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THE MANAGER



NATHAN JONES

Good afternoon and welcome to Kenilworth Road for this afternoon's Emirates FA Cup first round tie against Wycombe Wanderers.

We welcome everyone who has made the relatively short trip from Buckinghamshire including the supporters – who will no doubt pack the Oak Road End to make it a real cup-tie atmosphere – officials, directors, manager Gareth Ainsworth, his staff and their players.

Gareth and I enjoyed some real good battles as players and that has continued into management since I came here almost three years ago. Games against Wycombe are always tight affairs, and although we both would have probably preferred to come up against a side we won't play twice in the league this season, we know we are in for a tough afternoon if we want to progress towards the rounds which become more lucrative, and perhaps more appealing, to supporters.

I couldn't have been prouder to be manager of this football club than on that day last January when we walked out at St James' Park and saw that sea of orange with more than 7,500 travelling to the Newcastle to support us. We had a taste of that and want more, but first we have to deal with challenges like today.

It was pleasing to be shortlisted for the League One Manager of the Month award for October, and congratulations to Mark Robins at Coventry for winning it. They have been on a terrific run of form, just as we have, and I'd like to thank my staff and the players for putting us in that position.

To take 15 points from 18 in the month was a tremendous return, and I should point out that the run has coincided with the arrival of Steve Rutter as assistant-manager the day before the Oxford win. Steve's knowledge and experience has been vital both to me and the team, and it will prove even more so in the long run.

We started November with a gritty goalless draw at Rochdale last week, which might not have had the wonderful football which saw off Walsall and Accrington here, but showed a different side to us.

It saw us bring something back from a game in which we perhaps didn't deserve to, but we've gone to places like Portsmouth and Doncaster this season and come away with nothing when we deserved six points, so we'll certainly take it.

Finally, on Remembrance Weekend, I'd like to close by paying my respects, not only to those servicemen and women who have fallen protecting our country, but also to our friends at Leicester City, the family of their chairman, Vichai Srivaddhanaprabha, and those who lost their lives with him in that terrible helicopter crash last month.

Please observe today's minute's silence as impeccably as you always do, and then get behind the lads and enjoy what we hope will be a cracking FA Cup tie.

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FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH CHAIRMAN DAVID WILKINSON

Good afternoon everyone and a very warm welcome to Kenilworth Road for this first round of the FA Cup.

Although there have been changes, which many say are for the worse, the competition still holds a lot of magic particularly for those in the lower echelons of the football pyramid.

We don't have to look back very far to the wonderful day out we had in the third round at St James' Park against Newcastle last year.

Our opponents today are Wycombe Wanderers, who are no strangers to us in the recent past, our last league meeting ending in a 1-1 draw at Adams Park. These games are often spirited affairs and we hope for another exciting 90 minutes this afternoon.

Last Saturday we suffered a bit of a battering at Rochdale, but we won a hard-earned point by some fantastic goalkeeping and brave defending. I think it shows how unpredictable this league can be and how dangerous it is to take anything for granted.

Following the Accrington Stanley game and the various unfounded allegations, a lot of time has been spent discussing, investigating and analysing the purported events, with the result that shows how social media can be and is used to malicious effect with little or no consideration of the damage done.

As I've said before, we on the Board have hundreds of years of supporting our Club and we know that we do everything we can to discourage any kind of discrimination.

We are a club in the heart of its community and we intend to stay that way after we move. It is crucial that lies are not allowed to proliferate and we are always prepared to stand up to be counted for what we believe in. Yes we are passionate, some would say too much so, but have those who do had to put up with the unique injustices, which have fallen upon us?



"All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing" – Edmund Burke

Of course, not all social media is bad, although it does seem to have caused people to feel able to be extreme. Newspaper articles and tweets need to become more outrageous to be heard.

The other side of the coin is that football is always newsworthy. It can be a mouthpiece for its community. A club embedded in its community, as we strive to be, can be a major influence for good in many areas. It can inform, educate, entertain, train, care for, be charitable, employ, improve and create a better environment for those within its catchment area and beyond. That may sound a bit grand, but we are doing or trying to do most of those things right now.

We are an organisation which believes in togetherness and have a history of punching above our weight, and with your support we can continue that trend for both football and our town.

Tomorrow is Remembrance Sunday, the day we remember all those who made the ultimate sacrifice in two world wars and more recent conflicts around the world. Tomorrow is the 100th anniversary of the armistice to end the Great War, and inevitably those who were there die and memories fade of the horrors faced at the time.

In the two world wars nearly 15 million military personnel died. Big numbers like that are so hard to visualise, but it's enough to fill Kenilworth Road for every home game for 60 years. There aren't adjectives that accurately describe the horror of it all.

On Tuesday night I went to see our Under-18s get beaten by Peterborough and thought 100 years ago, boys of the same age would be being killed in the mud of Flanders. A lot were enticed by what they saw as the glamour and excitement of joining up, only to find the reality was brutal and ugly. Does anything change? Do we ever learn?

Time is a healer, but I believe we should always remember the truth about the awfulness of war along with the courage of those who gave their lives believing it was preserving our democracy and way of life.

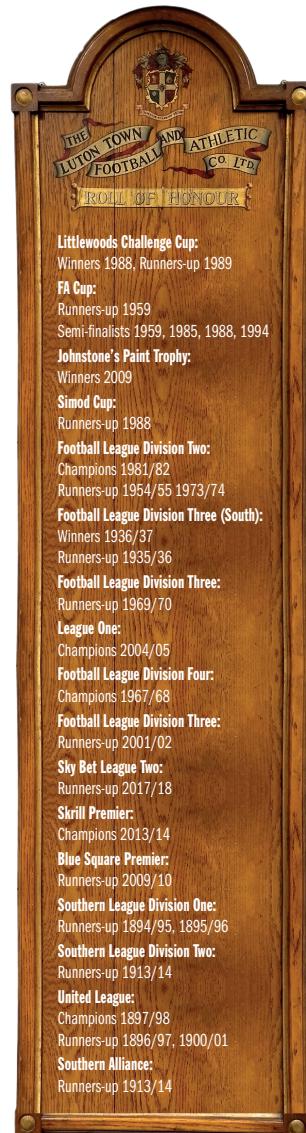
We will remember them, and as part of the EFL's Football Remembers campaign, you will see a rowan tree that will be planted outside the club's main reception on Maple Road at 2.15pm this afternoon to serve as a living legacy to the three Luton players who served and fell during the First World War. Each EFL club will plant a tree to represent each footballer who died during the Great War as part of the 'For Club and Country' project in partnership with the Woodland Trust and National Football Museum, which is something we warmly applaud.

On a final and lighter note, well done Nathan on being nominated for the manager of the month for October, when we won five out of the six games played, and congratulations to our Vice President, Emma Banks, who was awarded the Music Industry Trust Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Music Industry on Monday evening.

Enjoy the game.

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THE SKIPPER

Alan Sheehan

I'd like to start my notes today by paying my respects to those affected by the tragic events at my former club Leicester City a fortnight ago.

The focus of the entire football world has once again been on the Foxes for the past couple of weeks since the helicopter crash that took the lives of chairman Vichai Srivaddhanaprabha and four others.

I spent five years at the King Power, or Walker's Stadium, as it was known then before he took over, and there are people still there who were around when I was there.

It was a wonderful football club when I was there, let alone now. They went on to new heights which no-one thought possible, which was all down to the chairman, and you've seen and heard plenty about the family and community spirit he fostered in the city.

That is what can happen through football, and the thoughts and prayers of us all are with everyone at Leicester City Football Club.

Onto football down here, and everyone loves the FA Cup so it's good to not only be back at Kenilworth Road, where we have such a good record over the past couple of years, but also with home advantage to try to emulate what we did last season in reaching the third round.

The FA Cup is a great competition with great history, and although the first round is mainly

about the Non-League teams that have got through several stages to get this far, we want to progress as we can and hopefully get the marquee draw that everybody dreams of in the third round and beyond, like we had at Newcastle last year.

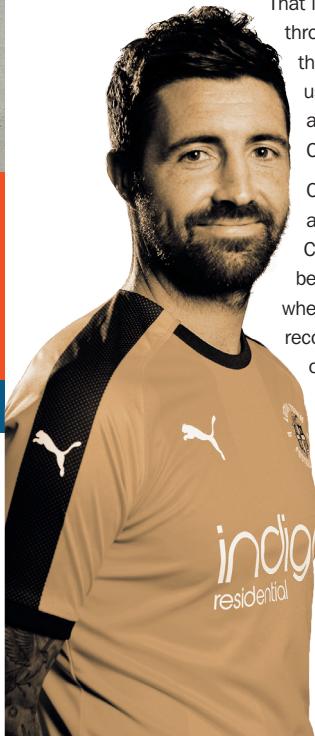
I saw first-hand how much it means to the lower semi-pro sides when I was asked by the BBC to go along for the first round draw at Hitchin three weeks ago, and we wish them well for their game against Solihull Moors tomorrow.

The draw pitted us against a side we know well having played Wycombe a good few times over the past few seasons. In the main they've been very tight games, and we're expecting the very same today.

Wycombe play a system that is suited to their players and they make it work. They won promotion just behind us last year and they've got some momentum, because they've had some good results so far this season and we drew with them a few weeks ago, so we know they are going to be a tough team to beat.

But we've got a big winning mentality now at the club where we want to be winning every game, no matter who we're playing and wherever they are in the league. We just go out to win and we'll be hoping to keep our unbeaten run going at home, so bring it on.

Enjoy today's game, support the lads as you have in every home game so far this season and hopefully we'll have another draw to look forward to on Monday night!



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FOOTBALL REMEMBERS

Today's game is Luton Town's chance to honour those servicemen and women who lost their lives in conflict as the Premier League, the FA, EFL and PFA join forces under the banner of 'Football Remembers' to mark the Armistice Centenary and Remembrance weekend.

The players will be wearing commemorative shirts with a poppy on the chest, and these will be auctioned in the coming days to raise funds for the Royal British Legion, who will also be collecting around the ground today, so please give generously if you are able. A rowan tree will be planted outside the main reception to the club on Maple Road as part of the 'For Club and Country' project, which is run in partnership with the Woodland Trust and the National Football Museum, to act as a living legacy to the three Luton players who died during the First World War, which ended 100 years ago tomorrow.

After that, ex-servicemen and women will act as standard bearers to welcome the players onto the pitch just before kick-off, with a bespoke commemorative coin from the RBL used for the coin toss, when the players will gather around the centre circle. The Exhortation will be read, with a bugler playing The Last Post as the reading ends. A minute's silence will follow immediately, before the bugler plays the Reveille to signify the end of the minute's silence and the Kohima will be read:

DIAMOND VOTE OPEN

Diamond season ticket holders can now vote for their Diamond Player of the Month for October by simply sending their nomination to diamond@lutontown.co.uk

One person who nominates the eventual winner will be drawn from the hat and win the opportunity to present the monthly trophy in the Eric Morecambe Suite after the Plymouth fixture next Saturday.

An adult winner will win two seats for Eric Morecambe Hospitality or a Junior winner will receive a Diamond mascot package. Voting is open until Monday and a winner will be advised shortly afterwards.



*'When You Go Home,
Tell Them Of Us And Say,
For Their Tomorrow,
We gave Our Today'.*

On Sunday, the club's commitments continue with our supporters' liaison officer John Miller attending the Town's Remembrance Day Service at the War Memorial in George Street, where he will lay a wreath to commemorate Hatters players, staff and supporters who have given their lives for their country.

Lest We Forget.

HAVE A LUCKY 13TH, FRED!



Fred Hefford is celebrating his 13th birthday here at Kenilworth Road with his dad Matt and sister Lilly Mae this afternoon. Hopefully it proves to be a lucky one and you see us progress into the second round, Fred!

HAPPY 40th IAN!



Happy 40th birthday for Thursday just gone to Ian Macbeth, lots of love from Jo and Ryan xx

LEST WE FORGET

BY ROGER WASH

When war broke out across Europe in August 1914 it was very much a case of 'business as usual' as far as football was concerned, despite protests on many fronts that able-bodied men should not take part in sport when others were losing their lives across the Channel.

