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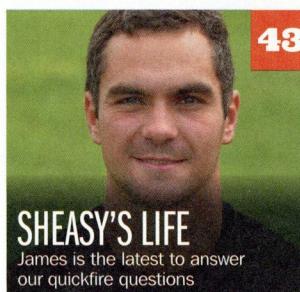
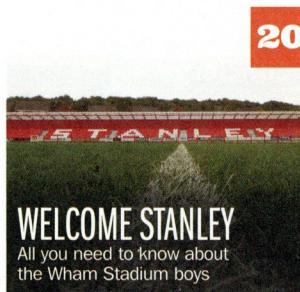
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THE MANAGER

NATHAN JONES

Good evening and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for yet another tough Sky Bet League One game, this time against our old rivals Accrington Stanley.

John Coleman and his side are an excellent team, as we know from our tussle at the top of League Two last season, and they've started this campaign in first class form.

I'd like to welcome John, his assistant Jimmy Bell, their staff, squad and every official and supporter who has made the trip south for tonight's match. We expect nothing less than the usual stern test from Accrington, and wish them all a safe journey back to Lancashire into the early hours.

We are looking forward to the clash as we believe we have started the season well too, and have been in excellent form, except for perhaps the Barnsley game when we still might have got something late on despite not being at our best.

We extended our unbeaten run here at Kenilworth Road to 13 matches on Saturday with a win over Walsall, who had been flying at the start of the season. I thought we were dominant from the first whistle and put in as complete a performance as possible. But for their goalkeeper making some good saves and a couple of chances that hit the woodwork or went just past the post, it could have been more than the two-goal winning margin.

As well as the win and clean sheet, of course, what was especially pleasing was that we continued our record of avoiding defeat in successive league matches that now stretches back more than two years.

It was good to have Danny Hylton back in the starting line-up after nine weeks out. We know how important Danny is to us, and we've had to

be patient and not rush him back, because we don't want him to break down again. Playing nearly 80 minutes was a big boost and he gave us real impetus right from the off.

His return is also a sign of how healthy the squad is looking now, with Luke Berry the only one now not back in full training. Elliot Lee was back on the bench for the Walsall game, Marek Stech and Lloyd Jones are training again after their hernia operations – the only downside to Saturday was the groin injury that Dan Potts picked up, and we hope that won't be long-term.

We are in a decent place at the moment and can't wait for each game to come around. I'm sure it's the same for you in the stands. You were brilliant again on Saturday, the old place was rocking.

My old manager from Brighton, Oscar Garcia, has been over from Spain for a few days and was here for the game. I had told him beforehand all about the club and the atmosphere to expect because he won't have understood the history and what this club's all about. He saw it first-hand on the day as you were all a credit to our club again. Same again tonight please.

Finally, and belatedly, I'd like to wish a happy birthday to our chairman David Wilkinson for Sunday.

Enjoy the game.



FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH DIRECTOR **STEPHEN BROWNE**

A warm welcome to every Hatter this evening.

It is great to entertain John Coleman, his staff, and team at Kenilworth Road and carry on the amazing competition we had last season.

It doesn't seem five minutes since we were watching every result at 5pm as Accrington Stanley had their massive second-half-of-season run. We tried our best but they pipped us, and with such a points tally they deserved their promotion and title.

Like us, they have had a good start to the first third of the season and are eyeing a top slot. It is around now that the league table starts to take shape. This will be a tight and hard-fought game I am sure.

Outside of the League, we are also doing very well. The Checkatrade trophy gives Nathan the chance to give game time to some of our very promising squad. It gives players a real chance to stake a claim for more first team starts. Topping the group is just brilliant.

I have to admit that I missed our last game in that competition as I was in the unlikely place of the Afghanistan border. Whilst in sight of soldiers and guns, the news came through that our lads had delivered yet another fabulous winning result. And what a smile that bought to my face in this most troubled of regions.

I had mixed feelings about being absent as I know many others would have felt too, and I was delighted to hear the numbers in the ground that night, as well as Kazenga LuLu's first goal for us, and Harry's performance in goal. We all want to support the lads no matter what, so any missed game hurts.

For myself and others around the Boardroom table the result was an emotional milestone. I will never forget that within weeks of becoming custodians of

the Club, the then BBC Look East TV reporter told me to my face that we were very brave as others were "miles ahead" and "doing amazing things", and that "we were taking on a sinking ship".

Our friends at BBC 3CR had to deliver the news they really didn't want to, and drop us to MW because of our "desperate" league position. I remember only too well Gary's response (not printable!).

Then, within a year we were in Non-League football and lost many rights, money, and protections we had for our youth academy from the Football League.

Whilst we needed every penny to stay afloat, some were handing out free tickets like confetti, courting our commercial partners, and targeting our Club.

Some tried to take our fans and our talent. Some tried to 'claim' Bedfordshire as theirs with concerted efforts in places like Bedford and Leighton Buzzard amongst others. It was a very hard pill to swallow. SoLYD was formed and played a big role, along with the supporters' groups, in helping us to combat these efforts whilst we were on the floor.

The attack was relentless whilst we battled on the pitch to regain our league status, and off the pitch to keep our poorly equipped youth set-up intact. Both children and parents needed constant reassurance that 2020 meant business and were worth sticking with - we had no history, previous owners had created an environment of distrust, and facilities were begged, borrowed, and in Hertfordshire! Our youth department and coaches did a fantastic job during that period.

How times change. As you all know, 2020 had a plan, had infinite determination, and have endless love for our Club, town, and county.

Move on ten years....we have excellent facilities, a record for the development of talent that is second to none, a set of supporters and commercial partners that are unsurpassed, and we are on the verge of a stadium the whole county can be truly proud of.

We have done this together. Our forebears from 1885 would be proud. We have faced an almighty challenge and the result we gained to top the group emphasises what Luton Town and our long, long history is all about. Unlike others, I know our new home will never have empty seats or need to offer freebies just to fill half a ground.

And we are not alone. Our dear friends in South London have soul too.

As I write, I have crossed into Uzbekistan. I had the pleasure of staying in the same hotel as the Uzbek national team, who were due to play North Korea two days later (they won 2-0). They are a young team who are finding their way in this great game. As I joined them for breakfast in their very new capital of Tashkent (the old city was destroyed by an earthquake in 1966) I could not help but be carried away by their commitment and desire.

The Uzbeks gained their freedom and independence from foreign powers in 1991. They, like us, had to start from scratch. And like us they have made real inroads to developing their talent and facilities across the country. As I have travelled around I have seen kids playing in - albeit - basic facilities but with huge smiles and enormous enthusiasm. Football brings people together but it does this best when there is a sense of united ambition and a history to be proud of.

The Uzbeks' history goes back many centuries, being at the very centre of the Great Silk Road. Their national symbol is courage. And boy, they have never lost this despite a millennia of foreign rule by a variety of invaders. They are at the start of their new journey, and again in parallel, we are at the start of our new journey.

There is nothing like football, especially when it is backed up with soul, history, pride, and belief.

So far I have travelled through Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan too. Everywhere football unites. Each country has its own very unique identity and culture but all know English football as well as world football. We send a message to the globe in what we do and how we do it. You would think that women would be excluded for a number of reasons, but they are not. Smiling alongside Messi and Ronaldo in the same huge roadside billboards is Carli Lloyd. Football is a force for good.

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United League:	Champions 1897/98 Runners-up 1896/97, 1900/01
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GARY SWEET'S SKY SPORTS INTERVIEW

As part of the build-up to the Hatters' trip to Barnsley last week for the live TV game, Gary Sweet was interviewed by Sky Sports commentator Gary Weaver. Here's what the Town CEO had to say...

GW: How important was it to get back to the third tier last season and keep your plan on course?

GS: Actually, I may surprise you here. It wasn't as important as it was enjoyable. You could say it wasn't fundamentally crucial to our survival but it was great to give everyone that boost - supporters, staff, squad - as they deserved it for their hard work. The point is, we have a mission that is very long term and it's a plan we all believe in and are confident of achieving, therefore we will always have the faith that we will ultimately be rewarded with success, but never have the need to put ourselves under pressure to deliver it by a specific deadline. Our only pressure-point comes from our necessity to continue to learn and improve throughout the business every week, month, year or season. We missed out narrowly the season before so, given that we are all dedicated to gaining that improvement, we had great belief it was bound to happen.

You haven't had to alter the squad, how key was building the squad for League One last season?

We've been building a League One squad ever since we gained promotion from the Conference. Indeed, right now, we're building a squad for the next level. We have to. If we waited until we got there it would be very likely we'd come back down before players had started to gel. That goes for our playing philosophy too. There is a marked difference between the leagues and we were very well equipped to be able to adapt quickly this season, just as we will be well equipped to adapt to the Championship whenever that milestone occurs.

Nathan is being linked with a move away again.... what has he brought to the club? And do you have to think a few steps ahead in case he does leave at some point?



It's inevitable that Nathan will leave Luton at some point in the future, of course. My job / the board's job – dutifully aided by our supporters and staff – is to keep him here for as long as possible. My firm belief is 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 his board, staff and supporters. We work bloody hard for each other to achieve the same goals, which creates a mutual respect, a mutual honesty, a mutual like and a mutual bond. It would take a very special incentive for Nathan to be tempted to leave Luton, especially as I believe he could become our most successful manager ever.

So, in answer to your question, no, there isn't a list of names we've got to replace him – just like I don't have a list of women who could replace my wife.



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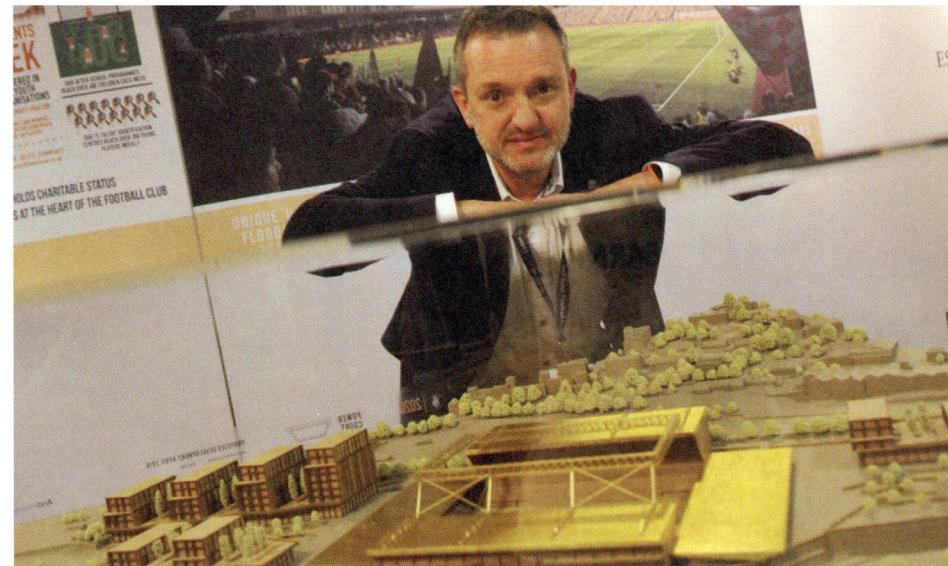


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That may sound unprofessional, but we're dedicated to Nathan's leadership. When the inevitable happens down the line, we'll fall back to our processes which were the same protocols that chose him.

Power Court – when do you hope to get the green light for the plans and ideally when would you be in there?

We dearly hope we'll get some good news by the end of the calendar year. The most frustrating thing for us here though is that this is someone else's process which we can't push along or put under pressure. It's imperative it gets managed impeccably, so all we can do is help by providing any information that is required of us in the most timely fashion. In the overall scheme of matters, given that the club first eyed a move away from Kenilworth Road 61 years ago, the odd week here and there isn't going to harm. That doesn't mean we're nothing other than as keen as mustard to get going. In missed opportunity and missed progress, we are probably losing over £100k per month, at least. But we have the benefit of having no external debt which means delays don't cost us cash today. I still remain confident that we'll build our magnificent stadium in a timeframe that'll feel like a blink of an eye once our plans are determined.

Financially, what will Power Court do for the club and also the impact on the town?

Putting finances aside, Power Court, along with our other developments, will make our club more

stable than it ever has been and will elevate our ambitions to another level, akin, at least to one or probably two divisions. In the long term, Kenilworth Road simply isn't viable or sustainable in the Championship, even with our organisational structure, personnel and training facilities, that are.

Where would you say your playing budget sits in League One this season....top eight, middle eight, bottom eight?

Roughly, middle, possibly second quartile. But I don't believe football is simply about playing budget. There have been ample examples of clubs having bigger budgets than all competitors, but unless the culture is there, and the foundation is there to allow you to recruit well and develop those you recruit, money means nothing.

We also know that with our ethic and relationship we will always have the backing of our supporters. Collectively, this means we should always be able to punch above our weight. Something we've always been good at.

And what is the aim for this season? Promotion, consolidation etc?

Get a planning consent of the pitch and consolidate and prepare for the next level in it, safe in the knowledge it may arrive sooner than many may expect. But I can assure you that if that happens, we'll be more than ready.



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We are delighted to host the Bedfordshire FA's 2018 Grass-roots Football Awards in the Eric Morecambe Suite this evening.

The first winner listed needs no introduction to his fellow Hatters, and on behalf of all at Kenilworth Road, we'd like to congratulate Nicky Toone on his supporter of the year award (we're all proud of you Nick!) and all the other individual and club winners who will be introduced to the crowd at half-time tonight. Enjoy your evening guys!

Supporter of the Year

Nicky Toone - Luton Town FC



Avid LTFC fan, Nicky is well known to the players and staff, always brightening up the training ground. He's represented the squad himself playing in the county disability league for LTFC community trust.

Community Project of the Year

Woburn & Wavendon FC 'Goalability'

The club have recently setup and delivered a disability football session for children up to 16 in their local community.

