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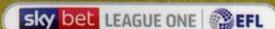
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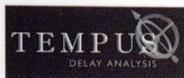
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Your vote matters MORE THAN EVER

Chief Executive **Erik Samuelson** urges every single member of the Dons Trust to vote in the election to fill the four vacant places on the Dons Trust Board.

Good afternoon and welcome to the officials, players and fans of Luton Town. In particular, I'd like to welcome Chairman David Wilkinson and CEO Gary Sweet, who have been good friends and given lots of help, both to me and to our club, since we first came across each other back in 2011, in what was then the Conference National League.

There is a Special General Meeting of the Dons Trust here at the Cherry Red Records Stadium at 7.30 pm on Thursday 8 November. These meetings are often sparsely attended, with something like a hundred out of approximately 3,150 current adult members at the better-attended events. Even allowing for the fact that a proportion of the membership don't live locally, these levels of attendance are disappointing, and despite many efforts to attract more attendees the numbers don't change much.

In contrast, there is no lack of interest among members about matters they consider to be crucial. For example, three years ago over 85% of the membership voted on the Restricted Action that needed to be passed to allow us to sell our current stadium, to help fund the new one. So when it really matters, the members do get involved (albeit mainly by voting online). This is reassuring because there is a further Restricted Action being voted on as I write, and if passed it will enable us to go ahead with a proposed crowdfunding initiative involving issuing new shares.

In recent years, low levels of membership involvement have extended to the elections for the Dons Trust Board (DTB), among both candidates and voters. Last year there were only five candidates for the five vacant positions on the board, and so there was no election – and that wasn't the first time this has happened. Two years ago, although there were enough candidates to warrant an election, the voter turnout was a very disappointing 27%. That was, in turn, a drop from the previous year's 38%, which at the time was the second-lowest ever.

It is difficult to be certain why interest has been so low in recent years, but I'm pleased to see that, in terms of the number of candidates standing, the trend has reversed this year. In this programme you will find brief summaries of the manifestos of twelve candidates who are competing for the four places that are available in this year's election. In my opinion, this increased

involvement is a welcome development. Wider interest in standing will hopefully also indicate wider and more active involvement by the members.

Obviously I will be voting for some of the candidates but, as an employee of the club who reports to the DTB, I am not allowed to state publicly who I am voting for. But I can say how important it is that as many members as possible vote. If you are a member of the Dons Trust, then I urge you to vote. It doesn't feel right – or even safe – to have a situation in which a candidate who stands for election automatically joins the board, or in which a candidate is elected by a mere one in four of those eligible to vote.

Of course, it is difficult for members to work out who to vote for from the short summaries of the manifestos in this programme, but the candidates' full (800-word) manifestos will be sent to members. Also, there will be an opportunity to talk to some of them at the Special General Meeting I mentioned earlier. I urge you

to take advantage of that opportunity, and also to talk to current and former members of the DTB, as well as the football club board. Come and talk to us, not for guidance on who to vote for, but for an insight into how the DTB works and what qualities a board member will need.

I will end by observing that we are about to move into a critical phase of our development as a club with the move back to Plough Lane. The consequent increase in the scope and scale of our activities offers us new challenges and risks, as well as massive opportunities, and the roles of the DTB members will be more important than ever as we navigate this transition period. So, please, take the time and trouble to vote and make sure that the DTB is representative of more than a mere 27% of the members.

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DONS IN THE CUP ON TV



Our first-round tie away to Haringey Borough has been selected for TV. It will take place on Friday 9 November, kick-off 7.55 pm, and will be televised on BBC. With Haringey Borough's Coles Park stadium situated close to White Hart Lane, the trip to North London will be a familiar one for Dons fans who have seen us take on Tottenham Hotspur in the past. Ticket information will be announced in due course.

PLAYER NEWS

Neşet Bellikli was out of contract in the summer, but continued to train with AFC Wimbledon while recovering from injury. He has recently joined Sutton Common Rovers, and we wish him all the best in his future career.

THE DONS DRAW

The winning numbers in this month's Dons Draw were drawn on 16 October in the presence of David Charles (Operations Director), Mat Haylock (Retail Manager) and Lauren Westal (Office Administrator).

The top three prizewinners were:

- 1st prize of £1,000: Karen Scott (ticket 3434)
- 2nd prize of £500: Erik De Turkheim (ticket 4156)
- 3rd prize of £250: Craig Roper (ticket 2071)

The first of the three winners of the weekly prizes of £100 is Michael Murphy. Congratulations to all four winners.

The deadline for new entrants to the November draw is 8.00 pm this Wednesday, 31 October. You can sign up for the draw online by visiting donsdraw.co.uk. If you would like to increase your chances of winning by buying additional tickets, then email donsdraw@thedonstrust.org.

SURREY SENIOR CUP

This Tuesday, 30 October, our U23 Development Squad play Dorking Wanderers in the first round of the Specsavers Surrey Senior Cup at Meadowbank Stadium, Mill Lane, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 1DX. Kick-off is at 7.45 pm, and the admission prices are £10 for adults, £7 for concessions and £1 for under-18s.

REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY NEXT SATURDAY

To mark the centenary of the end of World War I, we have teamed up with the Royal British Legion for our home match against Shrewsbury Town next Saturday, 3 November.

Before, during and after the match, volunteer poppy sellers will be collecting for the Royal British Legion. The Last Post will be played before the Dons take on the Shrews.

From 8.30 pm on the evening after the game, the Surrey Royal British Legion will be hosting a fundraising event in Your Golf Travel Bar. There will be a raffle and a live rock and roll band. Admission is £10 for adults (free for under-16s). You can buy a ticket by ringing the Surrey Royal British Legion on 07832 291668 or emailing chessingtonrbl.branch@gmail.com. Tickets can also be bought in person from the club: call in at the ticket office and ask for Pietro Palladino (9.30 am to 5.00 pm, Monday to Friday).



LOTS OF NEW ARRIVALS IN THE CLUB SHOP

The club shop is gearing up for Christmas, with many new items now on sale, including a brand new babywear range (one of the new bodysuits is perfectly modelled by Thomas

Deacons in this photo with his dad, Stuart), a new chunky cable-knit scarf measuring a whopping 1.7 metres long, mini-footballs for the kids, beach towels for those winter getaways and even AFC Wimbledon gift wrap!

In the coming weeks prepare yourself for a new Haydon range (including updated kit!), a new golf range, two new Christmas jumper designs and some gift sets – all to make Christmas shopping for your Dons-mad friends and family a doddle!



GOLDEN GOALS

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The first goal in the match against *Portsmouth (Match 007)* was scored by player 6 in minute 24 and wins the ticket holder £100. The second prize of £25 goes to the holder of the ticket for player 7, minute 31. Neither prize has been claimed so far.

For the *Scunthorpe* game (*Match 004*), as the holder of the ticket for the first prize did not come forward by the deadline, the holders of tickets for any scorer, between minutes 6 and 10, have a chance of winning the first prize of £100. The deadline for contacting us, if you have one of these tickets, is tomorrow, 28 October.

Similarly, holders of tickets for any scorer from minutes 18 to 22 for the *Oxford* game (*Match 005*), or for any scorer from minutes 43 to 47 for the *Bradford* game (*Match 006*), should contact us by 13 November.

Please email fundraising@thedonstrust.org if you have one of these tickets. Alternatively, present your ticket at the Dons Trust kiosk or to the Golden Goals organisers at home games between now and the appropriate deadline.

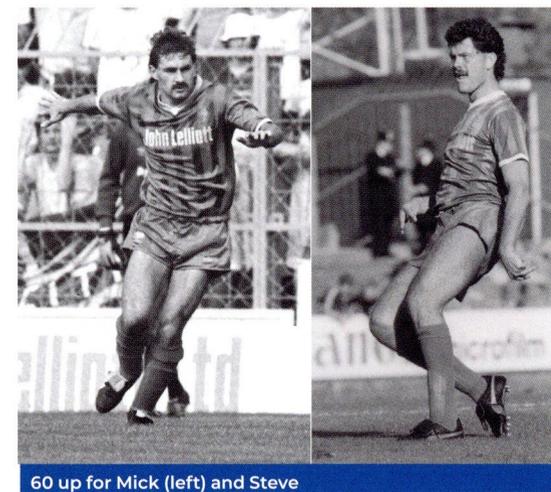
For any prizes not yet claimed, the holder of the ticket should claim by following the instructions on the reverse of their ticket, or visit thedonstrust.org/golden-goals. A list of unclaimed prizes is given there.

Remember: for every game, if you have a ticket close to a winning time, hold on to it in case the prize is not claimed – you may be in with a chance of winning that prize at a later date.

CALLING SOUTHERN WOMBLES!

Mark Sturges has formed the SWSG (Southern Wombles Supporters Group) for any Dons fans who live on or near the south coast who might like to socialise and travel to home and away games together. Get in touch with Mark via twitter [@dawgwithabone](https://twitter.com/dawgwithabone) or [@mpbazz](https://twitter.com/mpbazz) and join in the fun!

BIRTHDAY BOYS



60 up for Mick (left) and Steve

Happy 60th birthday from all at AFC Wimbledon to former Dons Steve Hatter and Mick Smith. Steve celebrated his 60th birthday last Sunday, and Mick turns 60 tomorrow. Steve made 84 league appearances, scoring four goals, in his three seasons at Plough Lane - which included two promotions. Mick's career with us spanned all four divisions: he made well over 200 appearances, though few of those were in the top flight, because of injury.

STUART'S INJURY NOTES

Andy Barcham injured his calf in the match against Portsmouth and he's likely to miss today's match. He's currently running and completing rehabilitation exercises to strengthen his calf. Once he completes full, functional football-based sessions with no adverse reaction, he will join in training with the first team.

Tyler Garratt has injured a small ligament at the back of his knee. He too is running to maintain his cardiovascular capacity, but he's unable to fully strike the ball without discomfort. **Anthony Wordworth** has been suffering with an Achilles problem and has been given a course of shockwave therapy to help resolve his symptoms. Unfortunately today is too soon for either of these players to feature, but I'm hopeful that they will be fit for the Shrewsbury game next weekend.



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I BELIEVE WE CAN DO IT

Manager **Neal Ardley** looks back on his hardest six weeks in his six years at the club. Despite the recent poor run of results, he remains confident that things will get better.

Good afternoon and welcome to Nathan Jones and everyone associated with Luton Town football club. And welcome in particular to James Shea, who was a brilliant acquisition for our club and a fantastic lad too. Luton have settled into League One very well and continue to progress on and off the field. As always in this league, we know how difficult every game is.

The last six weeks have been the toughest of my six years at our club. To see a team play so well early in the season and not get the results was tough, but we had positives to work with.

It's no consolation that we've lost nine points thanks to errors by officials – and we've had that officially confirmed. It goes without saying that those nine extra points would have made a huge difference to our league position and to our confidence. People always say that this kind of thing evens itself out, but I don't see us getting much back through errors working in our favour.

So why are we losing games? The answer is simple. So far this season, in all games our average stats compared to the opposition are in our favour when it comes to clear-cut chances and expected goals* – normally an indicator of success. However, the most important stats, as we all know, are goals scored and goals conceded, and this is the problem.

Now, I said that finding out the reason is simple – those stats don't lie – but turning them round is somewhat

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I WILL GIVE EVERY LAST BREATH TO GAIN ANY POINT WE CAN TO PUT SMILES BACK ON YOUR FACES

harder. Repetitive work and coaching is the only way to attempt to solve the issues we face, and sometimes with Saturday and Tuesday games that's hard. But it's important that you all know that we're all fighting for the club and fighting for the margins that can turn our form around. I believe we can do it, and I ask you to help the players as they try to get there.

Our results haven't been good enough, and I take full responsibility for that. But I will give every last breath to gain any point we can to put smiles back on your faces and send you home happy on Saturday afternoons.

Enjoy the game.

* Expected goals is a stat that measures the quality of a shot based on several variables such as assist type, shot angle and distance from goal, whether it was a headed shot and whether it was defined as a "big chance". Adding up a player or team's expected goals can give an indication of how many goals a player or team should have scored on average, given the shots they have taken.



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MARTIN SADDLES UP

Former Norwich City defender Russell Martin has joined Walsall as player-coach until the end of the season. Martin became a free agent when his nine-year stay at Carrow Road ended in August, his contract being terminated by mutual consent. The 32-year-old, capped 29 times by Scotland and loaned to Rangers earlier in 2018, was on trial at West Bromwich Albion last month but was not offered a deal. Saddlers manager Dean Keates, who played alongside Martin while at Peterborough, then moved quickly to add experience to his back four.



"COP THAT" SAYS JAMES

He may be 37, but James Coppinger still loves life at Doncaster Rovers, having nailed down an attacking slot in manager Grant McCann's new-look 4-3-3 formation. A fortnight ago he provided all three assists in Rovers' 3-2 win at Rochdale. The veteran forward, now in his 15th season with the Yorkshire club, is realistic about his best position: "I'm fit, but I'm not that fit to play in the midfield three. For me it's good to create things and make a difference."



OBIKA OUT OF ACTION

Oxford United striker Jon Obika may miss the remainder of 2018/19 after damaging his anterior cruciate ligament in a behind-closed-doors U23 friendly against his former club, Swindon Town, ten days ago. The 28-year-old is out of contract at the end of this season, but U's head coach Karl Robinson offered him these reassuring words: "We'll take full control of his medical care and make sure he gets fully fit as we owe it to him, and we wish him well with the operation."



CANDID KAMARA?

Sunderland have been linked with a January transfer swoop for Dundee midfielder Glen Kamara. The Finnish international of Sierra Leonean descent, who had loan spells at Southend United and Colchester United during his Arsenal days, can discuss a pre-contract with interested parties in the New Year, when he will be in the final six months of his contract with Dundee. Black Cats manager Jack Ross, who has already dispatched scouts north of the border, is reported to be facing competition from Celtic and Bayer Leverkusen.



NASH FLIES TO CONCORD

Gillingham striker Liam Nash has joined National League South outfit Concord Rangers on a month's loan and will make his debut for Sammy Moore's Beachboys at Weston-super-Mare this afternoon. Nash signed for the Gills from Maldon & Tiptree, for whom he scored 33 goals in 44 games. But he has found the step up to League One difficult so far, failing to find the net in 15 appearances, ten of which have been as a substitute, and he has already had loan spells with both Leatherhead and Dulwich Hamlet.



"YOBBIISH" ARGYLE

Plymouth Argyle manager Derek Adams criticised a "yobbish" minority of the Green Army after Argyle lost 3-2 at home to Burton Albion at Home Park last Saturday - the Devon club's 10th defeat in their last 14 matches. The Scotsman stated that he has no intention of resigning, but added: "I'll continue to work hard, but if we're going to come into an atmosphere that's poisonous, then what's the point? Some of the supporters are showing a real lack of class in my view."



HAYDON'S PAGE



HI DONS FANS!

You can now book for this year's Junior Dons Christmas Party. An advert with all the details about the party is on page 15 of this programme, and you can also find information on how to book at thedonstrust.org. I love the Christmas party, where I can meet the players and dance and play games – and I hope to see lots of you there. Come on you Dons!

Haydon the Womble

JOIN THE JUNIOR DONS!

If you would like to become a Junior Don, receive newsletters, birthday cards and Christmas cards, have your birthday appear on this page, and have the chance to go on a stadium tour and meet the players, please have a look at the Dons Trust website (thedonstrust.org/join-the-trust) for more information, or call in at the Dons Trust Kiosk on a match day.

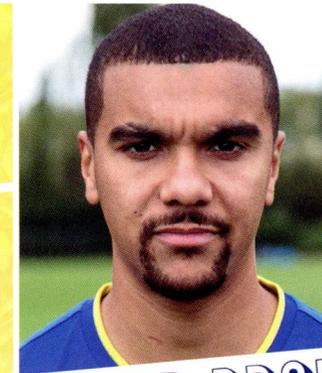
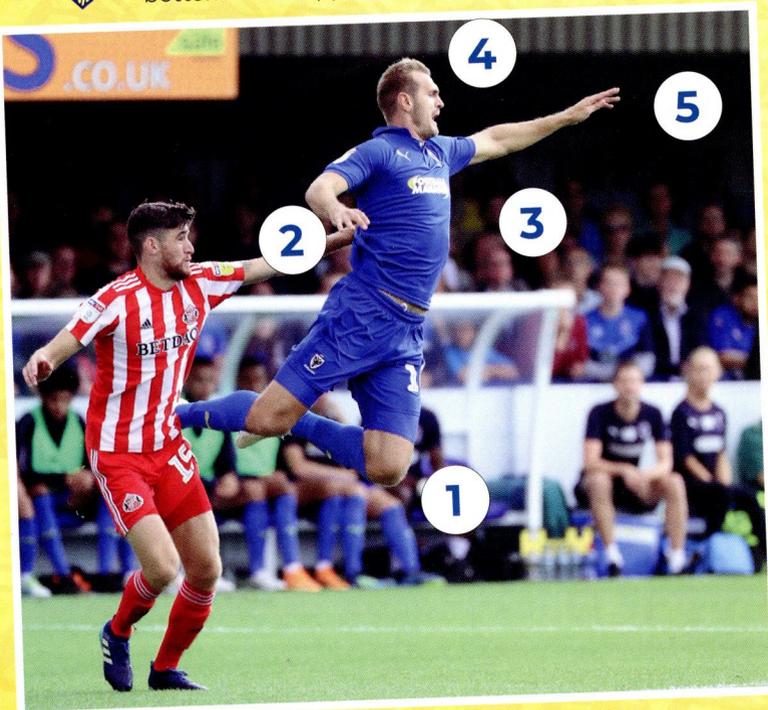


This great photograph of me with Tyler (aged 7) was taken at the Walsall game in August. Please keep sending me your photographs so I can share them with you on this page. Email them to Haydon@afcwimbledon.co.uk.

SPOT THE BALL



Here's a photo of a game from last season – but I've taken the ball away! Can you guess which numbered position the ball should be in? The answer is at the bottom of the opposite page.



PLAYER PROFILE

KWESI APPIAH

Thank you to everyone who sent me questions to ask the players this season. This week I spoke to Kwesi Appiah and asked him your questions. Here are his answers:

What are your squad number and position?
9, striker.

Which other clubs have you played for?
Crystal Palace and Margate.

What is your pre-match preparation?
Sleep, eat and rest up.

What do you do to relax? Watch films.

What do you like most about being at Wimbledon?
The togetherness.

How many followers do you have on Twitter or Instagram? 20,000.

Who do you room with on away trips?
Deji Oshilaja.

What was your favourite children's TV programme?
Tom and Jerry cartoons.

What was your favourite toy when you were a child?
A Sega Mega Drive.

Which football team do you support?
Arsenal.

Who is your all-time favourite player?
Thierry Henry.

How often do you train, and what's your favourite training exercise?
Every day, and I like the small-sided games (5 v 5).

On average, what distance do you cover during a game? 10 km.

What's your message for the Junior Dons?
Work hard and stay humble.

FIND THE NAMES

In the grid below I've hidden the names of some of our midfield players. The names can run in any direction: up, down, across or diagonally – and even backwards! Can you find them all?

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- BARCHAM
- HARTIGAN
- PINNOCK
- SOARES
- TROTTER
- WAGSTAFF
- WORDSWORTH

JUNIOR DONS' BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations and happy birthday to all the Junior Dons whose birthday is in the second part of October. I hope you all have a great day!

- William Marchant
- Macie Downs
- 14
- 13
- Edward Coles
- Eva Campbell
- 8
- 4
- Willis Koomson
- Elijah Handyside
- 10
- 7
- Jonas Bolton
- Max Holland
- 12
- 12
- Joseph Marshall
- Reuben Neilan
- 13
- 11
- Paris Lock
- Austin Coulber
- 14
- 9
- Joseph Whaley
- Kieran Hagan
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- Oscar Jones
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- Finley Robbins
- Ella Browne
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TODAY'S MASCOTS

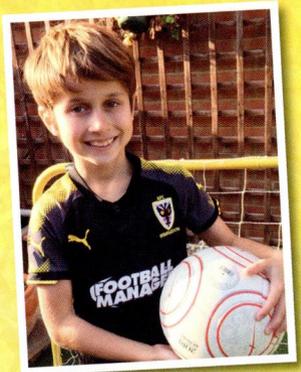
MATTHEW HARRIS



Matthew is 10 years old. He lives in Frome, Somerset, and comes to games with his dad. His current favourite AFC Wimbledon player is Andy Barcham, and his all-time favourite is Lyle Taylor.

