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THE MANAGER



NATHAN JONES

Good evening and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for this evening's Sky Bet League One fixture against Southend United, a club that I have some good memories of playing for in the early stages of my career.

After my brief spell as a player here at Luton, I went out to Spain but came back to England after a couple of years and signed for the Shrimpers under Alvin Martin. I had three seasons down at Roots Hall and enjoyed my time there, before Brighton made me an offer that was too good to turn down in the summer of 2000.

I met some good people at the club and I extend the welcome to chairman Ron Martin, who took over when I was there 20 years ago, his fellow officials, manager Chris Powell – someone I know well from my season as Under-21 manager at Charlton – his staff, their players and supporters.

Condolences

One of the main things I want to do in my notes tonight is to pay tribute to one of our youth team players, Jake Peck, and send condolences from all at the club to his family after a tough few weeks.

Yesterday, Andy Awford, the academy staff and youth team attended the funeral of Jake's dad Colin, who sadly lost his fight with cancer while the Under-18s were away in Italy during pre-season. To add to the family's grief, Jake's grandmother passed away last week.

At 17, Jake is not only a terrific footballer of whom we have high hopes, but also a young man who has shown great maturity and character to continue training as his father wished.

He knows that we are all here for him, and our thoughts are with Jake's family at this sad time.

That all puts into perspective where we stand on a football front. I held my hands up on Saturday for the change of approach that we took at Peterborough. I got it wrong and take full responsibility. Like all of us, I am learning at the new level – and it's an educational process we need to go through quickly to start getting results.

We have one point from three games. Two of those have been away from home against sides who are expected to be up there challenging; two teams who have maximum points from three games. Our point came here at Kenilworth Road against the favourites for the title, a Premier League team two seasons ago. We've also taken on a more recent top-flight club in the Carabao Cup and played very well, without reward.

Tonight gives us the opportunity to put the first half at Peterborough firmly behind us and build on the positives we have all taken from the opening games. Your support once again last Saturday was wonderful and we'll need that again tonight.

Enjoy the game.

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FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH DIRECTOR MIKE HERRICK

Today we welcome the supporters, players and directors of Southend United for our second home game as a Sky Bet League One club.

We have recent connections with the Shrimpers in that our manager Nathan Jones and midfielder Alan McCormack had successful spells there in the not too distant past, and Glen Rea played there on loan before he signed for us in the latter part of the 2015-16 season. All players are keen to impress against their former teams and our three will be no exception.

Those who thought there would be little difference between Leagues One and Two may now have reassessed their views. Having to play very strong teams early on has given us plenty to think about. There's nothing wrong with that, though, as long as we learn from the experience and use it to adapt quickly to our new surroundings.

Tirelessly

Certainly, our games so far have not yielded the results our performances have merited, but I know that Nathan and our squad will work tirelessly to redress this imbalance. Moving up a level was what we were very keen to achieve last season, and the atmosphere of full houses in our first games was something to embrace and savour.

The Carabao Cup match at West Brom last week showed us what we shall aim to work towards – both on and off the pitch. The development of the Hawthorns has obviously benefitted from eight years of Premier League funding, and it gave us a glimpse of the kind of environment we look to achieve at Power Court in due course.

Over the years we have strived to become more than just a football club. Our work involves much more than the local community as we reach out

to provide the impetus to develop Luton Town as a whole. The transformation that our proposals bring will be incredibly beneficial to the whole area and our determination so see this through has never been stronger. We are content in the knowledge that we have gone about things in the right way. The town of Luton – our town – is on the threshold of a bright new future.

This year the local charities chosen by the various groups to support are Luton Foodbank (club charity of the season), Kids In Action (players) and the Luton & Dunstable Hospital Charitable Fund (supporters), and we look on this as a vital part of our work.

We try to play an active role in the community in which we live, and we were delighted to see so many Bury Park residents take advantage of our neighbours day during pre-season when we hand delivered around 1,000 tickets to the games against Notts County and Norwich City.

Ambassador

One further example of how we continue to strive to reach out to everyone in Luton is the appointment of Mostaque Ahmed Koyes – well-known local businessman, charity fundraiser and Hatters supporter born in Luton and raised a long throw away from the ground in Ash Road – as our first community ambassador.

We were delighted to ask Raj, as he is known to all, to go to Notts County last month to represent the Hatters in the official EFL season launch photo on the pitch at Meadow Lane, where had such a memorable end to last season, proudly wearing our



shirt alongside players, managers, directors, youth and community coaches and other people from the league's 71 other clubs. It is a wonderful picture – I'm sure you'll agree!

Relationships with our sponsors continue to bear fruit – particularly so for two lucky season ticket holders, who were picked out at random by Indigo Residential and given back the money they had spent on their ticket. The added benefits for local people of us having companies from the area, with both Indigo and Star Platforms on board this season, is there for all to see.

To get it off my chest I'd like to finish with some personal thoughts of the way I'd like to change the rules to improve the game based on a lifetime (well, 61 years) following Luton Town. Most of these relate to time-wasting – my pet hate.

- If throw-ins are delayed or taken from a spot higher up the pitch than where the ball went out, then award it to the other team.

- Similarly with free-kicks taken from the wrong spot or if there is an unnecessary delay taking them – give the free-kick to the other side.
- If a goalkeeper takes too long over a goal-kick or otherwise wastes time then award a corner.
- If a substitute ambles off the pitch too slowly then he is not allowed to be replaced.
- If a ballboy wastes time retrieving and returning the ball, then they should be given a one-year football banning order!

That would show them. Now I just need to get myself elected to FIFA's rules committee!

There are other improvements that I have in mind but perhaps I'll share these with you next time. In the meantime, thank you for your wonderful support and enjoy the game tonight.

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Sonny Bradley

Sonny Bradley can't wait for tonight's game against Southend to start to put right what went wrong at Peterborough on Saturday.

The summer signing from Plymouth came in for his first league start after an impressive performance in the midweek Carabao Cup first round defeat at West Brom.

Although delighted to get his EFL debut for the club, the 26-year-old stressed: "I was obviously pleased when the manager put me in the team, but right now I'm not thinking about that at all.

"It's hard not to think about the result, and as a team that's all that matters. I'd rather sit on the bench and us win the game, to be honest.

"Yes, I've got my first league start and hopefully I can kick on now and get more appearances, but all that matters for me is the club doing well, the squad doing well and us climbing the table. We'll focus on Tuesday now and try to rectify the problems."

The main problems lay in the first half at the ABAX Stadium, but Bradley believes the second-half performance – in which Danny Hylton scored a consolation and Bradley, with a far post volley that was deflected over the bar by a brave block by home defender Ryan Tafazolli, came as close as anyone else to adding to it – gives plenty of encouragement to Nathan Jones' squad.

"We got into half-time and the game was already gone at 3-0," says the Hull-born defender. "I think we want to play so much, we want to go forward, we want to create, we want to score goals, but it looks like we'll learn the hard way.

"We were too open at times, bombing forward for a goal straight away in the first ten minutes, where sometimes you've got to make sure you don't concede first and then go and look for the goal.

"It's a difficult day, a difficult one to take because people will turn around and say 'Are we the better football team?' Yes, we probably are the better



footballing team, but it doesn't count for anything when you get beat 3-1. But we'll look at it, we'll look where we can improve and there is a game on Tuesday night, which is a good chance to bounce back and get a result."

He added: "That's what's on our mind now. We'll have to quickly forget about this, see where we can improve, but then we'll swiftly move on to Southend and it's a good chance for us to get three points. By no means a cert. It's going to be another tough game.

"They'll be looking at this game and probably saying 'If we get into them early doors, we'll get something out of this game', and they've got good quality in their team as well, so we have to make sure we are solid and be 100 per cent on it if we want to get three points out of the game."

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INTRODUCING THE HATTERS' 3 PARTNER CHARITIES FOR 2018-19

CLUB CHARITY:

Luton Foodbank

www.lutonfoodbank.org.uk

We are delighted to announce that our Club charity of the year for 2018-19 is Luton Foodbank.



The Luton-based organisation, whose head office is in High Town, were selected by the Club's charity committee, ahead of 28 other applicants for the prestigious partnership.

Luton Foodbank's aims are clear – to eradicate food poverty in Luton and to support people so that they can take steps to overcome the problems that brought them to the charity.

Luton Foodbank is run entirely for the benefit of people in and around Luton who need emergency food, and is committed to helping those in genuine need. They are a not-for-profit organisation and are not aligned to any one faith group or community.

The charity provide free, nutritionally balanced, and culturally appropriate food to people in hardship or distress who are referred by a network of partner agencies.



Club chairman David Wilkinson said: "We're delighted to be working alongside Luton Foodbank this season, and doing what we can to support this important charity. Since our 'Charities of the Year' programme began in 2015, we've helped nine fantastic local organisations to raise tens of thousands of pounds, and to grow their profile and awareness locally. I'm sure this year will be every bit as successful, and we're delighted to be able to support the Foodbank in their work helping those in desperate need across the town."

As in previous seasons, Luton Foodbank will benefit from a dedicated matchday – which will be on 8th December when the Hatters play Fleetwood Town at home.

Scott Lynn, director of Indigo Residential, home shirt sponsors who have generously donated their space for that game, said: "We're delighted that Luton Town have selected Luton Foodbank as their Club Charity of the Year, and that we're in a position to support them by giving up our place on the shirts for the match against Fleetwood Town. As Lutonians ourselves, and a Luton-based company, we're well aware of the fantastic work the Foodbank do to help people across our town in need of emergency help, and we're proud to be associated with them through Luton Town this season."

Liz Stringer, of Luton Foodbank, said: "We are pleased to be chosen as Luton Town Football Club's Charity of the Year. Working with the Club this season will help raise the profile of the Luton Foodbank and help us as we look to alleviate food poverty in our town.

"We want to take this opportunity to thank the Club and Indigo Residential, and are looking forward to working with both ahead of what promises to be another exciting season for us all."

PLAYERS' CHARITY:

Kids In Action

www.kidsinaction.org.uk

The Town squad have chosen 'Kids In Action' as their charity for the season.



Many young people with disabilities experience isolation and loneliness, and Kids In Action's work helps to alleviate these negative experiences and is often described as lifeline by parents. By providing facilities and support to young people, this has enabled the organic growth of extended support to families who have a shared experience of caring for a family member with disabilities.

Having an extended 'family', sharing difficulties and positive experiences really helps and Kids In Action plays a very important role in this.

The visible difference they achieve is significant. Many, who have only ever had adult company, are interacting with other young people, which reduces their social isolation and loneliness, depression and anxieties. For parents, seeing their child relaxed and enjoying themselves is priceless.

Paul Bowen-James, who set up the charity over 20 years ago, and Tracey Hammond, manager at Kids in Action, visited the Brache training ground earlier this month to meet players James Shea, Harry Cornick and Harry Isted to discuss ways the players can support their charity this season.

"We're thrilled to have been chosen as the players' charity of the year for this season," said Mr Bowen James. "Having the players' involvement will help us to raise the profile of our operation in Dunstable that helps so many children with disabilities, and their families, in the Bedfordshire area."



FANS' CHARITY:

Luton & Dunstable Hospital Charitable Fund

www.ldh.nhs.uk/get-involved/fundraising

The L&D are the Supporters' Charity of the Year, with money raised going towards the Neonatal Intensive Care (NICU) parent accommodation.

