himself in training two days before the big clash against Arsenal.

Manager Ray Harford agonised over the fitness of Ricky Hill, who had been out with a broken leg since Christmas, and David Preece, with just one game under his belt since injuring his ankle seven months previously.

In the event Donaghy was declared fit, Hill and Preece were included

and 19-year-old local lad Kingsley Black was preferred to Mark Stein up front.

Mark Stein, after hearing he was to be on the substitutes' bench, stormed out of the team's hotel and it was only the calming influence of older brother Brian that made him return to the fold.

In the Arsenal camp, however, future Hatter Steve Williams completely disappeared on hearing that he would not be playing, much to the

disgust of Gunners manager George Graham.

Over 35,000 Luton supporters swelled the crowd to a virtual capacity 95,732 at Wembley in the last season of total standing behind both goals at the magical, but decrepit stadium.

The experienced Town side had the better of the first half and took an interval lead through Brian Stein's cool shot from Steve Foster's clever through pass.

Soon after the break Stein was thwarted by a flying save from Arsenal goalkeeper John Lukic, with the Gunners taking heart from this and netting twice in three minutes through Martin Hayes and Alan Smith.

When Arsenal gained a soft penalty after a spell of dominance, the Luton supporters thought the game was over.

Andy Dibble, standing in for Sealey in the Luton goal, had other

ideas, however. He had kept the Gunners forwards out with series of breathtaking saves, and performed another miracle when he pushed Nigel Winterburn's spot-kick around the post.

It was now the Town's turn to gain a second wind and after an error by Arsenal's Gus Caesar, a move eventually ended with Danny Wilson stooping to head the equaliser.

Then, in true 'Roy of the Rovers' style, Brian Stein crashed home the winner in the final seconds to cap a terrific performance. The Town had won a cup after 103 years of trying.

This was a reward for the 1960s crash through the divisions, virtual bankruptcy in the 1970s and the special qualities needed to admit to being a Town fan when the club was regarded as a pariah in the 1980s.

The celebrations were loud and long. From the pitch at the end of the game, through to the post-match dinner at the Savoy and the

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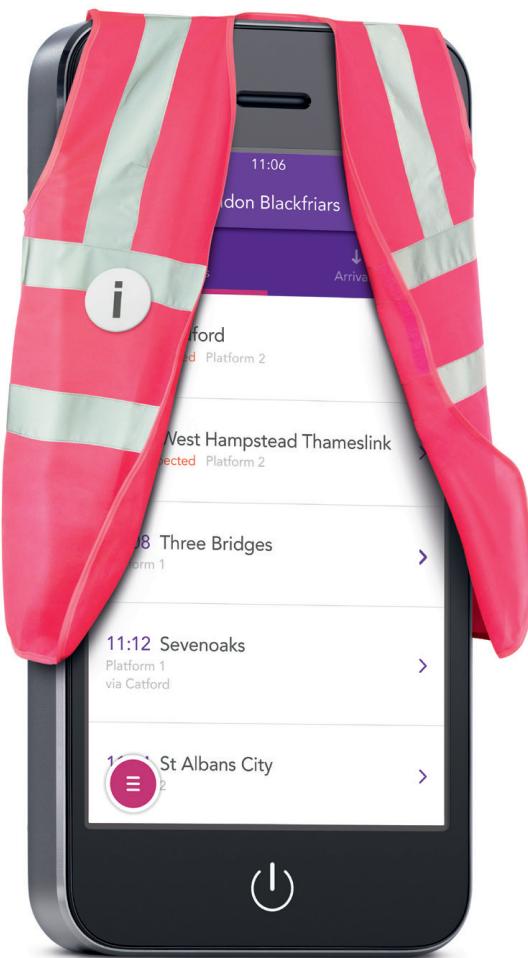
victorious parading of the trophy on an open top bus the following day, everyone present has a tale to tell of a momentous 24 hours.

Pity the poor cup though. The silverware had started life in 1895 as the Viscountess Furness Trophy and was played for by shipyard workers in Middlesbrough.

Having been carefully looked after for almost a century it ended up in two pieces after the Town players took charge of it in 1988. "A stress fracture" was all that could be squeezed out of the tight-lipped Luton party!

Brian Stein nets the winner in the final minute





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Relive the excitement and drama of our famous win over Arsenal in the 1988 Littlewoods Cup final that you've just read about on the centre spread!

This special showcase at Wardown House Museum features original memorabilia, news clippings and artefacts co-curated by Club Historian Roger Wash, in partnership with Luton Culture's Museum Makers, to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the win.

It was a day that will live long in the memory of Luton Town supporters, and for those who were too young to remember it, or who were not yet born, it's still a legendary moment in time. That day was the 24th April 1988 – and the moment – The Littlewoods Cup Final at Wembley.

The celebration showcases the original Littlewoods Cup trophy and video footage from the match is also being shown to help relive the excitement and atmosphere.

You can get involved during the event too by sharing your memories and photographs of the day via our Facebook event page, so get involved and add your story to help bring the celebrations alive. You can get involved on Twitter



too – just remember to tag us in @LutonTown using the hashtag #celebrate88.

The event is completely FREE to attend and runs from Friday 6th April to Friday 4th May, with the Museum open for visitors 7 days a week from 10am - 5pm. Don't miss it!

BOWEL CANCER: DO YOU KNOW THE SCORE?

April is Bowel Cancer Awareness Month and players and managers are supporting the eighth annual Know the Score campaign.

Bowel cancer is the UK's fourth most common cancer, with over 41,200 new cases each year. It's also the second biggest cancer killer. Every 90 minutes three people die of the disease. That's 44 people each day – the equivalent to four football teams – but it needn't be that way. Bowel cancer is treatable and curable especially if diagnosed early. Over 95% of bowel cancer patients will survive the disease for five years or more if diagnosed at the earliest stage.

Symptoms of bowel cancer can include:

- Bleeding for your bottom and/or blood in your poo
- A change in bowel habit lasting three weeks or more
- Extreme tiredness for no obvious reason
- A pain or lump in your tummy
- Unexplained weight loss

Most people with these symptoms won't have bowel cancer, but if you have one or more of these, or if things just don't feel right, visit your doctor.



You're not wasting anyone's time by getting it checked out. If it's not serious, your mind will be eased, and if it is bowel cancer, the earlier you are diagnosed, the better the chance of successful treatment and cure. A trip to your doctor could save your life.

Throughout football 'Star of Hope' badges are being worn during the campaign, which is supported by the Professional Footballers' Association, League Managers Association, Men's Health Forum, The Bobby Moore Fund, Adam Stansfield Foundation, Beating Bowel Cancer, Bowel Cancer UK and Know the Score's founding charity, the Mr Brightside Project

To find out more visit www.knowthescore.org.uk or follow @KnowTheScoreUK on Twitter.

