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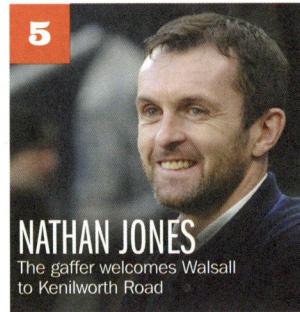
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The gaffer welcomes Walsall to Kenilworth Road

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THE MANAGER

NATHAN JONES

Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for yet another extremely tough Sky Bet League One fixture, this time against Walsall.

Walsall are a side who have started the season in excellent form and have been in the play-off places for the majority of the campaign so far, but doesn't that seem to be the case with every side we come up against at the moment?

After Accrington Stanley have visited here on Tuesday, we'll have played against every other side in the current top 14, bar Fleetwood and Coventry, in our opening 15 matches. That just shows how tough a start to the season we have had, even beyond those first three (four including West Brom away in the Carabao Cup) that we highlighted from the day the fixtures came out.

I'd like to extend the welcome to Dean Keates, his staff, their players and all the officials and supporters who have travelled with Walsall today, and I wish them a safe journey back to the Midlands this evening.

Our form here at Kenilworth Road has been superb, and I would like to thank you for the support you've given to not only the players, but myself. The reception you gave me as I left the pitch after the win over Scunthorpe a couple of weeks ago was humbling, especially with it being my 150th game, and the atmosphere has been fantastic in every game so far.

It's no coincidence that we are unbeaten here this season – indeed we haven't lost on our own pitch for 12 matches now going back to Accrington in March – because the players respond to such vocal

support that comes from having the stadium 80-90 per cent full with our fans, as it has been for every league game this season.

That is evidence that not only have the players taken on board how I want to play and entertain over the period of time I've been here, but also how you, the supporters, have bought into the environment and culture we've developed at the club.

Of course, we also want our away form to tally with that to reward those who travel in such amazing numbers and good voice every other week.

Even though we came up against the best side we've faced so far this season when we went to Barnsley last week, we know we could have got something out of the game had big decisions gone our way at crucial times.

Although we maybe didn't deserve to win the game overall, the fact we were still in the game with a chance of taking something right at the death shows that we have come a long way.

I always say how proud I am to manage this club and of the five matches I watch every week, ours is always the one I enjoy most. I hope that's the case with you, too. Keep up the wonderful support and enjoy this one today.



FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GARY SWEET

Welcome back to Kenilworth Road for what we hope will be another profitable afternoon at the old fortress we love to call home - although, with the best sentiments, we hope for not too much longer. More on that subject later.

The old girl's grass is looking green at the moment. It is 12 matches since we last left the Kenny having suffered a defeat, and when you think of the entertainment and drama we've witnessed here in the last two league games, we can't help but be thankful we are able to host, and more than compete with teams expected to challenge for promotion to the Championship, as Charlton and Scunthorpe both are.

Today's visitors are another club who have started the season in fine form under a new manager, with Dean Keates an excellent captain of Wrexham when we faced them in the Conference and now proving to have fine leadership qualities off the pitch, too. That is something the Saddlers have in abundance, with their CEO Stefan Gamble being a respected member of the EFL board and one of many good people to deal with at the Banks's Stadium.

Our last competitive game against them came almost exactly a decade ago, and although it may not have seemed it at the time, it was a significant one as Rossi Jarvis' goal in a 1-0 JPT win in the West Midlands helped us progress towards that glorious day at Wembley starring Claude Gnakpa, who joined Walsall having written his name into Hatters folklore in 2020's first full season.

One man who has already done that in the current set-up is our manager, Nathan Jones, who I must congratulate on reaching his 150th game in charge in that last home game against Scunthorpe. Nathan is already the manager who has taken charge of the highest number of matches in our decade as custodians of this great club, beating John Still's 148, and the man with the best league points per game ratio in club history so far.

It's abundantly clear that Nathan Jones and Luton Town are just great for each other. I'd go as far as to say that Luton hasn't had a manager who befits our culture as well as Nathan for as long as any supporter can remember, including me. Conversely, Luton Town probably hasn't had a manager who has been so well supported by our supporters and our staff, but also by his board. Here's to another 150 games with Nathan leading us upwards!

Alongside him now is Steve Rutter, a man with vast knowledge of the game at many levels and gleaned from a variety of roles. I enjoyed a great meeting with Steve before he joined us and he's settling into Paul Hart's old role very well.

It is always sad to see great people leave us, but we always see it as an opportunity for us to improve. Not necessarily by recruiting just better people, but appropriateness according to the direction we are taking the business at the time – to help with our overall development. And Steve was an ideal candidate for our next footballing period.

Finally, on the football front, good luck to Inigo Idiakiez and the under-18s in FA Youth Cup action under the lights here at the Kenny next Friday. It was great to have our previous youth team manager, Paul Driver, with us as our guest at Barnsley, his new local club. A few nights like those we experienced in the run to the quarter-finals under Drives – with JJ, Frankie, Akin and Craig King in the team – wouldn't go amiss this time around, lads!

Away from the pitch, the club were delighted to be chosen to be showcased in this year's Parliamentary Review brochure. We were selected as 'one of the experts in The Parliamentary Review 2018,

showcasing best practice as a learning tool to the public and private sector" on behalf of the DCMS. The Review was published a couple of weeks ago and launched at a gala reception, which I attended along with David Wilkinson and Michael Moran.

In a couple of weeks' time we will have reason to celebrate in London again, as Emma Banks, our first lady vice president, will deservedly be the winning recipient of the 2018 MITS award for services to the music industry. Astonishingly, it is the second year running that not just a Luton Town supporter, but a Luton Town VP has been honoured. We're proud of our musical connections and especially proud to have Emma be an ambassador for LTFC, in the same way that last year's winner Rob Stringer has been.

On the planning front for Newlands Park and Power Court, frustratingly, we were recently requested to update some of our technical reports, specifically for ecology and environment, as guideline policies have changed since we originally submitted our planning applications. Alas, these elements now need another short consultation period too before the council can determine our applications.

However, having already completed and resubmitted these additional assessments, along with our last-word rebuttals on retail matters, this now means that the planning officers at Luton Borough Council will be in receipt of everything for them to write their committee report, hopefully in readiness for a committee meeting in December for both applications.

You will have read last week, and on page 11 of today's programme, that we have acquired the freehold interests for all remaining parts of Power Court from the council. This means that the football club, through 2020, is now in materially control of all land included within our applications, and all land excluded from the adopted local plan. It means that one way or another, with or without the stadium, our development destiny is broadly in our own hands. Naturally, we won't settle until it does include a stadium. This is a crucial development. All land is bought at risk. All has been bought freehold and unconditionally. And all has been bought with the single intention that it progresses the club and town.

The best news this week however, is the story that Intu – owners of shopping centres in Watford and Milton Keynes – have withdrawn their previously submitted objection to Newlands Park, having done so after they studied our impact data showing that our custom will be drawn from a multitude of areas and won't impact any one town detrimentally, especially when balanced by the significant benefits Power Court will bring to our town centre and the wider economic benefits both schemes will bring to the region.

Removing objections is generally an unprecedented action, but this is particularly pleasing as it's from the UK's largest retail operator who has two retail centres within the catchment of NP and whose authority dwarfs many smaller retail centre operators in the area. Intu clearly recognise that healthy competition is a good thing for the retail market, a good thing for the region and a good thing for them. They clearly have the foresight to recognise the positive economic impact our developments will have for everyone in our region.

There's a football analogy here. When a better-quality footballer joins a squad, the smarter characters welcome him because they all know that the inclusion of such quality will set them a new bar, so they improve. Wise players love fresh, challenging competition. Conversely, most players who reject better players rarely improve themselves and more often perform below their technical capability or fade out of the game. Our team at Luton Town is full of great characters – on and off the pitch – who embrace having the bar raised, and it's refreshing to see this in business, too.

"Competition whose motive is merely to compete, to drive some other fellow out, never carries very far. The competitor to be feared is one who never bothers about you at all but goes on making his own business better all the time." – Henry Ford

Enjoy today's game!

Come On You Hatters!

THE SKIPPER

Alan Sheehan

We're back at Kenilworth Road for what we hope to be another exciting and successful afternoon as we carry our fine home form from the promotion-winning season into this one.

Walsall have started the season in decent nick and they are up in and around the play-off places, so we know it's going to be a very tough game. They've got a relatively new manager who has an affection with the club, and he seems to be getting a response since he went in towards the end of last season.

We know that the teams who are pushing to be in the promotion picture are going to present us with different tests to what we've experienced in League Two, where a lot of sides would come and sit deep, so we need to keep going with the run of good form that we were on before last week's defeat at Barnsley if we want to have any hopes of being up there ourselves.

We've turned Kenilworth Road into a real fortress. It's a fantastic old stadium where the fans are really close to the pitch, right on top of you – but more importantly on top of the opposition. We are nearly filling out every home game at the moment, so while it must be a pretty intimidating place to come for some, it's an exciting place to be for ourselves.

I'm sure a lot of people that you speak to will say how hard a place Kenilworth Road is to come to when the fans are so tight on

you, and they are nearly sucking the ball into the net at times. It's an unbelievable help to have that on your side.

Last week at Barnsley I told young Arthur Read to make sure he got changed to come out and join in the warm-up, to experience a big ground like Oakwell even though he wasn't involved in the final 18 on the teamsheet.

Last year we probably played at a handful of nice grounds. This year we are playing at more and more bigger stadiums, and hopefully in a year or two we'll be playing at them every week, including our own.

It's great for us senior players to take in the bigger grounds and get a feel for everything, but even more so for young lads like Ready because you want them to be fully prepared when their chance comes.

As a player in League One you aspire to get to the next level to be able to go to places like Nottingham Forests, Leeds, Sheffield United, Derby, Middlesbrough – where there's 30,000 fans at games at lovely, brilliant grounds. They are the places you want to be playing at every week, but we know we've got to beat the teams in this division first to get there.

To do that, we need to continue this good run of form – we've only lost twice in 12 games – and that means setting off on another unbeaten run today before we go back on the road for a couple of weeks after Accrington visit on Tuesday night.

Give the boys everything out there – and enjoy the game!



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2020 DEVELOPMENTS ACQUIRES LUTON COUNCIL'S INTERESTS IN POWER COURT

It was announced last week that 2020 Developments (Luton) Ltd, the property arm of Luton Town Football Club, have completed the purchase of freehold interests in Power Court from Luton Borough Council.

The acquisition follows 2020 Developments' acquisition in 2016 of the greater proportion of the Power Court site from British Land PLC and now means that 2020 – the company that owns Luton Town Football Club – has full control of the entire Power Court site.

Contracts were exchanged and completed between the two parties on Friday 5th October, with existing 2020 shareholders funding the purchase as an advance to facilitate development proposals forming 2020's wider plans for the Football Club's stadium relocation and helping with the Town's regeneration.

This acquisition will simplify and bring together into one title a complex plot that consisted of 36 separate legal titles, 12 occupational leases and 17 ground leases. The contracts also included an option agreement on part of the current dual carriageway along St Mary's Road for 2020 Developments' use for rerouting the River Lea for the creation of a new river frontage between the stadium and St Mary's Church, as is detailed in the planning application for Power Court submitted 26 months ago.

Together with the full freehold ownership of the 40-acre Newlands Park site at Junction 10 of the

M1, 2020 is doing all it can, subject to planning, to deliver on a positive vision for the town and region, and bring forward much-needed regeneration and economic benefits.

Luton Town Football Club and 2020 Developments Chief Executive Gary Sweet said: "For over a dozen years the land at Power Court has been broadly derelict and seen as an eyesore in the heart of Luton's town centre, observed by over 100,000 rail commuters every single working day.

Significant

"For the first time in many decades all the ownership titles of this vitally important town centre landmark are all integrated which removes a significant barrier to development, which can only be fantastic news for the people of Luton.

"I can confirm that the funding for this plot will be drawn from our own shareholders, meaning that all income will benefit the local treasury.

"I would like to thank the 2020 board for their continued support and wish to acknowledge the hard work of the property and legal teams at LBC for their endeavours in completing this task."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY RONALD!

For today's match we welcome Ronald Keech, who is celebrating his 89th birthday this week. Ronald is attending the game with his granddaughter Jenny and great grandchildren Sadie and Jacob, and will watch the action from Executive Box No.13 after our Community Ambassador Raj Koyes invited the family to join his group.

Jenny wrote: "Grandad is Luton born and bred, working at Vauxhall Motors and North Herts College before retiring. He is a very loyal lifelong fan of Luton Town and listens to every single game without fail at his home, on the digital radio. I know he is looking forward to attending today's game against Walsall in person today. Come on you Hatters!"





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It is vital that everyone – players, staff and supporters – remains vigilant and reports any concerns to stewards, staff members or police. Attacks might be rare, and the chance of you being caught up in one unlikely, but the message is #ActionCountersTerrorism.