Matthew plays for Frome Town Robins, and his favourite position is on the left wing. He's recently been selected to represent Somerset in their U10 county tennis team, so hopefully he might get to play at more than one Wimbledon in the future!

He lists his hobbies as tennis, swimming, reading, playing *Fifa* – and obviously football too! He predicts a 2-1 win for the Dons this afternoon.



RUBY SYTHES

Ruby is 8 years old. She lives in Enfield and comes to games with her dad. Her favourite player is Andy Barcham, and she enjoys music, acting and dancing.



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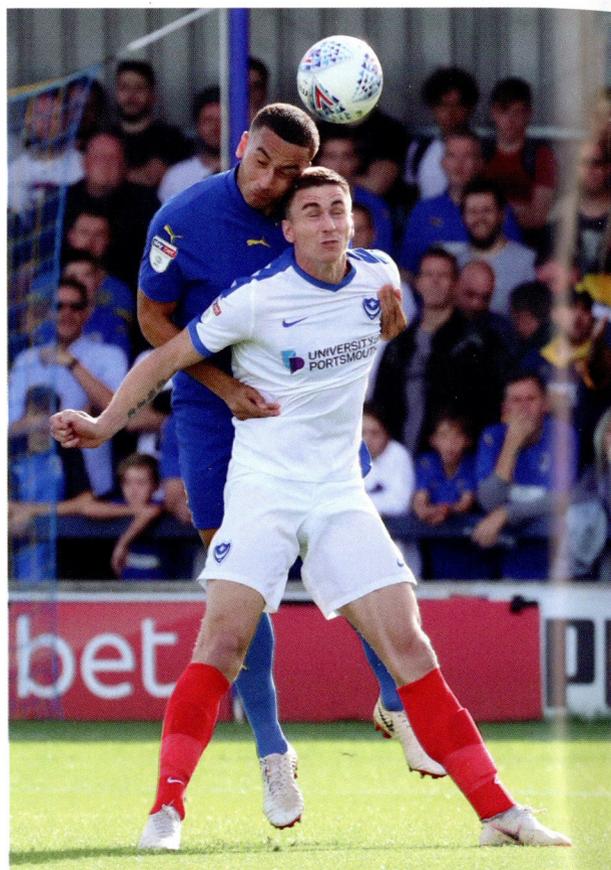
SATURDAY 13 OCTOBER 2018 > VENUE: THE CHERRY RED RECORDS STADIUM
ATTENDANCE: 4,569 > REFEREE: LEE PROBERT > MAN OF THE MATCH: JOE McDONNELL



UNUSED SUBSTITUTES

DONS: King, Pinnock, Sibbick, Egan
POMPEY: McGee, Burgess, Mason, Dennis

DONS	MATCH STATS	POMPEY
49%	possession	51%
7	shots on target	8
8	shots off target	9
0	offsides	1
4	corners	10
6	fouls conceded	7
1	yellow cards	2
0	red cards	0



Rod McDonald and Ollie Hawkins are both up for it



James Hanson has just struck the Dons' goal

"THE FIRST HALF WAS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE. IT WASN'T A WIMBLEDON TEAM, IT WASN'T A WIMBLEDON PERFORMANCE. I'M A WIMBLEDON BOY AND I KNOW WHAT THESE FANS WANT, AND WE DIDN'T DELIVER AT ALL."

NEAL ARDLEY

"THEY BROUGHT THE THREE SUBS ON AND GOT SOME MOMENTUM, ALTHOUGH WE FOUND A WAY OF SEEING IT THROUGH IN THE LAST HALF-HOUR. WE DID WELL TO COME THROUGH THE PRESSURE WIMBLEDON PUT ON US."

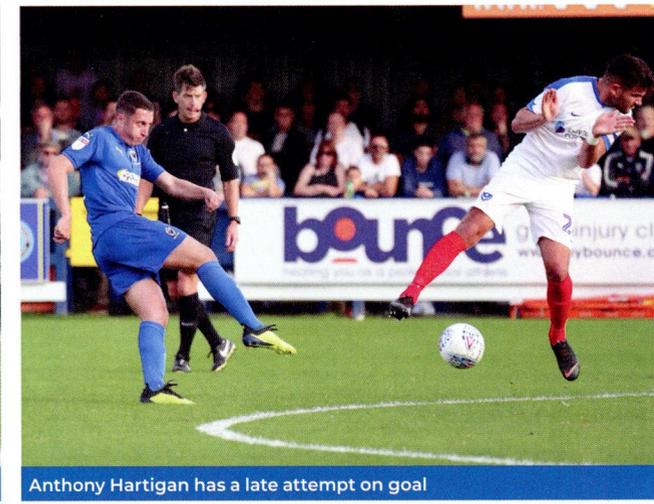
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Kwesi Appiah tees up a shot



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SATURDAY 20 OCTOBER 2018 > VENUE: BLOOMFIELD ROAD

ATTENDANCE: 3,246 > REFEREE: ANTHONY BACKHOUSE > MAN OF THE MATCH: SCOTT WAGSTAFF



UNUSED SUBSTITUTES

SEASIDERS: Cullen, Boney, McLaughlin, O'Sullivan
DONS: King, Watson, Thomas, Egan

SEASIDERS	MATCH STATS	DONS
50%	possession	50%
3	shots on target	7
4	shots off target	9
1	offside	1
4	corners	4
11	fouls conceded	17
0	yellow cards	2
0	red cards	0



Callum Guy watches as Deji Oshilaja heads clear



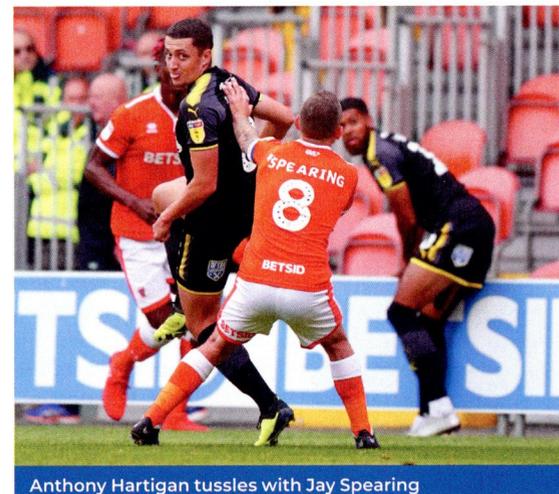
James Hanson and Curtis Tilt in aerial competition

"IT WAS A MASSIVE WIN AND A CLEAN SHEET. WE WERE CLINICAL TODAY. IT WAS A GAME OF FEW CHANCES AT EITHER END. I THOUGHT WE HAD THE BETTER CHANCES, EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE ALWAYS KNOCKING ON THE DOOR."

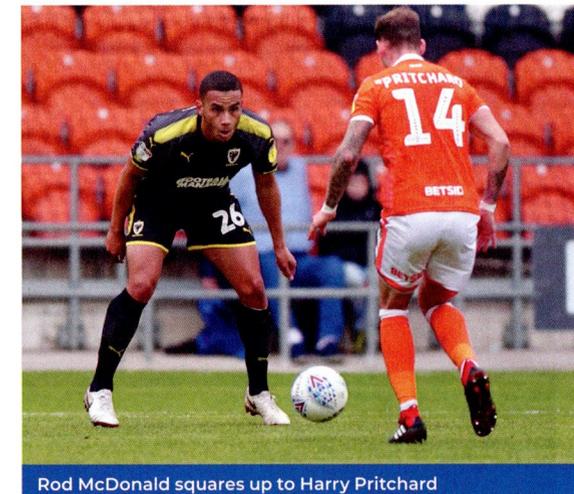
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"I THOUGHT FOR MOST OF THE GAME THE BOYS GAVE EVERYTHING I ASKED OF THEM. THEY WERE ENERGETIC, WORKED INCREDIBLY HARD AND GOT INTO SOME GREAT POSITIONS, BUT AS I ALWAYS SAY, THE GAME IS ABOUT THE BOXES."

NEAL ARDLEY



Anthony Hartigan tussles with Jay Spearing



Rod McDonald squares up to Harry Pritchard



Tom Soares foils Armand Gnanouillet



A LOOK

BEHIND THE SCENES

Dons Trust Board member **Roger Evans** gives us an insight into how the Trust operates and the range of its responsibilities.

The Dons Trust Board (DTB) has nine members, elected by Dons Trust members for a period of two years. Four positions become vacant one year, and five the next. Individuals can also be co-opted as members of the DTB to take advantage of particular skills. We currently have one co-opted member, giving a young adult's perspective.

The DTB meets in full once a month, and the minutes are published on the DT's website, thedonstrust.org. The Football Club Board is accountable to the DTB. The meetings cover all the club's activities, and there are reports from the Chief Executive (CEO), Erik Samuelson, and Chief Operating Officer (COO), Joe Palmer, which cover the club's financial position, football matters, the new stadium, and commercial and operational issues. The CEO and COO attend the first part of the meeting and leave before we discuss wider issues. Each year the DTB sets the budget and agrees ticket pricing. The meetings are lengthy, lasting about three hours.

The DTB also receives reports on volunteering, the Foundation, the Ladies & Girls Section, the Academy and safeguarding. The volunteers who head up this valuable work attend DTB meetings from time to time, to brief us. Additionally, there are a wide range of issues to address such as matchday catering, the bars, and any individual fan's (mis)behaviour.

During the six years I have been on the DTB, we have tackled some big issues. These take up a lot of DTB members' time, but are fundamental to the club. As well as the construction and operation of the new stadium, there have been Back In Two Ticks, the ticketing (CRM) system and recruiting the COO, and

currently there is the Restricted Action for a share issue – if you haven't already voted on this, make sure you do!

We have five working groups: Oversight, Strategy & Organisation, Stadium, Engagement & Communications, and Operations. Each DTB member belongs to at least one of these working groups. Each group meets informally and reports back to DTB meetings. Groups look at issues in depth but do not have powers to make decisions – the full DTB does that. One of our members is responsible for overseeing finances.

There are various roles that DTB members take turns to fill several times each season. These are staffing the Dons Trust kiosk on match days, hosting away directors, and representing the club in the boardroom at away matches (a great way to inform others of our unique club). The DTB maintains a close interest in Supporters Direct, and sends representatives to their meetings. There are annual events we support, notably the Junior Dons Christmas Party and attending a Remembrance Day event.

Behind the scenes there is a huge amount of support work done by volunteers who are not DTB members. The secretariat of the DTB devotes time to agendas, minutes, etc. There are now over 3,000 Dons Trust members, and the work associated with maintaining the membership database and issuing membership cards each year is huge. There is not the space here to mention all the volunteers who are essential to the functioning of the club and the Trust. You are all much appreciated. You know who you are!

Despite the time demands, it is a great privilege to be elected to and to serve on the Dons Trust Board.



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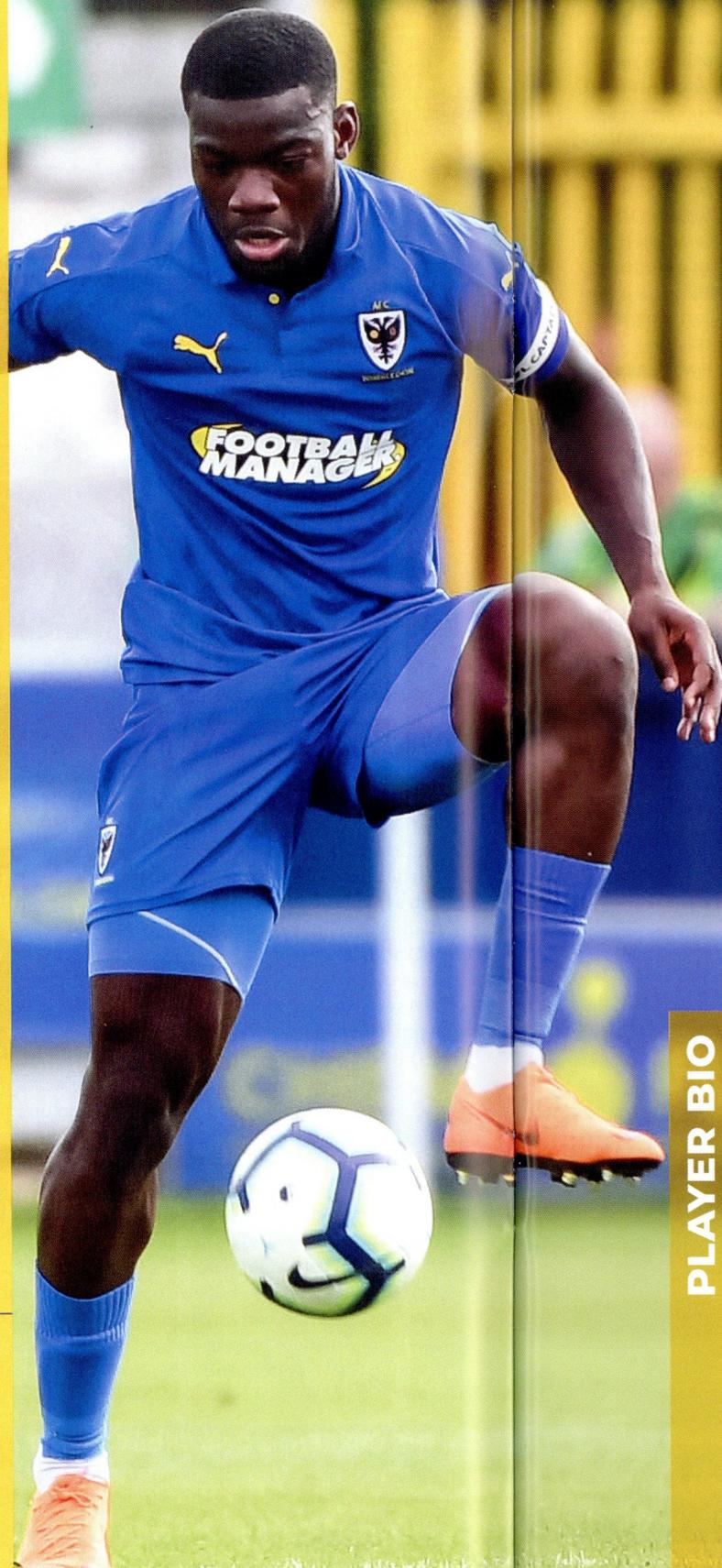
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PROUD TO BE *the captain* OF THE DONS

Deji Oshilaja's determined performances this season have already earned him two Man of the Match accolades. As captain for 2018/19, he is enjoying the experience, "leading by example", but he is well aware of the responsibility that comes with the role. He is proud to be the latest in a line of captains, succeeding Barry Fuller. And the man who was our Player of the Year last season is genuinely optimistic, believing that the squad can put the current poor run of form behind them and climb back up the League One table.



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PLAYER BIO

Born 16 July 1993, Bermondsey. At age 16 he joined Cardiff's academy, then managed by Neal Ardley, and in 2012 made the first of three first-team appearances. After loan spells at Newport County and Sheffield Wednesday, he came to the Dons on loan in January 2015 and was ever-present until the end of the season, winning the Young Player of the Year Award. Had two loan spells at Gillingham in 2015/16 and a season-long loan in 2016/17, appearing over 50 times for the Kent club. Signed for the Dons permanently in summer 2017. Was made captain at the start of this season and has now made 84 starts in all.

Arriving for a PSF at Boreham Wood



Deji Oshilaja came through a testing start to his professional career with flying colours, and now as AFC Wimbledon's captain he's determined to lead the Dons through a difficult spell. It was perhaps a case of sink or swim for Deji on 5 January 2013 when he was handed just his second appearance for Cardiff City in an FA Cup tie at Macclesfield Town. Though the match ended in despair for the Bluebirds as they were dumped out of the competition by a non-league club, Deji's courageous performance at the back earned praise from then Cardiff manager Malky Mackay. His dogged display helped earn him a new contract at the South Wales club, further convincing the doubters who thought he was too small to make it as a centre-back.

"As I'm not the tallest, I've always felt I had to play with my mind and read the game better than other defenders," Deji told us earlier this week. "Taller defenders can do it a certain way, but I've had to be clever and put myself in a position where I'm favourite for the ball. I've always been like that as a defender, and after the Macclesfield game the manager gave me a lot of praise. I felt I'd played well, and the manager told me afterwards that he thought so too. I was offered a new contract not long after that. The manager had obviously seen bits of me in training, but I think he was very impressed with the physicality I showed against a physical non-league team.

"Every opportunity I got to play, I was determined to take it. I'd just switched from playing at full-back, and I'd played centre-

back for that game against Macclesfield. It was against two very physical strikers, and I dealt with them well. We lost the game, but on a personal note it was a good performance from me. I've always had to prove myself as a defender due to my size, but it doesn't faze me at all. I like challenges and the physical part of the game. I've always aimed to prove people wrong!

"I had a very long contract there, a five-year deal at one point. I did well when I went out on loan, but Cardiff always spent millions on bringing in new players. The toughest times came when I felt I was doing well, but I wasn't playing. That's football, and you have to take the good times with the bad times. I try not to beat myself up about the bad times because I know that good times can always be around the corner."

Deji was attracting interest from other clubs at the start of this season, but he feels that his displays have shown his commitment to the Wimbledon cause, and that he is privileged to follow in the footsteps of the club's past iconic captains.

"In every game I've played here, I think the fans can see that I'm dedicated to the club. Giving my all is something I pride myself in. I wear my heart on my sleeve. I don't go out onto the pitch and play half-heartedly – I've never done that. There was interest in me, but I dealt with the situation. My main concern now is to help the team as much as I can to climb back up the table. You never know what the future holds, but I'm completely focused on Wimbledon.

Bringing out the ball at Gillingham



"I have a big responsibility as captain, and I genuinely believe that we can get ourselves out of the position we're in: we have enough quality, the right temperament, and everyone wants to do well. If we work together, the results will change. Of course I'd be happier if we had more points on the board, and that's something I believe our performances have deserved.

"It's a massive achievement for me to be captain here. This is a club with a great history, and I'm proud to be captain. To be a successor to some of the players who've captained the club in the past is a great honour. Look back at players like Vinnie Jones, who was a great character, and, more recently, Barry Fuller. They are players I can look up to, and aspire to match what they achieved.

"Obviously, I've got my own way of leading the team. I try to lead by example and let my team-mates feed off my energy. The main priority is to help the team to pick up points, and I'm sure we can do that.

"I think I earned a lot of respect last season. The boys took to me because of how well I was playing. They don't really treat me any differently now, but I have more of a focus. I get asked for advice a bit more now, whereas previously the players would have gone to Barry Fuller. Last season I tried to be a leader anyway, it's just that I'm wearing the armband this season. When we discuss things everyone chips in when they can, but I'm now the focal point for the boys if they want to get stuff across to the staff."

Despite being offered scholarships at the age of 16 by Millwall and Brentford, Deji chose to continue with his studies at St Francis Xavier College in Clapham, where

his favourite subject was science, but less than a year later, Cardiff City came calling – and Neal Ardley helped to relaunch his career.

"I was a winger when I was at college. I was with the Millwall Community Scheme – and I'm actually now on a board there, which includes players who made it into the professional ranks after coming through the programme. I had offers from clubs, but I wanted to go to college at that time. But after I'd been at college for a year, I thought, 'I can't do college any more!'

"I had a spell on trial at Cambridge United, where there was the option of going through a college programme. I played in a tournament in France as a striker and I managed to score a winning goal! Virgil van Dijk was playing in it for Groningen. I was going to sign for Cambridge through the college programme and I attended an open day, where a coach from Cardiff spotted me playing. I decided that Cardiff would be the best option for me. I knew then that I wanted to be a footballer, and I was very focused on achieving that.