YEOVIL TOWN 0 : TOWN 3



SATURDAY 7TH APRIL | HUISH PARK | ATTENDANCE: 4,316 | AWAY: 1,126

TOWN GOALS: E LEE 4, HYLTON (PEN) 20, 40

HATTERS: SHEA, STACEY, REA, SHEEHAN ©, POTTS, MCCORMACK (DOWNES 77), MPANZU, O LEE, E LEE (GAMBIN 89), COLLINS, HYLTON (JERVIS 45). | **SUBS NOT USED:** JUSTIN, MULLINS, CORNICK, STECH (GK)
YELLOW CARDS: HYLTON, STACEY, MCCORMACK

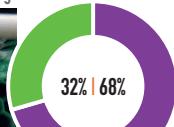
YEOVIL: NELSON, BIRD, WING, BROWNE (MUGABI 21), DICKSON, ZOKO ©, GREEN (GOBERN 71), SOWUNMI, FISHER (SURRIDGE 55), JAMES, DONNELLAN. | **SUBS NOT USED:** KHAN, MADDISON (GK), BARNES, SANTOS D'ABADIA | **RED CARDS:** DICKSON, ZOKO



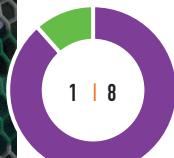
JONES:

"I am delighted. They had a wonderful result last week, so we knew it would be difficult. We've talked about our starts where we've conceded away from home early, but we were the ones who have got off to a flying start. You could see it in them, they were really at it."

"From start to finish we were thoroughly professional in everything we did. I know some people will be disappointed we didn't go onto score loads more goals, but it wasn't about that. It was about getting over the line and that was thoroughly professional."



POSSESSION



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THE MAIN MINUTES

4' **Town have an early lead!** Danny Hylton flicks Dan Potts' ball down the left for Elliot Lee, who has plenty of space to run in to, which he does before opening his body up and curling past home keeper Stuart Nelson from ten yards! Great start! **YT 0-1 LT** #COYH

12' Brilliant spell of pressure there, Town lose it but regain it, Elliot Lee sees his effort from the edge of the box well saved by Nelson, centre-half Shaun Donnellan goes to clear but whacks the ball straight against Omar Sowunmi and it goes to Hylton, whose first time effort is saved!

14' Town win a corner, McCormack half volleys the cross back into the box, Elliot Lee nods it towards goal but Sowunmi heads it over from close range for another corner!

20' **RED CARD NO.1 FOR YEOVIL & GOAL NO.2 FOR TOWN!** Ryan Dickson gets a straight red for dragging Hylton to the floor as he prepared to pounce on a loose ball in the box after Olly Lee's shot is parried by Nelson. Hylton steps up and slams his 20th goal of the season inside the post! **YT 0-2 LT** #COYH

31' **RED CARD NO.2 FOR THE HOSTS!** With referee Brendan Malone speaking to Hylton after a foul on Sowunmi, the linesman alerts the official to an off-the-ball incident with Francois Zoko and Alan McCormack. Zoko is shown a straight red and Yeovil are down to nine men with an hour to play.

40' **HYLTON MAKES IT 3-0...**and then gets booked for his celebration! Collins crosses in from the left, Hylton's effort from close range hits the post, but it comes straight back to him and he makes no mistake, firing it past Nelson! With the game as good as won, the striker is soon subbed for Jake Jervis to prevent any further cards – **YT 0-3 LT** #COYH

75' The Hatters are bossing possession, without creating any more clear-cut chances other than a Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu half-volley that flew just over the bar, when James Shea has to make a terrific save from Lewis Wing to ensure a 17th league clean sheet of the season! **FT – YT 0 LT 3**



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ELLIOT'S GOLDEN TOUCH TAKES TOWN TRIO TO 50!

While the Commonwealth Games were taking place on the Gold Coast Down Under, Elliot Lee was quickly out of the blocks to provide the golden touch that took the Hatters' front three to the half-century of goals for the season down in Somerset last Saturday.

The younger Lee brother started a second successive game at the tip of the diamond behind James Collins and Danny Hylton at Yeovil, and opened the scoring with his 11th goal of the campaign in the fourth minute.

That was the trio's 50th goal between them, with Hylton then knocking in a double before half-time – following up his assist for Lee's cool finish – to take him one ahead of 20-goal Collins.

Elliot said: "The lads are happy all-round. It was a bit of a different game with the two sendings off, but we did what we set out to do.

"We wanted to start well because we've conceded early in our last few away games and I think we did that with my goal, luckily going through onto Hylts' flick-on. It got us off to a great start and we were happy with a professional performance in the end.

"As a striker it's about being composed, and I think finishing is a strong part of my game so I was always confident that I was going to score. It was a great flick from Hylts and I was happy to put it away.

"I quite enjoy the role at the tip of the diamond. You get on the ball a fair bit more than you do as a striker, you just don't get as many chances.

"I'm happy to play off Collo and Hylts. I'm happy to play anywhere as long



as I'm in the team, and I like to think that if I'm in the team I'll score goals wherever I play, and I've done that today.

"Credit to the gaffer for getting all three of us in the same team. It's proving to pay off. If you get all three of us in there, there's 50-odd goals this season and not many defences can handle that."

Elliot had plenty of praise for Hylton, whose first goal came from a penalty slammed into the top corner, and also for midfielder Alan McCormack for the impact the 34-year-old has had on the team in the three straight wins he's been involved in since returning from six months out with injury.

"Credit to Hylts, he's very good from the penalty spot," said the 23-year-old. "He dinked his last one and now he's put that one in the top corner, so credit to him – he puts the work in and he gets his goals."

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He added: "It's great to have Macca's experience in there – he drives us on and makes us do everything right. He's like that every day in training.

"He's had his injury problems this year but he always come in with a smile on his face and he's always motivating everyone else and encouraging everyone. We have missed him and his return's been a real big boost for us."

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

“ Yeovil is always one of my favourite away trips, so it is a shame this will be our last game there for a while. Apart from the rubbernecks at Stonehenge I always enjoy everything about the day. As a cider drinker it is the perfect place for a pre-match pint or three, and more importantly the Town have a good recent record at Huish Park.

That record continued as the Town eased to victory off the back of a tremendous first half where we outclassed Yeovil, who contributed to their own downfall. It all started after three minutes when Danny Hylton flicked on a Dan Potts pass into the path of Elliot Lee. Lee sped into the box

and curled beyond the keeper.

It became the Hylton show after that. He doubled our lead on 20 minutes. An Olly Lee curler from the edge of the box was well saved, but Hylton was set to follow it in only to be hauled back. That led to a penalty and a red card for the Yeovil man. Hylts stepped up and smashed the penalty into the top corner.

