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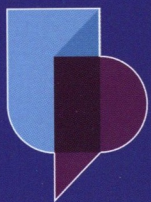


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WELCOME
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AGAINST LUTON
TOWN.

The beginning of a new season is always a fantastic day in the calendar and I'm sure you have all, like me, been waiting for this moment ever since the fixtures were released back in June. It's great to know that our ground will be packed throughout the next nine months, with incredible season ticket sales yet again around the 14,000 mark. Our chairman Michael Eisner and his family are among those inside the stadium this afternoon and will share in what should be an amazing atmosphere

It does not seem that long since we finished the previous campaign here against Peterborough, but there has not been much

time to relax over the summer. It is always a busy time for transfer activity and that is no different at Pompey, with six players having already arrived.

Much of our business was done early on and we are delighted to welcome Lee Brown, Ronan Curtis, Louis Dennis, Craig MacGillivray and Tom Naylor to Fratton Park, while we were pleased to see Anton Walkes return on a permanent deal following his loan spell last term. We are still looking to strengthen the squad before the transfer window closes next week – and it is worth remembering that the loan window stays open until the end of the month – and there is still money available to spend for the right players.

Some supporters come up to me and want to talk about why deals have not been done for certain players they have seen linked with us. It is important to stress that there will always be a lot of speculation in the press or on social media that is often not rooted in any fact. We are a professional club and will not comment on a deal until it has

been completed, so make sure to check the official website – once a signing appears on there, then you know it is for real.

It is not just transfer business that has kept us busy over the past few months, however. A new club crest, as well as new sponsors, means that there has been a lot of cosmetic work to do around the ground. There have also been more significant undertakings – much of it important, structural work that you will not necessarily notice on your way in and out of Fratton Park. Many of you will have seen the huge screen above the Milton End and amazing new club shop, though, and we have big plans for the former as we continually strive to improve the matchday experience.

Luton seem to be on a similar trajectory to Pompey, having played for many years in the upper tiers and suffered financially. But over recent seasons the clubs have addressed those issues and are now on the rise.

I would like to end by extending a warm welcome to Luton chairman David Wilkinson and, someone who I regard as a friend, chief executive Gary Sweet, as well as Nathan Jones and his players, plus all the travelling fans who have made the relatively short trip down to the south coast today. It is an exciting match to open what we hope will be a successful season and it would naturally be great to get off to a winning start.

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Mark Catlin
Chief Executive

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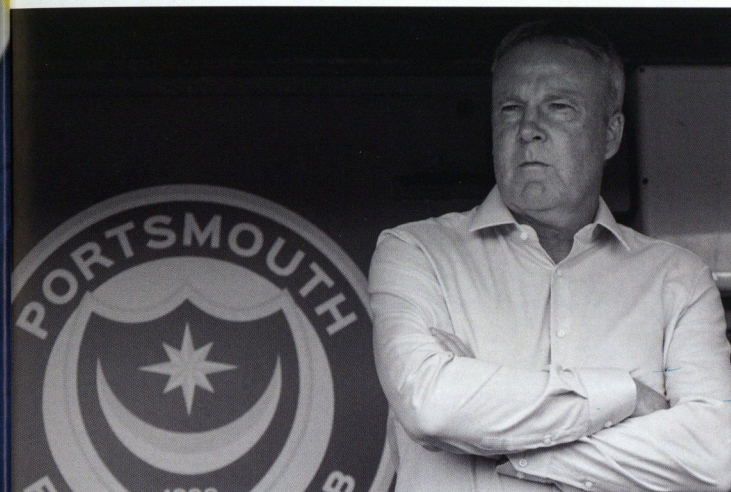


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THE SEASON
AGAINST LUTON
TOWN.

The opening day of the season is always an exciting date in the calendar and it's certainly no different this year. I've been pleased with the application shown by my players throughout our training sessions and friendly fixtures this summer and now is the time to put all that hard work into action.

All teams have plenty of optimism and energy at this stage of the campaign and it's up to us to make sure that continues over the coming months. We want to build on what we achieved last term and hopefully push for one of those promotion spots in what I'm sure will be an extremely competitive division.

Many of our squad were competing in League One for the first time during the 2017/18 season and will therefore be more experienced at this level, which should stand us in good stead for what lies ahead. We have also added some extra quality with

our summer signings and we will continue to look at the transfer market until the window closes next week, while there is still the ability to add loan players for the rest of the month. We are not looking to make moves for the sake of it, though, and will only be looking to add guys who will complement and strengthen what we already have.

Three of our first four games – including the Carabao Cup tie against AFC Wimbledon – are at home and that gives us the opportunity to really lay down a marker in front of our own supporters. Fratton Park has a really special atmosphere. The fans want to get behind and encourage the players, so it is up to us to rise to the challenge and make sure they remain behind us.

Luton are our first opponents and are sure to come here in an upbeat mood after securing automatic promotion last season. Like Pompey, they are a club with fantastic potential who are starting to climb back to the level they belong. We know they will provide a difficult test, but we have confidence in our own ability to secure a positive result.

Finally, I would like to extend a warm welcome to Nathan Jones and Paul Hart, their staff and players, and all the visiting fans who have made the short trip down to Fratton Park. We wish them a safe journey home.

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Kenny

Kenny Jackett

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ONE GAME
AGAINST LUTON
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When we returned to training at the end of June this date seemed a long way away and the closer it has got, the more exciting it is. That's been particularly true in the week leading up to this fixture because now we know there's something riding on the result.

Friendly matches are there for a reason and the important thing is to get minutes under the belt as you try to build your fitness, as well as working out how you want to play as a team and bedding in the new signings. But despite all that, the outcome doesn't really mean anything. Now we're ready for action in front of a full house at Fratton Park and that's when it really matters. This is when you see what the previous six weeks have all been about.

I don't think there's any doubt that the squad is stronger than

last season. We obviously lost Kal, while a few of the loan guys went back to their parent clubs, but we've brought in six players – including Anton, who was here last term – and they definitely add to the quality we've already got. We finished eighth last time and are looking to build on that, so now it's up to all of us to work hard, produce decent performances and start putting points on the board.

Our opponents Luton will still be confident following their promotion from League Two and I fully expect them to be up around the top six again. We saw how strong they were when we played them in the FA Cup at Kenilworth Road and although they were from a lower division, they were better than a lot of the sides we were facing in the league. So it's going to be a tough test and I'm sure they'll be raring to go in front of such a large crowd. I suppose there are two ways it could go – they could either enjoy it or be overawed by the occasion. Hopefully it's the latter.

It's great to see that so many season tickets have been bought yet again and none of the lads take that support for granted. We're privileged to have such unbelievable fans – home and away. We know that if we're doing good things out on the pitch, then the stands will definitely be rocking.

Play up Pompey!

Brett

BLUES NEWS



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PORTSMOUTH F.C HOME KIT 2018/19

HOME AND AWAY KITS: ON SALE NOW

Pompey fans are now able to get their hands on replica kits for the 2018/19 campaign.

Kenny Jackett's side will wear their classic colours of blue shirts, white shorts and red socks for matches at Fratton Park this season.

And they will be dressed in white shirts, blue shorts and blue socks for selected games on the road.

Both strips have been designed by new kit supplier Nike and are available to buy from the club shop, which is located behind the North Stand in Anson Road.

Supporters can also visit pompey.clubstore.co.uk to have items delivered or to use the 'Click & Collect' service.

Pompey skipper Brett Pitman – who helped to model the new kits – said: "The quality is really good and I'm looking forward to wearing them during the season."

"They feel really light and I'm sure will be comfortable to play in, which is important when you're out there on the pitch."

Midfielder Ben Close added: "They're all really nice and we can't wait to play in them. I'm sure the fans will like the designs."

The shirts will bear the logo of the University of Portsmouth, who were announced as Main Club Partner at the end of last season.

University of Portsmouth vice-chancellor Professor Graham Galbraith said: "I am so pleased with the new shirt design by Nike, which proudly advertises the University of

Portsmouth and our partnership with Portsmouth Football Club.

"I am certain our partnership with the club will have an increasingly positive impact on our great city. I look forward to joining fans and cheering on Pompey to success next season."

The new shirts are made from Nike Dry fabric, which is designed to move sweat away from your skin.



EFL AND MIND JOIN FORCES

To mark the start of the EFL and Mind's two-year charity partnership, the 2018/19 season will see, for the first time in English football, a new lettering design which incorporates the charity's logo into the player name on the back of every EFL shirt across all 72 clubs in the Sky Bet Championship, Sky Bet League One and Sky Bet League Two.

The squiggle part of Mind's logo will be joined into the first letter of the player name – with the player's name replacing the word Mind – in a unique design to celebrate Mind and the EFL's new On Your Side partnership.

The EFL and Mind hope that, by raising the visibility of mental health problems in football, they can be game changers.

They want fans to know that, whether you feel overloaded, overwhelmed or burnt out, Mind and the EFL are On Your Side.

With more than 18 million fans attending EFL matches each season (and almost 42 million watching on TV), Mind and the EFL hope that the increased visibility of mental health at matches will promote awareness and understanding among new audiences.

Through the partnership Mind will also be working directly with EFL football clubs and their Community Trusts to improve mental health

support within the clubs and their wider communities.

Mind was chosen to become the EFL's Official Charity Partner from the start of the 2018/19 season for two years.

The partnership will look to focus on the following areas:

- Raising awareness about mental health with fans, clubs and staff
- Raising funds to deliver life-changing support
- Improving the approach to mental health in the EFL, in football and in wider society

Visit mind.org.uk/football for more information.

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NEW START TIME ON BOXING DAY

Pompey's Boxing Day visit to Gillingham has been brought forward.

The Priestfield Stadium contest on December 26 will now kick-off at the earlier time of 1pm.

Pompey enjoyed their trip to Kent last term, with Matty Kennedy striking just after the interval to secure a 1-0 victory in front of the Sky Sports cameras.



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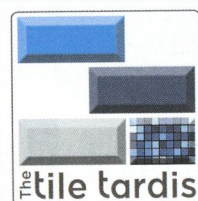
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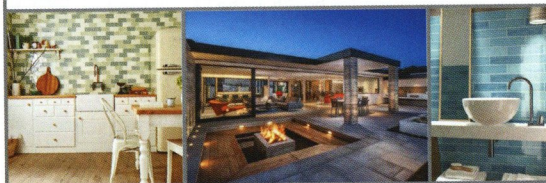
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BLUES NEWS: COMMERCIAL



1. Christian Burgess is presented with a bottle of champagne by Eurotech – Match Sponsor for the Peterborough game at the end of last season – after being selected as man-of-the-match.

2. Guests from Eurotech pose with Christian Burgess following the 2-0 victory at Fratton Park.



3. Guests from Captain's Sponsor Hearn and Sons receive a signed shirt from skipper Brett Pitman.

4. L. Jackson Groundworks were the Programme Sponsor and received a signed and framed copy of the matchday magazine from Danny Rose.

5. The Official 12th Man was booked 'In loving memory of Stanley Jewell', with Danny Rose again doing the honours.

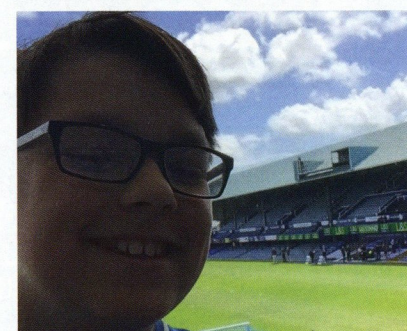
6. Guests from our Matchball Sponsor – the Stuart Cox Group – are presented with a ball by Danny Rose.



OFFICIAL 12TH MAN

JAMIE LAMBERT

Wishing you a very Happy 13th Birthday – hope you have the most amazing time. Lots of love from us all xx



Pompey's Official 12th Man experiences are selling fast, with only nine games still available this season. The next available fixture is Burton in October. Our Director for the Day package is also still available for next month's clash with Shrewsbury.

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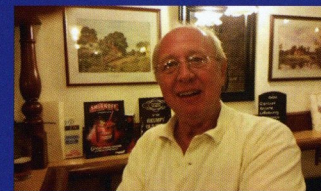


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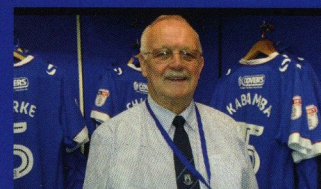
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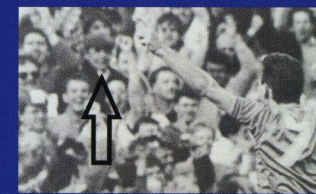
Portsmouth FC were sad to learn about the death of North Stand season ticket holder Alan Bennett, who passed away earlier this year, at the age of 73, following a battle with cancer. May he rest in peace.



Stuart Barnes
February 16 1943-June 14 2018
'The man who left a footprint on everyone's heart'



Pompey fan Ron Payne, a regular since the 1947/48 season, unfortunately passed away over the summer after a series of illnesses. He witnessed the Blues winning all four divisions and the FA Cup, as well as achieve six promotions and eight relegations under a total of 30 full-time managers.



Wishing avid Pompey fan Kay Hopkins a very Happy Birthday after she turned 80 on August 1 x



Pompey would like to welcome NAC Breda fan Jeffrey Nobel, who has travelled over from the Netherlands for today's match and looking forward to sampling the unique Fratton atmosphere.



A warm welcome to Hugo, who attended Fratton Park for the first time last week to watch Pompey's friendly against FC Utrecht.



Happy Birthday to Blues fan Adam Bone, who is 16 tomorrow. Adam, from Gosport, attended his first game aged nine months, but strangely does not remember much about it.



