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THE MANAGER



NATHAN JONES

Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for a second successive Saturday home fixture, this time back in Sky Bet League One with our old promotion rivals Plymouth the visitors.

Like with last week's FA Cup opponents Wycombe, there have been some keenly contested matches between the two clubs since I came here in January 2016, initially as we strove to get in the play-offs as they missed out in the Wembley final, then the following year as they sealed automatic promotion and we made the play-offs.

After a year apart, it will be good to renew acquaintances with a team we know will present a stern test as they look to improve on a tough start, just as they did last season when they went on a terrific run to finish seventh in their first campaign back at this level.

I'd like to extend the welcome to Derek Adams, his staff, their players and all the supporters and officials who have made the long journey today. We hope they enjoy their stay in Bedfordshire and have a safe trip back to Devon this evening.

I was delighted with the thoroughly professional performance we produced last Saturday to win the first of the two cup matches we've played this week. It's never easy to get momentum going when you come up against Wycombe, but we managed to do so as best we could and after getting the all-important first goal just before half-time, it proved to be relatively comfortable.

You always look for something a bit different in the draw, as you'd rather experience new places and new opposition rather than playing a third 'league' game, as was the case with Wycombe and Exeter and Accrington a couple of seasons ago.

It might not sound too glamorous but going to Bury, who have started the season well in League Two following their relegation, is something fresh to prepare for and gives a little bit of romance as we look to move into the third round, which is when the competition really becomes exciting for League One and Two clubs.

I know you'll travel to Gigg Lane in your numbers, just as you did on last season's FA Cup run – and as you did on Tuesday night for a Checkatrade Trophy game at Peterborough that, results-wise, meant little to the group standings for us, but was important as we attempted to maintain momentum and get minutes into players who needed them.

It was déjà vu from the league game there earlier in the season with our first half performance, but after the break we dominated and that's why I was disappointed afterwards, because we'd made Peterborough look a good side before the break and should have got something from the game.

Onto today, and we have another chance to improve our home record further and cement our place in the top six as we embark on a run of three league matches in 11 days.

The old place will be packed to the rafters again, and the players are really responding to the phenomenal level of support you give them here. Make yourselves heard and enjoy the game.



FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH FINANCE DIRECTOR SIMON GIBB

Hello and welcome to our ninth home league game of this campaign. It is always a pleasure to welcome today's opponents Plymouth Argyle, as they always bring a sizeable following from Devon, which adds to a great atmosphere in the stadium.

After a poor start to the campaign they have picked up three wins in their last six league games, and a late win in the FA Cup last week against Stevenage will have further boosted confidence. They are currently still in the relegation zone but showing signs of pulling away from danger in due course.

It will also be a first chance for Sonny Bradley to face up to his old team-mates as part of our increasingly solid defensive formation, and a first return for Matt Macey following his loan spell here at Kenilworth Road during the 2016-17 season.

Matt was actually in goal for us on the last occasion we hosted Plymouth, when we drew 1-1 in the February of that Sky Bet League Two campaign. Plymouth went on to get promoted and, of course, we came up short in the play-offs!

We put out a strong side and got an excellent FA Cup result against Wycombe last weekend to continue our recent excellent form. The Second Round draw, away at League Two Bury, is not the greatest but it is a definite opportunity to progress to the Third Round and a potential big game.

I'm sure many of you will support the team up in Lancashire. Personally, I still enjoy the FA Cup and the fun of playing teams from different leagues, all seeking some glory on a cup run.

Despite our loss on Tuesday night at Peterborough, we also progressed as group winners to the next round of the Checkatrade Trophy, all of which helps financially but also gives a fabulous opportunity to younger and fringe squad players to state their case for inclusion in the starting line-up.

With the second half of the season beginning to look very exciting and holiday festivities just around the corner, it could be worth considering some Hatters options. With January looking like a very strong, possibly season-defining month, why not take the opportunity to purchase a half-season ticket or five-game reduced match ticket booklet to guarantee a seat? You could also enjoy our excellent hospitality at a match after the break with loved ones and friends, and of course a visit to our shop at the ground or online should also provide great inspiration for ideas for all.

On the playing squad front it is pleasing to report that we are close to having a full squad available. Having just undergone a replacement hip operation myself, I begin to understand how frustrating long injury lay-offs must be for the players as they steadily rebuild their strength and movement. It is also heartening to hear that players such as Luke Berry are travelling with the squad to matches just to get back to the feel of being part of the playing squad again.

Overall the squad dynamic is excellent at the moment as far as I can see, and much of that is down to Nathan and his support team. They are focused on and believe they can achieve promotion with this squad, and we as a Board will do everything we can to support that goal. It was great to see Nathan nominated for manager of the month recently, much deserved recognition for our progress on the field and behind the scenes.

We spend a lot of time at the club working with local charities, and today is the dedicated matchday for



our supporters' charity of the season, the Luton & Dunstable Hospital's Neo-natal Intensive Care Unit. You'll read more about the work the guys do on page 9 and 11 of today's programme, but please give generously if you feel able, and try to support your chosen charity in any way you can.

You will have seen that we have introduced new faster tills with card payment options now at virtually all the bars and kiosks to help to speed up service times for you, so please use them if you can.

Cristhiano and his catering team have been tirelessly trying to improve the consistency and availability of products this season as well, and we will have some further homemade food offerings



available on Saturday – please try out the new burritos and cottage pies! Any feedback, positive or negative, is always welcome as we seek to improve the offering to you all.

Finally, what a poignant day it was last week as the club marked the 100-year anniversary of the end of World War One with the planting of a rowan tree outside the entrance to the stadium on Maple Road, and the minute's silence and playing of the Last Post that followed just before kick-off. The following morning our Supporters' Liaison Officer John Miller also laid a wreath at the War Memorial in the town centre on behalf of the club. It was great to witness the immaculate respect you all showed for the servicemen and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice, so thank you all.

Now to concentrate on today's game. Your support has been great so far, as reflected in our unbeaten start here at Kenilworth Road this season. We are expecting a large crowd again today, so let's get behind the boys and cheer them on to another victory. COYH!

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IT'S KICK OFF FOR WORLD PREMATURITY DAY

Today is World Prematurity Day and Luton and Dunstable University Hospital (L&D) are here at Kenilworth Road celebrating with supporters, who have chosen the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit's Parents Accommodation as their Charity of the Year.

At the dedicated match day, some of the families who have used the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) together with staff and the L&D's Fundraising team and volunteers, will join forces with members of Luton Town Supporters' Trust to shake tins, all in aid of the Parents Accommodation.

Six NICU graduates and their parents will also get to meet the players in a dug-out experience before the match kicks off, and will then welcome the players and supporters to the pitch with flags.

At half-time, L&D staff and NICU families will be invited down to the pitch to take part in Hot Shots and other activities.

Sarah Amexheta, Head of Fundraising at the L&D, said: "We are extremely grateful to Luton Town Football Club and their Supporters Trust for choosing the NICU parents accommodation as their Charity of the Year and for giving us the opportunity today for some of our NICU miracles and their families to come along, meet the players and supporters, and enjoy a great game of football!"

Funds collected today will go towards the £15,000 a year running costs of the NICU Parents Accommodation. Located next door to the hospital, it enables parents who are based a long way from the hospital to rest and sleep while being as close as possible to their baby on the unit.

The aim is to create a home-from-home environment so that parents can get as much rest as possible without having to drive for hours each



day, between home and NICU. The accommodation has three double bedrooms and a kitchen and is free for parents to use.

As part of the lead up to World Prematurity Day, staff from NICU will also be holding a cake sale and raffle on Friday 16 November on the ground floor of Surgical Block at the L&D, to raise money for the unit. One lucky person will have the opportunity to win a signed Luton Town Football Club shirt!

Some of the families whose babies have been cared for on the unit will also be telling their stories, including Helena Benet, whose son Theo spent five days on the unit a year ago. You can read her story on page 11.

To find out more about how you can help support NICU contact the fundraising team:

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A NICU PARENT'S STORY

HELENA BENET

Name: Theo Alexander Nicholls-Benet

DOB: 24/10/17 Due Date: 29/10/17

Spent 5 days in NICU

"Little Theo arrived in the world at 3.29am after 23 hours of labour. Theo was born too rapidly for his body to adjust; he wasn't breathing and he was unresponsive.

"The red button was pushed and my partner and I were told not to worry as our new little boy was rushed out of the room. Dean wasn't able to cut the cord as originally planned, but he was able to follow our son and take that all important first photo.

"For three hours I was unable to see Theo and even then I wasn't allowed to hold him; I had to wait until the following day but that was only for the shortest time. Theo had to stay in an incubator for 24 hours, and was hooked up to a respirator, so we could only touch him through little access holes.

"Once he was taken out of intensive care we could actually hold him properly for the first time, he was still hooked up to feeding tubes but, thankfully, the respirator had gone.

"I stayed in hospital for five days. Theo was moved to the high dependency unit I was able to go there every three hours to cuddle and breast feed him. Thankfully, Theo took to the breast straight away.

"After three days, he was able to go into the special care unit where he stayed for two days. Then, five days after he arrived he was pronounced well enough to go home, finally!

"The care we both received in NICU was incredible; the staff were amazing and I just couldn't have asked for more from them. They were so supportive and friendly and took the time to explain what was happening in layman's terms so that we could understand what was going on with our little boy. The staff didn't try to hide the reality but were always positive, which made us feel not only comforted, but valued, too."



The Neonatal Unit at the L&D is one of only three units in the East of England which provides intensive care (Level 3) for the most premature and sick newborn babies. One in seven babies born at the L&D will need admission to the unit and support from the Neonatal team. More than 900 premature and sick babies are treated in our NICU every year. The unit consists of three separate nurseries, one for intensive care, one for special care and one for high dependency. There are 37 cots in the Unit in total of which 11 are intensive care cots, eight are for high dependency and 18 are special care cots.

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There's only 6 shopping weekends to go until Christmas, and we're sure you're thinking ahead to the festive period. If your loved ones are Hatters fans – we've got Christmas all wrapped up!

2018-19 PART SEASON TICKETS

The season might be well underway, but season tickets are still available to purchase taking the holder through until the end of the season. There are 11 home league games this season from the 1st January:

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Ticket prices for our part season tickets are as follows (matches from 1st Jan 2019)

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Adults	£210
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GET YOURS TODAY!

If you'd like to purchase a part-season ticket or a 5 match booklet, simply visit the ticket office today, or during the week. We're open from 9am - 5pm on matchdays and from 10am - 5pm Monday to Friday. Alternatively you can call on **01582 416976** or email ticketoffice@lutontown.co.uk.

COME ON YOU HATTERS!



BURY AWAY IN THE FA CUP SECOND ROUND

Monday night's draw for the second round of the Emirates FA Cup handed the Hatters an away tie at Sky Bet League One club Bury.

The Town have visited Gigg Lane in the competition in the not-too-distant past, drawing 1-1 at the same stage four years ago before beating the Shakers in the replay here at Kenilworth Road, courtesy of a solitary Luke Rooney goal.

This year's tie will be played on the weekend of 1st/2nd December, with exact date and kick-off time still to be confirmed at the time of This Is Our Town going to print.

Ticket prices will be £15 for adults, £10 concessions (65-plus, disabled and Under-23s) £5 Under-16s with Under-5s and carers going FREE.

The full draw is as follows:

Guiseley v Fleetwood Town
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Swindon Town v Woking
Maidstone United v Oldham Athletic
Lincoln City v Carlisle United
Morecambe/FC Halifax Town v AFC Wimbledon
Plymouth Argyle v Oxford United/Forest Green Rovers
Barnet/Bristol Rovers v Stockport County
Rochdale v Portsmouth
Walsall v Sunderland
Accrington Stanley v Ebbsfleet Utd/Cheltenham Town
Mansfield Town/Charlton Athletic v Chorley/
Doncaster Rovers
Sutton Utd/Slough Town v Gillingham/Hartlepool Utd

GLEN'S THE DIAMOND GEEZER!