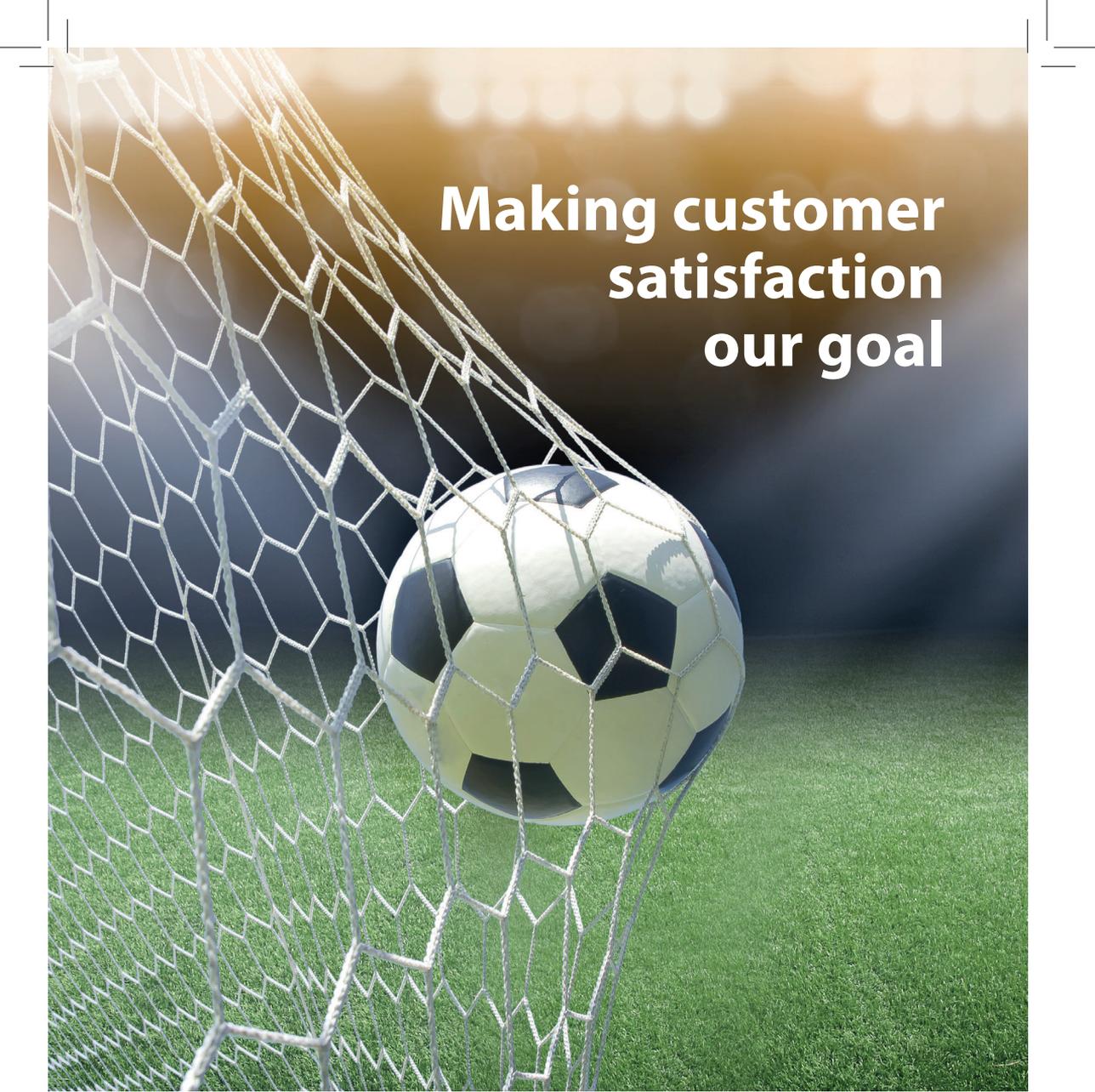
The NICU Parent Accommodation costs £15,000 per year to run, so this season's association with the Club's supporters will be a very valuable one. The money raised will allow them to continue providing their free facility to enable some parents, who live far away from the hospital, to sleep and rest whilst being as close as possible to their baby in NICU.

Representatives from the Charity met with Supporters' Liaison Officer John Miller recently to discuss ideas for the coming season, and to make plans for their dedicated match day on 17th November against Plymouth Argyle.

Pictured are John Miller, Luton Town Supporter Liaison Officer (SLO), Simon Linnett, Chairman of the Luton and Dunstable University Hospital, Sarah Amexheta, Fundraising Manager and Bianca Lee John, Community Fundraiser.

John said: "On behalf of the Luton Town supporters, we are delighted to be getting behind the L&D Charitable Fund this season. The Hospital will of course be close to the hearts of so many of us, and I'm sure Hatters fans everywhere will do what they can to help raise money for the NICU Parents Accommodation. The Luton and Dunstable Charitable Fund are the third and final charity to have been selected for our official partnerships in 2018-19. In all, we received close to 3,500 votes – an incredible response – thanks to everyone who had their say."





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Entry via the press gate at the top of Kenilworth Road, and a turnstile on the Maple Road bridge, will be from 9.30am with the training session beginning at 10am.

You'll be able to watch the squad go through their exercises and drills from the main stand enclosure, with the main kiosk open for supporters to purchase refreshments.

Junior Diamond Season ticket holders will receive

a voucher for free entry for themselves and an accompanying adult in the post in the next few days. This voucher will also allow a complimentary hot dog or burger and drink.

The training session is open to anyone else for a nominal £1 fee, which will be donated to our new club charity of the year – Luton Foodbank.

We look forward to seeing you at Kenilworth Road next Tuesday!

CATHERINE 'KITTY' CREAMER



We are sorry to learn of the passing of Catherine 'Kitty' Creamer on June 8th, aged 95.

Kitty had been a regular Hatters supporter since Good Friday 1937, shortly after moving to Luton from County Durham. Together with her late husband Bob, they had both been devoted followers of the Hatters and Kitty continued to regularly attend games after Bob's passing and was looking forward to the new season.

A season ticket holder for all of her married life, Kitty and Bob even arranged their wedding and honeymoon to ensure they didn't miss the home ties against Leeds and Leicester in 1949. Kitty had many friends at Kenilworth Road and the family wish to express their gratitude to all who knew and helped her enjoy her visits.



WELCOME, CONNOR!

A very warm welcome to Kenilworth Road this evening to Connor Marks, who is a Hatter based Down Under attending his first game tonight. Dad Craig is a massive Luton fan who emigrated to Australia in 1995 and says he has only missed two things: "My family and Luton Town!"

Craig added: "Connor has been brought up to support the Hatters and is visiting our family. He is also a decent player in his own right and at 20 years old has a decent Non-League future in the Sunday leagues here in Australia."



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Danny Hylton's ALL-TIME XI

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Town striker Danny Hylton discusses the best XI he has played alongside, but chose not to pick any current Hatters so he didn't offend any of his team-mates!



Nikki Bull

GK

Played with at:
Aldershot Town

He kept us in a lot of games, he was really good. Played over 250 times for Aldershot, a proper keeper.



George Baldock

RB

Played with at: Oxford United

Good, attacking full-back. Good on the ball, really fit, really agile. Excellent defensively.



Johnny Mullins

CB

Played with at: Oxford United/Luton Town

My friend Johnny Mullins. I prefer him to my own dad! Played with him for five years. We used to call him the magnet, he was brilliant at attacking set pieces.



Jake Wright

CB

Played with at: Oxford United

To look at him, he's not big, he's not quick, he's not strong, but he reads the game really well and he was our captain.



Tareiq Holmes-Dennis

LB

Played with at: Oxford United

He went to Huddersfield. Again, really good going forward, very good defensively. Decent on the ball.



Alex MacDonald

RM

Played with at: Oxford United

He works really hard, he's a little Pitbull. He sets up goals, he defends. He does the lot.



John Lundstram

CM

Played with at: Oxford United

He used to run every game for us. Big and strong, box-to-box as well. He's at Sheffield United now. Really comfortable on the ball.



Kemar Roofe



Liam Sercombe

CM

Played with at: Oxford United

He was good on the ball, but he didn't get it a lot. He just makes good runs into the box and he scored 17 goals when we got promoted. Long shots, tap ins, everything.



Callum O'Dowda

LM

Played with at: Oxford United

He could be anything he wants to be. He's the best athlete. The quickest, strongest, he's got everything. He's got a great left foot as well.



Kemar Roofe

ST

Played with at: Oxford United

A real professional. He works everyday on improving himself, he's obviously getting the rewards for that now in the Championship with Leeds.



Marvin Morgan

ST

Played with at: Aldershot Town

He had two great seasons for us. He was a big man but didn't really like heading the ball. His touch was good though, he had really good feet.

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ALLAN RIDLEY

Match ball sponsor Allen Ridley is 70 today. Allen has his family and friends with him in Box 28 tonight to celebrate his birthday. He has been a season ticket holder in the Kenny Upper for many years and went to his first Luton game 60 years ago. Part of the South London Luton, Allen is known by many fans and travels up from Beckenham, Kent each week with his brother, son, nephew and the rest of the London contingent on the Thameslink, both home and away. Let's get a big three points tonight and make his day!



TODAY'S MASCOT

JESSICA CONWAY

Age: 9

School: St Martin De Porres

Hobbies: Plays for Luton Ladies U10s football team, gymnastics, swimming and art.

Favourite Player: Alan Sheehan

Who do you attend games with: Dad (Richard) Mum (Janine) Big Bro Ben, Little Bro Aiden



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[OUR VISITORS]

WELCOME SOUTHEND UNITED



The Town would like to extend a warm welcome to the visiting staff, players and supporters of the Shrimpers.

The signs are good at Roots Hall. Great manager. Good blend of experience and youth in the squad – it's all the ingredients needed to lead Southend back to the Championship.

Chris Powell is well known in football for being one of the good guys, but he also knows how to get out of the third tier, having guided Charlton to the Championship. Whilst maintaining a fair amount of the core of the squad he inherited when he took over from Phil Brown in January, he has also added a fair amount of new faces.

Arguably one of the best stoppers at this level in Mark Oxley, with Michael Turner and Jason Demetriou in front of him, forms a solid defence, whilst Michael Kightly and Sam Mantom play as part of a decent midfield – with the addition of Luke Hyam bringing real quality.

As if that wasn't enough, the combination of Simon Cox alongside Tom Hopper is enough to give any defence in this division a few problems.

It's been a bit of a mixed start though for Powell's side though. On the opening day they lost at Doncaster Rovers – who many thought might struggle this year following Darren Ferguson's departure although so far new boss Grant McCann has defied expectations – before a 1-1 draw at Plymouth was followed by a 4-2 Carabao Cup exit at Brentford's hands.

On Saturday they won 2-0 at home to Bradford and you'd imagine their backline will shore up further, given the fact the Shrimpers under Powell were excellent defensively last season, helping to guide them from 18th when he took over to a finishing position of tenth.

Now in their fourth season in League One, Southend were promoted from the fourth tier in 2015 via the play-offs. They have a decent promotion record, having played in the Championship in 2006/07 after climbing two divisions in as many campaigns.

HEAD-TO-HEAD

LUTON WINS:	38
DRAWN:	19
SOUTHEND WINS:	29
LAST MEETING:	SOUTHEND 1-0 LUTON APRIL 2015

FACTFILE:

NICKNAME:	THE SHRIMPERS
GROUND:	ROOTS HALL
MANAGER:	CHRIS POWELL
LAST SEASON:	10TH IN LEAGUE ONE

MEET THE SQUAD

THE GAFFER

Chris Powell | Age: 48

Took over: January 2018

A club legend at Roots Hall during his playing days, the 48-year-old joined the Shrimpers in 1990. Six-years in Essex and nearly 300



appearances earned the left back a move to Derby County for £750,000 in 1996. He played five times for England, becoming the oldest debutant for the national side at the time since Hatters hero Syd Owen in 1954. Spells at the likes of Charlton, West Ham and Leicester City followed, before taking the reins at the Valley in 2011. Promotion to the Championship as winners of League One saw him pick up the LMA League One Manager of the Year – he then became manager at Huddersfield Town. He signed a two-and-a-half year deal at Roots Hall, winning four of his first five games in charge.

DID YOU KNOW?