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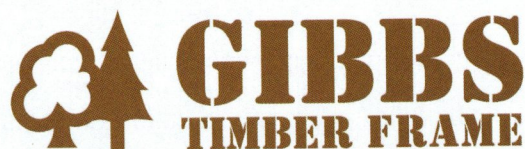


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Plenty of football fans across the country would have sprung eagerly from their beds on the morning of Thursday, June 21.

Fixture release day has become a celebrated date in the sporting calendar, as supporters begin to plan their lives around where and when their team is in action.

But we are all at the mercy of the famed computer that spouts out these seemingly random schedules (in actual fact, a lot of work goes into planning this date).

There does appear to be one constant, however – at least where Pompey fans are concerned.

The news that the Blues will open the 2018/19 campaign on home soil should not have come as any great surprise.

After all, Fratton Park has played host to the first fixture of the season in each of the previous three seasons and in five of the past six.

So, let us take a trip down memory lane and relive the most recent of those south coast contests...



POMPEY 2 (PITMAN 46, 90+2) ROCHDALE 0

AUGUST 5 2017
LEAGUE ONE

It was new era at Fratton Park, as Pompey prepared to tackle a new division, with a new manager and owners at the helm.

Michael Eisner and other members of the Tornante Company were applauded on to the pitch before kick-off, while there was also plenty of support for Blues boss Kenny Jackett.

And it was one of his summer signings that ensured it was a memorable opening to the 2017/18 campaign.

Brett Pitman bagged a brace on his competitive debut to settle a contest that saw both sides end up with just 10 men on the pitch.

The visitors were handed a numerical disadvantage midway through the first half when Keith

Keane crudely ended Conor Chaplin's charge towards goal and was shown a straight red card by referee Lee Probert.

Pompey made the most of that decision 34 seconds after the interval, as Pitman picked the ball up on the left and – through a mixture of skill and persistence – found space to slot it into the net.

Nerves started to creep in when Probert decided that substitute Jamal Lowe's foul on Jamie Allen warranted a dismissal.

So there was relief all round in stoppage-time, as Pitman met Gareth Evans' cross and expertly guided home his header.

Pompey: McGee; Talbot, Burgess, Whatmough, Holmes-Dennis (Lowe 39); Baker, Rose; Evans, Pitman (c), Bennett; Chaplin (Naismith 71)

Subs not used: Bass, Davies, May, Main, Kabamba



POMPEY 1 (BAKER) CARLISLE 1 (LAMBE)

AUGUST 6 2016
LEAGUE TWO

It was a season that ended with thousands of fans pouring on to the Fratton pitch to celebrate a dramatic title triumph.

But the campaign got off to a frustrating start, as Pompey were forced to settle for a draw against 10-man Carlisle.

It might have been even worse, though, as the Cumbrian visitors took an early lead after Reggie Lambe collected Mike Jones' pass and calmly slotted past David Forde.

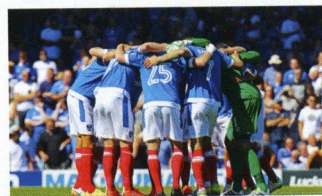
But United were soon reduced to 10 men, with a tug on Gary Roberts earning Jamie Devitt a second yellow card.

And the Blues found themselves level before the break, as Carl Baker drilled into the net to cap a memorable debut.

The hosts dominated the second half, but Carlisle remained resolute in defence, while Michael Smith and Kyle Bennett both wasted decent openings.

Pompey: Forde; Talbot, Burgess, Whatmough, Stevens; Doyle (c), Rose (Hunt 82); Baker, Roberts, Lalkovic (Bennett 69); Smith (Chaplin 69)

Subs not used: Bass, Davies, Barton, Main



POMPEY 3 (EVANS 51, BENNETT 63, 74) DAG & RED 0

AUGUST 8 2015
LEAGUE TWO

Pompey made an impressive start to life under Paul Cook, as they romped to a comfortable victory over Dagenham & Redbridge.

The Londoners proved a frustrating presence during the first half, but could not live with their hosts after the break.

A patient performance was just what was needed for a side that featured nine debutants in the starting line-up.

And it was rewarded with the breakthrough on 51 minutes, as a corner from Kyle Bennett was converted at the far post by Gareth Evans.

It was an impressive maiden Blues match for the former and he capped it with a goal of his own,

collecting Enda Stevens' throw and unleashing a ferocious shot into the net.

Bennett then wrapped things up from 25 yards after Gary Roberts had stolen possession and fed the diminutive winger.

Pompey: Murphy; Davies, Burgess, Clarke, Stevens; Doyle (c), Atangana (Hollands 68); Evans, Roberts, Bennett (Stockley 77); Tubbs (Chaplin 84)

Subs not used: Jones, Webster, Haunstrup, McGurk



POMPEY 1 (AGYEMANG 25) OXFORD 4 (SMALLEY 34, 72, POTTER 38, 64)

AUGUST 3 2013
LEAGUE TWO

The mood was still jubilant ahead of the opening game of the 2013/14 season against Oxford following a takeover of the club a few months earlier.

It was a deal that saw the Blues fall into the hands of its fans and finally bring to an end years of financial uncertainty.

There was a confident air around the place, as a League Two record crowd of 18,181 prepared to watch the Blues in the fourth tier for the first time since 1980.

And it did not appear to be misplaced, with Patrick Agyemang nodding in Andy Barcham's cross to give Pompey the lead.

Instead it turned into an afternoon to forget, as goals from Deane Smalley and Alfie Potter flipped the fixture on its head before half-time.

Hopes off a comeback were dashed after the break when Johnny Ertl was adjudged to have elbowed United midfielder Danny Rose – yes, that one.

Oxford made their numerical advantage count, with Potter and Smalley both netting to condemn the Blues to a heavy defeat.

Pompey: Sullivan; Moutaouakil, Devera, Bradley, Butler (Holmes 62); Wallace (Padovani 69), Ertl (c), Ferry, Barcham; Connolly, Agyemang (Craddock 69)

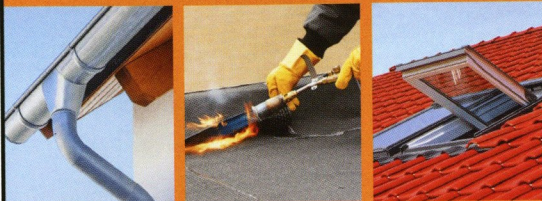
Subs not used: Smith, N'Gala, East, Bird





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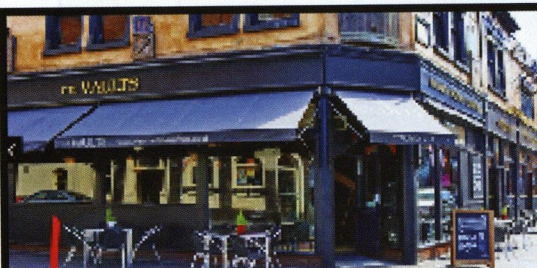
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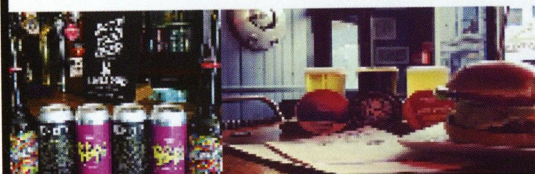
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POMPEY 1 (MCLEOD 19)
BOURNEMOUTH 1 (BARNARD 78)

AUGUST 18 2012
LEAGUE ONE

Strictly speaking, this was not Pompey's opening game of the season, as a virtual academy side had been beaten at Plymouth in the first round of the League Cup a few days earlier.

But it was the first league contest – and a somewhat farcical start to life in the third tier following the previous campaign's relegation.

The Blues' financial issues meant they had only been able to sign players – aside from goalkeeper Simon Eastwood – the previous day.

All 11 members of the starting line-up were making their debuts and several had not met their new team-mates before entering the dressing room.

So it was something of a miracle

that they took a point against Bournemouth – who would ultimately secure automatic promotion – at Fratton Park.

They were helped by a blunder from Shwan Jalal, with the keeper allowing Izale McLeod's effort to trickle between his legs.

Wes Thomas hit the post for the visitors, who eventually levelled when Lee Barnard converted a cross from Simon Francis.

Pompey: Andersen; Dumbuya, Long, Connolly, Harley; Djilali (Webster 89), Williamson (Clifford 62), Howard (c), Compton (Harris 82); Rodgers, McLeod

Sub not used: Eastwood



POMPEY 0
FULHAM 1 (ZAMORA 13)

AUGUST 15 2009
PREMIER LEAGUE

A summer of turmoil off the pitch seemed to affect what happened on it, as a disastrous top-flight campaign began with a home defeat.

Several players had departed the club, while a takeover fronted by Sulaiman Al-Fahim continued to drag on.

They actually made a bright start to the contest, only to fall behind in unfortunate fashion when Clint Dempsey's shot deflected in off Bobby Zamora.

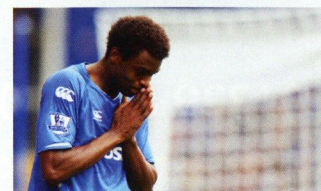
Pompey created several chances to get something from the game, but did not really do enough to test Mark Schwarzer between the sticks.

Frederic Piquionne proved a handful on his debut, while Nadir Belhadj failed to make contact with the ball after trying to convert a close-range header.

David Nugent had the best chance to rescue a point at the death, but blazed the ball over the bar from eight yards.

Pompey: James; Wilson, Kaboul, Distin (c), Belhadj; Utaka (Nugent 87), Diop (Kanu 76), Mokoena, Mullins, Kranjcar; Piquionne

Subs not used: Begovic, Ward, Hughes, Basinas, Ritchie



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POMPEY MASTERMIND

POMPEY v LUTON

- 1 Which Pompey player was sent off at Kenilworth Road in the first round of the FA Cup last season?
- 2 Who was the last Blues player to net a hat-trick against Luton?
- 3 Who scored the winner for Pompey when the sides last met at Fratton Park?
- 4 Which goalkeeper played for much of the second half at Luton with a broken arm, but still helped the Blues earn a 3-3 draw in 1973?



POMPEY POSERS

- 5 Pompey began the 2017/18 campaign against which opponents?
- 6 Against which team did the Blues score most goals in a single game last season?
- 7 Who used to combine his playing role with a position as landlord of the Pompey Pub?
- 8 Why were FA Cup replays against Swindon and Orient in 1974 staged on midweek afternoons?

SOCCER STUMPERS

- 9 Who collected the Golden Boot award at this summer's World Cup?
- 10 Pompey begin their Carabao Cup campaign against AFC Wimbledon later this month, but who are the current holders of the competition?
- 11 Which pre-season tournament – sponsored by a brewery – saw the highest scoring teams in each division invited to compete?
- 12 What was the first Wembley FA Cup final to require a replay?



ANSWERS
1 Nathan Thompson 2 Guy Whittingham 3 Christian Burgess 4 Ron Tilsed 5 Rochdale 6 Fleetwood (4-1) 7 Billy Wilson 8 Industrial action from miners led to the 'three-day week' 9 Harry Kane 10 Manchester City 11 Watney Cup 12 Chelsea v Leeds (1970)



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MY FIRST...



WHAT WAS THE FIRST GOAL YOU SCORED?

Away at Carlisle. The thing I remember most is the bad celebration afterwards.

WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST PROFESSIONAL GAME?

Southend at home under Andy Awford in 2013. We lost 2-1, but it's still a great memory.

WHAT WAS THE FIRST CAR YOU OWNED?

A Mercedes A-Class.

WHAT WAS THE FIRST FILM YOU WATCHED AT THE CINEMA?

I went to watch The Chronicles of Narnia with my family.

WHAT WAS THE FIRST SONG YOU BOUGHT?

It wasn't for me, it was for my mum. I bought the Leona Lewis CD after she won The X Factor.

JACK

WHATMOUGH

WHAT WAS THE LAST THING YOU HAD FOR DINNER?

That was a chicken tikka curry.

WHAT WOULD BE YOUR IDEAL CHOICE FOR A LAST MEAL?

I always said I'd go for a buffet – probably a Chinese one – because then you can go up as many times as you like.

WHAT WAS THE LAST TELEVISION SHOW YOU WATCHED

Love Island, but it was miles off. I hate it and wanted to stop watching, but there was nothing else to do.

WHAT WAS THE LAST FILM YOU WATCHED AT THE CINEMA?

I went to watch Fifty Shades with Luke McGee, but the last thing I saw was the latest Avengers film.

WHAT WAS THE LAST SONG YOU BOUGHT?

dvsn – The Line.

MY LAST...



POMPEY v LUTON



After going almost a decade without a competitive meeting, Pompey are preparing to do battle with Luton for a fifth successive season.

The sides were regular adversaries in League Two and although the Blues beat their visitors to the punch in terms of securing promotion, the FA Cup provided an additional contest last term.

Now, of course, the Hatters can start to contemplate their own rise back up the divisions following 2017/18 promotion success.

They finished second – five points behind champions Accrington – and proved to be the fourth tier's entertainers, racking up 5-0, 7-1, 7-0 and 8-2 victories.

The Hatters' fall from grace did not generate as many headlines as Pompey's rapid descent and you have to go back to the 1991/92 season – the final one before the advent of the Premier League –

to find the last time they played top-flight football.

But it was just as dramatic, with financial issues seeing a total of 40 points deducted as the men from Bedfordshire suffered three consecutive relegations to drop into the non-league game.

And it took five attempts to return, with Luton experiencing three play-off defeats before finally securing the Conference Premier title in 2013/14.

And with a further four seasons in League Two, supporters will be hoping to see Championship football before too long.

