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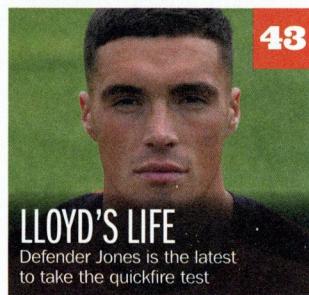
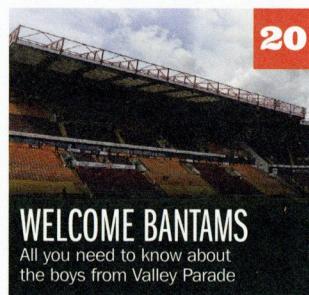
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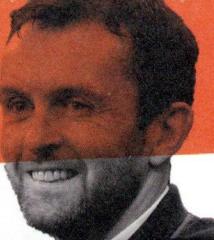
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THE MANAGER

NATHAN JONES



Good evening and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for another big night of Sky Bet League One football under the lights.

We all know what a special atmosphere midweek games can generate here, and with one of the biggest clubs in the division here tonight, it promises to be another to remember – just as the last one was against Accrington Stanley.

We've had a couple more Saturday games since then and I'm sure you'll all agree with me that the last one, 11 days ago against Plymouth, was a wonderful performance to go with a terrific result.

Bradford are an established side at this level, having been in it for six seasons, so we know they will present a tough test for us having had a good result on Saturday.

I'd like to extend the welcome to their manager David Hopkin, his staff, their players and all supporters and officials who have travelled down to Bedfordshire tonight, and wish them a safe journey back to Yorkshire after the game.

We followed up that 5-1 win over Plymouth, in which we played some of the best football since I've been here – not just in the first half but after the break as well, when we actually created more chances than in the opening 45 – with another important win at Gillingham on Saturday.

It might not have been as easy on the eye as the previous week, because of how they play and the fact they are fighting for their lives. But if someone had offered us a 3-1 away win before we set off around the M25, we'd have certainly taken it.

We scored a terrific first goal through Andrew Shinnie that summed up exactly how we like to play,

and should have had another one – plus the chance to extend the lead with a penalty – before half-time, which would have made the afternoon much more comfortable.

We came out in the second half and showed a real clinical edge to finish the game off. We wanted to start the half fast and we did that, with Elliot getting the second and then the third after that wonderful stretching run down the left by Harry Cornick.

It was a shame it didn't go in for Harry, but it doesn't matter who scores for me – Elliot was there to capitalise like all good strikers should be, and it effectively settled the game and enabled us to see out the win.

On behalf of the staff and team, I'd like to thank you for your wonderful support at Priestfield. We know it's not always pleasant down there with no cover and the threat of getting soaked, but the numbers we take on the road – almost 1,300 of you there on Saturday – are way above the level we currently play at.

You are Premier League fans and we know you'll be up at Bury in such prolific numbers supporting us in the FA Cup at the weekend, despite it being moved to Sunday. Before then, make the old girl rock tonight and enjoy the game.



FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GARY SWEET

Welcome back to Kenilworth Road for one of those wonderful, romantic cold Tuesday nights under the floodlights to witness another entertaining game of League One football.

We welcome today's visitors Bradford City, in particular the players, officials and, above all, the supporters travelling a round-trip of 342 miles. Under the returning Chairmanship of Julian Rhodes the Bantams' results have picked up of late with a draw against Peterborough and a good win against Oxford on Saturday. The Yorkshiremen were promoted six seasons ago and are certainly well accustomed to League One which has helped them achieve two top five finishes in the last four seasons.

It has been a while since we last met but it was a game which will be etched in the memory of many supporters. It was an enthralling 3-3 draw in 2009 – our nightmare season – with two goals, four yellow cards and one red, all within the 90th minute! Not many supporters knew the name Mr Kettle before that match, but after nine years his recent performances of very good refereeing are just beginning to restore the opinions of many.

Naturally, we hope tonight will be our fifth home win in a row, but we know they'll bring a strong, experienced squad and look to put our unbeaten home run to the test. Our home form has been exceptional not only this season, but this calendar year, and it is something which we hope continues.

We enter tonight after a pleasing, professional away win at Gillingham to see us hit the top of the form league, improving our away statistics and backing up our last game here at Kenilworth Road which saw us beat Plymouth 5-1. The score-line speaks for itself and our performance deservedly grabbed the headlines. Indeed, it was pleasing to see so many journalists and pundits highlighting the manner of our victory and our style of play. I know Nathan and his

staff work tirelessly on the training pitch to bring you an entertaining brand of football we all enjoy, and it's performances like last week's that we should take a moment to absorb and appreciate. There have been plenty of challenging – even horrifying – times during recent ten years (and beyond) of our wonderful club, it is so important to take a minute or so to enjoy what we are currently seeing on the pitch.

We have an extremely busy December fixture period on the horizon starting off with a tough away trip to Bury in the Emirates FA Cup. We managed to beat Bury 1-0 in a replay in 2014 after drawing 1-1 at Gigg Lane. Let's hope our fixtures aren't added to next week and we come back with our name firmly in the hat for the third-round draw.

For tonight's game, you will notice our corner flags and some players boot laces have changed colour. This is to support the Stonewall charity. Football continues to play a key role in making the game accessible, enjoyable and welcoming to all. Your support of the Stonewall Rainbow Laces campaign will celebrate lesbian, gay, bi and trans inclusion, along with reinforcing the message that offensive language and abuse is unacceptable. The EFL, Premier League and FA will all be supporting Rainbow Laces through various activities both on and off the pitch, so we enthusiastically took the opportunity to show our support at tonight's game.

Away from the pitch we were finalists in two categories at the FC Business Awards. Alongside our Community Trust we were nominated for 'Best Football Community Scheme' and we were also nominated for 'Best Corporate Social Responsibility Scheme'.

Then on Friday evening we were nominated at the excellent Luton's Best awards organised by Love Luton. Daniel Douglas – our Community Trust Operations Manager – was runner-up in the Sporting Inspiration Award, finishing second to Hatters fan, the brilliant young Jordan Thomas. Daniel's inspiration among our young boys and girls across the town and county is simply exceptional, and his representation of Luton Town is always impeccable. Well done Daniel on your recognition!

Our other nomination was for 'Service With A Smile' for which the familiar face of John Miller (our supporter liaison officer) and our Happy to Help Team of volunteers were deservedly recognised and, again, finished as runners-up. Although we didn't win any of the awards we were nominated for, not only was it a privilege to be recognised, it highlighted how much effort we put into such a wide range of areas within our various diverse communities and with our supporters, particularly the young ones.

There's always next year!

We had a visit from former pro Scott Davies to The Brache last week, who delivered an insightful and deeply personal presentation on responsible gambling to our first team squad. This sensitive issue has been well documented over the previous weeks and in particular over the last week how we, as a club, have made a stand against accepting commercial opportunities from betting companies where we have a choice.

I must take the opportunity to thank the dozens of people – many of whom have been supporters of other clubs or even non-football supporters – who have written in to support our stance on this sensitive issue.

It's interesting because, whilst this is the first time the spotlight has been on our principle here, the first decision we made to reject such an approach was some seven years ago and we have rejected numerous approaches since. Furthermore, it is one of many strategic and moral principles designed to be inclusive and anti-prejudice which were broadly and generically laid down in our original prospectus – 2020 Mission – to attract investors when the club was in administration in 2008.