Any chance of a Yeovil comeback, which in truth there was no sign of anyway, ended when Zoko was sent off for punching Alan McCormack and the match was put to bed five minutes before the break when Hylton hit a shot against the post and lifted the rebound over the keeper.

3-0 at half time and the game was won. The second half was a masterclass in seeing out the match with the Town keeping possession and knocking the ball around at will, and Yeovil seemingly content to avoid the sort of cricket score they were hit for on the opening day.

Good company, good weather and good football all made for the perfect away day. The roads home were very kind so we were back just after 8.30pm in time for the golf that evening!

More importantly it takes us another win closer to promotion which could well be secured the next time we are on the road! ”

...AND HIS INTERVIEW WITH FELLOW TRAVELLING TOWN FAN GAVIN O'BRIEN

How long have you been a Luton fan?

My first game was in the 1995/96 season.

What got you into supporting the Town?

I got two tickets from Town keeper at the time, Ian Feuer, at an indoor community day. I went and haven't looked back since!

Where do you sit at home games?

Kenilworth Road end

Who do you go to matches with?

I go with my dad Terry and some friends

Who is your all-time favourite Luton player?

Kevin Nicholls

And your favourite manager?

Joe Kinnear

What is your favourite Luton memory?

One that stands out is that last minute winner from Marvin Johnson against Ipswich in the League Cup in 1998.

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

Everyone tells me how good Ricky Hill was, so I would go for him.

If you could invite five LTFC related people to a dinner party who would you choose?

Mick Harford, Chris Coyne, Ratz Fetz, Ahmet Brkovic and Kelvin Davis



Who is your player of the season?

Alan Sheehan. He has been the most consistent player.

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PART TWENTY TWO

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...

After the glorious night of 24th April when Crewe were soundly beaten 4-0 by the Town to clinch the championship of Division Four, there was the matter of three games still to play, two of which would be against sides hoping to claim a promotion spot.

The Hatters were on 64 points and were looking to beat the 66 set by Peterborough in 1961, as well as extend the long unbeaten run until the end of the campaign.

Three days after the Crewe clash came a home fixture with Bradford City, who were desperate for the points to maintain fourth place. The Bantams had deservedly beaten the Town 2-0 at Valley Parade the previous December, so revenge was in the air.

A crowd of 14,147, the best on a Saturday so far that season, gathered in a carnival atmosphere to see an unchanged Hatters side gift the opposition a goal after only 12 minutes.

The normally reliable Alan Slough, with plenty of time to clear the ball, spooned his clearance into the air, then tried

to head the ball back to unprepared goalkeeper Tony Read. City forward Bobby Ham took advantage of the indecision and nipped in to score.

The Town battled away for an equaliser for the remainder of the half but were rather lethargic, and the defence was not its usual confident self. Obviously too much champagne had been drunk three days before!

The Hatters no doubt received a rocket at half-time from manager Allan Brown and started the second period more brightly, leading to an equaliser on the hour. A Slough shot was handled in the area by City's Barry Swallow with the reliable Ray Whittaker netting from the spot.

Rather than go on and take the game by the scruff of the neck, the Town lapsed into lethargy again leading to another defensive howler. Swallow put over a soft, speculative centre which was completely miskicked by skipper Terry Branston, with the ball trickling over the line past a possibly unsighted Read.



[ROGER WASH]

TOWN WERE FAR BELOW THEIR BEST

LUTON TOWN 1, BRADFORD CITY 3

MAYBE as a reaction after fulfilling all their ambitions for the season, the Town lost two records this afternoon.

They failed at home for the first time this season at the 22nd hurdle, and their defeat by Bradford City was first in 20 matches, the last being at Hartlepools on January 13.

Neither records should have been surrendered, because I have never seen so many tidy goals in one game. Both those that really counted for the City were in the nature of gifts, and the others, one for each side, came from penalties.

The first Bradford goal was the result of a bad misunderstanding between Slough and Read.

The former was blameworthy to some extent, but I still feel that there should have been a much quicker reaction by Read, who seemed slow to sense exactly what was going on.

The City could never be said to have a grip on this game, urgent though their need for the points was, but the Town were far below their best in the first half, and such chances as came their way were missed.

There was a hint of better things to come at the start of the second half, when it seemed as if the Town had shaken off their early lethargy, and they should have been level before Whittaker scored from the penalty spot. It must be said, however, that they had a certain amount of bad luck in front of goal.

For all that, a point seemed to be the least reward the Town would get until the 73rd minute, when there came another goal that can best be described as a freak. It was the product of a misunderstanding between Branston and Read.

That the City scored a third from a twice-taken penalty three minutes from the end, about which there was some argument, was really neither here nor there, because by then the Town had largely shot their bolt.

To say this was a disappointment for another big crowd — 14,147 — a new "high" for a Saturday this season, is putting it mildly.

Obviously, the fans were here to see a continuation of Wednesday's brilliant form, but it did not work out that way.

Instead of the confidence they exuded in mid-week the Town seemed hesitant and ill at ease, possibly because the tension was off and this was really anti-climax.

At all events, I have never seen the defence quite afternoon.

was rife, as could be seen from and the covering, too, was well

ed to be affected by the general

Read will not remember this

Not were the forwards in anything like their best form, although Rioch, watched by two First Division clubs occasionally flashed into the picture.

Allen missed a couple of good chances, was unlucky on two more occasions, but Buxton was largely shut out. French was seldom brought into it in the second half, when Whittaker, who had more of the ball, generally made inaccurate use of it.

It was all very disappointing, and the only redeeming feature is that the points did not really matter, except in fulfilment of the Town's ambition to set up a new Fourth Division record.

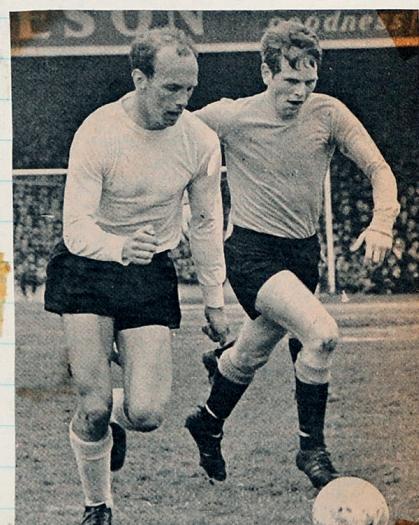
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MISUNDERSTANDING LEADS TO A GOAL



This is how Alan Slough ended up after a determined tackle from a City defender

POST 29-4-68



Ian Buxton in a race with a City defender



And this was how it started — Slough already on the way down

POST 29-4-68
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BUXTON
SHUT OUT



OUCH! Luton centre forward Keith Allen finds the marking a bit too close for comfort.