C.S. League of the Year

Chiltern Youth League

The league have been forward thinking and fully embrace technological advances in the modern world to benefit local children playing football.

C.S. Club of the Year

Bromham Youth AFC

The club continue to grow and develop having recently been awarded Charter Standard Community Status and deliver SSE Wildcats Centre for girls to get into the game.

Match Official of the Year

Chris Parperi

Chris has demonstrated the ability to communicate effectively before, during and after games in a variety of environments for the benefit of a good game of football.

Young Volunteer of the Year

Tyler Dunnell - Dunstable Town FC

This young man is extraordinary because he has been coaching since the age of 12 and now five years on, he is managing Dunstable Town's U18 team.

The Respect Award

Chris Murray - Stotfold Juniors FC

Chris has been instrumental in the development and growth of Stotfold Juniors FC. The size of the club has doubled under Chris' control to around 50 teams.

Volunteer of the Year

Melvyn Gazeley - Flitwick Eagles

Melvyn founded the club in 1986 and it has flourished ever since. Recently he has been instrumental in the utilisation of Flitwick Football Centre for the benefit of the local community.

Coach of the Year

Dave Dixon - Toddington Rovers

Dave has been a fantastic role model within his club, having demonstrated great enthusiasm for coaching and utilising his knowledge to ensure his players have fun and continue to develop.

Grounds Team of the Year

Dave Smith - Dunstable Town Council

Ken McGarigle is collecting the award on behalf of Dave Smith who heads up the team that includes Lee Bowley, Simon Hump & Rob Scott. Together the fab 5 manage the fantastic community football facility at Creasey Park in Dunstable.

Beds FA & National Groundsman of the Year

Wes Matthews

Groundsman at Step 7 club Elstow Abbey who keeps 'The Warren' pitch in pristine condition. Crowned National Groundsman of the Year 2018 with a trip to St George's Park whilst having professional club groundsmen visit his pitch who were really impressed with Wes' innovative hand-made equipment.



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ANDREW SHINNIE'S ALL-TIME XI

**Town midfielder Andrew Shinnie reveals the
best XI he has ever played alongside...**



Darren Randolph

Played with at: Birmingham City



I played against him in Scotland and we signed for Birmingham at the same time. He was a great goalkeeper – athletic, agile, good distribution and an international keeper.



Paul Caddis

Played with at: Birmingham City



My fellow Scotsman at Birmingham. Caddy was class. He was actually stocky, ate what he wanted, but he was the fittest, would run up and down for 90 minutes. Really good on the ball.



David Weir

Played with at: Rangers



Played with him a couple of times, but he was good for the young lads in the dressing room, coaching them, giving them advice. Every pre-match he was focused and did the same warm-up.



Paul Robinson

Played with at: Birmingham City



Robbo was class. Similar to David, very experienced, a great captain, a good guy. He helped me settle in. He was 36, 37 when I signed, but he was fit. Still did all the running. Good competitor.



Graeme Shinnie

Played with at: Inverness Caledonian Thistle



My brother is a class attacking full-back, up and down the pitch all game. Good on the ball, athletic, good link-up play. A competitive, feisty player. I will get stick for this one, but I don't care.



Olly Lee

Played with at: Birmingham/Luton



Best centre mid in the world! I am sad that he left me. Good on the ball, skill like Neymar sometimes. Good at popping up with a goal. Intelligent footballer.



Steven Davis

Played with at – Rangers



I learned a lot from him from watching him in training and playing in games. Probably learned more from watching him, always ahead of the game, before he got the ball he knew what he was going to do.



Demarai Gray

Played with at: Birmingham City



You can normally tell with young players if they're going onto big things and I knew with Demarai. His pace was a joke, he was so sharp. He was a bit raw at Birmingham, but you knew he was destined for the top.



Jesse Lingard

Played with at: Birmingham City



His first training session was a Friday and he was awful. Everyone was like 'who is this guy?'. Then he scored four goals the next day in a 4-1 win against Sheffield Wednesday.



Chris Burke

Played with at: Birmingham City

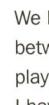


He was very good. He was our out-ball most games. If you gave him the ball, he could cause carnage. He would practice after training putting it in the top corner and then actually do it in the game.



Billy McKay

Played with at: Inverness Caledonian Thistle



We had a good partnership. We got 45, 50 goals between us. He got a good move to Wigan. I have played with big name strikers, but he was the best I have played alongside.



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Well done from all at the club to Madison Borino, who recently received a BBC People Award for the Sit Down Challenge she undertook with her dad, Derek, last March - when they spent over five hours sitting on every one of the 10,000-plus seats inside Kenilworth Road in aid of Keech Hospice Care!

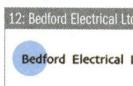
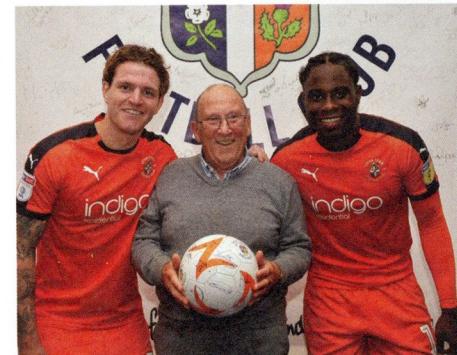
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WELCOME ACCRINGTON STANLEY



The Hatters would like to extend a warm welcome to the visiting staff, players and supporters of Accrington Stanley.

Promoted as champions of League Two last season, Accrington have taken to League One like a duck to water. A ten-match unbeaten run before a defeat to Shrewsbury Town at the beginning of the month saw John Coleman's side challenge for the top spots early on, and they are still very much within touching distance of the automatic promotion places.

As you'd expect, Billy Kee is still firing on all cylinders as he continues to find the net regularly. A career best of 26 goals last season played a massive part in Accrington's success, whilst Sean McConville is still creating problems for all the sides he comes up against.

Stanley's history of climbing up the football pyramid is well known – John Coleman and Jimmy Bell took the club from the Northern Premier League Division One and up to the EFL in 2006 after joining in 1999, the pair returning in 2014 to the Wham Stadium after spending a few years taking charge at the likes of Rochdale, Southport and Sligo Rovers.

A club that struggled financially for many years, they are fittingly named 'the club that wouldn't die', and

HEAD-TO-HEAD

LUTON WINS:	4
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ACCRINGTON WINS:	4
LAST MEETING:	LUTON 1-2 ACCRINGTON - MARCH 2018

FACTFILE:

NICKNAME:	STANLEY
GROUND:	WHAM STADIUM
MANAGER:	JOHN COLEMAN
LAST SEASON:	1ST IN LEAGUE TWO

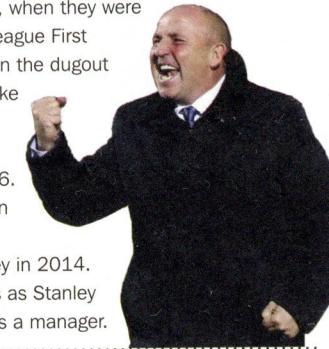


MEET THE SQUAD

THE GAFFER

John Coleman | Age: 56

A potent Non-League goalscorer in his playing days, Coleman has been managing for over 20 years. He started off at Ashton United before joining Accrington in 1999, when they were playing in the Northern Premier League First Division. Twelve-and-a-half years in the dugout at the Wham Stadium saw him take Accrington all the way up to the EFL, winning promotion from the Conference as champions in 2006. He left for Rochdale in 2012, then had spells at Southport and Sligo Rovers, before returning to Stanley in 2014. He has now overseen 800 games as Stanley boss and is approaching 1,000 as a manager.



THE STOPPER

Jonny Maxted | Age: 24



With Connor Ripley serving the last of his three-match suspension for a red card against Mansfield, Jonny Maxted deputises. The former Guiseley stopper started his career at Doncaster Rovers, where he signed at the age of 15. Loan spells at Goole and Gainsborough Trinity followed before he joined Hartlepool United and then Forest Green Rovers, with a loan spell with the Lions becoming a permanent one in 2016. His performances in the FA Cup helped them reach the second round of the competition for the first time in their history in 2017. He made his debut for Stanley in April this year.

GOALKEEPER TONY WARNER AGE: 44

The former Trinidad and Tobago international is the goalkeeping coach at Stanley – he played for a number of clubs over his career including Millwall and Tranmere Rovers.

DEFENDERS CALLUM JOHNSON AGE: 21

The former Middlesbrough man joined Stanley in August 2017 on a short-term loan, before penning a two-and-a-half year deal in January this year. Can also play in midfield.



DID YOU KNOW?

Benin international Rommy Boco netted the club's first goal back in the Football League in 2006, after a 44 year absence. That strike was the first of a brace against Barnet, which saw him become a fan favourite at the Wham Stadium, who announced they were 'loco for Boco'. The journeyman has had three stints at Stanley – his second saw him bang in important goals as they retained their league status, before his third was in the 2016/17 season, when he scored seven goals in 38 appearances.

THE WALL**Mark Hughes | Age: 31**

The former Everton reserve team captain has been with Accrington since January 2016. He signed for Northampton Town in 2007 following his release from the Toffees, before joining for Walsall. He then played in Australia for a season with North Queensland Fury, where he was sought after by many A-League sides following a successful season, but opted to return to England and sign for Bury. He had a brief loan spell with Stanley before signing for Morecambe. He then became one of Teddy Sheringham's signings at Stevenage, before joining Stanley permanently.

**IN THE MIDDLE****Sean McConville | Age: 29**

Picked up by Stanley in 2009 after playing for Skelmersdale United, the Stanley captain left the Wham Stadium in 2011 after making 89 appearances for Stockport County. A few years in Non-League with the likes of Barrow and Chester – as well as a brief loan spell with Rochdale in League One – before re-joining Stanley in 2015. He has made over 145 appearances in his second spell, having a particularly impressive campaign last season as he netted 13 goals.

**MICHAEL IHIEKWE****AGE: 25**

The central defender left Wolves in 2014 having not made an appearance for them. Had a decent three-year spell at Tranmere before signing for Rotherham. Currently on loan from the Millers.

**NICK WILMER-ANDERTON****AGE: 22**

On loan from fellow Sky Bet League One outfit Blackpool, the full-back counts Preston North End and Barrow as some of his former sides.

BEN RICHARDS-EVERTON**AGE: 26**

Started his senior career in Non-League before spending a few years in Scotland with Partick Thistle and Dunfermline. Joined Accrington last year.

ROSS SYKES**AGE: 19**

The teenager came through the youth ranks at Burnley and then Accrington, making his senior debut for the club in August 2016 in the EFL Trophy in a 3-0 defeat to Crewe Alexandra.

HARVEY ROGERS**AGE: 21**

Had a loan spell at Accrington in 2017, before joining the club for an undisclosed fee from Fleetwood Town in January.

MIDFIELDERS**JORDAN CLARK****AGE: 25**

The former Barnsley winger was at Shrewsbury Town for two seasons before joining Stanley in 2016, where he has made over 100 appearances.

SAM FINLEY**AGE: 26**

The former club captain at AFC Fylde, the ex-Southport and New Saints man joined Stanley in the summer on a two-year deal.

**DANIEL BARLASER****AGE: 21**

The former Turkey Under-16 and Under-17 international is on loan from Premier League outfit Newcastle United.

**WATCH OUT****Billy Kee | Age: 27**

One of the most potent goalscorers in League Two for the last few years, Kee seems to have carried on his goalscoring exploits into the third tier. Now in his fourth season at the

Wham Stadium, the ex-Torquay United and Burton Albion forward began his career at Leicester City, where he became good friends with Hatters skipper Alan Sheehan. He spent a season on loan at Stanley for the 2008-09 campaign and did well, finding the back of the net on nine occasions in 37 outings.

Spells with the Gulls and the Brewers followed, before he was picked up by Scunthorpe United.

**SCOTT BROWN****AGE: 33**

After starting his career at Bristol City, he has gone onto play for a number of clubs, Accrington his tenth after leaving Ashton Gate.

PIERO MINGOLA**AGE: 26**

Part of the Stanley side that narrowly missed out on promotion to League One in 2016, he went onto play for Cambridge for two years, returning to the Wham Stadium in the summer.

SÉAMUS CONNEELY**AGE: 30**

Played under Coleman at Sligo Rovers, the former Galway United and Alfreton Town man joined Stanley in 2015 and has been a regular in their side ever since.

STRIKERS**OFFRANDE ZANZALA****AGE: 21**

Had a loan spell with Accrington earlier this year from Derby County before the move was permanent in August. Also played for Stevenage and Chester.

CONNOR HALL**AGE: 20**

A Sheffield United academy graduate, loan spells in Non-League football highlighted his goalscoring ability. On loan from Bolton Wanderers until January.

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Average crowd last season: **1,979**

Seasons in League One: **1**

CLASSIC CLASH WITH STANLEY

CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH DELVES INTO HIS ARCHIVES...

28TH FEBRUARY 2015 • LUTON TOWN 2 ACCRINGTON STANLEY 0

The Town have only played Accrington ten times in the Football League with, apart from a 4-1 win at the Wham Stadium the season before last, none that can be described as 'classics' as far as we are concerned.

With our home defeat to Stanley last season featured elsewhere in the programme, the aforementioned 4-1 win would mean two very recent games being written about – so this evening it is a less than classic clash presented on these pages!

Our first season back in the Football League after five long years away started tentatively, but soon improved leading to the Town heading the League Two table at the end of October following a 1-0 home win over Northampton courtesy of a last-minute goal from Luke Guttridge.

Pole position did not last long as within a month, after a narrow and undeserved 1-0 defeat at Burton, we started drifting slowly down the table. A spate of injuries plus too many drawn games meant that the Town seemed permanently anchored in fourth place, and always tantalisingly just outside the promotion places.