Whether there was a general feeling that 'it will all be over in three months', that professional footballers should honour their contractual obligations or financial interests were coming to the fore, the Football League and the FA decided to continue with the normal programme of games,

but that money should be raised to support the war effort.

The Town kicked off the 1914/15 Southern League season as normal, but crowds were down and as it became clear that the war would last longer than three months, the increasing pressure put on the football authorities ensured they began to crack.

'Pals' battalions (where recruits were from a particular town or profession) were seen as a clever initiative to increase the number of men needed in an increasingly terrible conflict.



SGT ARTHUR WILEMAN MM. THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE.

Born in Newhall, Derbyshire in 1889, Arthur started with the local Swifts side before joining Gresley Rovers where he was top scorer and catching the eye of Football League outfit Burton United.

At Burton his efforts were not enough to save the club from re-election but his career took an upward turn when four years old Chelsea took him to Stamford Bridge in 1909. His stay at Chelsea lasted two seasons, where he managed five goals from 14 appearances, before he spent a year at Millwall.

Coming to Kenilworth Road in 1912, just as the Hatters had been relegated to Southern League Division Two, Arthur made a steady start before coming to the fore in 1913/14 when the Town won promotion back to Division One.

Forming part of a deadly strike force with Ernie Simms he scored 27 goals to Ernie's 28 as the Town netted 92 times in only 30 games in a glorious season.



"His brilliant drives from the inside-right position are not merely spectacular. They are deadly," said the Luton News as the Town settled back to Southern League Division One football.

Arthur joined the 11th Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment rather than the Footballers' Battalion, enlisting at the Kingsway recruiting office in London. He won the Military Medal (MM) for

bravery in the field during the third battle of Ypres, better known as Passchendaele, in late 1917. On 28th April 1918, with war slowly coming to an end, Arthur's unit was in the front line at Elzenwalle Chateau repulsing the German Spring Offensive when he was part of a reconnaissance patrol that was heavily shelled.

His body was never recovered and he is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial to the Missing in Belgium.



LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB.

Season 1914-15.

Mr. E. Gibbs (Director); J. R. Elvey (Right Back); J. Dunn (Right Back); R. H. Abbott (Goal); E. G. Nesman (Left Half); F. Robinson (Inside Left); S. Hart (Outside Left); Mr. C. Green (Secretary); H. P. Roberts (Outside Right); Fred Hawken (Right Half); E. Simms (Centre); R. W. Pritch (Left Half); J. Robinson (Left Back); Mr. W. Lawson (Trainer); Mr. James Bygrave (Groundsman); J. T. Mitchell (Goal); J. Chipperfield (Inside Left); A. W. Worman (Inside Right); R. M. Hawken (Left Half); T. T. Wilson (Right Half); G. Thorpe (Centre); R. N. Macfarlane (Outside Right); E. J. Poole (Left Back);



Kenilworth Road at the outbreak of the Great War.



With this in mind, a meeting took place at Fulham Town Hall on 15th December 1914 to form a Footballers Battalion, with its official title the 17th (Service) Battalion (Football), Middlesex Regiment.

Any recruits would be given leave to play for their clubs in league and cup matches for the rest of the season, while the battalion received military training, and the usual height requirements would be dispensed with.

At the end of the meeting 35 professional footballers from the south-east joined the 'Colours', including Hugh Roberts and Frank Lindley from Luton. Within a month the ranks had swelled to 600.

Normal football was suspended at the end of the 1914/15 season with a London Combination League set up in 1915/16 for clubs less than 18 miles from the capital, which precluded the Town. Intense lobbying by Hatters secretary Charles Green eventually allowed us to take part in a supplementary tournament at the back end of the season.

We were allowed to participate in the London Combination in 1916/17, but even the persuasive powers of Green could not convince the authorities that we should take part over the next two seasons,

on grounds of security, so we had to make do with friendly fixtures.

With war finally over, three Luton players who were on the books in 1914 had given the ultimate sacrifice. Arthur Wileman, who had made 107 first team appearances for the Hatters, together with Ernest Dodd (one appearance) and Frank Gilder, who were on amateur forms. Former players who had died were Walter Fairgrieve, Julius Gregory, Thomas Clifford, George Porter and John (Jock) Jarvie.

Of those who survived the war, Frank Lindley was wounded, as was Ernie Simms, while Sid Hoar was gassed. Westby Heath, who had joined the Royal Army Medical Corps, was wounded as was Arthur Roe.

Robert Frith had two toes amputated and returned to a reserved occupation as a furnace man at a Sheffield steelworks, while John Dunn was called back from service for 'more important work' in a munitions factory in Liverpool. Both Fred and Bob Hawkes were exempted service in June 1916 as they were both sole heads of businesses in the Luton hat trade.

Hugh Roberts, Thomas Wilson and James Brandham returned from war physically unscathed.

ERNIE SIMMS 'CAUSE CELEBRE'

Born in Murton in 1891, Ernie played for South Shields Adelaide and Murton Colliery Welfare before joining Barnsley in 1912.

He could not get into the first team at Oakwell but averaged a goal a game for their Central League side (reserves) and came to Luton at the start of the 1913/14 season, our second in Southern League Division Two. His 28 goals from 24 games helped to win promotion and he then went on to bag 22 in 38 games in Southern League Division One in 1914/15.

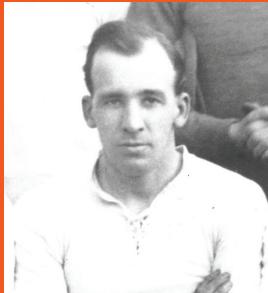
He joined the Footballers' Battalion (17th Middlesex) in May 1915 and was transferred to the 23rd Battalion in July 1915. He was recorded as being absent several times during the 1915/16 season, which probably ties in with him playing for the Town in the London Combination Supplementary Tournament that season, scoring four goals from nine starts.

Soldiers waiting to be posted abroad were then allowed, in 1916/17, to return to play for their clubs and Ernie scored 39 goals in 30 starts that season in the London Combination which was a new national record.

It is recorded that the 23rd Battalion served in Italy from November 1917 until March 1918, and it is in this period that Ernie suffered a severe leg injury and was sent home. The injury left him with a pronounced limp and an ungainly running style, but he was determined to return to full fitness and re-commence playing football.

Kenilworth Road was by now closed for the duration of the war and Ernie gained entry to the ground each night by climbing up a drainpipe with the 'agility and ease of a practiced cat-burglar'. He then stripped down to his vest and underpants and completed lap after lap of the cinder track surrounding the pitch and raced up and down the terraces.

One winter morning a caretaker arrived at the ground and noticed footprints in the snow.



Fearing there was a burglar at large the police lay in wait for him that evening and after his arrest he was forced to reveal all.

The story hit the press and the matter became a 'cause celebre' with Simms' spirit and determination catching the national mood of the time.

The Town's directors could hardly refuse him another contract, and he rewarded them by scoring 12 goals in 33 Southern League games in 1919/20 and 29 from 40 games in 1920/21 when the Southern League formed Division Three of the Football League.

Influential

On 22nd October 1921 he played for England against Northern Ireland in Belfast (two of his Luton team mates Allan Mathieson and Louis Bookman were on the other side – missing three influential players the Town still managed to beat Portsmouth 1-0 that day) after being named as travelling reserve twice previously.

He scored 18 in 25 starts in 1921/22 before moving to South Shields, then of Division Two, in March 1922. He netted three in nine in 21/22, seven in 36 in 22/23 and nine in 17 in 23/24 before transferring to Stockport (also of Division 2) in December 1923. He scored six in 20 starts in 23/24, six in 23 in 24/25 and eight in 23 in 25/26, a season which saw Stockport relegated.

As an aside he took part in an FA Tour of Australia in 1925 and scored 36 times in 18 games. The FA had a record of played 25, won 25, goals for 139, against 13! Simms was not even top scorer as Batten of Plymouth scored 47 goals from 21 starts.

He then went on to play for Scunthorpe and York (both then in the Midland League), where he was a prolific scorer before returning to Luton to work at Vauxhall and turn out for the works side.

He continued to work at Vauxhall until retirement and died in Luton in 1971. He was living in Winch Street at the time of his death.



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JAMES SHEA'S ALL-TIME XI

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Hatters keeper James Shea reveals the best XI he has played alongside, and unsurprisingly, the majority of it is made up of the players he played alongside at boyhood club Arsenal!

Wojciech Szczęsny

Played with at: Arsenal

GK
You could always tell he was going to be good. There is no surprise he is now Juventus' number one.

Hector Bellerin

Played with at: Arsenal

RB
He is rapid. He wasn't always the best header of a ball, but his pace gets him out of trouble. Now he's turned into a real good right-back. Nice fella as well.

Kyle Bartley

Played with at: Arsenal

CB
We played against him earlier on in the season in the Carabao Cup at West Brom. Calm on the ball and a big presence, he is solid.

Luke Ayling

Played with at: Arsenal

LB
He always gives 100 per cent, he's not the best footballer and he will tell you that, but he's had one of the best careers. Fair play to him.

Kieran Gibbs

Played with at: Arsenal

CDM
When I played with him he was more of a left winger, but he worked his way back and has had a really good career.

Francis Coquelin

Played with at: Arsenal

CM
He was a ratter. He would run all day and he gets stuck in. He's at Valencia now.

Jake Reeves

Played with at: AFC Wimbledon

CM
He got us promoted. He is a real good footballer. We weren't renowned for good football, but when we did, he showed the class he had. He scored some vital goals for us.

Henri Lansbury

Played with at: Arsenal

CM
I don't think you realised how good he was until you played with him. When he wasn't there, you realised what a massive player he was. I thought he should have had more of a chance at Arsenal. He's a very good goalkeeper as well!

Jack Wilshere

Played with at: Arsenal

CAM
The boy was different gear. He was class. I was with him from age 11, every year he got better and better. Then when we were 16, he was already with the first team. The only problem is he keeps getting injured.



Dwight Gayle

Played with at: Arsenal/Dagenham & Redbridge

ST
He was a good finisher in training. Every day I played with him he scored a goal. It doesn't surprise me what he's doing now. If there was a league between Championship and Premier League, he'd be in that.

Carlos Vela

Played with at: Arsenal

ST
He is hands down the best finisher I have ever played alongside. He doesn't even smash it. He just passes it into the net.

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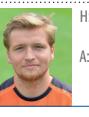
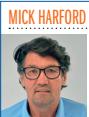
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{TOWN v WYCOMBE WANDERERS | SATURDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2018} **21**

WELCOME WYCOMBE WANDERERS



The Hatters would like to extend a warm welcome to today's visiting staff, players and supporters of our fellow Sky Bet League One outfit Wycombe Wanderers.

It wasn't quite the romantic draw either side had hoped for, but today's game certainly provides a strong test for both teams. We know each other well, and no doubt both sets of supporters will want to get one over the other, although ideally that will be decided today and not in a replay!

We've both had our glamorous away FA Cup ties in the past couple of seasons – a trip to White Hart Lane in the 2016/17 campaign for Gareth Ainsworth's side in the third round was one of the real spectacles of the competition in recent years.

Paul Hayes and Garry Thompson both got on the scoresheet before a Son Heung-Min injury time winner saw Tottenham seal a 4-3 victory.

The rivalry between us and Wycombe has started to bubble over the past few years, with wins at each other's grounds last season giving both teams something to gloat about (although we think ours was slightly more enjoyable!). A share of the spoils at Adams Park earlier on this term means there's slightly more to play for this afternoon.

It was a difficult start to life in the third tier for Wycombe this campaign, but their recent form has

been terrific, winning four of their last six outings, including an excellent 1-0 win over Peterborough United on Saturday. They currently find themselves in 15th with 21 points after 17 games.

Adams Park is proving to be a bit of a fortress, but away from home the Chairboys have struggled slightly, picking up just one win, although they did get a creditable 2-2 draw at table topping Portsmouth.

The Hatters have faced Wycombe once in the FA Cup – for the historians out there, have a think and then read the next sentence to see if you're right – that game was back in 2004, when Steve Howard netted twice, and Kevin Nicholls got the other in a 3-0 win at Kenilworth Road in the second round. You'll read more about this on page 29 of today's programme.