In the closest vote for a long time, Glen Rea has pipped Andrew Shinnie to win the Diamond Player of the Month award for October by just one vote.

However, 11 different players received votes proving what a good month the Town have had and how many players have been in excellent form. Glen received 24% of the overall vote to take the Trophy.

We would like to thank all those that took the time to cast their votes. Diamond Season Ticket holder Julie Templeman was drawn from the hat and received a hospitality package for today's game against Plymouth Argyle and the opportunity to present the trophy to Glen afterwards.

This is just one of the benefits of being a Diamond Season Ticket holder. Why not talk to the Ticket Office and discuss an upgrade? Call 01582 416976 or email ticketoffice@lutontown.co.uk

HAPPY BIRTHDAY CHARLIE & CHRIS!



All at Kenilworth Road would like to wish both Charlie Beadle and Chris Barnes a happy birthday as they celebrate this week.



Charlie becomes a teenager, turning 13, and has travelled from his home in Staffordshire to cheer on the Town this afternoon, while Chris is 79 on Monday.

Enjoy the day guys and let's hope that Nathan and the boys can deliver the perfect present of three big points!



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DAN POTTS' ALL-TIME XI

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Town defender Dan Potts gives us the run down on the best XI he has ever played alongside!



Jordan Pickford

Played with at: England Under-20s

He is the best goalkeeper I have seen with his feet, he could play outfield if he wanted to. You knew straight away he could do everything. Top keeper.



John Stones

Played with at: England Under-20s

Absolute calmness personified. Scary how good he was on the ball, especially for a centre-half. That's the sort of person he is off the field as well. Great player.



Winston Reid

Played with at: West Ham

The best one-v-one defender I have seen. When I played with him, he was probably one of the best in the Premier League. Man mountain, different class as a defender.



James Tomkins

Played with at: West Ham

He's got all the attributes to be a top centre half, and he is. He is one of those players that's massively underrated.



Alex Song

Played with at: West Ham

Not the best trainer, but when it came to the Saturday he was the best. He would control the game. He stunk of experience.



Ravel Morrison

Played with at: West Ham

In terms of football talent, he is the best player I have ever seen and ever played with. He had the ability to do whatever he wanted to. He could dribble, everything. He could get around, he was three steps ahead when he had the ball.



Mark Noble

Played with at: West Ham

He was everything you wanted as a young player from team-mates. He gave his all, he is a good leader, talent wise he is different class. If he's on your team in training, you know you're going to win.



Joe Cole

**Played with at:
West Ham**

I feel lucky to have played with him, it was towards the end of his career and he was still one of the best players we had. It was a pleasure to play with him. A great bloke off the pitch.



STAR
PLAYER



Raheem Sterling

Played with at: England Under-19s

Sharp, sharp, sharp. Scary pace, he'd do things which would make you think 'how have you done that?' Under the right coach he can become anything he wants to, and he has that in Pep Guardiola.



Andy Carroll

Played with at: West Ham

A bit of bad press, but on his day he is absolutely unplayable. You see defenders coming up against him, no doubt hating every minute of it. He wasn't bad with his feet either. The sort of striker that has an affect on the rest of the team. He set the tempo.



Harry Kane

Played with at: England Under-20s

He is the best finisher I have ever seen in football. Both feet, when he was younger he wasn't the fastest or the most mobile, but he could always finish. Top, top class.

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**KIERAN
LEE**

Age: 9

School: Caddington Village School

Hobbies: Football, goalkeeping, Fortnite, plays for AFC Shillington

Favourite Player: James Shea

Who do you attend games with: Dave Lee (Grandad)



**THOMAS
BARRON**

Age: 7

School: Firs Lower School

Hobbies: Football, rugby, cycling, beavers

Favourite Player:

Danny Hylton

Who do you attend games with: Dad and brother James



**JIM
BULL**

Age: 11

School: Leighton Middle School

Hobbies: Football, Fortnite, reading, dancing

Favourite Player:

James Justin

Who do you attend games with:

Aunty Bernadette, Uncle Laurence, Ben and Jane



**FLORENCE
GRILLO-
HENRY**

Age: 3

School: Eaton Bray Pre-school

Hobbies: Dancing, singing, swimming, football

Favourite Player:

Pelly-Ruddock

Who do you attend games with:

Mum, Nannie, Grandad, Ben and Jane



**NATHAN
PUDDEFoot**

Age: 11

School: Miclem School, Hemel

Hobbies: Football and basketball

Favourite Player:

Pelly-Ruddock



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{TOWN v PLYMOUTH ARGYLE | SATURDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2018} **19**

WELCOME PLYMOUTH ARGYLE



The Hatters would like to extend a warm welcome to today's visiting staff, players and supporters of Plymouth Argyle.

There aren't many away games that Argyle can call local, so even though they're probably used to the long journeys, hats off to those who have made the trip today, we hope you have a safe journey home to Devon this evening.

Argyle were a Championship side at the turn of the decade, but suffered successive relegations and spent six seasons in the fourth tier.

After the disappointment of failing to secure promotion at the end of the 2015-16 campaign, when they were beaten in the play-off final, Derek Adams' side made amends as they went up automatically the following year, finishing second and missing out on the title only on goal difference as Portsmouth pinched it on the final day.

That side included current Hatters pair Sonny Bradley and Jake Jervis, the forward who is now on loan at AFC Wimbledon for the rest of the campaign. Bradley was a key component in the success of that Pilgrims team, netting seven times in 52 outings in their promotion year. His outstanding performances saw him named in the PFA League Two Team of the Year.

Town will be lining up against their former keeper Matt Macey, the 24-year-old who had a spell here

on loan from Premier League Arsenal in 2017. He made 13 appearances for the Hatters, before being recalled by the Gunners after injuries to Petr Cech and David Ospina.

It's been a tough start to the season for Plymouth, sitting in the relegation zone heading into this afternoon's game, four points from safety and three points off bottom side Bradford City. After failing to win any of their opening ten league games, Adams' team have now won three of their next seven, including back-to-back victories for the first time this season against Gillingham and Scunthorpe last month.

Five points from eight away games, however, means they have the worst points return from matches on the road in the third tier. But one of those points did come from a 1-1 draw at Barnsley, which as the Hatters recently experienced, is a really difficult place to get anything from.

Plymouth's start to last season was far from promising too, but they ended up just missing out on the play-off spots as they finished seventh, going on a really good run from mid-October, and will be hoping for the same this time around.

HEAD-TO-HEAD

LUTON WINS:	27
DRAWS:	30
PLYMOUTH WINS:	41
LAST MEETING:	LUTON 1-1 PLYMOUTH - FEBRUARY 2017

FACTFILE:

NICKNAME:	THE PILGRIMS
GROUND:	HOME PARK
MANAGER:	DEREK ADAMS
LAST SEASON:	7TH IN LEAGUE ONE



MEET THE SQUAD

THE GAFFER

Derek Adams | Age: 43



The Glaswegian began his playing days with Aberdeen before moving to Burnley for a season, where he made two appearances. Failing to settle in the south, Adams moved back to Scotland where he played out the rest of his career until retirement in 2009. Two spells in charge of Ross County were to follow, where he guided the side to promotion and up to the Scottish Premier League in 2011-12. In 2015, the Scotsman came south of the border once more – nearly as far as you can get – to link up with Plymouth. After a stab at the play-offs in his first season in charge, Adams got the Pilgrims up at the second time of asking in 2016-17.

THE STOPPER

Matt Macey | Age: 24



The goalkeeper who Nathan Jones brought in on loan from Arsenal on transfer deadline day in January 2017 makes his return to Kenilworth Road. Macey joined Plymouth on a season-long loan from the Gunners in the summer of this year and

has gone on to play every league match so far this season, keeping two clean sheets. It's easy to forget that the talented shot stopper went on to keep a clean sheet on his European debut with Arsenal when he was recalled, after just 13 appearances with the Hatters. The man who began his career at Bristol Rovers stands at 6ft 6in, presenting a sizeable obstacle for the Town forwards to get past this afternoon.

GOALKEEPER

KYLE LETHEREN

AGE: 30

Back for a second spell with Plymouth, the shot stopper is yet to make a league appearance. Won Player of the Year for Dundee United, helping them win the Scottish Championship title.

DEFENDERS

RYAN EDWARDS

AGE: 25

Won two Player of the Season awards with Morecambe, before the Pilgrims swooped in the summer of 2017. Scored on the opening day of the season as he made his comeback from six months out receiving treatment for testicular cancer.



NIALL CANAVAN

AGE: 27

Despite being born in Yorkshire, Canavan has seven U21 caps for the Republic of Ireland and a heap of appearances in the EFL. Joined Plymouth in the summer transfer window.

DID YOU KNOW?

Plymouth are currently rebuilding their main stand, reducing capacity at Home Park to just under 13,000 for the current season. The project will cost around £5m and will give the Pilgrims a stand with 5,000 capacity and improved bar, hospitality and conference facilities.

THE WALL

Yann Songo'o | Age: 26



The former Cameroon U20s international has played football in four different countries, despite only being 26. The French-born defender began his career with Spanish side Zaragoza, playing for the B side in the lower leagues of Spanish football.

Songo'o spent a few years in Spain but swapped the sun for the MLS, linking up with American side Sporting Kansas City, although he was immediately loaned out to Orlando City, scoring once in 12 league matches. A gameless run at Blackburn Rovers came next, which was followed by a spell at Ross County where the defender first met Derek Adams, who eventually brought him to Plymouth in 2016.

IN THE MIDDLE

Antoni Sarcevic | Age: 26



Sarcevic arrived at Home Park in the January transfer window of the 2016-17 season, turning out to be an important player for the Pilgrims in clinching automatic promotion from League Two. The midfielder is no stranger to this feat however, doing it through the play-offs with Fleetwood Town in 2013. The 26-year-old even scored the winner at Wembley that year against Burton Albion, a looping 40-yard free-kick which sealed the Cod Army's success. Sarcevic remained with Fleetwood for three seasons before switching to Shrewsbury Town, where he played just 15 times before falling out of favour when Paul Hurst took over in late 2016.

TAFARI MOORE

AGE: 21

Snapped up by Plymouth in the summer after his release from Arsenal. The talented defender signed his first professional deal with the North London club at the age of 17.

ASHLEY SMITH-BROWN

AGE: 22

A product of Manchester City's acclaimed academy, the defender linked up with Plymouth this year. Has represented England countless times at youth level between U16 and U20.

SCOTT WOOTTON

AGE: 27

Played for Liverpool and Manchester United at youth level, eventually signing his first professional deal with the Red Devils. Made his unofficial debut at Old Trafford in Gary Neville's testimonial.



PETER GRANT

AGE: 24

Although the Scotsman began his career at Peterborough, Grant had played most of his football in Scotland with Falkirk. His father, Peter Grant senior, was a Celtic hero, playing more than 350 times.

MIDFIELDERS

JAMIE NESS

AGE: 27

A former Scotland U21 international who also won the Scottish Premier League with Rangers. Ness joined Plymouth after a successful couple of seasons with Scunthorpe United.

DAVID FOX**AGE: 34**

An experienced midfielder who has played across all four levels of the English game. Fox lined up with James Milner in the England U20 squad that played in the FIFA World Youth Championships in 2003.

GRAHAM CAREY**AGE: 29**

In his fourth season with the Pilgrims, Carey is an attack-minded midfielder with a brilliant eye to pick out an attacker in dead-ball situations. He was named in the 2016-17 League Two team of the year.