You will have witnessed many of these initiatives first-hand including (but not only) the adoption of the Living Wage to avoid staff living in the poverty trap, the many schemes that promote the inclusion of multi-culturalism in and around the stadium, our support of the many local charity partners we've had, to promote the inclusion of all including those with disabilities, the homeless, from ethnic minorities, former military servants and, topically, the LGBT communities.

With our business on-the-pitch being conducted so magnificently by Nathan and his team of staff, and the realistic potential of our climb up the pyramid continuing in the not too distant future, it has prompted some real soul-searching self-questioning relating to our ultimate ambition and, more pertinently, any such compromise on our culture – or our ethical code that operates within our operational culture.

This is a topic that requires more debate with supporters' groups, of course, but our natural inclination is to be the best team we can possibly be without compromise to who we all are (fans included). We also believe that the further development of these principles will give us a competitive advantage on the pitch too.

Finally, I can't write programme notes without mentioning planning, can I!! Whilst I can't give you a categorical update on matters as we approach the end of 2018, I can tell you that we are now seeing the glimmer of light at the end of a tunnel the scale of The Delaware Aqueduct!

Patience is a virtue and you have all been so patient and virtuous during this important period since we submitted in August 2016, for which we sincerely thank you. If patience was sold in shops the local retail sector would be booming. Meanwhile, your fantastic support is continuing to prove why a new stadium is so desperately needed, so...

Let's go and win a game of football! COYH!

Gary

WELL DONE TO OUR AWARDS NOMINEES!

Last week was a close run thing for the Hatters with a couple of nominations in the Football Business Awards and the Luton Best Awards, but unfortunately no silverware was brought back to Kenilworth Road.

We were nominated in the six-strong shortlist in two categories at the Football Business Awards on Thursday night – Best Corporate Social Responsibility Scheme for our club charity of the year programme, and Best Football Community Scheme for the Luton Town Community Trust's work.

Grass-roots club Kew Park Rangers took the top award for the former, while Everton In The Community came out on top in the latter – so congratulations to both.

At Luton Hoo the following night, the Hatters were out in force with Supporters' Liaison Officer John Miller and his 'Happy To Help' volunteers nominated in the Service With A Smile category, and Daniel Douglas – the Trust's community operations manager – up for the Sporting Inspiration award.

This is what the event's programme had to say about our people to be proud of:

SERVICE WITH A SMILE



'The team is made up of volunteers who attend every match to support home and away fans to get the most from the day. Last year the team were central to the club winning the EFL League Two family club of the year award and a gold

award in the EFL's family excellence scheme. Away team fans have commented on how helpful the team is, particularly for their disabled fans. The Happy To Help team have even developed new experiences to put a smile on Hatters' fans faces.'



SPORTING INSPIRATION – 'Daniel has lived in Luton all his life and believes sport can bring people together. Daniel works with Luton Town Football Club to show how football can unite local people and forge friendships, regardless of people's background. He is a really strong role model, particularly for young people going through difficult times. Daniel works to support young people to break down barriers and make positive life choices, and he's a true ambassador for the town. He is also one of the seven individuals that feature in the Many Voices One Town campaign.'

Both finished runners-up in their categories, so a huge well done to John (pictured) and his team, and Daniel (pictured here with CEO Gary Sweet and his runners-up award) for the fantastic work you do.

Congratulations to the winners in both categories – L&D's Richard Moisey and karate champion Jordan Thomas – also to our club charity of the year, Luton Foodbank, who won the Community Company of the Year award.

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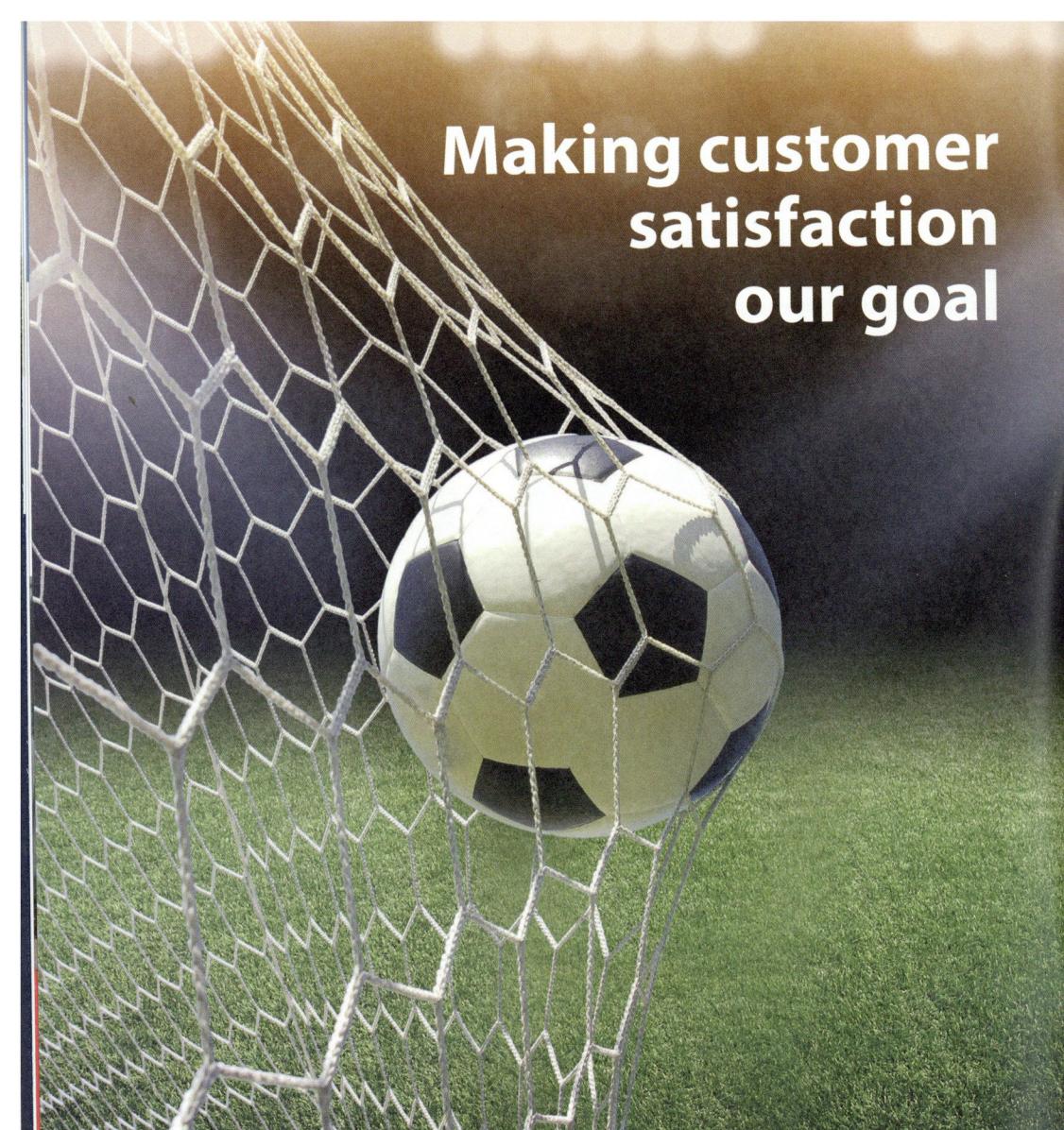


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STORY OF THE MATCH

A young Hatters side came from behind to defeat Kempston Rovers and reach the second round of the Bedfordshire FA Senior Cup – setting up a tie away at Arlesey town.