"I'd always lived in London, as part of a close-knit family, but then I left for South Wales. Even when I was living in London, I was always the type to be a bit independent. I lived in Canton initially, right by Cardiff City Stadium. I lived in Cardiff Bay for a while – it's really nice down there and I enjoyed it.

"Neal Ardley has been massive influence on my career. He gave me a scholarship and helped me through to the first-team squad at Cardiff. He was always encouraging me, saying I was a player who could move up, along with Joe Ralls. The two of us



About to deliver against Oxford

learned a lot from him. It was disappointing that after he left Cardiff I had so many other managers. Every time I made progress, I ended up back at square one again. The manager would get sacked, and then I had to start again."

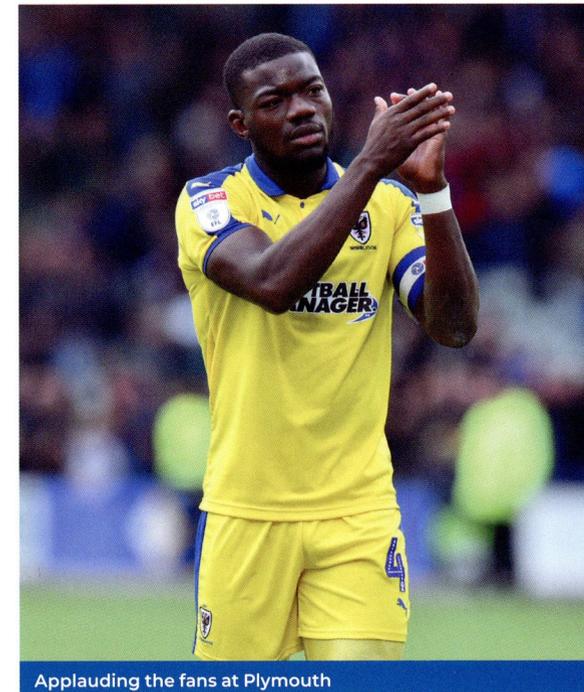
Deji feels proud to be part of the AFC Wimbledon story, and says that the coaching team here have helped him progress as a player. "It's amazing what the club has achieved, to rise to the level we're playing at now. You have to take your hat off to the people behind the scenes who perhaps don't get the recognition.

"We're in a good league at the moment and we have to try to establish ourselves as a comfortable League One club. We have a good squad on paper, but we need to do more on the pitch.

"This is a great club with an amazing history. For me to be captain is a real highlight in my career. The management team here have vast experience at the top level, and if you can't learn from them, you can't learn from anyone! The manager, Coxy and Reeves all played in the Premier League, and that's the level you aspire to reach. You can ask them all questions, and ask Coxy and Reeves for advice about defending. Soares also played in the Premier League, and I'm very close to him. He gives me tips and advice and I give him feedback as well. We bounce off each other."

As captain of the club, Deji recently attended a launch event at Kings Cross for the EFL's official charity partner MIND, helping to raise awareness of mental illness. It was a responsibility Deji thrived on, doing numerous interviews for the media.

"I look forward to events like this, as they are ways you can make a real difference. You can have a positive impact on the community, and when I attend events like this I'm representing the club as captain. It was nice, people came over to ask what was going on, and a lot of people were excited about the partnership and



Applauding the fans at Plymouth

what it can do to change lives. They liked the whole idea and wanted to know more. A Wimbledon fan did come over and say that we should be doing better, that we had been playing well, but not getting the results. It was good feedback!

"I still have many good years ahead of me, and you're always learning in football. The best players in the world are still learning. I still have loads to learn and loads to improve upon. In training we try to put things we've learned into practice. I believe I'm getting better all the time and learning different things. That can only put me in a positive place for the rest of my career."

10 QUESTIONS FOR DEJI



1. Favourite ground you've played at? **Wembley.**
2. Your career highlight? **Making my professional debut against Northampton Town.**
3. The toughest opponent you've played against? **Bayo Akinfenwa.**
4. And the best player you've played with? **Stephen McPhail.**
5. Who do you room with on away trips? **Kwesi or Trotts – or sometimes on my own!**
6. Who is your funniest team-mate? **Barchy.**
7. If you could play abroad, where would it be? **Spain.**
8. Your favourite Wimbledon kit? **Blue.**
9. Do you have a matchday ritual? **No, I just stay calm and relax.**
10. If you were in charge of the music in the dressing room on a match day, what would you play? **I am in charge of the music! I play a bit of Old Skool Garage and R&B, and UK rap as well.**

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Disability League

Last Sunday afternoon we relaunched our Inclusive Football League at Tooting & Mitcham United after a break over the summer. We currently put on a weekly disability football session for adults with learning difficulties and mental health issues at Tooting & Mitcham, and this additional bimonthly league event is an opportunity for those who attend the weekly sessions to play others of a similar standard in a round-robin format. Five teams attended the afternoon's football, with Sutton United Hunters winning the final play-off game.

Half-term Football Camp

This week we ran our player development centre holiday coaching courses at Southfields Academy rather than the usual Wimbledon Park venue to ensure that we had an indoor space available in the event of wet weather, as well as use of the 3G pitch on the site.

Scott Lockwood, our lead schools and player development coach, commented: "We were pleased to have around 25 players per day on our course at Southfields and to have provided a much improved playing experience for them at this site. It's great to have our popular Saturday morning sessions at Wimbledon Park, but now we have access to an indoor venue over the winter months where we can coach Futsal and focus on skills development."

The children on the course were also very pleased that some first-team players came along for a question-and-answer session.

Girls Only Player Development Centre

To supplement our weekly secondary school sessions delivered as part of our Premier League Girls Football project, we are launching our first player development centre sessions for girls aged 11 to 16 this Wednesday, 31 October, from 6.00 to 7.00 pm at Southfields Academy. Kasha Petit, our female football development officer, said: "This session is aimed at talented players who may already be playing on the weekend, to improve their technique and skills, and is an ideal exit route from our thriving school sessions." Kasha was delighted last Saturday to present a Foundation cheque for £500 to the Morden Girls League, who provide playing opportunities for girls in the local area.



Kasha Petit presents a cheque to the Morden Girls League



Participants at last Sunday's Inclusive Football League event

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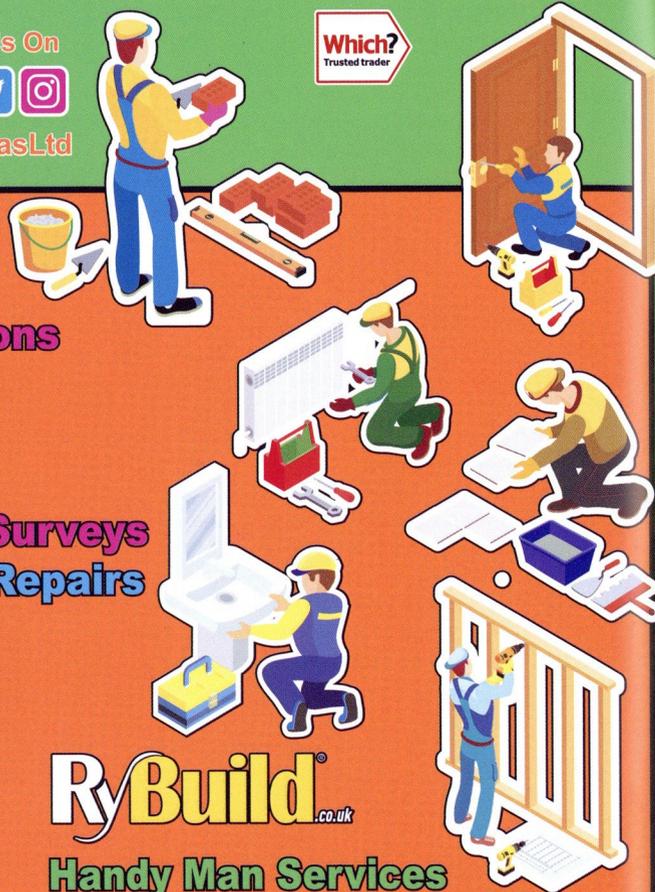
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Level pegging

Dons fan **Charlie Talbot** looks at the ups and downs of the two clubs meeting here this afternoon and wonders whether there really is such a thing as "natural level".

It's impossible to play Luton without thinking of that glorious sunny day in Manchester. But beyond that encounter, Luton and Wimbledon are two clubs with oddly intertwined histories and two fanbases who, more than almost any other in the country, have been able to consider the question of what a club's "natural level" is through personal experience.

Take the Conference, for example. AFC Wimbledon fans were delighted to be in the Conference. We felt that in many ways we had reached the pinnacle of the national non-league game (for the second time around) ahead of schedule. After finally breaching the bottleneck of the Isthmian Premier, we shot straight through the Conference South and were suddenly playing in a division full of teams that to anyone over the age of 30 looked like a collection of Football League clubs. Seven years after reforming in defiance of the FA, we were already back to a national level and competing with full-time, fully professional clubs. If we are honest, as we celebrated back in Wimbledon village after the promotion-sealing draw at Hampton & Richmond, very few of us would have expected to be back in the Football League within another two years.

Luton, by contrast, were appalled to find themselves in the Conference after being the luckless recipients of the second-worst decision the football authorities ever made. They did, however, believe it would be a short stay as this was a league that was clearly beneath them, not their natural level, and from which they would surely escape upwards at the first attempt. Only, they didn't. York and Wimbledon eliminated them in the play-offs, and it took them three years to return to the Football League.

And Luton fans, in the main, didn't seem to enjoy playing in the fifth tier of English football. Having entered it downwards (and controversially), rather than upwards (after controversy), it felt to them an imposition and an indignity, an overturning of the sport's natural order for a long-standing Football League club. And that was an emotion shared by, among others, Oxford

United's fanbase during their stay at the same level.

In an alternative scenario, if Wimbledon fans had inherited the wreckage of a financially compromised Wimbledon FC discarded by Norwegian owners denied a move to Milton Keynes, we might have felt the same about sliding down from the second tier to non-league football. As it was, we reached that level on an upward trajectory, enjoying the experience of righting the wrong of what was effectively a six-league relegation.

But even as they celebrated their respective Football League returns in 2011 and 2014, I don't think fans



On that day in 2011

of Wimbledon or Luton (or Oxford, for that matter) saw the fourth tier as the "natural" level they expected their club to be playing in. Depending on their level of optimism (or, outsiders might suggest, "delusion"), they would probably say their "natural" home lies somewhere around the second and third tiers. Luton and Wimbledon both have long-term aims of matching the achievements of a club like Brentford, for example, albeit in our case this would be heavily dependent on progress made after the return to Plough Lane.

But, perversely, that expectation level means that three sets of fans with recent (i.e. in many fans' lifetimes) experience of the top flight probably don't expect their club to get back there. Despite Wembley wins and two famous penalty saves, national cup triumphs are probably not likely to occur in the early part of the 21st century. Nor, for that matter, can Luton and Wimbledon expect to face up to each other in an FA Cup semi-final again any time soon.

Today is the first time Wimbledon will have played Luton in the third tier of English football, having already met in the first, fourth and fifth. At the time of writing, of the two clubs, Luton's grasp on another season at this level seems rather more secure, and a tilt at a return to the Championship after 12 years away looks a possibility. But then, discounting massive points deduction and enforced relocations, it all comes down to what happens on the pitch. And that doesn't always conform to expectations.

LOOKING

BETTER!

A draw with second-placed Stevenage and a win in a seven-goal thriller against Gillingham set the Academy side up for the FA Youth Cup tie with the Gills on Thursday.

SATURDAY 13 OCTOBER 2018

AFC WIMBLEDON 1-1 STEVENAGE

Robinson 56 (0-0) Smyth 47

EFL YOUTH ALLIANCE, SOUTHEAST DIVISION

Zach Robinson and Ayoub Assal had chances in the first 20 minutes. Stevenage responded with a looping effort that keeper Bert White tipped over the bar. Wimbledon controlled the opening half-hour, dealing with what the visitors had to offer. Just before the break, White produced a good double save to deny Stevenage.

From a Stevenage free-kick just after the restart, White blocked a shot, but Liam Smyth followed up to score for the visitors. After White made two good saves, Assal set up Robinson, who raced in and levelled the scores with a low shot into the corner of the net. Finlay Macnab had a couple of opportunities from free-kicks on the edge of the box, and from a corner Donte Lodge Francis had a header on goal that was saved.

AFC WIMBLEDON: White, Biler, Collins, Scott, Osew, Osu, Macnab, Assal, Mills (Lodge Francis 65), Robinson, Fisher. Subs not used: Kerbey, O'Connor, Bolton, Olanyan.

SATURDAY 20 OCTOBER 2018

GILLINGHAM 3-4 AFC WIMBLEDON

Camble 12, Noyelle (pen) 35, Allen 64 (2-1) Mills (pen) 20, 90+, Robinson 75, Weekes (pen) 90

EFL YOUTH ALLIANCE, SOUTHEAST DIVISION

The hosts took the lead when Roman Camble tapped home from inside the six-yard box. Donte Lodge Francis was brought down following a set-piece, and Bobby Mills stepped up to the spot to equalise. A quick Gillingham throw-in in the final third caught the Dons defence off-guard, and despite Olukaydoe Osu getting a touch on the ball the referee gave a penalty. Charles Noyelle scored from the spot.

A Gillingham cross to the far post found Ben Allen, who headed into the bottom corner. An excellent Reece Weekes delivery was powerfully headed home by Zach Robinson. The scores were levelled when the Dons were awarded a second penalty, which Weekes tucked into the left-hand corner. Mills got the winner in time added on, slotting home past the Gills keeper.

AFC WIMBLEDON: Nabbad (White 46), Biler (Olianiyan 60), Collins, Procter, Currie (Madelin 60), Osu, Bolton, Assal, Mills, Lodge Francis (Robinson 60), Fisher (Weekes 60).

EFL YOUTH ALLIANCE SOUTHEAST DIVISION

Up to and including games played on 20 October

POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Northampton Town	11	9	2	0	30	11	+19	29
2	Stevenage	11	6	5	0	21	13	+8	23
3	Southend United	10	6	2	2	34	21	+13	20
4	Luton Town	11	6	1	4	20	22	-2	19
5	Peterborough United	11	4	4	3	22	14	+8	16
6	Gillingham	11	4	4	3	24	18	+6	16
7	Barnet	11	5	0	6	23	23	0	15
8	Cambridge United	11	3	2	6	16	19	-3	11
9	AFC Wimbledon	11	2	3	6	16	28	-12	9
10	Milton Keynes	11	1	2	8	9	25	-16	5
11	Leyton Orient	11	0	3	8	12	33	-21	3

RESULTS AND FIXTURES

DATE	H/A	OPPONENTS	COMP	RESULT
4 Aug	A	Cambridge United	YA	0-1
11 Aug	A	Peterborough United	YA	1-3
18 Aug	H	Luton Town	YA	0-3
25 Aug	H	Gillingham	YA	3-3
1 Sep	H	Barnet	YA	2-3
8 Sep	H	Milton Keynes	YA	1-0
15 Sep	A	Leyton Orient	YA	2-2
25 Sep	H	Northampton Town	YAC	2-3
29 Sep	A	Northampton Town	YA	0-3
6 Oct	A	Southend United	YA	2-6
13 Oct	H	Stevenage	YA	1-1
20 Oct	A	Gillingham	YA	4-3
25 Oct	H	Gillingham	FAYC	
3 Nov	A	Barnet	YA	
10 Nov	A	Milton Keynes	YA	
17 Nov	H	Leyton Orient	YA	
24 Nov	H	Northampton Town	YA	
8 Dec	H	Southend United	YA	
15 Dec	A	Stevenage	YA	
22 Dec	H	Cambridge United	YA	
5 Jan	H	Peterborough United	YA	
19 Jan	A	Luton Town	YA	

YA: EFL Youth Alliance, Southeast Division
YAC: EFL Youth Alliance Cup
FAYC: FA Youth Cup





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1983/84

Wimbledon had been christened football's "yo-yo" club after bouncing between Divisions Three and Four for five successive seasons. Few thought the almost penniless Dons would survive, let alone thrive, after they reached the third tier for the third time in the summer of 1983. Knocking Brian Clough's Forest side out of the League Cup was an indication that this time it would be different, and a 12-point haul from four games over the Christmas period put Wimbledon in the promotion frame.

With Glyn Hodges and Wally Downes supplying the crosses for Alan Cork and Stewart Evans to convert, the Dons kept up with the leaders before a May showdown with Sheffield United, one of their main rivals. Seemingly undaunted by a hostile 22,000 crowd or by the occasion, the Cork-Evans partnership was again on target as Wimbledon all but secured a second successive promotion. Once the dust had settled, manager Dave Bassett agreed to take over at Selhurst Park - only to return three days later.

Player of the year: Nigel Winterburn

Signed on a "free" from Oxford, left-back Nigel Winterburn was a revelation from the word go - and Bassett sent United boss Jim Smith a crate of champagne by way of thanks. Tough-tackling and always eager to get forward, Winterburn's consistency in the Dons' back line was a major factor in the team's success.



The high point

Winning a two-legged League Cup tie against Nottingham Forest in October. Under Brian Clough, Forest had lifted the European Cup in 1980 and 1981. A 2-0 win at home and a 1-1 draw at the City Ground showed that the Dons were on the up.

The low point

Losing 5-1 at Scunthorpe United just days after knocking out Forest. "There are certain standards I set for Wimbledon. If we fall below them, then I'm not satisfied," said Bassett as he hauled his team in for extra training the next day.

Quote of the season

"I should have been celebrating. Instead, I had this gut feeling I'd made a terrible mistake in leaving Wimbledon. I made my mind up to go back and rang [Palace chairman] Ron Noades to break the news. I'd preached loyalty to the Wimbledon players, and it felt wrong to be leaving after we'd reached Division Two for the first time." Bassett speaking after returning to Plough Lane just three days after accepting a job at Crystal Palace.

Football League Division Three, final table

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	H	A
1	Oxford United	46	28	11	7	91	50	95	3-1	0-2
2	Wimbledon	46	26	9	11	97	76	87	-	-
3	Sheffield United	46	24	11	11	86	53	83	3-1	2-1
4	Hull City	46	23	14	9	71	38	83	1-4	0-1
5	Bristol Rovers	46	22	13	11	68	54	79	1-1	1-1
6	Walsall	46	22	9	15	68	61	75	2-0	0-4
7	Bradford City	46	20	11	15	73	65	71	4-1	2-5
8	Gillingham	46	20	10	16	74	69	70	1-3	1-0
9	Millwall	46	18	13	15	71	65	67	4-3	1-1
10	Bolton Wanderers	46	18	10	18	56	60	64	4-0	0-2
11	Leyton Orient	46	18	9	19	71	81	63	2-2	6-2
12	Burnley	46	16	14	16	76	61	62	1-4	2-0
13	Newport County	46	16	14	16	58	75	62	6-0	1-1
14	Lincoln City	46	17	10	19	59	62	61	3-1	2-1
15	Wigan Athletic	46	16	13	17	46	56	61	2-2	2-3
16	Preston North End	46	15	11	20	66	66	56	2-2	3-2
17	Bournemouth	46	16	7	23	63	73	55	3-2	3-2
18	Rotherham United	46	15	9	22	57	64	54	3-1	2-1
19	Plymouth Argyle	46	13	12	21	56	62	51	1-0	2-1
20	Brentford	46	11	16	19	69	79	49	2-1	4-3
21	Scunthorpe United	46	9	19	18	54	73	46	1-1	1-5
22	Southend United	46	10	14	22	55	76	44	3-2	1-1
23	Port Vale	46	11	10	25	51	83	43	4-2	0-2
24	Exeter City	46	6	15	25	50	84	33	2-1	3-0

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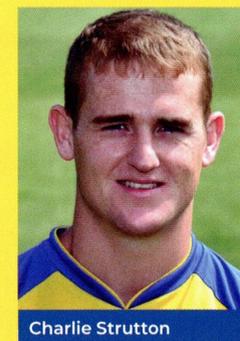
1 YEAR

With 12 minutes to go, a free-kick from an acute angle by Charlton's Ricky Holmes finds the net to break AFC Wimbledon's resistance at the Valley. "I see a group of players giving absolutely everything," says Neal Ardley. "I can't ask for anything more, they've all run hard."