RUBEN LAMEIRAS**AGE: 23**

The Portuguese midfielder is a Spurs academy graduate who has had a spell in Sweden with Atvidabergs FF. Played for Coventry City across two seasons, scoring seven goals before arriving at Home Park.

CONOR GRANT**AGE: 23**

Originally came to Plymouth on-loan from Everton but could not play due to certain regulations. Now released from the Toffees, Grant finally linked up with the Pilgrims, appearing 14 times so far.

**JOEL GRANT****AGE: 31**

Turned down a new contract with Exeter City to play for Argyle in 2017. Grant also managed to collect 14 international caps for Jamaica, scoring on two occasions.

STRIKERS**RYAN TAYLOR****AGE: 30**

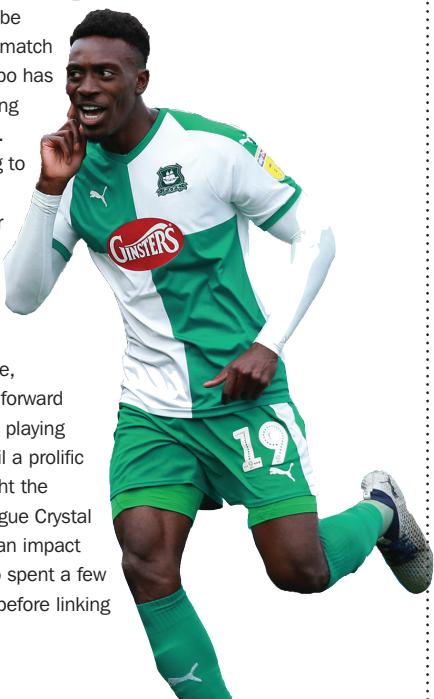
A great addition to the squad assisting Argyle with promotion from League Two. Missed a large chunk of last season through injury but still managed to grab five goals in 20 matches.

CALUM DYSON**AGE: 22**

Came through the ranks at Everton, before being released in the summer. Played against the Hatters in 2016-17 for Grimsby, during one of his loans away from Goodison

WATCH OUT**Freddie Ladapo | Age: 25**

Another Argyle player to be involved in every league match so far this season, Ladapo has been in good form, netting seven times in 15 starts. The striker will be hoping to settle on the south-west coast due to the number of clubs he has been a part of since signing his first professional contract at Colchester United – 15 to be precise, including Plymouth. The forward spent a number of years playing Non-League football until a prolific season at Margate caught the attention of Premier League Crystal Palace. Failing to make an impact at Selhurst Park, Ladapo spent a few seasons in League One before linking up with the Pilgrims.

**IN NUMBERS...**

Stadium capacity: **12,797**

Miles from Kenilworth Road: **232**

Year opened: **1893**
(PAFC there since 1901)

Average crowd last season: **10,413**

Seasons in League One: **2**

CLASSIC CLASH WITH ARGYLE

CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH DELVES INTO HIS ARCHIVES...

2ND FEBRUARY 2002 • LUTON TOWN 2 PLYMOUTH ARGYLE 0

When the Town were relegated to Division Three (now League Two) in 2001, they were destined to meet up with a Plymouth Argyle side which had been languishing at that level since relegation in 1998.

Plymouth supporters were slightly concerned when only one close season signing was made, and those concerns were magnified when Argyle lost their first two home games and were in 22nd position when the first league tables were published.

Expectation levels were therefore not particularly high and with Home Park undergoing major redevelopment, it was perhaps looked on as a season of consolidation.

Masterstroke

We, on the other hand, were expecting a quick return under the management of Joe Kinnear, but took a while to find our feet at this level with draws against Exeter, Oxford and Lincoln, together with defeat at Bristol Rovers, far from promotion form.

In late September a managerial masterstroke brought in the unknown Frenchman Jean Louis Valois, and he immediately set the pulses racing with wonder strikes against Torquay at Kenilworth Road and away at Leyton Orient, which earned us top slot in the table. We now had the left sided player needed to complement Matthew Taylor and our season was ready for take-off.

Our trip to Plymouth followed hot on the heels of the Orient win, and the Luton supporters who travelled to the building site that was Home Park at the time, were hopeful of a victory against a side that had quietly slipped up the table on the blind side after their poor start.

The Town gave a debut to Dean Crowe, signed on loan from Stoke, as a replacement for the injured Carl Griffiths. Crowe, who had played for Plymouth on loan earlier in the campaign, scored the opener on 14 minutes when he netted from close range after a goalmouth scramble.

Argyle drew level a few minutes later when Ian Stonebridge set up Martin Phillips with a clever square pass after drawing the defence. Both sides then hit the bar before the referee ordered off Plymouth's Mickey Evans for a supposed elbow on Chris Coyne, despite no complaints from the Australian.

The dismissal certainly fired up the Argyle players and supporters, although it was still against the run of play when David Friio headed a Phillips corner past a sleeping Luton defence in first half stoppage time.

The Town came out in the second half with a four-man attack but could not find their way through a resolute Plymouth rearguard, and a disappointed Kinnear reflected afterwards that Argyle had deserved their victory as the Hatters were not bright enough up front.

The return clash, the following February, was long awaited and had been a sell out for weeks. Argyle had lost only twice since beating the Town and were leading the table, seven points ahead of ourselves in second place.

A crowd of 9,585, the biggest since 1995, had gathered to see this heavyweight contest with Kinnear playing the game up while his counterpart, Paul Sturrock, played it down. Who was to be proved right?



Kevin Nicholls, a study in concentration, blasts home the penalty that set the Town on the road to victory against Argyle

The Luton players were completely up for the game and attacked from the opening whistle, and throughout the 90 minutes hit the woodwork three times and had 24 attempts on goal.

Anxious

We had to wait, though, until ten minutes from the end before making the breakthrough against the division's most miserly defence, when Taylor was upended in the box by David Worrell for an uncontested penalty. Skipper Kevin Nicholls kept his nerve and blasted home the spot-kick much to the relief of most of the large crowd.

With Plymouth finally coming out of their shell and throwing caution to the wind, Graham Coughlan caused a few anxious moments when he hit the woodwork following a corner before the game was made safe with three minutes to go.

A Valois corner was headed back across goal by Adrian Forbes to Steve Howard, who powered in a header from close range to send the Luton supporters into raptures.

"We saved our best display of the season for the team that is top of the table," said Kinnear afterwards.

"It was a 2-0 massacre. They are a decent side and the league proves that, but they more than met their match. We had more width and slaughtered them down the sides. They played one up front but we expected that and it suited us."

Despite closing the gap the Hatters could never quite catch up Argyle, who deservedly won the championship because of their greater consistency. At least we pushed them all the way!



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Danny Hylton lobs the Town into an early lead against Argyle

THE LAST TIME ARGYLE CAME TO TOWN

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

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LEAGUE TWO

After the Town won 3-0 at Home Park on the opening day of the 2016/17 campaign it looked like we could be in for a good season, but inconsistent form, where it proved to be difficult to put a long unbeaten run together, coupled with too many draws, meant that we were always playing catch-up for one of the automatic promotion places.

Argyle, meanwhile had recovered from their early problems by putting together a 14-game unbeaten run which saw them rise up the table and set them up for the season.

By the time that that the return game was to be played at the end of February, Argyle sat in second spot while we were tantalisingly placed fourth. We had won our last two home games and had returned from table toppers Doncaster the previous week with a point following a 1-1 draw.

A healthy crowd of 9,124 turned out to see the Hatters quickest out of the blocks and witness an early penalty claim turned down when Isaac Vassell seemed to be fouled in the area by Sonny Bradley.

Undeterred, the Town took the lead on eight minutes when Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu chipped a

clever pass through to Danny Hylton, who took a touch before lifting the ball over the advancing Luke McCormick in the Argyle goal.

The Town then seemed to drop off a little rather than keep up the pressure, allowing Argyle time to re-group and set up some attacks of their own. This led to an equaliser on 26 minutes when Graham Carey put over wonderful low cross which was turned home at the near post by Craig Tanner.

The Town enjoyed most to the play in the second period, with Argyle content to sit back, but could not force a winner despite near misses from Jordan Cook and Ollie Palmer.

Luton Town: Macey, Justin, Senior (Marriott), Cuthbert, Sheehan, Rea, Smith (Gambin), Mpanzu, Cook, Hylton, Vassell (Palmer).

Plymouth Argyle: McCormick, Threlkeld, Sawyer, Songo'o, Bradley, Fox (Sokolic), Tanner (Spencer), Carey, Sarcevic, Kennedy (Donaldson), Taylor.

[ROGER WASH]

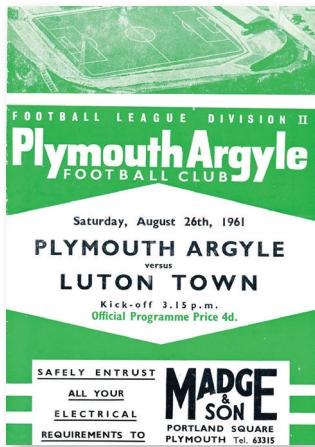
COVERED!

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



► November 1937

The Town finally win a League game at Home Park after 11 attempts. Fred Roberts, with two, Joe Payne and Jack Vinall net the goals in a 4-2 victory.

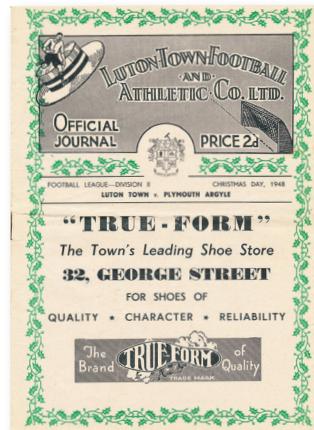


► August 1961

A fine 3-0 early season win at Home Park. Not a good day for Argyle who manage only one shot on target throughout the 90 minutes, and with future Hatter Gordon Fincham stumbling twice to let in ace Luton marksman Gordon Turner.

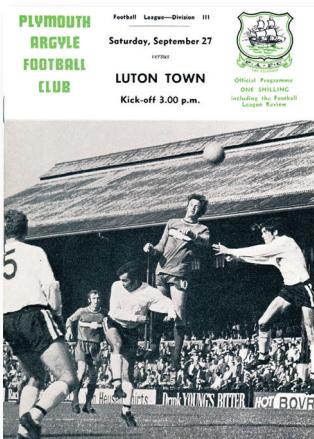
► September 1969

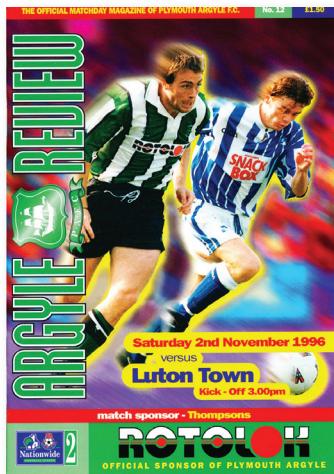
The Town remain unbeaten after ten starts with a comprehensive 3-1 victory at Home Park. Two trainloads of Luton supporters on the new 25/- (£1.25) special charters see Matt Tees bag a brace.



► December 1948

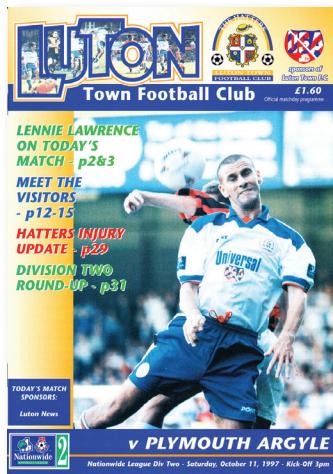
A local derby against Plymouth on Christmas Day sees the Town run out 3-1 winners in front of a Kenilworth Road crowd of 17,109. The team travels to Home Park two days later and brings back a point from a 1-1 draw. What were the fixture compilers thinking of?