Nathan Jones has made changes to the squad that achieved promotion, with perhaps the most notable addition to their ranks being Sonny Bradley.

The former Pompey centre-back turned down the offer of a new Plymouth contract to pen a three-year deal at Kenilworth Road.

Fellow defender Matty Pearson has also arrived from Barnsley, while Nottingham Forest midfielder Jorge Grant has agreed a season-long loan deal and Andrew Shinnie – who was borrowed from Birmingham last season – has made a permanent switch.

But Olly Lee – whose brother Elliot is still at the club – has departed for Hearts, with Johnny Mullins and skipper Scott Cuthbert among the players released.

Pre-season has contained a host of friendlies against non-league clubs, but the Hatters also lost to Croatian outfit Rijeka during a trip to Slovenia and were beaten by Norwich before seeing off League Two side Notts County on home soil last Saturday.

Now it is time for the competitive action to begin and with Luton having not tasted victory at the home of the Blues since 1975, the Fratton faithful will be hoping for a successful start today.

LAST MEETING



At Fratton Park
Pompey 1 (Burgess)
Luton 0
League Two
January 2 2017

At Kenilworth Road
Luton 1 (Collins 45+1)
Pompey 0
FA Cup R1
November 4 2017

HEAD TO HEAD



Overall
Pompey: 16 wins
Luton: 22 wins
13 draws

At Fratton Park
Pompey: 12 wins
Luton: 4 wins
8 draws

HATTERS STATS



Manager: Nathan Jones

Formed: 1885

Ground: Kenilworth Road

Capacity: 10,110

Record Attendance:
30,069 v Blackpool (1959)

Best League Finish:
7th in Division One (1986/87)

FORM GUIDE



- 0-0 v Notts County (A)
- 3-1 v Forest Green (H)
- 1-1 v Carlisle (A)
- 3-1 v Crewe (H)
- 3-0 v Yeovil (A)
- 2-1 v Mansfield (H)

POMPEY v LUTON

GOALKEEPERS

James Shea
Age: 27
Signed: 2017
Previous clubs: Arsenal, Needham Market, Harrow, AFC Wimbledon
Luton apps: 13

Marek Stech
Age: 28
Signed: 2017
Previous clubs: West Ham, Yeovil, Sparta Prague
Luton apps: 42

DEFENDERS

Sonny Bradley
Age: 26
Signed: 2018
Previous clubs: Hull, Pompey, Crawley, Plymouth

Luton apps/goals: 0/0

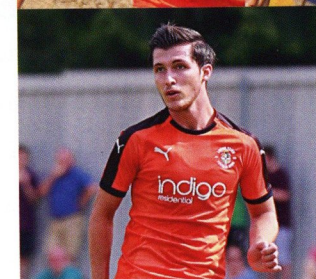
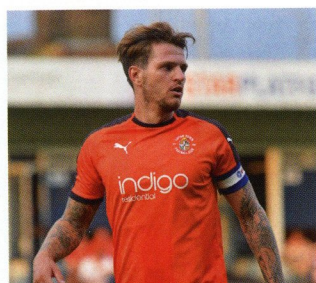
Lloyd Jones
Age: 22
Signed: 2018
Previous clubs: Liverpool
Luton apps/goals: 1/0

James Justin
Age: 20
Signed: From youth
Previous clubs: None
Luton apps/goals: 62/3

Frankie Musonda
Age: 20
Signed: From youth
Previous clubs: None
Luton apps/goals: 12/1

Matty Pearson
Age: 25
Signed: 2018
Previous clubs: Blackburn, Rochdale, Halifax, Accrington, Barnsley
Luton apps/goals: 0/0

Dan Potts
Age: 24
Signed: 2015
Previous clubs: West Ham
Luton apps/goals: 89/8



Glen Rea
Age: 23
Signed: 2016
Previous clubs: Brighton
Luton apps/goals: 109/4

Jack Senior
Age: 21
Signed: 2016
Previous clubs: Huddersfield
Luton apps/goals: 21/0

Jack Stacey
Age: 22
Signed: 2017
Previous clubs: Reading
Luton apps/goals: 45/1

MIDFIELDERS
Luke Berry
Age: 26
Signed: 2017
Previous clubs: Cambridge, Barnsley
Luton apps/goals: 39/8

Luke Gambin
Age: 25
Signed: 2017
Previous clubs: Barnet
Luton apps/goals: 37/3

Jorge Grant
Age: 23
Signed: 2018
Previous clubs: Nottingham Forest
Luton apps/goals: 0/0

Alan McCormack
Age: 34
Signed: 2017
Previous clubs: Preston, Southend, Charlton, Swindon, Brentford
Luton apps/goals: 16/1

Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu
Age: 24
Signed: 2013
Previous clubs: Boreham Wood
Luton apps/goals: 152/9

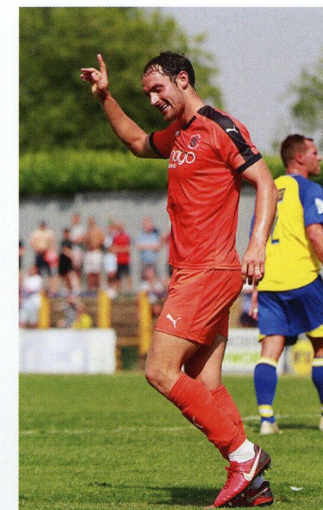
Andrew Shinnie
Age: 29
Signed: 2017
Previous clubs: Rangers, Inverness, Birmingham
Luton apps/goals: 34/3

FORWARDS

James Collins
Age: 27
Signed: 2017
Previous clubs: Aston Villa, Shrewsbury, Swindon, Hibs, Crawley
Luton apps/goals: 45/20

Harry Cornick
Age: 23
Signed: 2017
Previous clubs: Christchurch, Bournemouth
Luton apps/goals: 41/5

Danny Hylton
Age: 29
Signed: 2016
Previous clubs: Aldershot, Rotherham, Oxford
Luton apps/goals: 90/50



Aaron Jarvis
Age: 20
Signed: 2017
Previous clubs: Basingstoke
Luton apps/goals: 4/1

Jake Jervis
Age: 26
Signed: 2016
Previous clubs: Birmingham, Elazigspor, Pompey, Ross County, Plymouth
Luton apps/goals: 10/0

Elliot Lee
Age: 23
Signed: 2017
Previous clubs: West Ham, Barnsley
Luton apps/goals: 49/15

MANAGER

Nathan Jones

The Welshman was registered as a player for Luton during the mid-1990s, but failed to make a single first team appearance for the club.

He had spells in Spain with Numancia and Badajoz, also turning out for Merthyr Tydfil, Southend, Brighton and Yeovil as a left-back and midfielder.

Jones – who is assisted by former Pompey boss Paul Hart – coached at the latter two clubs, as well as Charlton, before taking charge of the Hatters in January 2016 and guiding them to promotion last term.

Age: 45
Luton games managed/won: 136/68



STAR MAN

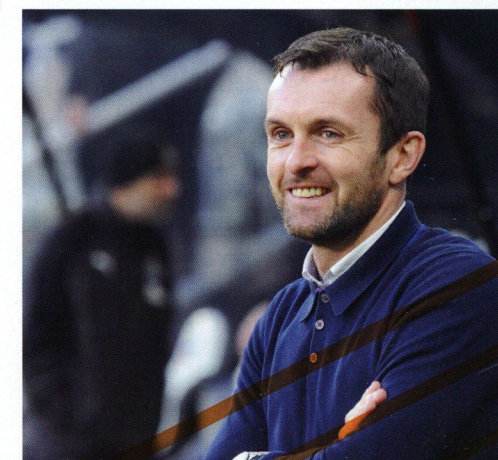
Alan Sheehan

The former Republic of Ireland under-21 international is starting to lay down roots at Luton following a rather nomadic career to date.

After starting his career with Leicester, the centre-back had spells playing for Leeds, Swindon, Notts County and Bradford before arriving at Kenilworth Road – initially on loan – in January 2016.

Sheehan played a key role last term as the Hatters secured League Two promotion, with his fine personal form earning him Team of the Season accolades from the EFL, PFA and EA Sports.

Age: 31
Luton apps/goals: 107/7





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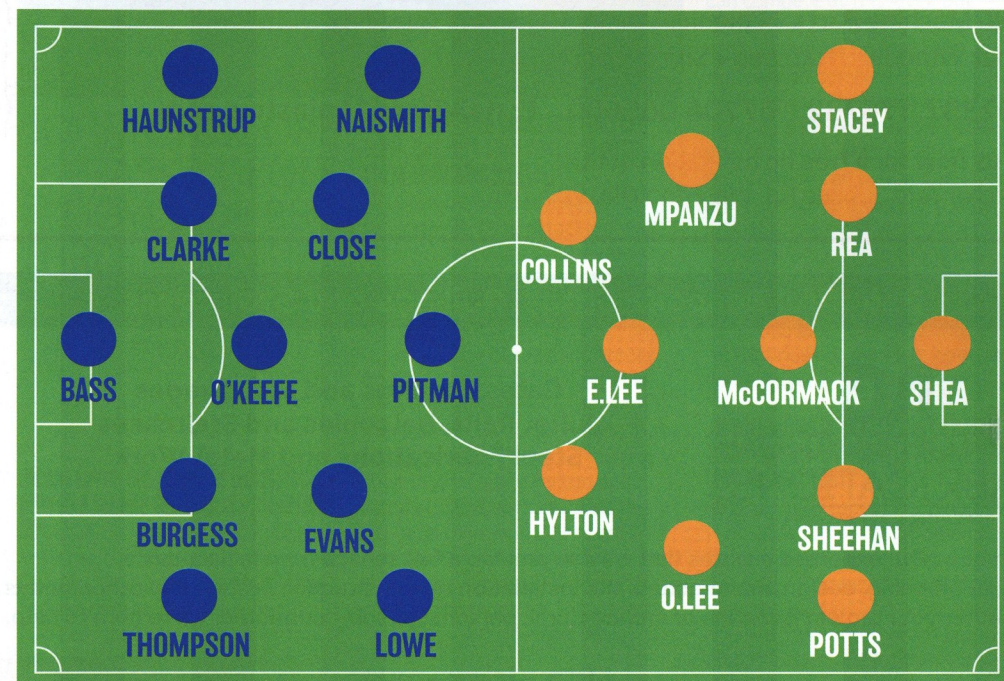
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PITMAN 13, 25

MAY 5 2018 / / ATTENDANCE: 18,118

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MAY 5 2018 / / ATTENDANCE: 12,184



2017/18 STATS

TOP GOALSCORER

Brett Pitman: 25

MOST APPEARANCES

Luke McCee: 48

HIGHEST ATTENDANCE

19,210 (v Charlton)

BIGGEST WIN

4-1 (v Fleetwood)

HEAVIEST DEFEAT

0-3 (v Oxford/Blackburn)

TOTAL GOALS SCORED

68

TOTAL GOALS CONCEDED

65



2017/18 STATS

TOP GOALSCORER

Danny Hylton: 23

MOST APPEARANCES

Alan Sheehan: 45

HIGHEST ATTENDANCE

10,063 (v Notts County)

BIGGEST WIN

7-0 (v Cambridge)

HEAVIEST DEFEAT

0-4 (v Port Vale)

TOTAL GOALS SCORED

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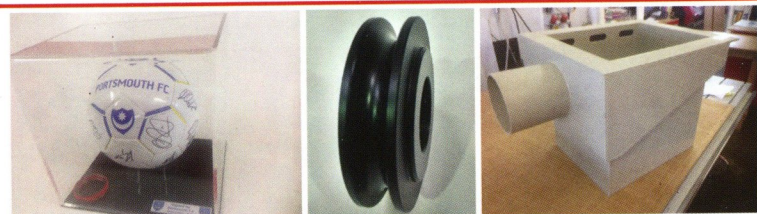
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LUTON

JM ARE LUTON CONFIDENT OF MOUNTING A
BID FOR A SECOND SUCCESSIVE PROMOTION?

GD Luton come into the campaign with the confidence of a side just promoted and one that lost fewest games in League Two last season. They are a team that believe they belong in League One and have the ability to be challenging the top positions. So another promotion is not out of the question. This is a hugely ambitious club and in Nathan Jones they have a manager who will not sit back and rest on his laurels. He is driven to succeed and will be giving it a right go. The squad is similar to last season (with a few additions) because the Hatters' recruitment in the past 18 months has been with competing in League One in mind. The majority of these players should be able to do it at this level.

JM LUTON SCORED GOALS FOR FUN LAST
TERM. BUT WILL THEY CONTINUE WITH
THEIR ATTACKING MENTALITY?

GD Luton blew sides away last season with their attacking play. They scored eight on the opening day and seven on two other occasions. They were comfortably the leading scorers in the division – just six shy of reaching treble figures. It won't be as easy this time against better teams with more defensive organisation, but I can't see the Hatters changing their style. Danny Hylton and James Collins both reached the 20-goal mark and Elliot Lee notched 12. The diamond system that Jones employs is geared to creating chances for the strikers and this is set to continue.

JM ARE LUTON ON THEIR WAY BACK
FOLLOWING SOME DIFFICULT YEARS?

GD Yes. The points deductions and subsequent fall down the leagues more than 10 years ago was the lowest point in the club's history. But the people running the club have stabilised it and after spending too long in the Conference for most fans' liking, getting out of there has seen the Hatters really push on and flourish. Most (including the bookies) believe Luton will have a strong season. The main ambition of the club now is to move out of Kennilworth Road.

They need a bigger stadium with better facilities to compete at Championship level, knowing they have the fan-base to support them. The problem is getting the move which was first mooted 60 years ago, nearly happened 30 years ago and now is being considered by the local council, but is far from certain.