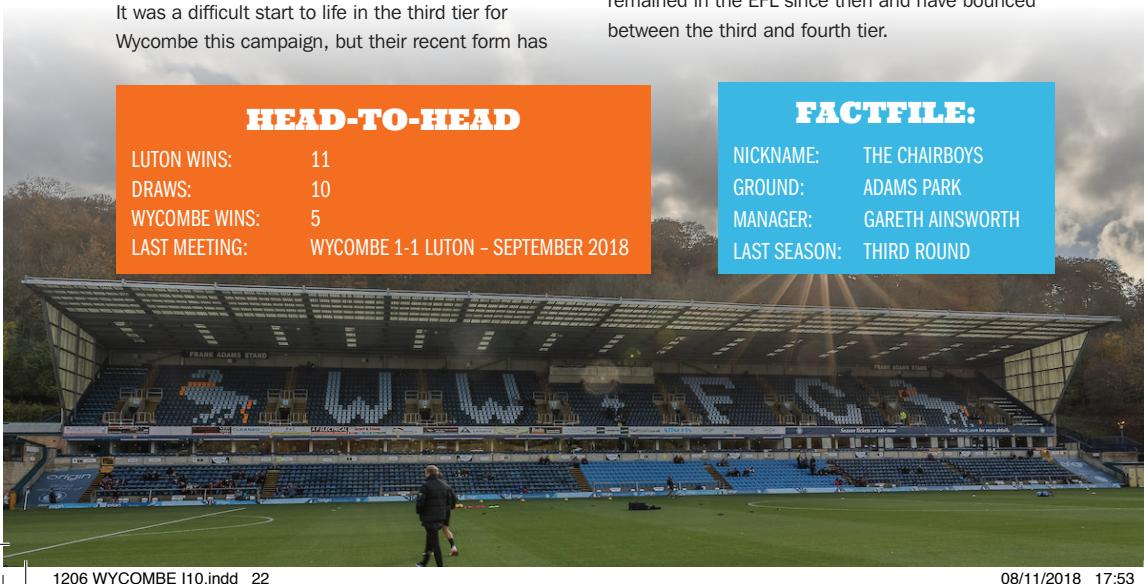
Formed in 1887, the Chairboys have played a large part of their history in Non-League football. They won promotion under Martin O'Neill to the Football League in 1993, winning successive promotions as they went up to the Second Division. They have remained in the EFL since then and have bounced between the third and fourth tier.

HEAD-TO-HEAD

LUTON WINS:	11
DRAWS:	10
WYCOMBE WINS:	5
LAST MEETING:	WYCOMBE 1-1 LUTON - SEPTEMBER 2018

FACTFILE:

NICKNAME:	THE CHAIRBOYS
GROUND:	ADAMS PARK
MANAGER:	GARETH AINSWORTH
LAST SEASON:	THIRD ROUND



MEET THE SQUAD

THE GAFFER

Gareth Ainsworth | Age: 45

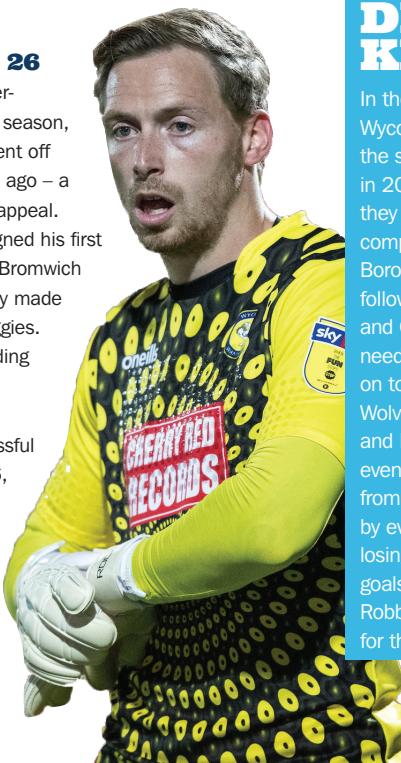
One of football's characters, Ainsworth has played in numerous bands including 'APA', made up of ex-Wimbledon team-mates Chris Perry and Trond Andersen. The rock star-come-manager played across all four levels of the English pyramid before ending his career at Wycombe. The gaffer fully affirmed himself a Wycombe hero in 2013/14, steering the Buckinghamshire side away from relegation to retain their Football League status. Ainsworth secured his first promotion with the Chairboys last season in what was a memorable campaign for both the Hatters and Wycombe, who sealed promotion with a 2-1 win at Chesterfield with a game to spare.



THE STOPPER

Ryan Allsopp | Age: 26

The goalkeeper has been an ever-present for Wycombe so far this season, bar seven minutes after being sent off against Scunthorpe three weeks ago – a red card that was rescinded on appeal. The Birmingham-born keeper signed his first professional contract with West Bromwich Albion although he never actually made a senior appearance for the Baggies. A series of clubs followed, including a brief spell at Icelandic club Höttur, before Allsopp settled at Bournemouth in 2013. A successful loan to Wycombe came in 2016, where the shot-stopper made a brilliant impression. He became a permanent part of Gareth Ainsworth's side earlier in the year and has gone on to keep four clean sheets so far.



GOALKEEPER

YVES MA-KALAMBAY

AGE: 32

The Belgian keeper has played a mere seven minutes of first team football so far this season when Ryan Allsopp was sent off against Scunthorpe. Also capped internationally for DR Congo.

DEFENDERS

SIDO JOMBATI

AGE: 31

The Portuguese full-back started out as a youngster for Sporting CP. He's played a lot of football in Non-League, helping Bath City win promotion to the Conference with a play-off final win.



DID YOU KNOW?

In the third tier at the time, Wycombe managed to reach the semi-finals of the FA Cup in 2000-01, the furthest they have ever gone in the competition. A win over Harrow Borough in the first round was followed by wins over Millwall and Grimsby – both of which needed replays – before going on to defeat Wimbledon, Wolverhampton Wanderers and Leicester City. They were eventually beaten one game from the Millennium Stadium by eventual winners Liverpool, losing 2-1 at Villa Park with goals from Emile Heskey and Robbie Fowler securing the win for the Reds.

[MEET THE SQUAD]

THE WALL

Joe Jacobson | Age: 31



The former Wales U21 captain began his career with Cardiff City but left the Bluebirds in 2007, to cross the Severn Bridge to join up with Bristol Rovers on loan, until it was made permanent in the summer of that year. In

his first full season with the Pirates, the defender won Supporters' Young Player of the Year as well as playing a part in the side's promotion to League One. Jacobson has also made more than a century of league appearances for Shrewsbury Town, scoring seven goals in three seasons before joining Wycombe in 2014. The experienced defender was involved 52 times last season, helping the Chairboys secure promotion with six goals, five assists and an impressive 15 clean sheets to his name.

IN THE MIDDLE

Paris Cowan-Hall | Age: 28

Back for a second time at Wycombe, Cowan-Hall originally departed Adams Park for Millwall in 2015 after impressing Neil Harris, the Lions' manager. The talented winger re-joined the Chairboys in 2017, making a total of 39 appearances in all competitions last season. The 28-year-old went through a small run of exceptional form just after Christmas last season, scoring five in seven matches, even putting one past Marek Stech at Kenilworth Road to open the scoring in the Hatters' 3-2 defeat that evening. Cowan-Hall, who has netted twice in all competitions so far this term, will be hoping to emulate his past at Kenilworth Road this afternoon.



ANTHONY STEWART

Age: 26

A product of the Chairboys' youth system, Stewart signed his first professional deal in 2011. He also guided the club's U18 side to Youth Alliance Cup victory.

ADAM EL-ABD

Age: 34

The current captain of Wanderers has been capped seven times for the Egyptian national side. A complete rock in the backline, making 43 appearances last season.



MICHAEL HARRIMAN

Age: 26

Another ex-Hatter in Wycombe's ranks, Harriman made his first Premier League start with QPR against Liverpool in 2012, defending against the likes of Steven Gerrard and Luis Suarez.



JASON MCCARTHY

Age: 23

Returned to Adams Park with 31 seconds to spare on the deadline day clock in August this year. Previously Supporters' Player of the Year in 2015 while on loan from Southampton.

DARIUS CHARLES

Age: 30

The defender became Ainsworth's first signing of the summer. A big player for AFC Wimbledon in their play-off winning campaign, also starting the final against Plymouth.

MIDFIELDERS

DOMINIC GAPE

Age: 24

A fine campaign last term earned Gape Young Player of the Season, making 38 appearances and notching that winning goal

away at Chesterfield which earned the Chairboys promotion.

MATT BLOOMFIELD
AGE: 34

Now in his 15th full season with Wanderers, Bloomfield is part of the furniture at Adams Park, arriving on a free transfer from Ipswich Town back in 2003.

BRYAN MORRIS

AGE: 22

The former England youth captain assisted Shrewsbury in their play-off campaign last season as well as helping them avoid relegation in 2016/17. Joined Wycombe on loan this summer.

CURTIS THOMPSON

AGE: 25

Thompson finished last season on-loan at Wycombe from Notts County, eventually penning a permanent deal with the club in the summer. Made seven league starts so far this campaign.

SAM SAUNDERS
AGE: 35

A creative midfielder who spent eight years with Brentford, most recently in the Championship. Scored one of Wycombe's three goals away at Norwich in the Chairboys' EFL Cup defeat.



STRIKERS

ADEBAYO AKINFENWA

AGE: 36

The Beast! A man mountain who can use his strength to hold any defender off. A vital part of Wanderers' attacking options who is always capable of scoring a goal.



RANDELL WILLIAMS
AGE: 21

The forward re-signed on-loan from Watford until January, after impressing Ainsworth in last season's promotion-winning season. Managed to grab two goals so far this season.

FRED ONYEDINNA

AGE: 21

Onyedinma returned to Adams Park after a brilliant stint with the club in the second half of the 2014/15 season, scoring eight times in 11.



WATCH OUT
Craig Mackail-Smith
Age: 34

A striker who needs no introduction. Mackail-Smith scored more than 100 goals in four-and-a-half seasons with Peterborough, asserting himself as a fantastic goalscorer in the EFL before joining Brighton, from whom he signed for the Town in 2015. The ex-Hatter even scored one of the best goals in his career that never counted while at Luton, a sensational overhead kick from the penalty spot into the top corner. The attacker couldn't believe it when the linesman judged him to be offside. The veteran forward joined Wycombe from the Town in 2017 and scored 11 goals in his first full season at Adams Park in their promotion campaign.

IN NUMBERS...

Stadium capacity:	9,122
Miles from Kenilworth Road:	32
Year opened:	1990
Average crowd last season:	4,705
Seasons in League One:	1

CLASSIC CAMPAIGNS

FOOTBALL HISTORIAN LEIGH EDWARDS SELECTS TEN POST-WAR WYCOMBE WANDERERS 'CLASSIC CAMPAIGNS'

1973/74

Tony Horseman, Micky Holifield and Steve Perrin scored 60 goals between them as Wycombe Wanderers won the Isthmian League title in 1973/74. The Chairboys raced to the top of the table after winning their first five games and remained in pole position with a 13-match unbeaten run, including 7-0 victories at home to St Albans, Corinthian Casuals and Bromley. Steve Perrin scored twice as they beat Newport County 3-1 in the FA Cup first round and the second round defeat at home to Peterborough was watched by 10,200. They pipped Hendon to the title after beating Leytonstone 3-0 at Loakes Park in their last match.

1974/75

Wycombe Wanderers made headlines as they took First Division leaders Middlesbrough to an FA Cup third round replay in 1974/75. The Chairboys beat Marlow 1-0, Milton Keynes 2-0, Chesham 3-1, Margate 2-1 and Cheltenham 3-1 before defeating Bournemouth 2-1 in a second round replay. Wycombe held Boro to a 0-0 draw in front of 12,000 at Loakes Park, then narrowly lost 1-0 in the FA Cup third round replay. Tony Horseman, Micky Holifield and Steve Perrin were again prolific scorers as Wycombe retained the Isthmian League title after a 22-match unbeaten run, netting 15 goals in the two games against Bromley.