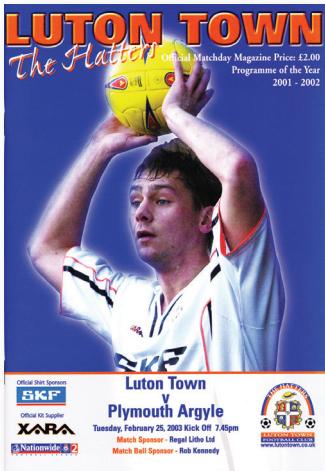
▲ November 1996

Mitchell Thomas is dismissed for handling the ball on the line but a hat-trick from Tony Thorpe preserves a point in a 3-3 draw at a windswept Home Park.



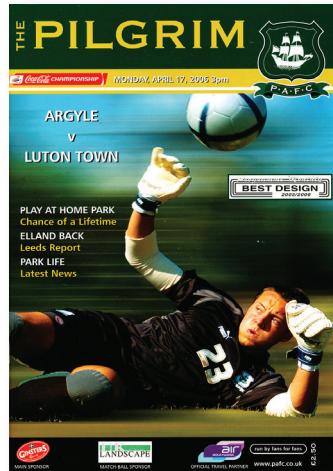
▲ October 1997

Two goals from Tony Thorpe confirm a 3-0 home win in a battle between two struggling sides. Matthew Spring, on his full debut, is sent-off for a two footed challenge.



▲ February 2003

Tony Thorpe likes playing Argyle, as proved by him scoring the all-important goal in a tense 1-0 win at Kenilworth Road.



▲ April 2006

Late goals from Rowan Vine and sub Calvin Andrew secure an unlikely 2-1 win at Home Park in a Championship clash. This is the Town's first away win since the end of January.

DEADLY DUOS

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

WILF CARTER & JIMMY GAULD

Inside-forward Wilf Carter was Plymouth Argyle's leading goalscorer in six successive seasons, including the 1958-59 Third Division title triumph. Signing professional for West Brom in January 1951, he helped them finish League Championship runners-up in 1953-54 and moved to Home Park in March 1957. He starred in Plymouth's 1960-61 League Cup run and netted 134 goals in 254 League outings prior to joining Exeter City in May 1964, then played for Bath City and managed Salisbury.

Later working for an engineering firm in Bath, he became a security officer for the Ministry of Defence and died in July 2013.

Scottish inside-forward Jimmy Gauld starred in Plymouth Argyle's 1958-59 Third Division title triumph. Starting with Aberdeen, he played for Elgin City prior to joining Waterford in July 1954 and represented the League of Ireland. Sold to Charlton Athletic for £4,000 in May 1955, he joined Everton for £10,500 in October 1956 and moved to Plymouth in October 1957. He partnered Wilf Carter in attack, scoring 25 times in 64 League outings before joining Swindon Town for £6,000 in August 1959, then played for St Johnstone and Mansfield Town.

Banned for life after a major betting scandal, he died in December 2004.

MIKE TREBILCOCK & FRANK LORD

Inside-forward Mike Trebilcock was top scorer as Plymouth Argyle reached the League Cup semi-finals in 1964-65. Previously with Tavistock, he moved to Home Park in December 1962 and scored on his League debut to clinch Plymouth's 2-1 victory at home to Southampton four months later. He played alongside Frank Lord and netted 27 goals in 71 Second Division games prior to joining Everton in December 1965, scoring twice in their 1966 FA Cup final triumph.

Moving to Portsmouth in January 1968, he later played for Torquay United, Weymouth and Western Suburbs. He has since worked as a storeman in Sydney.

Centre-forward Frank Lord was an important figure as Plymouth Argyle reached the League Cup semi-finals in 1964-65. Signing professional for Rochdale in October 1953, he moved to Crewe Alexandra for £3,500 in July 1961 and starred in their 1962-63 promotion success.

He joined Plymouth for £18,000 in November 1963, finishing top scorer in 1963-64. Sold to Stockport County for £7,000 in February 1966, he had spells with Blackburn and Chesterfield before returning to Plymouth in October 1967. He netted 25 goals in 75 League games overall, then held numerous coaching posts and died in Cape Town in June 2005.



Paul Mariner

PAUL MARINER & BILLY RAFFERTY

Striker Paul Mariner was capped 35 times by England after leaving Plymouth. Initially with Chorley, he moved to Home Park in July 1973 and starred as Plymouth were League Cup semi-finalists in 1973-74 and won promotion in 1974-75. He partnered Billy Rafferty and netted 56 times in 135 League games for Argyle before joining Ipswich Town in a record £220,000 deal in September 1976. An important figure as they won the FA Cup in 1978 and UEFA Cup in 1981, he joined Arsenal in February 1984, then helped Portsmouth win promotion in 1986-87.

He has coached in the United States and also managed Plymouth.

Striker Billy Rafferty was leading marksman in Plymouth Argyle's 1974-75 promotion success. Signing professional for Coventry City in September 1969, he joined Blackpool as part of the Tommy Hutchison deal in October 1972 and moved to Home Park for £25,000 in March 1974. He starred alongside Paul Mariner and netted 35 goals in 90 League games for Argyle before being sold to Carlisle United for £25,000 in May 1976.

Later playing for Wolves, Newcastle United, Portsmouth, AFC Bournemouth, then in Portugal with Farense and Loultanos, he has since run Shapers Health & Beauty Salon in Carlisle.



Tommy Tynan

TOMMY TYNAN & GARRY NELSON

Popular striker Tommy Tynan was Plymouth Argyle's leading marksman on six occasions. Initially with Liverpool, he had spells with Sheffield Wednesday, Lincoln City and Newport County before joining Plymouth in August 1983. He starred as Argyle reached the FA Cup semi-finals in 1983-84 and returned from a period at Rotherham to help clinch promotion in 1985-86. Netting 126 goals in 262 League games overall for Argyle, he moved to Torquay United in May 1990, then played for Doncaster Rovers.

Settling back in Plymouth, he has since had a spell as Argyle's commercial manager and worked as a licensee.

Winger Garry Nelson was an influential figure in Plymouth Argyle's 1985-86 promotion success. Signing professional for Southend United in July 1979, he featured in their 1980-81 Fourth Division title campaign and moved to Swindon Town in August 1983. He reunited with Dave Smith at Plymouth for £15,000 in July 1985 and netted 20 goals in 74 League games for Argyle prior to joining Brighton for £72,500 in July 1987.

Top scorer in their 1987-88 promotion success, he moved to Charlton Athletic in August 1991, then reunited with Kevin Hodges at Torquay United. He worked for the PFA, then ran Oakwood Promotions.

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[JARED ROBERTS-SMITH]

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HEAD OF SPORTS SCIENCE: JARED ROBERTS-SMITH

Afternoon Hatters! Back to league action at the Kenny and we are looking to carry on our great League One form where we hope to make it five unbeaten and keep up our undefeated streak at home. If it's anything like our last game against the Pilgrims back in February 2017 we are in for a treat...and this time we've got the mighty Sonny B!

A slight delay in reporting from me, much to the disappointment of Stu Hammonds! As Simon mentioned in his last column I've been suffering from a broken nose after a few of the lads ganged up on me on my birthday and I ended up taking a blow to nose in our pre-match Rondo boxes.... cheap shot if you ask me!

However, this stood me in good stead in the half-time melee that took place during the Accy game as whilst trying to help keep players apart, I think a few of their lads thought I was a bit of a bruiser so it helped disperse any potential trouble.

Talking of the Rondo boxes, these have become particularly fiery recently (a bit like the videos you see on Twitter and Instagram of Real Madrid/Barca). If you get nutmegged whilst in the middle there is a little contribution to the players' fine kitty.

Revamp

There are a few lads with dents left in their pockets, I won't mention any names...but a couple of coaching staff are involved in this also!

It's been a good couple of weeks at the training ground, and through the help of Ed Smith and Peter Kemp, plans are underway for a revamp of the gym area.

We have put together some ideas for smart storage to utilise space better and we have designed some educational and motivational posters to help the lads maximise themselves whilst in that environment.

We are doing the same at the stadium to create a preparation area for the players in which they

can activate and get themselves firing prior to the warm up and game. This is a big part of our work to make sure our players are in prime physical condition leading into the match, both to maximise performance as well as avoid injury.

Hot shots

As usual there's been a lot of banter flying around the office and in between much arduous and relentless work both on the pitches, in the gym and in the offices, a highlight for the staff is Friday 'Killer' on the pool table after lunch. Most staff play apart from Joaquin Gomez, whose talents don't stretch to the pool table.

You get three lives, and if you don't pot you lose a life, it's as simple as that. Hot shots Simon Parsell and Luke Sanders have been leading the way. The gaffer is good as well to be fair, but I think their are a few that let him off (a certain goalkeeping coach).

Winner

Myself, Tom Spriggs and Elliott Plant have been struggling. The loser has to head over to McDonald's across the way and buy the winner a McFlurry. Let's just say Elliott is now on first-name terms with the lady in the drive thru!

Just a quick insight to all the hard work we get up to. Enjoy the game today.

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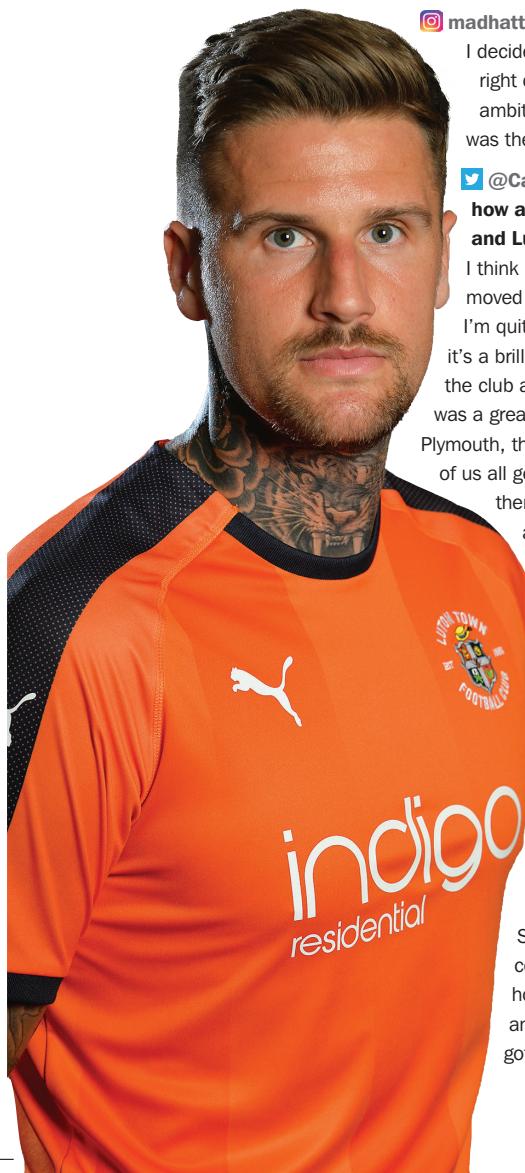
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ON THE CENTRE SPOT **Sonny Bradley**

We asked for your questions on our social media channels to put to centre-half Sonny Bradley ahead of today's clash with his former club Plymouth Argyle. Here the 27-year-old summer signing from the Pilgrims is the latest Hatter to be put On The Centre Spot!



Instagram @madhatterhammer - Why did you decide to sign for Luton?

I decided to sign for Luton because they were a club moving in the right direction and after meeting the gaffer, we shared similar ambitions – we both want a successful season in League One. That was the main reason I signed.