JM WHO HAS BEEN LUTON'S MOST
INSPIRATIONAL ADDITION TO THE SQUAD
OVER THE SUMMER?

GD Luton have been quite conservative in the transfer market, but that's because they believe their squad from last term can compete at this level. But there have been canny additions. Andrew Shinnie's permanent signing was completed after a loan spell last season. Defenders Matty Pearson and Sonny Bradley were also recruited, both of whom have proved they can play at this level and are excellent captures. But probably the most inspirational business is the Jorge Grant loan deal. He was at Notts County last season and scored 18 goals, which for a midfielder is sensational. If he continues to develop, he will be some player.

JM WILL LUTON BE PLEASED WITH A POINT
TODAY OR WILL THEY SETTLE FOR NOTHING
LESS THAN VICTORY?

GD Luton will respect Portsmouth – no question of that. Some of them will remember two seasons ago when Pompey did the double over the Hatters and went on to achieve promotion, which Luton couldn't quite do. But they also remember beating Portsmouth in the first round of the FA Cup last year. Jones doesn't set his side up to draw a game, so don't expect them to sit back. But considering the nature of their opponents, I don't think the boss would be too unhappy if he was back on the bus to Bedfordshire with a point from his first away game. This is a tough fixture, at a great traditional stadium, with passionate fans generating a terrific atmosphere – which the Luton travelling supporters will massively add to. It's a superb match for League One and a cracking start to the season.



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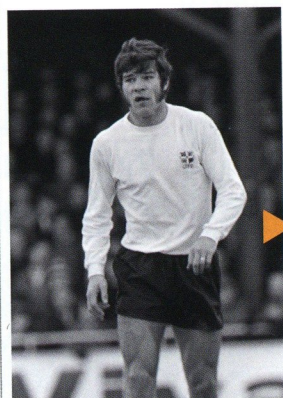
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GORDON TURNER & ALLAN BROWN

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



Ex-Scotland international Brown was a player and manager at Luton. A Scottish Cup finalist with East Fife shortly before joining Blackpool in December 1950, he arrived at Kenilworth Road in February 1957. Appearing in the 1959 FA Cup final, he scored 51 goals in 151 league outings, departing for Pompey in March 1961. Brown helped the Blues finish top of Division Three in 1961/62, then was Wigan's player/boss and in charge of the Hatters from November 1966 until December 1968, plotting their 1967/68 fourth tier title triumph. Later leading Torquay, Bury, Nottingham Forest, Southport and Blackpool, he died in April 2011.



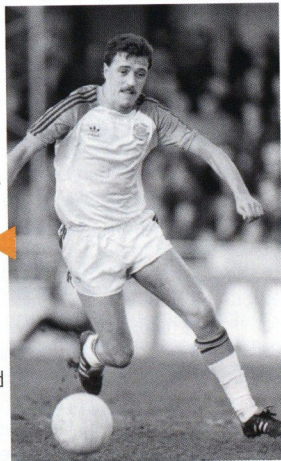
MALCOLM MACDONALD & DON GIVENS

Ace marksman Macdonald was capped 14 times by England after leaving Luton. Initially with Tonbridge, he joined Fulham in August 1968 and moved to Kenilworth Road the following summer. He top scored for the Hatters in two successive seasons – including their 1969/70 third tier promotion success – and netted 49 goals in 88 league matches before being sold to Newcastle for £180,000 in May 1971. An FA Cup finalist in 1974, Macdonald signed for Arsenal in August 1976 and reached the cup final again in 1978 before injury ended his career. After managing Fulham and Huddersfield, he now works in the media.

Republic of Ireland international striker Givens was an ever-present for the Hatters in 1971/72. Starting with Manchester United, he joined Luton in April 1970 and formed a lethal partnership with Macdonald, netting 19 goals in 83 league appearances before leaving for QPR in the summer of 1972. He starred as they won promotion in 1972/73, then were top-flight runners-up in 1975/76. Signing for Birmingham in August 1978, Givens later appeared for Sheffield United, then was a player and coach at leading Swiss side Neuchatel Xamax. He had a spell working with Arsenal's youth team before managing Republic of Ireland U21s.

DAVID MOSS & BOB HATTON

Winger Moss was Luton's top scorer in two consecutive seasons. Initially with hometown club Witney, he signed for Swindon in the summer of 1969 and was twice leading marksman before arriving at Kenilworth Road for a fee of £110,000 in May 1978. He featured prominently in their 1981/82 Division Two title triumph and was an FA Cup semi-finalist in 1984/85, notching 88 goals in 221 league games prior to rejoining Swindon in July 1985. Later with Trowbridge, Moss coached under Brian Horton at Oxford, Manchester City and Huddersfield. He has since been chief scout of Liverpool's Academy.



Much-travelled striker Hatton missed just one match across two campaigns with the Hatters. Initially with Wolves, he had spells at Bolton and Northampton prior to joining Carlisle in July 1969. He starred as they were League Cup semi-finalists in 1969/70, then left for Birmingham in October 1971 and helped them clinch top-flight status that season. Moving to Blackpool in the summer of 1976, Hatton was leading marksman in 1977/78 and then immediately departed to sign for Luton. He netted 29 goals in 82 league outings, but left for Sheffield United in July 1980 and also appeared for Cardiff, later becoming director of sales for the PFA.



BRIAN STEIN & MICK HARFORD

England international striker Stein scored twice in Luton's 1988 League Cup final triumph. Signing for the Hatters from Edgware in October 1977, he was leading marksman in the club's 1981/82 second tier title success and also starred as they were FA Cup semi-finalists in both 1985 and 1988. He joined French outfit Caen in July 1988 and moved, via Annecy, back to Kenilworth Road three years later. Voted their 'Player of the Year' for the second time in 1991/92, Stein netted 130 goals in 427 league matches overall and left for Barnet in August 1992, helping them win promotion. His brother Mark also played for Luton.

Former Three Lions international Harford featured for the Hatters in consecutive League Cup finals, including their 1988 Wembley triumph. Turning professional at Lincoln in July 1977, he had spells with Newcastle, Bristol City and Birmingham prior to joining Luton in December 1984. He starred as they were FA Cup semi-finalists in 1985 and 1988, departing for Derby in January 1990 and returning to Kenilworth Road in September 1991. Moving to Chelsea in the summer of 1992, Harford then turned out for Sunderland, Coventry and Wimbledon. He has since been a coach and manager back at Luton.



STEVE HOWARD & TONY THORPE

Howard topped Luton's goalscoring charts in five successive seasons. Initially with Tow Law, he joined Hartlepool in August 1995 and moved to Northampton in February 1999. He starred in their 1999/2000 third division promotion campaign and arrived at Kenilworth Road for a fee of £50,000 in March 2001. A key figure as the Hatters climbed out of the fourth tier in 2001/02 and secured the League One title in 2004/05, Howard bagged 95 goals in 212 league outings before being sold to Derby for £1 million in July 2006. He helped win promotion in 2006/07 and joined Leicester for another seven-figure sum in January 2008, then returned to Hartlepool.

Striker Thorpe was leading marksman as the Hatters qualified for the Division Two play-offs in 1996/97. A former Leicester trainee, he reunited with boss David Pleat at Kenilworth Road in August 1992 and was also top scorer in 1997/98. He left for Fulham in February 1998 and helped them reach the play-offs that season. Sold to Bristol City for £1 million in the summer of June 1998, Thorpe headed their scoring charts three times prior to rejoining Luton in July 2002 following two loan spells. He netted 70 goals in 164 league appearances overall before moving to QPR in August 2003, then featured for Swindon, Colchester, Stevenage, Grimsby and Tamworth.



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DEPARTMENT"**

STEVE BONE'S

VIEW FROM THE NORTH STAND



It doesn't seem five minutes since last we were here... ah, hang on, in my case it almost was five minutes, for I was at Fratton last week to see the super Blues take on FC Utrecht in a friendly.

This, I am forced to admit, was my third pre-season kickabout in 11 days, as I'd also been to a couple of games at Bognor – including a young Pompey team's visit – when the weather was more suited to cricket and the home side's defenders might as well have been playing cricket as Mark Kelly's team ran in five.

For me, that's approximately three friendlies too many. I won't pretend to enjoy them and rarely remember much about them. In fact, I was so disturbed by having watched a Blues match at Fratton Park in July, I was forced to research if I'd done this before – and found that I had, when Celtic visited in July 2002. That game was held on July 10, so was more of a post-season friendly than a pre-season one.

At least last week gave me an early chance to check out how the Park's steak pies are tasting

this season. There's much promise in that department for the nine months ahead of us, I can report.

My feat of seeing three matches before proper football has begun, as it does today, leads me to think this may be an unusual or unpredictable season.

The way I'm going, I will probably end up writing columns about tactics and formations or saying something nice about Swindon Town. On second thoughts, no I won't.

Whether or not I am already worn out by having seen too many games, I can pretty much promise that this page, as the season goes on, won't have a lot to do with the serious footballing issues of the day, at least not the ones many seem to think are important.

My first question of 2018/19 to you, the reader, is this: Do you obsess about which end of a ground you have stood at during a game you're watching on TV? I do.

For this reason, I'm quite glad Stoke have been relegated, as for the past few seasons, I have spent the Potters' portion of Match of the Day every time they're at

home trying to work out if, when I went to the Britannia Stadium, I was at the end of the ground to the left of the main camera or to the right.

I don't know why this bothers me, but it does, in the same way that I used to get quite worked up every time I drove past Luton on the M1 because I couldn't at any point see their Kenilworth Road stands or floodlights, which I felt I should be able to.

If you have minor or particular football bugbears like these, would you let me know? Not necessarily to fill a column (though that may well happen), but just to make me feel better about worrying about such minutiae.

As the season progresses, we shall, in this corner of the matchday magazine, deal with other monumental matters of the beautiful game.

Subjects up for discussion will include businesses run by ex-footballers (a trail I have been pushed on by the discovery that ex-Pompey player Richie Reynolds went on to oversee operations at the Ocean Swell chip shop in Copnor Road) and pets who have names with a Pompey connection.

The pets thing is an issue I last visited in the 2012/13 season, when I discovered a tortoise called Benjani and a snake named Balam, among others, and I feel sure others must have boarded the Fratton Ark (see what I did there?) since then.

So don't delay, do write in on any of the above subjects, or anything else on a similar level. I await your input.

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TOUCHLINE TONY



The seasons just seem to come and go so quickly – as soon as one ends, it seems like the next one starts up again almost immediately. Of course, the squad have long since returned to training and so it is an even shorter break for the players and staff.

So with that in mind, I would like to wish Kenny Jackett, his backroom team and all the boys all the best for the coming campaign, which promises to be an exciting one.

At least we had the World Cup in Russia to keep us all occupied over the summer. I thoroughly enjoyed the tournament – it was colourful, well organised and the games weren't bad either.

I'm not sure we will ever get a better chance of winning the trophy for a second time, with a lot of the favourites falling early, but sadly it just wasn't to be. I bought my Panini sticker album, so if there are any swaps out there, please send them my way!

The past few months have seen me attending lots of local charity events, with many more on the horizon. I will talk about these in future programmes, as there are too many to list in just one column.

One that I would like mention, however, is a fundraiser organised

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by local businessman John Madden, who arranged an event at the Phoenix pub in Torrington Road. This saw a ride out by the scooter club, while there was a massive auction, as well as a raffle and band in the evening.

It was hosted by the pub's landlord John Garrett and his staff to raise money for Derek Clarke, who has recently been taken ill. There was a fabulous turnout from the people of Portsmouth, with more than £9,000 raised.

Well done to all involved and a big pat on the back to John Madden for all his tireless work in making everything possible. Take care, Derek and best wishes from us all here at Fratton Park.

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ALAN KNIGHT

A KNIGHT'S TALE

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Much was made of my debut at Rotherham in 1978, but it was not until the 1981/82 campaign when I started pre-season confident that it had some meaning behind it. Of course, I didn't expect to break straight into the first team after making my bow as a teenager – especially with someone of Peter Mellor's calibre in the squad. But his exit paved the way and I had been assured by Frank Burrows that I was now the first choice.

Back then the build-up to competitive fixtures was a bugbear of most players, as they attempted to shrug off the summertime excesses. The break is not nearly as long these days and with the growth of sports science and dietary expertise, footballers come back as fit as when they left. Not so for me, unfortunately, and the first few days involved running up and

down Portsdown Hill, with not a ball in sight.

But 1981 was a new beginning for me and I was determined to make the most of it, even if it included those dreaded runs, staying in army-style camps or lifting weights. Nevertheless, there was a certain amount of relief when our first friendly came around and I'm sure, despite the change in training methods, that is still true today.

Supporters should take note here. Pompey played their first game at Cork on July 2 this year. Our first match in 1981 was at Weymouth on August 8 – which will be four days after the current season started! The proper stuff did not begin until August 29, with a 1-1 draw at home to Lincoln – just three weeks after that opening friendly. By the time we reported back for the start of training in the middle of July, we had enjoyed approaching three months off –

and there wasn't a World Cup that year.

Given the excesses of the time, my first meaningful pre-season would stand me in good stead. I featured in 45 league fixtures and all six of the FA and League Cup ties that term. The one Division Three contest I missed was at Millwall towards the end of the campaign, when a thigh injury saw me replaced by Andy Gosney. We ended up in a disappointing 13th position and I experienced a first managerial sacking, as Burrows was replaced by Bobby Campbell.

After several years of playing second fiddle to Peter, however, it was a personal triumph for me and a gauntlet had been laid down. By the time we reported back for training in the summer of 1982, this now seasoned professional viewed it with far more trepidation.