Under the new rules for this season, yellow and red cards can be issued to managers, coaches and backroom staff for actions in the technical area including inappropriate language or gestures towards match officials, kicking or throwing water bottles, sarcastic clapping and waving imaginary cards. Southend boss Chris Powell became the first – together with Plymouth's Derek Adams – to be shown red after an altercation at Home Park last week, with an honest Powell saying afterwards: "I was upset with my own behaviour and at half-time I apologised to my players, but I said 'I'll always back you'."

THE STOPPER

Mark Oxley | Age: 27

Going into his third season with Southend United, Oxley was a key figure at Roots Hall last season – which was recognised by team-mates and supporters alike, as he picked up the Fans' Player of the Season and Players' Player of the Season. It's hardly surprising to see such recognition though, as he kept ten clean sheets in the 18 games after Powell took over. The 27-year-old began his career at Rotherham United before being picked up by Hull City. He made one appearance in seven years the KCOM Stadium, heading out on loan a total of six times before spending a season permanently at Hibernian in 2015/16.



GOALKEEPER

NATHAN BISHOP

AGE: 18

The youngster came through the ranks at Roots Hall, making his professional debut for the Shrimpers last season in a 3-1 defeat to Scunthorpe United.

DEFENDERS

MICHAEL TURNER

AGE: 34

The experienced centre-half signed for Southend last summer, having played a majority of his career in the Premier with the likes of Hull City, Sunderland and Norwich City.



JOHN WHITE

AGE: 32

A Colchester United academy graduate, he made over 250 appearances for the U's, before signing for Southend in 2013, helping them to promotion to League One in 2015.

BEN COKER

AGE: 29

The Hatfield-born defender worked his way up through Non-League, turning out for Histon and Barton Rovers, before going onto play for Colchester and the Shrimpers.

THE WALL

Jason Demetriou
Age: 30

A regular for the Cyprus international side, the Newham-born right-back began his career at Leyton Orient, making over 150 appearances at Brisbane Road. He left for the Cypriot First Division in 2010 to further his international career, signing for AEK Lamaca and then Anorthosis Famagusta. He returned to England after five years in Cyprus, spending a season at Walsall in 2015/16. He rejected a new deal with the Saddlers at the end of that campaign and the opportunity to sign for Portsmouth, penning a deal with the Shrimpers. He made his international debut

for Cyprus in 2009, scoring his first goal for them in a 2-1 away win against Israel.

IN THE MIDDLE

Sam Mantom
Age: 26

A brief loan spell with the club was turned into a permanent deal in the summer, arriving from Scunthorpe United on a two-year deal, with the option for a third. His time with the Iron and previous club Walsall saw him miss out on Championship football in two consecutive campaigns as he was a part of both sides where they were defeated in the play-off semi-finals. After starting out at West Brom – where he made two appearances – he headed out on loan five times to gain some first team experience, two of those spells away from The Hawthorns came with the Saddlers.

ELVIS BWOMONO
Age: 19

After joining Southend at the age of 14, he made his debut in last season's Checktrade Trophy, signing his first professional contract in October 2017.

HARRY KYPRIANOU
Age: 21

After signing for Southend United from Watford in 2015, the full-back enjoyed a spell out on loan at Lowestoft Town, before making his debut for the Shrimpers in 2016 in the Checktrade Trophy.



STEPHEN HENDRIE
Age: 23

A former Scotland Under-21 international, the Hamilton Academical academy graduate joined West Ham in 2015, before leaving for Southend.

MIDFIELDERS
STEPHEN MCLAUGHLIN
Age: 28

The winger signed for the Shrimpers in 2015 from Nottingham Forest, having made a name for himself in his homeland with Finn Harps, before joining Derry City.

TIMOTHEE DIENG
Age: 26

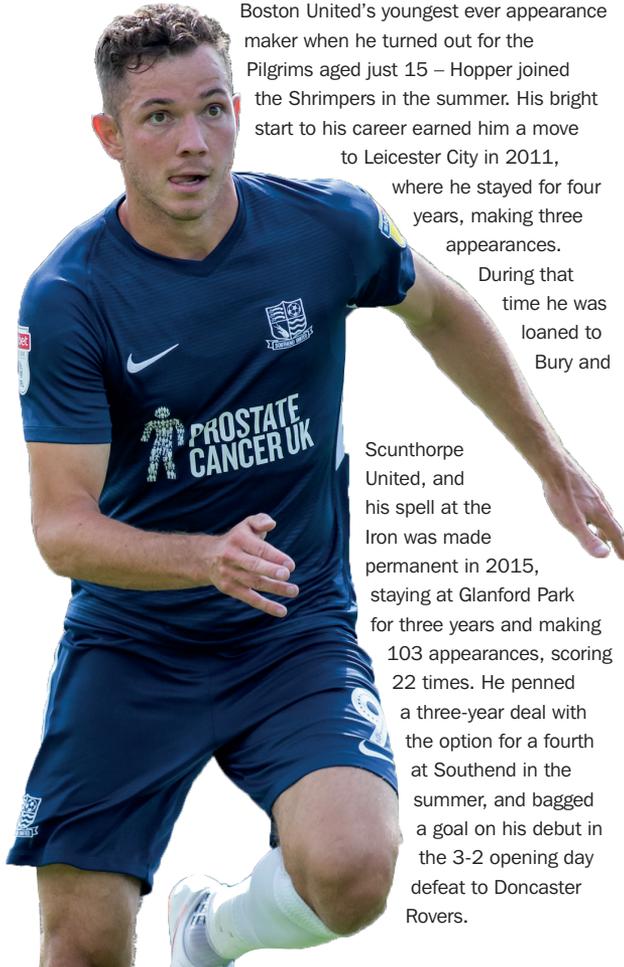
The Frenchman started off his career at French second division Stade Brest, before moving to England to sign for Oldham and then Bradford City. He penned a two-year deal at Roots Hall.



WATCH OUT

Tom Hopper

Age: 24



Boston United's youngest ever appearance maker when he turned out for the Pilgrims aged just 15 – Hopper joined the Shrimpers in the summer. His bright start to his career earned him a move to Leicester City in 2011, where he stayed for four years, making three appearances.

During that time he was loaned to Bury and

Scunthorpe United, and his spell at the Iron was made permanent in 2015, staying at Glanford Park for three years and making 103 appearances, scoring 22 times. He penned a three-year deal with the option for a fourth at Southend in the summer, and bagged a goal on his debut in the 3-2 opening day defeat to Doncaster Rovers.

IN NUMBERS...

Stadium Capacity:	12,086
Miles from Kenilworth Road:	67
Year opened:	1955
Average crowd last season:	7,195
Seasons in League 1:	4

LUKE HYAM

AGE: 26

The former Ipswich Town man made over 125 appearances for his boyhood club, before becoming Powell's sixth signing of the new summer, penning a two-year deal.



MICHAEL NIGHTLY

AGE: 32

A Roots Hall academy graduate, he played across the EFL and the Premier League with the likes of Wolverhampton Wanderers and Burnley. He re-joined Southend last season.

MICHAEL KLASS

AGE: 19

The 19-year-old joined Southend United after departing QPR in 2017. Another to make his debut in the Checkatrade Trophy against Gillingham.

STRIKERS

SIMON COX

AGE: 31

A former Republic of Ireland international, the ex-Reading man has played across the top four tiers, turning out for Swindon Town, West Brom and Nottingham Forest. This is his third year at Roots Hall.



THEO ROBINSON

AGE: 29

The journeyman striker began his career with Watford and has gone onto play for 11 different clubs including Huddersfield Town, Derby County and Doncaster Rovers.

[ROGER WASH]

CLASSIC CLASH WITH THE SHRIMPERS

CLUB HISTORIAN **ROGER WASH** DELVES INTO HIS ARCHIVES...

9TH DECEMBER 2001 • SOUTHEND UNITED 1 LUTON TOWN 2

In 2001 the Town faced fourth tier football for the first time since 1968 but, in a summer of intense activity at Kenilworth Road, manager Joe Kinnear cleared the decks and brought in virtually a new side in an attempt to win promotion at the first attempt.

The Hatters actually hit top spot in October but a miserable November followed when successive away games at Mansfield and Macclesfield both produced 4-1 defeats.

Suffering

Kinnear reacted, as only he could, by saying the performance at Moss Rose was “shambolic, abysmal, pathetic, dreadful and awful” and immediately cancelled all rest days and ordered the players in for training the following day, which was a Sunday!

As it turned out some of the players were suffering from a flu-bug at Macclesfield which turned into an epidemic by the time of the next game, at Kidderminster, leading to the Town making the unusual decision to call off the match.

Fearing a fine and a points deduction, fortunately only the former was levied by the Football League, although it was a hefty £30,000.

With all the players back in harness, the Hatters started December with a first-ever League victory at Hartlepool and followed it up with a 1-0 home win over Rushden.

A 2-2 home draw in the return against Hartlepool as Christmas approached was a small setback but it all came good again at Oxford on Boxing Day.

A then record crowd at the Kassam Stadium of 11,121, including 2,646 Hatters, saw the home side take the lead only for goals from Dean Crowe and Matthew Spring earn the points to maintain second spot in the division behind Plymouth.

Next up was the short trip to Southend and another large Luton following of 1,710 boosted the home crowd up to 5,973. The Shrimpers were mid-table but had already beaten the Town at Roots Hall that season in an FA Cup tie, and were now looking to fully avenge their 2-0 defeat at Kenilworth Road the previous August.

The Town were still missing influential central defender Chris Coyne who had been out with a knee injury for two weeks but did include the new terrace darling Jean Louis Valois who, on his day, was a class above anything else in the division.

The Hatters won nine corners in the first half, all taken by the trusty left boot of Valois, but could not severely test Daniel Gay, making his debut in the Southend goal.

Blistering

As so often when you dominate play, the other side takes the lead from a rare attack. This is exactly what happened when, on 51 minutes, Crowe lost possession in his own half, leading to the ball being fed to winger Steven Clarke, whose blistering pace left substitute Ian Hillier in his wake.

Clarke's low cross was met by Carl Hutchings, who had ghosted in unmarked in the Luton box to give the Shrimpers an unlikely lead.

With Valois now off the pitch, the Town pushed wing-back Matt Taylor further forward and it was his



Match winner Matt Taylor nicks the ball away from a Southend defender

pace and educated left foot that effectively turned the game back in Luton's favour.

After a series of dangerous low crosses from Taylor, who was running riot down the left, a more conventional pass down the middle to Crowe after 67 minutes, saw the tiny striker hit the ball with pace high into the net.

Crowe shot over from a similar position soon after before Taylor fired in his sixth goal of the season to win the points.

Quickest

Skipper Kevin Nicholls' 83rd minute free-kick caused confusion in the home defence and Taylor was quickest to react in the penalty box, smashing the ball into the roof of the net in front of the Luton supporters.

Kinnear, for once, was highly delighted at the performance, and said: "It's nice to get our first double of the season and carry on in the same vein of form we've shown over Christmas.

Sensational

"We may have suffered on occasions from being over-adventurous, but the philosophy has always been the same.

"It was a terrific finish by Matthew Taylor to win the game and he was sensational after making the switch to midfield. He gave us more options and pace as well as whipping in some brilliant crosses."

Kinnear's joy could not last though, as he also said: "I was disappointed with the way we conceded the goal as Hutchings was not marked in the box."

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Alex Lawless curls in the Town's first goal



THE LAST TIME SOUTHEND CAME TO TOWN

CLUB HISTORIAN **ROGER WASH** REPORTS ON THE SHRIMPERS' LAST VISIT TO KENILWORTH ROAD

11TH OCTOBER 2014

LUTON TOWN 2 SOUTHEND UNITED 0 (LEAGUE 2)

Back in the Football League after five long years away, the Town got off to a tentative start to the 2014-15 campaign despite winning 1-0 on the opening day at Carlisle.

Defeats at home to AFC Wimbledon and Plymouth, and away at Shrewsbury indicated a season of struggle, but a 'smash and grab' 1-0 win at Cambridge signalled a change in fortune.