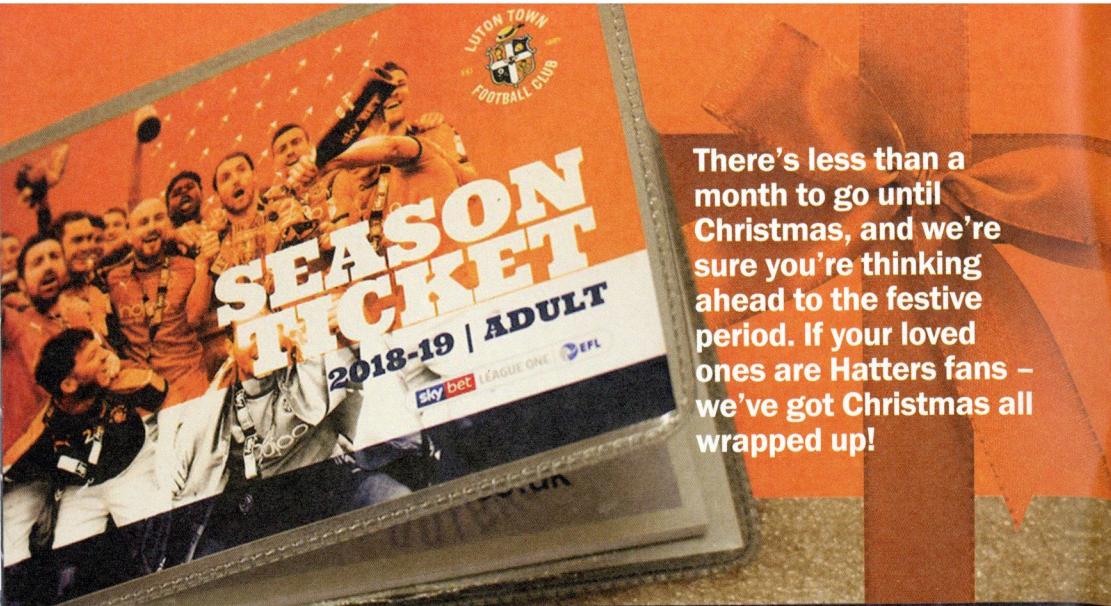
Harry Isted was called into action early on as he did fantastically well to first save from Aaron King's low drive, before tipping Alfie Powell's header over. King wasn't to be denied and he found the back of the net in the first minute of first half added time, as he calmly slotted the ball into the bottom right corner.

Jake Peck got the Town back on level terms just two minutes later with a sumptuous free-kick from 25 yards after he was tripped when running at goal.

Substitute Coree Wilson scored with one of his first touches as he tapped in from Connor Tomlinson's low cross just after the hour mark, before the striker got on the score-sheet late on when he converted from Josh Neufville's low cross for his 16th goal of the season.

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JONES
PANTER
BYRON
WILSON-BRAITHWAITE
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RICHARDSON
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TOMLINSON
NEUFVILLE
KALONDA (WILSON 61)
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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:

Barnsley, Portsmouth, Peterborough, Wycombe Wanderers, Coventry City, Rochdale, Gillingham, Doncaster, Blackpool, Wimbledon and Oxford Utd.

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

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COME ON YOU HATTERS!



There's less than a month 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!

CHECKATRADE CHANGE

The Hatters' Checkatrade Trophy second round tie against Southend United has been put back 24 hours from the usual midweek date, due to this weekend's Emirates FA Cup second round clash at Bury being switched to 2pm on Sunday.

The game against the Shrimpers at Kenilworth Road will take place next Wednesday, December 5th, kicking off at 7.45pm.

The Hatters reached this stage of the competition after winning both of their opening two Southern Group H fixtures against Brighton & Hove Albion Under-21s and Milton Keynes, before a defeat in the final game against Peterborough.

The Shrimpers finished second in Southern Group B, as they won two of their games, but missed out on top spot on goal difference, in a group that included Cambridge United, Colchester United and Southampton Under-21s.

Ticket prices for the game at Kenilworth Road are as follows: Adults/Concessions: £5. Under-16s: £1



NICU COLLECTION YIELDS OVER £1,500!

The bucket collection for supporters' charity of the season, the Luton & Dunstable Hospital's Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit, at the Plymouth game earlier this month raised £1,501.70.

The charity and several volunteers were out spreading the word about the great work they do, and our supporters liaison officer John Miller said: "It's fantastic. What a result for our Supporters' Charity! Well done wonderful Hatters fans - thank you so much for your generosity."

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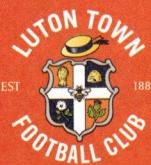
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[ALL-TIME XI]



PELLY-RUDDOCK MPANZU'S ALL-TIME XI

4-3-3

The Town favourite gives us the run-down on the best players he has ever played alongside, but didn't want to name any current Town players in his side so he didn't cause any arguments!

Christian Walton

Played with at: Luton Town

GK
He was here on loan and he's a top quality keeper. He was a great keeper for us – long and rangey (Ed – Pelly explains that he means lanky!)

Julien Faubert

Played with at: West Ham United

RB
His touch was quality, he was strong as well. Any ball that was put in he would deal with it. Lovely.

Leo Chambers

Played with at: West Ham United

CB
Technically great for a centre-back, he had tricks. He didn't head the ball, but on the ball his quality was a joke, you couldn't get past him one-on-one.

Winston Reid

Played with at: West Ham United

A New Zealand international. Tall and strong, attacking wise he always won the ball and he was great in the tackle. His distribution isn't too bad either.

Matty Taylor

Played with at: West Ham United

LB
Probably had the best quality in the team delivery wise. He could pick a pass, was up and down and he had a shot on him as well.

Sebastian Lletget

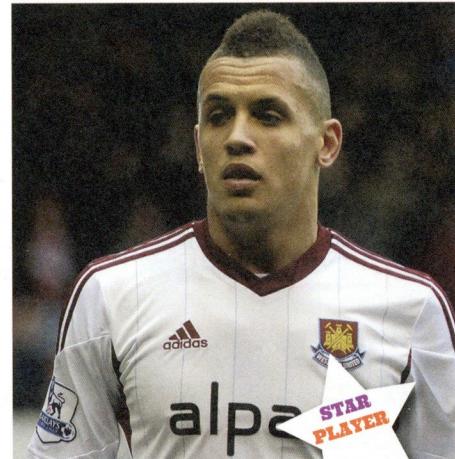
Played with at: West Ham United

CM
USA international who now plays for LA Galaxy. Left and right footed, couldn't get the ball off him. Had a lovely turn and shift. He is a player.

Yossi Benayoun

Played with at: West Ham United

He was one of the sharpest players I have played with. Loved a meggs and turning in tight spaces, he was nifty on the ball.



Ravel Morrison

Played with at: West Ham United

CM
He had everything, he had the touch, could score goals. Drift past you like there was nothing there. There aren't enough words to describe how good Rav was. Best player in my team.

Rob Hall

Played with at: West Ham United

RW
Four words: Stop, chop, whipping excursion. The whips he had to deliver a ball, if you turned your back and he shifts it, you're out the game. I learned that at West Ham the hard way.

Joe Cole

Played with at: West Ham United

LW
Done it on the international stage. He came in, he was sharp. He was a very good player for West Ham.

Andre Gray

Played with at: Luton Town

ST
Strong, physical, scored many goals here. Don't want him to play on the shoulder, if he gets in front of you and he's through on goal, he will score.

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The Orange Partnership is sponsoring tonight's game in honour of Darren Ward. Darren is the MD of the Company and a life-long Luton Town supporter and season ticket holder. He recently celebrated his 50th birthday. Had his life taken a different route, Darren could have been a Luton great. Sadly though, injury and a fundamental lack of underlying talent prevented him from being another Mick Harford! Robbed of a career in professional football, Darren did the obvious thing and went into audit and accountancy. Instead of testing goalkeepers he now tests book-keepers. Happy birthday Darren and come on the Town!