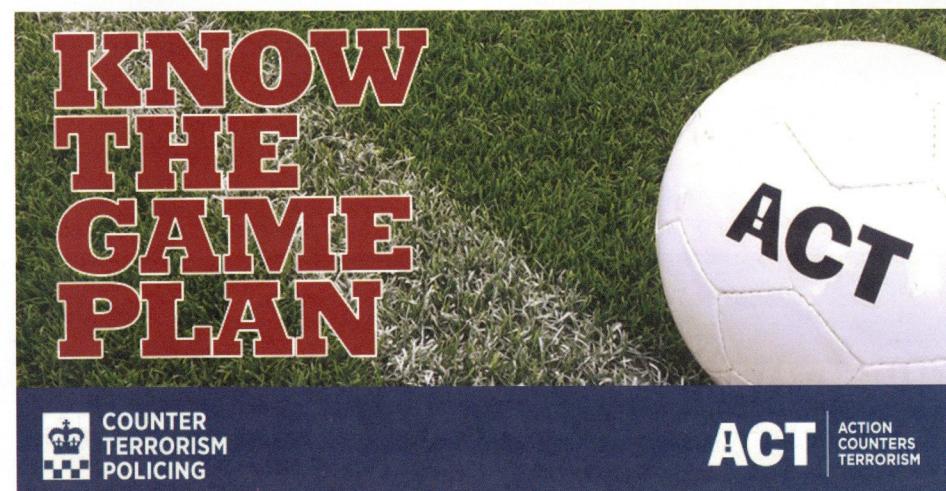
As striker Danny Hylton says: "We all bring family and friends to the game so it is really important everyone looks out for each other and reports anything suspicious.

"The stewards are here to help keep us all safe, so please be patient and cooperate with their instructions. When it comes to security it has to be a team effort and we are all players."

To find out more, visit gov.uk/ACT or @TerrorismPolice

HERE'S A QUICK REMINDER OF WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP KEEP YOURSELF AND OTHERS SAFE:

- Arrive early, allowing more time for security checks
- Minimise what you carry, fewer bag searches will speed up entry to the ground
- Be vigilant at all times and if you see anything suspicious, tell a steward right away
- If you see anything that could pose an immediate threat to safety, call 999
- In an emergency, listen to the Public Address instructions and follow them
- If told to evacuate, do so immediately, do not wait around to film events on your mobile
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down on the best XI he has ever played alongside!**



Wes Foderingham

Played with at: Swindon Town

GK

He's at Rangers now. It was out of him and Jayson Leutwiler at Shrewsbury. Good with his feet and good shot stopper. Nice guy as well.



Connor Goldson

Played with at: Shrewsbury Town

CB

He's at Rangers as well, having got promoted to the Premier League with Brighton. Big, strong, can head it. He was instrumental when we went up.



Aden Flint

Played with at: Swindon Town

CB

The time I played with him, I never thought he would achieve what he has achieved now. Now he's an established Championship player. Me and Macca played with him.



Ciaran Clark

Played with at: Aston Villa

CB

Ireland international. He's one of my good friends as well. Good left footed centre-half.



Seamus Coleman

Played with at: Republic of Ireland

RM

Under-21s
Top Premier League player. Probably one of the first names on the Everton teamsheet.



Ryan Woods

Played with at: Shrewsbury Town

CM

He's just got a move to Stoke, was at Brentford for a few years. What a player. He is so good. You can't get the ball off him, it's scary.



James McCarthy

Played with at – Republic of Ireland

CM

Under-21s
What a player. He was just head and shoulders above everyone, the way he moved and kept the ball. I roomed with him for a little bit, he is a top man.



Marc Albrighton

Played with at: Aston Villa

LM

What a delivery. I think he probably set up 90 per cent of my goals at youth and reserve level. The breakthrough season he had was unbelievable. Villa missed a trick letting him go for free to Leicester. The rest is history.



Barry Bannan

Played with at: Aston Villa

CAM

One of my best friends. For a small lad he's mobile. If he could score more goals, he would be a top Premier League player. He's got in the Championship Team of the Year a couple of times. He's my star man.



Robbie Brady

Played with at: Republic of Ireland

CAM

Under-21s
What a player. Probably got the best left foot I have seen, between him and Barry Bannan anyway. He was the best player in our 21s team.



Chris Martin

Played with at: Swindon Town

ST

He came on loan from Norwich City. A Luton hero as well. He was a bit heavy when he came to Swindon, but Paulo Di Canio made him lose a few pounds. He has got the hardest side foot finish I have ever seen.

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TODAY'S MASCOTS



HARRISON MOODIE

Age: 9

Hobbies: Football and Cricket

Favourite Players: Marek Stech and James Shea

FREDDIE WALSH

Age: 7

Hobbies: Football, reading, diving

Favourite Player: Marek Stech

RAFFERTY WALSH

Age: 6

Hobbies: Football, swimming, looking after pets.

Favourite Player: Harry Cornick

RYAN MACBETH

Age: 10

Hobbies: Football, swimming, looking after pets.

Favourite Players: James Shea and Elliot Lee

LEON BOWLES

Age: 8

Hobbies: Football and Music

Favourite Player: Danny Hylton

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WELCOME WALSALL



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LAST MEETING:	LUTON 1-0 WALSALL - NOVEMBER 2008 (JPT)

FACTFILE:

NICKNAME:	THE SADDLERS
GROUND:	BANKS'S STADIUM
MANAGER:	DEAN KEATES
LAST SEASON:	19TH IN LEAGUE ONE

The Hatters would like to welcome the staff, players and supporters of today's visiting side, Walsall.

The Saddlers arrive here in excellent form, sitting just outside the play-off places but with a game in hand on all but one of the teams above them. Their run so far this campaign has come as a little bit of a surprise – fancied by many to struggle this year, they are looking more likely to be playing their football in the second-tier next season rather than the fourth.

Their current position is down to an excellent start, as they didn't suffer a defeat in their opening seven league games, although reversals against Doncaster and Accrington have pushed them down the table slightly.

Mixed home form could be argued is what is holding back Dean Keates' side, as their record of four wins and two draws from their six away games means they are one of only four teams in the division not to have been beaten on the road. The Saddlers have also scored in every single away game – ten in total – so they pose a real threat to Town's unbeaten home record.

Last season made it to a decade in League One for the Banks's Stadium based side, and they were close to falling into League Two as they really struggled towards the end of the season – suffering 12 defeats from the beginning of January.

The appointment of Keates came in mid-March with the Saddlers 15th, six points clear of the relegation zone with nine games to go. They finished just two points above the dreaded dotted line, with two wins and two draws gained in that period – but the manager has now had time to instil his methods and bring in his own players, and the club has thrived.

Strikers in the form of Andy Cook and Morgan Ferrier are delivering for Keates, grabbing four each, whilst midfielders Zeli Ismail and Kieron Morris have seven between them, it's fair to say that everyone has contributed on that front so far.

Keates is a club legend, playing 260 games for the club during a 20-year playing career. Two seasons as Wrexham manager saw the 40-year-old get valuable experience under his belt, before getting the job at Walsall earlier on this year.



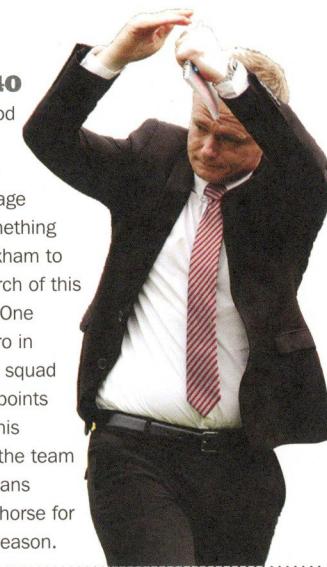
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MEET THE SQUAD

THE GAFFER

Dean Keates | Age: 40

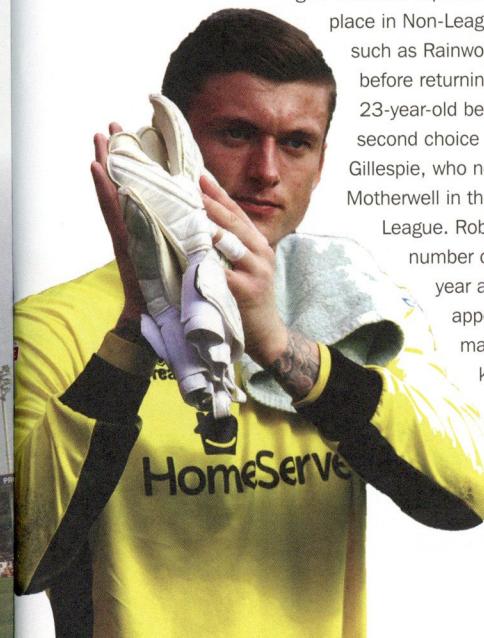
Keates is literally living his boyhood dream, to not only begin his playing career with his hometown club, but to come back and manage them nearly 20 years later is something special. The 40-year-old left Wrexham to take over as the gaffer in the March of this year, guiding his team to League One survival and becoming a local hero in the process. His influence on the squad has been remarkable, taking 22 points from their opening 12 matches this campaign. His transformation of the team in such a short space of time means that Walsall could be a real dark horse for promotion come the end of the season.



THE STOPPER

Liam Roberts | Age: 23

The lifelong Walsall fan signed his first professional deal with the club in 2012 at the age of 18. A series of loan spells were to follow to gain valuable experience, all of which took place in Non-League, appearing for teams such as Rainworth, Gresley and Chester before returning to the Saddlers. The 23-year-old began last season as second choice keeper behind Mark Gillespie, who now plies his trade for Motherwell in the Scottish Premier League. Roberts became Walsall's



number one at the turn of this year and hasn't looked back, appearing in every league match so far this season, keeping three clean sheets.

GOALKEEPER

CHRIS DUNN

AGE: 30

Joined Walsall in the summer from Wrexham. The shot-stopper kept 15 clean sheets in 35 matches for the Welsh outfit last term, setting a new club record.

DEFENDERS

LUKE LEAHY

AGE: 25

A full-back with an attacker's mindset, Leahy joined the Saddlers in 2017, having scored 12 goals in 158 matches for Falkirk in Scotland. He has started every match so far this season.



NICKY DEVLIN
AGE: 25

The Scottish right-back completed his first season south of the border with Walsall last term, making 36 appearances. The defender began his career with Dumbarton and also had a spell with Motherwell in the SPL.

DID YOU KNOW?

Walsall are the club that has currently been in League One for the longest period of time, this season being their 12th since winning promotion as League Two champions in 2007. Bradford, Gillingham and Peterborough come next, with each now in their sixth successive third tier campaign.



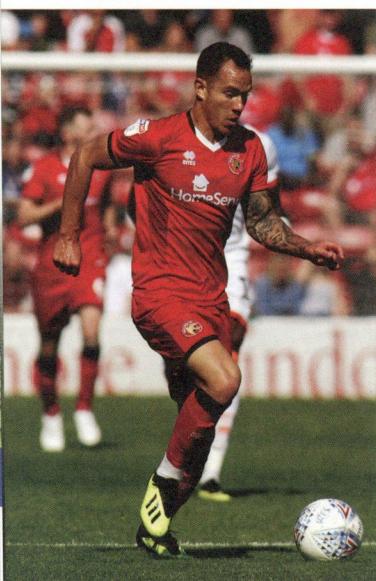
THE WALL

Jon Guthrie | Age: 26

Guthrie remains a fan favourite and a complete rock in defence for the Saddlers, continuing to establish himself as one of the team's most important players. In fact, the centre-half played every minute of every game last season, clocking up an impressive 52 appearances in total. His prowess in the heart of defence helped the Saddlers avoid the drop by two points and push on to an excellent start this campaign. The 26-year-old joined Walsall in the summer of 2017 from Crewe Alexandra and is looking to emulate last season, having started every match so far.

IN THE MIDDLE

Kieron Morris | Age: 24



After penning his first professional contract with the Saddlers, Morris has gone on to make a century of appearances in a red shirt, affirming himself as a pivotal attacking threat on the wing. The Hereford-born winger made his senior debut for Walsall in a 3-1 League Cup defeat to Stoke City in 2013, going on to make several league appearances over the next few years. He also took part in a decent loan spell with Wrexham, scoring twice in nine games. Last season Morris played a total of 48 matches for the Saddlers, scoring three goals in the process. He also bagged a stoppage time winner against Bristol Rovers in his last outing with Walsall.

JACK FITZWATER

AGE: 21

In on a season-long loan from West Bromwich Albion, the young centre-half has been brilliant so far. It is his second spell with the Saddlers after impressing in last season's survival.

CONNOR JOHNSON

AGE: 20

Moving slightly east from Wolves, the young defender joined in August of this year. Johnson made his Walsall debut in the Checkatrade Trophy victory away at Burton Albion.

KANE WILSON

AGE: 18

Another young defender who has swapped West Brom for Walsall on a season-long loan. The highly rated full-back spent last season with Exeter, helping them reach the League Two play-off final.

KORY ROBERTS

AGE: 20

Roberts was named as the Saddlers' 2017/18 Young Player of the Season. The promising centre-half signed his first pro contract in May 2016 and helped keep a clean sheet on his debut against Oxford.

MIDFIELDERS

ZELI ISMAIL

AGE: 24

The Albanian is back in his second spell with the club after impressing last season while on loan from Bury, scoring three in 20 appearances. He was snapped up on a one-year deal this summer.

JOSH GINNELLY

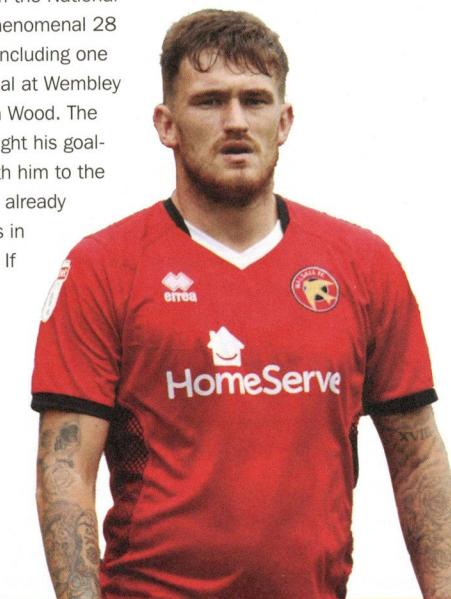
AGE: 21

Another winger who re-joined the club on a one-year deal ahead of this season. Ginnelly played an important role in Tranmere's promotion back to the League.