Bruce Rioch and Keith Allen put in a strong challenge





Ian Buxton (left) playing his last game of the season before his summer game of Derbyshire cricket took over, watches the Bradford City defence clear the ball



Although the Town tried to fight back, with Whittaker hitting the bar, the defence was undone again with three minutes to go when Max Dougan fouled Bruce Walker in the area.

Up stepped City's Charlie Rackstraw, who had netted 39 penalties in his career without missing any, and after a long run up saw his effort saved by Read. The referee ordered a re-take though as he ruled Read had moved off his line before the kick was taken. This time, from an even longer run-up, Rackstraw made no mistake.

The proud unbeaten home record had now gone but at least we could all look at the colour team photo of the Hatters featured in the Football League Review, which was wrapped around the programme!

The penultimate game of the season came at Crewe the following Saturday where a crowd of 8,634, including over 1,000 from Luton, gathered. Crewe needed to win to seal a top four spot and were on £300 per man 'promotion bonus' as an incentive.

In a nice touch the home side lined up to clap the Town players on to the pitch, but then started the game with purpose and had the Luton defence on the back foot from early on.

Making full use of their wingers, Crewe attacked with a will as you would expect them to, given the prize at stake, and it came as a surprise that it took until 40 minutes for them to take the lead when Gary Talbot headed home from a free-kick.

Completely against the run of play the Hatters levelled the score two minutes later with a typical Bruce Rioch goal. Surging on to a Whittaker pass, he ran through the Crewe defence and smacked a rising shot past Willie Mailey in the Crewe goal.

The second half was only three minutes old when skipper Terry Branston crashed into the hoardings trying to make a tackle. After a long stoppage he limped back on the pitch, but his effectiveness was obviously reduced.

His leadership qualities were needed, however, so he was not substituted until eight minutes from time, by which time the game was over as Crewe had scored what was to be the winner when Kevin McHale was left in acres of space to head in a cross from Talbot.

The scenes at the end were reminiscent to those at Kenilworth Road ten days before, and the Town could not begrudge Crewe the victory. We just slunk off home disappointed that we could no longer beat the points record.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY ED!

Ed Hall is celebrating his 13th birthday at the game today.

Ed has been a season ticket holder for many years and his first match was the JPT Final at Wembley in 2009. He attends matches with his grandfather, dad and uncle and his Luton highlights include scoring a hat-trick on the hallowed turf in last year's Hatters Cup whilst playing for his Woburn team.



His favourite players are Danny Hylton and Luke Berry, and he followed in their golden bootsteps by winning the Diamond Penalty shoot-out last year.

Enjoy your day Ed!



ANDY AWFORD'S ACADEMY UPDATE

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to today's game versus Crewe Alexandra.

U18S

Congratulations to the youth team on reaching the EFL Youth Alliance National Cup Final. In getting there we had to come back from being 2-0 down in the Southern Area Final away at Oxford United, and therefore the players deserve enormous credit for the display in which they showed great courage and commitment.

We dominated the game and should have been in front at the interval, however some good goalkeeping and sloppy finishing saw us not take full advantage of our possession. We paid the price after the break and found ourselves 2-0 down on the hour mark.

Thankfully, goals from Josh Neufville and Joe Mead restored parity and the tie went straight to penalties, which we subsequently won to spark mild celebrations from the players and staff.

We will face Wigan Athletic in the National Final after they dispatched Hartlepool United 5-0 in the Northern Area final. The game will be played at Kenilworth Road on Wednesday 2nd May, with a 7pm kick-off.

The Youth team have also had three league fixtures in the last week. We drew 3-3 down at AFC Bournemouth in an entertaining game with goals from Scott Belgrave, Arthur Read and Drew Richardson earning us a well-deserved point.

That was followed by an emphatic 4-1 victory away at Southend United. The first half performance was excellent and we deserved far more than the 2-0 half-time scoreline. A thoroughly professional performance saw us see the game out comfortably.

Up next were Oxford United at Ely Way last Tuesday, where we took the decision to treat the game as an U17 fixture and give the younger players an opportunity. The first half saw us dominate and we were quickly 2-0 up with goals from Connor Tomlinson and Josh Boorn. Josh added a third almost immediately after the restart, however credit to Oxford who did not lie down, scoring twice in a five-minute spell to keep the game on a knife edge.

Thankfully, we saw the game out, winning 3-2 and the players getting invaluable experience of game management.

SCHOOLBOY TOURS

Great to see the U15s come back from a recent Easter trip to Milan with the winners' trophy. Also good to see the U10s flying the flag well over in Belgium.

Well done to all the boys, staff and parents who travelled and represented the club with pride. Another great experience for everyone concerned.

Enjoy today's game. COYH!!

Andy

YOUTH TEAM FIXTURES

MERIT LEAGUE 1 FIXTURES:

Sat Feb 17	Swindon Town	H	L 1-3
Sat Feb 24	Exeter City	H	L 0-1
Sat Mar 3	Crystal Palace	A	P-P
Sat Mar 10	MK Dons	H	W 3-1
Sat Mar 17	Stevenage	A	P-P
Sat Mar 24	Gillingham	A	L 1-3
Mon Mar 26	Biggleswade Town	H	W 4-3
Sat Mar 31	Oxford United	A	D 2-2 (W 7-6 pens) (LC Southern Area Final)
Tue Apr 3	Bournemouth	A	D 3-3
Sat Apr 7	Southend United	A	W 4-1
Tue Apr 10	Oxford United	H	W 3-2
Sat Apr 14	Cambridge United	H	KO 11.00am
Tue Apr 17	Stevenage	A	
	12.00pm kick-off – Shephalbury Sports Academy, SG2 8NP		
Sat Apr 21	Bristol Rovers	A	
	12.00pm kick-off – Yate Town FC, Lodge Road, BS37 7LE		
Sat Apr 28	Portsmouth	H	KO 11.30am
Wed May 2	Wigan Athletic	H	KO 7pm
	(LC National Final) NB: This fixture is at Kenilworth Road		
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OXFORD UNITED U18S 2 : TOWN U18S 2 (HATTERS WIN 7-6 ON PENALTIES)

SATURDAY 31ST MARCH | GRENOBLE ROAD | EFL YOUTH ALLIANCE SOUTHERN AREA CUP FINAL
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STORY OF THE MATCH

The Hatters youth team won the EFL Youth Alliance southern area cup final on Easter Saturday by beating Oxford United 7-6 on penalties after fighting back from 2-0 down to draw 2-2 in 90 minutes.

Inigo Idiakoz's Under-18s had gone close in an entertaining but goalless first half, with Connor Tomlinson and Jake Peck – with an audacious 40-yard chip – both denied by home goalkeeper Max Harris.