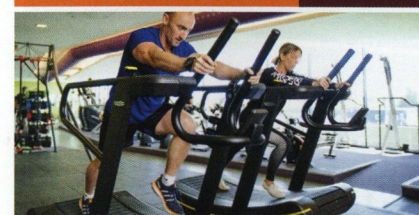


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- 2: England and Australia compete for The Ashes in which sport?
- 3: What's the capital city of Spain?
- 4: What book contains the Old and New Testaments?

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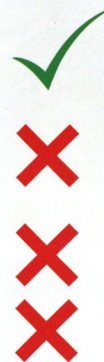
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- 5: USA, Mexico and which other country will host the 2026 World Cup?
- 6: Who captained England to Ashes defeat last winter?
- 7: What is the capital city of Finland?
- 8: What is the first book of the Bible called?

Canada
Pass
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Bible One



HARD
Three points per correct answer

- 9: Which country hosted the first ever World Cup in 1930?
- 10: Which year did Australia last win The Ashes on English soil?
- 11: What is the capital city of Cyprus?
- 12: In the Bible, who were the parents of Cain and Abel?

Brazil
2008
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Adam and Eve



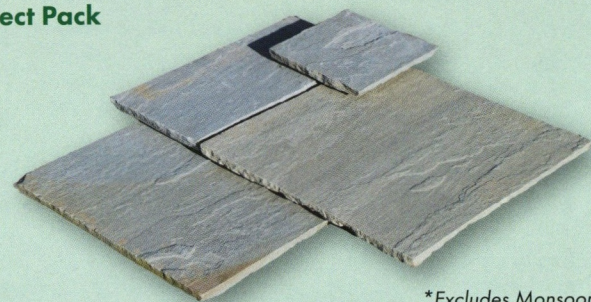
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CLASSIC CAMPAIGNS: 1980/81

JOHNNY MOORE TAKES A LOOK BACK AT SOME OF POMPEY'S PREVIOUS SEASONS

For many fans, last season's final position of eighth in League One was a welcome piece of consolidation to follow promotion after four years in the basement.

The previous – and only other – time that Pompey climbed out of the fourth tier, they performed marginally better and ended up in a credible sixth spot.

Back then only two campaigns had been spent in the abyss of what was then known as Division Four. It came to an end courtesy of a last-day victory at Northampton, coupled with Bradford's loss at Peterborough.

Sixth was not really a meaningful improvement on what Kenny Jackett's troops achieved, however, given that there were no play-offs in those days.

Pompey were six points adrift of third-placed Charlton in the final promotion spot and had an inferior goal difference,

with the sides separated by Huddersfield and Chesterfield.

Fast forward 37 years and it was still the Addicks who were the team to catch, as they snatched the last play-off berth. This time the gap was just five points and Plymouth were the only club in between.

Nevertheless, back in 1980/81 most fans viewed what Frank Burrows' men managed in a favourable light.

They had enjoyed a barnstorming start, winning the first four league games on the bounce. The Blues enjoyed away victories at Barnsley and Blackpool, as well as seeing off Swindon and Rotherham on home soil.

But results soon started to even out, with subsequent defeats to Brentford and Walsall. Five successive victories in October and November saw hopes raised, although a total of 11 losses on the road ultimately proved damaging.

A lack of goals also halted their ambitions, with a tally of 55 lower than all but one other side in the top half of the table.

The League Cup provided some excitement, as a run to the fourth round provided Pompey with a dream trip to Anfield to face Liverpool (below).

They fell to a 4-1 defeat, but that was no disgrace against a team who went on to win the competition, as well as the European Cup.



HIGHLIGHTS

- An estimated 15,000 fans travelling to Liverpool
- Runs of four and five successive victories
- A five-minute hat-trick from Mick Tait in a 5-0 win over Exeter

LOWLIGHTS

- Losing 3-0 at Colchester to suffer a maiden FA Cup first round exit
- One goal scored and no wins secured from six games in March and April

TOP SCORER

David Gregory: 15

HAT-TRICKS

Mick Tait (v Exeter)



PLAYER OF THE SEASON:
Keith Viney

1980/81 TEAM OF THE SEASON





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TALKS TO
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ABOUT HIS
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CAREER

My first professional football club was Millwall and it was because my school team won their league that I began my career with the Lions. The prize for winning the league was presented by Benny Fenton, the Millwall manager, and he said that any member of our team who wanted to train at The Den on Tuesday and Thursday evenings were welcome to do so. Only two of us took him up and I was soon asked to play in the Colts side. I signed apprentice forms in 1967 and two years later became a professional. I only made two first team appearances before July 1971, when I was asked to join Luton Town by their chief scout Harry Haslam.

This move really got my career moving for before the season was out, the club sold Chris Nicholl and I took his place in the centre of defence. I played regularly once I broke into the team and enjoyed having a defensive partnership with John Faulkner. There were

some good players at Kenilworth Road and we achieved promotion to Division One in 1973/74. One match I remember vividly from that season was a goalless draw against Pompey at Fratton Park when the floodlights failed and the match was held up for 20 minutes.

Our first game in the first division was at home to Liverpool, whose team included the likes of Kevin Keegan and Tommy Smith. We took the lead, but ended up losing 2-1. Luton were relegated at the end of the season, although by then I had moved to Watford. Mike Keen, a team-mate of mine at Kenilworth Road, went there as manager and he signed me in the February of 1975. A transfer from Luton to Watford is like Pompey to Southampton! They were then in the third division and I played in 13 league matches, but the club ended the campaign getting relegated.

Keen was sacked and his replacement was Graham Taylor. The new manager put me on the transfer list, but I played in every match throughout the 1976/77 season and won the club's Player of the Year award, so I was taken off it. The 77/78 campaign saw Watford win the Division Four title and the year after finish top of the third division, but I lost my place midway through the first season in the second tier, so it was time to move on. I was being watched by Pompey and Seattle, although once I met the Pompey boss Frank Burrows and was shown round Fratton Park and the local area, my mind was made up.



"I'LL NEVER FORGET WALKING OUT ON TO THE PITCH AND LOOKING TO THE LEFT, SEEING ALL THE POMPEY FANS BEHIND THE GOAL."

It was a drop from the second division to the fourth, but I never regretted it. I loved the place and the club – and in any case, we won promotion just a couple of months after I joined. My favourite memory of my time at Fratton was when we played Liverpool at Anfield in a League Cup tie. I'll never forget walking out on to the pitch and looking to the left, seeing all the Pompey fans behind the goal. We lost 4-1, but were really unlucky to lose. It was a magical night. Unfortunately, I was injury prone throughout my time at the club and so didn't play as many games as I would have liked during my two years there. I didn't want to leave, but it was a mutual decision.

I signed for non-league Barnet with Barry Fry, but found it hard going, as I was working all week, training on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and playing a game on the Saturday, so I packed it up. I must say, though, it was awful not to play and it took me about three years to get used to a normal way of life, as I missed the lads and the camaraderie.

I had no qualifications, but have done quite well for myself since I finished my football career. I ran a company that manufactured sealed units and now work part-time as a baggage handler at Luton airport. I work four hours

– six days on and three off. It gets me out of the house and I absolutely love it.

Although I still follow the fortunes of all four of my former clubs, Pompey's result is always the first I listen out for. They were the biggest and best club I played for. I don't think football is any better now than when I played. I think the game has gone too continental and what I mean by that is the play goes sideways a lot, instead of going forward. Also, I think there are too many players from abroad, which doesn't help our own youngsters get brought through.

I also think the link between players and fans has gone. I remember in my early days with Luton, when the team and supporters would travel back from an away fixture on the same train. We would be in different compartments, of course, and the team would have a meal, but after it was finished we would wander down through the train and chat to the fans. All that has gone now and I think it is very sad.

I had a good career and was lucky that I won four promotions – one with Luton, two with Watford and one with Pompey. I look back on my time as a footballer with great fondness and realise how lucky I have been.

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POMPEY: CHAMPIONS OF ENGLAND

POMPEY HISTORY SOCIETY ARCHIVIST GRAHAM DUBBER TELLS THE STORY OF THE BLUES' GOLDEN SEASON

Pompey warmed up for their Golden Jubilee season with two 'Blues v Reds' trial matches at Fratton Park. The first was on Wednesday, August 11, when a crowd of 6,400 saw the blue-shirted first team beat the reserves 3-2. Peter Harris (2) and Albert Juliussen scored for the victors, while Ike Clarke and Bert Barlow were on target for their opponents.

A re-run of the game three days later ended in a 3-0 win for the Blues, with Ike Clarke (2) and Peter Harris getting the goals. The crowd of 7,134 meant that receipts totalled £751, which the club donated to local charities.



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MATCH 1

Football League Division One / Saturday, August 21 1948

Preston 2-2 Pompey
Attendance: 37,062

Pompey had enjoyed a good record against their opponents since the clubs first met in 1925 (Preston had beaten them just once), but things weren't looking too rosy, with the hosts leading 2-0 seven minutes after the interval. Willie Dougal had given them the lead on the stroke of half-time and Tom Finney scored a penalty to double the advantage. But this was a Blues side that now had guts and determination to go with the attractive football for which they had become known. Bert Barlow saw a shot flash inches wide before Duggie Reid reduced the arrears by heading in Jack Froggatt's inch-perfect cross. Barlow then levelled after intercepting a North End pass that held up on a very wet surface. Most of the visiting fans had travelled through the night and the comeback ensured they



went home happy.

Pompey: Ernie Butler, Phil Rookes, Harry Ferrier, Jimmy Scoular, Reg Flewin, Jimmy Dickinson, Peter Harris, Duggie Reid, Jack Froggatt, Len Phillips, Bert Barlow

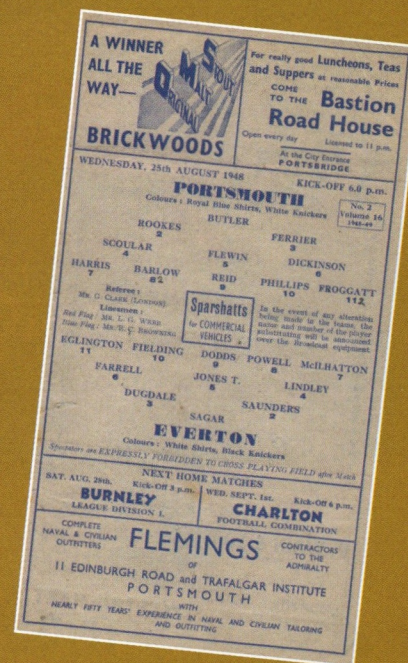
MATCH 2

Football League Division One / Wednesday, August 25 1948

Pompey 3-1 Everton
Attendance: 31,433

A 6pm kick-off in those pre-floodlight days meant that many fans had to hurry to Fratton Park straight from work. Those able to arrive early were entertained by the Royal Marines Band. Two goals from Jack Froggatt were scant reward for the hosts' incessant first half pressure, but a couple more from Bert Barlow after the break gave a healthier look to the score. A win and a draw from their first two league matches had given the Blues a solid-looking start to their anniversary season.

Pompey: Ernie Butler, Phil Rookes, Harry Ferrier, Jimmy Scoular, Reg Flewin, Jimmy Dickinson, Peter Harris, Bert Barlow, Duggie Reid, Len Phillips, Jack Froggatt



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MOORE'S MEMORIES



I recoiled in horror from a state of previously held ecstasy the following season, after learning Pompey had tossed away a 2-0 interval lead at Kenilworth Road. A spell of 35 suicidal minutes saw us concede three times and there are no prizes for guessing who was a rock at the back once more.

And he was again one last time at Fratton five months down the line, when the Hatters enjoyed an emphatic 3-0 triumph, ensuring good old Mr Moore made it four wins out of four against the Blues.

Consequently, when I first learnt he had now been immortalised in Luton's history by having a lounge named in his honour, my immediate thoughts were of a negative nature, rather than harbouring any misplaced pride.

Had the man who shared my moniker – and held a 100 per cent record against my club – now been sent to taunt me all these years later? That is how I felt after setting foot through the door that displayed my name in bright white lettering on a blue background.

Happily, after more than 40 years of torment, I was soon to be freed from my fetters. It started with a 1-1 draw and was followed by 2-1 and 3-1 victories – all in the space of three successive seasons.

Okay, I was forced to swallow our FA Cup defeat at Kenilworth Road. But I can now enter the lounge safe in the knowledge that the John Moore hoodoo has been well and truly lifted.

Some expected me to be surprised upon discovering the John Moore Lounge at Luton's Kenilworth Road a few years ago.

Then there is the Sir John Moore Wetherspoon pub outside Glasgow Station and I often invite the gullible to believe that both are lasting tributes to myself.

Of course, the more savvy will be aware that the latter namesake was a heroic British soldier during the Napoleonic Wars, while football anoraks will know the former was a centre-back who made 274 appearances for the Hatters between 1965 and 1973, then had a spell as manager.

I actually first came across the footballing John Moore in September 1968 when, at the age of nine, I made one of my

occasional trips along the South Coast Line to see Luton at Brighton.

So chuffed was I to discover that a professional player shared my name, it actually prompted me to support them for 90 minutes. That, of course, meant I cast a dark shadow over the visitors and they subsequently lost 1-0.

That was not to be the end of our loose association. In February 1971 he turned up at Fratton Park, although this time I was not for turning – even on a temporary basis. He was now the enemy.

But the shadow loomed once more into view. Moore nullified my now established idols of Ray Pointer and Ray Hiron, as Luton ran out 1-0 winners to add to their 2-1 victory earlier in the campaign.