WATCH OUT

Andy Cook | Age: 28

Having just celebrated his 28th birthday two days ago, former Barrow and Grimsby striker Cook will be wanting to share some of his goal scoring wisdom with the younger players around him, after an impressive campaign with Tranmere Rovers caught the attention of Dean Keates in the summer. The striker played a huge role in dragging Tranmere up from the National League with a phenomenal 28 goals last term, including one in the play-off final at Wembley against Boreham Wood. The forward has brought his goal-scoring boots with him to the Bescot Stadium, already netting five times in all competitions. If he can recreate his success with Walsall, you can guarantee he will begin to gain interest from higher up the footballing pyramid.



LIAM KINSELLA

AGE: 22

The versatile midfielder enjoyed his best run in the side last season, playing 24 times. This season he has five appearances to his name, making one start.

MAZ KOHYAR

AGE: 21

An Afghanistan international who signed his first professional deal at the club after progressing through the youth system. He scored his first league goal in a 1-1 draw with Rochdale last season.

GEORGE DOBSON

AGE: 20

Previous captain of Arsenal's U18s side, Dobson rejoined Walsall in 2017 after leaving to join top-flight Dutch side Sparta Rotterdam. He played on five occasions in Holland.

ADAM CHAMBERS

AGE: 37

The veteran midfielder has been with the club since 2011, skipping the side to the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final in 2015 and reaching the League One play-offs a year later.

STRIKERS

MORGAN FERRIER

AGE: 23

The striker signed on a two-year deal from Boreham Wood having spent his career as a prolific Non-League striker. Ferrier also helped the Wood reach last season's National League play-off final.

JOSH GORDON

AGE: 24

Signed from Leicester City in August for an undisclosed fee. The striker featured regularly for the Foxes U23s side, scoring six goals in 27 matches.

IN NUMBERS...

Stadium capacity:	10,910
Miles from Kenilworth Road:	91
Year opened:	1990
Average crowd last season:	4,760
Seasons in League One:	12

CLASSIC CLASH WITH THE SADDLERS

CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH DELVES INTO HIS ARCHIVES...

28TH MARCH 1998 • WALSALL 2 LUTON TOWN 3

After the Town's narrow failure to win promotion from Division Two (now League One) at the end of the 1996/97 campaign, it was always going to be a struggle to lift the squad to make a further bid for a top two spot.

The situation was not helped when an injury crisis struck, the like of which had not been seen for many years, leaving the team severely decimated throughout most of the autumn. In a game at Bristol City in late September matters were so bad that none of the three substitutes had managed a League appearance between them and the subsequent 3-0 defeat was regarded as a moral victory.

Although the injury crisis did eventually subside, the run of poor results left the team playing catch-up for the remainder of the season and try as they might, the players could not manage to haul themselves above the relegation positions.

The turning point in the campaign can possibly be traced to the game at near neighbours Watford in mid-February. Walking away with the division, the Hornets were seeking to win a rare double over the Hatters after inflicting a 4-0 thrashing the previous October. Taking the lead just after half-time, Watford obviously felt that the Town would self destruct, but putting together previously unseen reserves of fight and determination, the Hatters refused to give up and bagged an equaliser just before the end from the unlikely saviour, Marvin Johnson.

Just as the light appeared at the end of the tunnel, it was quickly extinguished when the bombshell was dropped that top goalscorer Tony Thorpe was to be sold to Fulham for £800,000.

The need for an accomplished striker as a replacement was acutely apparent, with a narrow 1-0 defeat at Preston followed by draws at home to Wycombe and away at Burnley. In all three games the Town dominated possession but could not convert their superiority into goals as the team floundered in the relegation mire.

Manager Lennie Lawrence obviously realised the deficiency and searched high and low for a loan signing as the transfer deadline date rapidly approached.

Favour

With the Town dropping to second bottom following a 2-2 draw against a powerful Grimsby outfit at Kenilworth Road, a lifeline loan signing was offered by ex-Town boss David Pleat, now Director of Football at Tottenham.

Pleat suggested that 20-year-old striker Rory Allen would do the Town a favour and possibly knock in the goals that would ensure safety from relegation.

The downside to the deal was that Allen had managed barely two reserve team games since an ankle operation the previous summer, and his general fitness was therefore of some concern.

Lennie Lawrence was, quite frankly, desperate and although in normal circumstances would have turned down Allen, he was not likely to look a gift horse in the mouth.

Allen, of whom a great future had been predicted before his injury problems, was anxious to prove his fitness and hopefully re-establish his career at White Hart Lane. He was confident of scoring goals at Division Two level, starting in the next game against Walsall at the Bescot Stadium.

LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB EST. 1885	WALSALL FC
KELVIN DAVIS	WALKER
JAMES	EVANS
THOMAS	MARSH
WADDOCK	VIVEASH
STEVE DAVIS	ROPER
WHITE	PERON
MARSHALL	BOLI
MCLAREN (EVERS)	KEATES (EYDELIE)
OLDFIELD (DOHERTY)	PLATT (RICKETS)
ALLEN	PORTER
ALEXANDER	THOLOT

Walsall were on the edge of the dogfight developing at the foot of the table, although they had games in hand over all their fellow strugglers. They had inflicted a 3-2 defeat on the Town a year before at Bescot, which virtually ended hopes of an automatic promotion spot and had won 1-0 at Kenilworth Road earlier in the campaign.

At the time, Walsall included four Frenchmen in Roger Boli, Jeff Peron, Didier Tholot and Jean Jacques Eydelie, and although their skills were not in doubt, their play acting and theatrical diving, especially in the first half, left the Town players bemused and more than a little angry. Luckily referee Bill Burns was not taken in by the antics.

With all this going on, the Town somehow managed to sneak into the lead. Chasing a seemingly lost cause down the right, Allen, showing refreshing commitment for a loan player, retrieved the ball and floated it over to David Oldfield, who mis-hit a looping shot over James Walker in the Walsall goal.

Dwight Marshall goes round Walsall goalkeeper James Walker before scoring the Town's third goal

The Saddlers came out for the second half determined to attack from the start and their positive efforts bore fruit when defender Adrian Viveash powered in a header from a corner for the equaliser. Walsall continued to attack and just as it seemed the Town defence was about to fold, two goals on the break completely turned the game on its head.

Firstly, Oldfield was released by a desperate clearance from Gary Waddock and he ran through the Walsall defence before smacking a shot against an upright. Fortunately, Allen was following up and coolly slotted the ball into an empty net.

Soon afterwards, Dwight Marshall played a perfect wall pass routine with Oldfield before netting from an acute angle, and although the Saddlers pulled a goal back almost immediately through Tholot, the Town defence battened down the hatches and managed to survive until the end for a vital three points.

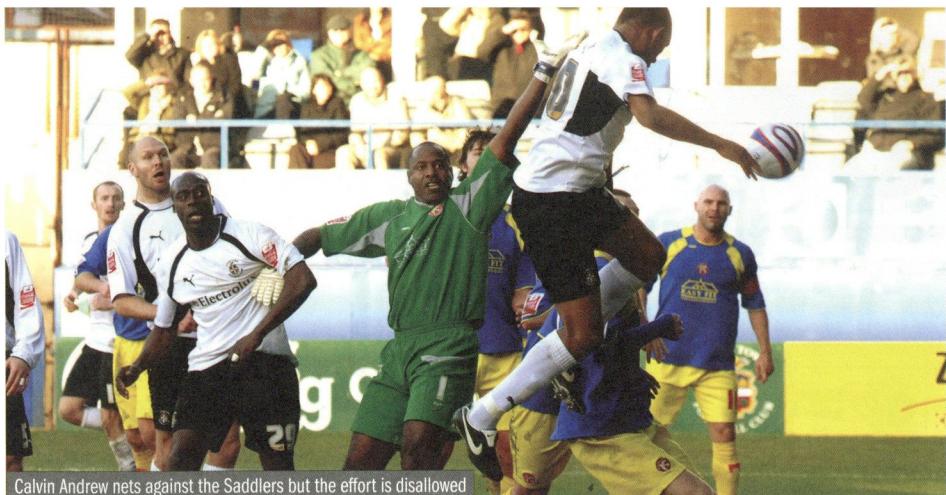


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Calvin Andrew nets against the Saddlers but the effort is disallowed

THE LAST TIME WALSALL CAME TO TOWN

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

1ST MARCH 2008 • LUTON TOWN 0 WALSALL 1

LEAGUE ONE

Interesting times at Kenilworth Road! The FA had issued a total of 55 charges following their investigations into financial irregularities, the club had been placed in administration with the loss of ten points, and saleable player assets had been stripped.

On the plus side a new consortium (2020) were hoping to take over the club and Hatters legend Mick Harford was in the hot-seat having replaced outgoing manager Kevin Blackwell.

The points deduction left the Town in the relegation places and by the time of the visit of Walsall to Kenilworth Road, Harford was still looking for his first win after ten games in charge.

The Saddlers were chasing promotion and enjoyed a dream start when, after only four minutes, debutant Stefan Moore beat a square Luton defence to run onto a ball over the top to net with ease past a hesitant Dean Brill in the Hatters goal.

Walsall were then content to sit on their lead and hardly troubled the Luton defence again, while at the other end any chances were either blazed over

or sent into the grateful arms of Saddlers keeper Clayton Ince.

Calvin Andrew thought he had earned a priceless point when he headed home with ten minutes to go but was dismayed to see the referee disallow the effort for a foul on Ince.

Harford felt the performance was 'inept' and that: "Walsall had one shot on goal the whole game yet still won."

He added: "There was no desire, no passion, nothing. We had four forwards on at the end which looked a bit messy, but I had to do something."

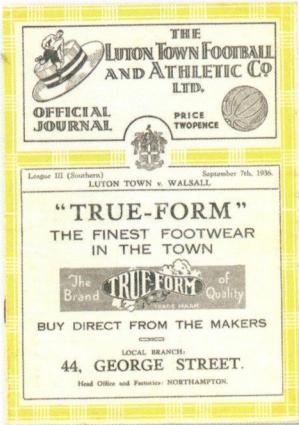
Saddlers boss Richard Money however backed the Hatters to beat the drop!

Luton Town: Brill, Jackson, Perry, Keane, Davis (Andrew), O'Leary, Morgan (Goodall), Spring, McVeigh (Parkin), Furlong, Talbot.

Walsall: Ince, Gerrard, Boertien, Roper, Weston, Betsy (Dobson), Holmes, Sonko (Deeney), Wrack, Moore (Taundry), Mooney.

COVERED!

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



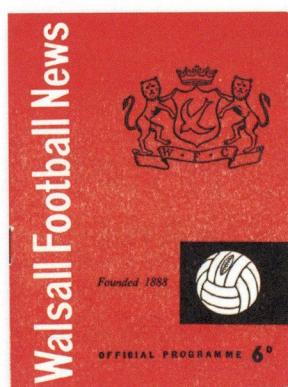
September 1936

The Town make it an early double, winning 2-0 at Kenilworth Road after a 1-0 victory at Fellows Park the week before. Jack Ball and Joe Payne net for the Hatters in front of a crowd of 11,395.



November 1962

New signing from Chester, Ron Davies, scores his first goals for the Town in a 4-3 Hatters victory which is never as close as the scoreline suggests. Smoke from a chimney fire stops the game for two minutes.



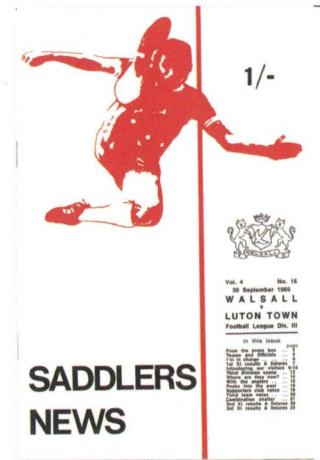
April 1965

A disastrous Easter of two defeats ends well with a 1-0 win at Fellows Park. The Easter Monday clash sees the Hatters avenge a Good Friday 3-1 home loss at the hands of Walsall with Ted Phillips hitting home the only goal. Despite this victory, scores elsewhere mean that the Town are all but down from Division Three (now League One).



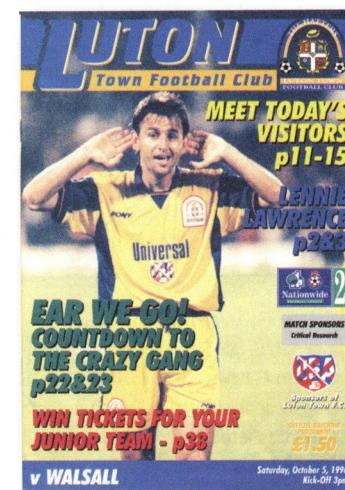
January 1969

Mike Keen makes his Hatters debut and sees golden boy Bruce Rioch net after four minutes and then get carried off with a knee injury which will keep him out for two months. The Town maintain the lead however and remain unbeaten at home.



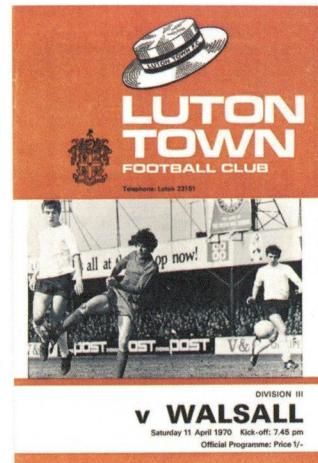
September 1969

The Town make it eleven games unbeaten from the start of the season with a 3-1 win at Fellows Park. Matt Tees scores twice as the Hatters consolidate their lead at the top of Division Three (now League One).