But they were two down by the hour mark to goals from Dejon Noel-Williams and Albie Hopkin, before Josh Neufville halved the deficit in the 64th minute.

The Hatters kept plugging away and captain Joe Mead headed in from a 90th-minute corner to equalise and send the tie into the penalty shoot-out.

All the penalties were converted until Tiernan Parker saved Oxford skipper Matt Berry-Hargreaves' effort to book a national final spot against Wigan Athletic, who beat Hartlepool 5-0 in the northern area final.



Joe Mead nets the equaliser



LUTON TOWN IN THE COMMUNITY

BY KEVIN THOBURN HEAD OF THE HATTERS COMMUNITY TRUST

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

PRE-ACADEMY U9 TO U16S TOUR TO HOLLAND – HAT-TRICK OF CUP WINS!

Our U9 to U16 Pre-Academy squads travelled out to Holland again this Easter to take part in the Holland Easter Cup and achieved a fantastic nine out of 12 teams all qualifying for the finals competition on day two, with three teams going on to win the tournament outright.

It was an impressive achievement by any standard when bearing in mind our boys all played up a whole year group in European age groups.

The tournament is based 20 miles from Eindhoven, near the German border, and attracts teams from all over Northern Europe as well as plenty of British competitors from both grass-roots and professional clubs.

It was our three youngest teams who finished overall winners in the U9, U10 and U11 age groups.



U10 and U11 age groups with both of our U10s and U11s teams also qualifying for the finals tournament. Unfortunately, both our U10 and U11 teams were all drawn in the same finals group and so the chance of an all Luton final was never on.

Highlights for our U9s was convincingly beating both Nottingham Forest teams on the way to a big win in the final against FC PSA. Our U10 teams had both already recorded wins against West Brom and Forest on day one, and with a 'derby' fixture on day two deciding which team went through to the finals, it still ended up an all-English final with a 1-0 win against a very lively Bracknell Town FC.

Both our U11s also had successes against Cambridge United and West Brom on day one, and again

a day two 'derby' fixture decided which team progressed to the final, recording a 3-1 win against Dutch side DSV Concordia.

Our U12s enjoyed three wins out of three on day one against Danish and Dutch opposition, but found the top group physically challenging on day two as the age difference began to show, as it did with our U13s, who found playing against 14s on full-size pitches with size five balls difficult, but will be better for the experience of playing against Dutch, Finnish, Danish and Japanese opposition!

The U14s did well remaining undefeated throughout the tournament, with another three out of three wins on day one, but it was ultimately a 1-1 draw against Cardiff City that prevented a final appearance on day two.



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Again, our U15 boys did well on day one with another 100 per cent record against Dutch opposition, but found day two tough against big physical teams whose direct style of play took a lot of football out of the games (imagine playing Lincoln or Wycombe every game!).

Both our U16s probably felt it was a case of 'what ifs' with only two defeats in 12 games between them – but last minute goals still



count, as they painfully found out! Overall, some great wins, but most importantly big learning experiences

for all of our development boys seeking to progress into our full-time schoolboy academy.

MEN'S DISABILITY FOOTBALL – FA PEOPLE'S CUP SUCCESS

More cup success for one of our men's disability teams, who have now qualified for the People's Cup National Finals day at St George's Park later this month. Following local success at Creasey Park last month, the team travelled up to the Goals Centre in Birmingham to take part in the Midlands regional finals and recorded wins against Leicester City 4-1, Aston Villa 6-3 and Redditch United 8-4.

Some great moments on the day with more to come – three straight wins meant qualification for the national finals and a shot at becoming national champions. Watch this space for news of the boys' big day. For more information on our 'every player counts' disability football programme, you can email Luke Hyde at everyplayercounts@lutontown.co.uk or call the community office on 01582 561622



GIRLS' PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (PDC) TOURNAMENT AT SWINDON TOWN FC

Our U10, U12, U14 and U16s girls PDC teams all travelled down to Swindon for a festival in half-term that included West Bromwich Albion, Reading and AFC Bournemouth.

Nicole Robinson, Hatters Girls Football Development Officer, said: "The games were excellent and really closely fought. Overall it was a great day and atmosphere at the games with fantastic enthusiasm from everyone involved. It was a fantastic round of fixtures with a last round in

May to come to mark the first season of PDC fixtures."

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HATTERS LADIES

HATTERS SMASH HARINGEY IN THE LEAD UP TO BIG CUP FINAL HARINGEY 0-14 LUTON TOWN LADIES



After a couple of disappointing results in the league, the Hatters were looking to pick up three points last Sunday away at Haringey ahead of tomorrow's big cup final against West Ham.

The ladies started the game well and were 1-0 up after two minutes when Nicola Henman bundled in a Zara Carroll corner after a goal-line scramble. Lucy Webster then came close to making it 2-0, but her shot was just wide. Minutes later, Webster was the provider as her cross found Dionne Manning and Jess McKay finished the rebound.

After 25 minutes, Henman added a third when McKay crossed the ball in, before Natasha Fensome scored her first of the game to make it 4-0 after some great football from McKay.

Carroll then added the fifth straight from a free-kick out wide, and just before half-time, Fensome scored her second of the game from an excellent pass from Dionne Manning, who then then added a seventh with a cool finish after being played in by McKay.

In the second half Town looked to add to their tally, and it came through Fensome again, who completed her hat-trick with a great header from Lucy Webster's cross.

It was soon 9-0 with McKay adding her second, finishing well after Henman played her in with a superb ball. The Hatters kept pushing and reached double figures when Fensome added her fourth, following up when after Henman had hit the post and Manning had seen a shot blocked. McKay then got her deserved hat-trick with a good finish, before Fensome notched her fifth of the game with a worldie from 25 yards to make it 12-0.

Young striker Funmi Babalola, on as a substitute, then got in on the act by scoring from close range, before McKay rounded off the scoring to make it 14 with a long range driven shot.

Assistant-manager Dave Baker said: "It was a superb performance where we played some great football. We

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	W 3-2
Sun Mar 11	Fylde (Plate SF)	H	L 1-2
Sun Mar 18	Norwich City	A	P-P
Sun Mar 25	Cambridge	A	L 0-1
Wed Apr 4	Stevenage	A	L 0-1
Sun Apr 8	Haringey	A	W 14-0

missed several chances on top of the 14 goals, but we are delighted with the three points and the goals."

Tomorrow the Hatters play West Ham United in the National FAWPL Plate final, having been reinstated when semi-final conquerors Fylde were found to have fielded an ineligible player. The final is a 3pm kick-off at Hednesford Town FC and any support for the Hatters is welcomed!