FROM THE ARCHIVE

Matt Tubbs is mobbed by team-mates after scoring a late winner in Pompey's 2-1 victory at Luton in August 2015



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MATCH ACTION: PRE-SEASON

Pompey began their raft of friendly fixtures at Turner's Cross, where they faced Irish top-flight champions Cork during a training camp on Fota Island.

And they got off to a winning start, with a Christian Burgess header and Jamal Lowe strike seeing them comfortably lead at the interval.

Josh O'Hanlon reduced the deficit, but a brace from substitute Conor Chaplin – including an impressive second from 25 yards – wrapped up a deserved 4-1 triumph.

The annual trip to Westleigh Park to face the Hawks was waiting when the Blues returned to England and Alfie Pavey's penalty meant they had to battle from behind.

But Nathan Thompson drilled in an equaliser, while Chaplin continued his prolific pre-season form with a late winner.

The only defeat suffered by Kenny Jackett's troops came at the hands of League Two outfit Stevenage and despite Gareth Evans firing them ahead.

Ben Kennedy levelled for the hosts and Andronicos Georgiou's brace turned the match on its head, before Chaplin slotted in a late consolation.

A youthful side then made the short trip to Gosport and secured a 3-0 victory, thanks to a double from Louis Dennis and Oscar Johnston's strike.





MATCH ACTION: PRE-SEASON

Pompey enjoyed a better result against the second League Two side they visited, easing to a comfortable 2-0 win at Swindon.

They created plenty of openings and a thumping Oli Hawkins header gave them the lead, while Jamal Lowe later bundled in a second.

The Blues then faced two games in a single day, with the first a behind closed doors contest at Brighton's training ground.

Brett Pitman opened the scoring in the third of three 25-minute periods, but the Premier League side secured a draw when Anthony Knockaert nodded home.

A younger side travelled to Bognor in the evening and romped to a 5-1 victory against their non-league hosts.

Jimmy Muitt cancelled out Adam May's opener, but the Pompey midfielder went on to complete a hat-trick, while Leon Maloney and Dan Smith were also on target.

The friendlies were wrapped up by a fixture against Dutch top-flight outfit FC Utrecht at a blustery Fratton Park.

A stunning strike from Sean Klaiber put the visitors ahead, only for an equally fine Anton Walkes finish to ensure the spoils were shared.



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NELSON PUTS PAWS TO PAPER

The new season is here and so transfer activity is at the forefront of everyone's mind. This latest signing might not have been expected, but it certainly is big news. Nelson, the Pompey mascot, has signed a partnership with The Vet. The veterinary clinic in North Harbour is due to open its doors in August and promises to offer quality care at affordable prices – and that is sure to put Nelson and his family of pups at ease for the 2018/19 campaign.

Adam Lea, head of commercial and marketing at Pompey in the

Community, said: "This is fantastic news for the charitable arm of the football club. Nelson is a firm favourite among the Portsmouth community and this partnership with The Vet will mean that our canine's welfare is maintained.

"Also, both organisations can work together to deliver exciting new initiatives throughout the 2018/19 season. This partnership will offer pet owners the opportunity to explore The Vet and the benefits that the clinic has in greater detail, something that we are only too happy to support."

Nelson is set to make an appearance at The Vet to get

a check-up when the facility opens this month. The Vet offers services such as annual booster vaccination, dental treatment, microchipping, worm treatment, x-rays, scans and even nail clipping, plus much more.

The new state-of-the-art facility offers a number of benefits to pet owners, including free parking and a separate waiting area for cats and dogs which will reduce stress for the animals, something that Nelson is sure to be pleased with!

The Vet was set up to provide excellent veterinary healthcare for pets at a low cost. The clinic provides a drop-in service, as well as extended opening times with affordable care.

Clare Chapman from The Vet added: "We do things differently at The Vet to help more animals and their humans enjoy life together and we're thrilled to be sponsoring Nelson and ensuring he stays in top shape for the 2018/19 season."

The partnership will see Nelson and The Vet working together to offer bespoke events and initiatives to pet owners across the region in the coming months and Junior Blues members for the 2018/19 season will also benefit.

For more information on how The Vet could support you and your pet, visit www.thevet.co.uk



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CHARITY GOLF DAY

Pompey in the Community (PitC) held their first Charity Golf Day at Skylark Golf and Country Club in Fareham last month.

The fundraiser was originally scheduled to take place back in April, but the course was flooded because of excessive rainfall in the two weeks before that, so it had to be rescheduled.

This time the fairways were not at their greenest, although even the intense heat failed to stop the 70 golfers (and a few non-golfers!) attacking the 18-hole course in good spirits, including Pompey's very own Christian Burgess, Matt Clarke and Ben Close.

The four-ball teams had a shotgun start, so after all the players had teed off, each player would take their next shot from the longest drive to speed up play and take the pressure off the less experienced players. The best shot is then used for each golfer.

As well as all the standard holes, two competition holes were played during the round for some additional fun and extra fundraising opportunities. Hole five was used for 'Closest to the Pin' and Hole 13 for 'Longest Drive'.

PitC's head of marketing, commercial and operations, Adam Lea commented: "The event will live long in the memory of the players and all those involved in the process to make it happen.

"Considering this was our first attempt, I am delighted by the team's response to make it happen, the support of the golfers who contributed to a great day and the hole sponsors who have aided the charity so that more people can benefit from our programmes. For that, I am incredibly grateful."

As the affiliated charity to Portsmouth Football Club, Pompey in the Community run their projects on their own independent budget, so events like this are pivotal for raising funds to increase the quantity

and quality of their sessions and events, to better service Portsmouth and its surrounding areas.

PitC are proud to announce that they raised more than £2,000 from the golf day alone and look forward to all other opportunities that will come along in the future.

All of the holes for the day were sponsored by either PitC initiatives or local companies, helping boost the fundraising total, as well as turning the event into an impromptu networking event – a brilliant opportunity for all.

A huge thank you to the sponsors of Pompey in the Community's Charity Golf Day 2018: Neon Numbers, Andy Southern Gas, CEF, Mathew Goater Carpentry, Diverse Contracting, Akash Indian Restaurant, Meon Milton Football Club, Ibstock, Covers, ENL, Mary's Faries and Biscoes.



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It's been a long summer and I enjoyed watching the friendly games, but now I'm ready for the real thing.

I'm confident that Kenny and the team – with some great new signings – can have a successful campaign and hopefully secure promotion.

NELSON



PETERBOROUGH MASCOTS

A huge thank you to all our mascots for the final game of last season against Peterborough United.



TODAY'S MASCOTS

Please give a warm welcome to all our mascots for this afternoon's match against Luton Town:

ELEANOR BOSTOCK, FREDERICK BOSTOCK, STEVEN EMBERSON, FAITH JEWELL, KIERAN LADD, CHARLIE LOMAS, MOLLY LOMAS, LEO MEECH, ETHAN WEBB, CONNIE WHEATLEY, HARRIET WHEATLEY, KYLE WHEATLEY, FLEUR WOODWARD AND OBIE WOODWARD

WORDSEARCH

Can you find all of Pompey's summer signings hidden in the grid?

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Can you find five differences between the two photos?



- Spot the Difference:
- 1 Ball has disappeared
 - 2 Number on Haunstrup's shirt has been removed
 - 3 Number on Curtis' shorts has been removed
 - 4 Hair colour of Utrecht player has changed
 - 5 Utrecht captain's armband is missing

THREE POINTER

- 1 True or False? Pompey did not play Luton last season.
- 2 Brazil international Alisson (below) has joined which club in what is a world record fee for a goalkeeper?
- 3 Which former England international is now manager of Scottish club Rangers?



BIRTHDAY BARKS

Happy 7th Birthday, Faith, with lots of love from Daddy, Mummy, Archie and James xx

NELSON'S CREW

We hope you have a good day as a mascot, Leo Meech. Love, Mum and Dad. Play up Pompey!

A special welcome to Fratton Park for Kyle Wheatley, who will be watching his first Pompey game. Kyle was diagnosed with leukaemia in January 2013, but is now in remission. His family have bought him a new home kit and he's a mascot today with cousins Connie and Harriet. Play up Pompey!



AWAY MASCOT

Welcome to Luton fan Joshua Solomon, who enjoys playing basketball and the PlayStation, as well as supporting the Hatters.

- 1 False – they met in the FA Cup
- 2 Liverpool
- 3 Steven Gerrard

ANSWERS
 Three Pointer:

ACADEMY



BLUES SIGN EIGHT NEW APPRENTICES

Eight young Pompey players signed apprenticeships at Fratton Park earlier in the summer.

Stan Bridgman, Tom Bruce, Harry Kavanagh, Liam Kelly, Haji Mnoga,

Leon Pitman, Ethan Robb and Alfie Stanley have penned two-year deals with the Blues academy.

All of them are aged 16 and seven of the group were born in Portsmouth, while goalkeeper Pitman is from the Isle of Wight.

Academy manager Mark Kelly said: "They've put in a lot of hard work and this is the start of the dream

– but it's only going to get harder for them.

"We've spoken about the challenges ahead, but it's nice that they're local boys and understand the football club because it's in their hearts.

"They're still developing and all bring different things to the table, but will gel quickly as a group and are itching to succeed."

TEENAGE KEEPER SIGNS

Pompey have signed Croatian goalkeeper Petar Durin from Italian Serie A club Atalanta for an undisclosed fee, subject to international clearance.

The 17-year-old has penned a two-year deal at Fratton Park, with a club option for a further 12 months.

Durin – who has represented his country up to under-18 level – said: "I'm very pleased to be here and to have the chance to play for such a big, big club.

"Now I need to work hard and make sure that I can repay the trust that Pompey have shown by bringing me here."

Dave Wright, the Blues' Head of Academy Performance and Recruitment, said: "This is a big step forward for the club, investing in a young player with a lot of promise.

"To my knowledge, it is the first time for many years that we have paid a transfer fee for a youth team player and that is a sign of the long-term intent of our board.

"After liaising with Atalanta and arranging for him to train with us, we immediately felt he had all the attributes required to go a long way.

"John Keeley, our goalkeeping coach, advised us how good he believed Petar was – and, as importantly, how good he could be – and we are very excited that he has chosen to sign for us.

"We felt straight away that he was someone we wanted to bring to the club and after lengthy negotiations with Atalanta and backing from our board, we're delighted to finally sign him."



2018/19 FIXTURES

Sat, Aug 18 Yeovil (H)	
Sat, Aug 25 Newport (H)	11.30AM
Tue, Aug 28 Northampton (A) (YA CUP)	12PM
Sat, Sep 1 Exeter (H)	11.30AM
Sat, Sep 8 Bournemouth (A)	
Sat, Sep 15 Bristol Rovers (H)	
Sat, Sep 22 Cheltenham (H)	
Sat, Sep 28 Forest Green (A)	
Sat, Oct 6 Swindon (H)	
Sat, Oct 13 Plymouth (A)	12PM
Sat, Oct 20 Newport (A)	11.30AM
Sat, Oct 27 Oxford (A)	
Sat, Nov 3 Exeter (A)	11.30AM
Sat, Nov 10 Bournemouth (H)	
Sat, Nov 17 Bristol Rovers (A)	10.30AM
Sat, Nov 24 Forest Green (H)	
Sat, Dec 1 Cheltenham (A)	
Sat, Dec 8 Swindon (A)	
Sat, Dec 15 Plymouth (H)	12PM
Sat, Jan 5 Oxford (A)	
Sat, Jan 19 Yeovil (A)	

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Exeter	11	7	2	2	34	10	24	23
Luton	11	6	1	4	28	17	11	19
Bournemouth	11	5	4	2	25	21	4	19
Southend	11	5	3	3	22	22	0	18
Swindon	11	5	2	4	22	25	-3	17
MK Dons	11	5	1	5	21	23	-2	16
Stevenage	11	3	3	5	21	22	-1	12
POMPEY	11	3	3	5	21	27	-6	12
Bristol Rovers	11	3	1	7	18	26	-8	10
Cambridge	11	3	0	8	15	29	-14	9
Oxford	11	1	3	7	10	25	-15	6

2017/18 APPEARANCES & GOALS

Harry Birchall	0(+3)	0
Stan Bridgman	1(+8)	4
Jordan Brooks	22(+3)	2
Matt Casey	30(+2)	3
Jack Chandler	16(+1)	0
Jack Collins	23	0
Ewan Christopher	0(+1)	0
Joe Dandy	32	1
Josh Flint	21(+9)	3
Joe Hancott	31(+2)	0
Oscar Johnston	22(+12)	2
Harry Kavanagh	10(+4)	0
Liam Kelly	1(+6)	0
Bradley Lethbridge	25(+5)	19
Leon Maloney	29(+4)	10
Matt Mayes	24(+2)	15
Haji Mnoga	5(+7)	1
Leon Pitman	6(+2)	0
Freddie Read	33(+2)	1
Ethan Robb	0(+5)	0
Dan Smith	21(+4)	17
Alfie Stanley	5(+11)	1
Josh Tombs	6	0
James Whiting	22(+10)	2

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WOMEN



NEW NAME FOR WOMEN'S TEAM

Portsmouth FC are pleased to announce that following their recent incorporation into the parent club, the ladies' team will now be known as Portsmouth FC Women.

This name change has been lodged with all the relevant football authorities and the club will play in the Women's National League under the new name in the coming season.

It also brings them into line with other sides, such as Arsenal, Chelsea and Birmingham, who have made similar decisions of late.

Eric Coleborn, chairman of PFCW, said: "This name change is important as it underlines the national trend to afford women's football the respect it deserves as one of the fastest-growing participation sports in the country."

"I am sure the name 'Pompey Ladies' will endure as a familiar name for the club, and rightly so, but the club plays in the Women's National League and competes in the Women's FA Cup, so with the incorporation of the club it seemed the ideal time to change the name."