Leading up to the home clash with Southend, the Hatters had won three on the spin and had forced their way up the table to the extent that a win against the Shrimpers would push them into the play-off positions.

Southend had promotion aspirations of their own and a best of the season crowd, at that point, of 9,238 turned up including 1,033 travelling from Essex.

Full-back Michael Harriman making his Luton debut, after arriving on loan from QPR the previous day, sat back and watched the Town put on a devastating

first half display with the 2-0 interval lead no more than they deserved.

On 17 minutes, Alex Lawless curled the ball into the top corner of the net from the edge of the area, and on 34 minutes Mark Cullen doubled the lead after the ball was given away by Shrimpers defender Cian Bolger.

Southend made changes at the interval which led to a little more work for the Luton defence, but with Luke Wilkinson outstanding in the Hatters' back-line, chances were limited and it was left to the Town to look the more likely to add to their lead.

Luton Town: Tyler, Harriman (Lacey), Griffiths, McNulty, Wilkinson, Doyle, Smith, Lawless, Mpanzu, Drury, Cullen.

Southend United: Bentley, White, Thompson, Bolger (Leonard), Binnom-Williams, Deegan, Atkinson (Payne), Clifford, Hurst, Weston, Coulthirst (Corr).

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COVERED!

CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH PICKS OUT EIGHT PROGRAMME COVERS FROM PAST GAMES WITH OUR OPPONENTS



◀ August 1936

The Town kick-off their promotion winning season from Division Three (South) with a 1-0 win over Southend at Kenilworth Road. The goalscorer is, inevitably, Joe Payne.



▶ October 1963

A hat-trick from veteran striker Gordon Turner seals a surprise 4-1 home win over Southend – only the fourth victory in 17 games. The Town’s Dave Pacey and Shrimpers’ Benny Friel are sent off for fighting in the days when dismissals are rare.

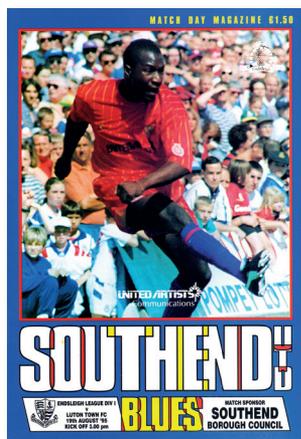


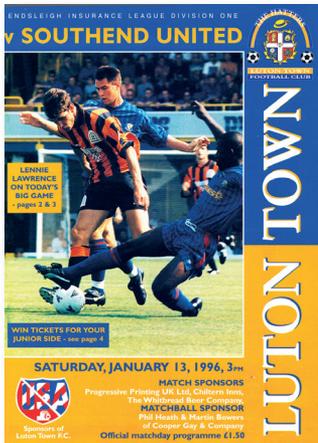
◀ September 1967

Ian Buxton makes his Luton debut in front of a Kenilworth Road crowd of 13,332, who see the Town win 3-1. Ample revenge for a 3-0 defeat at Roots Hall earlier in the campaign.

▶ August 1995

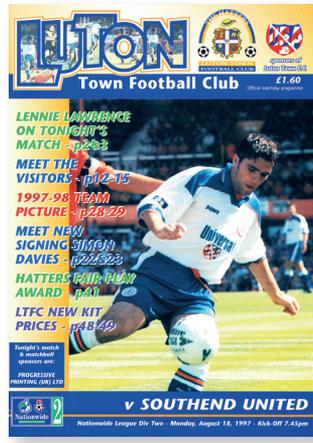
The early dismissal of Ceri Hughes seems to galvanise the Town who go on to win 1-0 courtesy of an opportunistic strike from Tony Thorpe. This is the Hatters’ first win at Roots Hall since 1964.





▲ **January 1996**

A rare double over the Shrimpers is recorded in a 3-1 home win with Scott Oakes' strike from 25 yards the pick of the bunch. This is Southend's first defeat in nine games.



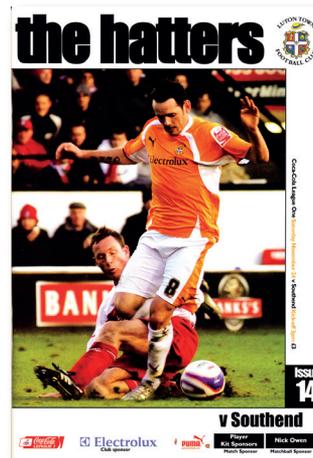
▲ **August 1997**

After an opening day defeat at Blackpool the Town bounce back with a 1-0 win over Southend at Kenilworth Road. Stuart Douglas nets the only goal, but it is dull fare for the live TV cameras.



▲ **April 2007**

The Town are already relegated from the Championship and bring the Shrimpers with them following a surprise 3-1 victory in front of 10,276 at Roots Hall. The late Besian Idrizaj scores his only goal for the Hatters during his short loan spell.



▲ **November 2007**

The Hatters have just been placed in administration which means a ten-point deduction. A siege mentality from the supporters and players alike means that Southend have little chance, with a late Calvin Andrew strike separating the sides.

DEADLY DUOS

**FOOTBALL HISTORIAN LEIGH EDWARDS PROFILES FOUR NOTABLE
POST-WAR SOUTHEND UNITED GOALSCORING PARTNERSHIPS**

BILLY BEST & BILL GARNER

Scottish striker Billy Best was Southend United's leading marksman three times. Starting with Pollok Juniors, he joined Northampton Town in July 1962 and featured in their meteoric rise to the top-flight.

Ernie Shepherd signed him in January 1968 and he was a key figure in Southend's 1971-72 promotion success, netting 106 goals in 226 League outings before rejoining Northampton in September 1973. He starred in their 1975-76 promotion triumph, then played for Bedford Town and Corby Town. Later a self-employed painter and decorator in Northampton, he became a contracts manager for a roofing company.

Powerful striker Bill Garner was leading goalscorer in Southend United's 1971-72 promotion success. Signing professional for Notts County in July 1966, he had spells with Loughborough United, Dunstable and Bedford before moving to Roots Hall for £15,000 in November 1969.

He netted 41 goals in 102 League outings for Southend prior to joining Chelsea for a record £100,000 in September 1972 after impressing against them in a League Cup tie.

Successive injuries hindered his progress in the top-flight and he later played for Cambridge United, Brentford and Southend again. He became a local sports teacher.

DEREK SPENCE & KEITH MERCER

Northern Ireland international striker Derek Spence was ever-present and leading marksman in Southend United's 1980-81 Fourth Division title triumph.

Initially with Crusaders, he moved via Oldham Athletic to Bury in February 1973 and was top scorer in their 1973-74 promotion success. He followed Allan Brown to Blackpool for £50,000 in October 1976, rejoining the Seaside after a spell with Olympiakos and moving to Southend in exchange for Colin Morris in December 1979. Scoring 32 goals in 104 League outings, he joined Hong Kong side See Bee in July 1982, then Bury again. He became Blackpool's community officer.

Striker Keith Mercer made a significant contribution to Southend United's 1980-81 Fourth Division title success. Signing professional for Watford in February 1973, he featured in two consecutive promotion campaigns and their 1978-79 League Cup run under Graham Taylor.

He joined Southend for £80,000 in February 1980 and was leading marksman in 1981-82, scoring 35 goals in 132 League outings while at Roots Hall before reuniting with Sam Ellis at Blackpool in August 1983. Injury ended his career a year later and he became a taxi driver based in Poulton-le-Fylde, as well as Blackpool's match statistician.



Stan Collymore

BRETT ANGELL & STAN COLLYMORE

Tall striker Brett Angell was Southend United's leading marksman in two consecutive seasons, including their 1990-91 promotion triumph. He started with his older brother Darren at Portsmouth and moved via Cheltenham Town to Derby County in February 1988.

Joining Stockport County in October 1988, he was top scorer in 1989-90 and David Webb paid £100,000 for him in August 1990. He scored 47 goals in 115 League games for Southend before being sold to Everton for £500,000 in January 1994, then played for Sunderland, Stockport again, Walsall, Notts County, Preston, Rushden & Diamonds, Port Vale and QPR.

Exciting striker Stan Collymore gained three England caps after leaving Southend United. He impressed with Stafford Rangers prior to joining Crystal Palace in December 1990 and moved to Roots Hall for £750,000 in November 1992.

Scoring 15 goals in 30 First Division games for Southend, he was sold to Nottingham Forest for £3.75m in June 1993 and starred as they won promotion, then qualified for the UEFA Cup. He joined Liverpool for £8.5m in July 1995, then moved to Aston Villa for £7m in May 1997 and played for Leicester City, Bradford City and Real Oviedo before working in the media.



Shaun Goater

FREDDY EASTWOOD & SHAUN GOATER

Freddy Eastwood was top scorer as Southend United won promotion in two consecutive seasons. Starting with West Ham, he joined Grays Athletic in August 2003 and moved to Roots Hall in October 2004, scoring a hat-trick on his League debut in that month's 4-2 win at home to Swansea.

Featuring in the 2005 LDV Vans Trophy final, he scored in that season's League Two play-off final triumph and was 'Player of the Year' as Southend won the League One title in 2005-06. He netted 53 goals in 115 League games before joining Wolves for £1.5m in July 2007, then Coventry City and another spell at Southend.

Bermuda international striker Shaun Goater was an influential figure in Southend United's 2005-06 League One title triumph. Initially with North Village in his native country, he was briefly at Manchester United before moving to Rotherham in October 1989. He featured in their 1991-92 promotion success and 1996 Auto Windscreen Shield final triumph. Sold to Bristol City for £175,000 in July 1996, he joined Manchester City for £400,000 in March 1998 and was a promotion winner on three occasions. He moved via Reading to Southend in August 2005 and netted 11 goals in 34 League games while at Roots Hall.

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Apple or Android?

Apple.

Last person you called?

Gambo.

Last text sent?

'Fair play to the boy.' I sent that to Christian Walton!



Most famous person in your phone?

Christian Walton!

Favourite food?

Chicken Pad Thai



Apple or rhubarb crumble?

Apple.

Food you can't stand?

Beetroot

Pet hate?

Gambo does this weird thing with his mouth in the car and the noise it makes really annoys me.

Cat or dog?

Dog.

Xbox or PlayStation?

PlayStation.

Karaoke song?

I've got a few. Oasis – Don't Look Back In Anger. Or Sweet Caroline

Favourite artist?

Kid Rock!

Top of your playlist?

All Summer Long!

Last holiday?

Spain. San Antonio.

Can't miss on TV?

This summer it was the World Cup

Love Island or Peaky Blinders?

Peaky Blinders

Club you support?

Brighton & Hove Albion

Favourite away ground?

St James' Park.

Best moment in football?

Getting promoted with the mighty Hatters!

Best player played with?

Luke Gambin and Christian Walton.

Room-mate?

Sheez.



[ON THE CENTRE SPOT]

ON THE CENTRE SPOT

Alan McCormack

We asked for your questions on our social media channels to put to Alan McCormack ahead of tonight's clash with his former club Southend. Here the 34-year-old midfielder is the first Hatter to be put On The Centre Spot!

Twitter @LTFC_Dave: **Would you rather win 1-0 with you keeping the opposition playmaker quiet, or win 3-2 with yourself getting the winner?**

It's got to be 3-2 and scoring. As long as we win games, I don't care who scores. But seeing as personally I don't score too often, to get a winner is nice. I've managed to experience it once or twice and it's a great feeling to be the one that wins the team the three points.

Instagram scottsmileyspam: **If you could play alongside anyone (alive or dead), who would it be?**

Roy Keane – 100 per cent. He was my boyhood hero growing up. Such a good player. No nonsense, excellent organiser, leader, wonderful captain, shrewd. Yeah, he was just everything I wanted to be as a player, so I'd love to have him alongside me in the middle of the pitch.