The AFC Wimbledon U18s' mini-revival of three wins and a draw, which has followed a run of seven defeats in eight Football Youth Alliance fixtures, is ended at Priestfield, where Gillingham win 3-1. Louie Catherall in the home goal is the Gills' hero with a string of fine saves, and is beaten only once, by Tyler Burey in stoppage time.

It's better news in the FA Youth Cup. Mark Robinson's side travel to Marlow for a first-round tie and win 3-0, with goals from Tyler Burey, Great Evans and Ossama Ashley. The young Dons now face a trip to Plymouth Argyle in round two.

5 YEARS



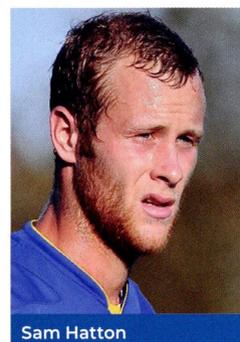
Charlie Strutton

The Dons' run of winless games now extends to six with a 2-0 home defeat by Oxford United. James Constable gives the U's an early lead, which is doubled when Deane Smalley converts a penalty with 10 minutes to go. The loss sees AFC Wimbledon drop down to 15th.

Crawley Wasps sting AFC Wimbledon Ladies on 27 October by racing into a 4-0 lead after just 33 minutes, with Faye Rabson scoring twice in the space of a quarter of an hour. The Dons make some tactical changes at half-time which at least ensure that no further goals are conceded.

Charlie Strutton returns from a prolific loan spell with Braintree Town and is immediately restored to the first-team squad, appearing as a second-half substitute against Hartlepool. He had scored six goals in seven games for The Iron, lifting them to fourth place in the Skrill Premier Division (Conference) table.

A PEEK INTO *the archives* 1, 5, 10 AND 20 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK



Sam Hatton

10 YEARS

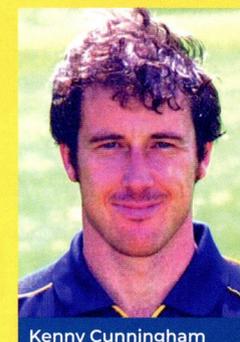
AFC Wimbledon reach the first round proper of the FA Cup with a 1-0 win at Maidstone United's borrowed home of Sittingbourne FC. Sam Hatton's 32nd-minute goal proves to be all that separates the sides, although the Dons are far more dominant, restricting

the Stones to just a single shot in the whole 90 minutes.

Hatton's strike wins him the E.ON Player of the Round accolade, after Dons fans vote online in their droves to secure their man 55% of the vote, putting him ahead of Barrow's Richard Brodie. As well as a trophy, Sam will also receive VIP hospitality at the FA Cup final.

In the following day's draw for the first round proper, the Dons are given an attractive home tie with Wycombe Wanderers. Peter Taylor's League Two Chairboys – two divisions higher than the Conference South Dons – are seen as potential cup upset victims, and the game is selected for live TV coverage on Setanta.

20 YEARS



Kenny Cunningham

On a day of howling wind and driving rain, it is appropriate that a player called Gayle should take centre stage. Wimbledon's Marcus scores both Dons goals in the 2-2 home draw with Middlesbrough – and says afterwards that he had enough chances to score five! Robbie Mustoe and Hamilton Ricard get the Boro' goals.

Manager Joe Kinnear sings the praises of defender Kenny Cunningham, who scoops the Irish Player of the Year award. "Ken is an outstanding player, and the award couldn't have gone to a nicer man," beams Kinnear. "When you consider he beat Roy Keane and Niall Quinn, it says a lot about the lad."

An inexperienced Wimbledon reserve side containing three Icelandic trialists and first-teamers Duncan Jupp and Ceri Hughes – both returning from injury – are no match for reigning Avon Insurance Combination League Champions Charlton. The Dons go down to a 2-1 defeat at Welling, their goal coming from Victor Renner.

Shea's

STADIUM RETURN

James Shea often made the bench for Arsenal – but had to drop into non-league to get some first-team action. Today he plays for Luton against the club for which he made over a century of appearances.

James Shea has been really looking forward to his return to the Cherry Red Records Stadium today. “I had three great years at Wimbledon and made some real friends at the club,” he told us last weekend. “I went back for the Checktrade Trophy game last year, and I met up with Darius Charles, Stuart Douglas and Deji as part of World Mental Health Day recently, but it will be great to be back there again when the place is full.”

The now 27-year-old goalkeeper came through the ranks at Arsenal and sat on the substitutes’ bench on numerous occasions, but he never got to make a first-team appearance.

“I grew up in the Islington area and I’ve always been a massive Arsenal fan. To be involved in the first team for the club was a dream come true, and I regard myself as very fortunate to have learned my trade there. But when I look back now I wish I’d left a couple of years earlier. I was 22 when I left the Emirates, and I’d never played

first-team football. Managers are looking for players with experience at that level, and for me it was like starting all over again. I went to play for Needham Market before getting a big-money move to Harrow Borough” (laughs). “But I loved my time in non-league. I made mistakes, but I learned from them.”

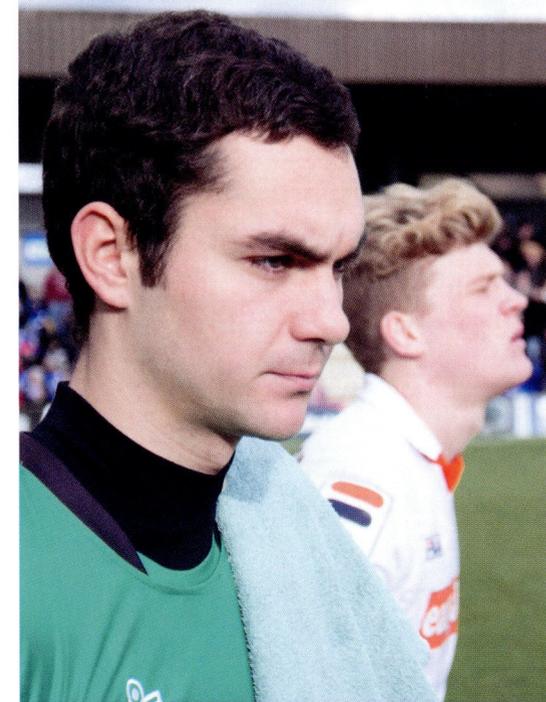
“I was fortunate that Dave Anderson was my manager at Harrow. I can’t speak highly enough of the way he encouraged me. He told Bass and Bayzo about me, and they invited me along for a trial – and I ended up staying for three years. The first year went well, but I lost my place after Christmas the season we went up. To be honest, I wasn’t playing well and deserved it. It probably did me a favour: it was a setback, but I learned from it.”

“The following year we were in League One, and Ryan Clarke started out as first choice, but I got in eventually and we had a good run – I think we were in the play-off places for a while – and we ended up in mid-table. Bayzo helped me a great deal. He is brilliant at his job and knows when to push you and when to back off. I’ll always be grateful to him and everyone at the club for giving me my chance.”

After leaving the Dons, James signed a one-year contract at Luton Town, and after their promotion last summer he took the chance to extend his stay at Kenilworth Road. “It’s a big club with a big fanbase. We get eight or nine thousand fans at every home match. They’re heading back to where they belong. To be honest, if we hadn’t gone up last year it would’ve been a disgrace!”

“This year there are three of us all pushing to be the first-choice keeper. I started the season on the bench, but after three games I got the nod. Having faced Portsmouth, Sunderland and Peterborough in our opening league games, we’ve settled down and we’re now just below the play-off places. It’s a step up from League Two, but there’s nothing to be scared of. We played at Barnsley recently, and they’re the best team I’ve seen so far.”

“I feel I’m playing well and I’m hoping to keep my place, but as a goalkeeper you take nothing for granted. Coming back to Wimbledon will be great – I can’t wait – but we will be determined to win. We’ve got a bit of momentum going, and we want to keep moving up the table.”



Lining up for the Dons against Luton in 2015

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Tom KING	1			
Tennai WATSON	2			
Ben PURRINGTON	3			
Deji OSHILAJA	4			
Will NIGHTINGALE	5			
Terell THOMAS	6			
Scott WAGSTAFF	7			
Anthony HARTIGAN	8			
Kwesi APPIAH	9			
Jake JERVIS	10			
Mitchell PINNOCK	11			
Tyler GARRATT	12			
Liam TROTTER	14			
Andy BARCHAM	17			
James HANSON	18			
Tom SOARES	19			
Toby SIBBICK	20			
Tommy WOOD	22			
Joe McDONNELL	24			
Nik TZANEV	25			
Rod McDONALD	26			
Alfie EGAN	28			
Kosta SPARTA	29			
Paul KALAMBAYI	30			
Kane CRICHLAW	31			
Kyron STABANA	33			
Osaze URHOGHIDE	37			
Joe PIGOTT	39			
Anthony WORDSWORTH	40			



LUTON TOWN

Manager: **Nathan JONES**
 Assistant Manager: **Steve RUTTER**
 First Team Coach: **Joaquín GÓMEZ**
 Physio: **Simon PARSELL**

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

MATCH OFFICIALS



Referee: **Andy Davies** ▶ Assistants: **Daniel Leach** and **Timothy Wood** ▶ 4th Official: **David Rock**

After games played on 23 October

Pos	Team	P	HOME					AWAY					FIXTURE/RESULT			
			W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Home	Away
1	Portsmouth	15	4	3	1	14	8	6	1	0	12	5	+13	34	1-2	1 Jan
2	Peterborough United	15	3	2	3	10	12	6	1	0	21	8	+11	30	12 Mar	27 Nov
3	Sunderland	14	3	3	0	13	6	5	2	1	14	7	+14	29	1-2	2 Feb
4	Accrington Stanley	15	3	3	1	9	7	4	2	2	10	10	+2	26	6 Apr	1-2
5	Barnsley	14	3	3	0	11	5	4	1	3	16	9	+13	25	19 Jan	0-0
6	Luton Town	15	6	2	0	18	8	1	2	4	7	11	+6	25	27 Oct	22 Apr
7	Doncaster Rovers	15	3	3	2	10	10	4	1	2	14	10	+4	25	9 Mar	17 Nov
8	Coventry City	15	3	1	3	5	5	4	2	2	12	11	+1	24	0-0	12 Jan
9	Southend United	15	3	1	4	12	10	4	1	2	9	8	+3	23	24 Nov	16 Mar
10	Blackpool	13	4	3	1	12	7	1	4	0	3	2	+6	22	29 Dec	0-2
11	Charlton Athletic	14	4	2	2	11	8	2	2	2	11	11	+3	22	23 Feb	15 Dec
12	Walsall	14	2	2	2	5	7	4	2	2	10	10	-2	22	1-3	26 Jan
13	Fleetwood Town	15	2	3	2	9	10	3	2	3	12	4	+7	20	5 Dec	1-0
14	Wycombe Wanderers	15	3	3	2	12	9	1	3	3	8	12	-1	18	27 Apr	22 Dec
15	Burton Albion	14	4	1	2	9	5	1	2	4	9	14	-1	18	9 Feb	0-3
16	Scunthorpe United	15	2	3	2	12	16	2	2	4	10	14	-8	17	2-3	20 Mar
17	Rochdale	15	1	1	5	8	16	3	3	2	13	15	-10	16	8 Dec	16 Feb
18	Shrewsbury Town	15	3	3	2	9	7	0	3	4	5	9	-2	15	3 Nov	2 Mar
19	Rotherham United	15	2	2	4	7	7	1	3	3	4	6	-2	14	19 Apr	0-2
20	Gillingham	14	1	1	4	7	13	2	2	4	12	15	-9	12	23 Mar	1-0
21	Oxford United	15	2	0	5	10	12	0	5	3	4	12	-10	11	2-1	13 Apr
22	AFC Wimbledon	15	1	1	5	7	12	2	1	5	3	10	-12	11	—	—
23	Plymouth Argyle	15	2	2	4	11	15	0	2	5	3	11	-12	10	26 Dec	0-1
24	Bradford City	15	1	1	6	5	14	2	0	5	7	12	-14	10	0-1	4 May

OTHER GAMES

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TODAY

ACCRINGTON STANLEY	v	PORTSMOUTH
BARNESLEY	v	BRISTOL ROVERS
BURTON ALBION	v	PETERBOROUGH UNITED
COVENTRY CITY	v	DONCASTER ROVERS
FLEETWOOD TOWN	v	BLACKPOOL
GILLINGHAM	v	BRADFORD CITY
OXFORD UNITED	v	SHREWSBURY TOWN
ROCHDALE	v	CHARLTON ATHLETIC
SCUNTHORPE UNITED	v	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE
SUNDERLAND	v	SOUTHEND UNITED
WALSALL	v	WYCOMBE WANDERERS

NEXT SATURDAY

BARNESLEY	v	SOUTHEND UNITED
BLACKPOOL	v	BRISTOL ROVERS
BRADFORD CITY	v	PORTSMOUTH
CHARLTON ATHLETIC	v	DONCASTER ROVERS
COVENTRY CITY	v	ACCRINGTON STANLEY
GILLINGHAM	v	FLEETWOOD TOWN
PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	v	SUNDERLAND
ROCHDALE	v	LUTON TOWN
SCUNTHORPE UNITED	v	OXFORD UNITED
WALSALL	v	BURTON ALBION
WYCOMBE WANDERERS	v	PETERBOROUGH UNITED

NEXT HOME GAME

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Home AND AWAY

Following their midweek 4-1 win over Accrington Stanley, today's visitors boast the best home record in the EFL. But replicating that form on their travels is the challenge facing the Hatters.

It's certainly been "Fortress Kenilworth Road" for the free-scoring Luton Town: three consecutive wins, 12 games unbeaten, just four defeats in their last 36 home games, and 80 goals in their last 31 matches on home soil. The Bedfordshire faithful have responded in kind, over 8,500 home fans turning up on Tuesday night to watch their team play a Stanley side who had lost just once in 13 games themselves and had pipped Luton to the League Two title last season by five points. But with Danny Hylton – no stranger to these parts after a loan spell with the Dons in 2014 – hitting a hat-trick to take his Hatters' goal tally to 47 in just 85 games, the Hatters now find themselves in a play-off place and are no doubt harbouring early thoughts of a second consecutive promotion.

Hylton of course is not the only current link between the two sides. AFC Wimbledon took Jake Jervis on a season-long loan on the brink of the August transfer window closing, and he will be allowed to feature against his parent club this afternoon. And there is the popular James Shea, who has grasped the opportunity of first-team football with the Hatters following an injury to Czech Republic international Marek Štěch and will no doubt receive a warm welcome from Dons fans on his return to the Cherry Red Records Stadium. Štěch

is back in contention, however, as are Elliot Lee, Lloyd Jones and Hylton himself, who was eased back into action for the final 11 minutes of Luton's 3-2 defeat at Barnsley a fortnight ago having missed several games with a niggling hamstring. Only long-term absentee Luke Berry is currently on the treatment table.

That lunchtime defeat at Oakwell in front of the TV cameras means that the Hatters arrive here having won just one of their seven League One away games so far this season – and that was thanks to a 98th-minute header by Dan Potts at Oxford United. Luton have also lost at Portsmouth, Peterborough and Doncaster, and drawn at Wycombe and Blackpool.

Manager Nathan Jones is also making a name for himself, with Tuesday night's win giving him an impressive win ratio of 50% from his 154 games in charge of the Hatters. Following the departure of assistant Paul Hart to join Notts County as technical director, the Welshman now has Steve Rutter – a former FA educator who taught Jones on coaching courses – as his number two. On the field, Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu has caught the eye, picking up two consecutive sponsors' monthly awards, whilst reports suggest that Leeds United manager Marcelo Bielsa has been monitoring the form of local boy James Justin, with a bid in the January transfer window looking a possibility.

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DONS' LAST SIX HOME GAMES

13 Oct	Portsmouth	1-2
2 Oct	Bradford City	0-1
29 Sep	Oxford United	2-1
18 Sep	Swansea City U21s (CT)	0-1
15 Sep	Scunthorpe United	2-3
28 Aug	West Ham United (CC)	1-3

League unless stated

HATTERS' LAST SIX AWAY GAMES

2-3	Barnsley	13 Oct
2-1	Oxford United	2 Oct
0-0	Blackpool	22 Sep
1-2	Doncaster Rovers	8 Sep
1-1	Wycombe Wanderers	1 Sep
1-3	Peterborough United	18 Aug



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Introducing

LUTON TOWN

1. MAREK ŠTĚCH (GK)

Born: Prague, 28 January 1990 (28)

Former clubs: West Ham United (2008–12), Wycombe Wanderers (2009, loan), Bournemouth (2009, loan), Yeovil Town (2011–14), Leyton Orient (2012, loan), Sparta Prague (2014–17)

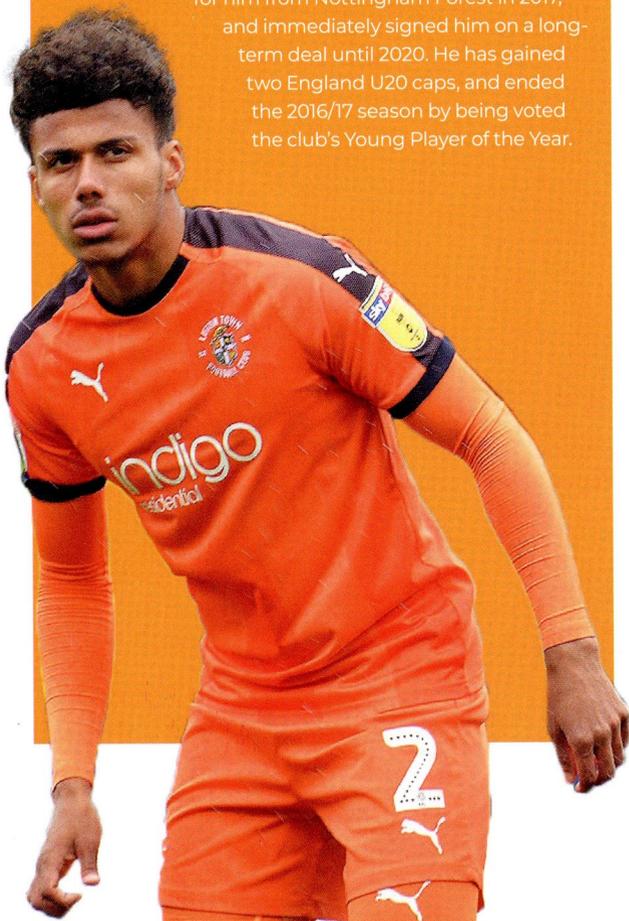
THE YOUNG PROSPECT

2. JAMES JUSTIN (DF)

Born: Luton, 23 February 1998 (20)

Former clubs: None

Local boy Justin joined the club when he was seven, and was part of the Hatters' U11 team that beat Bayern Munich 3–2 to win the Aarau Masters in 2009. He developed as a right-back playing for the U18s and quickly made the first team, where he played in a number of positions, including on the left wing. Luton rejected a £1 million bid for him from Nottingham Forest in 2017, and immediately signed him on a long-term deal until 2020. He has gained two England U20 caps, and ended the 2016/17 season by being voted the club's Young Player of the Year.