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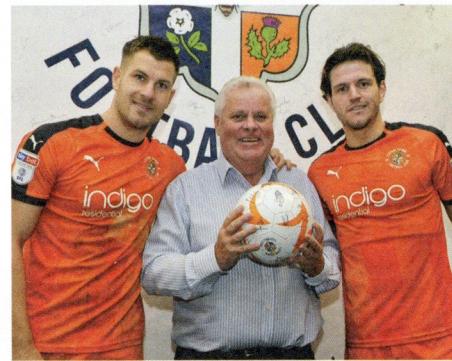
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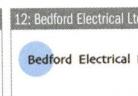
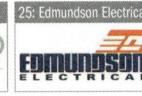
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WELCOME BRADFORD CITY

The Town would like to welcome the staff, players and supporters of this evening's visitors, Bradford City.

It's been a difficult start to their sixth season in Sky Bet League One for the Bantams, as they find themselves deep in a relegation battle as we approach the mid-stage of the campaign.

With only four wins in the division this season – all of which had been by a solitary goal until Saturday's 2-0 success of Oxford – David Hopkin's team need to start putting victories together, otherwise they could be set for a return to the fourth tier.

A Premier League team at the turn of the millennium, Bradford slowly filtered their way down the pyramid and into the fourth tier by 2007. They spent six seasons in League Two, winning promotion and incredibly reaching the League Cup final in 2013, beating the likes of Wigan Athletic, Arsenal and Aston Villa, the latter of which was over two legs. That set up a final against Swansea City, but a Swans side at the peak of their powers under Michael Laudrup ran out 4-0 winners at Wembley.

The Bantams were close to making a return to the third tier as they finished in the play-off spots in consecutive seasons between 2015-17, but were beaten by Millwall on both occasions.

Now 115-years-old, the Bantams were elected to the Football League almost immediately after they

FACTFILE:

NICKNAME: THE BANTAMS
GROUND: VALLEY PARADE
MANAGER: DAVID HOPKIN
LAST SEASON: 11TH IN LEAGUE ONE

HEAD-TO-HEAD

LUTON WINS:	6
DRAWS:	7
BRADFORD WINS:	4
LAST MEETING:	LUTON 3-3 BRADFORD JANUARY 2009



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MEET THE SQUAD

THE GAFFER

David Hopkin | Age: 48

The Scot became the fourth head coach of 2018 to take the reins at Bradford City, taking over from Michael Collins who was sacked after just six matches in charge. Hopkin has managed to secure two league victory since his appointment in what remains a mammoth task, with the Bantams rock bottom, four points adrift. But his side are not to be underestimated, on their last away trip they held onto a valuable point

at Peterborough, where the Hatters have been defeated twice this season in league and Checkatrade Trophy. The boss is used to winning though, guiding Livingston to the Scottish League One title in 2016-17. He'll be wanting to enforce this mentality into his Bradford squad as quickly as possible.



THE STOPPER

Richard O'Donnell | Age: 30

The Steel City-born keeper began his career with local side Sheffield Wednesday, signing his first professional contract with the club in 2006. A series of loan spells across all levels of the English game came next where O'Donnell eventually recorded his Football League debut with Oldham Athletic in 2008. It was a game to forget, however, for the shot-stopper, coming up against the Hatters at



Kenilworth Road where the Latics were comfortably beaten 3-0. The 30-year-old has spent time at Bristol City and Rotherham, and notably with Walsall, where he won Player of the Year in 2014-15. O'Donnell joined Bradford in the summer and has gone on to keep five clean sheets so far this season, also saving a penalty against Gillingham.

GOALKEEPER

BEN WILSON

AGE: 26

Joined Sunderland as a youth player, eventually signing his first professional deal at the club. Spent the second half of last season on loan at Non-League Telford from Cardiff City, making 17 appearances.

DEFENDERS

RYAN McGOWAN

AGE: 29

The defender has 20 International caps for Australia. The Bantams are the first English club that McGowan has played for, signing for an undisclosed fee in January this year.

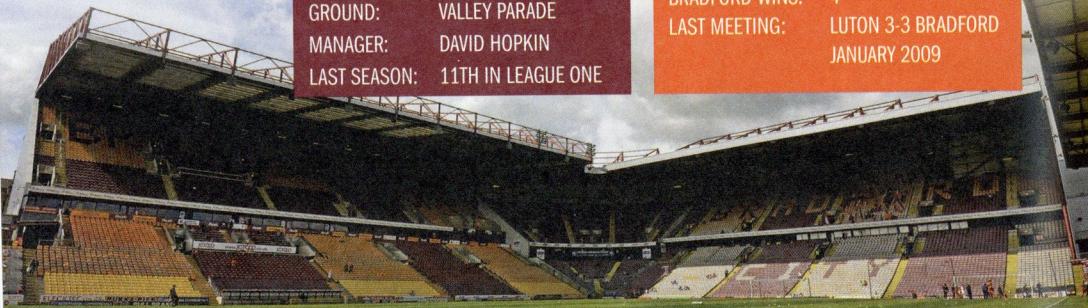
KELVIN MELLOR

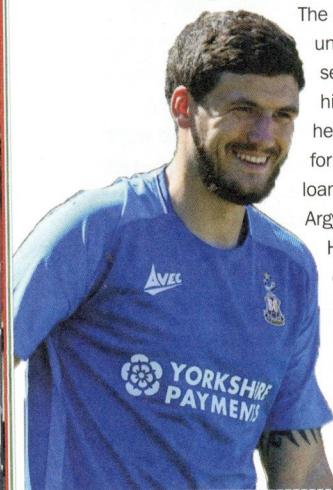
AGE: 27

The defender was part of the Blackpool play-off winning side in 2016-17, knocking the Hatters out in the semis and beating Exeter at Wembley. Joined Bradford in June.

DID YOU KNOW?

Bradford competed in Europe in the 2000-01 season, in the now defunct Intertoto Cup. They entered in the second round, along with Aston Villa, and beat Lithuanian side FK Atlantas and Dutch club RKC Waalwijk over two legs before falling at the third hurdle to Russian outfit Zenit St Petersburg. Current boss Hopkin played in a squad that also included Dean Saunders, Lee Sharpe, Dean Windass and Peter Beagrie.



THE WALL**Anthony O'Connor | Age: 26**

The highly-rated defender has a handful of caps under his belt for the Republic of Ireland youth set up between U17 to U21. O'Connor began his career with Blackburn Rovers, although he never recorded a senior league appearance for Rovers, spending most of his time out on-loan until he permanently signed for Plymouth Argyle, having spent the 2014-15 season at Home Park. The 26-year-old then moved on to Burton and up to Aberdeen, where he played Europa League Football. The Bantams signed O'Connor in the summer and made him club captain in October. The centre-half has even notched four goals so far this season.

IN THE MIDDLE**Jack Payne | Age: 24**

The Huddersfield loanee joined Bradford in June for the season and made an instant impression on the opening day of the campaign, netting the only goal away at Shrewsbury to win it for the Bantams. In fact, the midfielder has scored in two other 1-0 wins this season, as well as the 2-0 v Oxford. The Londoner joined Southend United as a youngster and signed his first professional deal at Roots Hall, scoring 15 goals across three seasons. In 2016 Payne moved north to Huddersfield Town and scored his first goal for the club, which turned out to be the winner away at St James' Park.