Loanees arrived with regularity as manager John Still tried to ring the changes. The promising Nathan Oduwa was brought in from Tottenham, Elliot Lee from West Ham, Jayden Stockley from Bournemouth and, once again, Cameron McGeehan from Norwich.

Leading up to the game with mid-table Accrington at the end of February, the Town had suffered two away defeats in quick succession with an awful 1-0 reversal at relegation-threatened Mansfield and a 3-2 loss at Wimbledon.

Talismanic skipper Steve McNulty, who was suspended for four games following his second dismissal of the season, and his partner Luke Wilkinson, who had been banned for two games, were sorely missed as Still adjusted the side to no great effect.

Wilkinson was back for the Accrington clash, but forward Mark Cullen was missing from the starting line-up having expressed a desire to leave Kenilworth Road with rumours of a move to Peterborough being spoken about.

Despite the in and out form, a healthy crowd of 8,700 was present to see Accrington, as was later revealed by Still, start the game in a different formation to that anticipated.

Chance

As such the Town could not make much impact on a Stanley side that played good football without much cutting edge, as witnessed by an early chance for Terry Gornell, who found himself in acres of space after a through ball cut through the Luton defence.

The chance was wasted however as Elliot Justham, replacing the injured Mark Tyler in the Luton goal, stood firm to see Gornell's shot go straight at him.

Still, to his credit, changed the formation early on and the Hatters started to look the more likely side to end the stalemate. The breakthrough came on 41 minutes when Guttridge's corner was headed home by Stockley.

Having chance to properly re-group at the interval, the Town were much improved in the second period with Guttridge pulling the strings in midfield and Lee causing the Accrington defence problems.



Jayden Stockley heads the Town into the lead against Stanley

LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB	ACCRINGTON STANLEY FOOTBALL CLUB
JUSTHAM	DAVIES
HARRIMAN	WINNARD (CROOKS)
FRANKS	ATKINSON
WILKINSON	CONNELLY
GRIFFITHS	NAISMITH (MAGUIRE)
SMITH	MINGOIA
MCGEEHAN	BARRY (MCARTEN)
HOWELLS	PROCTOR
GUTTRIDGE	JOYCE
STOCKLEY (CULLEN)	WINDASS
LEE (LAWLESS)	GORNELL

The Town saw shouts for a penalty after Lee was sent tumbling by Kal Naismith in the area, but all appeals were waved away.

The game was virtually settled on the hour mark when Stockley headed a Scott Griffiths throw down the line, taking a heavy whack from Matt Crooks for his troubles, to find Lee, who unselfishly squared the ball to the onrushing Guttridge, who side-footed home.

It was now one-way traffic and a whipped cross from McGeehan was narrowly missed by Jake Howells at the far post, Lee had an effort disallowed for offside and a couple of other shots went narrowly wide.

With ten minutes to go Cullen came off the bench to muted applause. It turned out that before the game Cullen had announced that the transfer request was a 'mistake' and that he was prepared to give his all for the Hatters.

Cullen's ten-minute cameo certainly showed commitment as the striker sent in two ferocious shots, one of which was acrobatically turned over by Scott Davies in the Stanley goal.

Still agreed afterwards that it had not been a pretty game to watch but took pride in his side's ability to "win ugly".

Aggressive

He added: "They threw us out a little as I was 99.9 per cent sure they were going to play 4-3-3, but they didn't, so fair play to them. But fair play to us, we changed it and when we did we were the more aggressive side."

That was as good as it got for the Hatters that season as a run of seven straight defeats after the Accrington clash saw hopes of an automatic promotion spot disappear, as well as a play-off place.

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THE LAST TIME STANLEY CAME TO TOWN

CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH REPORTS ON STANLEY'S LAST VISIT TO KENILWORTH ROAD

10TH MARCH 2018 • LUTON TOWN 1 ACCRINGTON STANLEY 2

LEAGUE TWO

After settling in to top spot in League Two at the end of November 2017, the Town were there to be shot at and due to a few too many draws, we could never see real daylight between ourselves and the chasing pack.

From a position of ninth in the table on Boxing Day, Stanley had won ten of their next 12 games and came to Luton knowing that a further victory would see them leapfrog the Town.

Rocked

The Hatters had not lost in five games (drawing three of them) and a crowd of 9,503 turned up to see the home side dominate with Dan Potts sending in three headers on target, two of which were cleared off the line.

The Town were rocked though when, just before half-time, Stanley's Sean McConville fired in an unstoppable shot against the run of play.

In the second period the Town's pressure finally told when Jack Stacey took out the whole of the Accrington defence with a 40-yard crossfield ball to find Elliot Lee, who levelled the score.

The Hatters then had chances to put the game to bed with the best falling to Stacey, which brought out a tremendous save from Aaron Chapman in the Stanley goal.

As the final seconds ticked by and a draw the likely outcome, the Town defenders allowed Stanley's top scorer Billy Kee a little too much space and with little backlift, he rifled the ball into the net to silence the crowd.

Luton manager Nathan Jones felt the Town were the better side with 80 per cent of the game, more chances, a penalty appeal and efforts cleared off the line but, "They scored two, we scored one. That's the facts."

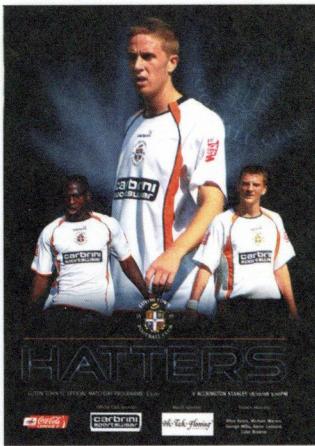
Stanley manager John Coleman, meanwhile, could not care less!

Luton Town: Stech, Potts, Sheehan, Rea, Stacey, O.Lee, Downes (Cornick), Shinnie (Gambin), Berry, E.Lee (Jervis), Hylton.

Accrington Stanley: Chapman, Donacién, Dunne, Hughes, Johnson, McConville, Clark, Brown, Conneely, Kee, Jackson.

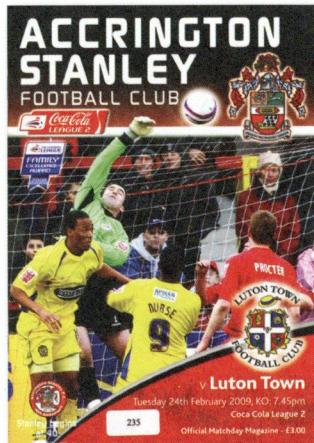
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CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH PICKS OUT EIGHT PROGRAMME COVERS FROM PAST GAMES WITH OUR OPPONENTS



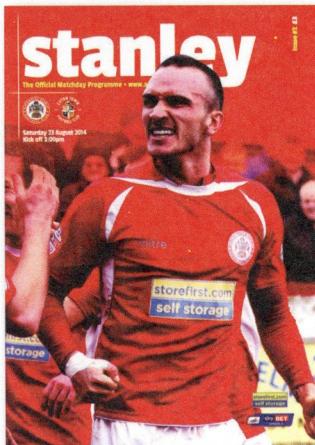
◀ October 2008

A threadbare Luton team loses at home for the second time in a week. Stanley, making their first visit to Kenilworth Road are comfortable 2-1 winners, although Wayne Andrews misses a late gilt-edged chance to equalise.



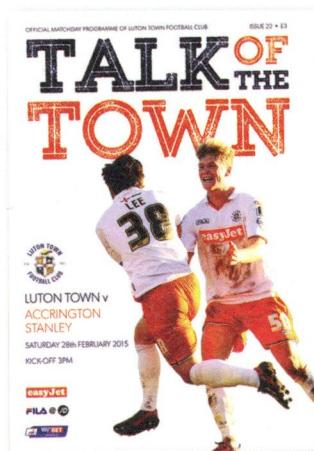
▶ February 2009

The Town's first visit to the Crown Ground ends in a dull 0-0 stalemate in front of only 1,033. The draw feels like a defeat as the games are running out in this, the minus 30 points season.



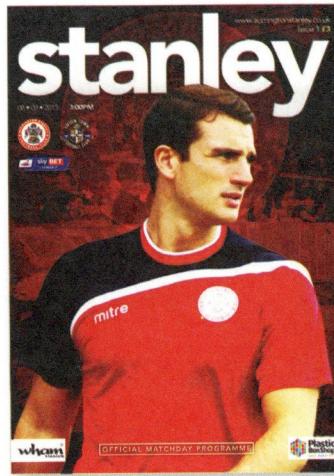
◀ August 2014

The Hatters second away game back in the League sees Stanley take a 2-0 lead only for a Luke Guttridge inspired fightback spurring the side on to level. Chances are missed at both ends in the closing minutes.



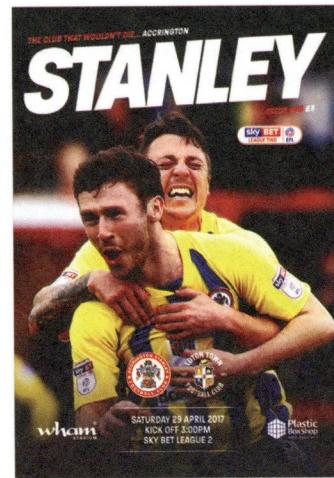
▶ February 2015

A comfortable 2-0 home win over Stanley with Jayden Stockley and Luke Guttridge on the scoresheet. The Town remain in fourth spot in League Two just outside the automatic positions.



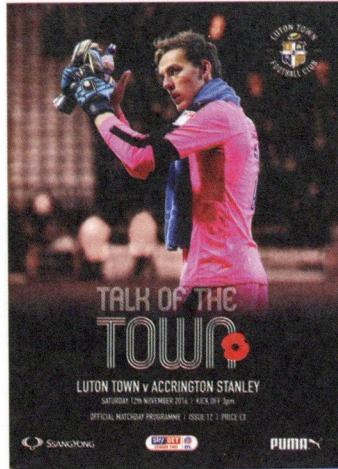
◀ August 2015

The opening game of the season sees a hard fought 1-1 draw at the Wham Stadium. Jonathan Smith concedes a penalty with a rash challenge, but then turns hero when he deflects a shot into the net with his back in the closing minutes.



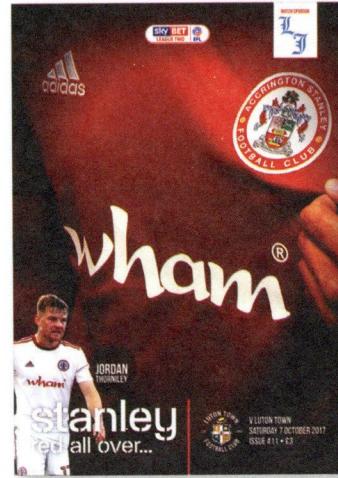
◀ April 2017

With the Town assured of a play-off place, Stanley are fighting to join them. The subsequent 4-1 Hatters win is a little closer than the scoreline suggests, but the Town are clinical on the break



▶ November 2016

A miss-hit shot from Cameron McGeehan settles the contest although Stanley step up the pressure in the last few minutes after the Town's Jordan Cook is dismissed.



▶ October 2017

Stanley fail to score for the first time this season as the Town ease to a 2-0 win with a devastating display of football, especially in the first half. It is now five wins out of six for the Hatters.

DEADLY DUOS

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

GEORGE HUDSON & JACKIE SWINDELLS

Goalscorer favourite George Hudson was Accrington Stanley's top scorer with a club record 35 League goals in 1960-61. Signing professional for Blackburn Rovers in January 1958, he moved to Peel Park in July 1960 and scored 35 times in 44 League outings for Accrington before a financial crisis forced his sale to Peterborough United in October 1961.

He joined Coventry City in April 1963 and starred in their 1963-64 Third Division title triumph, then played for Northampton Town, Tranmere Rovers and Altrincham. Later working on the Daily Mirror printing presses in Manchester, he worked for BT and settled in Bury.

Ex-England Youth inside-forward Jackie Swindells was Accrington Stanley's joint leading marksman in 1959-60. A former Manchester City amateur, he joined Blackburn Rovers in November 1957 and featured in their 1957-58 promotion campaign. He moved to Accrington in December 1959 and netted 28 goals in 65 League games prior to joining Barnsley in June 1961.

Following spells at Workington, Torquay United and Newport County, he moved to Altrincham in July 1965 and was top scorer as they won the Cheshire League title in two consecutive seasons. He later played for Radcliffe Borough and died in June 2009.

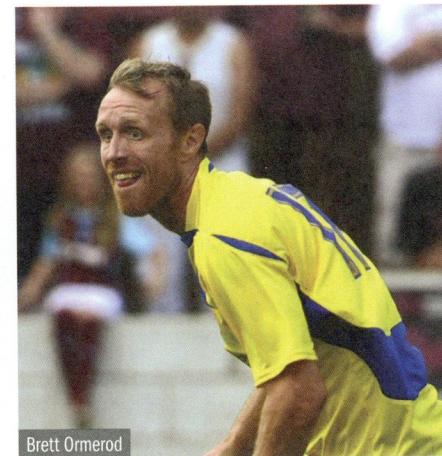
DAVE HARGREAVES & JACK BRYDON

Ace marksman Dave Hargreaves is Accrington Stanley's all-time record goalscorer. Initially with local side Whinney Hill, he joined Accrington in July 1974 and netted an incredible 56 goals during the 1975-76 campaign. He moved to Blackburn Rovers in December 1977 but was unlucky with injuries and returned to Accrington in June 1978. Leading marksman on seven occasions, he scored 316 goals in 355 games overall for Stanley and had a testimonial year shortly before joining Oswaldtwistle Immanuel in February 1985.