3. DAN POTTS (DF)

Born: Barking, 13 April 1994 (24)

Former clubs: West Ham United (2011–15), Colchester United (2012–13, loan), Portsmouth (2013, loan)

4. ALAN MCCORMACK (MF)

Born: Dublin, 10 January 1984 (34)

Former clubs: Preston North End (2003–07), Leyton Orient (2003, loan), Motherwell (2005–06, loan), Southend United (2006, loan, 2007–10), Charlton Athletic (2010–11), Swindon Town (2011–13), Brentford (2013–17)

5. SONNY BRADLEY (DF)

Born: Kingston upon Hull, 13 September 1991 (27)

Former clubs: Hull City (2010–13), Harrogate Town (2010, loan), IK Frej (2011, loan), Aldershot Town (2012–13, loan), Portsmouth (2013–14), Crawley Town (2014–16), Plymouth Argyle (2016–18)

6. MATTY PEARSON (DF)

Born: Keighley, 3 August 1993 (25)

Former clubs: Blackburn Rovers (2011–12), Lincoln City (2012, loan), Rochdale (2012–13), FC Halifax Town (2013–15), Accrington Stanley (2015–17), Barnsley (2017–18)

7. JACK STACEY (DF)

Born: Bracknell, 6 April 1996 (22)

Former clubs: Reading (2013–17), Barnet (2015, loan), Carlisle United (2016, loan), Exeter City (2016–17, loan)

8. LUKE BERRY (MF)

Born: Cambridge, 12 July 1992 (26)

Former clubs: Cambridge United (2010–14, 2015–17), Barnsley (2014–15)

9. DANNY HYLTON (FW)

Born: Camden, 25 February 1989 (29)

Former clubs: Aldershot Town (2006–13), Harlow Town (2007, loan), Rotherham United (2013–14), Bury (2013, loan), AFC Wimbledon (2014, loan), Oxford United (2014–16)

11. ANDREW SHINNIE (MF)

Born: Aberdeen, 17 July 1989 (29)

Former clubs: Rangers (2006–11), Dundee (2008–10, loan), Inverness Caledonian Thistle (2011–13), Birmingham City (2013–18), Rotherham United (2016, loan), Hibernian (2016–17, loan)



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THE ONE TO WATCH

10. ELLIOT LEE (FW)

Born: Durham, 16 December 1994 (23)

Former clubs: West Ham United (2012–16), Colchester United (2013, 2016, loan), Southend United (2014, loan), Blackpool (2015–16, loan), Barnsley (2016–17)

The son of former Newcastle United and England midfielder Rob Lee and younger brother of Olly (now playing in the SPL with Hearts), Lee returned to his father's old club to net a hat-trick in a 5–4 away win for West Ham's Development Squad in 2013. Several loans preceded a long-awaited first start for the Hammers against FC Lusitanos of Andorra, in a Europa League first qualifying round tie, in which he scored the only goal of the game. He also scored on his debut for Luton in 2015, four minutes after coming on as a substitute for Andy Drury in a 3–2 defeat away to AFC Wimbledon.

14. HARRY CORNICK (FW)

Born: Poole, 9 April 1995 (23)

Former clubs: Christchurch (2012–13), Bournemouth (2013–17), Welling United (2014, loan), Aldershot Town (2014, loan), Havant & Waterlooville (2015, loan), Yeovil Town (2015–16, loan), Leyton Orient (2016–17, loan), Gillingham (2017, loan)

16. GLEN REA (DF)

Born: Brighton, 3 September 1994 (24)

Former clubs: Brighton & Hove Albion (2013–16), Southend United (2015–16, loan)

THE FANS' FAVOURITE

17. PELLY-RUDDOCK MPANZU (MF)

Born: Hendon, 22 March 1994 (24)

Former clubs: Boreham Wood (2011), West Ham United (2011–14)

A versatile and athletic box-to-box midfielder who can also operate in central defence, Mpanzu won the club's Player of the Month award for August with 64% of the vote after starting all eight of Luton's League One and Carabao Cup fixtures. Although he is only 24, he is now the club's longest-serving player, having made over 150 appearances since his arrival from West Ham, where he had made the jump from non-league with Boreham Wood after a successful trial. He has been linked with Leeds United, and with his current form he is likely to be attracting the attention of other Championship clubs.



18. JORGE GRANT (MF)**Born:** Banbury, 19 December 1994 (23)**On loan from:** Nottingham Forest**Former club:** Notts County (2017–18, loan)**19. JAMES COLLINS (FW)****Born:** Coventry, 1 December 1990 (27)**Former clubs:** Aston Villa (2009–11), Darlington (2009–10, loan), Burton Albion (2010, loan), Shrewsbury Town (2011–12, 2014–16), Swindon Town (2012–13), Hibernian (2013–14), Northampton Town (2016, loan), Crawley Town (2016–17)**21. JACK SENIOR (DF)****Born:** Halifax, 13 January 1997 (21)**Former club:** Huddersfield Town (2016–17)**25. KAZENGA LUALUA (FW)****Born:** Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo, 10 December 1990 (27)**Former clubs:** Newcastle United (2007–11), Doncaster Rovers (2009, loan), Brighton & Hove Albion (2009–18), Queens Park Rangers (2017, loan), Sunderland (2018)**27. AARON JARVIS (FW)****Born:** Basingstoke, 24 January 1998 (20)**Former clubs:** Basingstoke Town (2016–17), Boreham Wood (2007–18, loan)**28. LLOYD JONES (DF)****Born:** Plymouth, 7 October 1995 (23)**Former clubs:** Liverpool (2013–18), Cheltenham Town (2015, loan), Accrington Stanley (2015, loan), Blackpool (2015–16, loan), Swindon Town (2016–17, loan)**34. JACK JAMES (DF)****Born:** Bedford, 24 January 1999 (19)**Former club:** Hitchin Town (2018, loan)**35. ARTHUR READ (MF)****Born:** Camden, 3 November 1999 (18)**Former clubs:** None**THE KEEPER****36. JAMES SHEA (GK)****Born:** Islington, 16 June 1991 (27)**Former clubs:** Arsenal (2010–13), Southampton (2011, loan), Dagenham & Redbridge (2011, loan), Needham Market (2013), Harrow Borough (2013–14), AFC Wimbledon (2014–17)

Shea needs little introduction to Dons fans, having made 112 first-team starts for us in three seasons. He was recommended to AFC Wimbledon by former manager Dave Anderson when the pair were at Harrow Borough. A former Arsenal youth product, Shea won the FA Youth Cup and Premier Academy League with the Gunners in 2009, and trained with the England squad the following year. He made the first-team bench in 2012 for a Champions League game against Montpellier, but fell down the Highbury pecking order and was released in June 2013.

**37. FRANKIE MUSONDA (DF)****Born:** Bedford, 12 December 1997 (20)**Former clubs:** Braintree Town (2017, loan), Oxford City (2018, loan)**40. HARRY ISTD (GK)****Born:** Chichester, 5 March 1997 (21)**Former clubs:** Southampton (2015–16), Stoke City (2016–17), Chesham United (2018, loan)**THE SKIPPER****44. ALAN SHEEHAN (DF)****Born:** Athlone, Ireland, 14 September 1986 (32)**Former clubs:** Leicester City (2003–08), Mansfield Town (2006, loan), Leeds United (2008–10), Crewe Alexandra (2009, loan), Oldham Athletic (2009, loan), Swindon Town (2009, loan, 2010–11), Notts County (2011–14, 2015–16, loan), Bradford City (2014–16), Peterborough United (2015, loan)

The current Hatters Player of the Year and named in the PFA Team of the Season for 2017/18, the much-travelled Sheehan has played in all three EFL divisions since moving across the Irish Sea to join Leicester City's academy as a teenager. An experienced left-sided defender who is also a free-kick specialist and penalty-taker, his patience – after sitting out eight matches following a 3–1 defeat at Peterborough – was praised by manager Nathan Jones, who hinted that Sheehan's versatility might be deployed in other roles after he came off the bench to set up Luton's late winner at Oxford earlier this month.

**THE GAFFER
NATHAN JONES****Born:** Ystrad Rhondda, 28 May 1973 (45)**Former club managed:** Brighton & Hove Albion (2014, caretaker)

Jones won three Sky Bet League Two Manager of the Month awards last season as the Hatters clinched an automatic promotion spot. His appointment as Luton manager in January 2016 signalled a return to his footballing roots at Kenilworth Road, where in 1995 he had joined Luton as a left-back from Merthyr Tydfil for a bargain £10,000. A spell in Spain soon followed, and he had three seasons with Southend United. He made over 150 league appearances for Brighton & Hove Albion and then spent seven seasons with Yeovil Town before hanging up his boots. He was assistant head coach under Óscar García at Falmer before taking the Luton job.





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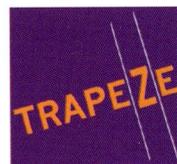
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Football League Cup: 1988
Football League Championship*: 1982
Football League One*: 1937, 2005
*Or past equivalent of this level

CLUB LEGEND

JOE PAYNE

Joe Payne, formerly with Bolsover Colliery, was recalled in April 1936 from a loan to Biggleswade Town because of injuries to other Luton players and played as centre-forward against Bristol Rovers, with a spectacular result – he scored ten times in a 12-0 win, a Football League record that is unlikely ever to be bettered. The following year he scored 58 goals as the Hatters won the Third Division (South). Chelsea then bought him for a sizeable fee, but his career was interrupted by World War II. A hospitality area at Kenilworth Road is named after him.

ODD FACT

PLEAT'S FEETS

On the last day of the 1982/83 season, Luton's first back in the top tier, they narrowly escaped an immediate relegation. Playing Manchester City at Maine Road, the Hatters needed a win to stay up, while City needed a win or a draw to avoid the drop themselves. An 86th-minute winner by Serbian substitute Radomir Antić saved Luton and sent City down – and set visiting manager David Pleat dancing a now-famous "jig of joy" across the pitch to congratulate his players.

HOME TURF

KENILWORTH ROAD

Opened in 1905, the compact stadium is hemmed in by housing on all four sides. The Hatters have been seeking a new home for over 60 years, and relocation to Milton Keynes was proposed several times. A £1 million refurbishment got under way in 1985, with conversion to an all-seater stadium beginning and an artificial pitch laid (it was removed in 1991). That same year, rioting Millwall fans at an FA Cup tie triggered the imposition of a membership card scheme for home fans and a five-season ban on away supporters by chairman David Evans.

STADIUM CAPACITY

10,356

AVERAGE HOME ATTENDANCE

8,676

(2017/18, League)

CLUB RECORDS

HIGHEST ATTENDANCE

30,069 v Blackpool
FA Cup, sixth-round replay
4 March 1959

BIGGEST WIN

15-0 v Great Yarmouth Town
FA Cup, fourth qualifying round
21 November 1914

HEAVIEST DEFEAT

0-9 v Small Heath
Football League Second Division
12 November 1898

MOST CAREER APPEARANCES

Bob Morton, 562 (1948-64)

MOST CAREER GOALS

Gordon Turner, 276 (1949-64)

MOST GOALS IN A SEASON

Joe Payne, 58 (1936/37)

MOST CAPPED INTERNATIONAL

Mal Donaghy, 58
Northern Ireland (1979-90)

HIGHEST TRANSFER FEE RECEIVED

£3,000,000, Curtis Davies
West Bromwich Albion (2005)

HIGHEST TRANSFER FEE PAID

£850,000, Lars Elstrup
Odense Boldklub (1989)

PREVIOUS FIVE MANAGERS

- John Still**
February 2013 to December 2015
- Paul Buckle**
April 2012 to February 2013
- Gary Brabin**
March 2011 to March 2012
- Richard Money**
October 2009 to March 2011
- Mick Harford**
January 2008 to October 2009



LAST TEN SEASONS





Four FROM THE PAST


SATURDAY 31 DECEMBER 1988

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

DONS 4-0 HATTERS

 Jones 15, Gibson 29,
Scales 46, Fashanu 84

(2-0)

PLOUGH LANE, ATTENDANCE 4,899

SATURDAY 4 APRIL 1992

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

HATTERS 2-1 DONS

Viradi 27, Preece 64

(1-1)

Fashanu 8

KENILWORTH ROAD, ATTENDANCE 7,754

The Dons ended a brilliant year in which they had become FA Cup holders by recording their biggest-ever top-flight win. Vinnie Jones' superb dipping volley in the 15th minute set the hosts on their way, and further strikes from Terry Gibson and John Scales put them in complete control. John Fashanu completed the scoring with a header near the end, and Luton boss Ray Harford admitted that his side had deserved nothing.

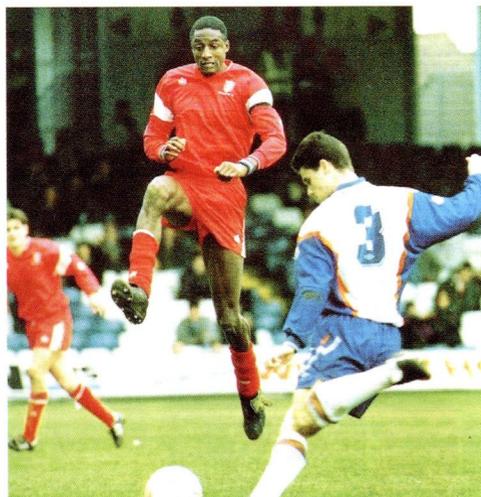
Wimbledon's success had been met with bitter criticism of their style of play, but one man certainly didn't care. "All the stick we've been getting just makes me giggle," said Man of the Match Jones. "We showed today that we are not a bad footballing side."

The resentment of the Dons was typified by Terry Venables. "Wimbledon and teams that play like them are killing the dreams that have made football the greatest game in the world," the then Spurs boss wrote in a newspaper article. "I am not exaggerating when I say I could take an average non-league player and within a week turn him into the type of player who could hold a first-team place at Wimbledon. Who wants that?"

DONS: Segers, Scales, Phelan, Jones, Young, Curle, Fairweather, Gibson, Fashanu, Sanchez, Wise.



Luton's Mick Harford is outnumbered



John Fashanu leaps to block a clearance by Richard Harvey

SATURDAY 8 AUGUST 2009

BLUE SQUARE CONFERENCE PREMIER

DONS 1-1 HATTERS

Main (pen) 81

(0-1)

Craddock (pen) 14

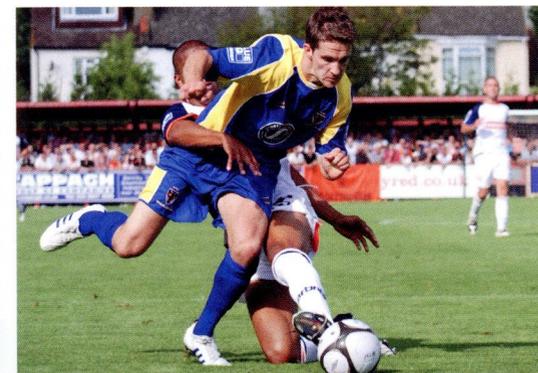
KINGSMEADOW, ATTENDANCE 4,488

When the newly formed AFC Wimbledon joined the Combined Counties League back in 2002, matches against clubs such as Luton Town seemed a distant dream. Yet seven years later, with four promotions for the Dons and the Hatters' descent from the Football League following a points deduction for financial irregularities, the teams were meeting as equals.

The Dons' eagerly awaited debut in the top tier of non-league football did not disappoint the sell-out crowd. Outplayed and behind at half-time, following Tom Craddock's early penalty, Terry Brown's men fought back well. Jon Main's equalising penalty, after he was brought down in the box, was no more than Wimbledon's late pressure deserved.

"I thought the pace of the game was a good yard quicker than what we've been used to, and the quality of particularly the front men means that our back four has to be even more vigilant than they were last year," Brown commented. "It was satisfying to look at the bench and know that you could really change the game, and that underlies the strength and depth of our squad this year."

DONS: Pullen, Garrard, Hussey, Hatton (Main), Johnson, Lorraine, Duncan (L. Moore), Taylor, Gregory, Godfrey (Wellard), Kedwell.



Jon Main is brought down by Shane Blackett

Season	Comp.	H	A	N
1986/87	Div 1	0-1	0-0	
1987/88	Div 1	2-0	0-2	
1987/88	FAC (SF)			2-1
1988/89	Div 1	4-0	2-2	
1989/90	Div 1	1-2	1-1	
1990/91	Div 1	2-0	1-0	
1991/92	Div 1	3-0	1-2	
1996/97	LC (3)	1-1	2-1	
2009/10	Conf	1-1	2-1	
2010/11	Conf	0-0	0-3	
2010/11	Conf (PO F)			0-0*
2014/15	League 2	3-2	1-0	
2015/16	League 2	4-1	0-2	
Total: W12 D6 L6				

* Won 4-3 on penalties.

SATURDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2016

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO

DONS 4-1 HATTERS

 Marriott (o.g.) 23,
Taylor 25, 49, Rigg 47

(2-0)

Marriott 59

THE CHERRY RED RECORDS STADIUM, ATTENDANCE 4,439

The Dons' fifth victory in six matches pushed them up to 10th, just three points off the League Two play-off places. Lyle Taylor bagged two goals as the hosts equalled their biggest win of the season, and an own goal and a Sean Rigg effort completed the scoring for the Dons, with Jack Marriott grabbing a consolation for the Hatters.

In December the Dons had been in mid-table. In a tactical change, Bayo Akinfenwa was dropped to the bench, and a more direct style of play was adopted using Tom Elliott as the fulcrum of the attack. This allowed space for Lyle Taylor to fire home the goals that eventually saw the Dons grab the final play-off place and a League One spot after victory at Wembley.

"It's very pleasing," Neal Ardley commented after the game. "We're trying our best not to change things too much in training, keep the training regime the same, keep the players fresh and try to enjoy the last third of the season. If we can keep the players happy, not doing anything weird and wonderful, keep the energy high and the good feel about the place, then we'll see where it takes us. If it's successful, great. If it's not, it's not going to be for the want of trying."

DONS: Roos, Fuller, Robinson, Sweeney, Meades, Reeves (Rigg), Bulman, Barcham, Francomb, Elliott (Azeez), Taylor (Akinfenwa).



Lyle Taylor heads home the Dons' second

THEY PLAYED *For Both*



John Hartson

JOHN HARTSON

Forward, born 5 April 1975

HATTERS (1992–95)

Appearances: 54

Goals: 11

DONS (1999–2001)

Appearances: 57

Goals: 21

Also played for: Arsenal, West Ham United, Coventry City, Celtic, West Bromwich Albion, Norwich City (loan)

MICK HARFORD

Forward, born 12 February 1959

HATTERS (1984–92)

Appearances: 168

Goals: 69

DONS (2001–02)

Appearances: 60

Goals: 9

Also played for: Lincoln City, Newcastle United, Bristol City, Birmingham City, Derby County, Chelsea, Sunderland, Coventry City

KELVIN DAVIS

Goalkeeper, born 29 September 1976

HATTERS (1994–99)

Appearances: 105

Goals: 0

DONS (1999–2002)

Appearances: 94

Goals: 0

Also played for: Torquay United (loan), Hartlepool United (loan), Ipswich Town, Sunderland, Southampton

FRASER FRANKS

Defender, born 22 November 1990

HATTERS (2013–15)

Appearances: 35

Goals: 0

DONS (2010–2012)

Appearances: 33

Goals: 2

Also played for: Brentford, Basingstoke Town (loan), Hayes & Yeading United (loan), Newport County, Welling United, Stevenage

CURTIS OSANO

Defender, born 8 March 1987

HATTERS (2011–12)

Appearances: 38

Goals: 0

DONS (2012–13)

Appearances: 20

Goals: 0

Also played for: Reading, Aldershot Town (loan), Woking (loan), Rushden & Diamonds, Bengaluru, Farnborough

WILL ANTWI

Defender, born 19 October 1982

HATTERS (2011–12)

Appearances: 12

Goals: 2

DONS (2012–14)

Appearances: 41

Goals: 1

Also played for: Crystal Palace, Ljungskile SK (loan), Aldershot Town, Wycombe Wanderers, Northwich Victoria (loan), Dagenham & Redbridge, Grimsby Town (loan), Staines Town



Kelvin Davis



Fraser Franks



Will Antwi

Hat's ENTERTAINMENT!

Luton Town fan **Richard Armstrong** is enjoying being back in the third tier after some ups and downs supporting his home town club in five different divisions.