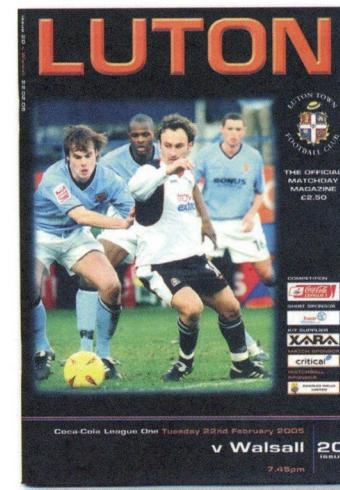
October 1996

The Hatters open up a 3-0 lead with goals from Tony Thorpe, Paul Showler and Andrew Fotiadis but a stunner from the Saddlers' Kyle Lightbourne is the goal of the game. The Town are now finding their feet after suffering relegation at the end of the previous campaign.



April 1970

The Town experiment with a kick-off timed for a Saturday evening straight after the FA Cup final. This is the second occasion that this ploy has been used and it is again a success with 17,173 watching a 3-0 Luton win with all the goals arriving in the first half.



February 2005

The Hatters go 14 games unbeaten after a narrow 1-0 win over Walsall at Kenilworth Road. Kevin Nicholls nets from the spot on 88 minutes.

DEADLY DUOS

FOOTBALL HISTORIAN LEIGH EDWARDS PROFILES FOUR NOTABLE POST-WAR WALSALL GOALSCORING PARTNERSHIPS

TONY RICHARDS & COLIN TAYLOR

Record goalscorer Tony Richards was leading marksman in Walsall's 1959-60 Fourth Division title and 1960-61 Third Division title triumphs.

Signing professional for Birmingham City in December 1951, the centre-forward joined the Saddlers in September 1954 and made his League debut in that month's 3-1 defeat at home to Bristol City. He topped Walsall's goalscorer charts on six occasions and netted a club record 185 goals in 338 League outings while at Fellows Park before moving to Port Vale in March 1963. Later with Nuneaton Borough and Dudley Town, he remained local until his death in March 2010.

Goalscorer favourite Colin Taylor had three spells at Walsall. Initially with Stourbridge, he joined the Saddlers in February 1958, starring in their meteoric rise to the Second Division. He moved to Newcastle United in June 1963 but rejoined Walsall in October 1964 and helped take Liverpool to an FA Cup fourth round replay in 1967-68. Joining Crystal Palace in May 1968, he starred in their 1968-69 promotion success and returned to Walsall again in September 1969. He netted 169 goals in 457 League games before moving to Kidderminster in July 1973.

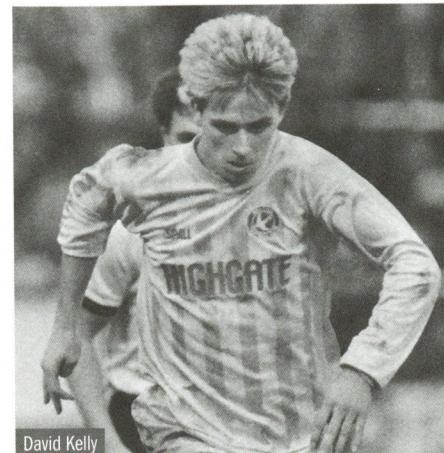
Later a painter and decorator, he died in Dudley in June 2005.

ALAN BUCKLEY & DON PENN

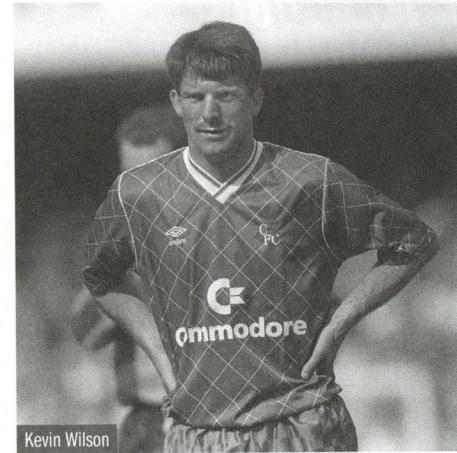
Striker Alan Buckley was Walsall's leading marksman in five successive seasons. Initially with Nottingham Forest, he gained top-flight experience prior to joining the Saddlers in August 1973. He starred as they reached the FA Cup fifth round in 1974-75 and 1977-78, moving to Birmingham City in October 1978.

Rejoining Walsall as player-boss in July 1979, he led them to promotion in 1979-80 and the League Cup semi-finals in 1983-84. He netted 174 goals in 419 League games before leaving the Saddlers in August 1986, then managed Kettering, Grimsby, West Brom, Grimsby, Lincoln City, Rochdale and Grimsby again.

Young striker Don Penn was top scorer with 25 goals as Walsall regained Third Division status at the first attempt in 1979-80. Previously with Warley Borough, he moved to Fellows Park in January 1978 and made his League debut in Walsall's 1-0 defeat at Preston three months later. He was also leading marksman in 1981-82 and netted 54 goals in 141 League outings for the Saddlers until a serious knee injury ended his League career at 23 in May 1983. Briefly playing for Nuneaton Borough, Oldbury United and Harrisons, he has since worked as a service engineer for Granada TV and then Fire & Safety Services in Minworth.



David Kelly



Kevin Wilson

NICKY CROSS & DAVID KELLY

Striker Nicky Cross was Walsall's leading marksman in 1985-86. Initially with West Brom, he was a semi-finalist in both the League Cup and FA Cup in 1981-82 and moved to Walsall for £48,000 in August 1985. He starred in their 1986-87 FA Cup run, netting 45 goals in 109 League games for the Saddlers prior to joining Leicester City for £80,000 in January 1988.

Sold to Port Vale for £125,000 in June 1989, he was an experienced figure in their 1993-94 promotion success and joined Hereford United in July 1994. He later had spells with Solihull Borough, Redditch United as player-manager and with his son at Feckenham.

Republic of Ireland international striker David Kelly grabbed a hat-trick in Walsall's 1987-88 Third Division play-off final triumph. Initially with Alvechurch, he joined the Saddlers in December 1983 and was leading marksman as they reached the FA Cup fifth round in 1986-87. He netted 63 goals in 147 League games prior to joining West Ham in August 1988, then moved via Leicester City to Newcastle United where he helped win the First Division title in 1992-93.

Later with Wolves, Sunderland, Tranmere Rovers, Sheffield United, Motherwell and Mansfield Town, he has since held various coaching posts.

KYLE LIGHTBOURNE & KEVIN WILSON

Bermuda international striker Kyle Lightbourne was Walsall's leading marksman in three successive seasons. Initially with Pembroke Hamilton in his native country, he joined Scarborough in December 1992 and moved to Walsall in September 1993. He was ever-present in their 1994-95 promotion success, netting 65 goals in 165 League games before sold to Coventry City for £500,000 in July 1997.

Joining Stoke City in February 1998, he helped win the Auto Windscreens Shield in 2000. He later had spells with Swindon Town, Cardiff City and Macclesfield Town, then managed Bermuda Hogges and PHC Zebras in Bermuda.

Ex-Northern Ireland international striker Kevin Wilson was ever-present in Walsall's 1994-95 promotion success. Initially with hometown Banbury, he joined Derby County in December 1979 and moved via Ipswich Town to Chelsea for £335,000 in June 1987. He starred in their 1988-89 Second Division title triumph, joining Notts County for £225,000 in March 1992. Featuring in the 1994 Anglo-Italian Cup final, he moved to Walsall in August 1994 and netted 38 goals in 125 League games. He joined Northampton in July 1997, since managing them, Bedford, Aylesbury, Kettering, Hucknall, Corby, Ilkeston and Nuneaton.

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TRICK OR TREATMENT

A HUMOROUS INSIGHT TO PHYSIO SIMON PARSELL'S WORK

Good afternoon. The notes are a little rushed this week, as I was a late substitute when they realised the programme was lacking top quality content. But we are here to help, so here we go.

Oxford provided one of those moments as Dan Potts scored and rolled away to celebrate. Arms aloft, he felt the thrill of a goal. However, he suddenly felt lonely and as he looked back he could see his team-mates jogging back towards the halfway line.

Still slightly confused, he noticed the referee had awarded a free-kick. As much as he tried to disguise things, after that the embarrassment was there. I even had a nice fan telling me to sit down whilst suggesting I might have eaten pies and put weight on. Luckily within minutes we were all on our feet celebrating the winner. I did notice this time Dan checked referee and linesman first...whilst I had the pleasure of discussing the goal with the fan near me.

Injury wise things are looking good. Hytts is back and had a few minutes at Barnsley. Luke continues his work and moves ever closer to that return game. Stechy and Lloyd Jones are also back in training following their groin issues. Elliot Lee is also in training after his hamstring problem. The quieter the treatment room is, the better it is.

Andrew Shinnie mentioning his dog Nero and his Instagram account in a recent programme highlighted the love of pets within the squad. There's Hytts with his hamster, Elliott plus his labrador, Macca has a King Charles spaniel, the Gaffer and Winnie, I have two Border Terriers. Jared has his two hamsters Sergio and Vincent.

But the feature has to be Darren Cook's cat Leo. Ginger like his owner, Leo had a bad start to life, originally being Lola until a vet identified the

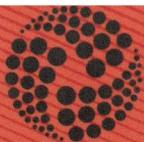
mistake. But under the coaching of Daz, Leo De Gea has turned into an outstanding goalkeeper. This may stem from some video footage I saw of Darren playing for Luton Town Under-10s in a tournament and making an outstanding double save against Ajax, but he doesn't like to mention it.



Leo's videos have gone viral on Sport Bible and I would urge James Shea and Marek to take a look. However, Leo does still perform those cat duties by bringing home the odd mouse. Being a dog owner myself, I can never understand why dogs rush to the front door, it's rarely for them. More pet stories in the coming weeks...

Finally, a big thanks to St John Ambulance for presenting the club with new defibrillators. They are an essential piece of equipment. Whilst we hope never to use them, it's nice to know they are there.

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ON THE CENTRE SPOT

We asked for your questions on our social media channels to put to James Justin - full-back (either side)/midfielder/homegrown hero - ahead of today's clash with Walsall. Here the 20-year-old is the latest Hatter to be put On The Centre Spot!

Twitter @callumLtfc Best Thing About Playing For Luton ?

I'm from here, all strings of my family are here, so it's just an honour to play for my hometown club.

Twitter @emmaorch What does it feel like to hear the fans singing "James Justin, he's one of our own"?

It's incredible. When everyone sings it as one, it means a lot and I've said it time and time again, but I love Luton and I'm from here, so it just means that little bit extra. It must make me play better when I hear it. They only sing it when I'm playing well!

Twitter @Pete_LTFC Which do you prefer. Left back, right back, or the new role as a midfielder?

It's not really a new role personally, but the fans haven't seen me play there until now. I just love being out there, if I'm honest. Wherever I play, I'll do a job there.

Twitter @AlfieMee What is the most intimidating ground you've played at so far in your career?

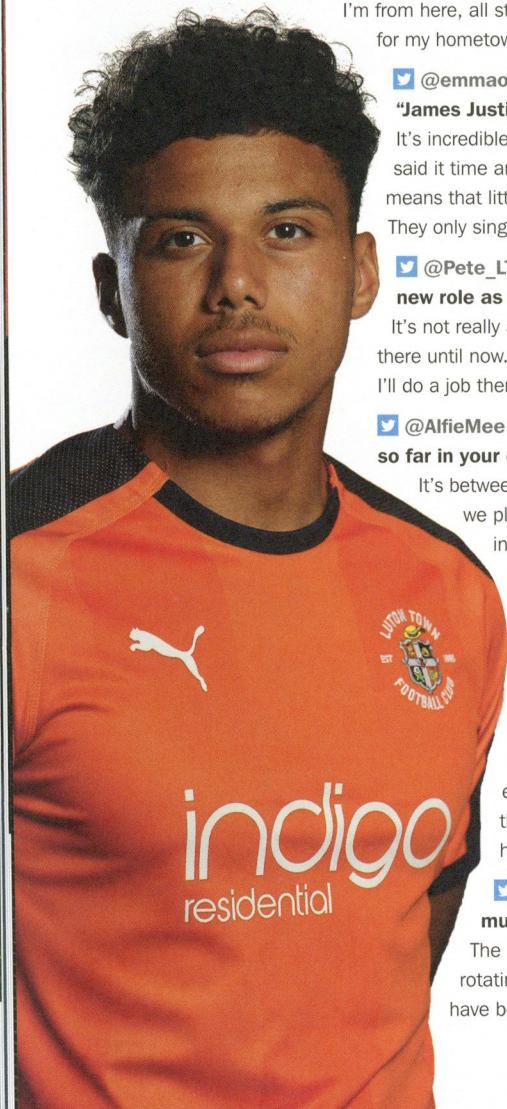
It's between two – either Accrington Stanley or Pompey. When we played Pompey in my first season, that was when I was intimidated. This season I wasn't. Accy's not the nicest ground, but they are always up for it and you know how they are up there. Opposite ends of the scale in terms of location and size of ground and crowd, but definitely those two are the most intimidating.

And do you have any pre-match superstitions?

Not any in terms of religious rituals, or anything like that, but when I'm playing I usually take a few skips towards the edge of the box and then clap the fans, turn around and then get ready for kick-off. Other than that, I don't really have anything.

Twitter @FoggieHydra32 Who plays the best and worst music in the dressing room?

The best is between Harry Cornick now and Pelly – they are rotating as dressing room DJ because a few of the older lads have been giving Pelly some stick over recent weeks.