1986/87

Wycombe Wanderers scored 103 goals as they stormed to the Isthmian League title in 1986/87. England Semi-Pro pair Noel Ashford and Keith

Barrett arrived from Enfield and another notable newcomer was Kevin Durham. The Chairboys won their opening eight games and Alan Gane strengthened the team by adding Andy Graham, Neil Price and Jason Seacole. They remained in pole position with 12 straight wins and Declan Link returned in January, scoring in a 7-1 demolition of Walthamstow. Rivals Yeovil won 1-0 at Loakes Park in February, but Wycombe won their last seven matches and won the title with 101 points.

1990/91

Martin O'Neill plotted Wycombe Wanderers' 1991 FA Trophy final triumph. Steve Whitby made his debut as Wycombe beat Welling 4-1 in the opening game at the new Adams Park ground. Other newcomers were Simon Hutchinson, Keith Ryan and Steve Walford. Top scorer Mark West netted four goals as Wycombe trounced leaders Kettering 5-1 and repeated the feat in a 4-1 win over Sutton. They took Peterborough to an FA Cup second round replay, then beat Wealdstone 1-0, VS Rugby 1-0, Cheltenham 2-1, Northwich 3-2 and Altrincham 4-1 in the FA Trophy before defeating Kidderminster Harriers 2-1 in the Wembley final.

1992/93

Martin O'Neill managed Wycombe Wanderers to a Conference title and FA Trophy 'double' in 1992/93. The Chairboys began with a 1-1 draw at Macclesfield and won their next nine games to move ten points clear at the top. The run ended with a 2-0 defeat at Bath City but Wycombe remained in pole position for the remainder of the season, clinching the title with a 1-0 victory at

Gateshead. The Chairboys took West Brom to an FA Cup second round replay, then beat Cheltenham 3-1, Morecambe 2-0, Bromsgrove 2-0, Gateshead 1-0 and Sutton 6-3 in the FA Trophy before defeating Runcorn 4-1 in the Wembley final.

1993/94

Wycombe Wanderers achieved further Wembley glory in the 1993/94 Third Division play-off final. The Chairboys began life in the Football League with a 2-2 draw at Carlisle, then won 1-0 at home to Chester. Martin O'Neill's side lost 5-4 to Coventry in the League Cup shortly before top scorer Keith Scott joined Swindon in a record deal. Steve Guppy starred as Wycombe beat Bristol Rovers and Cambridge United in the FA Cup before losing 2-0 to Norwich in the third round. Paul Hyde and Keith Ryan were ever-present as they finished fourth, then beat Carlisle 4-1 on aggregate before beating Preston 4-2 in the play-off final.

2000/01

Lawrie Sanchez guided Wycombe Wanderers to the FA Cup semi-finals in 2000/01. The Chairboys were among the early pace-setters in the Second Division, remaining unbeaten in their opening six matches. Andy Rammell arrived from Walsall in September and helped Wycombe to win three successive games before League results were overshadowed by their FA Cup exploits. They beat Harrow 3-0, Millwall 2-1, Grimsby 3-1, Wolves 2-1, Wimbledon on penalties and Leicester 2-1 before losing 2-1 to eventual winners Liverpool in the semi-final. Newcomers Chris Marsh and Guy Whittingham helped them finish mid-table.

2008/09

Peter Taylor managed Wycombe Wanderers to promotion in 2008/09. He succeeded Paul Lambert in charge during the summer and Wycombe were early pace-setters in League Two, unbeaten in their first 18 matches, culminating in a 4-0 demolition of Macclesfield. They lost 3-2 at Aldershot and were displaced at the top after a mid-season run of just two wins in nine games. The Chairboys briefly slipped out of the automatic promotion places but four wins in five matches enabled them to finish in third position. Matt Harrold was leading marksman,

while left-back Craig Woodman was ever-present 'Player of the Year'.

2010/11

Wycombe Wanderers regained League One status at the first attempt in 2010/11. The Chairboys lost only two of their opening 16 matches, then climbed to second place after gaining seven wins in eight games. Gary Waddock's side overcame three straight defeats in February to hammer Burton Albion 4-1, then swept to promotion with a ten match unbeaten finish. They clinched promotion in third place with a 3-1 victory over Southend United watched by 8,567 at Adams Park on the final day, gaining a then club record 80 points. Scott Rendell was leading scorer with 14 goals, while goalkeeper Nikki Bull was ever-present.



Scott Rendell

2017/18

Wycombe Wanderers won promotion with a club record 84 points in 2017/18. Gareth Ainsworth's side lost only two of their opening 14 matches, then overcame an inconsistent spell, dropping just two points in eight games after Christmas. The Chairboys lost just one of their final eleven games, crashing to a 4-0 defeat to champions Accrington Stanley in their penultimate home match, but clinched promotion a week later with a 2-1 victory at Chesterfield. Wycombe scored a club record 79 League goals as they finished in third place. Adebayo Akinfenwa was leading marksman, while Scott Brown and Joe Jacobson were ever-present.



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CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH REPORTS ON THE TOWN'S ONLY CUP WIN OVER WYCOMBE

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FA CUP ROUND TWO

The Town had started the 2004/05 League One campaign in blistering fashion and were long term leaders of the division by the time the road to Wembley in the FA Cup commenced.

Having been dumped out at the first stage in both the Carling Cup and the LDV Trophy, the Town were hoping for a long run in the third competition and seemed to mean business when brushing aside Southend 3-0 at Roots Hall in Round One, with big Steve Howard netting twice in front of the TV cameras.

Round Two took the Town to Wycombe of League Two, where the home side sat in 12th position. The Chairboys were on a three-game winning run, which included an FA Cup victory over Coalville in Round One, and were unveiling a new manager in John Gorman. A new manager often has the effect of galvanising a team, certainly in the early days of his tenure, but the Town had a marvellous weapon in response – they had never lost at Adams Park!

Missing for the Town was full-back Kevin Foley with Keith Keane taking his place, while Stephen O'Leary

continued to deputise for the injured Northern Ireland international midfielder Steve Robinson.

The Hatters started on the front foot, pushing the Chairboys back, and it was no real surprise when Howard opened the scoring after 20 minutes with a header following a flowing move involving half the team.

Wycombe stepped up the pressure after the break, but the Luton defence held firm before a 20-yard strike from Kevin Nicholls on 70 minutes virtually killed the tie. Another Howard header, this time from an Ahmet Brkovic cross, with nine minutes left, was the cherry on the cake.

Luton Town: Beresford, Keane, Coyne, Davis, Davies, Nicholls, Underwood, Brkovic (Showunmi), O'Leary, Howard, Vine, (Andrew).

Wycombe Wanderers: Talia, Craig, Silk, (Nethercott), Johnson, Williamson, Guppy (Bloomfield), Senda, Tyson, Uhlenbeek, Ryan, Stonebridge (Faulconbridge).

THE ROAD TO WEMBLEY 1959

PART ONE

IN THE OCCASSIONAL SERIES CLUB HISTORIAN
ROGER WASH RECOUNTS THE HATTERS' 1959 FA CUP RUN

Sixty years ago the Hatters embarked on a famous FA Cup run that would see them fight their way through to Wembley for the first time in their history.

Thoughts of the 'Twin Towers' were, however, a long way from the minds of supporters when the run started in January 1959.

The Town were then an established top-flight side, following promotion in dramatic fashion four years before, but were going through a rough patch after topping the table in September 1958.

Since soundly beating Preston at Kenilworth Road on September 27th to move into pole position, only three wins had been recorded out of the 14 games leading up to the start of the FA Cup campaign.

The loss of manager Dally Duncan, who had departed to Blackburn in October, did not help matters and, apart from a 6-3 hammering of Arsenal over Christmas, the players were showing relegation form.

On the Saturday before the FA Cup Third Round, the Hatters had plumbed the depths with a 1-0 home defeat at the hands of Birmingham and the committee running the playing side, consisting of three directors together with captain and coach Syd Owen and trainer Frank King, decided on drastic action.

For the attractive round three tie against Leeds at Kenilworth Road, out went winger Jimmy Adam and, much to the disgust of the supporters, crowd favourite and eventual record goalscorer Gordon Turner.

The upshot was that only 18,534 bothered to come on a cold day to reflect both the Town's lack of form and the disapproval of the team changes.

Ninety minutes later the fans had changed their tune somewhat after the new-look side put on a powerful display to completely sweep aside their fellow Division One opponents.

Winger Billy Bingham, signed for a big fee the previous summer, skated over the icy surface to fire the Town into the lead after 16 minutes, and when Leeds full-back Jim Ashall injured a wrist, which left him a passenger in the days before substitutes, it was one-way traffic.

Adam's replacement, local boy Tony Gregory, increased the lead soon after the interval and although Leeds caused momentary panic when pulling a goal back, Bob Morton soon regained the two-goal advantage, and further efforts from Bingham and Gregory confirmed an emphatic victory.

The prize for the Town was an away trip to Leicester, who were looked on as a bogey side at the time. The two teams had met twice before in the competition since the war, and on both occasions the Foxes had emerged victorious, 5-3 in 1949 after a 5-5 draw, and 4-0 in 1956.

Despite this, over 3,000 Luton supporters made their way to Filbert Street to swell the crowd to 36,984 on another bitterly cold day. The pitch was a lottery, being partly frozen, and with the players unable to turn, the game was liable to hinge on a mistake.

After a grim battle in the first half with the Town enjoying most of the play, Leicester went ahead five minutes after the break when, after the ball crossed the Luton area a couple of times with defenders



Allan Brown and Bob Morton tiptoe over the ice during the Fourth Round tie at Leicester

slipping and sliding, Ian McNeill headed well wide of Ron Baynham in the Hatters goal.

The Town attempted to battle back from this setback but with the contest drawing to a close, only half chances came their way. There were just 13 minutes left when Northern Ireland international winger Bingham repaid a large slice of his transfer fee by chasing a seemingly lost cause and forcing the ball home for a deserved equaliser.

Although Leicester put the Luton goal under tremendous pressure in the closing minutes, the defence held firm to earn a replay.

For the first time at Kenilworth Road, an FA Cup replay was played under floodlights and a crowd of 27,277, which was the best of the season at that stage, turned up to see if the Hatters could finally lay the Leicester bogey to rest.

They did not have to wait long as, after only nine minutes, Bingham beat full-back Joe Baillie with ease and sent over a perfect centre for Allan Brown to head powerfully past Dave Maclare in the Leicester goal. Ten minutes later Bingham's corner was headed down by long-serving Morton to Gregory, who lashed in an unstoppable shot.

It was ironic that the players introduced to the side to the disgust of the supporters should be the ones putting the Town on the way to a resounding victory with the night becoming a personal triumph for Brown.

Aided and abetted by Bingham, who was showing mercurial form on the wing, the man who was the butt of the crowd's displeasure only a couple of months before, slammed home goals in the 56th and 57th minutes to claim his hat-trick.

Firstly, he chased a long ball through the middle before firing home and then, from the re-start, Bingham sent Gregory away and his pinpoint cross was gobbled up by the ex-Scotland international.

Although Leicester pulled back a consolation with two minutes to go through Ken Leek, new Foxes manager Matt Gillies was faced with a baptism he would rather forget.

The Town already knew that their Round Five opponents would be Ipswich of Division Two at Portman Road, and watching manager Alf Ramsey could see that his side would need to be at their best to stand any chance of stopping the in-form Bingham and Brown.

Luton Town: (all three games) Baynham, McNally, Hawkes, Groves, Owen, Pacey, Bingham, Brown, Morton, Cummins, Gregory.

Leeds United: Wood, Ashall, Hair, Cush, Charlton, Gibson, Humphries, Crowe, Shackleton, Revie, Overfield.

Leicester City: (first game) Maclare, Cunningham, Baillie, Newman, King, Keyworth, Riley, Kelly, Hines, McNeill, Leek. (Second game): Walsh for Kelly.

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A HUMOROUS INSIGHT TO PHYSIO SIMON PARSELL'S WORK

The magic of the FA Cup. Is it still alive?