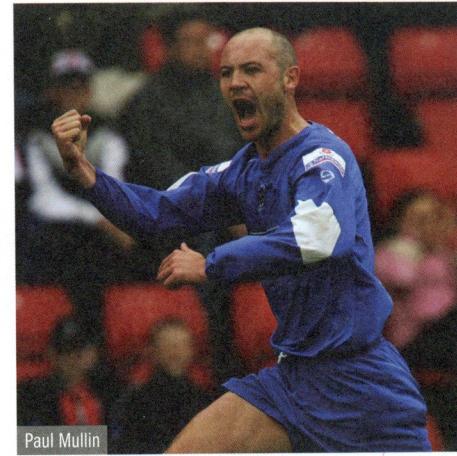
He later played for Padiham and Oswaldtwistle St Mary's while working locally as a corporation gardener.

Striker Jack Brydon formed a prolific scoring partnership with Dave Hargreaves at Accrington Stanley. A son of former Accrington forward Ian Brydon, he joined Stanley from Altham in June 1975 and helped to win the Lancashire Combination Cup in successive seasons. He netted an impressive 80 goals in 125 games for Accrington before his career sadly followed a similar path to his father when it was cut short by a knee injury in October 1978.

To mark his achievements the club introduced the 'Jack Brydon Trophy' for the leading goalscorer. His younger brother Stan also appeared in Accrington's attack in the mid Seventies.



Brett Ormerod



Paul Mullin

PAUL BECK & BRETT ORMEROD

Popular striker Paul Beck grabbed a hat-trick in Accrington Stanley's 1992-93 FA Cup first round victory over Gateshead televised on 'Match of the Day'. He was a prolific scorer with Rossendale United, then had a spell with Clitheroe before returning to Rossendale and starring in their 1988-89 North West Counties League title triumph.

Moving to the Crown Ground in December 1990, he helped Accrington clinch promotion in 1990-91 and was leading marksman in five successive seasons. He netted 135 goals in 300 games for Stanley prior to rejoining Clitheroe in September 1996 and later played for Haslingden.

Striker Brett Ormerod was Accrington Stanley's leading marksman in 1996-97. A former Blackburn Rovers junior, he joined Accrington in August 1995 and netted 32 goals in 54 matches, moving to Blackpool for £50,000 in March 1997. He starred in their 2000-01 promotion success and moved to Southampton for £1.75m in December 2001. Netting in their 2003 FA Cup semi-final win over Watford, he went close to a late equaliser in the 2003 FA Cup final.

He moved to Preston in January 2006 and rejoined Blackpool in January 2009, helping win promotion in 2009-10, then played for Wrexham, Padiham and Bamber Bridge.

PAUL MULLIN & LUTEL JAMES

Big, powerful striker Paul Mullin was top scorer in Accrington Stanley's 2005-06 Conference title triumph. Briefly with Accrington at the start of his career, he had spells with Darwen, Trafford and Clitheroe before joining Radcliffe Borough.

He returned to Accrington in August 2000 and starred as they won the UniBond League title in 2002-03, then beat Huddersfield and Bournemouth en route to the FA Cup third round in 2003-04. Ever-present in 2006-07, he was Stanley's leading marksman seven times and their 'Player of the Year' on six occasions. He netted 195 goals in a club record 455 games before joining Morecambe in August 2009.

St Kitts & Nevis international striker Lutel James featured prominently as Accrington Stanley won the UniBond League title in 2002-03. He played for Yorkshire Amateurs prior to joining Scarborough in February 1993 and was given his League debut in the following month's 2-2 draw at home to Barnet. He joined Guiseley in July 1993, then moved via Hyde United to Bury in October 1998. Making his debut in their League Cup third round defeat at Manchester United watched by 52,495, he joined Accrington in July 2001.

He netted 73 goals in 142 games before moving to Altrincham in March 2005, then Bradford PA.

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THE ROAD TO WEMBLEY 2009

PART ONE



Happy Hatters celebrating a penalty save by Conrad Logan in the penalty shoot-out against Brentford. Rossi Jarvis (fourth right) looks pensive as he knows it is now all on his shoulders!

On April 5th 2019 it will be ten years since the Town team stepped out at Wembley in front of 42,000 Hatters ready to lift the Johnstone's Paint Trophy. In this occasional series we will travel back on the road to Wembley culminating in a great victory in a season of gloom.

There were no great outpourings of relief in the streets of Luton when the Town received a first round bye in the 2008/09 Johnstone's Paint Trophy as we had more important things to think about, namely the preservation of our Football League status.

A 30 points deduction at the start of that campaign has been well documented and by the time of the visit of Brentford, for a second round tie in the competition, we were still on minus 18.

It is therefore not surprising that the tie was not greeted with much enthusiasm, but the 'stayaways' missed an entertaining contest with the Bees going into a two-goal lead against the run of play before the Town pulled the game back level.

At 90 minutes the score remained the same with on-loan goalkeeper Conrad Logan then saving twice

in the penalty shootout, leaving Rossi Jarvis to net the decisive winner.

The next round took us to League One Walsall, where a patched-up Luton side completely bossed the opening proceedings and it was only desperate defending by the Saddlers that prevented the Town opening up a commanding lead.

During the second period, Walsall came more in to the game but the defence, ably led by former Saddler Ian Roper, stood firm.

With only two minutes left, and with the game drifting towards penalties again, a Walsall corner was cleared to Chris Martin who raced downfield before firing a shot at Saddlers goalkeeper Clayton Ince who parried the ball to the onrushing Jarvis who slotted it into an empty net.



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ON THE **Matty Pearson** CENTRE SPOT

We asked for your questions on our social media channels to put to our centre-half Matty Pearson ahead of today's clash with his former club Accrington Stanley. Here the 25-year-old summer signing from Barnsley is the latest Hatter to be put On The Centre Spot.

✓ @JoeGaugh - What do you like to watch on TV?

My girlfriend, Lucy, and I like to watch a lot of drama. We watched Bodyguard recently, that was really good. We watched Killing Eve. There were some intense endings, Bodyguard was intense and Killing Eve was a bit of a mysterious ending.

✓ @samueljameslee1 - What would your reaction be to signing for Barcelona?

That's my mate. His brother Tommy Lee is a goalkeeper, he played for Chesterfield. It would just be unbelievable wouldn't it.

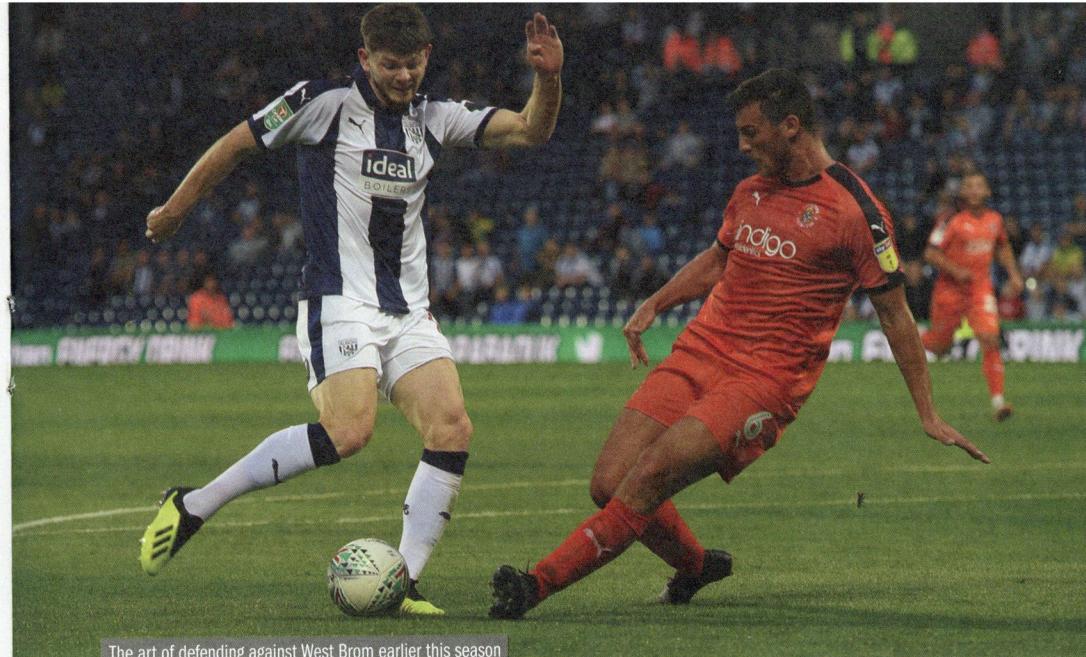
✓ @LutonTownExile - Couple here. As a defender, have you had to adjust the way you defend due to the increase in simulation?

Yes you do, you can't dive in anymore. You're not playing against honest players, when you go in to tackle, you've got to be 100 per cent certain you're going to get that ball. If not, they can over-react and the referee can perceive the tackle as a bad one when it might not have been. I think you do learn to adjust your game, and you learn to stay on your feet and maybe not dive in when you think you might be able to nick it. You just need to be 100 per cent certain. I think as a young player you learn. When you're young, you do dive in, you do make rash decisions. As you get older, you learn to stay on your feet, you learn when you can go for the ball and when you can't. It's a learning curve.

✓ @LutonTownExile - You've got a great sense of danger. Do you think you are born with the ability to instinctively to block things, or do you think you can be taught it?

I think generally as you grow up you learn what you're good at and what you're not good at. I think naturally I was just better at defending than attacking. When I was younger, I was a right winger, at nine, ten-years-old, and then centre midfield from 12 to 15. I can still play centre midfield now. Then for the youth team I was a centre-back. I did all my youth team as a centre back and then I went back into centre midfield, it's funny how it went round. I think coaches see your strengths and they put you in those positions. Coaches can see that I can block crosses or block shots and decided to put me in that position.

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The art of defending against West Brom earlier this season

✓ @xblamc - Is Mbappe the best young player in the world?

I think at this time, yes. The English version of Mbappe is probably Rashford, he's good. But for what Mbappe has done at his age, yes, he is the best.

TIOT - Do you enjoy watching attacking players, or do you watch the defenders?

I think as a defender, you always think, 'how would you stop him?' When you play against good players, you think about what you would do – sometimes you think it's impossible!

✓ @Pete_LTFC - What was the biggest factor in you choosing to join Luton Town?

The biggest factor was probably the manager. I think the manager wanted me before I went to Barnsley and I want to play football. I am not in the game to make the bench – even though that's part of the game. Everyone wants to play football, everyone wants to achieve things.

✓ @scottsmiley18 - If you could go on loan to one team for a season, who would it be?

You'd go to a world class team, Barcelona or Real Madrid, Man City. I'd probably go to Man City actually. You see those teams, they don't really

defend. They just keep the ball for fun, they only do five or ten minutes of defending in every game.

✓ @SteveLTFC1 - What's the best game of your career so far and why?

There's a couple. I scored two against Leyton Orient, but that's only there because I scored two. Playing for Accrington against Burnley, I scored in the last minute of extra-time to win 1-0 – that's up there, but it's just a split moment. They're both just moments. For my all round game, I felt like I played well for Barnsley against Nottingham Forest. We won 2-1 and I felt like I'd had a really good game that day. For Luton, I feel like I could have done better with the Scunthorpe goals, even though I had a good game, I still feel I could have done better.

✓ @ConnorLeach15 - What's the best moment you've experienced in your career?

Probably playing in the Championship. I played Wolves away and just coming into the ground – I had been at Accrington before – next minute there's 20 odd thousand there, playing every week against big teams. There were a couple of big moments really. Playing Sheffield United away. Just being in the atmosphere of those games and actually playing in those games is something you've always



ON THE CENTRE SPOT



thorne_j90 - What's the hardest part about joining a new team?

Probably the move this time, all my other clubs I have been able to stay at home. This time I have had to get a house down here and move away from my family, so that's been the hardest part. The lads have been brilliant, helping you settle in, they help you out as and when. This time it has been the move down, the new surroundings. I am not used to being away from my family.

madhatterhammer - Why did you want to become a footballer?

It's all I have ever known since I was nine-years-old, since I was picked up by Blackburn. It's not full-time, but you go to school and then you go to training and that's your life basically because you are going three, four times a week. If I didn't want to go, I don't think I would have had to. I think I have always wanted to play football. I used to go to Blackburn games and watch and wanted to be a part of it all. It never worked out there. I went to Halifax, still trying to be a professional footballer, it was part-time so I had to do something during the day, so I got a job as well, fitting garage doors. We used to fit six to eight garage doors a day. I got up at seven, finish on site at four and go home, then go to training at six-thirty, seven o'clock. You squeeze in your tea here and there. It is difficult, but if you are dedicated, and I am not the most gifted, but if you want it, you will get to where you want to be in anything.



Matty celebrates his home debut goal against Sunderland

dreamed of doing. I never thought once, when I was playing for Halifax part-time, working as well, that in five or six years I would be playing in a Championship game. That's a big moment of your career.

Twitter @3dw1n_ If you had to choose one player to play alongside you in defence, who would it be?

There'd be two. I'd go John Terry back in the day, and now, Sergio Ramos. People give him stick but he's a born winner. He scores goals, he can defend, he's got it all.



Twitter @3dw1n_ Hardest attacker to train against? There's a few. Recently I'd go Kaz LuLu. Since he has come in, he has shown what qualities he's got and his pace is frightening. He's got that extra little burst so nobody can catch him.

Twitter @LTFC_Dave A goalkeeper can be the hero with one save, a striker can be the hero with one goal. How would you sell being a centre-back to a kid?

I think you've got to enjoy what you do first. You've got to enjoy defending, getting stuck in. Then again, defenders can go up for a last-minute corner and score the winner, so it's not all about goalkeepers and attackers. As a kid you've just got to enjoy it and get stuck in and that will determine what position you play.

Twitter @almc16 (Alan McCormack) - Why do you eat so much food?

Macca's always on to me, when I am on the bus eating and that. Every moment he looks at me he seems to catch me eating! I love the puddings that Mags (the chef at The Brache) puts on. She cooks apple crumble and I try and sneak two bowls – but she always catches me! It's not like I am eating bad things, I just eat a lot.