**NATHANIEL KNIGHT-PERCIVAL
AGE: 31**

A talented centre-half who was part of Bradford's play-off campaign in 2016-17, narrowly losing to Millwall in the final. Won the Checkatrade Trophy with Peterborough in 2014 having started in Non-League with Histon and Wrexham.

**CONNOR WOOD
AGE: 22**

A product of the now dissolved Nike academy, Wood was signed by Leicester City in 2016 after an impressive season with Chesham United. Bradford came calling in the summer without him having appeared for the Foxes.

**ADAM CHICKSEN
AGE: 27**

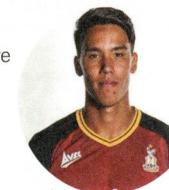
Chicksen has one Zimbabwe international cap to his name, although he was actually born in Milton Keynes, linking up with MK Dons as a youth player. Joined Bradford in 2017 from Charlton Athletic.

**JOE RILEY
AGE: 21**

The young defender signed his first professional contract with Manchester United after successful three years as youth player with the club. Also appeared for United in a Europa League match.

**MIDFIELDERS
KARL HENRY
AGE: 36**

The Stoke City academy graduate has played across



the Premier League and Championship with Wolves and QPR. Joined the Bantams last week.

**JOSH WRIGHT
AGE: 29**

The newly appointed skipper signed for Bradford in the summer after a long career

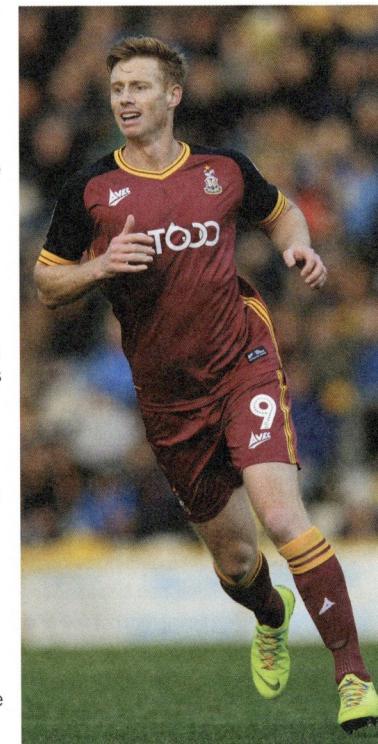
WATCH OUT**Eoin Doyle
Age: 30**

Although Doyle has only scored three times in 16 starts, the new number nine is more than capable of filling the shoes of Charlie Wyke, who departed Valley Parade in the summer. Signing for an undisclosed fee from Preston North End, the experienced forward has played a lot of his minutes in the Championship and Sky Bet League One. Doyle's most prolific season has to be in 2014-15 with Chesterfield, recording a superb 21 goals in 26 league matches. The striker even grabbed back to back hat-tricks in the September of that season to secure the Player of the Month award.

across all levels of the EFL. His brother Mark also played Non-League, but rose to fame on 'The Only Way Is Essex'.

**JIM O'BRIEN
AGE: 31**

The scot has spent a lot of his career in his homeland, winning a place in the PFA Scotland



Team of the Year in 2009-10 for a brilliant season with Motherwell.

**PAUL CADDIS
AGE: 30**

The experienced defender joined Bradford after an initial trial spell last month. Made a name for himself in England with Swindon Town before going onto play for Birmingham City.

**HOPE AKPAN
AGE: 27**

Injury has halted Akpan's progress in the Bantams side, but the Nigerian has a lot to offer this Bantams side with heaps of experience in the EFL.

**STRIKERS
GEORGE MILLER
AGE: 20**

On-loan from Middlesbrough, Miller has scored twice so far this term. Has a keen eye for goal however, scoring three in four matches for Bury at the end of last season.

**DAVID BALL
AGE: 28**

The forward was a fan favourite for Fleetwood Town across five seasons with the club, playing a part in their play-off success in 2013-14. Scored 13 goals that season.

**KAI BRUNKER
AGE: 24**

A towering presence in the box standing at 6ft 2in. The German forward signed for Bradford in January last season, leaving Germany for the first time in his playing career.

**IN NUMBERS...**

Stadium capacity: **24,840**

Miles from Kenilworth Road: **171**

Year opened: **1886**

Average crowd last season: **19,787**

Seasons in League One: **6**

CLASSIC CLASH WITH THE BANTAMS

CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH DELVES INTO HIS ARCHIVES...

18TH DECEMBER 1969 • LUTON TOWN 5 BRADFORD CITY 0

After the major disappointment of failing to win back to back promotions at the end of the 1968/69 campaign, the subsequent loss of crowd favourite Bruce Rioch to Aston Villa for a record fee, and no apparent signings of substance to fill the void, the new season approached with a major feeling of anti-climax.

Unknown 19-year-old full-back signing from Fulham, Malcolm Macdonald, had been pushed further and further upfield due to a spate of injuries in the pre-season games, and he proved a revelation as the Town started with a 3-0 home victory over Barrow and then came back from Bournemouth with both points after a 1-0 win.

Macdonald was starting to bang in the goals and with manager Alec Stock finally loosening the purse strings, after waiting for the right players and bringing in centre-half Chris Nicholl from Halifax and striker Matt Tees from Charlton for a joint £60,000, everyone at Kenilworth Road had a spring in their step once more.

The Hatters went 13 games without defeat from the start of the season until losing 2-0 to a good Doncaster side at Belle Vue before a crowd of 17,380. They soon put this set-back behind them, putting together another seven game unbeaten run leading up to an FA Cup game against Non-League Hillingdon in early December.

Seemingly running away with it at the top of the old Division Three, the Town were expected to cruise to victory against their lowly opposition and after Tees headed the opening goal on seven minutes, Luton supporters settled back waiting for a cricket score.

Sadly, the rout did not take place and instead it was the Southern League leaders who fought back to

eventually take the tie 2-1. Whether it was 'failing to respect the opposition', Hillingdon 'playing above themselves' or the 'FA Cup is a great leveller', you could throw any footballing cliché you like at it, but this major shock had happened and was a huge embarrassment.

The Town could now 'concentrate on the League', and hopefully get back onto the winning trail against Bradford City the following Saturday.

Winning

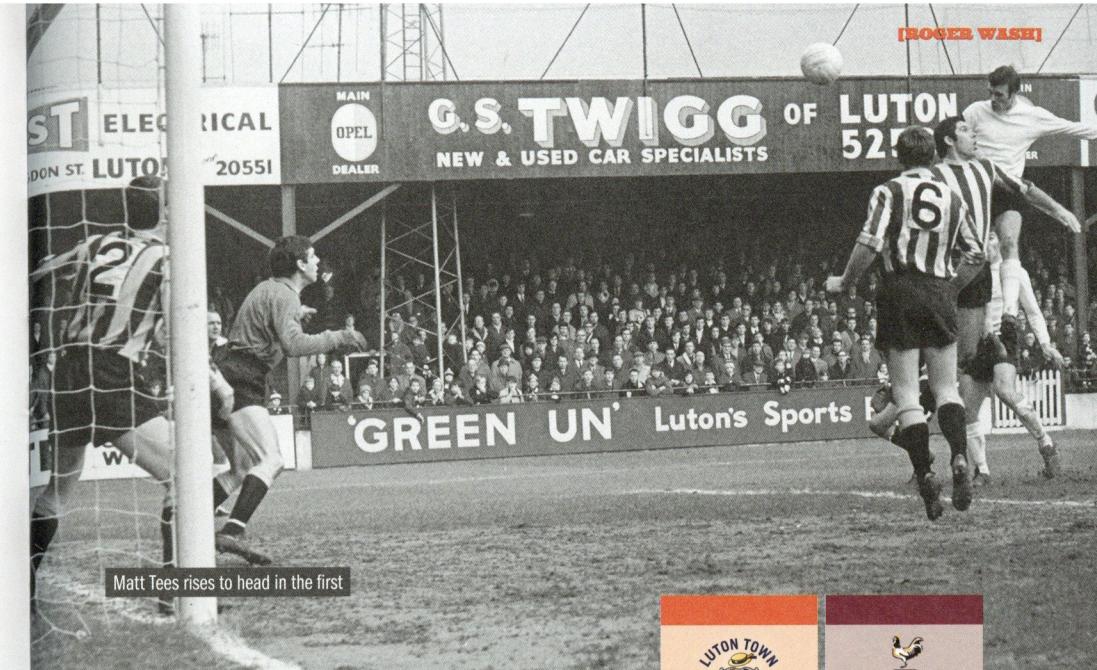
As well as getting back to winning ways the Town had a couple of scores to settle with the Bantams as they had never beaten them in seven previous League meetings, and during the Division Four championship winning season of 1967/68, City had been the only side to win at Kenilworth Road.