Outgoing chairman Mick Williams,

who ran the club successfully for three years, as well as being involved in women's football since the 1960s, added: "This is a proud moment for Pompey Ladies."

"All those involved in the club down the years, including, I'm sure, those no longer with us like Dave Coyle, who did so much for the club, are delighted that the club is now firmly part of the Pompey family and this name change moves the club along with the times."

PFCW will also adopt a new crest, in line with the parent club branding. It includes the year of 1987, which was when the current women's club was founded.

The club will play its home fixtures at the PMC Stadium – home of Baffins Milton Rovers – opposite Anchorage Park on the Eastern Road. The postcode to find the stadium is: PO3 5LY.

The Blues began their pre-season fixtures by storming to an 8-1 victory at Bournemouth and followed that up by two home wins over Poole (8-0) and Cheltenham (3-2).

They still have a couple more away games against London Bees and Brighton before their National League opener at C&K Basildon on Sunday, August 19.

2018/19 FIXTURES

Sun, Aug 19	C&K Basildon (A)	
Sun, Aug 26	Gillingham (H)	
Sun, Sep 9	Coventry (H)	
Wed, Sep 12	Chichester (A)	7.45pm
Sun, Sep 16	Watford (H)	
Sun, Sep 30	MK Dons (A)	
Sun, Oct 7	Plymouth (H)	
Sun, Oct 21	Cardiff (A)	
Sun, Nov 11	Loughborough (A)	
Sun, Nov 18	Oxford (H)	
Sun, Dec 16	QPR (H)	
Sun, Jan 13	C&K Basildon (H)	
Sun, Jan 20	Gillingham (A)	
Sun, Jan 27	Coventry (A)	
Wed, Feb 13	Chichester (H)	7.45pm
Sun, Feb 17	Watford (A)	
Sun, Mar 10	MK Dons (H)	
Sun, Mar 17	Plymouth (A)	
Sun, Mar 24	Cardiff (H)	
Sun, Mar 31	Loughborough (H)	
Sun, Apr 14	Oxford (A)	
Sun, May 5	QPR (A)	

Pompey home games are played at Baffins Milton Rovers' PMC Stadium and kick-off at 2pm unless otherwise stated.

2017/18 PREMIER LEAGUE SOUTHERN DIVISION

	PLD	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Charlton	22	20	0	2	98	13	85	60
C&K Basildon	22	17	1	4	51	24	27	52
Crystal Palace	22	16	2	4	59	15	44	50
Coventry	22	14	2	6	69	20	49	44
Lewes	22	14	2	6	45	25	20	44
POMPEY	22	12	1	9	44	35	9	37
West Ham	22	9	2	11	57	42	15	29
Chichester	22	8	4	10	43	48	-5	28
Gillingham	22	5	2	15	24	53	-29	17
Cardiff	22	4	4	14	40	69	-29	16
QPR	22	2	2	18	17	94	-77	8
Swindon	22	0	0	22	10	119	-109	0

2017/18 APPEARANCES & GOALS

	A	G
Shannon Albuery	23(+4)	12
Rebecca Barron	3(+2)	0
Nadine Bazan	13(+2)	1
Michelle Beazley	5	0
Charley Boswell	17(+2)	1
Jess Burke	1(+1)	0
Mel Burns	1	0
Sharna Capel-Watson	1(+2)	0
Molly Clark	12(+4)	5
Eilidh Currie	22(+6)	1
Hannah Ceer	3(+5)	0
Gemma Hillier	6(+2)	1
Katie James	10(+6)	5
Ellie Kirby	22(+3)	0
Robyn Levett	22	0
Emma-Jane May	1(+6)	2
Daisy McLachlan	11(+5)	9
Emily Paines	2(+1)	0
Rachel Panting	25(+3)	11
Lauren Peck	16(+6)	0
Carla Perkins	7(+5)	0
Samantha Quayle	26(+3)	17
Shannon Sievwright	22(+2)	2
Jade Simmons	7(+5)	0
Amelia Southgate	27	2
Tash Stephens	16(+1)	5
Jade Widdowson	8(+2)	1



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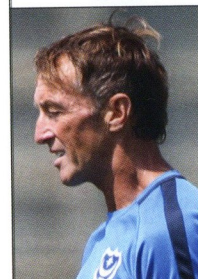
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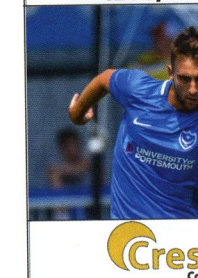
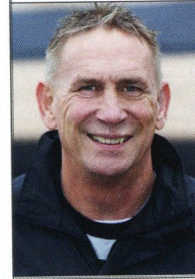


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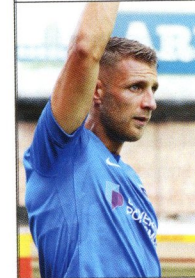
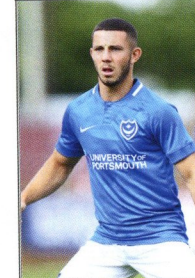
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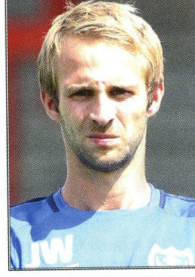
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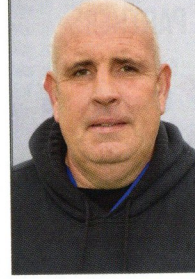
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APPS/GOALS: 0/0

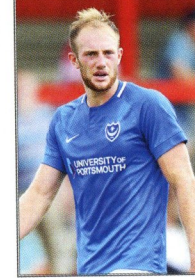
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APPS/GOALS: 127/6

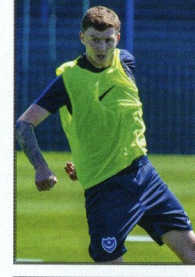
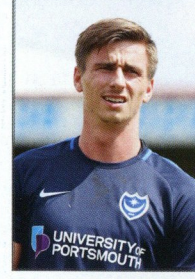
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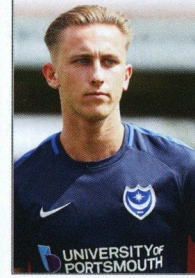
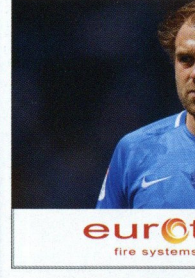
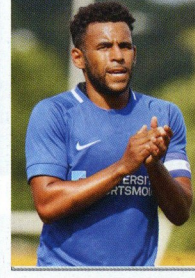
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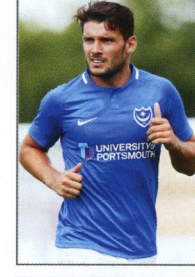
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ADAM MAY MIDFIELDER
APPS/GOALS: 25/0**BRETT PITMAN** FORWARD
APPS/GOALS: 41/25**NATHAN THOMPSON** DEFENDER
APPS/GOALS: 40/0

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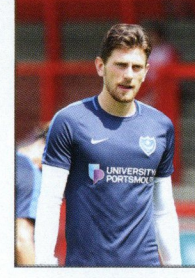
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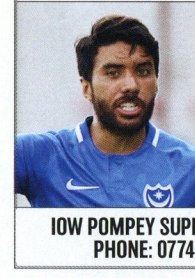
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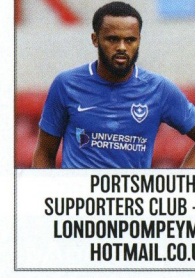
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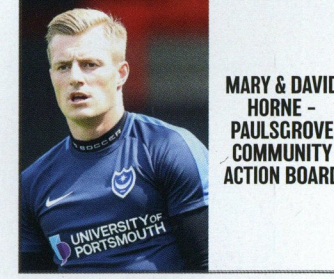
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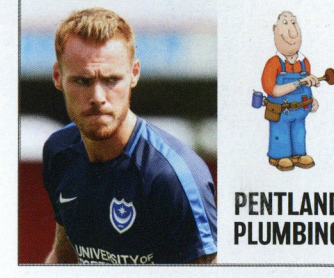
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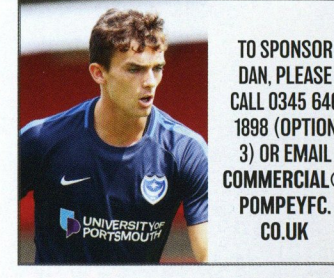
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APPS/GOALS: 0/0

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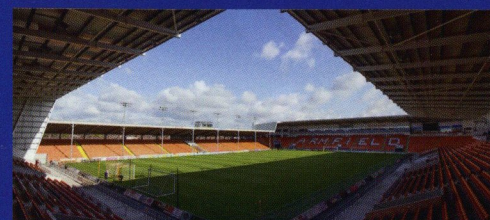
BLACKPOOL v POMPEY

Saturday, August 11
Kick-Off: 3pm

Pompey's trip to Blackpool last season was a particularly memorable one for Ben Close, who netted his first senior goal in a dramatic 3-2 victory.

The Seasiders finished 12th in League One last term, ending up 11 points adrift of the play-offs, but a comfortable 10 clear of the drop zone.

Ground: Bloomfield Road
Distance from Fratton Park: 282.2 miles
Estimated drive time: 4 hours 41 minutes
Postcode: FY1 6JJ
League One promotion odds: 10/1



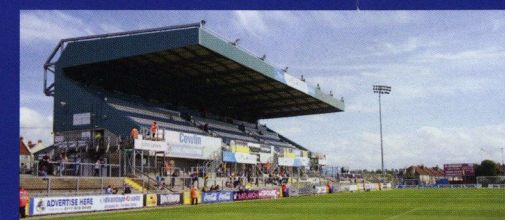
BRISTOL ROVERS v POMPEY

Tuesday, August 21
Kick-Off: 7.45pm

Pompey somehow snatched defeat from the jaws of victory when they made a New Year's Day trip to Bristol Rovers last season.

Oli Hawkins looked to have secured all three points for the visitors, only for a couple of late goals from Stuart Sinclair and Liam Sercombe to turn the contest on its head.

Ground: Memorial Stadium
Distance from Fratton Park: 121.5 miles
Estimated drive time: 2 hours 6 minutes
Postcode: BS7 0BF
League One promotion odds: 13/2



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TODAY

Sky Bet League One

Sunderland v Charlton (12.30pm)
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Pompey	5/4
Draw	23/10
Luton	9/4

FIRST GOALSCORER

Brett Pitman	7/2
James Collins	9/2
Oli Hawkins	11/2
Conor Chaplin	6/1
Ronan Curtis	7/1
Jake Jervis	7/1
Gareth Evans	12/1
Luke Gambin	12/1
Jorge Grant	12/1
Jack Whatmough	28/1
Sonny Bradley	33/1
Lee Brown	40/1

CORRECT SCORE

Pompey 1-0	13/2
Pompey 2-0	9/1
Pompey 2-1	8/1
Pompey 3-0	20/1
Pompey 3-1	16/1
Pompey 3-2	28/1
Pompey 4-0	50/1
Draw 0-0	9/1
Draw 1-1	5/1
Draw 2-2	12/1
Draw 3-3	50/1
Luton 1-0	17/2
Luton 2-0	14/1
Luton 2-1	10/1
Luton 3-0	40/1
Luton 3-1	28/1
Luton 3-2	40/1
Luton 4-0	80/1

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LEAGUE ONE EFL



GOALS SCORED

1	Wigan	89	
2	Blackburn	82	
3	Rotherham	73	
4	Peterborough	68	
=15	Pompey	57	

GOALS CONCEDED

1	Wigan	29	
2	Shrewsbury	39	
3	Blackburn	40	
4	Scunthorpe	50	
10	Pompey	56	

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

1	Bradford	19,787	
2	Pompey	17,917	
3	Blackburn	12,832	
4	Charlton	11,846	
5	Plymouth	10,413	

TOTAL ATTENDANCE

1	Bradford	455,097	
2	Pompey	412,082	
3	Blackburn	295,146	
4	Charlton	272,449	
5	Plymouth	239,499	

FIRST HALF GOALS

FOR	21
AGAINST	21

SECOND HALF GOALS

FOR	36
AGAINST	35

FRATTON END GOALS

FOR	15
AGAINST	10

MILTON END GOALS

FOR	18
AGAINST	11

POMPEY GOAL TIMES

0-15	4
16-30	7
31-45	10
46-60	12
61-75	9
76-90	15

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2017/18 STATS



TEAM	HOME					AWAY					GD	PTS	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F			A
C Wigan	46	13	8	2	37	11	16	3	4	52	18	60	98
P Blackburn	46	15	6	2	46	20	13	6	4	36	20	42	96
3 Shrewsbury	46	14	4	5	32	17	11	8	4	28	22	21	87
P Rotherham	46	15	3	5	45	23	9	4	10	28	30	20	79
5 Scunthorpe	46	9	8	6	28	23	10	9	4	37	27	15	74
6 Charlton	46	11	6	6	31	24	9	5	9	27	27	7	71
7 Plymouth	46	13	3	7	37	30	6	8	9	21	29	-1	68
8 POMPEY	46	12	3	8	33	21	8	3	12	24	35	1	66
9 Peterborough	46	12	4	7	37	26	5	9	9	31	34	8	64
10 Southend	46	12	7	4	38	21	5	5	13	20	41	-4	63
11 Bradford	46	9	4	10	28	32	9	5	9	29	35	-10	63
12 Blackpool	46	9	8	6	37	29	6	7	10	23	26	5	60
13 Bristol Rovers	46	11	6	6	38	30	5	5	13	22	36	-6	59
14 Fleetwood	46	7	6	10	32	35	9	3	11	27	33	-9	57
15 Doncaster	46	7	9	7	30	25	6	8	9	22	27	0	56
16 Oxford	46	9	6	8	34	32	6	5	12	27	34	-5	56
17 Gillingham	46	5	11	7	26	26	8	6	9	24	29	-5	56
18 AFC Wimbledon	46	8	6	9	25	30	5	8	10	22	28	-11	53
19 Walsall	46	9	6	8	30	31	4	7	12	23	35	-13	52
20 Rochdale	46	6	12	5	24	24	5	6	12	25	33	-8	51
R Oldham	46	8	6	9	31	33	3	11	9	27	42	-17	50
R Northampton	46	7	5	11	20	35	5	6	12	23	42	-34	47
R MK Dons	46	6	8	9	24	30	5	4	14	19	39	-26	45
R Bury	46	7	4	12	20	30	1	8	14	21	41	-30	36