Twitter @JoeGaugh - Would you make your dog an Instagram account?

It must be the in thing. I have got two dogs, but they don't have an Instagram page. One of my friends has just got a puppy and his girlfriend puts all the photos on and all my mates are giving him grief. I only knew Shins had one when I read the programme the other day. I have got a Springer spaniel and a lurcher, Charlie and Oscar.

Twitter @AlfieMee - Who is the most underrated player you have ever played with?

I don't really know. I would probably have to say Billy Kee. He's not underrated, but how he's not moved on I don't know – that's my opinion. I think Billy is one of the best strikers in League One and League Two and I don't know how one of the big teams haven't taken him. To score so many goals and assist so many goals, for somebody not to take him in a higher division is beyond me.

Twitter @AlfieMee - Who can you see at Luton Town playing at the highest level?

James Justin, he has got age on his side and I think he has got quality. Harry Cornick maybe, if he can



Celebrating his favourite goal, the last-minute derby winner for Accy v Burnley

just start scoring more! He has got the pace and all the attributes to be a top player.

Facebook Xbox or PS4?

I play PS4. FIFA or Fortnite are my favourite games.

Instagram @baileyneale06 - What were you thinking about when you played your first game for Luton at home?

Both games at Portsmouth and Sunderland were sell-outs. I think there was a bit of added pressure on myself because I had just arrived and I had got put straight in, so I had to perform, that's why I am here. I felt I had to be on my game. You can't get carried away with it, you've just got to focus on what you've got to do.

Instagram @hecklesgeorge - What do you think of our manager Nathan Jones?

I think he's a top manager. His enthusiasm for the game is unbelievable. I think it rubs off on all of us. We all respect him and his vision for playing. He knows how to show us how to play and what he wants and what he demands. I think it's good you've got a manager who is willing to show you and actually shows us exactly how he wants things.

Instagram jg.rexkczz - What football team do you support?

Leeds United. I went to the odd game as a kid with my dad. But I signed for Blackburn when I was nine-years-old, so most of my time was spent going backwards and forwards to there.

I went and watched a lot of Blackburn games, but I'm not a Blackburn fan. My dad is a Leeds fan, all my friends are Leeds fans. Alan Smith was my hero growing up, he was the main man at Leeds. It was mad when he was playing for Notts County and I was playing against him.



Instagram jg.rexkczz - Who was your idol growing up?

David Beckham and John Terry. More Beckham really. I was never a Manchester United fan, it was just I liked what Beckham did. For my generation, David Beckham was the main man.



Instagram breathehatters - What was it like to score against Sunderland?

It was good. At that stage I was annoyed with their goal, I think you just overthink things in your head, whereas sometimes in a game you need to forget what's happened and carry on playing, but I was overthinking their goal in my head and that first half. I was glad I scored and made it all square. It was a relief to get the goal and get us back on track.

Instagram Tombetts44_ - Nike or Adidas boots?

I wear Adidas. Always have done.

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Apple.

Last person you called?

My partner, Charlotte.



Most famous person in your phone?

Wojciech Szczesny



Favourite food?

Roast dinner – lamb.



Apple or rhubarb crumble?

Apple.

Food you can't stand?

Cheese.

Pet hate?

Messiness.

Cat or dog?

Dog.

Xbox or PlayStation?

PlayStation.

Karaoke song?

The Kooks – Naïve.

Favourite artist?

Oasis.

Top of your playlist?

Oasis – Champagne Supernova.



Last holiday?

Mallorca.

Can't miss on TV?

Ryder Cup.



Love Island or Peaky Blinders?

Peaky Blinders.



Club you support?

Arsenal.

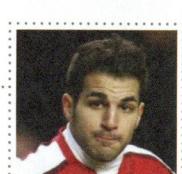
Favourite away ground?

The Emirates.



Best moment in football?

League debut for Wimbledon.



Best player played with?

Cesc Fabregas.

Room-mate?

Stechy or Harry Isted.

Instagram or Twitter?

Instagram.



LUTON TOWN SUPPORTERS' TRUST

What a fantastic couple of months it has been to start the new season! The Town have been involved in some great matches, playing some wonderful football which has been great to witness.

It has also been a busy beginning to the season for those of us at Luton Town Supporters' Trust. Throughout the summer, and into the start of the campaign, we have released a number of joint statements with Loyal Luton calling out the many inaccuracies from various sources (one in particular!), regarding the Power Court and Newlands Park developments. Your feedback to these statements has been overwhelming and we thank everyone for getting in touch with their comments. If you have missed any of the statements you can find them all on our website.

We will continue to fight the good fight, until the plans finally get the planning permission that all Town fans, officials and Lutonians everywhere crave so badly.

Meet the Manager

On October 4, we held our annual 'Meet the Manager' evening in the Eric Morecambe Suite at the club, with Town boss Nathan Jones facing the fans for the third time in his tenure. As ever the gaffer was in wonderful form, answering an array of questions on a number of topics. If you were unable to make the event, or want a reminder of what Nathan had to say, you can find a transcript of the questions and answers on our twitter feed - [@lutontownST](#).



AGM

Our next event will be our Annual General Meeting, which will be held in the John Moore Lounge at Kenilworth Road on Thursday 29th November. Members should already have been sent details of the meeting, either through the post or via email. If you would like to come along to the meeting, please get in touch and we will provide you with the details.

Podcast

We have continued with our monthly podcast, which continues to be popular with Town fans. Since we started the podcast at the beginning of last season we have created ways to listen on both iTunes and SoundCloud, and listening figures are improving all of the time. We are currently in the middle of organising the next episode, which should be out to listen to in the week prior to the Rochdale away game on November 3.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Alan Sheehan, Matty Pearson and James Shea, who have been our first three guests on the podcast this season. All three were great fun and a pleasure to chat to. Our thanks also extend to Stuart, Charlie and the entire media team at the club for accommodating us in what are often busy times!



Social Media

We are continually upping our profile on the various social media outlets, with followers on Twitter and Facebook increasing all the time. If you would like to follow us on either of these sites, the Twitter handle is [@lutontownST](#) and on Facebook you can find us [@LutonTownst](#). If Instagram is your thing we are also on there too. Follow [lutontownst](#) for our updates on that platform.

Fundraising

We were delighted to begin our fundraising campaign for the Luton & Dunstable Charitable Fund, in particular 'NICU', at our recent 'Meet the Manager' evening. All of the proceeds of the raffle were put towards the fundraising activity, while Nathan Jones was kind enough to auction off a couple of visits to the training ground. In total, more than £1,000 was raised on the evening. Our thanks go to everyone who contributed to an amazing amount.

Volunteer

If you would like to assist the Trust in our many aims over the course of the season and beyond, do not hesitate to get in touch. We are always on the lookout for volunteers to help us with a number of tasks. All contact details are on [www.lutontownsupportertrust.com](#).

#SAVEOURTOWN

Did you notice the presence of the #SAVEOURTOWN group at the Barnsley game?

They continue to raise awareness of the benefits of Newlands Park and Power Court and that message got amplified by Sky Sports who featured their banner on television and brought to the attention of the nation, the town's push for the progress we all want and deserve.

In just five months since forming, the volunteers at #SAVEOURTOWN have been doing a fantastic job of promoting just why Luton, the town, needs regeneration, not stagnation, and that's been boosted by two of their recent videos that have gone viral, with more than 50,000 views.

One features real Lutonians explaining what the proposals for Newlands Park and Power Court will mean for the town, while the other features three children – Evie, Luca and Fabian – and theirs is one of the most important reasons that these proposals need your support. While they will transform Luton, their generation are the ones that stand to benefit the most. That's why the kids are urging you to sign #SAVEOURTOWN's petition to urge Capital and Regional, to stop blocking this bright new future for their town, our town.

If you haven't signed the petition yet, do it for the kids by going to:

www.change.org/p/capital-regional-stop-blocking-a-bright-new-future-for-luton. And you can also support #SAVEOURTOWN by following them online at [www.saveourtownluton.co.uk](#) and on social media, helping to share all the good work they do with your friends, family and followers.

Find them on Twitter [@SAVEOURTOWNLTN](#), while on Instagram and Facebook its [@SAVEOURTOWNLUTON](#).

Enjoy the game!

Kevin Harper

Media Officer

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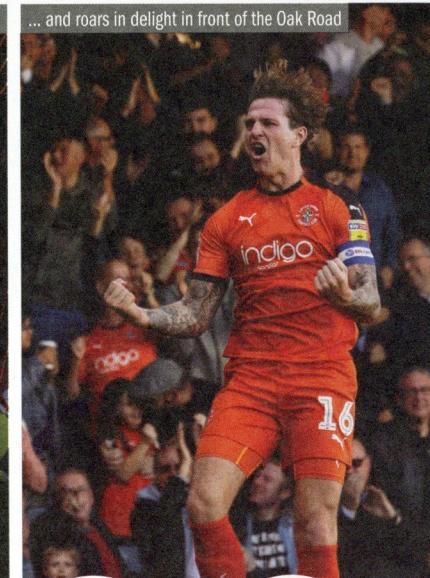
STORY OF THE MATCH

The Hatters cruised to victory on Saturday afternoon as they extended their unbeaten run at home in League One to seven with a 2-0 win over Walsall.

Glen Rea opened the scoring when he bundled the ball over the line when he got on the end of Danny Hylton's header just before the 20-minute mark. Jorge Grant rounded off the scoring with an outstanding free-kick from 22 yards after he had been tripped by Jon Guthrie – the man on loan from Nottingham Forest bending it over the wall and into the top left corner for his second goal of the season.

Not only did the win move the Hatters up to seventh, it also meant Dean Keates' side suffered their first away defeat of the campaign.

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JONES:

"I thought we were dominant from start to finish. After last week when we were slightly second best to a good Barnsley side, I thought today we were outstanding from start to finish.

"We asked for a reaction because I wasn't happy with a lot of things – I could have come out and said we were unlucky and we could have nicked a point from it, in all seriousness we could have done that.

We were the away side so we had no right to dominate and they're a very good side. But I felt for where we want to be, we were off it.

"Then today we responded in magnificent fashion, these are a very good side, especially away from home. They were above us in the league, they had the best away defensive record – only conceded seven. We could have had three, four or five today. The chances we missed, I thought their keeper was outstanding. I am delighted."



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BY HARRY ROGERS

DANNY'S BACK AFTER NINE LONG WEEKS!

A persistent back and hamstring problem has kept Danny Hylton out of the Hatters' starting line-up for the past nine weeks.

But after getting a few minutes under his belt at Barnsley, and just under 80 at home to Walsall, the striker is back with an even bigger eye for goal, believing that he and his side have nothing to worry about in Sky Bet League One this season.

Speaking after Saturday's match, Hylton said: "It's been a frustrating injury because I feel fine, and even after I came off against Shrewsbury, I felt fine. It's just a little nerve thing, a frustrating one that every time I got over a certain speed I'd get a shooting pain, but hopefully that's behind us now and we can kick on.

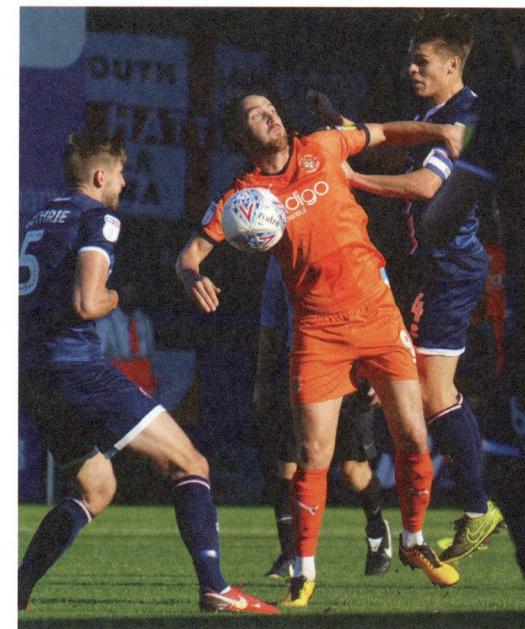
"With all respect to every team, there is nothing to fear. We go into every game concentrating on ourselves, we don't care what other teams have been doing or where any other teams are.

"If we turn up on our day, we can beat anyone in this league and we don't fear anybody. We'll be going into every game like that and we know what we want to achieve this season."

Hylton came agonisingly close to the back of the net on two occasions against the Saddlers and even nodded into the path of Glen Rea, who bagged his first of the season. The fans' favourite also had nothing but positive words about his interim skipper.

He continued: "It seems like forever (since I last started), it was nice to be back out there. I feel alright. It took me a little while to get going I felt better the longer the game went on but no, it was nice to be back out there and hopefully I can stay out there.

"This season Glen has been fantastic for us and he helps our back four amazingly. He's there and he breaks a lot of stuff up, he does the nitty gritty stuff

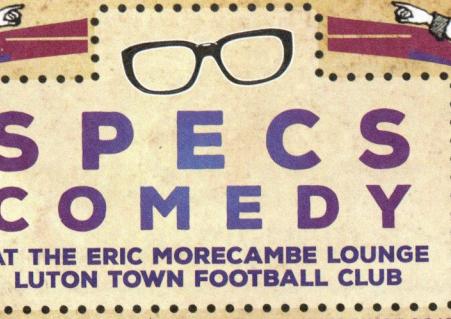


but this season he has been fantastic on the ball as well.

"He's calm and composed, keeps us ticking and he's popped up with a goal. He doesn't normally do that. I'm not even sure he's meant to be there, but we'll take it!"

The last time the Hatters lost at Kenilworth Road was against this evening's visitors in March, but Hylton is looking forward to another tough clash.

He added: "Accrington won the league, they beat us and they play some great football as well, so it was a good competition last season. But we feel like if we play the way we can and do the things we work on, then we can win the game."