For some the magic has gone but I still believe that players and staff would still consider it one of their proudest moments to walk out onto a Wembley pitch on Cup Final day. Luton Town has enjoyed that day, but for many it's still a dream.

Realistically with the power of Premier League clubs, we have to enjoy days like Newcastle away and the Rendell goal at Norwich. What a day that was. However, the dream remains getting to the third/fourth round and being drawn against one of the big boys.

For me, the memories are great. I did have one experience away at Sheffield United when our goalkeeper received a head injury. Obviously, I rapidly made my way to the keeper and saw that I would need to bandage his head. Promptly, I opened the bandage and began to wrap it around his head. Unfortunately for me, it was a six-metre bandage and I had forgotten my scissors. That bandage was about three inches thick by the time I was done. Even the referee offered to get me some scissors!

The atmosphere of the FA Cup is always a little different and there is always that chat about what if and who we could get in the next round. Obviously, we don't get the chance to be in amongst that.

However, Wimbledon provided a unique experience as by the dugout, you are almost in with the Luton fans. I even found myself singing along to 'Matty Pearson heading it right back' – plus, a couple I can't repeat – but clearly I Woke Up This Morning Feeling Fine! Once it's in your head, there's no escape. Great work guys.

Injury wise we are starting to look good. Dan Potts and Jorge Grant are recovering from their groin strains, and Luke Berry has joined back in with



training. My time with Dan has been educational, as I now know all the special offers on at Howdens as he carries out building work. He also complains that his bricklayer is too slow. I said just level with him.

The guys are now under the care of Jared to get them up to match pace, may I add, whilst recovering from a nasty injury himself. A ball to the face has caused some attractive bruising over the full width of his nose. Wow! Who said that's some bruising!

Enjoy the game and let's hope we can be in the hat on Monday for the next round.

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TOWN GOALS: HYLTON 5, 54, 70, SHINNIE 52

ACCRINGTON GOAL: ZANZALA 27



SHEA
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PEARSON
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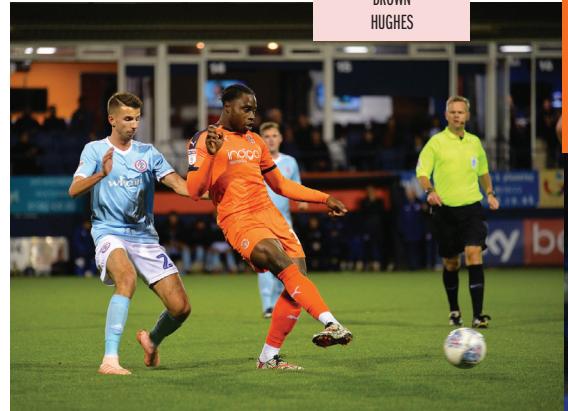
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STORY OF THE MATCH

A brilliant Town performance saw Nathan Jones' side defeat in-form Accrington 4-1 at Kenilworth Road, lifting them into the play-off places.

A sublime counter-attack was rounded off by Danny Hylton as he fired in from James Justin's delicious back stick cross just five minutes in, before Offrande Zanzala headed in from Callum Johnson's cross just before the half-hour mark. After a bit of a melee just after the half-time whistle, Town came out and

dispatched their opponents with a clinical edge, Andrew Shinnie instrumental as he restored the lead with a low drive into the bottom left corner on 52 minutes, before teeing up Hylton for his second two minutes later.

The rout was complete when Hylton headed in from Sonny Bradley's flick back across goal to complete his hat-trick on what was a brilliant night at Kenilworth Road.



Danny Hylton completes his hat-trick



JONES:

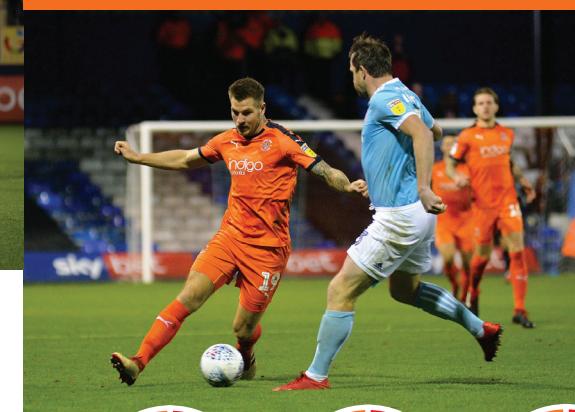
"I thought we were excellent, apart from the first half where they put two crosses in and

we came unstuck, I thought we were brilliant, I really did.

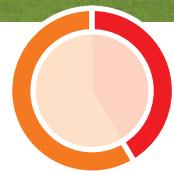
"I thought we started really well, I was just a little bit disappointed that we didn't go on from there, having started so well and scoring so

well – it was a great counter attacking goal – and then we just seemed to take our foot off the gas.

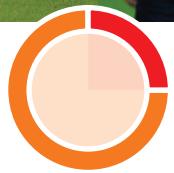
"That's my only disappointment, but it was an outstanding performance and they came out and had a right go, to be fair. It should have been more and we should have killed them off on the counter attack, but 4-1, I am delighted."



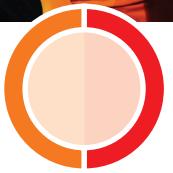
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SHOTS OFF TARGET
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CORNERS
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FOULS
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TOWN GOALS: MPANZU 61, LEE 80



JONES:

“I think it was as good [as recent home performances], I just don’t think it was as fluent. It was a different type

of game, they matched us up man for man all over the pitch, there wasn’t space to exploit.

“We showed a thoroughly professional side to us, we kept a clean sheet, we defended our box well against difficult opponents because they’re in a false position. They shouldn’t be where they are, we’ve watched them and

they have got some decent players, Hanson is a real threat. I think he was marshalled fantastically well by our centre-halves and Glen Rea in front of them.

“So we really had to dig in today and show our character and our performance levels and I am very, very pleased with that. First half we weren’t really at it, second half I thought much, much better. The margin should have been far greater.”

STORY OF THE MATCH

The Hatters climbed up to fifth in Sky Bet League One as they defeated AFC Wimbledon 2-0 at Kingsmeadow.

In what was a hard-fought affair, the Hatters were matched up in their diamond formation, with Neal Ardley’s side looking to frustrate the Town.

Nathan Jones’ men made the breakthrough just after the hour mark when Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu volleyed in from Andrew Shinnie’s pinpoint cross to

net his first of the campaign, before Danny Hylton saw his Panenka penalty comfortably saved by Joe McDonnell – you have no doubt seen it on the internet!

Elliot Lee grabbed the Town’s second with a wonderful curling effort into the bottom right corner, after good work from James Collins, lifting the Hatters to within five points of the automatic promotion spots.



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JUSTIN
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MPANZU
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HYLTON
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LEE (SHEEHAN 84)

SUBS NOT USED:
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MCDONNELL
PURRINGTON (PINNOCK 65)

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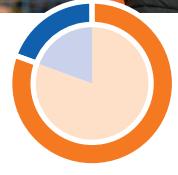
Elliot Lee curls home the second goal



POSSESSION
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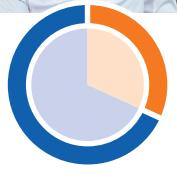
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SHOTS OFF TARGET
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CORNERS
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FOULS
19 | 8

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TRAVELLER'S TALES

LUTON TOWN SUPPORTERS' TRUST MEDIA OFFICER KEVIN HARPER'S TRIP TO AFC WIMBLEDON

THE JOURNEY

There is always a tentative hope that an encounter with the M25 goes well, and to be fair it wasn't as bad as it has been in the past. There were a few hold ups along the way, but by and large we made it down to Kingsmeadow in good time.

RATING: (OUT OF 5)

THE GROUND

The Cherry Red Records Stadium is a regular spot for us these days, and it hasn't changed since the Checkatrade Trophy match there last year. It doesn't really matter whether you are in the seats or the terrace, the view isn't the best, and the facilities are substandard for this level.

RATING: (OUT OF 5)

THE FOOD

One good thing about going to Wimbledon is the chip shop about five minutes from the ground, and as ever I went down there for a pre-match meal. It was a good job I did because although there was a tea bar inside the ground, it didn't look up to much.

RATING: (OUT OF 5)

THE PROGRAMME

In keeping with the rest of things so far, the programme was nothing to write home about although as part of our Supporters Trust, the updates on the upcoming Dons Trust elections were of some interest. Not much else was in truth though, it must be said.

RATING: (OUT OF 5)

THE MATCH

This was quite a low key affair in which the Town never really needed to come out of third gear, but still ran out comfortable winners, and could have won by more than the 2-0 scoreline. Goals from Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu and Elliot Lee in the second half were more than enough for the three points, although the match will probably be remembered most for a horrible penalty by Danny Hylton, who got a 'Panenka' all wrong and looked more than a little daft! Once we took the lead you never saw Wimbledon scoring so this was a solid, if unspectacular, win.

RATING: (OUT OF 5)

MAN OF THE MATCH

One of the reasons why Wimbledon never looked like scoring was the immense showing of Sonny Bradley. He won everything in the air against the target man James Hanson, and he used the ball well too. He kept things ticking over and was a menace at set-pieces. This was another very good performance from the centre-half.

SUMMARY

This was not a match that will live long in the memory, but a first away win of the season and a clean sheet is certainly nothing to be down about. I'll take a few more of these between now and the end of the campaign! The journey home wasn't too bad so we were home in good time to celebrate another three points!

OVERALL RATING: 10

{TOWN v WYCOMBE WANDERERS | SATURDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2018} **41**

ROCHDALE 0 LUTON TOWN 0

STORY OF THE MATCH

The Hatters managed to grab a point at Rochdale last Saturday as goalkeeper James Shea pulled off some wonderful saves to ensure the unbeaten run was extended to four matches.

Town had the first opportunity of the game within the first five minutes as Danny Hylton flicked wide from Jack Stacey's low cross. Shea was then forced into a wonderful double save as he denied Matthew Done – at first a header before a follow up effort from five yards, before he tipped a Callum Camps strike away at full stretch.

Hylton received his marching orders after a studs up challenge on ex-Hatter Ian Henderson with 15 minutes to go, but the Town weathered a late Dale storm to ensure they made it two consecutive away clean sheets.



SHEA
JUSTIN
BRADLEY
PEARSON
STACEY
HYLTON

LEE (LUALUA 55)
SHINNIE (CORNICK 55)
REA
MPANZU
COLLINS (SHEEHAN 78)

SUBS NOT USED:
McCORMACK
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WILLIAMS (ANDREW 59)
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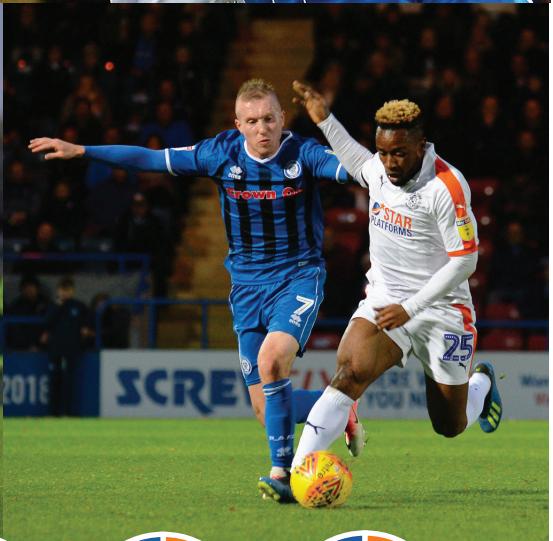
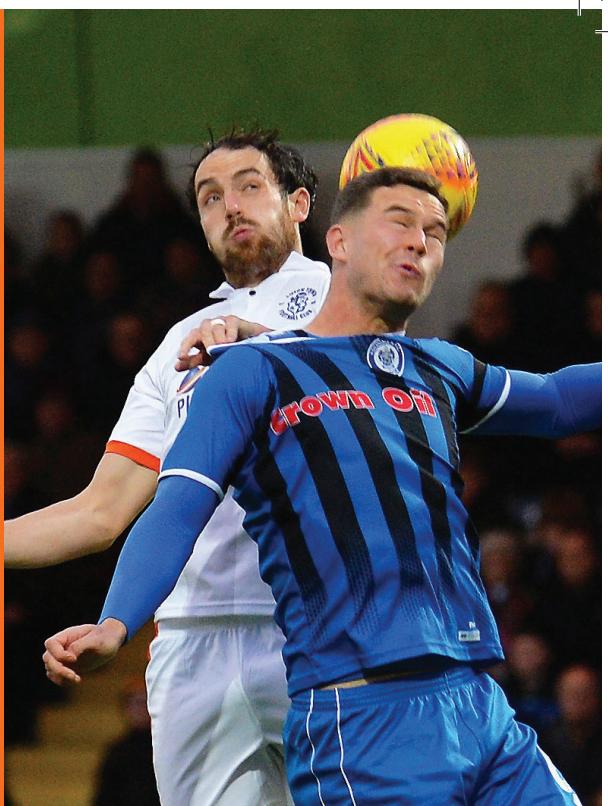


JONES:

"Probably for the first time for a long, long, long, long time, we've got something we probably didn't really deserve, if I'm honest. But we stuck at it, we had to change shape, we showed great resilience to get a clean sheet away from home. We had to ride our luck a little bit.