The Luton board have done a wonderful job backing Nathan Jones over the last few years, and the board and the fans really are together in our quest to get our new stadium at Power Court. All being well, we will hear something in the New Year regarding planning permission. The sticking point at the moment is the objection lodged by Capital & Regional, owners of The Mall shopping centre. Essential funding for the building of Power Court will come from the

development of the Newlands Park site, close to the M1, which will have retail units, hotels, office space and leisure facilities. This will benefit not only LTFC but also the town of Luton as a whole. Capital & Regional's issue is that the Newlands retail units will affect The Mall shopping centre. What they don't seem to acknowledge is that it will bring plenty of new jobs into the town centre. But fingers crossed.

League One hasn't been too bad for us so far. I am writing this before last Tuesday's home game against Accrington, but our 2–0 win over Walsall last Saturday left us unbeaten at home, with 17 points from a possible 21. Our away form looks a bit iffy, but the four games we've lost have been against teams in the top six. I said at the start of the season that I'd be happy with a mid-table finish, but a play-off place now looks possible. With the exception of Peterborough in the first half we haven't done too badly at all. With Danny Hylton now back in action and hopefully Luke Berry to follow soon, we might push up the table quicker than some expected.

I've been a Luton fan for over 30 years now. I was born and bred in the town, and my grandparents lived a stone's throw from Kenilworth Road. My family are all Hatters, and I now have a four-year-old daughter who will hopefully follow in our footsteps. As a Luton fan you can't say it's ever boring. With League Cup wins and FA Cup semi-finals in '85, '88 and '94, and League Cup runners-up in '89, it's clear to see when we had our most successful



period as a club. We dropped into the Conference in 2009 thanks to multiple point deductions, which was followed by losing in three successive play-off campaigns. Of course, Dons fans will remember the 2011 final well, and for me that one hurt more than either York City in the 2010 semi or York again in the 2012 final. I must have replayed that last-minute Jason Walker header in my mind a thousand times, and I still have no idea how it didn't drop in. The Conference was a learning curve for

fans as well as the board, but we're now back where we belong, and (hopefully) with a new ground on the horizon, the future looks bright. Like Wimbledon, until not so long ago we couldn't say that.

David Preece is my favourite Luton player. Others will point towards Ricky Hill and Mick Harford, but I'm just too young to remember them at their best. I'll stay away from the big games in choosing my favourite Hatters game, but beating Torquay 4–1 in March

2005 down in Torquay is certainly up there. Torquay was full of Luton fans all weekend, and after that weekend we knew we'd win the League One title. Beating Watford is of course always special. The 2–1 away win in 2002 in the League Cup will always be fondly remembered, and Matthew Spring's strike from 40 yards in the game goes down as one of my favourite Hatters goals.

You can follow Richard on Twitter at @habbyhatter. For updates on progress with the new ground, follow @saveourtowntn.

“OUR AWAY FORM LOOKS A BIT IFFY, BUT THE FOUR GAMES WE'VE LOST HAVE BEEN AGAINST TEAMS IN THE TOP SIX”

THE AFC WIMBLEDON

UNDER-11s

Hasib Saeed, head coach of the Academy's U11 side, is pleased with how his players are coping with the challenges of a new season.

This season's U11s are a very energetic and exciting group – a fantastic blend of talented players who have high standards. They are in a transitional season from six-a-side to nine-a-side, which is challenging the boys greatly in all aspects of football: technically, socially, psychologically and, especially, tactically. The boys are required to perform with good tempo, quality and creativity while embodying the Wimbledon spirit and togetherness in both training and games. They have had to take in a vast amount of information in a short period, whilst keeping their standards high, which they are striving hard to achieve. Let me introduce them to you:

Stanley, our goalkeeper, is a great shot-stopper. He can turn defence into attack with his excellent distribution ability both from hands and on the floor.

Max is adaptable and versatile. He is aggressive and diligent off the ball, and loves regaining possession for his team in order to attack the opposition.

Alessandro is an all-action player who gives 100% in every game. He is very strong when tackling opponents and rarely comes off second-best. He can be a great leader and is always keen to share his thoughts.

Devan is a tall, powerful player with a good range of passing. He has great composure, and his understanding of the game and positioning are improving each week.

Jack P times his tackles well and enjoys supporting the attacking players in advanced areas of the pitch. He always plays and trains with a smile on his face, and has made great efforts on his weaker foot over the past few seasons.

Liam is an exciting and creative attack-minded player. He has bags of tricks and pace, glides past opponents, is brilliant at dropping his shoulder and is very intelligent in 1-v-1 situations.

Jack M is a calculating player who is very hard to beat. He is great at 1-v-1s and reads the game really well. He is very composed on the ball and has a great passing ability – and also has a trick or two up his sleeve when attacking.

George brings power and strength to all thirds of the pitch. He is often seen bombing up and down the pitch, and has the ability to open up opponents with his clever through-balls and good range of passing. And he is up there with the best haircuts in the club!

Harry is a creative midfielder who can manipulate the ball wonderfully. He has a great attitude and loves wriggling out of tight areas by using his exciting 1-v-1 skills.

Callum is a striker who links up play really well. He has the ability to score a variety of goals from various positions with either foot thanks to his great shooting technique.

Freddie is a winger who has great silky dribbling skills. He loves isolating defenders in 1-v-1 situations and beating them with his trickery and pace.

Joseph is an attacking midfielder who loves dribbling and has an excellent eye for scoring a goal with accuracy. He is a very determined character.

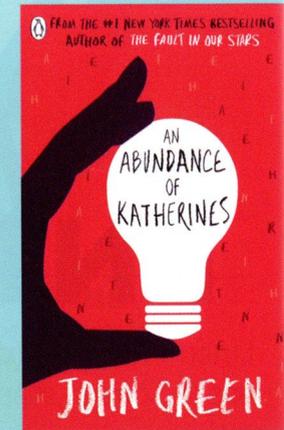
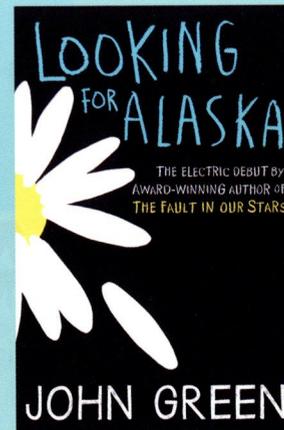
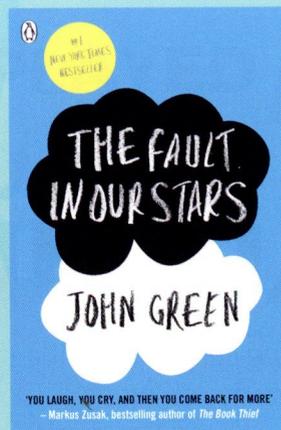
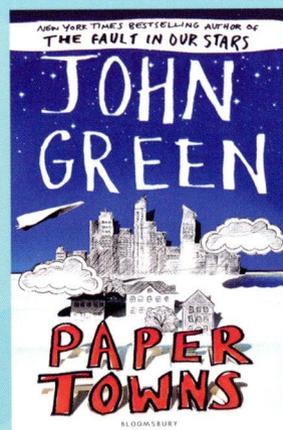
Enzo is a very intelligent player with a good understanding of the game. He passes the ball well and plays with maturity.

Reuben has the ability to take on opponents with ease and create good scoring opportunities with his great vision and end-product.

Lucas is a versatile player who makes good decisions and communicates well with his team-mates whilst on the pitch.



The U11s with their coaches



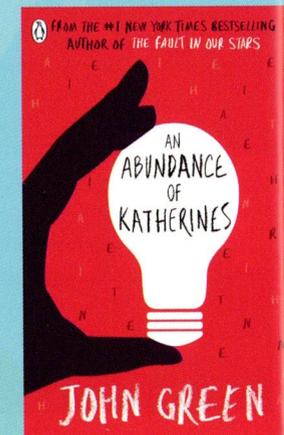
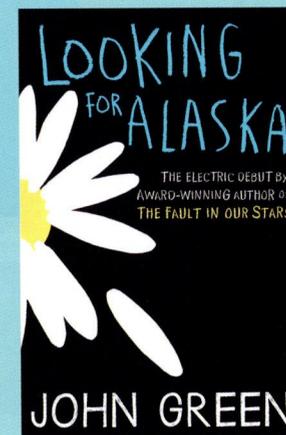
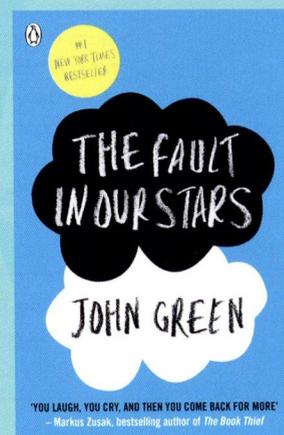
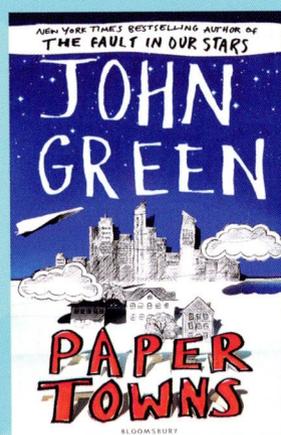
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1	Crawley Wasps	8	6	1	1	+11	19
2	Billericay Town	6	6	0	0	+24	18
3	Ipswich Town	8	3	2	3	+3	11
4	Leyton Orient	7	3	2	2	-1	11
5	Enfield Town	6	3	1	2	+7	10
6	Actonians	8	3	1	4	-2	10
7	AFC Wimbledon	7	2	3	2	-1	9
8	Norwich City	7	2	1	4	-10	7
9	Stevenage	8	2	1	5	-13	7
10	Denham United	7	1	3	3	-11	6
11	Cambridge United	6	1	2	3	-2	5
12	Luton Town	6	1	1	4	-5	4

RECENT RESULTS AND FORTHCOMING FIXTURES	DATE	H/A	OPPONENTS	COMP	RESULT
	3 Oct	A	Leyton Orient	WNL	2-2
	7 Oct	H	Godalming Town	SSE FAC	4-0
	14 Oct	A	Larkhill Athletic	FA WNLC	3-2*
	21 Oct	A	Stevenage	WNL	2-1
	28 Oct	H	Denham United	WNL	
	4 Nov	H	Norwich City	WNL	
	11 Nov	A	New London Lionesses	SSE FAC	

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2	Crystal Palace Reserves	5	4	1	0	+10	13
3	AFC Wimbledon Reserves	4	4	0	0	+9	12
4	Lewes Development	6	2	0	4	-1	6
5	Denham United Reserves	5	1	2	2	-3	5
6	Southampton Reserves	6	1	2	3	-6	5
7	Queens Park Rangers Reserves	6	1	0	5	-10	3
8	Poole Town Development	3	0	0	3	-18	0

RECENT RESULTS AND FORTHCOMING FIXTURES	DATE	H/A	OPPONENTS	COMP	RESULT
	16 Sep	A	Lewes Development	WNL	3-1
	30 Sep	A	Gillingham Development	WNLRC	1-1*
	14 Oct	A	Queens Park Rangers Reserves	WNL	4-0
	21 Oct	H	Milford & Whitley	CC	8-0
	28 Oct	H	Crystal Palace Reserves	WNL	
	4 Nov	H	Chichester City Development	WNL	
	11 Nov	A	Denham United Reserves	WNL	

* Won 4-2 on pens

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DEVELOPING THE FUTURE

After the AFC Wimbledon Ladies Reserves' successful start to their second season in the new FA National League, previously the FA Premier League (Reserve Division), manager **Hasib Saeed** looks at the journey made by some of the young players who have recently made the step up to senior football.



Stepping up, from left to right: Emily Pinkess (17), Iola Cotter (16), Madi Parsonson (16), Abbie Morris (16), Lily Davis (17) and Giulia Ciavarini Azzi (16)

The AFC Wimbledon Ladies Reserves finished in a very respectable fourth place in the league last season, and also won the Capital Women's Cup (Intermediate), so there was a weight of expectation on the team for 2018/19. However, with a few players leaving at the end of last season, the door opened for some of the club's young and exciting players to be given their opportunity to step up a level. Several of these young players have come through our youth teams, and with them joining the core group that remained from last season, we were very excited about the coming campaign.

Last season, thanks to a determined effort by the coaching team who were working with the U16s, some of those players had had the opportunity to spend time with the Reserve and First Team squads before the end of the 2017/18 season. That early integration has had a really positive effect on the transition of these players into the senior set-up for the current season. Development is key in producing excellent footballers who will progress through to the First Team, and it is a long, hard process with continual training. This hard work has resulted in several young players making the step up to form part of the AFC Wimbledon Ladies Reserve squad for the 2018/19 season. These players have been faced with new challenges that are helping them to become more versatile, and all the time they are learning from the experience of playing at a higher level.

I, as manager of the Reserve Team, and my coaching staff are devoted to developing not only the team, but also the individual players, and to help achieve this we work closely with the management and coaches of the Ladies First Team. We fully trust and believe in our players, and our aim is to get them playing creative football with positive possession. It is important that they do not become too comfortable with how they play, and we are constantly asking them to keep pushing themselves and making sure they are challenged to try new things.

I am extremely pleased with the way these young players have responded to our vision of playing a creative style of football. The football they have produced has been outstanding at times and has been a pleasure to watch. But we need to continue to work hard as we have a long campaign ahead of us.

It is no surprise that the young players who have stepped up to the Reserve Team are relishing their opportunities in senior football. However, they are also aware of the hard work that needs to be done over the next couple of seasons, a time in which their patience and mental attitude will be further tested. I am confident that we will be seeing several of these players continue their journey into the Ladies First Team over the next couple of seasons.

THE DONS TRUST

BOARD ELECTION 2018

**Anna Kingsley**

Who am I? I've supported the Dons since I first sat on my father's lap at Plough Lane. I was there in '88, later had a crush on Marcus Gayle. I live and work in Wimbledon. I'm a psychotherapist, good at listening for detail, not one to shy away from difficult conversations.

Why vote for me? I'm a fan but not an uncritical one, I'm a team player but I make

up my own mind, and it's time for a new face – and another female one.

What I'd like to achieve? Involve local schools to build the next generation of supporters, reach those in the community who aren't fans, and meet residents who worry about the impact the new stadium may have.

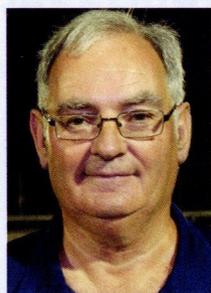
Hannah Kitcher

I've not been a Wimbledon season ticket holder for more than 80% of my life but I have become part of its community. Opportunities to volunteer (from selling programmes to using my experience as a communications manager to support the Dons Trust Board) mean I feel part of something.

I'm standing to help protect the club's spirit at this key transitional point as we

move to our new stadium. My priorities: to maintain and build our volunteer capacity, to ensure all fans have a voice, to grow Dons Trust membership, to promote our club values more widely, and to champion diversity and inclusion.

Let's chat: @hankitcher or han.kitcher@hotmail.co.uk; pre-match: at the top of Jack Goodchild Way.

**Dennis Lowndes**

I'm hoping some of you know who I am, having supported the Dons for over 60 years and dedicated many hours to the club I love!

I would be privileged to work on behalf of our fans to ensure: all fans, including volunteers, have a voice (which is heard!); that we connect with all fans, by every form of communication (including the

Old Skool way of putting pen to paper!); engage with our younger fanbase; fully integrate the Ladies & Girls Section; use our own members' talents to grow the club; and engage with our overseas supporters.

I would bring to the Board: energy and enthusiasm, a total passion for AFC Wimbledon to succeed, and communication with all fans.

James Macdonald

I have been a fan for 42 years and lead a successful multi-academy trust where I provide support and challenge to deliver the best outcomes for students. I wish to use that experience to support our club, to ensure that we: have strategic plans that are achievable and to be held accountable for outcomes: develop more effective ways of

feedback with you, including surveys, and we act on the messages received; consult on all aspects of our return to PL and the revenue this offers us; make the matchday experience one that all supporters feel is positive; introduce a vibrant Junior Dons committee; make the Trust and AFC Wimbledon websites one, not separate.



We have received 12 nominations for the four vacant positions on the Dons Trust Board (DTB). Trust members will be receiving the candidates' full manifestos, summaries of which appear on these two pages and page 61.

Voting forms will be sent to Trust members on or shortly after Saturday 10 November. For members who have chosen electronic communication, this will be in the form of a link to a SurveyMonkey page. The deadline for voting is 11.59 pm on Friday 30 November. The result will be formally announced at the Trust's AGM on Thursday 13 December, when the elected members will take office, although the result will be communicated as soon as it is available.

There will be no formal hustings before, during or after home matches between now and the voting deadline, but candidates are free to canvas and campaign at such times. We are also encouraging members and candidates to use the Trust Webjam to interact. The Trust's SGM here at the Cherry Red Records Stadium at 7.30 pm on Thursday 8 November will provide another opportunity for members to meet the candidates.

Keep an eye on the club's official website and social media, and especially on the Trust's website (thedonstrust.org/elections) for further information. Events are also expected to be arranged on The 9yrs Podcast.

**Luke Mackenzie**

This should be about me, but I want it to be about you. I want you as fans to have a much greater input in how the Trust and club are run. I want you as fans to have a positive vehicle to voice your opinions and be consulted. Plough Lane gives us a massive opportunity to redefine the goals of the Trust and club.

The Dons Trust Board and membership need to give the club direction and hold them accountable. Let's hold an annual survey, publish the results and use those answers to improve us. It's time to start changing our Trust and our club for the better. You have the power to make that change.

Sean McLaughlin

I have been Treasurer for twelve years. In the last two years I led the recruitment of Joe Palmer as the new COO for AFC Wimbledon, and am a member of the Stadium Oversight Committee. The next two years will bring significant challenges, and the DTB must ensure that members are consulted with regard to the options for the stadium.

My priorities: planning for the financial needs/structure the stadium will bring;

continuing to improve the oversight of AFC Wimbledon; maintaining discounted pricing for children and teenagers; commitment to funding the Academy ("homegrown and hungry") and unwavering commitment to fans ownership.

I bring strong financial skills, business acumen, passion for club and Trust, and DT and other board experience.

**Matt Breach**

I have been an elected member of the DTB for twelve years, serving as chair for the last six. As chair I have been instrumental in ensuring that the club is now run more professionally, that our new stadium is becoming a reality, and that the DTB is better able to serve and communicate with its members.

Whilst for the last year I have stepped back to the role of vice-chair, my commitment to you at this election is that I will continue to work hard to sustain the progress we've achieved so far and to develop the strategy for our organisation that will see a successful AFC Wimbledon back playing in Wimbledon.

Mark Brewer

I have the time to commit to our future. My preferred matchday experience is on the terraces with friends, family and fellow supporters. I have been a volunteer for many years with views informed by lively discussion while weeding, painting, polishing or sweeping!

As a professional football club we are young. We have a history we are justifiably

proud of though we will not forget our roots. We have a fantastic volunteer base, which we could better engage with.

I consider that we need to grow professionally, steadily and sustainably, off the pitch as well as on it. A core objective of the Board is a renewed strategic plan. Communication is key, and must extend wider than our immediate fanbase.





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Rob Crane

I will offer constructive criticism and positive suggestions regarding the club's communication and engagement. Often the club stays quiet about issues that concern supporters, which risks them feeling their concerns are being ignored.

I believe that club and Trust must listen to and acknowledge supporters' concerns, and communicate openly, honestly and promptly about why a situation exists, and

explaining what is being done to resolve the situation.

I am concerned that the current Trust board didn't predict the reaction to the 80% season-ticket proposal. I believe I can be a fresh voice on the board. I promise to do my best to deliver better communication and engagement about the things that matter to the club's supporters. Please vote for me.

Anne-Marie Godfrey

At 27 years a Womble, I'm really excited by the opportunity to support our wonderful football club by volunteering the passion I have into a meaningful contribution.

In particular, I hope to support strategies relating to: engaging younger fans in getting involved with the club and feeling valued; ensuring our club is accessible to fans with disabilities and improving

the matchday experience for all; and encouraging the club and Trust to improve communications around strategic decision-making and provide more transparency to fans.

Overall, I hope to support the club in protecting our special identity while looking to improve on our insatiable ambition. Come on you Dons!