Twitter @CammyBayliss - How have you settled into the team and how are you coping with the differences between Plymouth and Luton?

I think I've settled in well. I've played for a number of clubs and moved about, so I know what it's like to meet a new set of lads. I'm quite an easy going guy, so I get on with everybody here and it's a brilliant environment with all the boys. There's no bad eggs at the club and to be honest, it was the same for me at Plymouth. There was a great bunch of lads – the only difference was that when I joined Plymouth, there was ten to 12 new faces that summer, so it was a case of us all getting to know each other. Here it's slightly different because there was only three – me, Jorge and Matty – who came in, so all the boys already knew each other. Location wise, I'm living in St Albans and it's a lovely area, I can't complain – apart from about the prices! It's slightly more expensive, but that's just the nature of the beast.

Instagram I1.driller - What do you want to achieve for the season?

I want to come to the start of May with a chance of getting promoted. We've put ourselves in a good position at the minute, and I don't see any reason why we can't be at the end of the season. What I want to achieve is promotion, but minimum top six.

Twitter @Hatter2398 - Where does Luton's support rank out of the clubs you've played for?

So far, we've near enough sold out every game, so when it comes to that you can't really ask for much more. Away from home as well, we've had great support – they're always loud and we always notice them there. They are right up there. I've got to say that Plymouth, for where they are in the country, they



Sonny's gone as high as he's going with his tattoos on his neck

travel extremely well, as we'll see for this game. I'm sure they'll be loud, but Kenilworth Road is packed out every week so Luton fans are right up there when it comes to the numbers.

Facebook **Edwin Vass - Who's stronger, you or Matty Pearson?**

I've got to say Matty, mainly because he eats bricks for breakfast! It's got to be Matty for raw strength.

Twitter **@DelBoy1976 - How close were you to joining Luton in January? And were you glad when the deal finally went through in the summer?**

It was never going to be an option for me in January, but I was glad when we got it sorted. I was away on holiday when I spoke to Nathan. I did speak to another three or four managers and I had to make a decision, because I was out of contract at Plymouth. But after meeting the gaffer it was quite simple for me. I had one meeting with him and the next week I signed, so I was delighted once I'd got my signature on the contract.

Twitter **@louis_kay17 - Would you celebrate if you scored against Plymouth?**

Yes. I'm waiting for my first goal for Luton, and when I do, I can guarantee I'll celebrate with our fans – just like I would against any other team. I'd make sure I didn't celebrate anywhere near the Plymouth fans, but that would be my style against anyone else, especially at Kenilworth Road. I'd run to our

fans and be excited and make a bit of a deal about it. I'd find it disrespectful to my team and our fans if I didn't celebrate. I'm a Luton Town player now, and that's the way I see it.

Twitter **@SteveLTFC1 - Who is the strongest player that you have come up against and why?**

That's quite an easy one. It's Adebayo Akinfenwa for me, because of the sheer size of him. At times he's unplayable, and when he gets you in certain positions, you've just got to be clever around him. That's his game, so he puts good work in. He's a big boy and there's no-one, for me, to come close to him strength wise.

Instagram **jimevans_ - Hardest forward to play against in League One?**

It wouldn't be Akinfenwa, because I don't mind playing against that style of player. For me it would be the smaller and quicker players, although this season I'd probably say Lyle Taylor at Charlton. He's a bigger one, but he's a tricky customer and if you get too tight to him, he'll roll you and it's in the back of the net.

Twitter **@lukehobson2005 - What's your favourite memory as a football player?**

When I was at Hull we played Stoke away in the FA Youth Cup fourth round. It was the 90th minute, we were drawing 1-1 and I went up for a long throw. The ball ricocheted down and I just banged one and it went in, we'd won 2-1.





ON THE CENTRE SPOT

 [lewis_jhasson](#) - What inspired you to become a footballer?

All my family and friends were massive football fans and everything we did was football. That was everyone's dream growing up and my dad must have known that I had a chance pretty early on. I just needed to put the work in. It was just the dream of being a professional footballer really that inspired me, I suppose.

 [jig.rekkzz](#) - What football team do you support?

Growing up as a kid I was a massive Hull fan, but I can't even say I'm a



Growing up as a kid I was a massive Hull fan, but I can't even say I'm a fan any more. I look out for the result – as I look out for the results of all my previous clubs – but if I could get a ticket for any big game, I'd go and watch anyone. My focus is so much on my own team that everything else becomes irrelevant. Because I'm playing I'm just trying to do my best, trying to get to the top somehow, my focus at the minute is just on that.

► @Clinicalpotts - Who was your footballing hero growing up?

My dad was a Man United fan, so I liked them too and it has to be Becks. I know a lot of people say that, but for me it was David Beckham. A lot will have looked up to him, but for me, my friends, my brother, when we were kicking a ball about on a Saturday and Sunday morning, we all wanted to be David Beckham.

► @nicholasfudge62 - Favourite footy boots of all time?

There was a Champions League edition of the Adidas Predator, the white ones with the Champions League logo on the back. They were blades and I was only about 10 or 11, but they were the best I've ever had.



I've ran off celebrating but there's no fans, I'm just looking up at the stands. I remember the feeling though of winning that game, because it was big for us. Drawing 0-0 at Liverpool two years ago in the Cup is up there too. That was a great feeling, but probably scoring a last minute winner away in the FA Youth Cup is the best I've had.

Twitter @LutonTownExile As a central defender what's your view on zonal and man to man marking? Do you prefer one over the other? And what do you see as the advantages and disadvantages of both?

I've done both in my career but for me personally, I like the half and half. It's sitting on the fence a little bit, but if I had to choose between the two, I'd go zonal because I like it when you don't have to focus on the man, you can just focus on the ball, catch the flight of it, don't get blocked and you can go and attack the ball. But it depends what players you've got on your team, what they like doing and what the manager likes doing.

Twitter @stynesboy - Who is your best friend in football and who do you room with on away days?

I have quite a few mates in football who I talk to at least once a week – probably seven or eight boys I keep in touch with – but there isn't one I'd pick out especially. When we're away I room with Matty. We have some interesting conversations!

Instagram harry_bardell_067 - Best player you have played alongside?

Probably Tom Cairney, who's now at Fulham. He was in my youth team at Hull. There was me and Liam Cooper – who's now at Leeds – as centre-halves, Jamie Devitt

and Mark Cullen up front. Cairney was the best in midfield. When you play with him and train with him, you see how good his movement is and how good he is on the ball. He was the stand-out player.



Instagram seanrc95 - What was your first tattoo?

I was 19 when I started a left-arm sleeve with four roses, to represent my four immediate family members with their names on scrolls below each rose – mum, dad, brother and sister. Then I got addicted after that, which you can probably tell!

Instagram charliers17122004 - When did you decide to have tattoos up your neck?

When I ran out of space on my torso. I was moving up and when my stomach ran out, it was time to move to my neck. I'm still waiting to do my back, but a couple of years ago I thought 'I've done my hands, my arms, my belly...I might as well do my neck!' It was a bit controversial, some might say, and going back ten, 15 years there'd have been a few more questions asked. But now I think it's a bit more socially acceptable.



TIOT – What did your mum say?

For a couple of weeks she wasn't best pleased with me, but then she just remembered how much she loved me – and then let me off!

✉ youngg.smith_ - Who's your favourite player in the world?

My favourite player to watch, ever, would be Messi. But now, in my position, I like watching Virgil Van Dijk at Liverpool. Extreme talent, he wants to play at the highest level, and for me he's up there with Sergio Ramos as one of the best centre-halves in the world.



✉ joel.p._ - Do you have any superstitions before a match?

No, and I feel like I won't ever have any because once you do it once, you'll do it every week. It's not something I've ever done or been interested in.

✉ _danscott - What's the best goal you have ever scored?

I only score rubbish goals – they're just headers! Doncaster away for Plymouth a couple of years ago, probably, but it's nothing worth writing home about.

✉ _itz_jayden - Who's the funniest player at Luton?

When Gambo was here I found him hilarious, but now he's out on loan it's got to be his partner

in crime – the other jokester – Glen Rea. He's just constant jokes, permanent smile on his face and I think everyone needs a Glen Rea in their team.



✉ @0190dw - What's

the worst prank you've done at a football club?

Most can't be printed, but there was one that sticks in my mind – and it was a prank that got called off actually. It's quite rubbish but we had the usual one in the youth team at Hull where you'd lodge a cup of water on top of the door so that it would fall on the next person to walk in. It was my turn to do it, but we'd gone out to train and I left the water there for the next person. You could see the door through a big window, and I could see my youth team manager Billy Russell walking towards the changing room – and I remember he wasn't in the best of moods – and I was a good 40-50 yards away. I've never ran so fast in my life! I absolutely pegged it towards the door and opened it, just as he was about to push it. I shouted 'Gaffer, stop!' and he looked up and there was a water there. I had to hold my hands up and say I'd put it there. I still got a clip around the ear, but I just ran off. It could have gone very wrong though! You didn't play those kind of jokes on him, but I got away with it.

✉ tombetts44 - FIFA or golf?

FIFA, but only because I'm rubbish at golf!

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Apple or Android?

Apple.

Last person you called?

My boy, Ivan.

Most famous person in your phone?

Myself.

Favourite food?

Nandos – half chicken, chips and rice.

Apple or rhubarb crumble?

Apple.

Food you can't stand?

Brussel sprouts.

Pet hate?

Bad parking.

Cat or dog?

Dog.

Xbox or PlayStation?

PlayStation.

Karaoke song?

Labrinth – Let The Sun Shine.

Favourite artist?

Drake.

Top of your playlist?

Drip Drip.

Last holiday?

Ibiza.

Can't miss on TV?

Champions League.

Love Island or Peaky Blinders?

Love Island.

Club you support?

Arsenal.



Favourite away ground?

St James' Park.

Best moment in football?

Winning the Conference.

Best player played with?

Ravel Morrison.

Room-mate?

James Justin.

Instagram or Twitter?

Twitter, for the bants.



Pelly's favourite away ground



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STACEY
PEARSON
BRADLEY
JUSTIN
REA
MPANZU
SHINNIE (GRANT 52)
LEE (LUALUA 87)
CORNICK
COLLINS
SUBS NOT USED:
STECH
McCORMACK
JARVIS
JONES
SHEEHAN



ALLSOP
JOMBATI
JACOBSON
GAPE
EL-ABD
BEAN (KASHKET 85)
COWAN-HALL (WILLIAMS 69)
THOMPSON
ONYEDINIMA
SAMUEL (MACKAIL-SMITH 69)
McCarthy
SUBS NOT USED:
STEWART
YATES
FREEMAN
YELLOW CARD:
McCarthy
BEAN



STORY OF THE MATCH

The Hatters reached the second round of the Emirates FA Cup as they defeated Wycombe Wanderers 2-0 at Kenilworth Road. Both sides went with strong teams, minus their leading goalscorers of the past two seasons with Danny Hylton suspended and Adebayo Akinfenwa injured, but the Town were the better side throughout and were unfortunate not to win by a greater margin.

Andrew Shinnie opened the scoring four minutes before half-time with a brilliant finish from 25 yards

after he cut in from the right, dribbling towards goal and unleashing an excellent curling effort into the bottom left corner.

James Collins had a goal wrongly ruled out for offside just minutes later, but Harry Cornick's effort midway through the second half ensured the Town progressed, after Adam El-Abd's back heel went straight to Cornick, who found the bottom corner after firing it across Ryan Allsop.



Harry Cornick fires in the Town's second goal



JONES:

"It's never comfortable when you play against Wycombe because they are a full-on side that get after you and make it difficult for you. I thought it was a thoroughly professional performance, I wouldn't say comfortable, but I'd say we were very professional."