"If you get what you deserve in football then we'd have beaten Blackpool and we'd have beaten Doncaster and we'd have five more points, and then I'd have accepted defeat here quite comfortably.

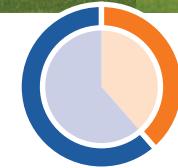
"So we got what we didn't deserve to be honest with you, but that's a good point as these are a good football side. They cause you problems if you allow them, and we allowed them to do it today. That's the biggest thing for me."



POSSESSION
61 | 39



SHOTS ON TARGET
6 | 2



SHOTS OFF TARGET
9 | 5



CORNERS
10 | 5



FOULS
10 | 13



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BY HARRY ROGERS

JAMES: 'SHEA-VES ARE PART OF THE JOB!'

The Hatters stretched their unbeaten run to four matches after a stern test in the form of Rochdale ended 0-0 thanks to several heroic saves from James Shea.

The ex-AFC Wimbledon man filled the goal on the day in what he agreed was his best performance in a Luton shirt, denying Dale the chance of snatching all three points and keeping the Town in a play-off spot.

Shea made numerous important saves in the first half and had to be alert along with his defence late on, when Hylton was sent off for a late challenge on Ian Henderson. The shotstopper insisted however, that he was merely fulfilling his role within the team.

Speaking at Spotland after Saturday's match, Shea said: "It's always nice to make a few saves. I haven't had to make too many in recent weeks to be honest.

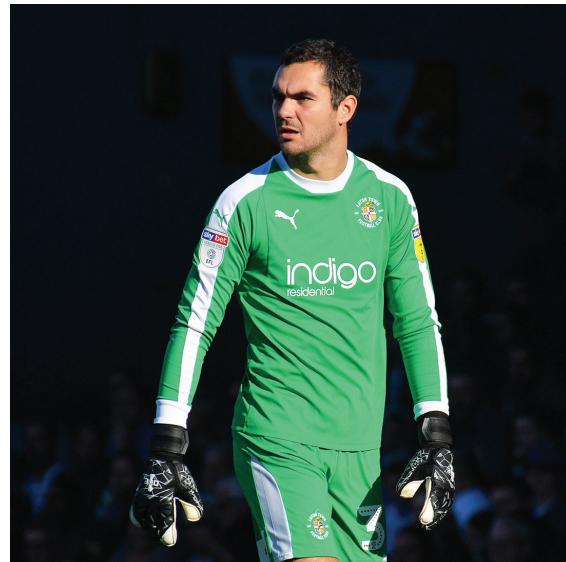
"It was a hard-earned point today and I'm glad the saves meant something. I would have been disappointed to come off making the saves in the first half then losing it at the end, so it's a good point for us at the end of the day.

"It was hands down my best performance for Luton, it's the most I've had to do in a game since I've joined because I've not had much to do, especially recently and the end of last year, when we were winning.

"At the end of the day it's my job to make saves, and thankfully I've made a few today."

The pick of the bunch came in the first half, when the 27-year-old reacted quickest on the goal line to make a superb double save with his feet, ensuring the Hatters kept a second clean sheet in as many games away from home.

He continued: "I stuck my leg out, it's hit my leg and he's gone for the rebound and it's just hit me.



Thankfully we managed to get it away but it's always nice to make saves because you feel like you're doing your job."

It truly was a brilliant display from the man between the sticks, but Shea is fully focussed on the job in hand for the rest of the season, well aware that his starting spot will be taken by the other talented goalkeepers at the club if any shoddy performances creep into his game.

He added: "I'm over the moon to be playing, but I know I've got to be on top form because I've got Stechy and Harry breathing down my neck. Harry's been absolutely brilliant in the Checkatrade Trophy games he has played, and Stechy has shown what a great goalkeeper he is. He's coming back to fitness now, so I've just got to keep my head down and hopefully keep doing the job."

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Pet hate?

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Cat or dog?

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Xbox or PlayStation?

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Last holiday?

Portugal.

Karaoke song?

Uncle Kracker – Follow Me.



Favourite artist?

The Beautiful South.

Top of your playlist?

Whatever Pelly plays in the dressing room!

Can't miss on TV?

All reality TV shows really.

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Love Island.

Club you support?

Coventry City.

Favourite away ground?

The Emirates.

Best moment in football?

All four promotions.

Best player played with?

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Instagram or Twitter?

Instagram.



James celebrating his goal for Shrewsbury against Arsenal at the Emirates in 2011



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YOUTH CUP UPDATE

The Hatters Under-18s have been in FA Youth Cup action over the past fortnight...

ROUND 1 - 26TH OCTOBER - KENILWORTH ROAD

TOWN 4 BRENTWOOD TOWN 1

TOWN: Parker, Jones, Wilson-Braithwaite (Swindells), Panter, Byron, Kalonda (Wilson), Peck, Richardson, Neufville, Boorn (Lucas), Tomlinson.

Subs not used: Nicolson, Holden (GK).

Goals: Tomlinson 11, 16, 17, 29

ATT: 255

ROUND 2 - 6TH NOVEMBER - ABAX STADIUM

PETERBOROUGH 3 TOWN 0

TOWN: Parker, Jones (Wilson 70), Panter, Wilson-Braithwaite, Richardson (Beckwith 57), Peck, Tomlinson, Neufville, Kalonda, Byron, Boorn (Lucas 65).

Subs not used: Holden, Swindells.

Attendance: 429

The Hatters were comfortable winners in their FA Youth Cup first round tie as Connor Tomlinson netted four against Brentwood Town Under-18s.

The striker opened the scoring 11 minutes into the game, before netting two in as many minutes to bag his hat-trick and give the Town an unassailable lead before the 20-minute mark.

He found his fourth with half an hour gone to put the hosts firmly in control, before Brentwood got a goal back late on in the second half.

That set the Hatters up for a second-round tie at Peterborough United – who they had defeated 5-1 last Saturday in the EFL Youth Alliance South East League – on Tuesday night.

They weren't able to replicate that scoreline though and were convincingly defeated 3-0 at the Abax Stadium.

Oli Shackleton broke the deadlock with 30 minutes gone and that was extended when Dequane Wilson-Braithwaite put the ball past his own keeper, shortly after Corey Panter had hit the crossbar for the Hatters from a Jake Peck free-kick.

The win was secured for Peterborough when Mikkel Fosu fired past Tiernan Parker at the back stick with five minutes to go, knocking the Town out of the competition for this season.



Connor Tomlinson scores one of his four goals

YOUTH TEAM FIXTURES 2018/19

AUGUST

Sat 4	Gillingham	A	L 0-4
Sat 11	Barnet	H	W 2-0
Sat 18	AFC Wimbledon	A	W 3-0
Sat 25	Cambridge Utd	A	D 1-1
Tue 28	Cambridge Utd (EFL Cup)	H	L 1-4

SEPTEMBER

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

OCTOBER

Sat 6	Leyton Orient	A	W 2-1
Sat 13	Southend Utd	H	L 3-8
Sat 20	Cambridge Utd	H	W 1-0
Fri 26	Brentwood Town (FAY Cup R1)		W 4-1

NOVEMBER

Sat 3	Peterborough	A	W 5-1
Tue 6	Peterborough (FAY Cup R2)	A	L 0-3
Sat 17	N'hampton Town	A	

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October half term week turned out again to be the Trust's busiest week of the year with lots of player visits on our soccer camps, and over 60 development fixtures for our young recruited players as well as our first organised fixtures of the season for our Girls PDC and PL KICKS tournaments in Marsh Farm.

Soccer Camp Player Visits



Every season the Community Trust receives central funding from both the EFL and PFA as part of their commitment to see Community Player Engagement at the heart of all professional clubs' social responsibilities work.

Last season our player visits over the whole club totalled over 400, with more than 150 of them on specific Community Trust projects and events, and in the last two weeks the first team were out in force at our soccer camps handing out medals and coaching tips to over 300 soccer crazy youngsters all over Luton, Beds and North Herts.

The visits make such a difference to all our young fans and even though lots turn up predictably in Premier League club kits, it's only through this 'real'

contact with the club that we can show the next generation of football fans that we are their 'real' local club and worth supporting.

Thanks to Kazenga LuaLua, Glen Rea and young pros Jack Senior and Arthur Read for doing the honours.

PL KICKS U16 boys host Watford and Arsenal

Our Kicks projects aims to use football as a hook to engage and target young people and attempt to divert them away from crime and anti-social behaviour by providing training, employment and volunteering opportunities.

Last week Watford FC visited Marsh Farm for a competitive U18 fixture, while Arsenal won the U16 tournament which also included Milton Keynes, Southend United and Luton Schools FA. All of the Luton teams were made up from boys right across town uniting under the club badge.

Hatters Trust Community Operations Officer Daniel Douglas commented: "Kicks is a fantastic project that encourages young people of all ages and abilities to come together and enjoy football. We are using the games as rewards for the boys who attend and behave at our weekly centres."



Youth Development Programme

Like many other EFL Clubs, our fully integrated youth player development structure at the club is run by the Community Trust.

It starts with players as young as four years old who simply 'pay and play' each week, through to our Skills Performance Centres Talent Identification Coaching Programme for boys up to 16 years of age, who train on our ten-week coaching programme. In total over 20 of these centres run all year around through our development programme.

All of the boys, together with recruited boys, continue their journey for an academy place at our Centre of Excellence Centres in Luton, Dunstable, Kempston and Arlesey, which have over 300 boys who we see long term development potential with a further 140 boys signed at our Luton Pre-Academy level for boys with shorter term potential.

An important part of the process is the games programme and during half-term our pre-academy boys visited Reading for a three-ball tournament

with Fulham, while our Kempston PDC visited Northampton Town and our Arlesey PDC visited Norwich City.

Girls Player Development Centre visit Pompey

Our first Girls PDC fixtures of the season saw the girls travel down to the south coast to face hosts Portsmouth and fellow visitors Peterborough United.

With four combined age groups from U8/9 to U15/16, it was a real festival of football and a mark of how far our girls football project has come playing larger PDCs who are part of regular leagues.

Nicolle Robinson, Hatters Girls Football Development Officer, said: "The games were fantastic and closely fought, although both opposition teams had much more playing experience through their local leagues.

"Overall it was a great day and a great atmosphere at the games, with fantastic enthusiasm from everyone involved and a great first round of fixtures with more to come during the season."



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Luton Town 0-2 Enfield Town

Hatters come unstuck against solid Enfield side

Hoping to put the previous weekend's defeat at Crawley behind them, Luton faced a mid-table Enfield side at Kenilworth Road under the floodlights last Tuesday, with the opportunity to advertise the women's game to a wider range of Luton fans.

Angelika Kopec started in goal once again due to the continued absence of regular starter Kezia Hassall, who is busy playing cricket in Sri Lanka!