Giving it 'The Shh' after scoring against Lincoln on New Year's Day

The music I least like is from the older lads – I'm not a big Oasis fan, but I can see why they like it. It's the table of four who usually sit together on away trips – Macca, Sheez, Stechy and Collo. Harry has been playing a bit more housey music, with a bit of hip-hop thrown in every now and again. Pelly's is just straight hip-hop and rap.

Twitter @callumLtfc What's The Shh all about?

I don't know really. I did it last year when I scored against Lincoln, and ever since then it's just been a thing really. There's nothing behind it.

Twitter @LTFCTixExchange Unlikely to be asked but here goes... during the summer you were the main focus of intense speculation regarding a move to Brighton, supposedly the club had accepted £1million but it was you that rejected the move. True?

I personally don't get involved in anything, all I know is that all throughout the time, I always thought I was a Luton Town player and from what I know, the club never accepted any bids. So other than that, I don't know anything about it.

Twitter @LTFC_Dave How do you think being "one of our own" changes the expectations and pressures on you from Luton fans compared to a player signed from another club?

Personally, I think that it's harder for me to do something wrong than another player would do. Say, in the season I broke out, if I did something wrong then people would slate me a little bit. But if Stephen O'Donnell did something wrong, then they'd all be shouting for me. But other than that first season, it's not really affected the football in any way at all.

Twitter @LutonTownExile Couple here. Firstly, you had a great game at West Brom keeping Matty Phillips quiet. What is the biggest difference between those West Brom players who'd recently been in the Premier League & L1/L2 players?

It's both boxes, and the sharpness of the brain – the mental side because everyone is physically near enough the same, it's just in both boxes where they make their money, and if they got a chance on the night, you know they'll take it. They had two chances in the game; Sheasy pulled off a worldy for the first and Burke's gone through and scored with the other. We had two chances and didn't take them. That's the difference between League One and Two, and the divisions above.

And secondly, what was the best piece of advice Cyrille Regis gave you?

Obviously I was quite close to him, but the best piece of advice he gave me is to stay level-headed and don't think you've made it when you haven't made it yet. He said 'You've made it when you're at the top, and that's when you've got to keep your head to stay there'.

He was a massively good influence on me as an agent, because he's been there and anyone who's been around him knows that he was a lovely guy, who liked a joke as well.



ON THE CENTRE SPOT



benstorey_ Where did you hang around in Luton when you were growing up and also what schools did you go to in Luton?

I used to hang around in the Stopsley area, just around the village, and PlayFootball.net – I used to be there loads when I was younger. Then I'd be up around Crawley fields, playing football. For school, I went to Putteridge all the way through.

espokes7 Who inspired you to achieve what you have?

For me personally, it was my dad Mick. Then obviously watching football – everyone watched the great teams back in the day, Arsenal and Man United rivalry that they had for ages. But it's my dad who has always pushed me from the sidelines, and he's always there to watch me, so he was a big inspiration for me.

@Barringer_A What's your all-time, Luton Town dream team?

From the players I've seen just as a supporter, I'll go for Dean Brill in goal behind a back four of Kevin Foley, George Pilkington, Steve McNulty and Sol Davis. Keith Keane and Ahmet Brkovic in midfield with Claude Gnakpa and Jake Howells on the wings, then Steve Howard and Andre Gray up front

scottsmileysspam What was it like to get called up to the England U20 team?

It was really surreal. I was literally just about to go on holiday, and then the gaffer called me up and said 'Look, England want to call you up for a training camp'. This was for the Under-19s before the European Championships. They called me up and I was like 'Are you joking?' But the U19 manager Keith Downing phoned me and was talking to me, and it was an honour to go to La Manga for the camp. Then I got called up for the U20s soon into the following season for my debut at Walsall and then in Switzerland.

Twitter @louis_kay17 Best Luton Memories?

Promotion last season, of course, which was unbelievable. I'd also say my full debut against Villa and probably the 7-1 against Stevenage, when I scored.

Twitter @Gudge62 When are you signing for Arsenal, got to make the old man happy. Do you feel you're still able to continue developing if you're not starting regularly or are you at the point where you need to be playing in the starting 11?

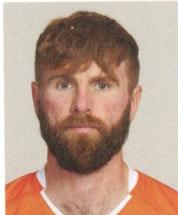
Signing for Arsenal? [laughs] The paperwork was being done but I think they pulled out at the last minute! I feel I'm still improving even if I'm not starting, because training is where you get your most improvement, and then matches are where you show everyone what you can do. Hopefully I can get more chances to do so.

Instagram charlie_bunker_18 What is it like playing against big names players and scoring in front of 10,000?

It's not too dissimilar. If anything, when they play against us they are more laid back than they would be if they were playing against a Man United, or another big team, and they want to show everyone what they can do, so I feel like it plays into our hands a little bit. And what it's like scoring in front of 10,000 – it's just bundles of joy and delight. You can't take the smile off your face really!

Instagram tariq_khan18 Best player you've played with and against?

I didn't really play with him too much here, but whenever I was training with Paddy McCourt you could see that he was unbelievable. With England it's Mason Mount, by a mile. I've also trained with Ryan Sessegnon, but Mason Mount stood out for me and that's why he's now in the full England squad. Ayoze Perez was very good against us when we played Newcastle in the FA Cup last season. He was as sharp as anything.



Instagram hattersnews Who did you aspire to be like?

All through my younger years, it was Ashley Cole – but when he made the switch to Chelsea I wasn't too happy. Still, I admire his defensive work as a full-back, and he also got forward quite a bit, so probably Ashley Cole was who I aspired to be back in the day.



Instagram madhatterhammer What would you be if you were not a footballer?

Something boring I think, like an accountant because I'm quite good at maths. I comfortably got every GCSE when I was at school, so I don't mind studying. If I'd have gone to sixth form I'd have probably done maths further.

Instagram mhayward32 Has @lualua25 had control of the dressing room DJ duties yet and if so has he played his 'sounds like you're in Nando's' playlist?

Haha! No, he hasn't been in control yet. He's not at that stage yet, I don't think, but every day he's getting involved more, which is nice to see. I'm expecting big things if he ever steps up though!

Instagram madhatterhammer Who in the changing room has the worst habit?

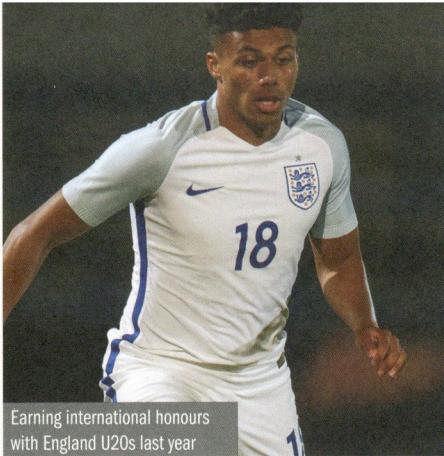
It has to be Stechy, because he's just so loud – constantly. He's never quiet, and whenever he speaks, even if he thinks he's speaking quietly, he's speaking loud. Other than that, I can't really think of anything – other than Shins always drying his hair in my place when I'm trying to get ready. That's annoying. He's losing his hair, if you haven't noticed!

Instagram maggie_21_xox Who is the most famous player you have ever played with?

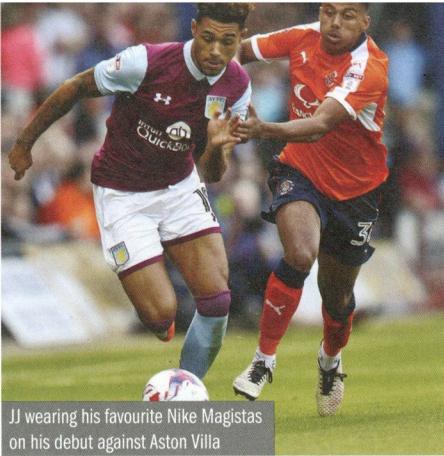
Probably Ryan Sessegnon and Mason Mount with England.

Instagram thorne_j90 If you could have played with any player who would it have been and why?

It's probably between Dennis Bergkamp or Zinedine Zidane – the pure technical ability of both of them. I think Zidane was a better player, but I watched Bergkamp quite a lot as I was growing up, so I have to say him too.



Earning international honours with England U20s last year



JJ wearing his favourite Nike Magistas on his debut against Aston Villa

develop me. But I really kicked on under the gaffer, he's improved me a lot.

Twitter @callumLtfc Who do you see coming through and breaking into the first team from the youth team?

Connor Tomlinson and Josh Neufville are the two that spring to mind straight away, and you've got Pecky as well, who is pushing very well. The last few weeks have also been the first that I've seen of Lewis Swindells, and I'm impressed by him. They are all great players and there's a bright future for them and the club. It's always interesting to keep an eye on who's coming through because me, Frankie, Akin, Freddie Hinds, Tyreeq and Cameron McJannett all came through and are doing well for ourselves, so it's a big thing with this club to keep bringing young players through. We all keep in touch and see each other when we can.



I think it's quality, it suits him. I really do. If you look at pictures from back then and now, I think he looks better now (Ed – Corny obviously didn't agree and has since ditched the blond look since JJ answered this question!)

Instagram _danscott What's the best goal you've ever scored?

There's a select few! Professionally I quite liked the one against Stevenage, to make it 6-1. But I think my first one was the best, up at Accrington towards the end of my first season, when I shot across the box.

Instagram bailey_burton Who is the best manager you have ever had?

It's got to be the gaffer really. The youth team coaches helped me out a lot when I was in the academy – Paul Driver and Andy Awfod helped

Twitter @SuperDannyH Have you heard about @oneofourown2 and why don't you follow him?
Yeah, I keep on giving it likes here and there, and if they keep persevering, they might get a follow!

Twitter @oneofourown2 Favourite pair of boots you've worn?

It's probably the yellow and orange Nike Magistas, when I was in the transition between youth team and first team. Those boots did me well. They were my debut boots, FA Youth Cup boots, Villa game boots. They've been with me ever since then. I've got them in my house, but I haven't done anything like putting them in a frame yet, although I'm going to do that.

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Jack Stacey's HAT'S LIFE



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Last person you called?

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Ethan Ampadu.



Favourite food?

Sweet potato.

Apple or rhubarb crumble?

Apple.



Food you can't stand?

Peanuts.

Pet hate?

Sitting in traffic.

Cat or dog?

Dog.

Xbox or PlayStation?

PlayStation.

Karaoke song?

Jason Mraz – I'm Yours.

Favourite artist?

Drake.



Top of your playlist?

Ed Sheerhan – Barcelona



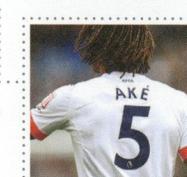
Last holiday?

Thailand.



Can't miss on TV?

Ballers.



Love Island or Peaky Blinders?

Peaky Blinders.

Club you support?

Tottenham Hotspur.

Favourite away ground?

Pride Park.

Best moment in football?

Promotion with the Hatters.

Best player played with?

Nathan Ake.

Room-mate?

Jorge Grant.

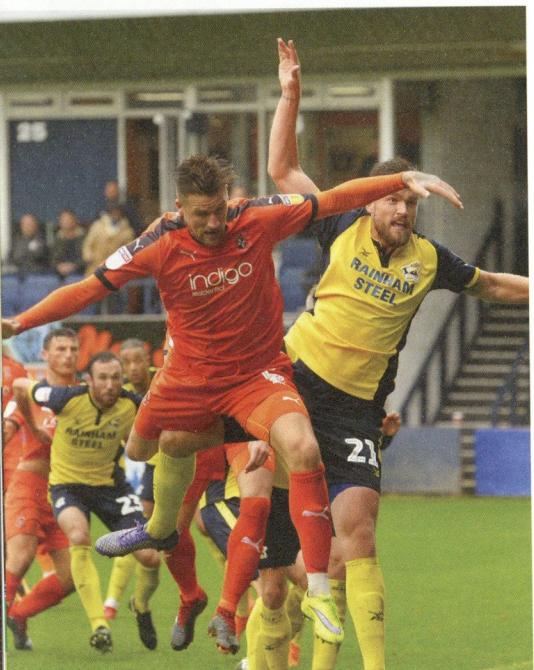
Instagram or Twitter?

Twitter.



LUTON TOWN SCUNTHORPE

TOWN GOALS : CORNICK 10, LEE 26, JUSTIN 86
SCUNTHORPE GOALS : NOVAK 17, HUMPHREYS 90+2



STORY OF THE MATCH

It was another enthralling occasion at Kenilworth Road as the Hatters extended their unbeaten run at home by defeating Scunthorpe United 3-2.

Now without defeat at home in six Sky Bet League One outings this term, Town took the lead within ten minutes, as Harry Cornick found the back of the net from a tight angle, before Lee Novak equalised for the visitors shortly after.

Elliot Lee curled in a sumptuous strike midway through the first half to put the Hatters back in the lead, with James Justin extending the hosts' advantage when he converted Jack Stacey's low cross with just four minutes of normal time left to play.

The Iron got themselves one back late on as Fulham loanee Stephen Humphrys steered a right-wing cross past Shea, but the Town held on for their second consecutive win.