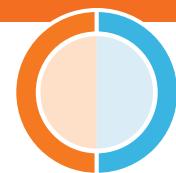
"Both sides were missing big players. I think they had one or two out, we had two or three out to be fair, so we knew it was going to be a tough game, they always are against Wycombe. But once we got the first goal, I felt the game was in our favour. Wycombe sort of petered out then and then it was our game."



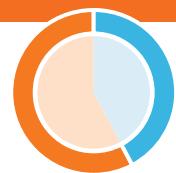
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BY HARRY ROGERS

SHOT ACROSS THE BOX

HARRY HEEDS THE GAFFER'S ADVICE TO NET CUP GOAL

Harry Cornick had manager Nathan Jones' voice going through his mind when he scored his third goal of the season in last Saturday's FA Cup first round clash with Wycombe Wanderers.

Jones has been urging the forward to strike across the goalkeeper when he goes through on goal, and he did exactly that with a low effort past Chairboys' keeper Ryan Allsop in the 72nd minute, sealing a 2-0 win and keeping the 14-game unbeaten run at Kenilworth Road intact.

Cornick said: "It was a good team performance, we had to dig deep at the start as they made it hard for us, but we kept persevering and got the first goal. Then the game opened up and I'm happy to get my third goal of the season.

"I had the gaffer in the back of my head screaming go across goal, that's all I think about, so I went across goal and fortunately it went in this time."

Delighted

The 23-year-old, who has been a big part of the first team so far this season, could have added another goal to his tally in the first half, when he went through one-on-one in the opening couple of minutes after seizing on a short backpass from Joe Jacobson, only to see his effort beaten away by Allsop.

Cornick continued: "He tried to play it back to the keeper, but one-on-ones sometimes aren't my strongest, but I got a second chance and put that one away, so I'm delighted.

"I thought I'd have a one-on-one today so luckily, I did a few practise ones yesterday, and I think I scored three out of ten yesterday which isn't great, but I'm lucky to get one out of two today."

Although the Chairboys made it difficult at times in what was a good cup tie, the Hatters came out worthy winners on the day according to the midfielder.



Cornick said: "We always have a good game with Wycombe, they always make us battle hard. I mean, the first 20 to 30 minutes it was more of a battle than a football match, the ball was out of play a lot and we didn't really get it down. But once we got that first goal we could start playing the ball about and getting it into the number ten and making our movements off that."

Bury now stand in the way of the Hatters and a place in round three, where the biggest of fixtures can be produced. Cornick is hoping that the squad can re-create last season's campaign and land another big side away if they make it past Bury.

Cornick added: "It's nice to keep going and obviously when you get a big club it's what every team in the lower divisions wants so bring it on. Hopefully we get into the next round and fingers crossed we get a good team."

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TOWN GOAL : PEARSON 73



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COOKE (O'HARA 83)
WALKER
DEMBELE
(BUCKLEY-RICKETTS 83)
MADDISON (COOPER 90)
TONEY

SUBS NOT USED:

CHAPMAN
NAISMITH
GODDEN
CUMMINGS

YELLOW CARDS:

DANIEL



STORY OF THE MATCH

The Hatters fell to a defeat in their final Checkatrade Trophy group stage game as Peterborough ran out 2-1 winners at the ABAX Stadium, although Nathan Jones' side had already qualified as group winners after two wins in their opening two games.

Colin Daniel opened the scoring in the 19th minute when he fired into the bottom right corner from Marcus Maddison's right-wing cross.

Ivan Toney doubled their advantage with nine minutes of the first half to go when he was tripped by Alan McCormack 20 yards from goal – the former Newcastle United forward bending the resulting free-kick into the top right corner.

Town looked much improved in the second half and got a goal back in the 73rd minute when Conor O'Malley – who had pulled off a number of fine saves for the hosts – spilled Matty Pearson's cross into the back of his own net to give the Hatters hope of a late equaliser, but it wasn't to be as Peterborough held on for the win to join us in round two.



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TRAVELLER'S TALES

LUTON TOWN SUPPORTERS' TRUST MEDIA OFFICER **KEVIN HARPER'S** TRIP TO THE CROWN OIL STADIUM

THE JOURNEY

The first Saturday in November led to another trip to the north-west for the clash with Rochdale. Thankfully the motorways were pretty kind to us, so we arrived outside Spotland in pretty good time on a bit of a dank afternoon.

RATING: (OUT OF 5)

THE GROUND

I had been to Spotland, or the Crown Oil Stadium as it is now called, a few times but not since we dropped out of the League. Not a huge amount has changed in that time. Town fans were situated down the side in a part of the ground that allows fans to create a good atmosphere.

RATING:

THE FOOD

We got there early enough for a trip to the chip shop across the road, which was a perfect prelude to the game, but I'm reliably informed by my good friend Mr Smith that the pies inside the ground were wonderful! He's becoming my expert on such matters so I shall take his word for it! Alcohol and a wide range of food options were available inside the ground.

RATING:

THE PROGRAMME

The programme was quite a bulky 76-page issue. There were only a couple of pages in it about the Town, but to be fair there was some entertaining bits in it, as well as a hilarious caricature of former

Town player Ian Henderson. It made for a lively read on the way home.

RATING:

THE MATCH

There was to be no fourth win in succession for the Town, and in the end we were indebted to a wonderful performance from James Shea, who was about as busy as he has been for any game this season. We had a couple of half chances to break the deadlock in the first half, but the match soon turned into the Rochdale attack vs our defence and Shea. That became even more the case in the last 15 minutes, after Danny Hylton was shown a straight red for a mistimed tackle on the halfway line. Apart from cannoning the bar from distance Rochdale didn't offer much, and when they did Shea was there to earn us a decent enough draw all things considered.

RATING:

MAN OF THE MATCH

This was pretty simple. James Shea was amazing throughout the match and we needed him to be. He made a string of saves to preserve our clean sheet and ultimately deliver us a draw. Brilliant afternoon for the Town stopper.

SUMMARY

The journey home wasn't too bad and while the result wasn't what we were looking for, it was a decent point on the road. Win at home and draw away and we'll be fine!

OVERALL RATING: 13

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ACADEMY UPDATE

ACADEMY HEAD OF EDUCATION DALE BRUNTON

There is never a dull moment as the Academy Head of Education with over one hundred players aged between nine and 18 to work with on a weekly basis.

The main areas of my role include overseeing the education provision of our apprentices, liaising with schools to track education progress of our Academy players, dealing with any welfare and safeguarding issues and to run the Academy Life Skills programme.

The Life Skills programme has been up and running for the past two seasons now and has gone from strength to strength in terms of what we are capable of delivering in order to support the holistic development of our Academy players.

Players receive at least three Life Skills sessions per season with topics ranging from personal development, internet safety, cardiac health and social media training. Where possible, we like to utilise companies within the local community to help us facilitate these sessions with Purple Hearts delivering first aid training to our U9 and U13s squads, Central Beds College helping our U11s with their cooking skills, and staff from Luton and Dunstable Hospital coming in to deliver information on sexual health to our apprentices.

We also try to take the players out of their comfort zones from time to time and we did so recently by taking the U13s and U14s down to London to visit the Sky Sports studios. Whilst there, the boys were tasked with creating, filming and starring in a news report on a topic of their choice, using the state of the art equipment within the Sky studios.



This was an amazing opportunity for the players to have a sneak peek behind the scenes at Sky Sports whilst also allowing them to show off some of their filming, editing and acting skills!

We also recently hosted our first 'Ahead of the Game' event in the Eric Morecambe lounge which saw players and staff from six different clubs attend alongside staff from 28 different organisations. The event was created to allow players to gain information on opportunities available to them both in and away from football to once again support their holistic development.

The aim of the programme, and the Academy as a whole, is to ensure that when players leave us, either to join the first team squad or at the end of their contracts, that they do so as better people who add value to the local community and the wider world in general.

Enjoy today's game and COYH!



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LUTON TOWN IN THE COMMUNITY

MANY VOICES, ONE TOWN

Many Voices, One Town is a partnership between Luton in Harmony, Building a Stronger Britain Together and Luton Council to celebrate Luton's young people and its culture.

Our Community Operations Manager Daniel Douglas has been chosen to promote the campaign along with seven other young people from the town, including GB boxer Jordan Reynolds showcasing how young Lutonians lead the way in celebrating the town.

The partnership has produced a film of the Trust's work, led by Daniel's cohesion team which you can view at www.luton.gov.uk/Community_and_living/

Pages/Many-Voices-One-Town which particularly focusses on our recent early intervention

Schools Link project in LU3 and LU4. Daniel talks about the pride the team have in Luton, and how they all contribute to the town and by highlighting these stories, Many Voices, One Town hopes to inspire more local people to think about and celebrate what makes Luton great.

Cllr Hazel Simmons MBE, Leader of Luton Council launching the project said: "When young people step forward leading projects and initiatives that build and strengthen

our community, we know that all our hopes for the future are more than likely to be realised.

Luton is a place of great diversity, increasing opportunity, and where social activism and entrepreneurship are as alive and well as anywhere in the country – it is these kinds of stories about Luton and its people that need to be heard."

Working in partnership with organisations, schools and communities across Luton, the Trust are supporting the campaign to celebrate the town's many voices, demonstrating how they come together to create a town people can be proud of – just like the first team!



UNITING LUTON THROUGH ART & SPORT

Following on from the Many Voices, One Town media launch, the Trust are also about to run an arts project aimed at engaging the Town's 16 to 24 year old budding artists by searching for works of art that demonstrate how sport can promote shared values such as freedom of expression, tolerance and democratic values – all of which we take for granted, but can sometimes be tested by groups with extreme agendas.

We all take for granted how team sports can unite disparate or hard to reach groups and how this can be used as a force for good in terms of teaching respect for other peer groups, resilience and respect for rules and laws. However, art can also promote tolerance through different people's ideas, creative



responses and understanding of different cultures and styles.

Our competition is now looking for works of art using sport as a medium to question and explore sensitive and controversial issues, whilst maintaining tolerance and respect for the views and beliefs of others.

We are partnering with local arts and educational organisations to form a judging panel to select 12 works of art that best deliver a strong message of community cohesion in Luton to be publicly displayed across Town. The competition is open until Monday 17th December and further information about the rules can be obtained by emailing community@lutontown.co.uk for an information leaflet. Oh – and there's also a prize of £250.00 for the winning entry!

SKILLS PERFORMANCE CENTRES - TALENT IDENTIFICATION PROGRAMME TERM 2 STARTS NEXT WEEK

Monday sees the start of Term 2 of our Skills Performance Centre talent identification programme which feeds into our youth development structure.

We have 11 regional football development centres, with three in Luton, open to all youngsters aged from school year 2 up to year 6. The Skills coaching centres offer termly programmes ending with a trial match for everyone. Successful boys then progress onto our centre of excellence and pre-academy



development centres with eventual pathways into our youth academy.

Whether you're an ambitious player wanting to progress towards becoming a professional, or a new-comer, wanting to develop the basics, the Skills programme has something to offer you.

To date almost 100 players have been signed into our development programme and in addition to a full trial match, all players receive a report on their personal development and if our coach feels you have shown the right levels of ability and attitude during the term, you will be given the opportunity to progress to the Centre of Excellence/Pre-Academy.

If you would like further information on the programme starting next week, simply ring the Community Trust office on 01582 561622 or email us at tips@lutontown.co.uk for an information leaflet or you can book your place online at www.lutontowncommunity.co.uk



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'ILLEGAL' LADIES MATCH AT THE KENNY

Can you help us discover the stories behind these 'illegal' women's football matches at Kenilworth Road in 1935?