The ever-impressive Jess McKay forged the first opportunity of the game, forcing Enfield stopper Kelly Cooper into a sharp save down to her right hand side. Unfortunately, the Hatters couldn't muster any kind of momentum, and it was the visitors who looked most likely to score, though Kopec was equal to the initial pressure, saving well after a quick breakaway.

Around 20 minutes in, the travelling side took the lead: a simple yet effective move culminated in a calm side-footed finish from Kelly after some good work down the left hand side from the Enfield winger. Not long after, their lead was doubled with a stunning long-range strike from opposing skipper Nuala McKeitt.

At 2-0, Luton did begin to pick up their performance, and some dogged pressing from Dionne Manning saw the ball fall to Rachel Kosky, who looked to square it into the path of oncoming Aurora Ryan, but it was narrowly diverted from her by an Enfield defender.

Seconds before the break, the Hatters came close to pulling one back through

McKay; Kosky played a delightful ball down the line to the determined midfielder who slid the ball back into the box well. However, it was cut out and cleared as it crossed the six-yard box.

Luton briefly continued this good spell at the start of the second half when Manning broke away from the surrounding defenders and latched onto a ball over the top, although she could only loop the ball narrowly over the bar from 20 yards out. The Town then proceeded to create a handful of half chances, a couple of which tested the keeper and resulted in corners, but generated little genuine danger. Enfield had further chances also, meaning Kopec had to remain alert in order to be quick off her line and make a couple of decent saves.

The game petered out to a 2-0 defeat for Luton, who remain bottom of the table after a rather disappointing performance in front of easily their biggest crowd of the season.

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

Sun Aug 19	Leyton Orient	L 0-1	Tue Oct 30	Enfield Town	L 0-2
Sun Aug 26	AFC Wimbledon	L 1-3	Sun Nov 4	Cambridge Utd	L 0-1
Sun Sep 2	Cheltenham (Cup)	L 1-3	Sun Nov 18	Norwich City	A
Sun Sep 9	Actonians	L 0-3	Sun Dec 16	Stevenage	H
Sun Sep 16	Billericay Town	L 1-2	Sun Jan 13	Leyton Orient	A
Sun Sep 23	Dunstable (Cup)	W 7-0	Sun Jan 20	AFC Wimbledon	A
Sun Sep 30	Ipswich Town	W 3-1	Sun Feb 3	Actonians	H
Wed Oct 3	Denham United	D 0-0	Sun Feb 13	Enfield Town	A
Sun Oct 7	Oxford City	W 5-2	Sun Feb 17	Billericay Town	H
Sun Oct 14	Gillingham (plate)	L 4-5	Sun Mar 10	Ipswich Town	A
Sun Oct 28	Crawley Wasps	L 0-6	<i>(Home games are played at Stockwood Park Athletics Stadium)</i>		



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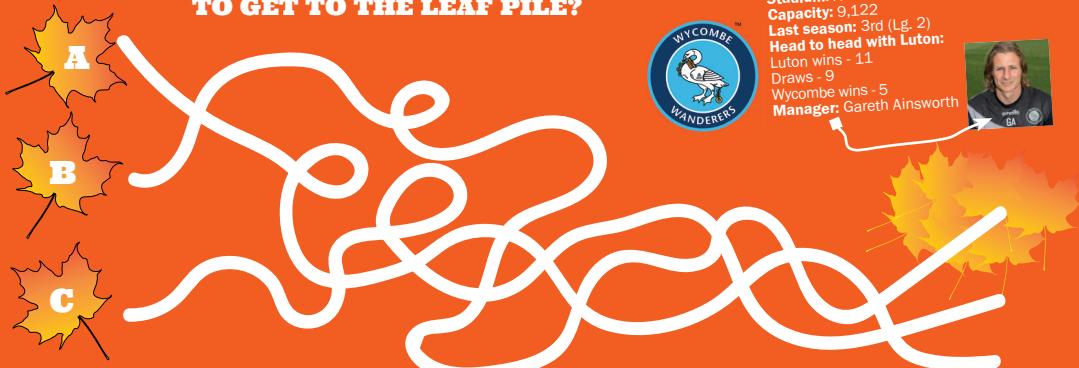
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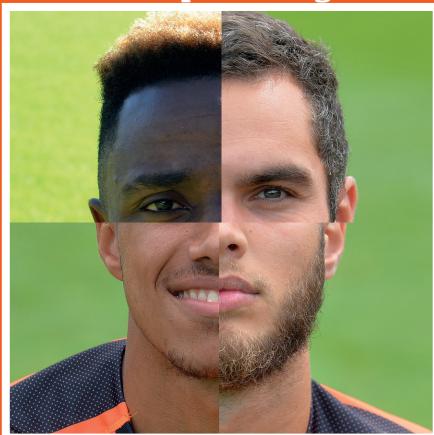
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FIXTURES PILE-UP

DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS	STARTING XI						
AUGUST														
Sat 4	3.00pm	A	Portsmouth	L 0-1	19,018	2,392	21	Stech	Justin	Pearson	Sheehan	Potts	McCormack ●	
Sat 11	3.00pm	H	Sunderland	D 1-1	10,059	1,047	19	Stech	Stacey	Pearson 1	Sheehan	Potts	McCormack	
Tue 14	8.00pm	A	West Bromwich Albion (CC R1)	L 0-1	10,404	1,175	-	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	Rea ●	
Sat 18	3.00pm	A	Peterborough United	L 1-3	8,016	2,209	22	Stech	Stacey	Pearson ●	Bradley	Sheehan	McCormack ●	
Tue 21	7.45pm	H	Southend United	W 2-0	9,086	916	15	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Potts	Rea	
Sat 25	3.00pm	H	Shrewsbury Town	W 3-2	8,518	379	10	Shea	Stacey 1	Pearson	Bradley	Potts	Rea	
SEPTEMBER														
Sat 1	3.00pm	A	Wycombe Wanderers	D 1-1	6,072	1,702	9	Shea	Stacey	Pearson 1	Bradley	Potts	Rea	
Tue 4	7.45pm	H	Brighton & Hove Albion U21 (CT)	W 2-1	1,318	44	-	Isted	Justin	Jones	Sheehan	Senior	McCormack ●	
Sat 8	3.00pm	A	Doncaster Rovers	L 2-1	7,526	1,013	11	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Potts	Rea	
Sat 15	3.00pm	H	Bristol Rovers	W 1-0	8,912	519	11	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Potts	Rea	
Sat 22	3.00pm	A	Blackpool	D 0-0	4,124	1,382	12	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Potts	Rea	
Sat 29	3.00pm	H	Charlton Athletic	D 2-2	9,502	1,032	12	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Potts	Rea	
OCTOBER														
Tue 2	7.45pm	A	Oxford United	W 2-1	6,769	1,171	10	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Potts 1	Rea ●	
Sat 6	3.00pm	H	Scunthorpe United	W 3-2	8,682	432	8	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Potts ●	Rea	
Tue 9	7.45	H	MK Dons (CT)	W 3-0	875	208	-	Isted	Justin	Rea	Sheehan 1	Senior	McCormack	
Sat 13	12.00pm	A	Barnsley	L 2-3	12,688	807	10	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Potts	Rea ●	
Sat 20	3.00pm	H	Walsall	W 2-0	8,953	504	7	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Potts ●	Rea 1	
Tue 23	7.45pm	H	Accrington Stanley	W 4-1	8,454	64	6	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	Rea	
Sat 27	3.00pm	A	AFC Wimbledon	W 2-0	4,202	751	5	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	Rea	
NOVEMBER														
Sat 3	3.00pm	A	Rochdale	D 0-0	3,689	858	5	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	Rea	
Sat 10	3.00pm	H	Wycombe Wanderers (FACR1)											
Tu 13	7.45pm	A	Peterborough United (CT)											
Sat 17	3.00pm	H	Plymouth Argyle											
Sat 24	3.00pm	A	Gillingham											
Tue 27	7.45pm	H	Bradford City											
DECEMBER														
Sat 8	3.00pm	H	Fleetwood Town											
Sat 15	3.00pm	A	Coventry City											
Sat 22	3.00pm	H	Burton Albion											
Wed 26	3.00pm	A	Scunthorpe United											
Sat 29	3.00pm	A	Walsall											
JANUARY														
Tu 1	3.00pm	H	Barnsley											
Sat 5	3.00pm	H	Portsmouth											
Sat 12	3.00pm	A	Sunderland											
Sat 19	3.00pm	H	Peterborough United											
Sat 26	3.00pm	A	Southend United											
FEBRUARY														
Sat 2	3.00pm	A	Shrewsbury Town											
Sat 9	3.00pm	H	Wycombe Wanderers											
Sat 16	3.00pm	A	Fleetwood Town											
Sat 23	3.00pm	H	Coventry City											
MARCH														
Sat 2	3.00pm	H	Rochdale											
Sat 9	3.00pm	A	Plymouth Argyle											
Tue 12	7.45pm	A	Bradford City											
Sat 16	3.00pm	H	Gillingham											
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Sat 6	3.00pm	H	Blackpool											
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Sat 27	3.00pm	A	Burton Albion											
MAY														
Sat 4	5.30pm	H	Oxford United											

EMIRATES FA CUP FIRST ROUND:

LAST NIGHT

Haringey Borough v AFC Wimbledon

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TODAY

Accrington Stanley v Colchester United

Aldershot Town v Bradford City

Barnsley v Notts County

Bromley v Peterborough United

Bury v Dover Athletic

Chesterfield v Billericay Town

Crewe Alexandra v Carlisle United

Ebbesfleet United v Cheltenham Town

Exeter City v Blackpool

Gillingham v Hartlepool United

Grimsby Town v Milton Keynes

Lincoln City v Northampton Town

Luton Town v Wycombe Wanderers

Maidenhead United v Portsmouth (Live on BT)

Met Police v Newport County AFC

Morecambe v FC Halifax Town

Oxford United v Forest Green Rovers

Plymouth Argyle v Stevenage

Rochdale v Gateshead

Scunthorpe United v Burton Albion

Southend United v Crawley Town

Southport v Boreham Wood

Sutton United v Slough Town

Swindon Town v York City

Torquay United v Woking

Tranmere Rovers v Oxford City

Walsall v Coventry City

Yeovil Town v Stockport County

TOMORROW

Alfreton Town v Fleetwood Town

Barnet v Bristol Rovers

Chorley v Doncaster Rovers

Guiseley v Cambridge United

Hitchin Town v Solihull Moors

Mansfield Town v Charlton Athletic

Port Vale v Sunderland (Live on BT)

Shrewsbury Town v Salford City

Weston-super-Mare v Wrexham

MONDAY

Hampton & Richmond Borough v Oldham

Athletic (Live on BT)

WHO, WHEN AND WHERE THE HATTERS ARE PLAYING THIS SEASON

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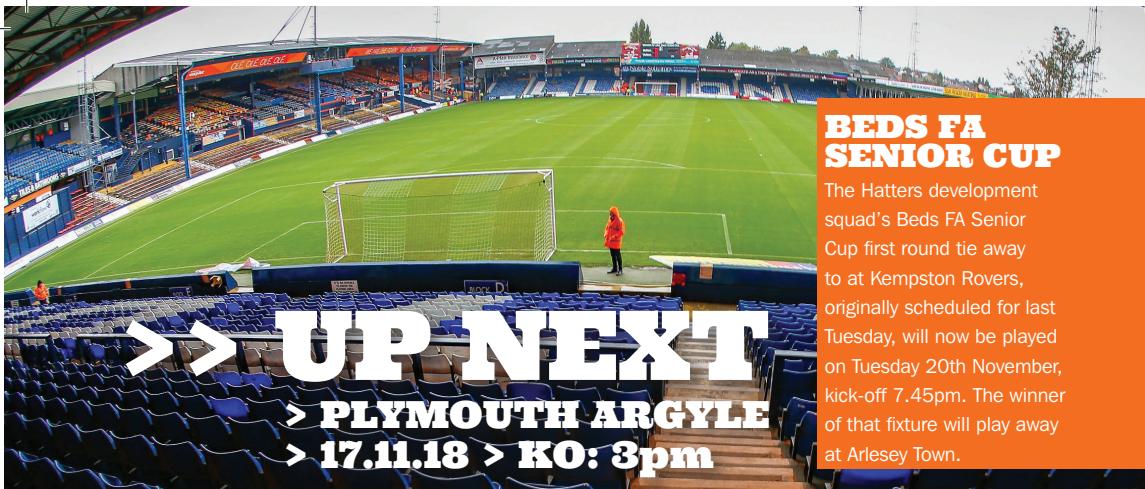
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LEAGUE TABLE 2018/19