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SHEA	ALNWICK
STACEY	CLARKE
PEARSON	BORTHWICK-JACKSON
BRADLEY	OJO
POTTIS (SHEEHAN 88)	LUND
REA	HUMPHREYS
MPANZU	MORRIS
GRANT	NOVAK (THOMAS 80)
LEE (JUSTIN 43)	BURGESS
COLLINS	MCARDLE
CORNICK	COLCLOUGH
SUBS NOT USED:	
MCCORMACK	DALES
SHINNIE	PERCH
LUALUA	LEWIS
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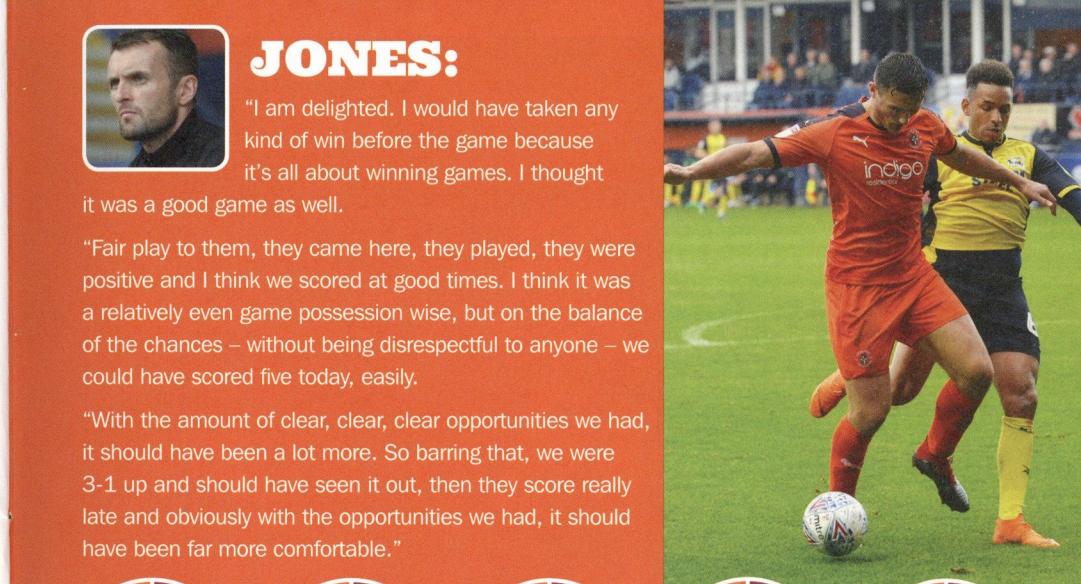


JONES:

"I am delighted. I would have taken any kind of win before the game because it's all about winning games. I thought it was a good game as well.

"Fair play to them, they came here, they played, they were positive and I think we scored at good times. I think it was a relatively even game possession wise, but on the balance of the chances – without being disrespectful to anyone – we could have scored five today, easily.

"With the amount of clear, clear, clear opportunities we had, it should have been a lot more. So barring that, we were 3-1 up and should have seen it out, then they score really late and obviously with the opportunities we had, it should have been far more comfortable."





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STORY OF THE MATCH

The Hatters confirmed their place in the knockout stages of the Checkatrade Trophy with a convincing win over Milton Keynes.

Alan Sheehan opened the scoring from the penalty spot after Andrew Shinnie had been tripped, before Kazenga LuLuua got his first goal for the Hatters with a well taken finish.

Jorge Grant grabbed the Town's third as he nodded in on the hour after Aaron Jarvis' effort was saved by former Hatters loan keeper Stuart Moore.

With Peterborough losing on penalties to Brighton & Hove Albion Under-21s, Town finished top of the group and will play at home in the next phase of the competition.

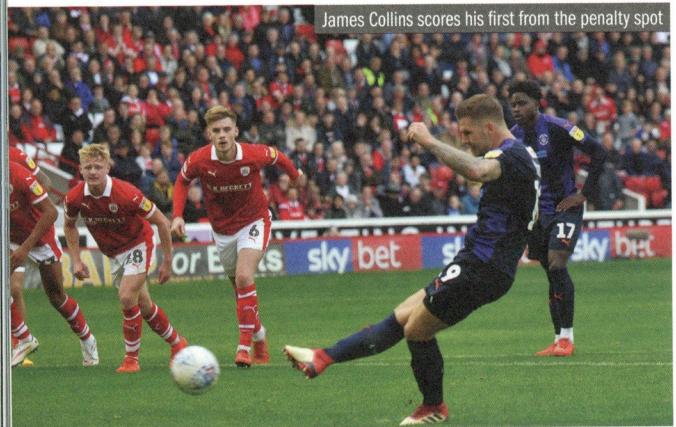
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BARNESLEY LUTON TOWN

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BARNESLEY GOALS : POTTS 5, MCGEEHAN 26, THIAM 80
TOWN GOALS : COLLINS (PEN) 45+3, 85



LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB EST 1885	BARNESLEY FC EST 1887
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PEARSON	PINNOCK
BRADLEY	LINDSAY
POTTS	WILLIAMS (PINNOLIS 73)
REA (HYLTON 79)	POTTS
MPANZU	MCGEEHAN
JUSTIN	MOWATT
GRANT (MCCORMACK 56)	MONCUR (HEDGES 83)
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STORY OF THE MATCH

The Hatters played against arguably one of the best sides a Luton Town team under Nathan Jones has faced, as they were defeated 3-2 by Barnsley at Oakwell. Brad Potts gave the hosts an early lead with a well taken strike from the edge of the box into the bottom left corner, before former Hatter Cameron McGeehan extended their lead when he found the same spot from 16 yards just after James Collins had a goal chalked off, incorrectly as TV replays showed, for offside.

The striker did grab a goal back for the Hatters from the penalty spot after Harry Cornick had been tripped just before half-time, but Mamadou Thiam restored the Tykes' two-goal cushion with a stunning strike with ten minutes to go.

Five minutes later Collins got his second – and fourth in four matches – when he fired in from ten yards, but Town were unable to find a late leveller and left Yorkshire with a first defeat in six games.

JONES:

 "I thought they were better than us today. We were way off our levels in terms of our ball retention, in terms of playing with intensity and fluidity, we were nowhere near. I could chastise my players for that or I could say Barnsley curtailed us. They are a good side, we knew that, but we knew we needed to be brave, we needed to win our battles and we didn't do that first half.

"The goals are really, really disappointing, but overall I thought Barnsley deserved their win. I can't stand here and say we should have won it. In reality we should have got something from the game – there's an onside goal and then we should have a penalty late on for a pull back, he's got his arm around Danny's neck. The big decisions have gone against us, but they were a little bit better than us today."



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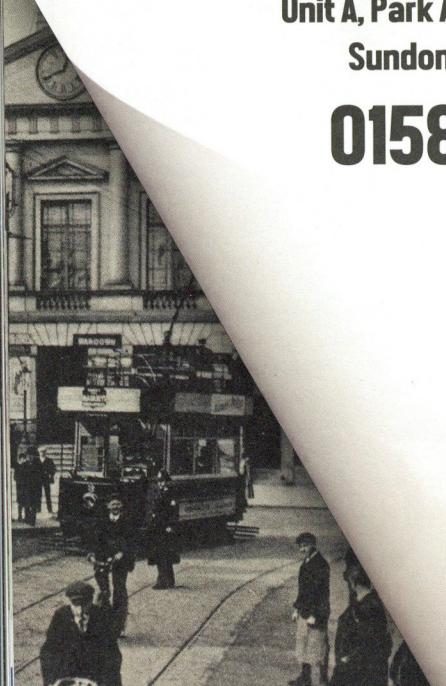
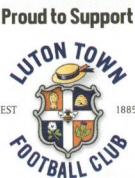
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BY HARRY ROGERS

COLLO COMES TO THE FOUR!

Although the Hatters' six-match unbeaten run came to an end last Saturday at Oakwell, James Collins' luck seems to be changing as chances are beginning to find their way in.

The in-form striker, who scored twice against a talented Barnsley outfit, has now scored four goals in as many matches, making him joint top scorer for the season with Elliot Lee.

After breaking his duck for the season and ending a 14-game run without a goal here against Charlton last month, the goals are flying in for the ex-Shrewsbury and Crawley man, who thinks that a rare off-day at Oakwell will not spoil the Town's momentum in recent weeks.

Speaking to iFollow Hatters after Saturday's match, Collins said: "The result is the main thing because we had the chance of going into the top six today if we had won and put down a real statement.

"That would have meant more to me but as a striker, any striker would be lying to you if they said that they didn't enjoy scoring goals and on a personal note, scoring two goals away at a side like this on TV is brilliant – but I think we've missed a real chance today.

Chance

"The best team won today, I think they started a lot better than us. They went two goals up and we got a lifeline before half-time, but we were a little bit off it today as a team.

"Today was a great chance to show people watching on television what a good side we are, but credit to Barnsley, they've just come down from the Championship so they're a good side, but I think it was a fair result today."

Of course, it could have been a hat-trick for the forward, who was shocked to see his first half effort ruled out for offside at a crucial time in the match.



He continued: "Of course it is (frustrating) because it gets us straight back in the game and it makes it 1-1, then who knows what could have happened.

"I don't know if the linesman is just guessing. I don't know what he is thinking because everyone's said it was onside and I felt like I was onside.

"I knew once Pelly was lining up for the shot I had to try and keep myself onside and I felt as play was going on I was level with the lad and I was surprised as anyone to hear the whistle go for offside."

With Walsall to play today and Accrington Stanley in midweek, the forward is satisfied his side can put this defeat behind them.

He added: "I think our home form has been really good and we're confident when we're at home. We're confident we can win all our home games and what better way to bounce back from today than to win a couple back-to-back at home."



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THE JOURNEY

After a far too early alarm clock and a start so early it was still dark when I left home, the journey up to Yorkshire was relatively smooth with no real stoppages of note. After a much needed stop for a McDonald's breakfast on the way up, we arrived at Oakwell in good time.

RATING: (OUT OF 5) 

THE GROUND

I had been to Oakwell before but not for a good while. It is a really nice ground with three of the four stands, including the Palmer one we were in, modern and huge things. When the away end is full I bet it creates a cracking atmosphere. All the facilities underneath the stand were good too. This was probably the best League One ground we've been to so far.

RATING: 

THE FOOD

I had grabbed breakfast on the way up so I didn't get anything from the ground, but there were tonnes of options at the refreshment kiosk. It was a bit pricey but we're coming to expect that now. If I was hungry I would have got stuck in!

RATING: 

THE PROGRAMME

There were ten good pages about the Town in the 68-page programme. Jorge Grant was singled out as the main man for us, with nice write-ups about

Luke Berry and Matty Pearson, too. It made for a good read on the way home!

RATING: 

THE MATCH

What a crazy game! Once again we gave ourselves a mountain to climb by conceding early, but we looked like we had got back in it only for a poor decision to rule a good goal out. McGeehan predictably made it 2-0, but Collins gave us hope by scoring a penalty right on half-time. Barnsley looked to put it out of sight late on only for Collins to give us a lifeline. Another poor decision went against us in injury time when Hylton should have won a penalty, and ultimately it wasn't to be for us as we came up short against a very good side.

RATING: 

MAN OF THE MATCH

James Collins got the nod for me, not just for his two goals but his ever-apparent desire to win and commitment to the cause. He was a nuisance all day and would have had a hat-trick, but for an awful decision. Collo is back to his best and it is great to see.

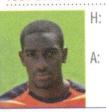
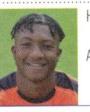
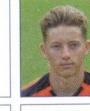
SUMMARY

Not to be our day. They are a good side in their own right without having to take on the officials too. In the end we did well to stay as close as we did. The early start meant we were back early enough to enjoy the evening for once!

OVERALL RATING: 19

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ACADEMY UPDATE

ACADEMY & DEVELOPMENT MANAGER ANDY AWFORD

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

FA Youth Cup

You may already be aware that the Youth Team have been drawn to play at home against the winners of Brentwood Town and Saffron Walden in the first round of this season's FA Youth Cup. Following last season's disappointing performance and result in the first round against Stevenage, the staff and the players will be looking to put things right with a display that we demand as a football club, and one more akin to what we witnessed when beating Wigan Athletic to win the EFL Trophy last season.

We are hopeful that the game will be played here at Kenilworth Road on Friday October 26th, with a 7pm kick-off. Once confirmed we will make an official announcement. It would be great to see as many of you as possible to cheer on the boys as your support does really make a difference.

U16s

Good luck to Dan Walder and the U16s when they travel to Italy next week for the 2018 Ferretti Cup. After narrowly missing out in the final last year to Derby County, we will again be looking to do well and give our young players another great learning experience.

EFL Academy Festivals

Tomorrow sees us host (at Ely Way) the U12 EFL Festival. This sees us joined by Barnet, Southend United, AFC Wimbledon & Gillingham to play a tournament whereby the host team can choose the formats and modify the rules to give the players a different learning experience. We have chosen to play 9v9, however each team will be forced to play 10 minutes per half with two less players making them 'underloaded' in a 9v7 format. Should the team score whilst underloaded they will get 2 goals

as a reward. It's something different that will test the players and challenge them in a different way to the regular rules we would normally play. Our age groups are well represented in the EFL Academy Festivals tomorrow, our U9s go to Northampton, U10s travel to Barnet, U11s have a trip to Peterborough, U13s are away at Stevenage and our U14s are at Milton Keynes. Good luck to them all.

Office Bragging Rights

On a lighter note, it was nice for me and the majority of our staff to have the office bragging rights over Inigo for once after England beat Spain 3-2. Inigo is not normally lost for words, however, he was unusually quiet and reserved on Tuesday morning and has since been seen regularly researching Gareth Southgate's FA philosophy. Thanks for coming In!!

Enjoy today's game. COYH!!