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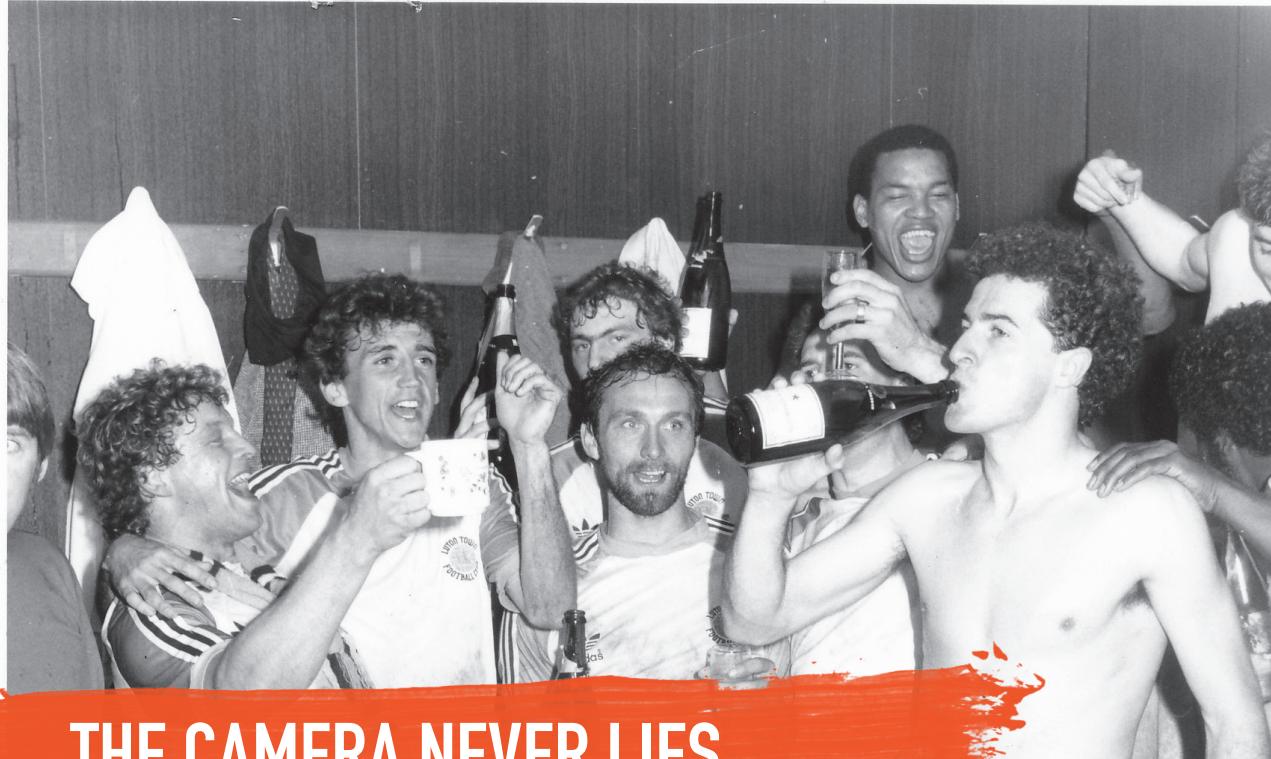
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FIXTURES PILE-UP