Nigel Higgs

I am seeking members' support for a further term to continue working on the objectives I have committed to since 2001. I feel I have demonstrated a track record of successfully delivering against my promises during that time.

The challenge now is to re-establish the energy, enthusiasm and joy that characterised our first nine years. Fans should eagerly anticipate the next game

and have a matchday experience that will encourage them to return and others to become supporters.

Please read my full manifesto on using wider democracy to reconnect with members and fans so that together we can build on the history of both Wimbledon FC and AFC Wimbledon to establish our new identity back in Wimbledon - where we belong!

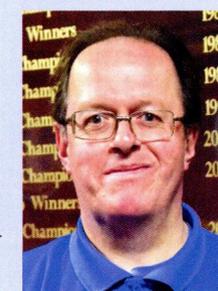
Tim Hillyer

As a lifelong Dons supporter, it has been a privilege to serve on the Dons Trust Board. I believe I have more to contribute and ask for your support and your vote. Many of you know me from the club shop, where I have volunteered since 2002.

AFC Wimbledon and the Dons Trust are undergoing major transition. Here are some ideas, including easy wins: co-opt from under-represented groups;

establish matchday consultation groups; term-limit for DT Board; update the constitution ensuring that no-one can take our club away; consult on priorities for away tickets; whether season ticket holders automatically become Dons Trust members; and a Historical Society encompassing the Old Players' Association.

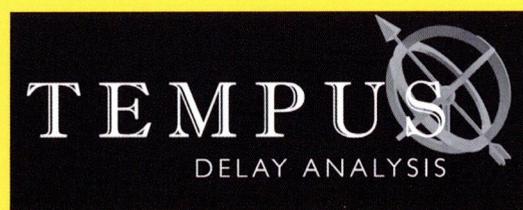
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Advance tickets can be purchased either online, via shop.afcwimbledon.co.uk/match-tickets.aspx, or by visiting the club offices on weekdays between 9.30 am and 5.00 pm. Tickets bought in person may be paid for by debit or credit card, cheque or cash. Tickets will not be sold over the phone.

All-ticket matches

For games which are likely to sell out, priority will be given to season ticket holders, Dons Trust members, AFCW plc shareholders and those signed up to the AFC Wimbledon Fans' Register. Advance notice will be given of games designated all-ticket.

Prices

League One matchday ticket prices are as given below.

Chemflow Terrace

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Adults £17; Concessions £11; Under-18s £4.

Paul Strank Stand (block M)

Adults £24; Concessions £15; Under-18s £10.

The John Green Stand

Adults £24; Concessions £15; Under-18s £10.

Concession prices apply to over-65s, full-time students and the unemployed. Proof of age/status will need to be provided.

NOW ON SALE

Tickets for the following games can now be bought from the online ticket shop or in person from the club offices (times and days as above).



SHREWSBURY TOWN

SATURDAY 3 NOVEMBER
KICK-OFF 3.00 PM



SOUTHEND UNITED

SATURDAY 24 NOVEMBER
KICK-OFF 3.00 PM



AFC WIMBLEDON GROUND REGULATIONS

The safety and wellbeing of supporters entering the Cherry Red Records Stadium is of paramount importance to AFC Wimbledon. The club management reserves the right for its stewards, club officials or the police to remove any person who does not comply with all the regulations.

In particular, fans should not:

- bring into the ground items such as fireworks, flares and laser devices or any article that may be considered to be usable as a weapon and/or that might compromise public enjoyment/safety
- throw any object within the ground
- enter the playing area without lawful authority
- take part in any discriminatory behaviour or use obscene or abusive language
- persistently stand in seating areas
- obstruct gangways, access ways, exits or entrances
- attempt to enter or be in the ground while under the influence of or in possession of drugs or intoxicating liquor.

The stadium is a no-smoking area, and that includes the use of electronic cigarettes.

Failure to comply with the regulations may result in being banned from the ground. If a fan is banned, that ban is indefinite until the fan has demonstrated that their behaviour has improved sufficiently for readmission to be agreed. Until that happens, the club will encourage other clubs to enforce the ban. Banned fans have the right to appeal against the ban and to appear before a disciplinary and complaints panel to make representations to be readmitted to the ground. If they fail to overturn the ban, they have the right to appeal to the Chief Executive.

The full ground regulations as published by the English Football League are posted in various places around the ground, and entering the stadium constitutes acceptance of these rules and regulations.

If you have any concerns over a matter of safety, or hear any racist or homophobic language or obscene chanting, or discriminatory or abusive language targeting specific members of the community, please tell a steward or text or call 07704 649119.

DONCASTER ROVERS

SATURDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2018
3.00 PM KICK-OFF

Keepmoat Stadium, Stadium Way,
Doncaster, DN4 5JW

doncasterroversfc.co.uk

01302 764664

info@clubdoncaster.co.uk

TICKETS

This match is not all-ticket, and it will be possible to buy tickets on the day of the game from the Club Doncaster Academy reception, which is located next to the away turnstiles, and from where collections can also be made, from 1.00 pm. Tickets are now available from AFC Wimbledon and can be purchased from the online shop, at shop.afcwimbledon.co.uk/match-tickets.aspx; by visiting the club offices between 9.30 am and 5.00 pm on weekdays; or before or after today's game, at the complimentary tickets window. Tickets will not be sold over the phone.

Dons fans will be accommodated in the seated and covered OneCall (North) Stand. This is unreserved seating. Families can be accommodated in the visitors' family block – ask a steward on the day of the game.

Prices

Adults £21; Seniors (60 and over) and 22–24-year-olds £17; 18–21-year-olds £13; 12–17-year-olds £8; 11 and under £5.

Disabled supporters

There are six wheelchair spaces available for away fans at pitch level. Ambulant disabled supporters may sit anywhere, but the lower levels are recommended. Both wheelchair and ambulant disabled fans pay the relevant age-related price with a carer admitted free of charge.

CAR PARKING

The cost of car parking at the stadium is £5. A number of companies in the nearby industrial park offer matchday parking at around £3 to £4.

COACH TRAVEL

The supporters' coach will leave from opposite South Wimbledon tube station at 8.30 am and from the Cherry Red Records Stadium at 9.00 am. The price is £28, and seats on the coach can be reserved before or after today's game at the complimentary tickets window. Alternatively, bookings can be made by contacting the club office on 020 8547 3528 during normal office hours.

FOOD AND DRINK

Near the ground

Doncaster's stadium is on the outskirts of town, so pub choices are limited. Fairly close by is the Lakeside, a Beefeater restaurant near Stadium Way, which has a separate bar and allows football supporters in on a match



day. The nearby bowling alley also has a bar, which is an alternative for a pre-match drink.

At the ground, the Belle Vue bar usually admits visiting supporters, although it can get very busy in the hour leading up to kick-off.

In the ground

The concourses are a good size and there are a number of TVs to keep supporters entertained. The food available includes a selection of pies and pasties, plus burgers and hot dogs. Alcoholic drinks are available to away supporters inside the stadium.

WHILE YOU'RE THERE

The first game played by Doncaster Rovers in the Keepmoat Stadium was on 1 January 2007 against Huddersfield Town, a match that Rovers won 3–0. The game also saw the first three red cards to be shown in the new stadium – one to the home side and two to the visitors.

STAYING OVER

Dons fans planning to spend a little longer in the area could head to The Dome, a sports and leisure complex which includes a split-level ice-skating rink (complete with ramps linking the two levels!) and a seven-pool swimming facility featuring several water slides.

A somewhat more sedate time can be had at the Yorkshire Wildlife Park. Located just outside Doncaster, this attraction is home to a huge range of animals including lions, tigers, polar bears, camels and meerkats – all housed separately, it should be added!

DONNY'S HOME FORM

23 Oct	Sunderland	0-1
20 Oct	Gillingham	3-3
9 Oct	Grimsby Town (CT)	2-0
6 Oct	Fleetwood Town	0-4
22 Sep	Bradford City	2-1
18 Sep	Luton Town	2-1

SHOW YOUR COLOURS

The Dons will be wearing their yellow away kit.



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PETERBOROUGH UNITED

TUESDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2018
7.45 PM KICK-OFF

ABAX Stadium, London Road,
Peterborough, PE2 8AL

theposh.com

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info@theposh.com



TICKETS

This match is not all-ticket, and it will be possible to buy tickets on the day of the game. Tickets are now available from AFC Wimbledon for a small discount and can be purchased from the online shop, at shop.afcwimbledon.co.uk/match-tickets.aspx; by visiting the club offices between 9.30 am and 5.00 pm on weekdays; or before or after today's game, at the complimentary tickets window. Tickets will not be sold over the phone.

Dons fans will be accommodated in the seated, covered Main North Stand, accessed via turnstiles 2–6.

Prices in advance

Adults £24; Over-60s £19; Under-22s £15; Under-18s £8; Under-12s £6; Under-7s £1. Under-12s must be accompanied by an adult into the stadium. All prices rise by £2 on the day of the game other than that for under-7s, which remains at £1.

On the match day, all concessions must produce proof of age, or entry may be refused.

Disabled supporters

Eight wheelchair spaces are available for away fans together with a carer seat. Ambulant and wheelchair disabled fans pay the age-related price, with carers admitted free of charge. There is no restriction on where ambulant disabled fans may sit, but B Block Lower is recommended. Headsets for match commentary are available for visually impaired fans at the main reception area.

CAR PARKING

There is no parking available at the ground for visiting supporters. However, there are council pay-and-display car parks near the ground.

COACH TRAVEL

The supporters' coach will leave from opposite South Wimbledon tube station at 2.00 pm and from the Cherry Red Records Stadium at 2.30 pm. The price is £25, and places on the coach can be reserved today, before or after the game, at the complimentary tickets window. Alternatively, bookings can be made by contacting the club office on 020 8547 3528 during normal office hours.

FOOD AND DRINK

Near the ground

The ABAX Stadium is close to Peterborough city centre, where you can find all the usual chain restaurants and coffee shops.

A quirky pub option before the game is Charters, a permanently moored barge on the River Nene just a few minutes' walk from the ground. Upstairs from the bar is a Chinese restaurant. Those arriving by train may wish to head straight for the Brewery Tap, close to the station on Westgate, or the Drapers Arms on Cowgate, a large Wetherspoons pub.

In the ground

Dons fans have a choice of food inside the ground, including burgers, hot dogs, sausage rolls and a variety of pies. Alcoholic drinks are not available to away supporters inside the stadium.

WHILE YOU'RE THERE

The stadium gives something of an insight into the history of English football grounds, consisting as it does of stands of different vintages. The old main stand in which Dons fans will be accommodated was built in 1953, although it has had several upgrades since, one of which was to install seats in the front section, which was previously terracing. The main home terrace (London Road End) dates from around the same time. The 5,000-seater South Stand opened in 1995 and is now the most imposing part of the ground.

STAYING OVER

If you're staying over, you could head for Ferry Meadows Country Park, which offers play parks, walking and cycling paths, horse rides, fishing and superb scenery. The park is located three miles from the city centre and includes a visitor cafe.

THE POSH'S HOME FORM

23 Oct	Fleetwood Town	1-0
20 Oct	Accrington Stanley	0-1
9 Oct	Brighton & Hove Albion U21s (CT)	2-2
6 Oct	Barnsley	0-4
29 Sep	Blackpool	2-2
15 Sep	Portsmouth	1-2

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- Nicholas Gibbs
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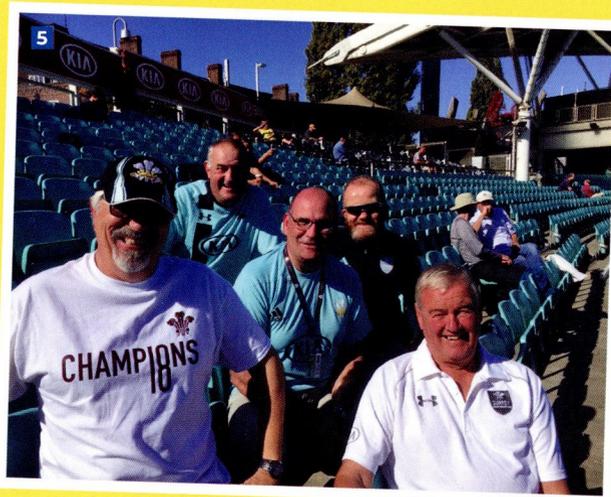
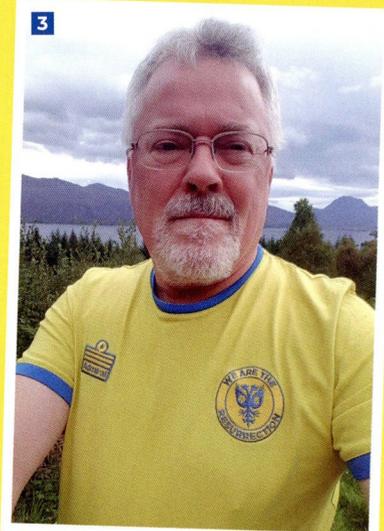
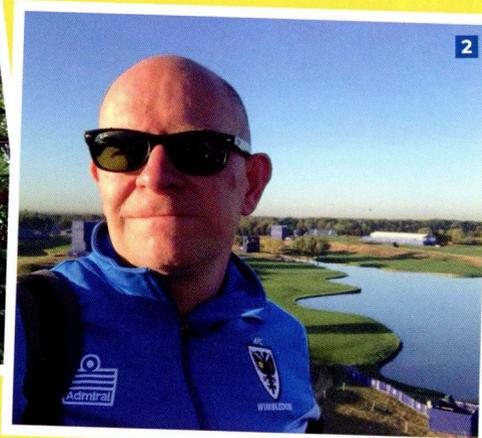
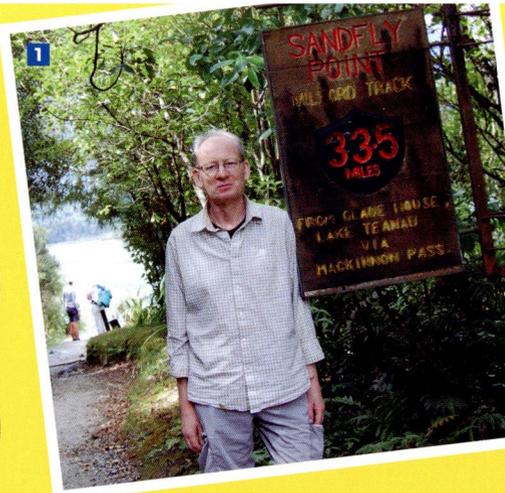
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- 1 Richard Williams after completing the Milford Track Great Walk in New Zealand in February this year.
- 2 Mark Trowbridge at the 'Le Golf National' Ryder Cup venue in France.
- 3 John Manderson wearing the colours in Wester Ross in the Scottish Highlands.
- 4 John Dolan encounters hot air in a non-election context: Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- 5 Dons fans (L to R) Paul Jeater, Mike Berry, Ray Armfield, Geoff Mason and Barrie Scott enjoying Surrey CCC winning the County Championship at a sunny Oval.

Special birthday? New arrival? Showing the colours on holiday? Or just Dons fans being Dons fans?
Send your photos to editor@afcwimbledon.co.uk along with a brief caption.



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WIMBLEDON WONDERS

For our #WimbledonWonders question on social media this time, and with the memorabilia fair being held here on Sunday 4 November, we thought it was a good time to ask what is your favourite piece of Dons memorabilia. Here's a selection of your replies from Twitter and Facebook.

@AngelaSquiresa

1997 signed AFC Wimbledon ball donated to Bournemouth to help save them.

@gorfmanrob

The original Wimbledon Football Club sign from outside Plough Lane. About 15ft long blue and yellow. Might consider donating it when the new ground is complete.

@KentWomble

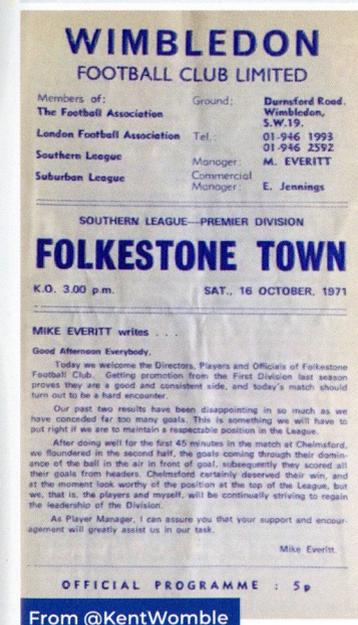
Definitely the programme from my first-ever Wimbledon game. A 2-1 win against Folkestone Town, 47 years ago.

@MeadowAFCW

Signed Alan Inns shirt I won in a charity auction. My favourite AFC Wimbledon shirt as well – the white third kit from Ryman/Conf. South.

@DrDavidStarsky

I have a Mothercare card signed by Carlton Fairweather and Alan Cork. My Mum was working there when they came by – maybe for Jack Cork's stroller.



From @KentWomble

@JohnnyMunro69

Programme from my first ever Wimbledon game, vs Sunderland 9th November 1985.

@2018Farlie

Original 1988 Cup Final shirt which I can still get into. As long as I don't move my arms. Or breathe!

@EssexWomble

Wimbledon FC centenary print signed by our cup-winning captains, Roy Law and Dave Beasant.

@SW4_Womble

A letter from Dave Bassett to my dad after he wrote to the club following the amazing first season in Division one in 1986.

@tyreldo

My 1988 FA Cup final ticket. Never forget that day as long as I live.

@rhrhsyie

My league 2 play-off final ticket, squad signed shirt and winner's medal box.

@shelttt

Signed Wembley programme from some bloke @mainy10

@runningwomble

My daughter (25) still has the signed football from when she was a mascot.

@slough_womble

My limited-edition car to commemorate the FA Cup win.

@Matty_Davenport

A rosette from my first game in 1990. It was blowing around a windswept family terrace and someone passed it to me. Still have it 28 years on.

Eugene Robson

1988 FA Cup final flag.

Lou Carton-Kelly

My WFC snood.

Phil Hendry

My complete set of home programmes from 1977/78 first league season closely followed by my yellow 1988 Cup Final polo shirt (still fits).



From @slough_womble

Vic Abbott

My Dad's 1961 car badge.

Mat Martin

My 1988 season scarf.

Clive Lloyd

My '88 cup final shirt and the centenary top the next season. Loved that Hummel kit.

Paul Bettinson

Wimbledon Town Hall reception programme from an amazing day at Wembley, followed by the return of the Crazy Gang to Wimbledon Town Hall in 1988.

Stuart Young

My programme collection. Every AFCW one, Every WFC one back to 77/78. Every home from Southern League and 3/4 of aways, same era. Loads of Amateur day ones home and away (including a few pre-war).

Richard Lonsdale

Seb Brown's play-off (warm up) gloves.

Sven Bartram

My 1980-81 home programmes. First season I went to the Dons and I love the cover design.

Dan Mitchell

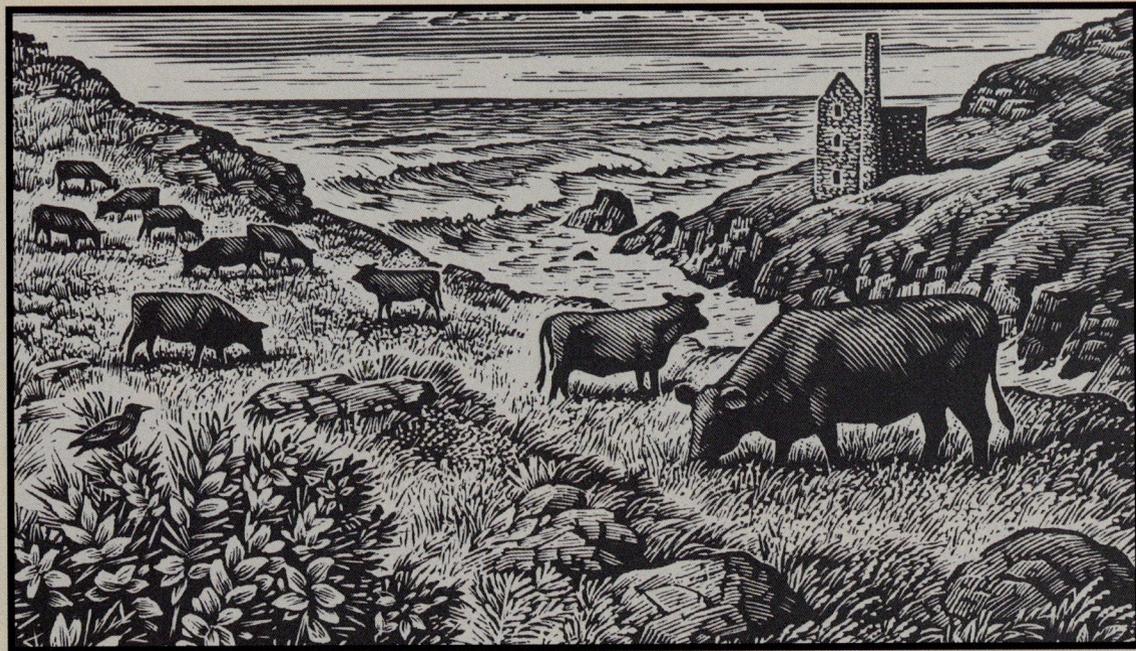
82/83 vs Forest Milk Cup. I was mascot for my birthday and Dave Beasant signed my autograph book on the bog!