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	A	D 1-1
Tue 28	Cambridge Utd (EFL Cup)	H	L 1-4

SEPTEMBER

Sat 1	Peterborough Utd	H	W 4-2
Sat 15	N'hampton Town	H	L 0-2
Sat 22	MK Dons	A	W 3-1
Sat 29	Stevenage	H	L 1-3

OCTOBER

Sat 6	Leyton Orient	A	W 2-1
Sat 13	Southend Utd	H	L 3-8
Sat 20	Cambridge Utd	H	11am
Fri 26	Brentwood or Saffron Waldon (FAY Cup R1)		11am

All home Saturday matches are played at Ely Way with 11am kick-off, unless stated otherwise

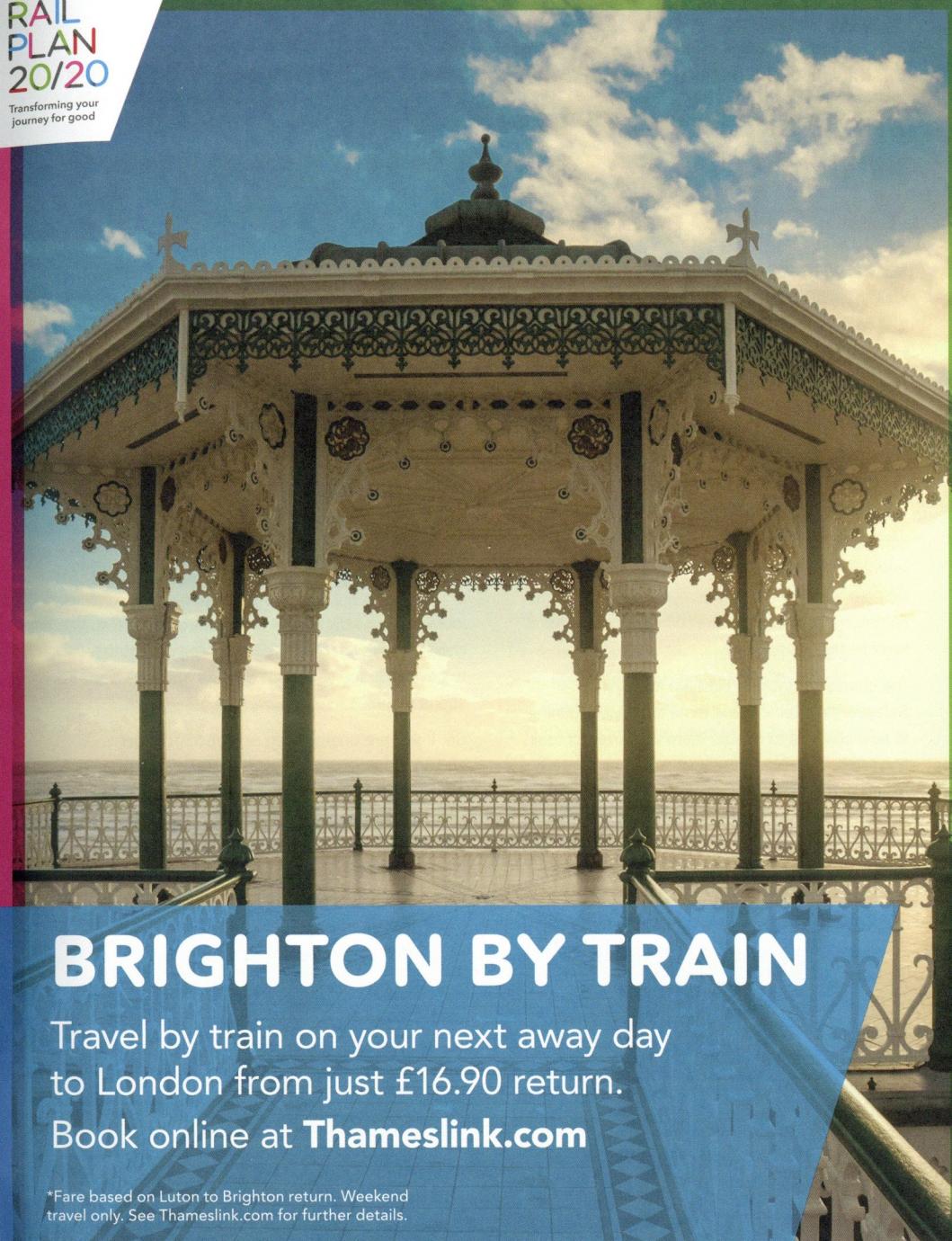
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The Trust are searching for Luton's 'community champions', and have again teamed up with Luton Adult Learning and the Skills Funding Agency to provide another 18 free spaces on a Sports Leaders Level 1 coaching course next month, for local unemployed adults aged over 19 to learn coaching skills through successful completion of our coaching mentoring and learning programme. Our champions will then be able to deliver sports activities to their local communities making a real contribution at local level to the sports provision in Luton.

The course will include First Aid and Child Safeguarding training and aims to provide training to new coaches to enable them to deliver football and multi-sport activities which will improve their health and activity levels, as well as offering them genuine future work opportunities with the Trust through formal sport qualifications gained on the project. To achieve this aim, the overall project is looking to increase awareness of the benefits of sporting activity together with the benefits of



increased physical fitness and healthy lifestyle choices, while teaching skills allowing candidates to develop leadership skills and the ability to lead sports sessions.

So, if you are unemployed or in receipt of benefits, and are reading this and reckon you could become a 'community champion' and want to know more about getting involved with our community coaching opportunities, then why not give the community office a ring on **01582 561622** for a chat, or email our community operations manager Daniel Douglas at learning@lutontown.co.uk



THE SHARED LEARNING TRUST FOOTBALL ACADEMY OF SPORTS LEADERSHIP IN ASSOCIATION WITH LUTON TOWN FC COMMUNITY TRUST

Today the Trust are delighted to announce a full-time educational programme for talented local footballers aged 15-17 years at The Chalk Hills Academy in Lewsey and Stockwood Park Academy in Farley Hill.



The two new Luton centres will open next academic year from September 2019 and will offer an unrivalled opportunity in the town for young players to experience professional coaching from the Trust's coaching staff, and achieve academic excellence through combining daily football training and full-time study with BTEC and CTEC Level 3 qualifications in Sports & Physical Activity.

The Shared Learning Trust Football Academy will also provide budding young footballers with the opportunity to represent Luton Town FC in the national EFL Community and Education Alliance regional leagues made up of both Premier League and EFL clubs, whilst gaining a Level 3 qualification in sport offering pathways to university or USA scholarships, or full-time employment in sports coaching or leisure management.

Cathy Barr, CEO at The Shared Learning Trust, commented: "We are really excited about the potential of working with Luton Town and the opportunity to offer such an exciting blend of football and education on both campuses.

"The timing is just right with our two brand new Sixth Form buildings coming on stream meaning we are able to offer unrivalled educational and sporting facilities to the 16+ age groups in Luton."

Head of Trust, Kevin Thoburn, commented:

"The opportunity to offer the combination of football and education has been a long time in the planning and we are now delighted that pupils in the 16+ age group will no longer have to leave Luton to enjoy this type of continued education. The opportunity to compete in the national EFL college competitions from the 2019-20 season is a great opportunity for our local footballers, and our coaches are looking forward to competing in the leagues against our professional counterparts in the EFL and Premier League. Once we have established our boys' academies the plan is to widen the offer for 2020-21 and establish a standalone girls academy."

The formal launch of both academies will take place next month after half-term at The Chalk Hills Academy, Thursday 15th November, 5-7:30pm, and at The Stockwood Park Academy on Thursday 22nd November, 5-7:30pm, where parents and pupils can learn more about the course content and options available. Football trials will take place in February next year. To register a place at either open evening please email footballacademy@thesharedlearningtrust.org.uk



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HATTERS LADIES

BY DANIEL TAGG

Luton Town 5-2 Oxford City

Byron hat-trick propels Luton into next round of FA Cup

Luton got off to a flying start, putting a shell-shocked Oxford side under pressure from the word go at Stockwood Park a fortnight ago.

Aurora Ryan wasted no time in giving the home side an early lead when she latched onto Olivia Abraham's cross and slammed the ball into the far corner, leaving the opposing keeper with no chance.

After having a penalty appeal waved away, Luton continued their pursuit of a second but as has been the case on several occasions this season, Luton's dominance was suddenly undermined with a goal against the run of play, as a strike from distance flew over Kezia Hassall's outstretched arms to bring the tie level.

To their credit, however, Luton bounced back almost immediately. Zara Carroll's top drawer free-kick delivery saw Nicola Henman restore Luton's lead with an excellent header. Then, just 60 seconds later, Town gave themselves a cushion when Byron took full advantage of a defensive mix-up from Oxford, caused primarily by great closing down by Dionne Manning and a dangerous through ball from Grace Stewart.

Luton's pressure didn't let up, despite the comfortable look of the score line, but to the Town's frustration, Oxford managed to peg them back once again just before the break, with another long-range strike, giving Hassall no chance.

The second half wasn't quite as action-packed as the first, but even though they had managed to bring the game back to a one goal deficit, Oxford never really looked like threatening an equaliser, and

both Manning and Byron almost killed the game, but were unlucky to see their efforts well saved and go just wide respectively.

Town did confirm their superiority at last in the 89th minute when Manning squared unselfishly to Byron for her to tap home, and in the dying seconds of stoppage time she scored again to complete a superb hat-trick, illustrating her ability to score goals as well as provide them.

Luton ran out 5-2 victors and continue to build momentum after their poor start, which now seems well behind them.

Manager Nikki Baker was pleased with her team's performance, saying: "We were a few players light today and the youngsters stepped up superbly. It was great to see how well they are progressing.

"Erica playing further forward is something we want to see more of, with five goals and two assists playing wide. We're hoping to get a nice run of form now with the last four games unbeaten."

FA WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE SOUTH EAST DIVISION ONE FIXTURES 2018/19

Sun Aug 19	Leyton Orient	L 0-1	Sun Nov 4	Cambridge Utd	A
Sun Aug 26	AFC Wimbledon	L 1-3	Sun Nov 18	Norwich City	A
Sun Sep 2	Cheltenham (Cup)	L 1-3	Sun Dec 16	Stevenage	H
Sun Sep 9	Actonians	L 0-3	Sun Jan 13	Leyton Orient	A
Sun Sep 16	Billericay Town	L 1-2	Sun Jan 20	AFC Wimbledon	A
Sun Sep 23	Dunstable (Cup)	W 7-0	Sun Feb 3	Actonians	H
Sun Sep 30	Ipswich Town	W 3-1	Sun Feb 13	Enfield Town	A
Wed Oct 3	Denham United	D 0-0	Sun Feb 17	Billericay Town	H
Sun Oct 7	Oxford City	W 5-2	Sun Mar 10	Ipswich Town	A
Sun Oct 14	Gillingham (plate)	L 4-5	(Home games are played at Stockwood Park)		
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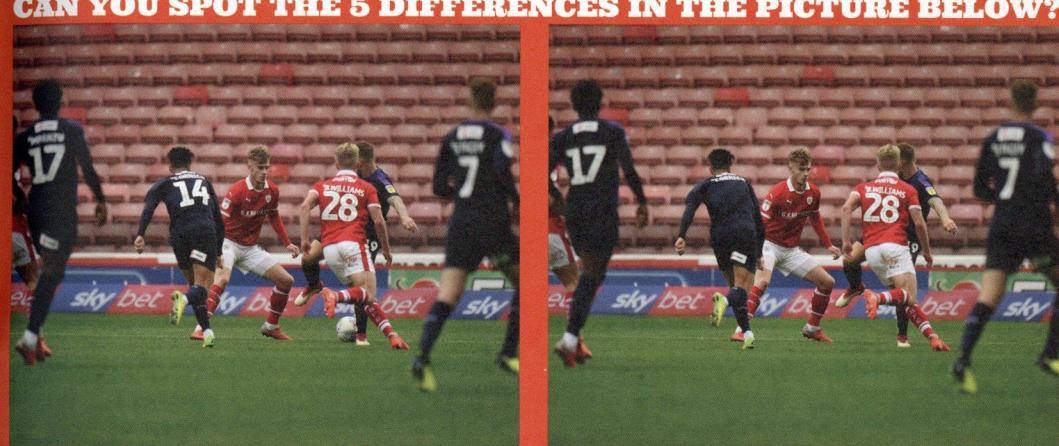
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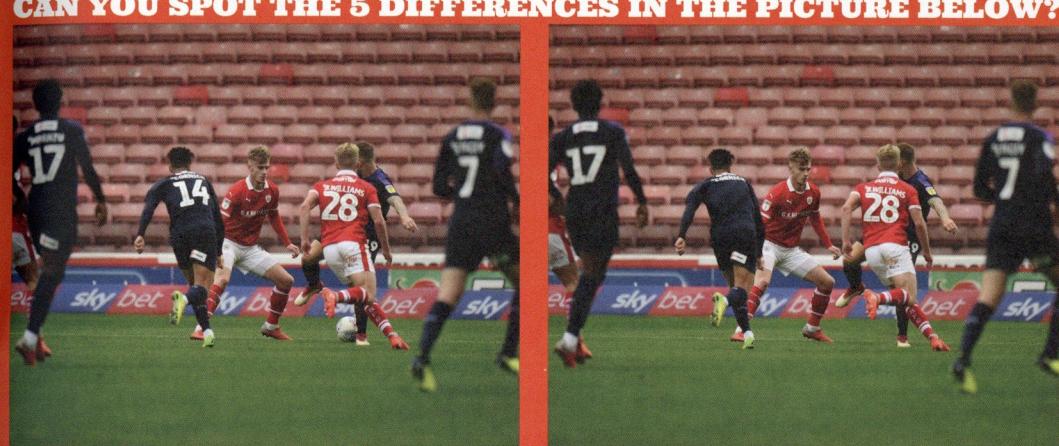
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FIRST TIME HATTERS