Unbeaten at home in all competitions since then, 20 months previously, the Town kept the same side that had lost at Hillingdon with the sole exception being Macdonald and John Collins swapping shirts, as 'supporters were expecting someone in a number seven shirt to run up and down the right wing'.

Midfielder Collins, who had fallen out with the crowd a little, was given the number eight shirt to let it be known he was playing in midfield, while Macdonald could wear whichever shirt he liked as he was by now beyond reproach!

This top versus second clash attracted a pre-Christmas crowd of 11,857 to Kenilworth Road, and it was not long before the disappointments of the previous week were seen as a distant memory.

After ten minutes Tees rose like a salmon to head in a Graham French corner, and four minutes later Macdonald anticipated a weak back pass from



Matt Tees rises to head in the first

Denis Atkins and ran on to smash the ball past Pat Liney in the City goal.

The Bantams probably realised it was not going to be their day when, just before the interval, their striker Bobby Ham saw his shot rebound off a post to French, who set off on a dazzling run down the wing before crossing for Collins to net with a first time strike.

The game died a little in the second half and it was not until the closing minutes that the Town added to their score.

To cap a miserable afternoon for the Bantams, they were reduced to ten men with 15 minutes left when, having used their substitute, they saw Tony Leighton carried off with a knee injury.

The Hatters upped their play after this and Macdonald went through on a 40-yard run before hammering in a, by now, trademark goal. In the final minute he was brought down in the area by Atkins after another surging run, and after taking a none-too convincing penalty, marched off with the match ball moments later.

	DAVIE RYAN BANNISTER KEEN NICHOLL SLOUGH MACDONALD COLLINS TEES (PHILLIPS) ALLEN FRENCH	LINEY ATKINS COOPER STOWELL HALLETT LEIGHTON HALL HAM CORNER BANNISTER MIDDLETON (MCCONNELL)
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Stock said afterwards: "It had to happen. The boys were needed by last week's Cup defeat. We really looked a promotion side."

Bantams manager Jimmy Wheeler meanwhile admitted that "Luton were magnificent in the first half and there was nothing we could do to stop them".

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THE LAST TIME BRADFORD CITY CAME TO TOWN

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

24TH JANUARY 2009 • LUTON TOWN 3 BRADFORD CITY 3

LEAGUE TWO

It was now beginning to look hopeless for the Town in this, our minus-30 points season as we were still 20 points from safety with the games now running out.

Visitors Bradford City were in a play-off position and a respectable crowd of 6,053 turned up to see a clash which was to become eventful, but not necessarily for all the right reasons.

The Hatters led 2-0 at the interval with Asa Hall glancing home a corner from Rossi Jarvis and Sunday Wasiu, on his full debut, prodding in a long free-kick that dropped kindly to him.

The first hint of controversy happened soon after when City manager Stuart McCall was dismissed by referee Trevor Kettle for encroaching on to the playing area. He then climbed into one of the executive boxes rather than walk round the pitch!

The Bantams upped their game in the second period and had levelled the score by the hour mark. Firstly, former Hatter Paul McLaren stabbed the

ball home from close range before Dean Furman thrashed a fierce shot in from the edge of the area.

The game then ebbed and flowed but the Hatters thought they had picked up their first three-point haul for a month when Hall headed in a Kevin Nicholls free-kick in stoppage time.

In the dying seconds though, City's Barry Conlon threw himself to the floor in the penalty area amid a melee of players with Kettle awarding a spot-kick. The protests bordered on the ugly with Micky Spillane and Nicholls booked, and Chris Martin shown a straight red. Conlon stroked the subsequent penalty home as the crowd went ballistic, seeing our last chance of survival realistically disappear.

Luton Town: Logan, Asafu-Adjaye, Davis, Roper, Spillane, Henderson (Nicholls), Hall, Jarvis, Gallen (Parkin), Wasiu (Howells), Martin.

Bradford City: Evans, Arnison, Clarke, Lee, O'Brien, Law, McLaren, Furman (Conlon), Daley (Bullock), Thorne (Colbeck), Jones.

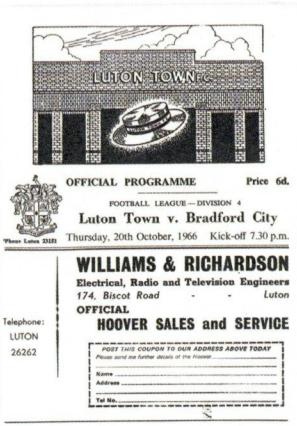
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CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH PICKS OUT EIGHT PROGRAMME COVERS FROM PAST GAMES WITH OUR OPPONENTS



October 1965

The Town's first ever visit to Valley Parade sees a point gained from a 2-2 draw with John Moore and John O'Rourke on target. The game marks a Luton debut for the mercurial Graham French.



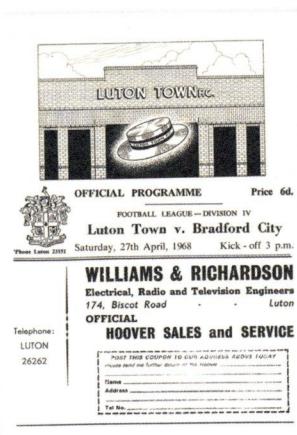
October 1966

The Hatters make it four games without a win following a turgid 0-0 draw with City at Kenilworth Road. The crowd of 4,150 on a wet, windswept Thursday evening is destined to become the lowest of the season.



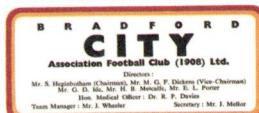
December 1967

The Town's run of eight straight wins comes to an end against fellow promotion challengers City. The Bantams are well deserving of their 2-0 win with early-season Luton target Paul Aimson one of the goalscorers.



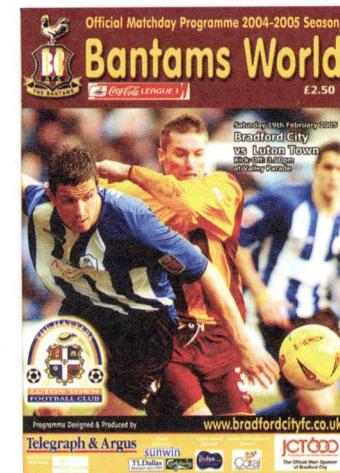
April 1968

The Town have clinched the Division Four title three days before and a mixture of champagne and a determined promotion chasing Bantams triggers a 3-1 loss. This is the Hatters' first home defeat in over a year and it is to be 20 months before they lose again at Kenilworth Road.