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THREE EXTRA DEFIBRILLATORS AT THE KENNY

Supporters of Luton Town and visiting fans have been given an extra level of healthcare protection at Kenilworth Road thanks to a donation of three defibrillators by St John Ambulance, the nation's leading first aid charity.

Volunteers from the charity provide first aid cover at the football ground, working alongside personnel from EEAST.

With at least nine St John Ambulance first aiders and a further three from EEAST present at every home game, spectators can already be reassured that anything ranging from a twisted ankle or scald from a hot drink through to life threatening conditions such as choking can be dealt with. However, in the case of a cardiac arrest, deploying a defibrillator alongside CPR to treat a patient can dramatically improve their chances of survival.

Following this donation, all three spectator stands will have a dedicated defibrillator which can be used by first aiders at the ground for the benefit of the 9-10,000 people who attend every home game.

David Wood, who manages the St John Ambulance volunteers at each home game, said: "This is great news for the club, the fans, visitors and the first aid team. With defibrillators and CPR at the front of people's minds during the current national Restart A Heart campaign, we were delighted to be able to donate these three sophisticated pieces of equipment to the club.

"We hope they never need to be deployed but, if they do, we will have an even better chance of successfully resuscitating anyone suffering a cardiac arrest."

Kevan Platt, Luton Town Football Club Matchday Operations Manager, said: "Luton Town were delighted to receive this fantastic donation from St John Ambulance. Having three extra defibrillators available to our matchday medical staff is a tremendous boost and whilst we hope we never have to use them, it is reassuring to know that if needed they can be deployed speedily to someone in need."



"St John Ambulance have provided matchday medical care at Kenilworth Road for many seasons now and we thank them for their ongoing professionalism and their generosity in supplying these potentially life-saving machines."

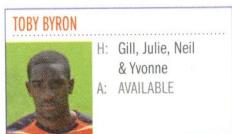
For those looking for quick, easily accessible information, the free, highly popular St John Ambulance first aid app is available on smartphones (Android, Apple and Blackberry), and the website – www.sja.org.uk – offers demo videos, an interactive game, and lots of free advice.

PELLY'S A DIAMOND AGAIN!



Town midfielder Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu has won the Diamond Player of the Month award for September – the second consecutive month he has scooped the prize – taking a whopping 85 per cent of the vote. Junior Diamond season ticket holder Liam McTague presented the trophy to Pelly after Saturday's game.

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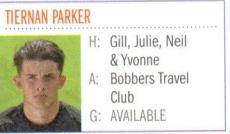
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H: David and Joel Nicholls
A: Derek & Madison Borino



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H: Gill, Julie, Neil & Yvonne
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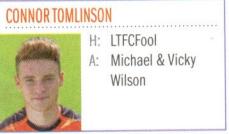
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A: Blakeney Estates



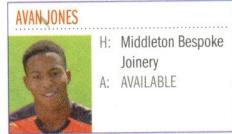
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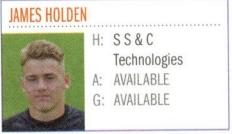
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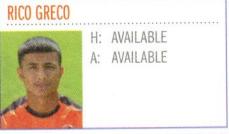
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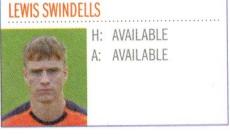
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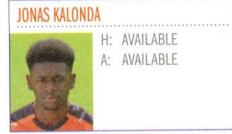
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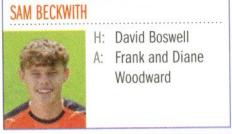
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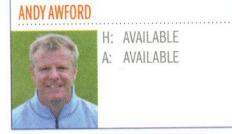
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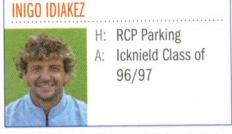
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ACADEMY UPDATE

ACADEMY FOUNDATION PHASE LEAD COACH
ROSS O'KANE

In eight years at Luton Town Academy with four of those as Foundation Phase Lead, there have been huge changes. Changes that I am proud to say have all contributed to providing our players with an elite experience allowing us to compete with category one clubs.

As a Luton boy growing up in the town, I have made it my goal to bring experiences to the players in our town that were not available to me. I am passionate about our town. I believe given the opportunity, our young people can shine and it is my responsibility to provide that stepping stone to succeed, not only in football but in all areas of their development.

From the moment a player steps foot through our doors it is our responsibility to create an environment in which players feel relaxed and are able to express themselves. Allowing them to access all we offer without fear or restriction.

I truly believe that the development of the whole child is the key to our success in the foundation phase and have fought to provide this for our boys.

Four years ago we began futsal training allowing our players to develop decision making skills in tight areas. In order to develop our players' social and emotional skills, we have developed an extensive tournament program. This has seen us go from offering one tournament per year group to offering three to four per season in the foundation phase.

With our players travelling to attend tournaments in France, Germany and Belgium, they experience different cultures, languages and also different playing and coaching philosophies. These experiences open them up to the world of football, broadening their thinking about the player they are and the player they hope to become. I am immensely proud of what we are able to provide our boys, and

believe we offer all opportunities for them to develop into not only great players but fantastic people.

I am honoured to work with the players and families in our town. We are united by our love for football and our love for this place we call home.

Don't forget that the Under-18s are in FA Youth Cup action against Brentwood Town under the lights at Kenilworth Road on Friday night, 7.15pm kick-off with admission £3 for adults and £1 for concessions. They warmed up well for the clash by beating Cambridge 1-0 on Saturday with a goal by Josh Boorn. Good luck lads! 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	W 1-0
Fri 26	Brentwood Town (FAV Cup R1)		

Kenilworth Road, KO: 7.15pm

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

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LUTON TOWN IN THE COMMUNITY

FOUNDATION DEGREE COMMUNITY FOOTBALL COACHING AND DEVELOPMENT IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE EFL, USW AND LUTON TOWN FC COMMUNITY TRUST

Are you passionate about a career in the football industry?

Following on from our announcement last week for our plans for post 16+ football academies, the Trust are this week launching a new Foundation Degree in Community Football Coaching and Development for post 18+ students from September 2019, providing an opportunity to gain an industry-recognised coaching award while being affiliated to Luton Town.

This unique football coaching course has been designed in conjunction with the English Football League Trust (EFLT) to identify the type of skills and qualities that are required to work within professional football clubs' community departments, or national governing bodies in areas of growth such as social inclusion, community coaching and football development.

The Foundation Degree Community Football Coaching and Development will be based at the Trust's Ely Way training ground base, where lectures, seminars and tutorials will be delivered on site and via provided material, while the football coaching



course will allow students to study all sub disciplines of coaching and gain valuable industry recognised qualifications.

The course will teach aspects of generic children and youth coaching, football coaching, football development, social inclusion, and sports management skills. There will be further opportunity to apply your knowledge with an extensive work-based learning programme provided by the Trust, working within specific roles and projects across the Trust's diverse programme of activities.

Students will learn about youth coaching, football coaching, football development, social inclusion, and sports management skills based predominantly within the Trust, with a minimum of seven days per year at the USW Sport Park in Cardiff's state-of-the-art coaching and performance development centre.

Successful applicants will be enrolled as a student at the University of South Wales (USW) and have



access to a number of learning materials including an online library, blackboard and other learning materials, and will spend a time at the USW Sport Park to complete practical teaching.

Students will complete coaching (work based learning) that is managed through tutorials and a mentoring programme and in year two will complete up to 200 hours of coaching (work based learning) that is managed through weekly tutorials and a comprehensive mentoring programme.

The work based learning programme will be completed within the Trust alongside the opportunity to complete an FA Level 2 Football Coaching Certificate with opportunities to undertake additional vocational awards.

Entry criteria is the usual minimum L3 B-Tech or A-levels, but USW considers all applications on an

individual basis which means that we could make offers based on qualifications, personal profile and experience. Combinations of qualifications are acceptable and other qualifications may also be acceptable, but all applicants for the course need to be affiliated to Luton Town FC.

You can either apply for this course through UCAS www.ucas.com or apply to the University directly at www.southwales.ac.uk/apply. All applicants must also have Level 1 in football coaching or equivalent foundation-level football coaching qualification from a football National Governing Body.

If you are interested and would like further information about our planned open evening next month, please contact the Community Trust offices in the first instance by email at community@lutontown.co.uk

OCTOBER HALF-TERM SOCCER CAMPS

October half-term is almost here! If you are one of the 900+ hundred youngsters who attended our summer soccer camps then you will already know the format and how to book, and you will also probably have received all of the details of our soccer camps already.

However, if you've not tried a soccer camp before then why not come along during half-term? They are great fun, open to all abilities and run from 9.30am to 3.30pm each day. They are very competitively priced and represent great value.

There are lots of skills training and mini world cup tournaments, and of course, everyone receives the legendary LTFC free medal with the chance to meet first team players on presentation days plus a great match ticket deal!

Our courses run throughout the County from Bedford down to Luton and into North Herts, and

you can book online at lutontowncommunity.co.uk – or by giving us a call at the Community Office on **01582 561622** or text **07725 172345**, or email soccerschool@lutontown.co.uk for further information or to book a place.

We look forward to seeing everyone during half-term!





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They become interested and motivated to learn in a range of other areas and their involvement in football particularly, helps the children feel a sense of belonging and take a united approach to their education.

Being a Community Primary School, Stopsley holds the Hatters very close to its heart. Almost all of the pupils and staff are Luton Town supporters and this has led the school to develop a strong partnership with the club. By working together, the children who live in our town all benefit.

Stopsley Primary is working very closely with LTFC Community Trust and this is helping to create a partnership model that other local schools could gain from if they wish to.

Over 500 pupils attend the school situated on the eastern border of Luton. The school is currently looking in to joining up all of its pupils as Junior Hatters so that they can link closely with the youth side of the club.

Stopsley are proud to have many of their pupils represent LTFC youth sides and the children at the



school love their local football club. They love seeing the Luton Town displays around the corridors and they love the fact that they all support the local team together. It helps them achieve the school motto of... Inspiration – Aspiration – Excellence. Sport is a great outlet for children. In a challenging society to grow up in, where social media is rife, playing football gives the children those social experiences that everyone wants them to have. The club works hard to help Stopsley children see what great opportunities there are at Kenilworth Road.

The partnership between LTFC Community Trust and a local primary school is powerful. Having this partnership helps to pull the people of the town together. It gives local children a passion and a belief, and it shows the local families that both the club and the school really do care about what goes on and about the future.

It helps children achieve. It keeps sport at the heart of education and it keeps sport, and Luton Town Football Club, at the heart of our town.

For further information, please contact:

Miss Robyn Britten – PE Leader at Stopsley Community Primary School

Mr Richard Fordham – Headteacher at Stopsley Community Primary School

Mr James Hatch – Luton Town Football Club

HATTERS LADIES

BY DANIEL TAGG

Gillingham 5-4 Luton Town

Hatters fall just short after superb second half fight back

Luton Town Ladies' superb second half fight back was in vain as they lost their Women's National Plate tie 5-4 at Gillingham a week ago on Sunday.

Up against a side from the division above, the Hatters were boosted by the return of Rachel Kosky and Jessica McKay. The Gills put the pressure on from the word go, Erica Byron having to clear off the goal-line and Grace Stewart making a fine clearance, but a bizarre opener saw Gillingham move in front when a clearance cannoned back off attacker Sharna Giordani, flying fortuitously into the net.

Town bossed the next 25 minutes, McKay testing the keeper on multiple occasions. However, a devastating 15-minute spell from the home side appeared to kill the tie off as they scored three goals in quick succession from Breon Grant, Alice Bussey and Emma Sherwood.

That put them 4-0 in front at the break, with Luton seemingly just playing for pride. The second half began explosively, McKay pulling one just two minutes after the restart with an excellent finish.

Immediately afterwards, Gillingham restored their four-goal advantage thanks to an absolute screamer from Sammy Booker.

Luton's never-say-die attitude continued to shine, however, skipper Rachel Carter's accomplished side-foot finish making it 5-2. Then, after a brief period of calm, Town pulled another one back when McKay finished emphatically from a superb ball into the box from half-time substitute Olivia Abraham, following great skill by Aurora Ryan. While Gillingham were crumbling, Luton were visibly

invigorated, and piled on the pressure in search of more goals.

Dionne Manning came close, shooting just past the far post, but it was Ryan's turn to get on the scoresheet when she found the back of the net after being played through brilliantly by Abraham.

Just three minutes later, McKay almost completed both her hat-trick and the comeback in one when she dispossessed a Gills defender and fired just past the post.

Boss Nikki Baker said: "Any team who gives another a four-goal advantage is going to struggle. At half-time we had a choice to sit back and do damage limitation, or go for it.

"We changed shape slightly and shifted players around and it had an immediate impact. It wasn't quite enough in the end but huge credit to the girls for almost pulling it off. We hope we can take these last few performances into the league now and kick on."