Last week, we heard about 'Pete the Bear' who came to his first game and tweeted all about it! Pete travelled to Kenilworth Road from Ireland to watch the Hatters take on Scunthorpe Utd, and from his tweets we think he'll remember it for a very long time! If you're a first-time fan, send us your stories and pictures, and if not - send us your memories of the first time you saw the Hatters play. #COYH



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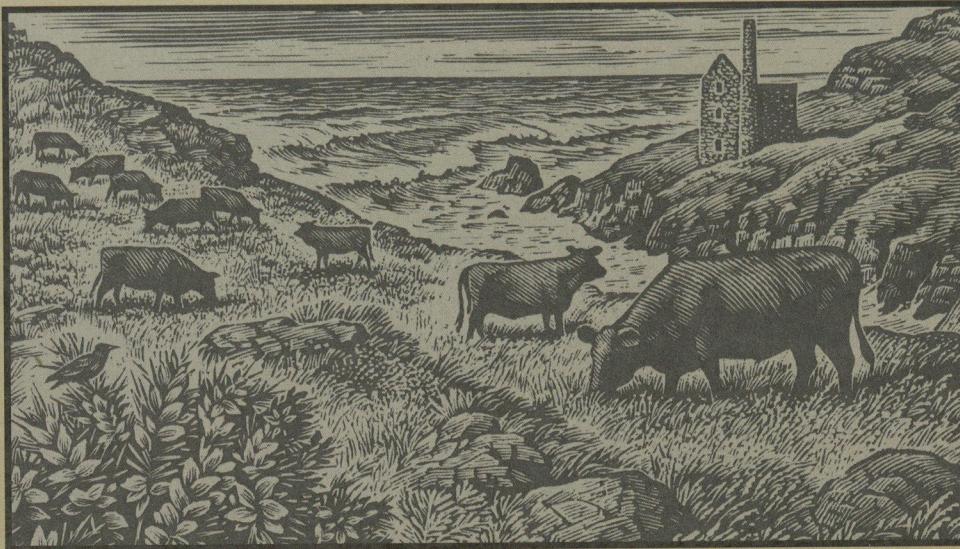
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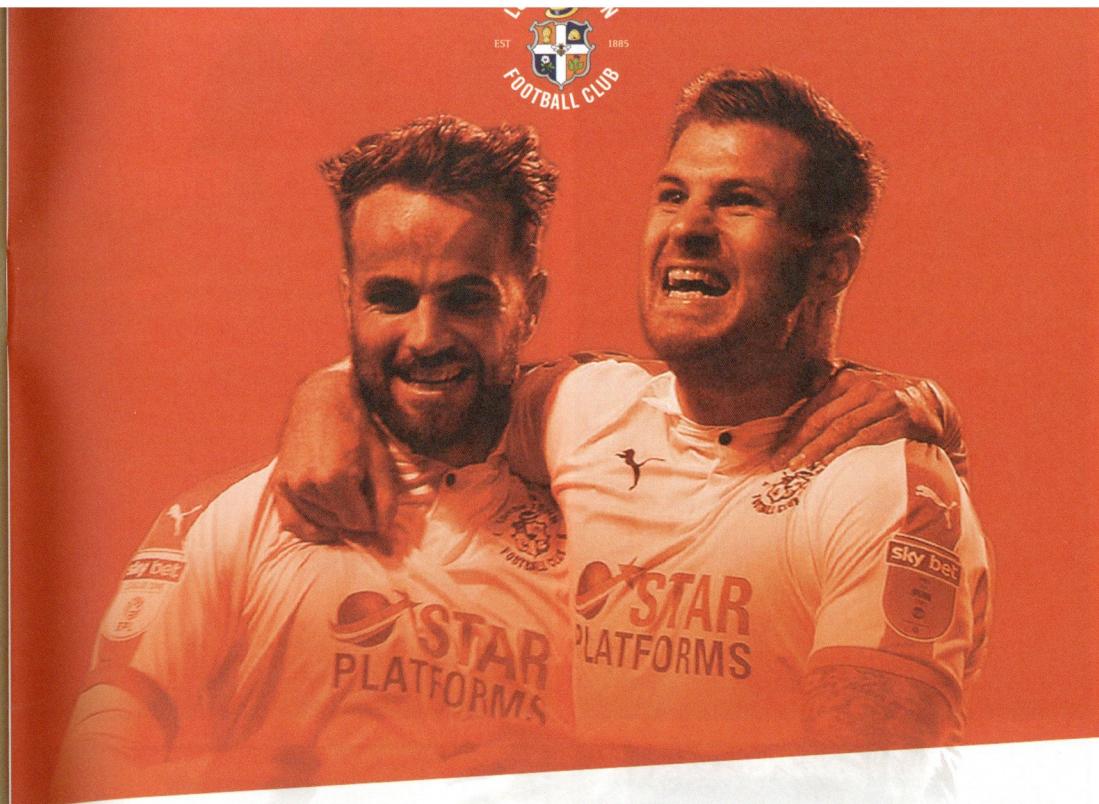
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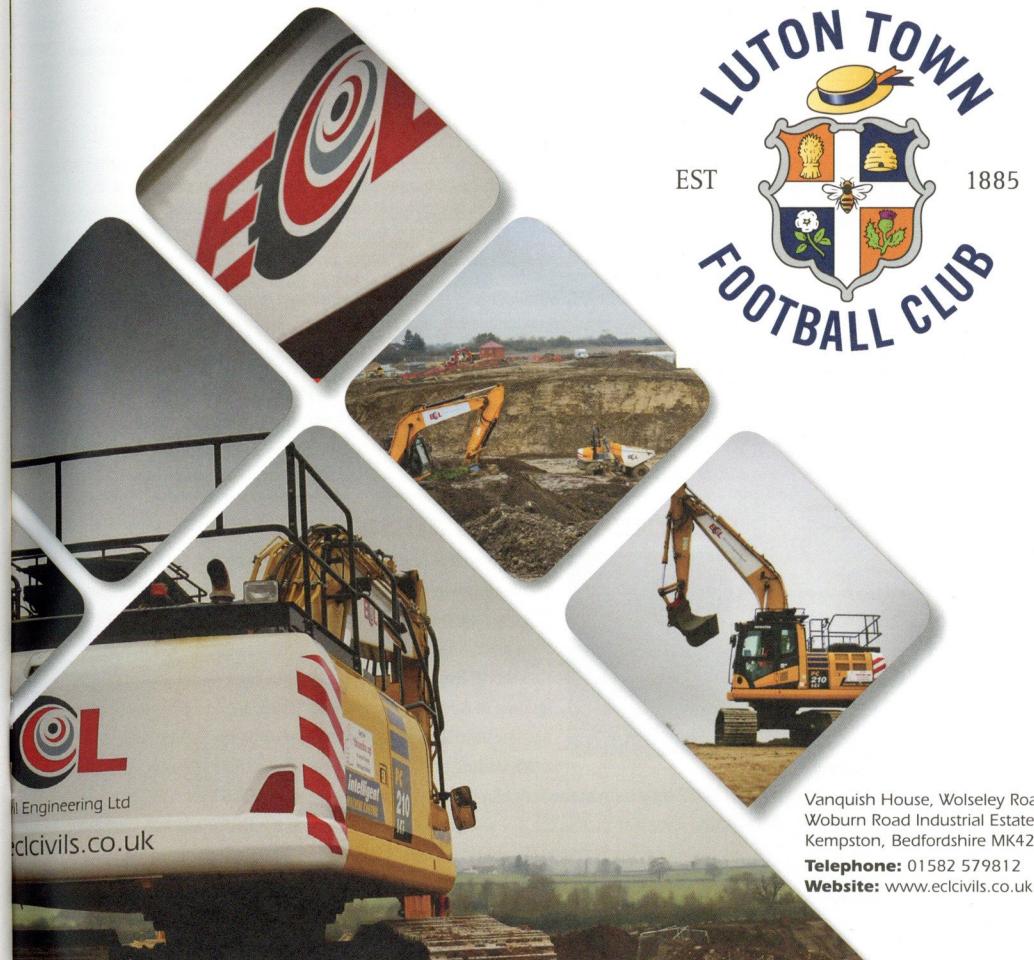
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WHO?

The winners of Sky Bet League Two last season, Accrington have got off to a brilliant start in the third tier. Near enough as good on the road as they are at home, Stanley have beaten a good mix of sides across the division and went on an unbeaten run of ten games before suffering defeat at the beginning of the month. In his second spell as Accrington boss, John Coleman has overseen four promotions at the Wham Stadium, taking charge of over 800 games.

STADIUM - WHAM STADIUM

Built in 1968, the ground has a Non-League feel to it and for good reason – it was one until 2006. It has undergone a lot of work since it was built, with the Eric Whalley Stand currently closed as it is transformed into a 1,100-seater stand, which is expected to open in the new year. Has a current capacity of just over 5,000.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

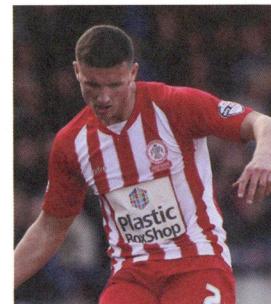
Town faced Accrington in the league last year, with Nathan Jones' side defeating Stanley at their place 2-0 in October, before they came here in March – beating us 2-1. In total we have played them 11 times, winning four, drawing three and losing four.

RESULTS SO FAR

Accrington have taken to League One like a duck to water, as they sit in the final play-off place,

having accumulated 23 points from their opening 13 games. Just two defeats in the league so far and a solid six wins against a mix of sides across the league has demonstrated their ability to adjust their style when needed. Ahead of their game at Peterborough United today, they have won four of their last five outings, including a 3-1 win over Bradford City last weekend.

KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU



Matty Pearson was a Stanley player between 2015-17, before signing for Barnsley. The 25-year-old made 103 appearances for Accrington, netting 12 goals, including nine in his final season

there. He joined the Hatters in the summer from the Oakwell side.

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AFC WIMBLEDON

SATURDAY 27TH OCTOBER | 3PM | SKY BET LEAGUE ONE

Any remaining tickets are now available to season ticket holders. You will be able to purchase these online using your unique client reference number or from the Ticket Office in person or via phone. These will remain on sale until close of business on Monday 22nd October. If any tickets remain they will be on sale from 10am on Tuesday 23rd October, to supporters who have attended three away games or more. **PRICES:** Adult: £17, Senior (65+): £11, Students: £11, Under-18s: £4.

PRICES: Adult: £22, Senior (65+): £16, Young Person (21 and under): £16, Junior (16 and under): £5. Please note: Rochdale will not print duplicate tickets, therefore supporters are advised to collect tickets from Luton Town Ticket Office where possible or request 'Recorded Delivery' to enable any post to be tracked. They have also advised Proof of age should be taken on the day for any Concession tickets.



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SATURDAY 17TH NOVEMBER | 3PM | SKY BET LEAGUE ONE

Ticket for this category B game are currently on sale from the Ticket Office.



ROCHDALE

SATURDAY 3RD NOVEMBER | 3PM | SKY BET LEAGUE ONE

Tickets will be available to Diamond season ticket holders and executive members at three per person until close of business today. These tickets will be on sale from the ticket office via phone or in person only. Season ticket holders will be able to purchase two per person from Monday 22nd October. They will be available online using your individual client reference numbers and also via phone or in person from the ticket office. These will remain on sale until close of business on Thursday 25th October. Any remaining tickets will be available on Friday 26th October online, by phone and in person. They will remain on sale until 2pm on Friday 2nd November.

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HOLD THE BACK PAGE

BY AIDAN O'HARA SPORTS JOURNALIST WITH THE IRISH INDEPENDENT

Two weeks ago, Pete The Bear came to Kenilworth Road for the first time.

You might have seen his story on the club's Twitter feed but, in short, Pete was given to my six-year-old daughter for the weekend as a reward for doing well in school and, seeing as she and her three-year-old brother were travelling from Dublin to see their first Luton game against Scunthorpe the following day – along with myself and my mother – there was no way Pete wasn't coming with us.

The story generated lots of positive reaction and, to me, underlined just how much that first match means to people and the stories that supporting a club brings into a family.

At the Scunthorpe game, we were three rows from the front in the Kenilworth Road stand just behind the goal next to a man whose first game was in 1959 with his own father. His brother sat just in front of us and both chatted and engaged in that wonderful, affable manner that strangers do before the start of a match. You might not have much in common, but you're all there for a common cause.

At a guess, the man next to me might have been born in 1950. My son was born in 2014 and in that 64-year span, thousands have passed through the same turnstiles each taking away different memories that will be recalled as long as football is in existence.

My first time seeing Luton was in Dublin when they arrived to Dalymount Park to take part in a pre-season tournament. The Littlewoods Cup victory had been the game that piqued my interest and Steve Foster's headband was what fascinated me in the same way that Danny Hylton's face-mask probably did for eight-year-olds the season before last.



The only problem on that day in 1989 was finding out via a quiz in the match programme that Foster had been sold earlier in the summer. As a portent for how the club will break your heart sometimes but you'll love them anyway, it was a pretty good lesson.

The following year I got a Luton tracksuit for Christmas but, in the days before internet, it only arrived because my mother rang the club in mid-December and managed to speak to manager Jim Ryan. He probably had more important things to be doing like avoiding relegation, but the tracksuit arrived and Christmas was saved. It's a story that, in the modern world, seems as incongruous as anything from 1959.

Last Monday week, Pete went back into school and 29 other five- and six-year-olds in Dublin heard that a boy called James Justin scored a goal and, if anyone had asked, she'd have explained to them why "he's one of our own".

It's another chapter in the family story passed on to the next generation. They might be too young to remember it. I'll never forget it.

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