Facebook William Nathan Reader: **Who was your footballing idol when you were growing up and who is your fav player at the moment?**

Roy Keane growing up. There are so many good players out there at the moment, but Luka Modric was the one in the World Cup. He's effortless on the ball, gliding along with the technical ability, energy, his feet, touch, vision – I'd have him in my team, definitely!

Instagram baileyneale06: **What went through your head when you scored that volley against Yeovil?**

Disbelief! From the few long range shots I've had since I think the fans can see it was probably a one-off. I do try them from time to time, and the odd time I connect – but I don't practise





shooting to be fair. I don't get many in games, so I don't see it as a priority in training. When it went in, the realisation came over me really quickly that it was my first competitive game, my home debut. As I ran away I was thinking "What a start!" But I didn't know what to do with the celebration. I don't know why I put my finger on my mouth – I wasn't telling anyone to be quiet or anything. I just forgot what that scoring feeling was like.

thorne_j90: What's the greatest moment of your whole career?

I've got a load of great memories and can't really pick one. I've won League Two, got promoted from League Two – it's a promotion and got myself out of the division, I class them the same. It's a great honour to have that promotion. Going up to the Championship was huge as well. I've had a couple of player of the years, goal of the year. I captained Swindon at Wembley – that was a good one. I'd never take one of them really and say that's definitely the best one, because each promotion is different. You've worked and struggled over the course of that year. You have low points, then massive high points. Every success has a massive story behind it of ten months of hard work, not just the 46 games. We get about two or three weeks of complete rest during the summer, then we're back in, so you plan for that one moment and put your body through intense physical work-outs and pain to enjoy the success and emotional rollercoaster, so every promotion I've had I take with massive pride and achievement.

@KrobertsonKaren: Do your kids like watching you play for Luton?

Yes, Ronnie loves it. He's four now and he's getting more and more into it, listening to the songs the fans are singing and he'll hum them in the car now



on the way home. He loves wearing his football kits every day. He's got every football kit around – Barcelona, Real Madrid and the two new Arsenal tops are his favourites at the minute – and if he could wear them to bed at night, he would. He goes and gets them out of the wash to put back on! My daughter Olivia is six, and she's not a sporty person so she just enjoys coming for the day out, not the football specifically.

alfie.mee: What's been your favourite moment as a Luton player so far?



Carlisle away, definitely. That moment when Olly scored – to see the joy and relief on everyone's faces. There had been a lot of years of waiting for this to happen, the rise back up the leagues. There was a pressure on the players' shoulders. We were confident that we knew we could do it, but to get over the line and have it done, dusted, guaranteed and no-one be able to take it away from you – that was by far the best moment.

@GrazVegas80: Who are the best players you've played either with or against?

There's been a few over the years who you play against and they do things that you don't see on the TV when you're watching them. I actually got to play against Modric and he was unreal.



ON THE CENTRE SPOT





 **charliers17122004: Who inspires you the most?**

Nowadays, it would be the kids – giving them the best chance in life, the best future possible. Trying to open their eyes to the world in every aspect of how they do things. I'm doing it for them. When you have kids you realise that football is not the most important thing in the world. At one stage it will end for every football player, and with the business we wanted to start something that will continue for a long time, and also help my wife plan it to stop using plastic in the house as much as we can. A lot of the things we do now are really for the kids, and for Lauren as well. She's a big inspiration for me. She'll massively dedicated to the kids, never ever complains about football. She'll have a moan at me if I'm lounging around too much, but she does make me see things and do things differently, and to be the best I can be, so she's an inspiration as well.

[ON THE CENTRE SPOT]

I couldn't get near him and I don't think he even broke sweat during the game. Had me chasing my own shadow at one stage! As for players I've played with, the Brentford team was good, and the Preston team had some really good players. That's a difficult one – I couldn't pick one I'm afraid.



f Graham French: Have you any thoughts on what you are going to do when you hang up your boots?

Ideally, I'd like to coach. I'm trying to get through my coaching badges at the moment, but I've got a couple of things away from football that I quite like doing. I want to keep my options open so if I go down the football route and don't quite have the love for it that I have for playing, then I've got other things to pursue. The main one is that I've set up a drinks bottle business – ALOR Luxury Personalised Bottles – which is going well. We named the company after the christian names in our family – Alan, Lauren, Olivia and Ronnie! We're expanding it all the time and bringing more products in. It's another piece to keep me busy off the pitch. We do water bottles, and we launched coffee cups about three months ago; reusable, stainless steel, insulated coffee cups for coffee drinkers travelling in of a morning. A lot of coffee companies now are charging you for their use of paper/plastic cups that they use, so the business is anti-plastic. They are flying at the moment. There's a big market for coffee drinkers. They are all personalised, so everyone gets their name on it free of charge and they come in all different sizes for adults and kids. Visit www.alorstore.com for further details!!

f Cameron Edwards: Is there anything a previous manager or player has said that has stuck with you throughout your career?

Something Mark Warburton said to us one day at Brentford. We played a game away from home and got heavily beaten, and they stopped our main way of playing. We all came in the dressing room afterwards complaining that we had no Plan B, and we needed different plans for when teams stop our Plan A.

He turned around and looked at us in disbelief and said: 'I don't believe in a Plan B. Plan B'ers do Plan A better. If you do Plan A to the best of your ability and you're on point with it, nobody can stop you'. It was a trigger point for the whole team after that because we went on an unbeaten run for a long time and after we all sat and thought it was so true. Simple words, but they had a huge impact. You see it with Luton now. We are religious in how we play, we believe in how we play and if you do it bang on, there aren't many teams who will stop us.

t @LutonTownExile: What's the best comeback you've ever had from a ref after giving them your opinion?

There are some that have come back with stuff that you can't print! Usually though when you end up telling a ref about his performance, and they'll have a bit of banter back with you: "I'd say the same about your performance", kind of thing. There are some who are quite funny with how they do it, and if they do I like to think that I've made them nibble at me. Most refs are straightforward though.

ig jimstergram84: Do you use shampoo or do you just use shower gel on your head?

I've got a beard, so I have to look after that! In the evening I get a bit of shampoo and conditioner in it. Occasionally I put oil on there too. I've got ones that smell differently, some are drier, others more oily. But I don't use them too much because they get all over your clothes as you're taking your top on and off, if you're wearing anything other than white!

ig joel.p: Who is the hardest player you have come up against?

Hardest player would have to be Jose Semedo. He was an animal. Nothing would stop him and he'd never seem to get hurt – and I tried lots! He would always be in your face when you'd got the ball, and he never gave you a second's rest. I got to play alongside him as well at Charlton, and he was even harder in training!

t @jonpal70: @Mickharford or @dannyhylton09?

It's a tough one, because Mick was just one of the hardest centre-forwards that ever played the game.



Hylts as an all-round striker, great attributes, can wind people up but can also get wound up himself. Mick was hard as nails, would put his head anywhere. I'm going to Mick because it'll wind Hylts up!

📷 davidjfliee: How can he keep his calm on the pitch but when he's on the golf course he has head loss? (David is an ex-pro turned agent)

Haha! I don't get head loss too much on a golf course any more because I don't play that much now. I'm actually a lot more mellow on the course than I am on the pitch. I do love a game and love the idea of the individuality of it. It's you and the course, you can't blame anyone, you can't rely on anyone, you can't win without you. So the idea of getting the ball that distance, the technical skill level to hit straight, trying to figure out why you're missing fairways, or you can't put it in the hole from three foot – I do love that, trying to figure out why. Unfortunately, I don't play that often any more. If I get a game once a month I'll be happy, but at the moment the football is too important to me for where I am fitness wise, to be chancing it. If Dave took me out on the course, or asked me for a

game, and not just turned up for a free lunch at the training ground, he would see that I'm not like that!

📷 scottcuthbert15: Does he miss his brother Grant?

Oh, massively! I've got James Collins as my roomie now. Me and Collo share a room together and he hasn't quite brought the minerals along that Scottie would bring to away games last season. We had a great little regime going on where we'd shave our heads on a Friday, make a cup of tea, settle down, chill and watch a movie. Collo is quite scruffy in the room, throws his gear everywhere and he leaves things lying about, so the other half of the Mitchell Brothers is definitely missed – I need a partner in crime!

📷 imcc82: Tayto or King? Best of luck cuz

Haha! That's my cousin, Ian McCormack! Tayto and King are Irish crisps and there is a big divide in Ireland over which is best. I went to a friend's wedding last year, and at the end of the night everyone heads back to the residents' bar to carry on the sing-song and the packages on the tables were two slices of bread, Kerry Gold butter with a slice of cheese and a packet of King crisps. That is an Irish delicacy right there! If only there was a glass of milk with it, all would have been perfect! King all day long!

LUTON TOWN 1 SUNDERLAND 1

LUTON GOAL: PEARSON 68 • SUNDERLAND GOAL: MAJA 45



STORY OF THE MATCH

Kenilworth Road was sold out for the club's first home game in the third tier for a decade – and the 9,000-plus Hatters didn't go away disappointed as Matty Pearson's second-half goal on his home debut earned the first point of the campaign.

Bookies' title favourites Sunderland arrived in town having been relegated in successive seasons from the Premier League, and they took the lead on the stroke of half-time through teenage striker Josh Maja's cool finish. The Hatters came quickly out of the traps after the interval, however, Pearson

heading just over the bar before the old Accrington and Forest Green short corner and backheel to the byline routine paid off again, Alan Sheehan and James Collins setting the centre-half up to hook a stabbed shot in off the inside of a post midway through the half.

Chris Maguire soon hit the bar for the Black Cats, while his old Oxford team-mate Danny Hylton – back from suspension for his first start of the season – might have won it for Town with a free header from a Jack Stacey cross.



STECH
STACEY
PEARSON
SHEEHAN
POTTS
MCCORMACK
MPANZU
GRANT (CORNICK 56)
LEE (JERVIS 90)
HYLTON
COLLINS (REA 86)

SUBS NOT USED:

JUSTIN
BRADLEY
SHINNIE
SHEA

YELLOW CARDS:

MCCORMACK
GRANT



MCLAUGHLIN
MATTHEWS
OVIEDO
LOOVENS
MAGUIRE
HONEYMAN
GOOCH (MOLYNEUX 90+2)
BALDWIN
MAJA (O'NIEN 86)
POWER
MUMBA (CATTERMOLE 54)

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LOOVENS



Matty Pearson nets the Hatters' equaliser



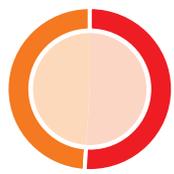
JONES:

"I'm reasonably happy with it because it gets us on the board. We've bounced back

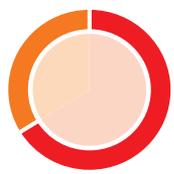
from an undeserved defeat last week and up against probably the biggest club in the league, and I thought we acquitted ourselves very well.

"I thought it was a quite even game. The second part of the first half they really came into it and tested us, got their goal. But then we came right out of the traps and I thought in the second half we were excellent.

"We've come a long way and we are going to keep developing and keep moving forward, because that's a big result today."



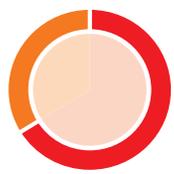
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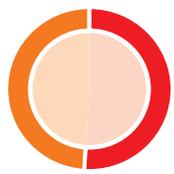
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MATTY'S OFF THE MARK

BY HARRY ROGERS

BUT KEEPING THEM OUT AT THE OTHER END IS PEARSON'S PRIORITY

A debut home goal in Matty Pearson's first competitive game for the Hatters at Kenilworth Road meant that the points were shared in a very competitive game with Sunderland.

The defender's 68th minute strike had to be improvised after he was falling back from Alan Sheehan's cross to put it in off of the far post.

Although Pearson's main job is to keep the ball out of the net, he likes to think of himself as a threat down the other end from corners.

The summer signing from Barnsley said: "I fancy myself for a goal every time I go up, I'm pretty confident whoever I'm playing against, and I feel like I can get my head on the ball or a touch. It just fell to me and it was just one of those where you react.