Peter Hemsley

88 Spall Cup final shirt signed by Beasant, Sanchez and Gibson.

Claire Woodward

Glyn Hodges' shirt & shorts.



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DONS PUT FOUR PAST SHRIMPERS

The AFC Wimbledon U23s followed their credible league cup group-stage draw against a strong Bournemouth side with a resounding victory over Southend in the league.

TUESDAY 2 OCTOBER 2018

AFC BOURNEMOUTH 1-1 AFC WIMBLEDON

Pugh 54 (0-0) Robinson 78

CENTRAL LEAGUE CUP

The Dons took on a Bournemouth side that included first-team Premier League squad members Tyrone Mings, Charlie Daniels and Marc Pugh. Pugh opened the scoring for Bournemouth shortly before the hour mark, but AFC Wimbledon battled to stay in the game. The equaliser came when Archie Proctor sent through a long ball that Mings, under pressure from Tommy Wood, was unable to clear, and Zachary Robinson headed home clinically.

AFC WIMBLEDON: Tzanev, Stabana, Scott, Ashley (Rudoni 54), Kalambayi, Procter, Burey, Sparta, Wood, Egan, O'Halloran (Robinson 70). Subs not used: White, Macnab.

TUESDAY 16 OCTOBER 2018

AFC WIMBLEDON 4-0 SOUTHEND UNITED

Egan 43, Rudoni 64, Burey 65, Nightingale 73 (1-0)

CENTRAL LEAGUE SOUTH

Southend keeper Nathan Bishop got down well to save from Mitch Pinnock. From a free-kick, Pinnock picked out Hanson and he headed home, but the flag was up for offside. Bishop saved well from Terell Thomas, who had latched on to a Will Nightingale header. Southend's best effort of the half came when Michael Kightly picked out Isaac Hutchinson, but he shot across the face of goal. Pinnock crossed for Hanson, who headed on for Egan, and he did well to score at the second attempt after he was initially foiled.

Just after the break, Nightingale did well to block a goal-bound effort from Kightly. Hartigan produced a fine run from deep and his pass found Jack Rudoni, who showed composure to find space before shooting home emphatically. Tyler Burey used his great footwork and pace on the right to set up a shooting opportunity, and he let fly with a superb drive that arrowed into the top corner. Nightingale headed home emphatically after a corner had been well swung in by Pinnock. Near the end, Pinnock was denied a fifth by Bishop.

AFC WIMBLEDON: King, Sibbick, O'Halloran, Ashley (Rudoni 20), Nightingale, Thomas, Burey, Egan, Hanson (Lodge Francis 60), Hartigan (Biler 68), Pinnock. Sub not used: White.

CENTRAL LEAGUE SOUTH EAST

Up to and including games played on 20 October

POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Bristol Rovers	4	2	1	1	5	5	0	7
2	Exeter City	2	2	0	0	14	1	+13	6
3	Plymouth Argyle	2	2	0	0	6	1	+5	6
4	AFC Wimbledon	3	1	1	1	5	2	+3	4
5	Milton Keynes	1	1	0	0	2	1	+1	3
6	Southend United	2	1	0	1	5	6	-1	3
7	Luton Town	2	0	2	0	1	1	0	2
8	Peterborough United	1	0	0	1	2	5	-3	0
9	Cheltenham Town	3	0	0	3	2	11	-9	0
10	Forest Green Rovers	2	0	0	2	1	10	-9	0

RESULTS AND FIXTURES

DATE	H/A	OPPONENTS	COMP	RESULT
11 Sep	H	Milton Keynes	CLS	1-2
19 Sep	A	Luton Town	CLS	0-0
2 Oct	A	AFC Bournemouth	CLC	1-1
16 Oct	H	Southend United	CLS	4-0
30 Oct	H	Dorking Wanderers	SSSC	
6 Nov	H	Portsmouth	CLC	
20 Nov	A	Peterborough United	CLS	
11 Dec	A	Southend United	CLC	
14 Jan	H	Milton Keynes	CLS	
29 Jan	H	Luton Town	CLS	
6 Feb	H	Southend United	CLS	
19 Feb	A	Peterborough United	CLS	
5 Mar	A	Exeter City	CLS	
19 Mar	H	Plymouth Argyle	CLS	
26 Mar	H	Forest Green Rovers	CLS	
16 Apr	H	Cheltenham Town	CLS	
23 Apr	A	Bristol Rovers	CLS	

CLC: Central League Cup
CLS: Central League South
SSSC: Specsavers Surrey Senior Cup



RESULTS AND FIXTURES 2018/19

DATE	OPPOSITION	COMP.	RES./K.O.	ATT. (AWAY)	PTS.	POS.	STARTING XI
Sat 4 Aug	A Fleetwood Town	L1	1-0	3,236 (371)	3	9	KING WATSON PURRINGTON OSHILAJA NIGHTINGALE APPIAH
Sat 11 Aug	H Coventry City	L1	0-0	4,768 (774)	4	9	KING WATSON PURRINGTON OSHILAJA NIGHTINGALE APPIAH
Tue 14 Aug	A Portsmouth	CC(1)	2-1	6,588 (438)	—	—	KING WATSON OSHILAJA WAGSTAFF PINNOCK GARRATT
Sat 18 Aug	A Barnsley	L1	0-0	11,607 (470)	5	7	KING WATSON PURRINGTON OSHILAJA NIGHTINGALE WAGSTAFF
Sat 21 Aug	H Walsall	L1	1-3	3,887 (277)	5	11	KING PURRINGTON NIGHTINGALE APPIAH PINNOCK TROTTER
Sat 25 Aug	H Sunderland	L1	1-2	4,848 (727)	5	15	KING PURRINGTON OSHILAJA NIGHTINGALE PINNOCK TROTTER
Tue 28 Aug	H West Ham United	CC(2)	1-3	3,962 (713)	—	—	KING OSHILAJA WAGSTAFF HARTIGAN PINNOCK GARRATT
Sat 1 Sep	A Burton Albion	L1	0-3	2,814 (479)	5	20	KING WATSON PURRINGTON OSHILAJA NIGHTINGALE WAGSTAFF
Tue 4 Sep	A Charlton Athletic	CT(G)	2-2	1,244 (143)	—	—	McDONNELL THOMAS WAGSTAFF HARTIGAN JERVIS PINNOCK
Sat 8 Sep	A Gillingham	L1	1-0	5,246 (963)	8	13	KING WATSON PURRINGTON OSHILAJA WAGSTAFF TROTTER
Sat 15 Sep	H Scunthorpe United	L1	2-3	3,885 (204)	8	16	KING WATSON PURRINGTON OSHILAJA WAGSTAFF APPIAH
Tue 18 Sep	H Swansea City U21s	CT(G)	0-1	306 (60)	—	—	McDONNELL NIGHTINGALE WAGSTAFF HARTIGAN PINNOCK GARRATT
Sat 22 Sep	A Accrington Stanley	L1	1-2	1,732 (220)	8	19	McDONNELL WATSON PURRINGTON OSHILAJA PINNOCK TROTTER
Sat 29 Sep	H Oxford United	L1	2-1	4,068 (618)	11	16	McDONNELL WATSON PURRINGTON OSHILAJA WAGSTAFF JERVIS
Tue 2 Oct	H Bradford City	L1	0-1	3,630 (224)	11	17	McDONNELL WATSON PURRINGTON OSHILAJA WAGSTAFF JERVIS
Sat 6 Oct	A Plymouth Argyle	L1	0-1	8,542 (322)	11	20	McDONNELL WATSON PURRINGTON OSHILAJA WAGSTAFF JERVIS
Sat 13 Oct	H Portsmouth	L1	1-2	4,569 (769)	11	20	McDONNELL WATSON PURRINGTON OSHILAJA APPIAH JERVIS
Sat 20 Oct	A Blackpool	L1	0-2	3,246 (325)	11	21	McDONNELL PURRINGTON OSHILAJA NIGHTINGALE WAGSTAFF HARTIGAN
Tue 23 Oct	A Bristol Rovers	L1	0-2	7,184 (268)	11	22	McDONNELL PURRINGTON OSHILAJA NIGHTINGALE WAGSTAFF HARTIGAN
Sat 27 Oct	H Luton Town	L1	3.00 pm				
Sat 3 Nov	H Shrewsbury Town	L1	3.00 pm				
Tue 6 Nov	H Stevenage	CT(G)	7.45 pm				
Fri 9 Nov	A Haringey Borough	FAC(1)	7.55 pm				
Sat 17 Nov	A Doncaster Rovers	L1	3.00 pm				
Sat 24 Nov	H Southend United	L1	3.00 pm				
Tue 27 Nov	A Peterborough United	L1	7.45 pm				
Sat 8 Dec	H Rochdale	L1	3.00 pm				
Sat 15 Dec	A Charlton Athletic	L1	3.00 pm				
Sat 22 Dec	A Wycombe Wanderers	L1	3.00 pm				
Wed 26 Dec	H Plymouth Argyle	L1	3.00 pm				
Sat 29 Dec	H Blackpool	L1	3.00 pm				
Tue 1 Jan	A Portsmouth	L1	3.00 pm				
Sat 5 Jan	H Fleetwood Town	L1	3.00 pm				
Sat 12 Jan	A Coventry City	L1	3.00 pm				
Sat 19 Jan	H Barnsley	L1	3.00 pm				
Sat 26 Jan	A Walsall	L1	3.00 pm				
Sat 2 Feb	A Sunderland	L1	3.00 pm				
Sat 9 Feb	H Burton Albion	L1	3.00 pm				
Sat 16 Feb	A Rochdale	L1	3.00 pm				
Sat 23 Feb	H Charlton Athletic	L1	3.00 pm				
Sat 2 Mar	A Shrewsbury Town	L1	3.00 pm				
Sat 9 Mar	H Doncaster Rovers	L1	3.00 pm				
Tue 12 Mar	H Peterborough United	L1	7.45 pm				
Sat 16 Mar	A Southend United	L1	3.00 pm				
Sat 23 Mar	H Gillingham	L1	3.00 pm				
Sat 30 Mar	A Scunthorpe United	L1	3.00 pm				
Sat 6 Apr	H Accrington Stanley	L1	3.00 pm				
Sat 13 Apr	A Oxford United	L1	3.00 pm				
Fri 19 Apr	H Bristol Rovers	L1	3.00 pm				
Mon 22 Apr	A Luton Town	L1	3.00 pm				
Sat 27 Apr	H Wycombe Wanderers	L1	3.00 pm				
Sat 4 May	A Bradford City	L1	5.30 pm				

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					SUBSTITUTES																		
PINNOCK	TROTTER	BARHAM	SOARES	PIGOTT	HANSON (76)	WAGSTAFF (76)	GARRATT (88)	HARTIGAN	SIBBICK	McDONNELL	WORDSWORTH												
PINNOCK	TROTTER	BARHAM	SOARES	PIGOTT	HANSON (72)	WAGSTAFF (78)	WORDSWORTH (87)	HARTIGAN	GARRATT	McDONNELL	McDONALD												
HANSON	SOARES	McDONALD	PIGOTT	WORDSWORTH	APPIAH (66)	SIBBICK (77)	HARTIGAN (90)	PURRINGTON	NIGHTINGALE	McDONNELL	ASHLEY												
APPIAH	TROTTER	BARHAM	HANSON	SOARES	PIGOTT (80)	SIBBICK (83)	McDONNELL	PINNOCK	GARRATT	McDONALD	WORDSWORTH												
BARHAM	SIBBICK	McDONALD	PIGOTT	WORDSWORTH	HANSON (61)	HARTIGAN (88)	WAGSTAFF (90+2)	OSHILAJA	GARRATT	SOARES	McDONNELL												
BARHAM	HANSON	SIBBICK	PIGOTT	WORDSWORTH	WAGSTAFF (67)	GARRATT (84)	THOMAS	HARTIGAN	McDONNELL	McDONALD	BUREY												
TROTTER	HANSON	SIBBICK	McDONALD	PIGOTT	NIGHTINGALE (26)	WORDSWORTH (68)	APPIAH (79)	PURRINGTON	THOMAS	BARHAM	McDONNELL												
APPIAH	TROTTER	BARHAM	PIGOTT	WORDSWORTH	HANSON (61)	JERVIS (61)	PINNOCK (74)	THOMAS	HARTIGAN	SIBBICK	McDONNELL												
GARRATT	HANSON	SOARES	SIBBICK	McDONALD	BARHAM (68)	APPIAH (79)	PURRINGTON (90+1)	KING	NIGHTINGALE	—	—												
BARHAM	HANSON	SOARES	McDONALD	PIGOTT	APPIAH (60)	WORDSWORTH (70)	PINNOCK (75)	NIGHTINGALE	JERVIS	SIBBICK	McDONNELL												
TROTTER	BARHAM	SOARES	McDONALD	PIGOTT	PINNOCK (63)	JERVIS (67)	SIBBICK (90+2)	NIGHTINGALE	GARRATT	McDONNELL	WORDSWORTH												
SOARES	SIBBICK	WOOD	McDONALD	PIGOTT	TROTTER (46)	BARHAM (62)	KING	OSHILAJA	EGAN	—	—												
BARHAM	HANSON	SOARES	McDONALD	PIGOTT	WAGSTAFF (46)	JERVIS (63)	KING	NIGHTINGALE	HARTIGAN	GARRATT	SIBBICK												
TROTTER	BARHAM	SOARES	McDONALD	PIGOTT	WORDSWORTH (68)	APPIAH (68)	NIGHTINGALE (82)	KING	HARTIGAN	PINNOCK	GARRATT												
PINNOCK	TROTTER	SOARES	McDONALD	PIGOTT	APPIAH (65)	BARHAM (73)	WORDSWORTH (73)	KING	NIGHTINGALE	HARTIGAN	GARRATT												
TROTTER	BARHAM	SOARES	McDONALD	PIGOTT	WORDSWORTH (83)	APPIAH (83)	KING	NIGHTINGALE	HARTIGAN	PINNOCK	GARRATT												
TROTTER	BARHAM	SOARES	McDONALD	PIGOTT	NIGHTINGALE (46)	HARTIGAN (46)	HANSON (46)	KING	PINNOCK	SIBBICK	EGAN												
APPIAH	JERVIS	SOARES	HANSON	McDONALD	PINNOCK (72)	PIGOTT (75)	TROTTER (82)	KING	WATSON	THOMAS	EGAN												
APPIAH	JERVIS	HANSON	SOARES	McDONALD	PIGOTT (61)	PINNOCK (81)	KING	WATSON	THOMAS	TROTTER	EGAN												



PLAYER	APPEARANCES				GOALS				CARDS		MOTM
	LEAGUE	CUPS	TOTAL	CAREER	LEAGUE	CUPS	TOTAL	CAREER	Y	R	
1. Tom KING (loan)	8	2	10	10							
2. Tennai WATSON (loan)	11	1	12	12					1		
3. Ben PURRINGTON (loan)	15		15	15					3		1
4. Deji OSHILAJA	14	2	16	85 (2)				3			2
5. Will NIGHTINGALE	8 (2)	1 (1)	9 (3)	49 (10)				1			
6. Terell THOMAS		1	1	1							
7. Scott WAGSTAFF	9 (5)	4	13 (5)	13 (5)	2		2	2	1		4
8. Anthony HARTIGAN	2 (2)	3 (1)	5 (3)	15 (9)		1	1	2			1
9. Kwesi APPIAH	9 (4)	- (2)	9 (6)	24 (13)	2		2	8	2		
10. Jake JERVIS (loan)	6 (3)	1	7 (3)	7 (3)							
11. Mitchell PINNOCK	6 (5)	4	10 (5)	10 (5)							
12. Tyler GARRATT (loan)	- (2)	4	4 (2)	4 (2)							
14. Liam TROTTER	13 (1)	1 (1)	14 (2)	57 (4)	1		1	4	3		1
17. Andy BARCHAM	12 (1)	- (1)	12 (2)	126 (18)				15	1		2
18. James HANSON	6 (5)	3	9 (5)	9 (5)	1		1		2		
19. Tom SOARES	12	3	15	62 (4)		1	1	2	4		1
20. Toby SIBBICK	2 (2)	3 (1)	5 (3)	10 (5)				2			1
22. Tommy WOOD		1	1	1							
24. Joe McDONNELL	7	2	9	21 (2)							2
25. Nik TZANEV											
26. Rod McDONALD	10	4	14	14					1		
28. Alfie EGAN				7 (10)							
29. Kosta SPARTA											
30. Paul KALAMBAYI				1 (1)							
33. Kyron STABANA											
37. Osaze URHOGHIDE											
39. Joe PIGOTT	12 (3)	3	15 (3)	25 (11)	4	2	6	11			2
40. Anthony WORDSWORTH	3 (5)	1 (1)	4 (6)	4 (6)					1		
Own goals						1	1				

Appearances as a substitute in brackets. Career totals are for AFC Wimbledon only.

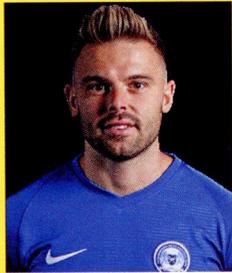
Card totals are for all a player's clubs this season; cards in Checktrade Trophy games not included



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PLAYER STATS

GOALSCORERS



Matt GODDEN

PLAYER	TEAM	GOALS
Matt GODDEN	Peterborough United	9
Ian HENDERSON	Rochdale	9
Josh MAJA	Sunderland	9
John MARQUIS	Doncaster Rovers	9
Lyle TAYLOR	Charlton Athletic	8
Tom EAVES	Gillingham	7
Karlán GRANT	Charlton Athletic	7
Tom HOPPER	Southend United	7
Kieffer MOORE	Barnsley	7
Jason CUMMINGS	Peterborough United	6
Ronan CURTIS	Portsmouth	6
6 other players		6

DISCIPLINE



Max POWER

PLAYER	TEAM	Y	R	POINTS
Max POWER	Sunderland	2	2	10
Shandon BAPTISTE	Oxford United	3	1	7
Simon COX	Southend United	3	1	7
Jamie NESS	Plymouth Argyle	3	1	7
Lee CATTERMOLE	Sunderland	7	0	7
Benjamin WHITEMAN	Doncaster Rovers	7	0	7
Jamie HANSON	Oxford United	2	1	6
James WALLACE	Fleetwood Town	2	1	6
Dominic GAPE	Wycombe Wanderers	6	0	6
Matt LUND	Scunthorpe United	6	0	6
Joe WRIGHT	Doncaster Rovers	6	0	6
14 players				5

FOULS



Adebayo AKINFENWA

PLAYER	TEAM	FOULS
Adebayo AKINFENWA	Wycombe Wanderers	40
Oliver HAWKINS	Portsmouth	32
Mark O'HARA	Peterborough United	31
Lee ANGOL	Shrewsbury Town	30
Niall MASON	Doncaster Rovers	30

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