DATE	TIME	H/A	OPOSITION	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS	STARTING XI						
AUGUST														
Sat 5	3.00pm	H	Yeovil Town	W 8-2	8,101	258	1	Stech	Stacey	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	McCORMACK 1	• O. LEE 1
Tue 8	7.45pm	H	Ipswich Town (Cup 1)	L 0-2	4,610	794	-	Stech	Stacey	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Cook ♦	Rea	O. Lee
Sat 12	3.00pm	A	Barnet	L 0-1	3,555	2,109	8	Stech	Stacey	Cuthbert •	Sheehan	Potts	McCormack	O. Lee
Tue 15	7.45pm	H	Tottenham U21 (Trophy)	D 2-2*	2,699	404	-	Shea	Justin •	Mullins	Famewo	Senior	Bakinson	Cook
Sat 19	3.00pm	H	Colchester United	W 3-0	7,865	445	3	Stech	Stacey	Rea	Sheehan	POTTS 1	McCormack	O. LEE 1
Sat 26	3.00pm	A	Mansfield Town	D 2-2	4,665	987	5	Stech	Stacey	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	McCormack •	O. Lee ▲
SEPTEMBER														
Sat 2	3.00pm	A	Lincoln City	D 0-0	9,332	1,268	6	Stech	Stacey	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	McCormack •	Rea
Sat 9	3.00pm	H	Swindon Town	L 0-3	8,455	832	13	Stech	Stacey	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	McCormack	O. Lee •
Tue 12	7.45pm	H	Port Vale	W 2-0	7,046	136	9	Stech	STACEY 1	Rea	Sheehan	Potts	McCormack	Berry
Sat 16	3.00pm	A	Wycombe Wanderers	W 2-1	5,512	1,459	4	Stech	Stacey	Rea ▲	Sheehan	Potts	McCormack •	Berry
Sat 23	3.00pm	H	Chesterfield	W 1-0	7,575	310	3	Stech	Stacey	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	Gambin •	O. Lee •
Tue 26	7.45pm	A	Morecambe	D 0-0	1,354	326	5	Stech	Stacey	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	Gambin	O. Lee
Sat 30	3.00pm	H	Newport County AFC	W 3-1	7,681	296	5	Stech	Stacey	Cuthbert	SHEEHAN 1	Potts	Gambin •	O. Lee
OCTOBER														
Tue 3	7.45pm	H	Barnet (Trophy)	D 1-1**	1,530	68	-	Shea	Justin	Mullins	Famewo	Senior	Jarvis	Cook
Sat 7	3.00pm	A	Accrington Stanley	W 2-0	2,193	587	3	Stech	Stacey	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	Rea	O. LEE
Sat 14	3.00pm	H	Stevenage	W 7-1	9,208	595	3	Stech	Stacey	Cuthbert	Mullins	JUSTIN 1	Rea •	O. Lee
Tue 17	7.45pm	A	Exeter City	W 4-1	4,209	353	1	Stech	Stacey	Cuthbert	Sheehan	POTTS 1	Rea	O. Lee
Sat 21	3.00pm	A	Crawley Town	D 0-0	3,494	1,642	1	Stech	Stacey	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	Rea	O. Lee •
Sat 28	3.00pm	H	Coventry City	L 0-3	9,670	1,067	3	Stech	Stacey	Cuthbert	Mullins •	Potts	Rea ▲	O. Lee
Tue 31	7.45pm	A	AFC Wimbledon (Trophy)	W 2-1	581	98	-	Shea	Justin	Musonda	Famewo	Senior	E. Lee	Shinnie ▲
NOVEMBER														
Sat 4	3.00	H	Portsmouth (FACR1)	W 1-0	5,333	1,143	-	Stech	Stacey	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	Mpanzu	O. Lee
Sat 11	3.00pm	A	Cheltenham Town	D 2-2	3,900	1,007	4	Stech	Stacey	Cuthbert	Sheehan	POTTS 1	Rea	O. Lee
Sat 18	3.00pm	H	Cambridge United	W 7-0	8,721	642	2	Stech	Stacey	Cuthbert •	Sheehan	POTTS 1 ▲	Rea	O. LEE 1
Tue 21	7.45pm	H	Carlisle United	W 3-0	7,644	215	1	Stech	Stacey	Mullins •	Sheehan	POTTS 1	Rea	Berry
Sat 25	3.00pm	A	Crewe Alexandra	W 2-1	4,571	1,244	1	Stech	Stacey	Mullins	Sheehan	Potts	Rea	O. Lee ▲
DECEMBER														
Sun 3	2.00pm	A	Gateshead (FACR2)	W 5-0	1,339	381	-	Stech	Stacey	Mullins	Sheehan	POTTS 1	Rea ▲	O. LEE 1 •
Tue 5	7.45pm	H	West Ham U21 (Trophy R2)	W 4-0	1,670	108	-	Shea	Justin	Musonda	Famewo	Senior	COTTER 1	COOK 1
Sat 9	3.00pm	H	Notts County	D 1-1	10,063	810	1	Stech	Stacey	MULLINS 1	Sheehan	Potts	Rea	O. Lee
Sat 16	3.00pm	A	Forest Green Rovers	W 2-0	2,546	841	1	Stech	Stacey	Mullins	SHEEHAN 1	Potts	Rea	O. Lee •
Sat 23	3.00pm	H	Grimsby Town	W 2-0	9,102	446	1	Stech	Justin	Mullins	Sheehan	Potts	Rea	O. Lee
Tue 26	3.00pm	A	Swindon Town	W 5-0	8,526	1,408	1	Stech	Justin	Mullins	Sheehan	Potts	Rea	O. Lee ▲
Sat 30	3.00pm	A	Port Vale	L 0-4	5,523	1,175	1	Stech	Justin	Mullins	Sheehan	Potts	Rea	D'Ath •
JANUARY														
Mon 1	3.00pm	H	Lincoln City	W 4-2	9,659	1,044	1	Stech	Stacey	Mullins	Sheehan	JUSTIN 1	Rea	O. Lee
Sat 6	3.00pm	A	Newcastle United (FACR3)	L 1-3	47,069	7,477	-	Stech	Justin	Mullins	Rea	Potts	Mpanzu •	O. Lee
Tue 9	7.45pm	H	P'boro United (Trophy R3)	D 0-0***	2,253	408	-	Shea	Famewo	Musonda	Stacey	Senior	Gambin •	
Sat 13	3.00pm	A	Chesterfield	L 0-2	5,715	1,244	1	Stech	Justin	Mullins	Famewo	Potts	Rea	O. Lee •
Sat 20	3.00pm	H	Morecambe	W 1-0	8,476	61	1	Stech	Stacey	MULLINS 1	Rea	Potts	D'Ath •	O. Lee
Sat 27	3.00pm	A	Grimsby Town	W 1-0	4,159	522	1	Stech	Stacey	Mullins	Sheehan	Potts	Rea	Cook ▲
Tue 30	7.45pm	H	Wycombe Wanderers	L 2-3	8,564	791	1	Stech	Stacey	Mullins •	Sheehan	Potts	Rea	O. Lee ▲
FEBRUARY														
Sat 3	3.00pm	H	Exeter City	W 1-0	8,788	464	1	Stech	Stacey	Downes	Sheehan	Potts	Rea	O. Lee
Sat 10	3.00pm	A	Stevenage	D 1-1	4,365	1,899	1	Stech	Stacey	Downes ♦	Sheehan	Potts	Rea	O. Lee
Tue 13	7.45pm	H	Crawley Town	W 4-1	8,020	267	1	Stech	Stacey	Downes	Sheehan	Justin	Rea	O. LEE 1
Sat 24	3.00pm	H	Cheltenham Town	D 2-2	8,453	142	1	Stech	Stacey	Downes	SHEEHAN 1	Justin	Rea	O. Lee ▲
MARCH														
Sat 3	3.00pm	A	Cambridge United	D 1-1	6,722	2,405	1	Stech	Stacey	Downes	Sheehan	Potts	Rea	O. Lee ▲
Sat 10	3.00pm	H	Accrington Stanley	L 1-2	9,503	205	2	Stech	Stacey	Downes •	Sheehan	Potts	Rea	O. Lee
Tue 13	7.45pm	A	Coventry City	D 2-2	8,863	2,002	2	Stech	Stacey	CUTHBERT 1	Sheehan	Potts	Rea •	Downes
Sat 17	3.00pm	A	Newport County AFC	D 1-1	3,512	589	2	Stech	Stacey	Cuthbert	Sheehan	POTTS 1	Rea	Gambin ▲
Sat 24	5.15pm	H	Barnet	W 2-0	8,140	272	1	Shea	Justin	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	McCormack	O. Lee ▲
Fri 30	3.00pm	A	Colchester United	L 1-2	5,461	1,942	2	Shea	Justin	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	Rea ▲	O. Lee
APRIL														
Mon 2	3.00pm	H	Mansfield Town	W 2-1	9,592	725	2	Shea	Stacey	Cuthbert •	Sheehan	Potts	McCormack	O. Lee
Sat 7	3.00pm	A	Yeovil Town	W 3-0	4,316	1,126	2	Shea	Stacey	Cuthbert ♦	Sheehan	Potts	Rea	O. Lee
Sat 14	3.00pm	H	Crewe Alexandra											
Sat 21	3.00pm	A	Carlisle United											
Sat 28	3.00pm	H	Forest Green Rovers											
MAY														
Sat 5	3.00pm	A	Notts County											

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

WHO, WHEN AND WHERE THE HATTERS ARE PLAYING THIS SEASON

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

SUBS

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

LEAGUE LOOK

LAST WEEKEND'S LEAGUE TWO RESULTS:

Barnet 1-0 Forest Green	Newport 0-1 Stevenage
Cambridge 2-3 Exeter	Notts County 2-1 Coventry
Cheltenham 3-0 Morecambe	Port Vale 1-2 Crawley
Colchester 0-1 Accrington	Swindon 0-0 Carlisle
Grimsby 1-0 Chesterfield	Yeovil 0-3 Luton
Mansfield 3-4 Crewe	