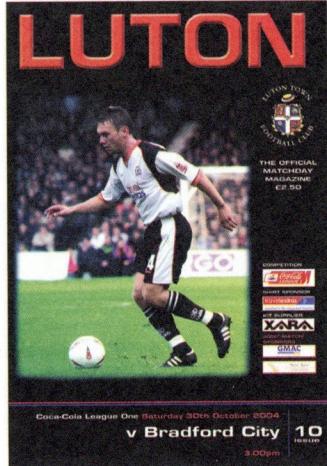
September 1968

The Hatters maintain their unbeaten start to the season with a 1-1 draw at Valley Parade. Keith Allen gives the Town the lead but Bobby Ham replies for the Bantams – the first goal conceded in 257 minutes away from Kenilworth Road.



February 2005

The Hatters make it 13 games without defeat following a 1-0 victory at Valley Parade courtesy of a strike from Rowan Vine. The Town have the luxury of missing a penalty when Kevin Nicholls' spot-kick is saved.



October 2004

After three straight defeats, table toppers Luton get back to winning ways following a 4-0 victory over the Bantams. Loanee Simon Royce, making his debut in goal for the Hatters, has little to do.



October 2008

A late equaliser from Michael Spillane earns a point in a 1-1 draw at Valley Parade. Paul Heckingbottom is dismissed for the home side after two yellows. The Town are now on minus-18 points!

DEADLY DUOS

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

BRUCE BANNISTER & BOBBY HAM

Ex-England Schoolboy striker Bruce Bannister featured prominently in Bradford City's 1968-69 promotion success. Born locally, he turned professional at Valley Parade in August 1965 and was leading marksman in 1970-71, netting 60 goals in 208 League outings for the Bantams prior to joining Bristol Rovers in November 1971.

He formed a lethal 'Smash & Grab' striking partnership with Alan Warboys as they won promotion in 1973-74. Swapped for Plymouth Argyle's Jimmy Hamilton in December 1976, he reunited with Warboys at Hull City, then played for Dunkirk. He now runs SportsShoes Unlimited in Bradford.

Striker Bobby Ham topped Bradford City's goalscoring charts on three occasions. Signing professional for Bradford PA in October 1961, he had spells with Gainsborough and Grimsby before rejoining Bradford PA in August 1964. He was leading marksman in 1966-67 and moved to Valley Parade in February 1968. Top scorer in Bradford City's 1968-69 promotion success, he joined Preston in October 1970 and starred in their 1970-71 Third Division title triumph.

He played for Rotherham United before returning to Bradford City in July 1973, netting 64 goals in 188 League games overall. He has since run Ham Construction in Bradford.

DAVID McNIVEN & BOBBY CAMPBELL

Former Scotland U-21 striker David McNiven was Bradford City's top scorer in two consecutive seasons. Signing professional for Leeds United in September 1972, he had limited top-flight opportunities before moving to Valley Parade in February 1978. He starred in Bradford City's promotion near-miss, then was ever-present in their 1981-82 promotion success and netted 64 goals in 212 League outings prior to joining Blackpool in February 1983.

Subsequently with Portland Timbers, Pittsburgh Spirit, Halifax Town and Morecambe, he worked as a milkman. His twin sons David and Scott both played for Oldham Athletic.

Northern Ireland international striker Bobby Campbell holds Bradford City's all-time goalscoring record. Initially with Aston Villa, he had spells with Huddersfield Town, Sheffield United, Halifax Town and Brisbane City before moving to Bradford City in December 1979. He was leading marksman in their 1981-82 promotion success and joined Derby County in August 1983. Rejoining the Bantams three months later, he was top scorer in their 1984-85 Third Division title triumph and netted 121 goals in 274 League games overall. Later at Wigan Athletic, he became a club steward near Huddersfield and died in November 2016.



James Hanson & Nahki Wells

LEE MILLS & ROBBIE BLAKE

Striker Lee Mills was leading marksman as Bradford City won promotion to the Premier League in 1998-99. He impressed with Stocksbridge PS prior to joining Wolves in December 1992 and moved via Derby County to Port Vale in August 1995.

Voted 'Player of the Year' in 1996-97 and top scorer in 1997-98, the hard-working target man moved to Valley Parade for £1m in August 1998 and netted 28 goals in 65 League games for Bradford City before being sold to Portsmouth for £1m in August 2000. He joined Coventry City in November 2001 and later played for Stoke City, Telford United and Hereford United.

Striker Robbie Blake featured prominently as Bradford City won promotion to the Premier League in 1998-99. Initially with Darlington, he moved to Valley Parade for £300,000 in March 1997 and netted 40 goals in 153 League games prior to joining Burnley for £1m in January 2002. He was top scorer in 2002-03 and moved to Birmingham City for £1.25m in January 2005.

Moving to Leeds United for £800,000 in July 2005, he helped win promotion in 2005-06 and rejoined Burnley in July 2007. He helped them win promotion and reach the League Cup semi-finals in 2008-09, then played for Bolton and Doncaster Rovers.

NAHKI WELLS & JAMES HANSON

Bermuda international striker Nahki Wells was leading marksman as Bradford City won promotion and were League Cup finalists in 2012-13. He played for Dandy Town Hornets and Bermuda Hogges in his native country before moving to England to attend the Richmond International Academy in Leeds. After a spell with Eccleshill, he joined Carlisle in January 2011 and moved to Bradford City six months later. He netted 42 goals in 91 League games before joining Huddersfield Town in January 2014.

Top scorer in 2014-15, he helped win promotion in 2016-17 and moved to Burnley for £5m in August 2017.

Striker James Hanson featured prominently as Bradford City won promotion and were League Cup finalists in 2012-13. A former youth player with Bradford City, he impressed with Eccleshill and Guiseley before rejoining Bradford City in July 2009.

He was 'Player of the Year' in 2009-10 and scored their winner against Aston Villa in the 2012-13 League Cup semi-final. Also scoring in that season's League Two play-off final triumph and helping to win at Chelsea in the 2014-15 FA Cup fourth round, he netted 77 goals in 283 League games before joining Sheffield United in January 2017, helping to clinch the League One title.