"Normally I score with my head, but I'm just happy I'm off the mark. As the ball came over I was trying to get my head on it but it's just fallen perfectly and maybe me leaning back has helped it, but it couldn't have been any better.

"I always seem to find myself in the right positions when I've gone up for corners. I've always had a chance and hopefully I get a few more chances and convert a few more.

"It's good to have players like Potts (Dan Potts) who can push you as well. As a defender, he scored a lot last season, so I want to keep that healthy competition and try and score goals."

The 25-year-old was happy to get the equaliser but feels as if his dream start was tarnished by not getting the win and that all important clean sheet.

He added: "Sunderland's goal was a good move and that's what teams like that, the higher you go, are going to have. Fair play to them, it was a good pass and a good goal, but as a defender you always look for little things like that.

"Me, Sheez (Alan Sheehan), all the back four – we want to play the best we can and keep those clean sheets, and that's why I came. I didn't come to really score goals. I came to keep clean sheets and that's my main priority."



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WEST BROM 1 LUTON TOWN 0

WEST BROM GOAL: BURKE 62



SHEA
STACEY
PEARSON
BRADLEY
JUSTIN
REA (BERRY 83)
MPANZU
GAMBIN (JONES 63)
SHINNIE (LEE 76)
CORNICK
JERVIS

SUBS NOT USED:

COLLINS
SENIOR
READ
STECH



MYHILL
ROBSON-KANU
MORRISON
PHILLIPS (EDWARDS 46)
TOWNSEND
BARNES (LEKO 66)
BURKE
ADARABIOYO
HEGAZI (BARTLEY 46)
FIELD
HARPER

SUBS NOT USED:

BOND
LIVERMORE
GAYLE
RODRIGUEZ



STORY OF THE MATCH

Nathan Jones made eight changes from the side that drew 1-1 with Sunderland, as well as giving Luke Berry his first minutes of football since his serious injury at Colchester back in March.

The Hatters put in a fine first half performance with Jake Jervis going close, but his effort from just inside the box drifted narrowly wide.

The Baggies showed their quality in the second half,

but came up against a resolute centre-half pairing in Matty Pearson and Sonny Bradley, with the hosts only grabbing their goal through a lucky ricochet, which Oliver Burke pounced on to slot past James Shea.

The introduction of Berry in the 83rd minute roused a huge applause from the away supporters who chanted 'there's only one Luke Berry!' as he came onto the pitch.

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JONES:

"I thought we were excellent throughout. They have just come out of the Premier

League, we have just come out of League Two. Second half they were going to have a little bit of pressure, but I felt we defended very well second half.

"I thought we controlled the game first half. For a newly promoted League One side I thought we were wonderful, I really did and I am so proud of them.

"We got very unlucky with the goal. They showed the clinical edge to take the chance, it was a ricochet that gave them the opportunity and if we had shown that little bit more clinical edge then you never know, it could have gone to pens.

"Luke works hard every day, he has a great attitude, he's positive in every way, in everything he does. He is fantastic and we're delighted he's ours. It was unlucky what happened to him, but he showed what can be achieved when you're a top professional."



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LUKE WHO'S BACK!

No-one expected to see Luke Berry back in action for a long time after his serious ankle injury at the end of March, but the midfielder took to the pitch in the final minutes of the 1-0 defeat at West Brom, much to the pleasure of the 1,100-plus away supporters.

It was 137 days since the 26-year-old was stretchered off at Colchester, but after working hard over the summer with club physio Simon Parsell, he is way ahead of schedule in his recovery.

Speaking to iFollow Hatters at The Hawthorns, Berry said: "It's been the gaffer, it's been Simon the physio, it's not just me – I have just been doing what they have told me to do. Chris Phillips and Darren Cook as well, everyone has played their part. Everyone from them to the chairman.

"It's not really been that hard, I have just done what I have been told really. That's the main thing.

"I have been training and everything, but at the end of the day I want to be pushing to be involved, I was happy to come on, but I have only just started the journey back really. I want to keep progressing, that's the main thing."

It is coming up to the one-year anniversary of the midfielder's arrival from Cambridge United, and by the time he celebrates that milestone on August 25th, Berry hopes to be closer to full fitness in order to impact on the Town's League One campaign.

"I am ahead of schedule, but I am way off where I want to be," he said. "I want to be fitter, I want to do more running, I am not match fit yet and that's frustrating for me. I want to be match fit and I want to be helping the boys out."

A lot has been made of his positive attitude throughout the process – the initial diagnosis would have seen him out of the first team picture for at



least three more months, but from day one, he was committed to ensuring he was back playing as quickly as possible.

"It was a bit of a shock because it was facing the wrong way," Luke said of when he first injured his ankle. "I was holding it up because I didn't want to put it down. I was just lying on the pitch for ages!

"Since day one when I got injured, the support I've received from supporters has been quite overwhelming really. I had tweets, I had cards. I have never experienced anything like that. It was surreal and that really helped me, it made me want to get back and get them cheering again, to help get us up the league."



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THE JOURNEY

After hitting a little bit of traffic on the M1 as we left Luton, the bulk of the journey was kind to us. Even though we hit it during the rush hour, the M6 was fairly clear and the second half of the journey in particular was very smooth on a lovely summer's day.

RATING: (OUT OF 5) 🏆🏆🏆🏆

THE GROUND

This was my first trip to The Hawthorns and as my only new ground on the horizon this season, I was looking forward to visiting. I wasn't disappointed either as it is a lovely arena. The view from the away end was wonderful and the facilities and everything were high quality, as you would expect from a team who have spent much of the last decade in the Premier League.

RATING: 🏆🏆🏆🏆🏆

THE FOOD

Having been done up with Premier League prices on a trip to Brighton earlier in the year, I decided to take advantage of one of the burger bars outside the ground, which was much more suitably priced. After a burger and a drink it was time to make my way in and see the Town in cup action for the first time this season!

RATING: 🏆🏆🏆🏆

THE PROGRAMME

This isn't one which will live long in the memory in fairness. To be honest cup programmes are rarely fantastic, but for £3.50 this one was pretty

disappointing. There were only a couple of pages on the Town and little else of interest.

RATING: 🏆

THE MATCH

For the second away match in a row we left without getting what we deserved. In the first half in particular I thought we knocked the ball around brilliantly and created some good chances, which we couldn't convert. Once we conceded, courtesy of a horrible ricochet which landed in the path of Burke, who could barely miss, the writing was on the wall. The undoubted highlight of the night was the return of the amazing Luke Berry, who came on for the last ten minutes. It was worth being there to see that alone.

RATING: 🏆🏆🏆🏆

MAN OF THE MATCH

Every time I see James Justin in these high profile matches he seems to look more and more at home, and I thought he had a great game here. He kept Matt Phillips quiet, which is no mean feat, and got forward as much as he could with his usual composure and comfort on the ball. Another solid performance from the full-back.

SUMMARY

Not the result we wanted but it wasn't the end of the world. We have bigger fish to fry this season, but the return of Berry made up for everything else.

OVERALL RATING: 18

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PETERBOROUGH 3 LUTON TOWN 1

PETERBOROUGH GOALS: CUMMINGS 18 (PEN), 36, DEMBELE 19 • TOWN GOAL: HYLTON 78



STECH
STACEY
PEARSON (SHINNIE 45)
SHEEHAN
BRADLEY
POTTS
MCCORMACK (REA 29)
MPANZU
LEE
HYLTON
COLLINS (GRANT 73)

SUBS NOT USED:

JUSTIN
CORNICK
JERVIS
SHEA

YELLOW CARDS:

POTTS



CHAPMAN
NAISMITH
DANIEL
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TAFAZOLLI
O'HARA (REED 77)
GODDEN (TONEY 74)
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WARD
BENNETT
CUMMINGS

SUBS NOT USED:

TYLER
COOKE
YORWERTH
MADDISON

YELLOW CARDS:

TAFAZOLLI
O'HARA

STORY OF THE MATCH

The Hatters suffered their second Sky Bet League One defeat of the new season as a strong Posh performance in the opening half ensured the Town had no chance of making a comeback in the second.

Jason Cummings fired the ball into the bottom right corner from the penalty spot after being tugged back by Alan Sheehan – sending keeper Marek Stech the wrong way from 12 yards. Just two minutes later, Posh had their second as Siriki Dembele hammered

in from close range, before Cummings had his second by the 36th minute.

Nathan Jones' team got a goal back with just over ten minutes to go as Danny Hylton got a touch on Jack Stacey's back stick volley after Andrew Shinnie picked him out with a left-wing cross, but it was too late in the day as although they had plenty of chances in the second half, the Hatters couldn't find the key to get themselves back in the game.

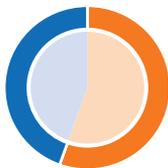


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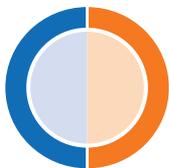
"Firstly, well done to Steve Evans' side in the first half. I thought tactically they were

better than us, they outmatched us, they outworked us in the first half. They caught us on the counter attack, which they have obviously prepared for. A credit to them, I am taking nothing away from them, but there was so much that was avoidable.

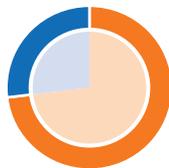
"I am disappointed with the result, I am disappointed with our first half performance and I will take full responsibility. Tactically, I thought I got it wrong, I got it totally wrong today and I should have trusted what we do normally. I felt a different way we could have really caused them problems and it didn't and I accept responsibility for that. The first half performance wasn't enough."



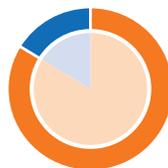
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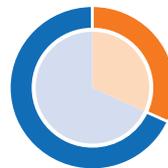
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ACADEMY UPDATE

WITH PHYSIO CHRIS PHILLIPS

Our U18 and U16s sides both earned their first wins of the season at Ely Way on Saturday August 11th, beating Barnet 2-0 and 8-2 respectively – Connor Tomlinson scoring twice for the 18s.

Additionally, our U9s side travelled to Belgium to compete in the Willems International Cup, led by Ross O’Kane, Jordan McCann and Lee Cowley, where they impressively finished seventh out of 20 teams, including Anderlecht, Genk and FC Schalke.

U18’S PRE-SEASON

The group had a tough pre-season, firstly being a smaller sized group and also sustaining some unfortunate injuries has meant a lot of individual match minutes for those available.

We travelled on tour to Italy, located in the mountains for two weeks where Inigo and Ali Kerr led physical, technical and tactical sessions with the players on the field. Dale Brunton arranged Italian classes and a trip to Venice, whilst also starting the players’ education units. Overall it was a great experience for players and staff; learning that Ali is better suited to life in a swimming pool, Inigo and Andy aren’t too bad at tennis, Dale has a wand of a left foot and my kicking abilities are limited to an egg-shaped ball!

ACADEMY SPORTS SCIENCE/MEDICAL

At LTFCA Academy we have developed a good programme with the aims of improving the physical qualities of our players through individual and group sessions, whilst also trying to minimise the risk of injury.

Ali (aka ‘Fish’) is the Academy Sports Science Lead and is responsible for leading the physical development of our players alongside coaching staff. This season he is supported by two students, who will assist him in delivering strength and conditioning programmes. My role consists of leading the Academy Medical department, whilst also working closely with and learning from Simon Parsell; learning mostly physio related content as well as lots of jokes! Additionally, we have two part-time Sports Therapists and a group of Sports Therapy Students from local universities, who assist in providing medical cover for all training sessions and matches.

Enjoy the game today, come on you Hatters!