Do you recognise any of the players running out of the tunnel? Perhaps your great-grandmother told you tales of the time she played at Kenilworth Road? Do you have an old match programme sitting in a box at home? If so, we need your help!

The Luton Town Community Trust has been awarded funding by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) to deliver a project that explores the history of the football club with local school children. As part of this project we are hoping to uncover the stories behind these 'illegal' women's football matches at Kenilworth Road in 1935.

Despite the growth of the women's game during the First World War, the FA banned women from playing matches on Football League grounds in 1921 citing, "football is quite unsuitable for females and ought not to be encouraged."



Photo: Luton News

The future of women's football had been altered forever and it was only in 1971 that the FA lifted its ban on women's football being played at the stadiums of affiliated member clubs.

However, this newspaper advertisement shows that in April 1935 two women's football matches took place at Kenilworth Road. The first, the Bazaar Cup Final between Woolworth and Marks and Spencer, the second, quite incredibly, a game between Widows and Spinsters.

Thanks to relatives getting in contact with the Community Trust, we have already been able to identify one of the Marks and Spencer players as Laura Wiltsher. This photograph, taken by Luton News in 1935 but not published at the time, shows 20 year-old Laura Wiltsher on the pitch at Kenilworth Road on the day of the match.

If you can help us shed more light on these remarkable matches, no matter how big or small, please contact our Community Engagement Officer Natasha Rolt by emailing

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HATTERS LADIES

BY DANIEL TAGG

Luton Town 1-1 Kent Utd FC (Luton win 3-1 on penalties) Hatters edge through to next round after shoot-out victory

In a welcome break from a hitherto underwhelming league campaign, Luton faced Kent in the first round of this year's FA Cup.

Superior to their opposition in the Football League pyramid, the Hatters would have been hopeful of progressing to the next round, despite their disappointing form and injury-hit squad, with Zara Carroll the latest to join the list of those unavailable for selection. However, Town were boosted by the return of first choice keeper Kezia Hassall and Olivia Abraham – both among the team's better performers this season.

Opportunities

Aurora Ryan was the stand out performer as the game headed towards half-time following a dull first 45, driving the Hatters' attacks as the two sides somehow managed to go end to end without creating any real chances.

The beginning of the second half brought about a short flurry of chances for the first time in the game, presenting Luton with opportunities to take the lead: Dionne Manning's strike from the edge of the area was deflected a whisker wide.

Ryan then latched onto a loose ball after a mix-up between Kent's keeper and a defender, but she was narrowly denied by a last-ditch sliding challenge to take away the ball.

This spell of dominance was abruptly ended when the referee awarded a soft penalty when Kosky went shoulder-to-shoulder with an opponent, who went to ground. The penalty was converted and Luton had work to do with just half an hour to go.

To the relief of all Hatters present at Stockwood Park, they were up to the task: less than ten minutes after going behind, Luton were level through a Nicola Henman wonder-strike, the midfielder bending the ball beautifully into the top corner.

Confidence

The 90 minutes petered out with the scores still level, so the game went into extra time. These thirty minutes were rather uneventful, filled with more half chances and lengthy stoppages, so it was down to penalties to decide who would enter the hat for the second round.

Kent scored their first penalty, but then put all three of their other penalties off target, whilst Hassall and Byron both scored to give Kosky the opportunity to win Luton the game. The centre-half stepped up with confidence and dispatched the spot-kick convincingly into the bottom corner: cue a mixture of delight and relief.

Town manager Nikki Baker said: "I am delighted to be in the hat for the second round. We badly needed a win after poor league form and we have so many key players injured we have struggled. It will help out morale now going forward and hopefully we can build on this".

The Hatters will now enjoy a well-earned fortnight break, before heading to Essex on December 2nd to face their round two opponents, Billericay.



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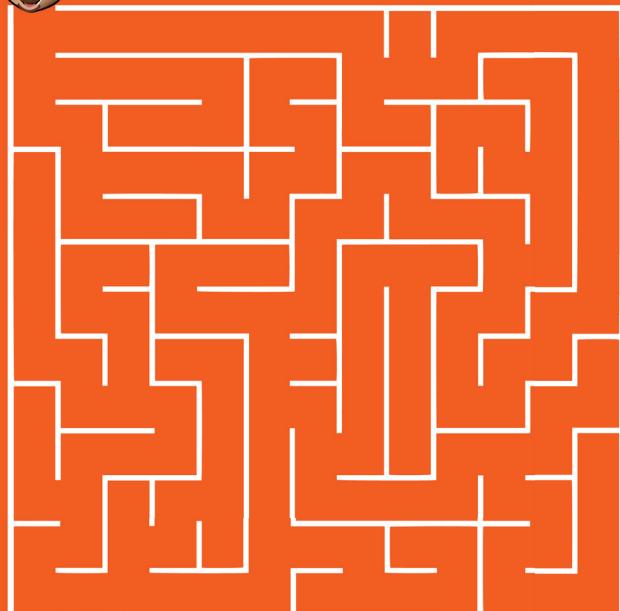
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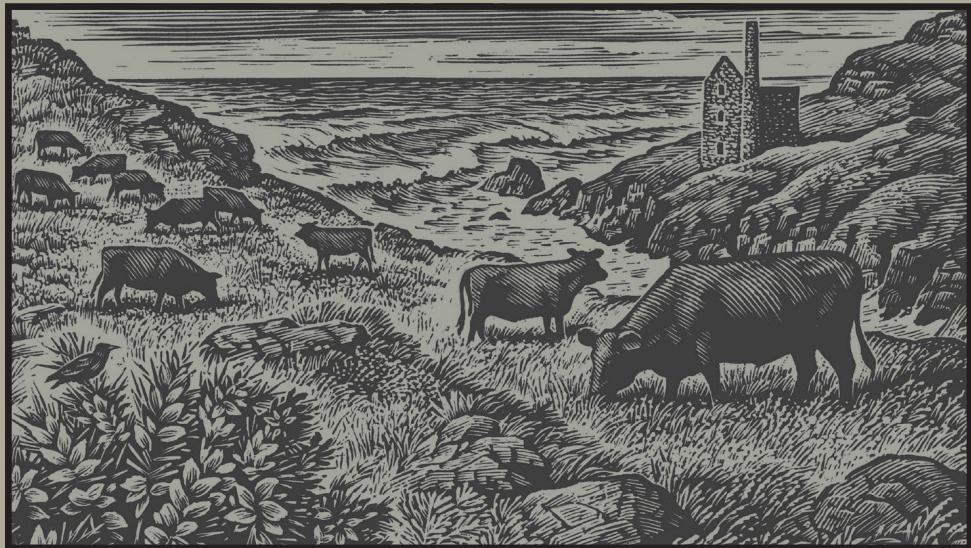


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FIXTURES PILE-UP

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
Sat 11	3.00pm	H	Sunderland	D 1-1	10,059	1,047	19	Stech	Stacey	Pearson 1	Sheehan	Potts
Tue 14	8.00pm	A	West Bromwich Albion (CC R1)	L 0-1	10,404	1,175	-	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin
Sat 18	3.00pm	A	Peterborough United	L 1-3	8,016	2,209	22	Stech	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Sheehan
Tue 21	7.45pm	H	Southend United	W 2-0	9,086	916	15	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Potts
Sat 25	3.00pm	H	Shrewsbury Town	W 3-2	8,518	379	10	Shea	Stacey 1	Pearson	Bradley	Potts
SEPTEMBER												
Sat 1	3.00pm	A	Wycombe Wanderers	D 1-1	6,072	1,702	9	Shea	Stacey	Pearson 1	Bradley	Potts
Tue 4	7.45pm	H	Brighton & Hove Albion U21 (CT)	W 2-1	1,318	44	-	Isted	Justin	Jones	Sheehan	Senior
Sat 8	3.00pm	A	Doncaster Rovers	L 1-2	7,526	1,013	11	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Potts
Sat 15	3.00pm	H	Bristol Rovers	W 1-0	8,912	519	11	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Potts
Sat 22	3.00pm	A	Blackpool	D 0-0	4,124	1,382	12	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Potts
Sat 29	3.00pm	H	Charlton Athletic	D 2-2	9,502	1,032	12	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Potts
OCTOBER												
Tue 2	7.45pm	A	Oxford United	W 2-1	6,769	1,171	10	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Potts 1
Sat 6	3.00pm	H	Scunthorpe United	W 3-2	8,682	432	8	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Potts
Tue 9	7.45	H	MK Dons (CT)	W 3-0	875	208	-	Isted	Justin	Rea	Sheehan 1	Senior
Sat 13	12.00pm	A	Barnsley	L 2-3	12,688	807	10	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Potts
Sat 20	3.00pm	H	Walsall	W 2-0	8,953	504	7	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Potts
Tue 23	7.45pm	H	Accrington Stanley	W 4-1	8,454	64	6	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin
Sat 27	3.00pm	A	AFC Wimbledon	W 2-0	4,202	751	5	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin
NOVEMBER												
Sat 3	3.00pm	A	Rochdale	D 0-0	3,689	858	5	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin
Sat 10	3.00pm	H	Wycombe Wanderers (FACR1)	W 2-0	5,343	786	-	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin
Tue 13	7.45pm	A	Peterborough United (CT)	L 1-2	2,017	254	-	Stech	James	Pearson 1	Jones	Sheehan
Sat 17	3.00pm	H	Plymouth Argyle									
Sat 24	3.00pm	A	Gillingham									
Tue 27	7.45pm	H	Bradford City									
DECEMBER												
Sat 8	3.00pm	H	Fleetwood Town									
Sat 15	3.00pm	A	Coventry City									
Sat 22	3.00pm	H	Burton Albion									
Wed 26	3.00pm	A	Scunthorpe United									
Sat 29	3.00pm	A	Walsall									
JANUARY												
Tue 1	3.00pm	H	Barnsley									
Sat 5	3.00pm	H	Portsmouth									
Sat 12	3.00pm	A	Sunderland									
Sat 19	3.00pm	H	Peterborough United									
Sat 26	3.00pm	A	Southend United									
FEBRUARY												
Sat 2	3.00pm	A	Shrewsbury Town									
Sat 9	3.00pm	H	Wycombe Wanderers									
Sat 16	3.00pm	A	Fleetwood Town									
Sat 23	3.00pm	H	Coventry City									
MARCH												
Sat 2	3.00pm	H	Rochdale									
Sat 9	3.00pm	A	Plymouth Argyle									
Tue 12	7.45pm	A	Bradford City									
Sat 16	3.00pm	H	Gillingham									
Sat 23	3.00pm	H	Doncaster Rovers									
Sat 30	3.00pm	A	Bristol Rovers									
APRIL												
Sat 6	3.00pm	H	Blackpool									
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TODAY'S FIXTURES:

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

WHO, WHEN AND WHERE THE HATTERS ARE PLAYING THIS SEASON

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SUBS											
Mpanzu	Grant	Lee	Cornick	Collins	Shinnie	Jervis	Bradley	Stacey	Rea	Gambin	Shea
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Mpanzu	Gambin	Shinnie	Cornick	Jervis	Jones	Lee	Berry	Collins	Senior	Read	Stech
Mpanzu	Potts	Lee	Hyton 1	Collins	Rea	Shinnie	Grant	Justin	Cornick	Jervis	Shea
Mpanzu	Grant	Shinnie	Hyton 1	Lee 1	Justin	Cornick	Collins	Jervis	Gambin	Sheehan	Stech
Mpanzu	Grant 1	Shinnie	Hyton	Lee 1	Collins	Justin	Cornick	Jervis	Gambin	Jones	Stech
Mpanzu	Justin	Shinnie	Collins	Lee	Cornick	O'Kane	McCormack	Grant	Jones	Sheehan	Stech
Grant 1	Read	O'Kane	Cornick	Jarvis 1	Musonda	Rea	Neufville	James	Tomlinson	Richardson	Stech
Mpanzu	Grant	Lee	Cornick	Collins	O'Kane	Jarvis	Justin	McCormack	Shinnie	Sheehan	Isted
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Mpanzu	Grant	Shinnie	Lee	Collins	Cornick	Justin	Senior	Jarvis	Read	Sheehan	Isted
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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	Wymore 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		TOTAL	DISIP		APP'S	GLS	CAREER TOT
	APP'S	GLS	APP'S	GLS	APP'S	GLS	Y	R	APP'S	GLS
Luke Berry	0	(0)	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0
Sonny Bradley	15	(1)	0	2	0	17	(1)	0	2	0
James Collins	15	(2)	4	1	(0)	0	16	(2)	4	2
Harry Connick	5	(8)	2	4	(0)	0	9	(8)	3	0
Luke Gambin	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0
Jorge Grant	12	(1)	2	3	(1)	2	15	(2)	4	2
Danny Hyton	8	(1)	5	0	(0)	0	8	(1)	5	0
Harry Ilderton	0	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	0
Jack James	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0
Aaron Jarvis	0	(1)	0	3	(0)	1	3	(1)	1	0
Jake Jervis	0	(2)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(2)	0	0
Lloyd Jones	0	(0)	0	2	(1)	0	2	(1)	0	0
James Justin	6	(8)	1	4	(1)	0	10	(9)	1	1
Elliot Lee	14	(0)	5	1	(1)	0	15	(1)	5	2
Kazenga Luulu	0	(5)	0	2	(1)	1	2	(6)	1	1
Alan McCormack	3	(1)	0	3	(0)	0	6	(1)	0	5
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	17	(0)	1	2	(0)	0	19	(0)	1	0
Frankie Musonda	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0
Josh Neufville	0	(0)	0	0	(3)	0	0	(3)	0	0
Eunan O'Kane	0	(3)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(3)	0	0
Matty Pearson	17	(0)	2	3	(0)	0	20	(0)	2	0
Jake Peck	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0
Dan Potts	14	(0)	1	0	(0)	0	14	(0)	1	3
Glen Rea	14	(2)	1	3	(1)	0	17	(3)	1	3
Arthur Read	0	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	0	(3)	0	0
Jack Senior	0	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	1
James Shea	14	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	16	(0)	0	0
Alan Sheehan	3	(6)	0	3	(0)	1	6	(6)	1	1
Andrew Shinnie	11	(2)	2	3	(0)	1	14	(2)	3	2
Jack Stacey	16	(0)	1	2	(0)	0	18	(0)	1	1
Marek Stech	3	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	4	(0)	0	0
Connor Tomlinson	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0

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FORMED: 1893 | NICKNAME: THE GILLS | LAST SEASON: 17TH IN LEAGUE ONE

FOLLOW THEM ON TWITTER: @THEGILLSFC | COLOURS: BLUE & BLACK STRIPE

GROUND: PRIESTFIELD STADIUM | MANAGER: STEVE LOVELL

WHO?

A side who have floated between the Championship and League Two for the past 20 years, the Gills are now in their sixth consecutive season in the third tier. All but one of those seasons have seen them finish in the bottom half of the table – last season they ended up in 17th. Formed in 1893 as New Brompton FC, they were voted out of the Football League in 1938, with Ipswich Town taking their place. They did return 12 years later however when the league allowed four more clubs to join, expanding from 88 to 92.

STADIUM - PRIESTFIELD STADIUM

Bought by the club the same year they formed, Priestfield has a fairly interesting history. Sheep were allowed to graze on the pitch in between Saturdays in the late 19th century, before stands were built by off duty dock workers in exchange for beer and cigarettes. It now has a capacity of just over 11,500, but their record attendance was back in 1948, when 23,002 watched an FA Cup third round match against QPR.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

Our most recent meeting was in the Checkatrade Trophy back in August 2016, when a youthful Hatters team defeated a strong Gills team 2-1 at the Priestfield Stadium. Frankie Musonda nodded in his first professional goal for the club, before

Jonathan Smith added a second, and Connor Tomlinson became the youngest player in the club's history as a late substitute, aged 15 years and 199 days. Of our 69 meetings, the Hatters have won 37, drawn 13 and lost 19.

RESULTS SO FAR

Steve Lovell's side started the league campaign well with back-to-back victories over Accrington and Burton, but an eight-game winless run soon saw them anchored in the relegation zone. Successive home wins over Bradford and Fleetwood lifted them back up to 17th, three points above the cut-off line, but they must travel to Hartlepool for an FA Cup first round replay next Tuesday having been held to a goalless draw at home by the Non-League side in their last outing.

KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU

Town forward Harry Cornick spent time on loan at Gillingham in 2017 from Bournemouth, making six appearances. Alex Lacey came through the youth ranks here before departing for Yeovil Town in 2015. He made 72 appearances for the Huish Park outfit, before signing for the Gills in 2017.



TICKETS

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



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. Any remaining tickets are now available on general sale. 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

Ticket Office via phone or in person only. Season ticket holders will be able to purchase two-per-person from Monday 26th November. 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 Saturday 1st December. Any remaining tickets will be available on Monday 3rd December online, by phone and in person. They will remain on sale until 2pm on Friday 14th December. If any tickets remain, matchday tickets will increase by £3 on the day. Supporters who have taken an away season ticket will automatically receive one ticket which will be processed on Thursday 22nd November. If you are a Diamond and don't require tickets or require additional tickets please advise to ticketoffice@lutontown.co.uk before this date. **PRICES:** Adult: £22, Senior (60+): £15, Young Adult: £15, Students with NUS: £15, Under-18: £10. Wheelchair and Ambulant will pay age related price with a carer free of charge.



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.



BURTON ALBION

SKY BET LEAGUE ONE | 3PM | SATURDAY 22ND DECEMBER

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



COVENTRY CITY

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

The Hatters have received an initial allocation of 1,560 seats for this fixture. They have also received five wheelchair spaces. Tickets will be available to Diamond season ticket holders and executive Members at three-per-person from Thursday 15th November until close of business on Saturday 24th November. These tickets will be on sale from the

HOME TICKET PRICES FOR THE 2018/19 SEASON

	CAT A	CAT B	CAT C
Adult	£26	£22	£18
Senior (65+)	£21	£17	£13
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Young adult (19-21)	£21	£17	£13
Youth under 19 (17-18)	£11	£12	£10
Youth under 17 (10-16)	£11	£8	£6
Junior under 10 (9 & under)	£8	£5	£3

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HOLD THE BACK PAGE

BY **SIMON OXLEY** BBC THREE COUNTIES REPORTER

Going well, isn't it? Nathan Jones said he'd signed players for League One, and so it has proved. Now, come on admit it, we are wondering whether they could be players for the Championship.

When we went up under Mike Newell many could perform at the higher level, but the second tier is a different animal now. It's more like Premier League 2, with many clubs still having real financial clout after just one or two seasons in the top flight. It brings into even sharper focus the need for a new stadium to be able to compete at that level.

The current saga is now dragging on to such an extent that original documents submitted over two years ago have had to be updated, causing further delays as they in turn need consultation periods. Letters of complaint from a shopping centre in Stevenage I'm afraid mean it is starting to border on farce.

What I have found continually frustrating over many years of covering this for newspapers and radio, is the endless new stadiums that do get built elsewhere. Back in the day, trips to Leicester, Reading, Stoke and even Millwall held a strange fascination. Now in 2018-19 there's a resigned shrug of the shoulders as we go to the likes of Doncaster and Shrewsbury. Even today's opponents have finally starting pulling down their old main stand at Home Park.

It's always a lively affair when we welcome "old rivals" Plymouth. It takes some explaining of course, given that a local derby for the Pilgrims is a trip to Bristol, but throw Joe Kinnear into the mix and sparks will fly.

He was 90 minutes late turning up to his first press conference, and then the fun started. He couldn't prevent relegation, but in winning promotion the

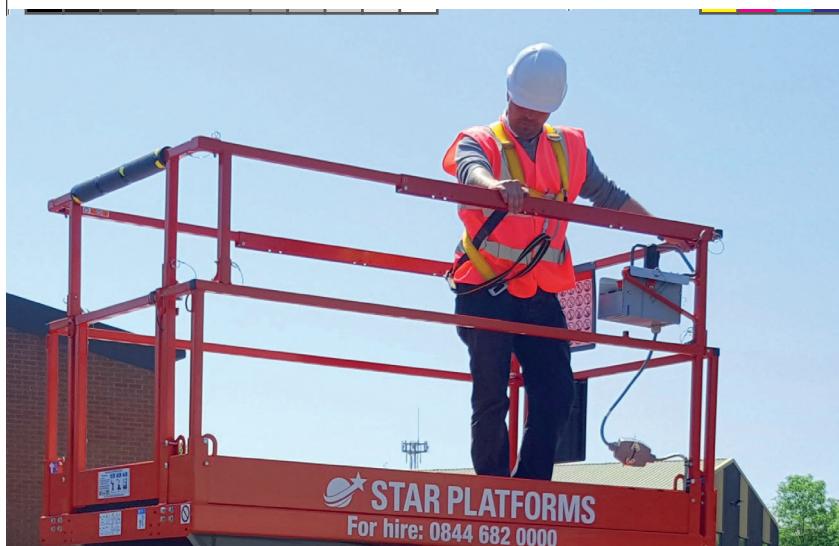
following season he gave us some wonderful memories.

The spine of Chris Coyne, Kevin Nicholls and Steve Howard - which has yet to be bettered in my opinion - would ultimately take the Hatters up again under Mike Newell. Joe also introduced a teenage left-back named Matthew Taylor, and of course Monsieur Jean-Louis Valois.

The season developed into a two-horse race for the title with Plymouth, with Joe stoking the fires with various comments, and although Argyle had the last laugh the rivalry was born. This time the focus will be on Sonny Bradley up against his former club.

Finally, if you haven't already done so, join Hatters Heritage. I have, and am looking forward to finding out even more about the club. The item about 'illegal' women's matches (see page 59) was fascinating and attracted a wider online audience and television coverage, and last weekend's coverage of Hatters players who made the ultimate sacrifice in World War One was moving indeed.

There is a wonderful history here. We must though make the next step forward to a new stadium. When I started at the Luton Herald group, the paper had just published plans for a stadium at Sundon. Now I have children not much younger than I was then. Why is it that we can't build a new stadium here? Previous plans have perhaps been too ambitious, or have lacked the resources to back them up. That is not the case this time, but still there are other obstacles. I, like you, am tiring of this. Even Brexit isn't taking as long.



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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
- 40 Harry ISTED
- 44 Alan SHEEHAN

Manager: DEREK ADAMS

- 1 Matt MACEY
- 2 Joe RILEY
- 3 Gary SAWYER
- 4 Yann SONGO'O
- 5 Ryan EDWARDS
- 6 Jamie NESS
- 7 Antoni SARCEVIC
- 8 David FOX
- 9 Ryan TAYLOR
- 10 Graham CAREY
- 11 Ruben LAMEIRAS
- 13 Stuart O'KEEFE
- 14 Niall CANAVAN
- 15 Conor GRANT
- 16 Joel GRANT
- 17 Lionel AINSWORTH
- 18 Calum DYSON
- 19 Freddie LADAPO
- 20 Gregg WYLDE
- 21 Kyle LETHEREN
- 22 Tafari MOORE
- 23 Ashley SMITH-BROWN
- 24 Peter GRANT
- 25 Scott WOOTTON

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NEXT HOME GAME:

BRADFORD CITY
(SKY BET LEAGUE ONE)

Tue 27th Nov 2018 | KO: 7.45PM