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

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

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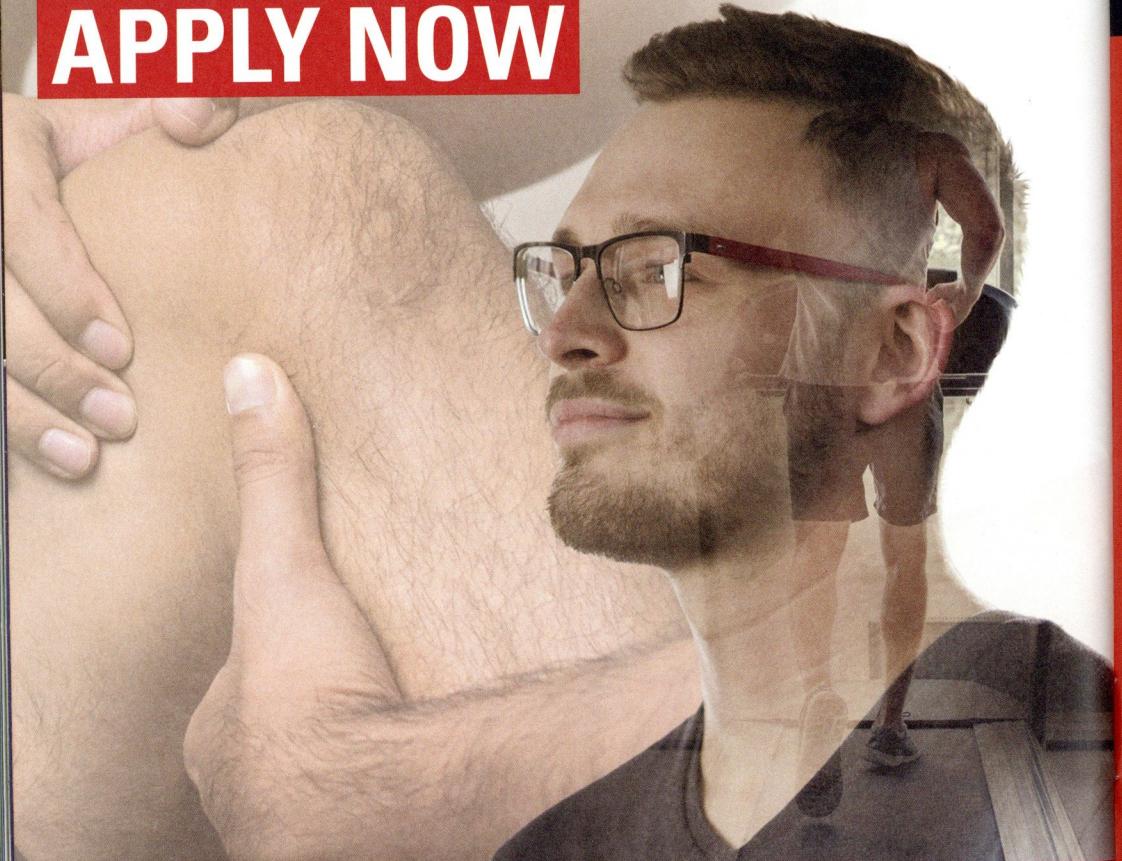
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1. LUALUA
2. JARVIS
3. RUTTER
4. SHEA
5. CORNICK
6. SENIOR
7. READ
8. HYLTON
9. BERRY
10. REA

SPOOKY ANAGRAMS

Halloween is fast approaching so we've scrambled up some spooky words for you. Can you unscramble all 6?

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2. CTRKI RO TERTA

3. ETSSEW

4. ASMK

5. MSCTUEO

6. MINKUPP

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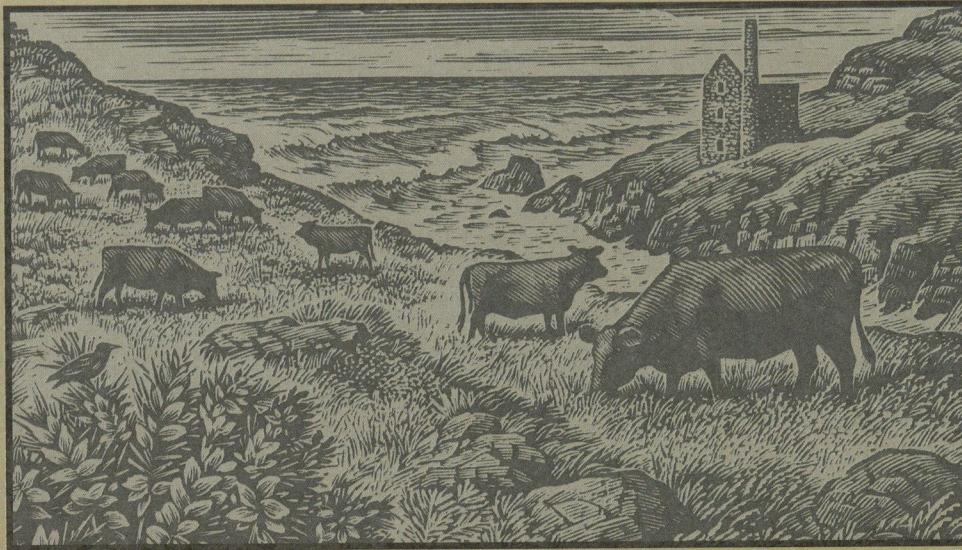
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Answers: Quick Quiz: Nathan Jones

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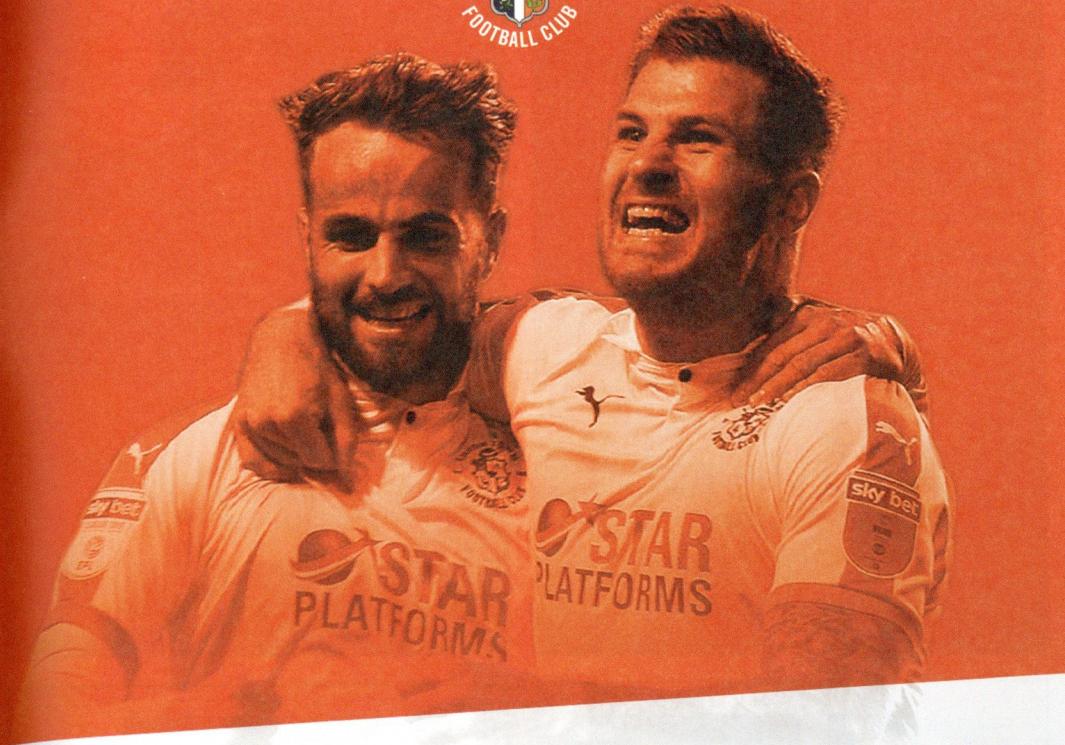
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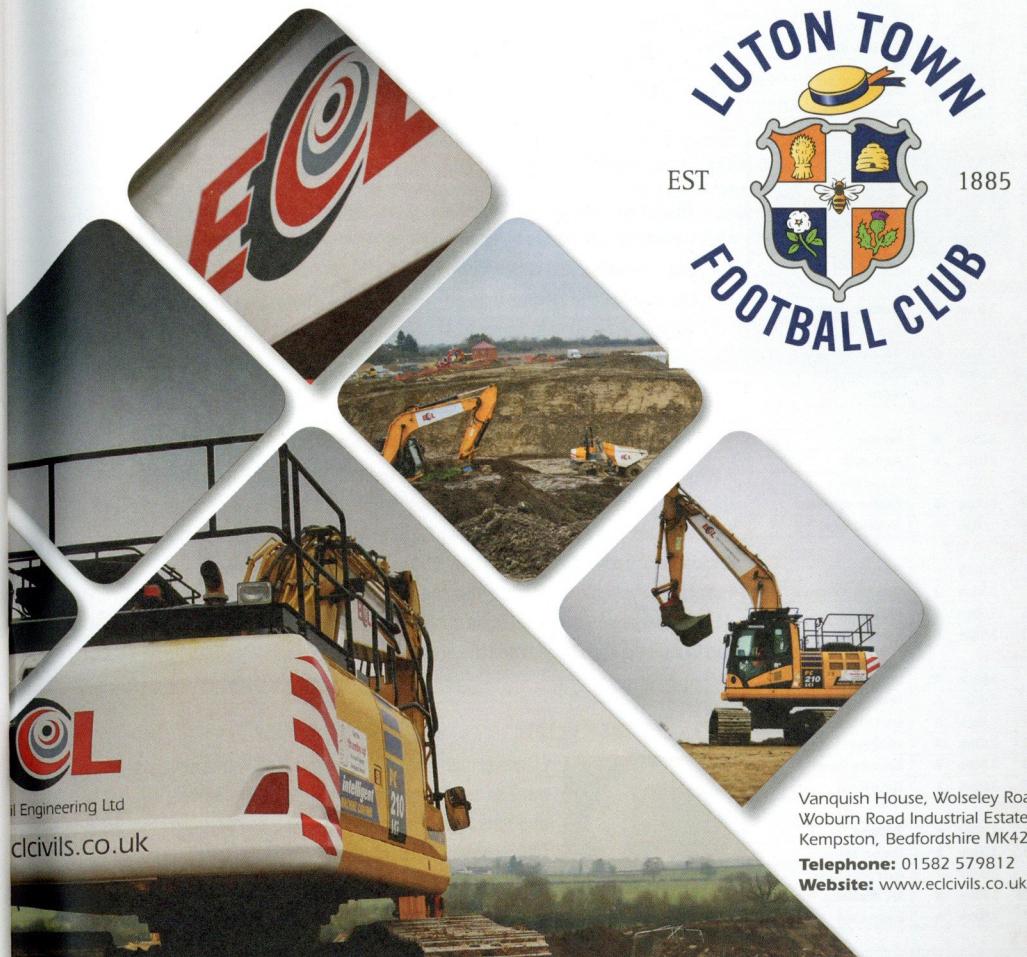
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AUGUST								
Sat 4	3.00pm	A	Portsmouth	L 0-1	19,018	2,392	21	Stech Justin Pearson Sheehan Potts McCormack
Sat 11	3.00pm	H	Sunderland	D 1-1	10,059	1,047	19	Stech Stacey Pearson Sheehan Potts McCormack
Tue 14	8.00pm	A	West Bromwich Albion (CC R1)	L 0-1	10,404	1,175	-	Shea Stacey Pearson Bradley Justin Rea
Sat 18	3.00pm	A	Peterborough United	L 1-3	8,016	2,209	22	Stech Stacey Pearson Bradley Sheehan McCormack
Tue 21	7.45pm	H	Southend United	W 2-0	9,086	916	15	Shea Stacey Pearson Bradley Potts Rea
Sat 25	3.00pm	H	Shrewsbury Town	W 3-2	8,518	379	10	Shea Stacey 1 Pearson Bradley Potts Rea
SEPTEMBER								
Sat 1	3.00pm	A	Wycombe Wanderers	D 1-1	6,072	1,702	9	Shea Stacey Pearson 1 Bradley Potts Rea
Tue 4	7.45pm	H	Brighton & Hove Albion U21 (CT)	W 2-1	1,318	44	-	Isted Justin Jones Sheehan Senior McCormack
Sat 8	3.00pm	A	Doncaster Rovers	L 2-1	7,526	1,013	11	Shea Stacey Pearson Bradley Potts Rea
Sat 15	3.00pm	H	Bristol Rovers	W 1-0	8,912	519	11	Shea Stacey Pearson Bradley Potts Rea
Sat 22	3.00pm	A	Blackpool	D 0-0	4,124	1,382	12	Shea Stacey Pearson Bradley Potts Rea
Sat 29	3.00pm	H	Charlton Athletic	D 2-2	9,502	1,032	12	Shea Stacey Pearson Bradley Potts Rea
OCTOBER								
Tue 2	7.45pm	A	Oxford United	W 2-1	6,769	1,171	10	Shea Stacey Pearson Bradley Potts 1 Rea
Sat 6	3.00pm	H	Scunthorpe United	W 3-2	8,682	432	8	Shea Stacey Pearson Bradley Potts 2 Rea
Tue 9	7.45	H	MC Don (CT)	W 3-0	875	208	-	Isted Justin Rea Sheehan McCormack
Sat 13	12.00pm	A	Barnsley	L 2-3	12,688	807	10	Shea Stacey Pearson Bradley Potts Rea
Sat 20	3.00pm	H	Walsall	W 2-0	8,953	504	7	Shea Stacey Pearson Bradley Potts 3 Rea
Tue 23	7.45pm	H	Accrington Stanley					
Sat 27	3.00pm	A	AFC Wimbledon					
NOVEMBER								
Sat 3	3.00pm	A	Rochdale					
Tue 13	7.45pm	A	Peterborough United (CT)					
Sat 17	3.00pm	H	Plymouth Argyle					
Sat 24	3.00pm	A	Gillingham					
Tue 27	7.45pm	H	Bradford City					
DECEMBER								
Sat 8	3.00pm	H	Fleetwood Town					
Sat 15	3.00pm	A	Coventry City					
Sat 22	3.00pm	H	Burton Albion					
Wed 26	3.00pm	A	Scunthorpe United					
Sat 29	3.00pm	A	Walsall					
JANUARY								
Tue 1	3.00pm	H	Barnsley					
Sat 5	3.00pm	H	Plymouth Argyle					
Sat 12	3.00pm	A	Sunderland					
Sat 19	3.00pm	H	Peterborough United					
Sat 26	3.00pm	A	Southend United					
FEBRUARY								
Sat 2	3.00pm	A	Shrewsbury Town					
Sat 9	3.00pm	H	Wycombe Wanderers					
Sat 16	3.00pm	A	Fleetwood Town					
Sat 23	3.00pm	H	Coventry City					
MARCH								
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Sat 13	3.00pm	A	Charlton Athletic					
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Sat 27	3.00pm	A	Burton Albion					
MAY								
Sat 4	5.30pm	H	Oxford United					

TONIGHT'S FIXTURES:

Blackpool v Scunthorpe United
 Bradford City v Coventry City
 Bristol Rovers v AFC Wimbledon
 Charlton Athletic v Oxford United
 Shrewsbury Town v Barnsley
 Southend United v Walsall
 Wycombe Wanderers v Rochdale

FA YOUTH CUP FIRST ROUND

A reminder that there is Friday night football under the lights at Kenilworth Road this week when the Hatters Under-18s host Brentwood Town in the first round of the FA Youth Cup. The game will kick-off at 7.15pm with admission to the Main Stand Enclosure priced at £3 for adults and £1 for concessions.