EFL YOUTH ALLIANCE SOUTH EAST FIXTURES 2018/19

AUGUST

Sat 4	Gillingham	A	L 0-4
Sat 11	Barnet	H	W 2-0
Sat 18	AFC Wimbledon	A	W 3-0
Sat 25	Cambridge Utd Newmarket Town FC, Cricket Field Road, Newmarket, CB8 8BT	A	11am

Tue 28	Cambridge Utd (EFL Cup)	H	1pm
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SEPTEMBER

Sat 1	Peterborough Utd	H	11am
Wed 12	Cup Group Match 2		
Sat 15	N’hampton Town	H	11am
Sat 22	MK Dons	A	11am
Sat 29	Stevenage	H	11am

OCTOBER

Sat 6	Leyton Orient	A	10:30am
Sat 13	Southend Utd	H	11am
Sat 20	Cambridge Utd	H	11am
Sat 27	Cup Area Quarter Final		

NOVEMBER

Sat 3	Peterborough Utd	A	11am
Sat 17	N’hampton Town	A	11am
Sat 24	Stevenage	A	10:30am

DECEMBER

Sat 1	MK Dons	H	11am
Sat 8	Leyton Orient	H	11am
Sat 15	Southend Utd	A	11am
Sat 22	Gillingham	H	11am

JANUARY

Sat 5	Barnet	A	10:30am
Sat 12	Cup Area Semi Final		
Sat 19	AFC Wimbledon	H	11am

FEBRUARY

Sat 2	Cup Area Final		
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LUTON TOWN IN THE COMMUNITY

SUMMER SOCCER SCHOOL PLAYER VISITS FIRST TEAM AND SCHOLARS OUT IN FORCE AGAIN!

Every season as members of the EFL and as the club's registered charity, the Hatters Community Trust receives central funding from both the EFL Trust and the Professional Footballers' Association as part of their commitment to see Community Player Engagement at the heart of all professional clubs' social responsibility work.

In only the last four weeks of the summer holidays, we've had almost the entire first team visit our official soccer camps, which has been fantastic for everyone – and when you add up the numbers, that's hundreds of local youngsters having genuine contact with the club.

Up to date, we've had over 700 local youngsters on our camps and with two weeks still to go we look like touching 1,000. Not all of them are Hatters fans, as lots of people like to point out on twitter when pictured in their Premier League shirts, but as they become older and realise Luton Town FC can offer real live football on their doorstep, we do see



dozens of converts turning up in the family section in the Kenny End – all having a great time.

Last season our player visits over the whole club totalled over 450 separate appearances, with more than 150 of them on specific Community Trust projects and events. All of our player visits are recorded and grouped into categories such as Health, Education and Social Inclusion projects, alongside the matchday duties the players have outside of actually playing, and are submitted to the PFA every year so the players contributions are recognised.

So far already this season, as well as ten first teamers and scholars visiting our soccer camps, the Trust had visits to our SMASH summer project with the Level Trust, and visits to our educational schemes and schools link projects at Ely Way for young people from both disadvantaged



backgrounds, or at risk of being involved in anti-social behaviour.

It is hard to describe sometimes the impact player visits have in the community, and of course, it is great for the club's profile, especially in the Sky/BT Sport-dominated Premier League age we live in.

But to the hundreds and hundreds of schoolchildren and disadvantaged young adults we come into contact with, the impact of meeting a professional footballer from Luton Town FC cannot be underestimated – especially as they are all potential future Hatters fans!



MATCHDAY VIST PACKAGES

Our 2018-19 Hatters Match Day Club is now up and running for the season and open to all local youth grass-roots clubs.

The matchday package involves watching a Luton Town home league game, enjoying a training session with our coaches before the game and lunch at the football ground, followed by a quick behind the scenes tour – it's a chance for all our local young players to take part in a great day out with the Hatters.

The day begins with an hour's training session from our coaching staff, which is held in Luton at 11.30am to 12.30pm on the astro at the Dallow

Community Learning Centre, just a ten-minute walk from the stadium.

Our coaches will then take you into the main stadium through the main players' entrance. It's then burger and chips and a behind-the-scenes mini tour, maybe grab a couple of autographs while the players warm-up on the pitch, and then the main game – and hopefully three points for the Hatters!

If you would like further information on our Hatters matchday packages, please contact Luke Hyde in the community office by phone on 01582 561622 or email Luke at community@lutontown.co.uk



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HATTERS LADIES

Hatters Ladies round off pre-season with a win Cambridge City 1-3 Luton Town Ladies

The Hatters travelled to Cambridge for their final pre-season game before kicking off the season tomorrow.

New signing Naomi Stirling got her side off to a promising start when she ran at her marker, before unleashing a looping shot into the top corner.

Town then dominated for the next half-hour with Nicola Henman coming close from distance and Stirling almost adding her second of the game, but her shot was blocked on the line. Dionne Manning then combined well with Erica Byron, but the chance was saved.

After half-an-hour, Cambridge got themselves back into the game after some sloppy play from the Hatters, losing possession in a key area.

Henman came close again to putting her side ahead with an arrowing header, before she finally got her goal just before half-time. A scramble in the area fell to her and she finished well.

In the second half Town played some impressive football, especially considering there were six teenagers on the pitch. Youngster Aurora Ryan played a teasing pass in but it was cleared.

Zara Carroll hit a shot from distance that just looped over, before she hit a free-kick from distance, and Stirling reacted quickest, extending the Town's lead.

Henman then looked to have added a fourth as the ball quite clearly crossed the line from her header, but the referee allowed play to go on and it finished 3-1.

Town boss Nikki Baker was impressed with her side. She said: "It was pleasing



to get the result today but even more pleasing to see some excellent performances. We have had a tough pre-season and tested ourselves. We feel like we are ready for next week now and I can't wait to see how the squad performs this season."

FA WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE SOUTH EAST DIVISION ONE FIXTURES 2017/18

Sun Aug 19	Leyton Orient	L0-1	Sun Jan 20	AFC Wimbledon	A
Sun Aug 26	AFC Wimbledon	H	Sun Feb 3	Actonians	H
Sun Sep 9	Actonians	A	Sun Feb 13	Enfield Town	A
Wed Sep 12	Enfield Town	H	Sun Feb 17	Billericay Town	H
Sun Sep 16	Billericay Town	A	Sun Mar 10	Ipswich Town	A
Sun Sep 30	Ipswich Town	H	Wed Mar 13	Denham United	H
Wed Oct 3	Denham United	A	Sun Mar 24	Crawley Wasps	A
Sun Oct 21	Crawley Wasps	H	Sun Mar 31	Cambridge United	H
Sun Nov 4	Cambridge Utd	A	Sun Apr 14	Norwich City	H
Sun Nov 18	Norwich City	A	Sun May 5	Stevenage	A
Sun Dec 16	Stevenage	H	(Home games are played at Stockwood Park Athletics Stadium)		
Sun Jan 13	Leyton Orient	A			

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- LEAGUE ONE
- POTTS
- SHINNIE
- STECH
- ISTED
- SHEEHAN

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FIXTURES PILE-UP

DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS	STARTING XI					
AUGUST													
Sat 4	3.00pm	A	Portsmouth	L 0-1	19,018	2,392	21	Stech	Justin	Pearson	Sheehan	Potts	McCormack ●
Sat 11	3.00pm	H	Sunderland	D 1-1	10,059	1,047	19	Stech	Stacey	Pearson 1	Sheehan	Potts	McCormack
Tue 14	8.00pm	A	West Bromwich Albion (CC R1)	L 0-1	10,404	1,175	-	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	Rea ●
Sat 18	3.00pm	A	Peterborough United	L 1-3	8,016	2,209	22	Stech	Stacey	Pearson ●	Bradley	Sheehan	McCormack ●
Tue 21	7.45pm	H	Southend United										
Sat 25	3.00pm	H	Shrewsbury Town										
SEPTEMBER													
Sat 1	3.00pm	A	Wycombe Wanderers										
Tue 4	7.45pm	H	Brighton & Hove Albion U21 (CT)										
Sat 8	3.00pm	A	Doncaster Rovers										
Sat 15	3.00pm	H	Bristol Rovers										
Sat 22	3.00pm	A	Blackpool										
Sat 29	3.00pm	H	Charlton Athletic										
OCTOBER													
Tue 2	7.45pm	A	Oxford United										
Tue 9	7.45pm	H	MK Dons (CT)										
Sat 6	3.00pm	H	Scunthorpe United										
Sat 13	3.00pm	A	Barnsley										
Sat 20	3.00pm	H	Walsall										
Tue 23	7.45pm	H	Accrington Stanley										
Sat 27	3.00pm	A	AFC Wimbledon										
NOVEMBER													
Sat 3	3.00pm	A	Rochdale										
Tue 13	7.45pm	A	Peterborough United (CT)										
Sat 17	3.00pm	H	Plymouth Argyle										
Sat 24	3.00pm	A	Gillingham										
Tue 27	7.45pm	H	Bradford City										
DECEMBER													
Sat 8	3.00pm	H	Fleetwood Town										
Sat 15	3.00pm	A	Coventry City										
Sat 22	3.00pm	H	Burton Albion										
Wed 26	3.00pm	A	Scunthorpe United										
Sat 29	3.00pm	A	Walsall										
JANUARY													
Tue 1	3.00pm	H	Barnsley										
Sat 5	3.00pm	H	Portsmouth										
Sat 12	3.00pm	A	Sunderland										
Sat 19	3.00pm	H	Peterborough United										
Sat 26	3.00pm	A	Southend United										
FEBRUARY													
Sat 2	3.00pm	A	Shrewsbury Town										
Sat 9	3.00pm	H	Wycombe Wanderers										
Sat 16	3.00pm	A	Fleetwood Town										
Sat 23	3.00pm	H	Coventry City										
MARCH													
Sat 2	3.00pm	H	Rochdale										
Sat 9	3.00pm	A	Plymouth Argyle										
Tue 12	7.45pm	A	Bradford City										
Sat 16	3.00pm	H	Gillingham										
Sat 23	3.00pm	H	Doncaster Rovers										
Sat 30	3.00pm	A	Bristol Rovers										
APRIL													
Sat 6	3.00pm	H	Blackpool										
Sat 13	3.00pm	A	Charlton Athletic										
Fri 19	3.00pm	A	Accrington Stanley										
Mon 22	3.00pm	H	AFC Wimbledon										
Sat 27	3.00pm	A	Burton Albion										
MAY													
Sat 4	5.30pm	H	Oxford United										

WHO, WHEN AND WHERE THE HATTERS ARE PLAYING THIS SEASON

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

SUBS

Mpanzu	Grant	Lee	Cornick ●	Collins	Shinnie ●	Jervis ●	Bradley	Stacey	Rea	Gambin	Shea
Mpanzu	Grant ●	Lee ●	Hylton	Collins ●	Cornick ●	Ray ●	Jervis ●	Justin	Bradley	Shinnie	Shea
Mpanzu	Gambin ●	Shinnie ●	Cornick	Jervis	Jones ●	Lee ●	Berry	Collins	Senior	Read	Stech
Mpanzu	Potts	Lee	Hylton 1	Collins ●	Rea ●	Shinnie ●	Grant ●	Justin	Cornick	Jervis	Shea

TONIGHT'S FIXTURES

- AFC Wimbledon v Walsall
- Blackpool v Coventry City
- Bradford City v Burton Albion
- Bristol Rovers v Portsmouth
- Charlton Athletic v Peterborough United
- Doncaster Rovers v Shrewsbury Town
- Luton Town v Southend United
- Oxford United v Accrington Stanley
- Plymouth Argyle v Wycombe Wanderers
- Rochdale v Barnsley