TUESDAY'S RESULTS	
Morecambe 2-2 Chesterfield	
Stevenage 1-1 Mansfield	
Swindon 2-2 Yeovil	

LEAGUE TWO TOP SCORERS:

(League goals only)	
Billy Kee (Accrington)	22
Mohamed Eisa (Cheltenham)	20
JAMES COLLINS (LUTON)	19
DANNY HYLTON (LUTON)	19
Marc McNulty (Coventry)	18
Adebayo Akinfenwa (Wycombe)	17
Kristian Dennis (Chesterfield)	17
Christian Doidge (Forest Green)	16

TODAY'S LEAGUE 2 FIXTURES

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

TUESDAY'S FIXTURES	
Accrington v Yeovil	
Exeter v Chesterfield	
Lincoln v Wycombe	

LEAGUE TABLE 2017/18

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Accrington Stanley	40	26	5	9	67	40	27	83
2 LUTON TOWN	42	23	11	8	87	43	44	80
3 Wycombe Wanderers	41	21	11	9	75	55	20	74
4 Exeter City	41	22	6	13	57	47	10	72
5 Notts County	42	19	13	10	63	44	19	70
6 Lincoln City	40	18	13	9	57	42	15	67
7 Coventry City	41	19	8	14	51	40	11	65
8 Mansfield Town	42	16	16	10	61	48	13	64
9 Swindon Town	42	19	7	16	63	62	1	64
10 Carlisle United	42	16	13	13	57	50	7	61
11 Colchester United	42	16	13	13	51	46	5	61
12 Crawley Town	42	16	9	17	53	59	-6	57
13 Newport County AFC	40	13	15	12	49	51	-2	54
14 Cambridge United	41	14	12	15	44	55	-11	54
15 Stevenage	42	13	13	16	56	58	-2	52
16 Cheltenham Town	42	13	12	17	62	60	2	51
17 Crewe Alexandra	42	14	5	23	56	70	-14	47
18 Yeovil Town	40	12	10	18	55	64	-9	46
19 Port Vale	42	10	13	19	46	59	-13	43
20 Morecambe	41	9	16	16	40	53	-13	43
21 Grimsby Town	42	10	11	21	34	63	-29	41
22 Forest Green Rovers	41	11	7	23	48	70	-22	40
23 Barnet	42	9	9	24	38	63	-25	36
24 Chesterfield	40	9	8	23	43	71	-28	35

PLAYER STATS 2017/18

	THIS SEASON						LTC CAREER TOT		
	LEAGUE	CUP	LEAGUE	CUP	APP'S	GLS			
Tyreeq Bakinson	0 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	0	0	6 0
Luke Berry	31 (3)	7	4 (1)	1	35 (4)	8	5 1	1	39 8
James Collins	35 (3)	19	3 (0)	1	38 (3)	20	5 1	41	20
Jordan Cook	1 (9)	0	5 (1)	1	6 (10)	1	3 1	58	5
Harry Cornick	16 (18)	5	2 (2)	0	18 (20)	5	1 0	38	5
Kavan Cotter	0 (0)	0	1 (0)	1	1 (0)	1	0 0	2	1
Scott Cuthbert	20 (2)	2	2 (0)	0	22 (2)	2	3 1	110	4
Lawson D'Ath	3 (6)	0	4 (0)	1	7 (6)	1	1 0	26	1
Flynn Downes	7 (1)	0	0 (0)	0	7 (1)	0	3 0	8 0	0
Akin Fawewo	1 (2)	0	5 (0)	0	6 (2)	0	0 0	14 0	0
Luke Gambbi	4 (9)	1	4 (3)	1	8 (12)	2	1 0	37	3
Danny Hylton	33 (2)	19	4 (0)	2	37 (2)	21	10 0	86	48
Jack James	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0	0 0	1 0	0
Aaron Jarvis	0 (1)	1	2 (1)	1	2 (2)	1	0 0	4 1	1
Jake Jervis	2 (8)	0	0 (0)	0	2 (8)	0	0 0	10 0	0
Lloyd Jones	0 (1)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	0 0	1 0	0
James Justin	10 (7)	2	5 (0)	0	15 (7)	2	1 0	62	3
Elliot Lee	12 (16)	9	5 (1)	2	17 (17)	11	2 0	45	14
Ollie Lee	34 (0)	4	4 (1)	1	38 (1)	5	6 0	119	9
Alan McCormack	11 (1)	1	0 (0)	0	11 (1)	1	5 0	12	1
Josh McQuoid	0 (0)	0	0 (2)	1	0 (2)	1	0 0	45	8
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	13 (11)	0	7 (1)	0	20 (12)	0	2 1	150	7
Johnny Mullins	14 (1)	2	4 (1)	0	18 (2)	2	1 0	49	3
Frankie Musonda	0 (0)	0	3 (1)	0	3 (1)	0	0 0	12	1
Dan Potts	38 (0)	6	3 (0)	1	41 (0)	7	12 0	85	8
Glen Rea	35 (7)	1	4 (0)	2	39 (7)	1	5 1	105	4
Arthur Read	0 (0)	0	0 (2)	0	0 (2)	0	0 0	3 0	0
Jack Senior	0 (0)	0	5 (0)	0	5 (0)	0	1 0	21	0
James Shea	4 (0)	0	5 (0)	0	9 (0)	0	2 0	9 0	0
Alan Sheehan	38 (0)	3	4 (0)	0	42 (0)	3	11 1	103	7
Andrew Shinnie	24 (4)	1	5 (1)	2	29 (5)	3	3 0	34	3
Jack Stacey	36 (1)	1	4 (0)	0	40 (1)	1	2 1	41	1
Marek Stech	38 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	42 (0)	0	2 0	42	0
Connor Tomlinson	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 0	1 0	0
Isaac Vassell	2 (0)	2	0 (0)	0	2 (0)	2	0 0	55	16

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



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DAVID ARTELL

- 1 Ben Garratt
- 2 Perry Ng
- 3 Zoumana Bakayogo
- 4 Brad Walker
- 5 George Ray
- 6 Michael Raynes
- 7 Chris Porter
- 8 James Jones
- 9 Chris Dagnall
- 10 Jordan Bowery
- 12 Eddie Nolan
- 13 Dave Richards
- 14 Callum Ainley
- 15 Ryan Wintle
- 16 Tommy Lowery
- 17 Daniel Udoh
- 18 Harry Pickering
- 19 Owen Dale
- 20 Charlie Kirk
- 21 Oli Finney
- 22 Josh Lundstram
- 23 Ross Woodcock
- 24 Lewis Reilly
- 26 Will Jaaskelainen
- 30 Paul Green
- 32 Shaun Miller
- 39 Harry McKirdy
- 40 Dan Barlaser
- 42 Jamie Sterry

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