Tickets are available in advance from the LTFC Ticket Office (by phone on 01582 416976, in person or online) or via cash turnstiles on the night. Please get down if you can to support Iñigo Idiakiez and the boys!

JOHN WARNE



Lifelong Luton Town FC supporter John Warne sadly passed away on 1st October 2018 aged 83 years, leaving wife Sylvia and sons Jeremy and Mark. John, who was born in Luton, lived locally until moving to Norfolk in 1998 following his retirement from SKF in Sundon Park. After taking both sons to watch Luton Town as boys, youngest son Mark Warne is still a season ticket holder to this day!

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Mpanzu	Potts	Lee	Hylton 1	Collins ●	Rea ●	Shinnie ●	Grant ●	Justin	Cornick	Jervis Shea
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Mpanzu	Grant 1 ●	Shinnie	Hylton ●	Lee 1	Collins ●	Justin ●	Cornick	Jervis	Gambin	Sheehan Jones
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Grant 1 ●	Read	O'Kane ●	Cornick	Jarvis 1	Musonda ●	Rea ●	Neufville ●	James	Tomlinson	Richardson Stech
Mpanzu	Grant ●	Lee 1	Cornick	Collins ●	O'Kane ●	Jarvis	Justin	McCormack	Shinnie	Sheehan Isted
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Mpanzu	Grant	Cornick 1	Lee 1 ●	Collins	Justin 1 ●	Sheehan ●	McCormack	Shinnie	LuLu	Jarvis Isted
Read	LuLu	1 ●	Shinnie ●	Grant 1 ●	Jarvis	Peck ●	Neufville ●	Bradley	Stacey	Collins Shea
Mpanzu	Justin	Cornick	Grant ●	Collins 2	McCormack	LuLu	Hylton ●	Shinnie	Sheehan	Jarvis Isted
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LEAGUE TABLE 2018/19										
P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS			
1	Portsmouth	14	10	3	1	24	11	13	33	
2	Peterborough United	14	8	3	3	30	20	10	27	
3	Sunderland	13	7	5	1	26	13	13	26	
4	Accrington Stanley	14	7	5	2	18	13	5	26	
5	Barnsley	13	7	4	2	26	11	15	25	
6	Doncaster Rovers	14	7	4	3	24	19	5	25	
7	Luton Town	14	6	4	4	21	18	3	22	
8	Walsall	13	6	4	3	15	14	1	22	
9	Charlton Athletic	13	6	3	4	21	18	3	21	
10	Coventry City	14	6	3	5	13	14	-1	21	
11	Fleetwood Town	14	5	5	4	21	13	8	20	
12	Southend United	14	6	2	6	18	18	0	20	
13	Blackpool	12	4	7	1	14	9	5	19	
14	Burton Albion	13	5	2	6	16	17	-1	17	
15	Scunthorpe United	14	4	5	5	22	29	-7	17	
16	Rochdale	14	4	4	6	21	28	-7	16	
17	Wycombe Wanderers	14	3	6	5	17	21	-4	15	
18	Shrewsbury Town	14	2	6	6	11	15	-4	12	
19	Gillingham	13	3	3	7	18	25	-7	12	
20	Bristol Rovers	14	2	5	7	9	13	-4	11	
21	AFC Wimbledon	14	3	2	9	10	20	-10	11	
22	Oxford United	14	2	4	8	13	23	-10	10	
23	Bradford City	14	3	1	10	10	22	-12	10	
24	Plymouth Argyle	14	1	4	9	11	25	-14	7	
PLAYER STATS 2018/19										
THIS SEASON										
LEAGUE	CUP	TOTAL	DISP	LTFC CAREER TO 1						
APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	Y	R	APPS	GLS	
Luke Berry	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0 (1)	0	0	0	40	8	
Sonny Bradley	12 (1)	0	1 (0)	0	13 (1)	0	1	0	14	0
James Collins	12 (2)	4	0 (0)	0	12 (2)	4	2	0	59	24
Harry Cornick	5 (6)	2	2 (0)	0	7 (6)	2	0	0	54	7
Luke Gambin	0 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	0	0	38	3
Jorge Grant	11 (1)	2	2 (0)	2	13 (1)	4	1	0	14	4
Danny Hylton	5 (1)	2	0 (0)	0	5 (1)	2	0	0	96	52
Harry Isted	0 (0)	0	2 (0)	0	2 (0)	0	0	0	2	0
Jack James	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0	0	1	0
Aaron Jarvis	0 (1)	0	2 (0)	1	2 (1)	1	0	0	7	2
Jake Jervis	0 (2)	0	1 (0)	0	1 (2)	0	0	0	13	0
Lloyd Jones	0 (0)	0	1 (1)	0	1 (1)	0	0	0	3	0
James Justin	3 (8)	1	3 (0)	0	6 (8)	1	1	0	76	4
Elliot Lee	12 (0)	4	0 (1)	0	12 (1)	4	2	0	62	19
Kazenga LuLu	0 (3)	0	1 (0)	1	1 (3)	1	1	0	4	1
Alan McCormack	3 (1)	0	2 (0)	0	5 (1)	0	3	0	22	1
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	14 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	15 (0)	0	0	0	169	9
Frankie Musonda	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0	0	0	13	1
Josh Neufville	0 (0)	0	2 (0)	0	0 (2)	0	0	0	2	0
Eunan O'Kane	0 (3)	0	1 (0)	0	1 (3)	0				



FORMED: 2002 | **NICKNAME:** THE DONS, THE WOMBLES | **LAST SEASON:** 18TH IN LEAGUE ONE
FOLLOW THEM ON TWITTER: @AFCWIMBLEDON | **COLOURS:** BLUE | **GROUND:** KINGSMEADOW
MANAGER: NEAL ARDLEY

WHO?

The youngest side in the EFL, AFC Wimbledon's history is well known. Their climb from the nether-reaches of Non-League up to the EFL was impressive – promotion up from the Combined Counties League in 2002 to League One status by 2016. The club have now got permission to move to a new stadium next to their original home on Plough Lane, which they hope to be in by the start of next season. That will have a capacity of 11,000.

STADIUM - CHERRY RED RECORDS STADIUM

The Cherry Red Records Stadium or as it's also known, Kingsmeadow, was built in 1989, and was the home of Kingstonian. The Dons moved there after their inception, with Kingstonian moving out in 2017. Chelsea Women also use this venue, which has a capacity of 4,850, with half of that seating.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

The Hatters last played the Dons in October 2017 in the Checkatrade Trophy, when Andrew Shinnie bagged a brace in a 2-1 win for the Town. Of our ten meetings, the Hatters have won three, drawn three and lost four.

TRAVEL

The train journey down from Luton is a straight forward one, with the nearest tube stop Norbiton, with trains from Waterloo every 15 minutes. The drive from Luton is a bit of an awkward one – a 60-mile trip heading down the M25.

RESULTS SO FAR

The Dons suffered a fourth straight defeat, and sixth in seven matches, when they went down 2-0 at Blackpool on Saturday. Neal Ardley's men have failed to score in three of those last four, and currently sit in 21st position, one inside the relegation zone on goal difference below Bristol Rovers, who also have 11 points.

KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU

There are number of names familiar with both sides. Town striker Danny Hylton played for the Dons on loan from Rotherham United, before making a permanent move to Oxford United. Another striker, Jake Jervis, is currently on loan at Wimbledon from the Town, but is ineligible today under his loan agreement. James Shea joined the Hatters from them in the summer of 2017. Our current chief recruitment officer, and club legend, Mick Harford is the most famous player to appear for both clubs.

TICKETS

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



AFC WIMBLEDON

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

The Hatters' allocation of 749 tickets for this fixture have now sold out.



ROCHDALE

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

Tickets are now available to season ticket holders, who are able to purchase at two per person. 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.

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.



PETERBOROUGH UNITED

TUE 13TH NOVEMBER | 7.45PM | CHECKATRADE TROPHY

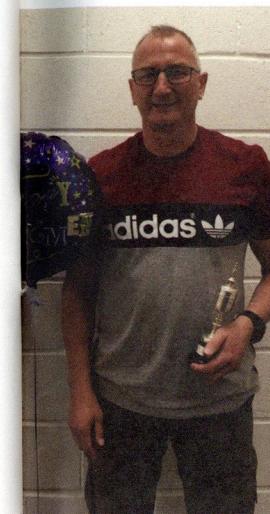
Information for this game will be released in due course.



PLYMOUTH ARGYLE

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

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



EX-HATTER BEAUMONT'S OFF BEAT!

The club was recently alerted to the news that Dave Beaumont, who enjoyed a spell at Kenilworth Road in the late 1980s, was shortly to retire from his position in the police force in Fife.

Naturally, the club sent a letter of best wishes as well as the requested photos of his playing days here in readiness for a 'This is your Life' event that was being staged by his police colleagues.

The event, it would appear, was a great success with Dave taking part in some go-karting, before his friends and colleagues surprised, and probably embarrassed, him with all manner of skeletons from the past.



David joined the Hatters from Dundee United in January 1989 and stepped straight into the side that beat West Ham away 3-0 in a Littlewoods Cup semi-final first leg. He became a mainstay in the heart of the Luton defence alongside Steve Foster over the next two years but, after losing his place in 1991/92, moved to Hibernian where he graced the Scottish Premier League for three more years.



HOLD THE BACK PAGE

BY JAMES CUNLIFFE #SAVEOURTOWN

I've never had it so good. Fourteen games into the League One season and I'm seriously enjoying the ride - win, lose or draw.

By way of an explanation, let me rewind. The first time anyone paid me to watch a Hatters match was in 2006 and the smelly brown stuff was starting to hit the fan.

I made my Kenilworth Road reporting debut in the 2-0 victory over QPR that came hot on the heels of former boss Mike Newell's bung claim controversy. The then Rs boss, Ian Holloway, had also been dragged, protesting, into the story, so you can imagine that the post-match experience was journalistic dynamite.

But sadly, for Luton as club, it got worse.

Newell eventually got the axe later that season after a sexism row and a rant at the board over where £9million had disappeared to from the sale of his stars. The cash question seemed reasonable then and, after what the club has been through since, even more so now.

From there, the walls came tumbling down and three short, miserable years later I was watching Town at Hayes and Yeading in the non-league.

Shortly after the defeat to York in the 2012 Conference play-off final I did a Dick Whittington to London for two years, so I even missed Andre Gray and co fire Town back to the Football League. My luck was most definitely out.

I was fortunate enough to return and, while it's always a privilege to sit in a press seat watching Luton, only last season was it almost all thrilling (damn those pesky Accrington Stanleys!)

And this campaign's escapades, so far, have shined a spotlight on why – apart from the obvious governing body-instigated near-death experience.

With the exception of the Nathan Jones era, the standard of football, for the best part of a decade, often left a lot to be desired. That's hindsight for you.

So, it really has been with some delight and surprise that, 11 years after my only previous experience of it, League One has been fabulous fare.

Southend didn't have a shot on target as they were beaten 2-0 at the Kenny earlier in the campaign, but they still came to play football. There was even an outbreak of the stuff at the hoofball heartlands of Wycombe.

Complete

Barnsley are the best team I've seen Town play in the league for many a year and, while it resulted in a 3-2 defeat, as a game of football, it was wonderful to watch.

Then there was Luton's most complete performance of the campaign so far, in Saturday's despatching of Walsall.

So, like I say, win lose or draw, I've never had it so good. I'm just enjoying the football.

Against Accrington tonight, I hope that continues and that, like the two clubs, the standard will also have graduated from the fourth-tier.

Sweet revenge wouldn't go amiss either.



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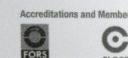
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TEAMS



Manager: NATHAN JONES

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

Manager: JOHN COLEMAN

- 1 Jonny MAXTED
- 2 Callum JOHNSON
- 3 Mark HUGHES
- 4 Michael IHIEKWE
- 5 Ben RICHARDS-EVERTON
- 6 Liam NOLAN
- 7 Jordan CLARK
- 8 Scott BROWN
- 9 Offrande ZANZALA
- 10 Connor HALL
- 11 Sean McCONVILLE
- 12 Danny WILLIAMS
- 14 Sam FINLEY
- 15 Ross SYKES
- 16 Will WOOD
- 17 Érico SOUSA
- 18 Harvey RODGERS
- 19 Andy MANGAN
- 20 Reagan OGLE
- 21 Zehn MOHAMMED
- 22 Piero MINGOIA
- 23 Andrew SCOTT
- 24 Nick ANDERTON
- 25 Matthew PLATT
- 26 Daniel BARLASER
- 27 Luke CHARMAN
- 28 Seamus CONNEELY
- 29 Billy KEE
- 30 Connor RIPLEY
- 34 Tony WARNER

MATCH OFFICIALS

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 PAUL LISTER

LISA RASHID
 PAUL YATES

NEXT HOME GAME:
PLYMOUTH ARGYLE
(SKY BET LEAGUE ONE)
Sat 17th Nov 2018 | KO: 3PM