LEAGUE TABLE 2018/19

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	
1	Peterborough United	3	3	0	0	9	3	6	9
2	Portsmouth	3	3	0	0	7	2	5	9
3	Barnsley	3	2	1	0	6	0	6	7
4	Walsall	3	2	1	0	5	3	2	7
5	Doncaster Rovers	3	2	0	1	6	3	3	6
6	Gillingham	3	2	0	1	6	3	3	6
7	AFC Wimbledon	3	1	2	0	1	0	1	5
8	Southend United	3	1	1	1	5	4	1	4
9	Fleetwood Town	3	1	1	1	4	3	1	4
10	Scunthorpe United	2	1	1	0	3	2	1	4
11	Sunderland	2	1	1	0	3	2	1	4
12	Charlton Athletic	3	1	1	1	4	4	0	4
13	Coventry City	3	1	1	1	2	2	0	4
14	Accrington Stanley	3	1	1	1	3	4	-1	4
15	Rochdale	3	1	1	1	5	7	-2	4
16	Bristol Rovers	3	1	0	2	4	5	-1	3
17	Burton Albion	3	1	0	2	3	5	-2	3
18	Bradford City	3	1	0	2	1	4	-3	3
19	Blackpool	3	0	2	1	1	2	-1	2
20	Plymouth Argyle	3	0	1	2	2	4	-2	1
21	Shrewsbury Town	3	0	1	2	1	3	-2	1
22	Luton Town	3	0	1	2	2	5	-3	1
23	Wycombe Wanderers	3	0	1	2	1	5	-4	1
24	Oxford United	3	0	0	3	1	10	-9	0

PLAYER STATS 2018/19

	THIS SEASON										LIFC		
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		DISIP		CAREER TOT				
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	Y	R	APPS	GLS			
Luke Berry	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	40	8	
Sonny Bradley	1	(1)	0	1	(0)	0	2	(1)	0	0	3	0	
James Collins	3	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	0	48	20	
Harry Cornick	1	(1)	0	1	(0)	0	2	(1)	0	0	44	5	
Luke Gambin	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	38	3	
Jorge Grant	2	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	2	(1)	0	1	0	3	0
Danny Hylton	2	(0)	1	0	(0)	0	2	(0)	1	0	0	92	51
Jack James	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	1	0
Aaron Jarvis	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	4	1
Jake Jervis	0	(2)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(2)	0	0	0	13	0
Lloyd Jones	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	2	0
James Justin	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	1	0	64	3
Elliot Lee	3	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	3	(1)	0	0	0	53	15
Alan McCormack	3	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	2	0	19	1
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	3	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	4	(0)	0	0	0	158	9
Frankie Musonda	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	12	1
Matty Pearson	3	(0)	1	1	(0)	0	4	(0)	1	0	0	4	1
Dan Potts	3	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	2	0	92	8
Glen Rea	0	(2)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(2)	0	0	0	112	4
Arthur Read	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	3	0
Jack Senior	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	21	0
James Shea	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	14	0
Alan Sheehan	3	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	1	0	110	7
Andrew Shinnie	0	(2)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(2)	0	0	0	37	3
Jack Stacey	2	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	0	0	48	1
Marek Stech	3	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	0	0	45	0



FORMED: 1886 | NICKNAME: SALOP, THE SHREWS | LAST SEASON: 3RD IN LEAGUE ONE
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GROUND: MONTGOMERY WATERS MEADOW | MANAGER: JOHN ASKEY

WHO?

This game might not have happened at all after Salop's incredible season, in which they narrowly missed out on play-off glory in May, beaten at Wembley by Rotherham United. It was a near-fairy tale story – from one of the relegation favourites to being so close to Championship football – it would have had an air of Leicester City's Premier League winning campaign about it. Having dropped into the Conference for a season in 2003-04, Shrewsbury then spent a number of years plugging away in League Two before going up to the third tier in 2012, with their top scorer that season bagging 16 goals in all competitions – a certain James Collins!

STADIUM - MONTGOMERY WATERS MEADOW

A UEFA category four stadium, New Meadow, or Montgomery Waters Meadow as it's known for sponsorship reasons, was opened in 2007. Shrewsbury previously played at Gay Meadow, was built in 1910 on the banks of the River Severn and had a tendency for flooding. With a capacity of around 10,000, they managed to squeeze 10,210 supporters in for a League Cup fourth round tie against Chelsea four years ago – the record attendance at the new ground.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

The Hatters have met the Shrews 22 times, the first meeting taking place in October 1963, whilst our most recent was in January 2015, when the sides drew 0-0 at Kenilworth Road. The Town have

won 11 of the 22 matches, whilst Shrewsbury have won six. Our biggest win against them came in April 1982, when Brian Stein, Ricky Hill, Steve White and David Moss all netted in a 4-1 win for the Hatters.

FAMILY FUN DAY

The Hatters will be hosting their first Family Fun Day of the new campaign, so make sure you get down to Kenilworth Road nice and early to take full advantage of all the exciting activities we've got going on!

RESULTS SO FAR

It's been a frustrating opening few games of the campaign for new boss John Askey, who had seen his team beaten in all three of their opening games – including being knocked out of the Carabao Cup by Charlton Athletic – before they stopped the rot with a goalless draw at home to Blackpool on Saturday.

KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU

James Collins made just over 150 appearances in two spells for the Shrews, banging in nearly 50 goals and helping them to two promotions from League Two, whilst Shaun Whalley has been a regular for Salop since he departed Kenilworth Road in 2015.



TICKETS

TICKET OFFICE, THE STADIUM | THE MALL | 01582 416976 | WWW.ETICKETING.CO.UK/LUTONTOWN



SHREWSBURY TOWN

SATURDAY 25TH AUGUST | 3PM | SKY BET LEAGUE ONE

Tickets for this category B match are currently on sale from the LTFC Ticket Office.



WYCOMBE WANDERERS

SATURDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER | 3PM | SKY BET LEAGUE ONE

The Hatters have received a full allocation of 1,800 seats in the Lords Builders Merchant Stand. This is an all-ticket game for away supporters. Season ticket holders are now able to purchase one ticket each. They are available online using your individual client reference numbers and also via phone or in person from the ticket office. These will remain on sale until close of business on Saturday 25th August. Any remaining tickets will be available on general sale from 10am online, over the phone and in person on Tuesday 28th August and will remain on sale until 2pm on Friday 31st August. **PRICES:** Adult (age 26-59): £20, Senior (age 60+): £17, Young Adult (age 19-25): £15, Juniors (age 13-18): £11, Age 12 and under: FREE.

*Ambulant Disabled supporters will pay the relevant price class to their age with a helper free of charge if they receive Middle or Higher DLA. Wheelchair supporters must contact WWFC Ticket Office.



DONCASTER ROVERS

SATURDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER | 3PM | SKY BET LEAGUE ONE

The Hatters have received an initial allocation of 1,032 seats for their away fixture on Saturday 8th September. Further tickets are available on request, with a full allocation being in excess of 3,000.

Tickets will be available to Diamond season ticket holders and executive members to purchase from Wednesday 22nd August at two-per-person until close of business on Saturday 25th August. These tickets will be on sale from the Ticket Office via phone or in person only.

Season ticket holders will be able to purchase two tickets each from Monday 27th August. They will be available online using your individual client reference number and also via phone or in person from the Ticket Office. These will remain on sale until close of business on Saturday 1st September. Any remaining tickets will be available on general sale from 10am online, over the phone and in person on Monday 3rd September and will remain on sale 2pm on Friday 7th September.

Supporters who have taken an away season ticket will automatically receive one ticket which will be processed on Friday 24th August. If you are a Diamond and require two tickets for this fixture please advise to ticketoffice@lutontown.co.uk before this date. **PRICES:** Adult: £21, Senior (60+): £17, 22-24: £17, 18-21: £13, 17-years & below: £8, 11-years and below: £5. Wheelchair / Ambulant Disabled supporters will pay the relevant price class to their age with a helper free of charge.



BRIGHTON & HA U21s

TUES 4TH SEPTEMBER | 7.45PM | CHECKTRADE TROPHY

Tickets for this game are on sale now. Prices: Adult/concession £5, Under 16s £1.



BRISTOL ROVERS

SATURDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER | 3PM | SKY BET LEAGUE ONE

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

[STUART HAMMONDS]



HOLD THE BACK PAGE

BY **STUART HAMMONDS** PRESS & MEDIA MANAGER

One of the best parts of my old job on The Non-League Paper was watching the progression of young players from the Conference and below to the top of the English game.

Jordan Pickford, Jamie Vardy and a certain Andre Gray are just three currently plying their trade in the Premier League that I first saw in the blood and thunder of the Non-League game.

Another is involved tonight. Having been released by Tottenham, Michael Kightly had played for Basildon United in the Essex Senior League at 15 before being picked up by Southend in 2002. I first came across him in 2006, when he lit up the FA Trophy final as part of Mark Stimson's galavanting Grays Athletic side that beat Woking.

I went to interview him in his agent's Romford office, and discovered that one of my then Hitchin team-mates, David Hicks, was his best mate from their Spurs academy days.

At the start of the following season, I recall getting a text from him one Sunday morning asking me to correct the Conference top scorers' list for the following week as the previous day's goal that had gone down as an OG was actually his!

He moved to Wolves and was soon in the England U21 squad, reportedly the subject of interest from Sir Alex Ferguson at Manchester United. I kept in touch and went to interview him at Wolves' training ground, the winger taking the time to get me a signed shirt to put to a raffle we were doing for another of my old team-mates' testimonial.

It was terrific to see him rise into the Premier League, playing for Wolves, Stoke and Burnley in the top flight before returning to Southend last year.

It'll be good to see him tonight, just as it was to see another top player – and top person – from a Conference background return to the pitch last week at West Brom, when our own Luke Berry made his comeback from that horrible injury.

A brief example of how the player I first saw as a youth teamer at Cambridge has dedicated himself to getting back so quickly.

A fortnight after suffering the dislocated ankle and fractured fibula on Good Friday, I drove him down to the EFL Awards on the evening of Sunday April 15th. I dropped him off back home at gone 1am, but he'd got a lift back to my house by 7.30am the following morning to get back to work for his first day at The Brache rehabbing with Simon Parsell...which brings me onto another ex-Non-League starlet.

I'd like to wish Simon – physio, columnist, comedian and much more – a very happy 60th birthday today.

Si is another whose progress I've watched with interest since first meeting him at Rushden & Diamonds – and as he would say himself, the pleasure has been all mine. Happy birthday old boy!



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- 1 Marek STECH
- 2 James JUSTIN
- 3 Dan POTTS
- 4 Alan McCORMACK
- 5 Sonny BRADLEY
- 6 Matty PEARSON
- 7 Jack STACEY
- 8 Luke BERRY
- 9 Danny HYLTON
- 10 Elliot LEE
- 11 Andrew SHINNIE
- 14 Harry CORNICK
- 15 Jake JERVIS
- 16 Glen REA
- 17 Pelly-Ruddock MPANZU
- 18 Jorge GRANT
- 19 James COLLINS
- 21 Jack SENIOR
- 22 Luke GAMBIN
- 27 Aaron JARVIS
- 28 Lloyd JONES
- 34 Jack JAMES
- 35 Arthur READ
- 36 James SHEA
- 37 Frankie MUSONDA
- 40 Harry ISTD
- 44 Alan SHEEHAN



Manager: CHRIS POWELL

- 1 Mark OXLEY
- 2 Elvis BWOMONO
- 3 Ben COKER
- 4 Luke HYAM
- 5 Anton FERDINAND
- 6 Michael TURNER
- 7 Michael KIGHTLY
- 8 Timothee DIENG
- 9 Tom HOPPER
- 10 Simon COX
- 11 Stephen McLAUGHLIN
- 12 Amadou BA
- 13 Nathan BISHOP
- 15 Rob KIERNAN
- 16 Dru YEARWOOD
- 18 Sam MANTOM
- 20 Michael KLASS
- 22 Ted SMITH
- 24 Jason DEMETRIOU
- 25 Sam BARRATT
- 26 Harry LENNON
- 27 Harry KYPRIANOU
- 28 Shawn McCOULSKY
- 29 Norman WABO
- 31 Theo ROBINSON
- 32 Stephen HENDRIE
- 48 John WHITE

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|  STUART BUTLER |  ADRIAN WATERS |

NEXT HOME GAME:
SHREWSBURY TOWN
SAT 25 AUGUST 2018 | KO: 3PM