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Portsmouth	17	11	5	1	28	14	14	38
2 Sunderland	16	10	5	1	32	13	19	35
3 Peterborough United	17	10	3	4	33	22	11	33
4 Barnsley	16	9	4	3	29	14	15	31
5 Luton Town	17	8	5	4	27	19	8	29
6 Charlton Athletic	17	8	4	5	26	20	6	28
7 Accrington Stanley	17	7	7	3	21	19	2	28
8 Coventry City	17	8	4	5	20	18	2	28
9 Blackpool	16	6	7	3	18	15	3	25
10 Doncaster Rovers	17	7	4	6	25	24	1	25
11 Walsall	17	7	4	6	19	24	-5	25
12 Fleetwood Town	17	6	5	6	24	19	5	23
13 Southend United	17	7	2	8	21	22	-1	23
14 Burton Albion	16	6	3	7	22	22	0	21
15 Wycombe Wanderers	17	5	6	6	23	24	-1	21
16 Rochdale	17	5	5	7	22	31	-9	20
17 Gillingham	17	5	3	9	26	29	-3	18
18 Shrewsbury Town	17	4	6	7	16	20	-4	18
19 Scunthorpe United	17	4	6	7	26	37	-11	18
20 Bristol Rovers	17	4	5	8	14	14	0	17
21 Oxford United	17	3	6	8	20	27	-7	15
22 Plymouth Argyle	17	3	4	10	18	29	-11	13
23 AFC Wimbledon	17	3	2	12	11	26	-15	11
24 Bradford City	17	3	1	13	12	31	-19	10

PLAYER STATS 2018/19

	THIS SEASON				LTFC			
	LEAGUE	CUP	LEAGUE	CUP	APP'S	GLS	APP'S	GLS
Luke Berry	0 (0) 0	0 (1) 0	0 (1) 0	0 (1) 0	0	0	0	0
Sonny Bradley	15 (1) 0	1 (0) 0	16 (1) 0	2 (0) 0	2	0	2	0
James Collins	15 (2) 4	0 (0) 0	15 (2) 4	2 (0) 0	2	0	62	24
Harry Cornick	5 (8) 2	2 (0) 0	7 (8) 2	2 (0) 0	0	0	56	7
Luke Gambin	0 (0) 0	1 (0) 0	1 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0	0	38	3
Jorge Grant	12 (1) 2	2 (0) 2	14 (1) 4	2 (0) 2	2	0	15	4
Danny Hylton	8 (1) 5	0 (0) 0	8 (1) 5	0 (0) 0	1	0	99	55
Harry Isted	0 (0) 0	2 (0) 0	2 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0	0	2	0
Jack James	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0	0	1	0
Aaron Jarvis	0 (1) 0	2 (0) 1	2 (1) 1	2 (1) 1	0	0	7	2
Jake Jervis	0 (2) 0	1 (0) 0	1 (2) 0	0 (0) 0	0	0	13	0
Lloyd Jones	0 (0) 0	1 (1) 0	1 (1) 0	1 (1) 0	0	0	3	0
James Justin	6 (8) 1	3 (0) 0	9 (8) 1	1 (1) 0	1	0	79	4
Elliot Lee	14 (0) 5	0 (1) 0	14 (1) 5	2 (0) 2	2	0	64	20
Kazenga LuuLua	0 (5) 0	1 (0) 1	1 (5) 1	1 (5) 1	1	0	6	1
Alan McCormack	3 (1) 0	2 (0) 0	5 (1) 0	4 (1) 0	0	0	22	1
Frankie Musonda	17 (0) 1	1 (0) 0	18 (0) 1	0 (0) 0	0	0	172	10
Josh Neufville	0 (0) 0	0 (2) 0	0 (2) 0	0 (2) 0	0	0	2	0
Eunan O'Kane	0 (3) 0	1 (0) 0	1 (3) 0	0 (0) 0	0	0	4	0
Matty Pearson	17 (0) 2	1 (0) 0	18 (0) 2	0 (0) 0	0	0	18	2
Jake Peck	0 (0) 0	0 (1) 0	0 (1) 0	0 (1) 0	0	0	1	0
Dan Potts	14 (0) 1	0 (0) 0	14 (0) 1	3 (0) 0	3	0	103	9
Glen Rea	14 (2) 1	2 (1) 0	16 (3) 1	3 (1) 0	3	0	128	5
Arthur Read	0 (0) 0	2 (0) 0	2 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0	0	5	0
Jack Senior	0 (0) 0	2 (0) 0	2 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	1	0	23	0
James Shea	14 (0) 0	1 (0) 0	15 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0	0	28	0
Alan Sheehan	3 (6) 0	2 (0) 1	5 (6) 1	1 (1) 0	1	0	118	8
Andrew Shinnie	11 (2) 2	2 (0) 0	13 (2) 2	2 (0) 0	2	0	49	5
Jack Stacey	16 (0) 1	1 (0) 0	17 (0) 1	1 (0) 0	1	0	62	2
Marek Stech	3 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	3 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0	0	45	0
Connor Tomlinson	0 (0) 0	0 (1) 0	0 (1) 0	0 (0) 0	2	0	0	0



BEDS FA SENIOR CUP

The Hatters development squad's Beds FA Senior Cup first round tie away to Kempston Rovers, originally scheduled for last Tuesday, will now be played on Tuesday 20th November, kick-off 7.45pm. The winner of that fixture will play away at Arlesey Town.

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WHO?

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The home of Plymouth since 1901, Home Park has recently begun redevelopment, with the capacity rising from 12,800 to 18,000 once the work is complete. The ground's record attendance is 43,596, who turned up to watch the Pilgrims take on Aston Villa in the Second Division in 1936.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

Our last meeting was here at Kenilworth Road in 2016/17, as Danny Hylton scored in a 1-1 draw, with Craig Tanner grabbing the goal for Plymouth. Town's last win against Argyle was an emphatic one, a 3-0 victory at Home Park, again, Hylton was on the scoresheet, as well as Jack Marriott and Jonathan Smith. Of our 98 meetings, Town have been victorious in 27, drawn 30 and lost 41.

RESULTS SO FAR

A poor start to the season sees the Pilgrims currently lodged in the relegation places in League

One, 22nd and four points adrift of Bristol Rovers who are just above the drop line. Things had improved prior to last Saturday's 2-0 home defeat to Sunderland though, with a 3-1 home win over Gillingham on Tuesday 23rd October swiftly followed by a 4-1 hammering of Scunthorpe as Argyle recorded back-to-back victories for the first time this season.

KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU

Sonny Bradley joined the Pilgrims from Crawley Town in 2016, and was a stalwart in their side through out his two years there, making 96 appearances and bagging an impressive 11 goals from centre back.



Jake Jervis joined the Hatters for an undisclosed fee in January this year from Plymouth, having been their top scorer in his first season there (2015-16). He scored 31 times in 127 appearances for the Pilgrims, but is currently on loan at AFC Wimbledon. Plymouth currently have former Town loanee Matt Macey in goal for them, with the Arsenal keeper on loan for the season in Devon.

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PETERBOROUGH UNITED

TUE 13TH NOVEMBER | 7.45PM | CHECKATRADE TROPHY

The Hatters have received 300 tickets to pre-sell for this game, which are available to purchase from the Ticket Office now. **PRICES:** Adults: £5, Concessions: £1.



PLYMOUTH ARGYLE

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

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



GILLINGHAM

SKY BET LEAGUE ONE | 3PM | SATURDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

The Hatters have received an allocation of 200 covered seats in the Gordon Road Stand and an initial allocation of 1,000 tickets in the uncovered Brian Moore Stand. We also have four wheelchair spaces available. These seats are all unreserved seating. Tickets will be available to Diamond Season Ticket holders and Executive Members at two per person until kick-off for this afternoon's game. These tickets will be on sale from the Ticket Office via phone or in person only. Season Ticket holders will be able to purchase two per person from after the Wycombe game. They will be available online using your individual client reference numbers and also via phone or in person from the ticket office. These will remain on sale until close of business on Thursday 15th November. Any remaining tickets will be available on Friday 16th November online, by phone and in person. They will remain on sale until 2pm on Friday 23rd November. **PRICES:** Gordon Road Stand: Adult: £22, Senior (65+): £19, Students: £7, Under 18s: £7. Brian Moore Stand: Adult: £20, Senior (65+): £16, Students: £6, Under 18s: £6



BRADFORD CITY

SKY BET LEAGUE ONE | 3PM | TUESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

Tickets for the category C game are now available for purchase from the LTFC Ticket Office.



FLEETWOOD TOWN

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

Tickets for this category B game are now on sale.

HOME TICKET PRICES FOR THE 2018/19 SEASON

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HOLD THE BACK PAGE

BY MIKE SIMMONDS LUTON NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Nathan Jones' first League One manager of the month nomination this week was the perfect example of just how Luton have adapted to life in the third tier of English football this term.

It might have looked on paper like Town had a slow start to the season, losing three of their first four games at Portsmouth, West Brom and Peterborough.

However, there was no real cause for concerns amongst the players and management, which was totally justified, such were the performance levels being demonstrated.

On another day, Hatters would have easily left Fratton Park with all three points, while they impressed against the ex-Premier League Baggies, and only a poor half hour let them down at the Posh.

Two home wins followed over Southend and Shrewsbury, which backed up an excellent point against Sunderland.

September might have seen just the one league win, but anyone who was at Doncaster would have been left scratching their heads as to how Luton came away from the Keepmoat empty handed.

They should really have beaten both Wycombe and Blackpool too, while Charlton's leveller coming in the final minute of stoppage time, skewed the true reflection how well Town were doing.

It was October that it all clicked into gear though, Luton finally getting an away win under their belts at Oxford thanks to Dan Potts' last-gasp header, and then defeating Scunthorpe and MK Dons, the latter in the Checkatrade Trophy.

A 3-2 defeat at an excellent Barnsley side was quickly swept aside with a trio of victories, Walsall,

Accrington and AFC Wimbledon all defeated, to make it 15 points from a possible 18 on offer.

November began by showing a resilient edge to draw at Rochdale last weekend, thanks mainly to James Shea's heroics, the keeper pulling some superb saves in the first half.

All that leaves Luton handily placed in fifth going into this little break from the league, with today's FA Cup clash against Wycombe followed by a Checkatrade Trophy tie with Peterborough.

Although Jones might not have won the award, pipped by Coventry's Mark Robins this time, it's safe to say both the manager and his team already look right at home in their new surroundings.

Rules

There must be a foot-note to this piece about the ridiculous rules that sees striker Danny Hylton unable to play in that match at the Posh on Tuesday night.

His red card at Dale carries a three-game ban. Fair enough. For that to not include the Trophy game. Fair enough.

But for him to be actually suspended from featuring as it's a first team fixture? Not fair at all.

Much has been done to make the Trophy a better competition this season, but that's something that clearly needs looking at going forward.

Whether or not he would have played is another matter, but a three-game ban should be just that.



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

Manager: GARETH AINSWORTH

- 1 Ryan ALLSOP
- 2 Sido JOMBATI
- 3 Joe JACOBSON
- 4 Dominic GAPE
- 5 Anthony STEWART
- 6 Adam EL-ABD
- 7 Sam SAUNDERS
- 8 Marcus BEAN
- 9 Craig MACKAIL-SMITH
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- 18 Curtis THOMPSON
- 19 Fred ONYEDINMA
- 20 Adebayo AKINFENWA
- 21 Darius CHARLES
- 22 Nick FREEMAN
- 23 Nathan TYSON
- 24 Randell WILLIAMS
- 25 Alex SAMUEL
- 26 Jason MCCARTHY
- 27 Charlie FOX
- 30 Yves MA-KALAMBAY

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