APPEARANCES

	League			Cup			Total		
	APPS	GLS	Y R	APPS	GLS	Y R	APPS	GLS	Y R
Carl Baker*	1(+1)	-	-	1(+1)	-	-	2(+2)	-	-
Alex Bass	1	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-
Kyle Bennett*	11(+7)	-	1/0	2(+2)	-	-	13(+9)	-	1/0
Christian Burgess	34(+1)	-	5/1	4	-	2/0	38(+1)	-	7/1
Conor Chaplin	11(+15)	5	-	2(+4)	-	-	13(+19)	5	-
Matt Clarke	42	2	7/0	4	1	-	46	3	7/0
Ben Close	37(+3)	2	-	3(+2)	-	-	40(+5)	2	-
Tom Davies*	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
Sylvain Deslandes*	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Dion Donohue	29(+3)	-	8/0	3	-	-	32(+3)	-	8/0
Gareth Evans	26(+6)	2	4/1	5	1	-	31(+6)	3	4/1
Joe Hancott	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
Brandon Haunstrup	13(+3)	-	1/0	3(+1)	-	-	16(+4)	-	1/0
Stephen Henderson*	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Oliver Hawkins	22(+9)	7	1/0	4	1	-	26(+9)	8	1/0
Tareiq Holmes-Dennis*	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Nicke Kabamba*	0(+1)	-	-	0(+1)	-	-	0(+2)	-	-
Matty Kennedy*	20(+8)	3	4/0	2(+2)	-	-	22(+10)	3	4/0
Milan Lalkovic*	1	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-
Jamal Lowe	39(+5)	6	3/1	4(+2)	2	1/0	43(+7)	8	4/1
Curtis Main*	2(+3)	-	-	4	1	-	6(+3)	1	-
Adam May	10(+3)	-	0/1	5	-	1/0	15(+3)	-	1/1
Damien McCrory*	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
Luke McGee	44	-	1/0	6	-	-	50	-	1/0
Kal Naismith*	19(+7)	2	2/0	4(+1)	1	-	23(+8)	3	2/0
Stuart O'Keefe*	17(+4)	-	5/0	3(+1)	2	1/0	20(+5)	2	6/0
Brett Pitman	35(+3)	24	6/0	2(+1)	1	-	37(+4)	25	6/0
Connor Ronan*	8(+8)	-	-	1	-	-	9(+8)	-	-
Danny Rose	13(+2)	-	-	4	-	-	17(+2)	-	-
Drew Talbot*	4	-	-	1(+2)	-	-	5(+2)	-	-
Nathan Thompson	34(+2)	-	9/1	4	-	0/1	38(+2)	-	9/2
Anton Walkes	12	1	2/0	-	-	-	12	1	2/0
Jack Whatmough	14	-	1/0	2	-	-	16	-	1/0

*Has left the club



TOP SCORERS

Jack Marriott	Peterborough	27
BRETT PITMAN	POMPEY	24
Will Grigg	Wigan	19
Bradley Dack	Blackburn	18
Tom Eaves	Gillingham	17
Erhun Oztumer	Walsall	15
Nick Powell	Wigan	15
Charlie Wyke	Bradford	15
Graham Carey	Plymouth	14
Eoin Doyle	Oldham	14
Danny Graham	Blackburn	14
John Marquis	Doncaster	14
Charlie Mulgrew	Blackburn	14
Lyle Taylor	AFC Wimbledon	14
Ian Henderson	Rochdale	13
Kieffer Moore	Rotherham	13

MOST ASSISTS

Marcus Maddison	Peterborough	16
Graham Carey	Plymouth	13
Stephen McLaughlin	Southend	12
Jack Payne	Blackburn	12
Shaun Whalley	Shrewsbury	12
Hakeeb Adelakun	Scunthorpe	11
Luke Leahy	Walsall	10
Matt Grimes	Northampton	9
Ruben Lameiras	Plymouth	9
Tony McMahon	Bradford	9
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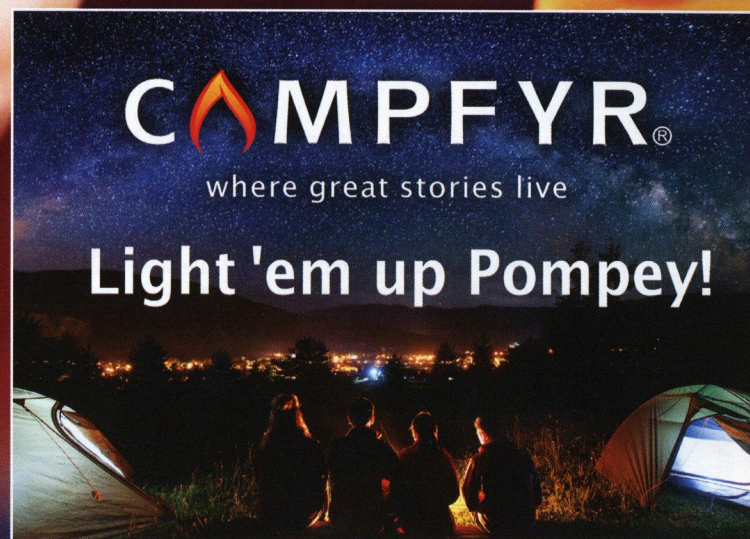
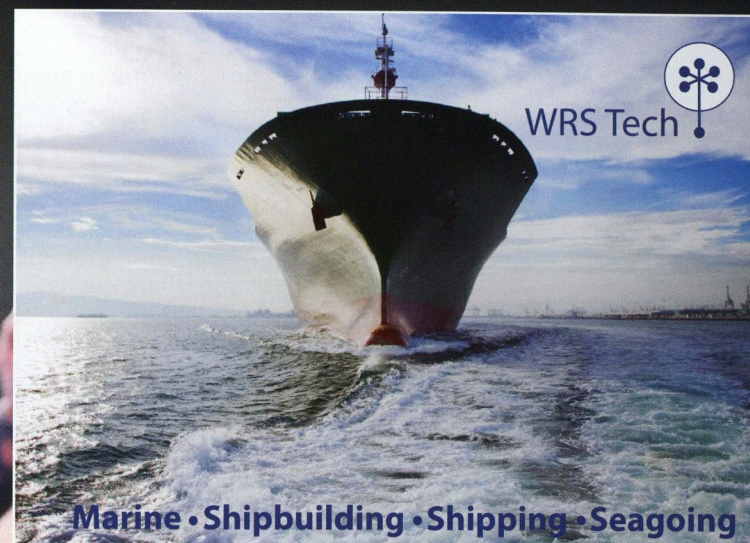
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DATE	OPPOSITION	COMP	KO/SCORE	POS	ATT	AWAY	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Sat Aug 4	Luton (H)		3pm										
Sat Aug 11	Blackpool (A)		3pm										
Tue Aug 14	AFC Wimbledon (H)		7.45pm										
Sat Aug 18	Oxford (H)		3pm										
Tue Aug 21	Bristol Rovers (A)		7.45pm										
Sat Aug 25	Doncaster (A)		3pm										
Sat Sep 1	Plymouth (H)		3pm										
Tue Sep 4	Gillingham (H)		7.45pm										
Sat Sep 8	Shrewsbury (H)		3pm										
Sat Sep 15	Peterborough (A)		3pm										
Sat Sep 22	Wycombe (H)		3pm										
Sat Sep 29	Rochdale (A)		3pm										
Tue Oct 2	Coventry (A)		7.45pm										
Sat Oct 6	Gillingham (H)		3pm										
Tue Oct 9	Crawley (A)		7.45pm										
Sat Oct 13	AFC Wimbledon (A)		3pm										
Sat Oct 20	Fleetwood (H)		3pm										
Tue Oct 23	Burton (H)		7.45pm										
Sat Oct 27	Accrington (A)		3pm										
Sat Nov 3	Bradford (A)		3pm										
Tue Nov 13	Tottenham U21 (H)		7.45pm										
Sat Nov 17	Charlton (H)		3pm										
Sat Nov 24	Scunthorpe (A)		3pm										
Tue Nov 27	Walsall (H)		7.45pm										
Sat Dec 8	Southend (H)		3pm										
Sat Dec 15	Barnsley (A)		3pm										
Sat Dec 22	Sunderland (H)		3pm										
Wed Dec 26	Gillingham (A)		1pm										
Sat Dec 29	Fleetwood (A)		3pm										
Tue Jan 1	AFC Wimbledon (H)		3pm										
Sat Jan 5	Luton (A)		3pm										
Sat Jan 12	Blackpool (H)		3pm										
Sat Jan 19	Oxford (A)		3pm										
Sat Jan 26	Bristol Rovers (H)		3pm										
Sat Feb 2	Doncaster (H)		3pm										
Sat Feb 9	Plymouth (A)		3pm										
Sat Feb 16	Southend (A)		3pm										
Sat Feb 23	Barnsley (H)		3pm										
Sat Mar 2	Bradford (H)		3pm										
Sat Mar 9	Charlton (A)		3pm										
Tue Mar 12	Walsall (A)		7.45pm										
Sat Mar 16	Scunthorpe (H)		3pm										
Sat Mar 23	Shrewsbury (A)		3pm										
Sat Mar 30	Peterborough (H)		3pm										
Sat Apr 6	Wycombe (A)		3pm										
Sat Apr 13	Rochdale (H)		3pm										
Fri Apr 19	Burton (A)		3pm										
Mon Apr 22	Coventry (H)		3pm										
Sat Apr 27	Sunderland (A)		3pm										
Sat May 4	Accrington (H)		5.30pm										

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THE LAST WORD



Ten years ago, Pompey were embarking on a season of European football just three months after that incredible day at Wembley, when the Blues beat Cardiff to lift the FA Cup.

In the spring my colleague Chris Wise and I were tasked with putting together a radio documentary to mark the anniversary of that match. Unfortunately, 'When Sol went up to lift the FA Cup' is no longer on the iPlayer, but I've been assured it will be repeated at Christmas on BBC Radio Solent, so keep an eye out for the festive schedules if you didn't catch it first time around!

Neither of us are documentary makers, so it proved a hugely challenging, if ultimately rewarding, experience. The difficulty was always going

to be tracking down the key protagonists of the day who are now spread far and wide around the globe, but it would be impossible to tell the story without those voices.

Harry Redknapp was a good starting point and asked us to meet him at a charity golf day. Once we got him talking, he didn't stop and it was easy to tell just how much that day meant to him. The spells at Pompey are clearly a major highlight of his life and he absolutely loved reliving the whole cup run.

Kanu, by contrast, proved rather more challenging. I had no idea until we started our research that he's running for President of Nigeria in next year's elections (I wonder if there will be a state visit to Fratton Park if he wins) and it felt like a wild

goose chase trying to find him.

The BBC World Service wouldn't help us and a number for his agent proved to be a dead end when it turned out this individual was now very much his ex-agent! A few more phone calls led nowhere and sadly the 'King' wouldn't be part of our documentary.

Right from the start we were told there were two 'bankers' who would be happy to be involved: Hermann Hreidarsson and Sylvain Distin. Those people who had suggested them were spot on – they were both excellent.

Hermann had an excellent memory of the entire cup run and gave us the wonderful quote 'sometimes dreams really do come true', which we used to end the programme. You would struggle to meet a nicer man with as much top-flight experience as Distin. Unsurprisingly, his remarkable goal-line clearance in the miraculous win at Manchester United in the quarter-finals was one of his stand-out recollections.

Perhaps my favourite contributors, though, were the three Blues supporters – Colin Farmery, Pam Wilkins and Graham Dubber – who told some wonderful anecdotes about the day. While for players the cup win was a career highlight, for so many fans it was one of the best days of their lives.

I'm not expecting the club to reach the latter stages of the FA Cup for the next few years (they've only got past the first round once while I've been commentating), but come May I'll simply be cheering for anyone outside the Premier League's 'big six'.

Maybe another set of fans can be lucky enough to experience what Pompey supporters did that weekend.

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- + 7 Tom Naylor
- ✗ 8 Brett Pitman
- + 9 Oli Hawkins
- + 10 Jamal Lowe
- 🇮🇪 11 Ronan Curtis
- 🇧🇪 12 Pompey Fans
- + 15 **Craig MacGillivray**
- + 16 Jack Whatmough
- 🇮🇪 17 Dion Donohue
- + 18 Louis Dennis
- + 19 Conor Chaplin
- + 20 Nathan Thompson
- + 26 Gareth Evans
- + 30 Adam May
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- + 33 Ben Close
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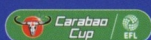


Referee
Gavin Ward

Assistants


Mark Pottage
Matt Foley


Fourth Official
Leigh Crowhurst



NEXT GAME AT FRATTON PARK

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Luton had not released their squad
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