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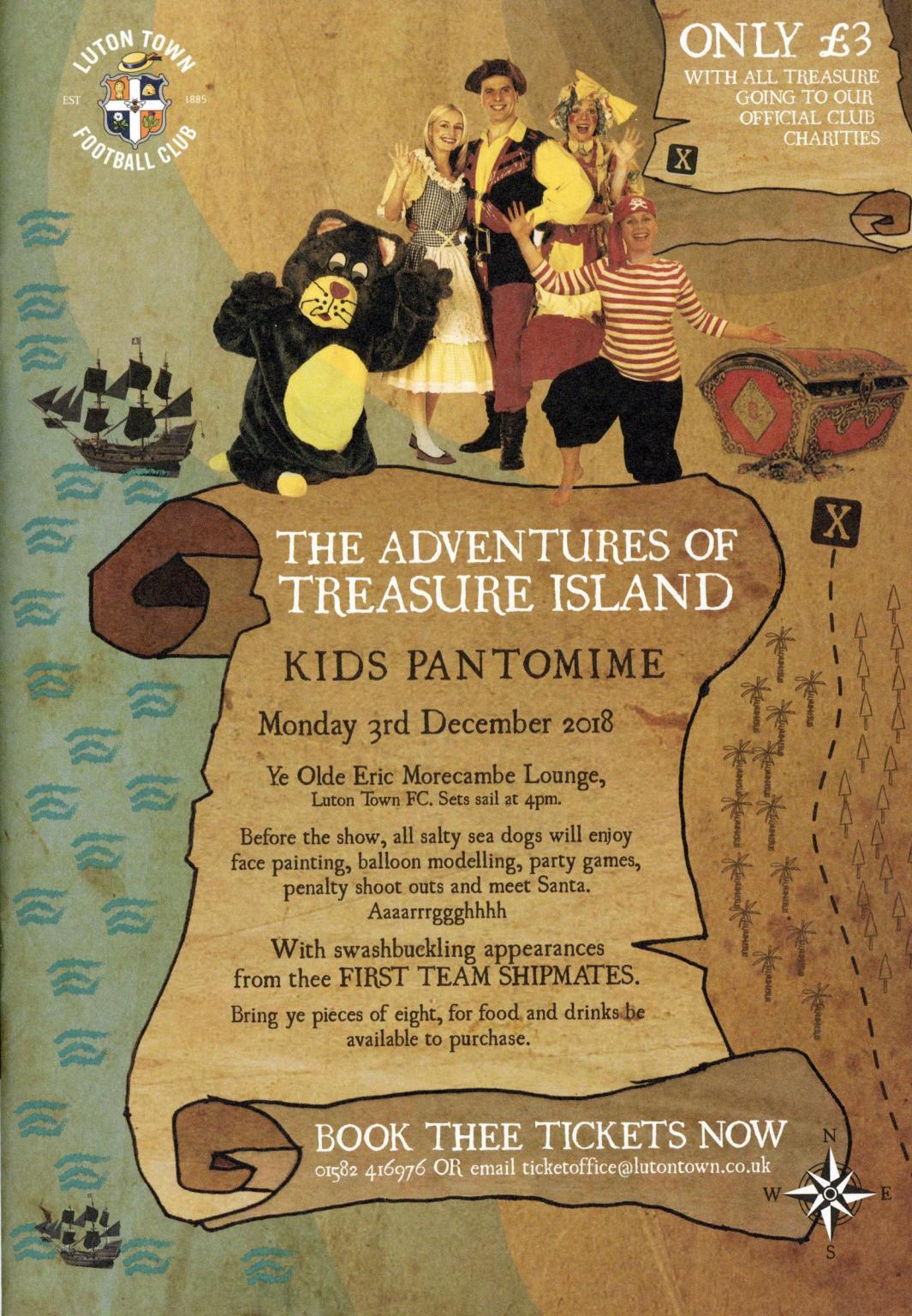
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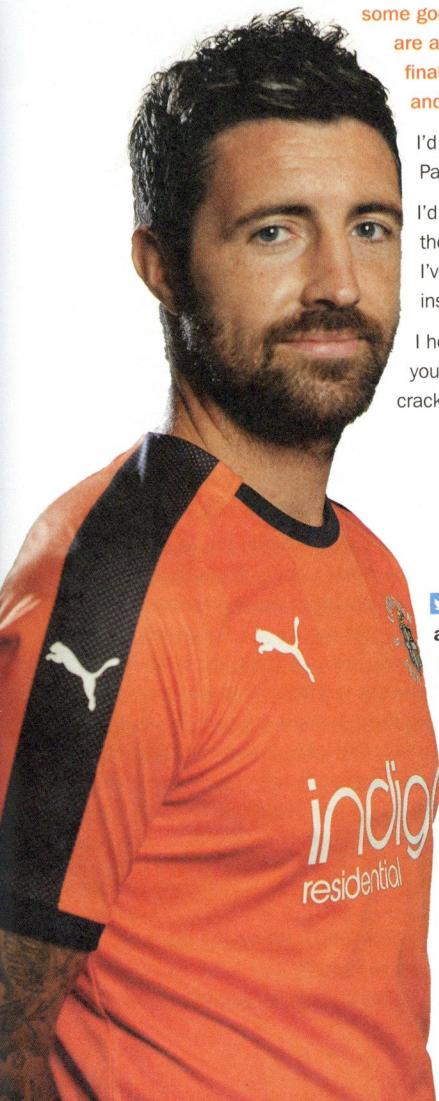
Normally we bring you Alan Sheehan's captain's notes at the front of the programme, but ahead of the visit of his former club Bradford City tonight, we had so many fans' questions to put to the skipper for the On The Centre Spot feature that we've extended it by a page with a special word from Sheez to kick us off...

Welcome to tonight's game against my former club Bradford City. I have some good memories of my 18 months playing for the Bantams, who are a massive club at this level. We reached the FA Cup quarter-finals, where we eventually bowed out to Reading, in my first year and that provided great memories for all at the club.

I'd like to welcome everyone who has travelled down from Valley Parade and wish them a safe journey home tonight.

I'd also like to thank you Hatters for your constant support and for all the questions you've sent my way on social media for this feature. I've answered as many as space allows and hope it gives you an insight into my life, career and how much I love playing for your club.

I hope you enjoy the read – and the game tonight. Get behind us as you have done in every match this season, and let's hope it's another cracker like we saw against Plymouth here last week.



@CammyBayliss: What would you say is the best part about being a Luton player?

I've been here from day one with the manager and it's just the progression and improvement throughout the club from top to bottom, and the expectation. The fans are brilliant, and it just feels like everyone at the club right now is pulling in the right direction, from the board to the manager to the players to the cleaners. Everyone is doing their job and everybody is trying to be the best at what they do to try and take Luton to the furthest point they can go, and it just feels like everything is in the right place to do it. It's a wonderful environment to come into every day and our style of play is so enjoyable to play in. So I'd have to say I love everything about the club.





The promotion party starts with room-mate Glen Rea and Dan Potts

hattershq: What are your thoughts on the Town's form this season and do you think we can keep it up?

Like last year, it took us a few games to find our feet and I think in the last five to ten games, we've found our consistent level and played a brilliant level of football. Of course I think we can keep it up. Every day in training our standards are so high, and we've got such a winning mentality, whether it's in training or just joking around doing things. The winning mentality is just flying through the club, so we definitely won't let it drop by lack of effort.

@callumLtfc: Best football moment?

My first team debut for Leicester and getting promoted for Luton last season. They were great moments for me. Last year was a wonderful year and making my debut at 18 for Leicester, away at Plymouth, was a very proud moment.

__jakeb1rd: Favourite moment in a Luton shirt?

When the final whistle went at Carlisle, it was wonderful – it really was. I loved when we won 5-0 away at Swindon last year as well, because they'd beaten us 3-0 here and they were getting a small bit cocky after the game. So to go down and beat them so well on Boxing Day was a brilliant feeling.

tombetts44_: What were the celebrations like on the coach on the way back from Carlisle last season?

It was brilliant. Players and staff, having a few drinks and the tunes were flying. The good thing about the boys is that we love a good sing-song on the way to and back from games. Everybody was just very happy and there was a major sense of achievement that we'd achieved our goal that we'd worked

tirelessly for right from the start of pre-season, all the way through.

@MattHal15406989: What was going through your mind when 4,500 Luton fans were chanting "Sheehan" when you came over to take the corner at Notts County last season? It looked like you paused to take it all in.

That is true, I did pause to take it in, because it was in the corner of Meadow Lane where the 4,500 Luton fans were singing my name, and then on the other side of the corner flag I had the Notts County Kop singing my name. So for two sets of fans of two clubs I think so highly of to be singing my name...I was taken aback. Not many people get to say that in football, and it was an incredible end to an incredible year. It was an emotional moment for me in my career, definitely. Something I'll never forget as long as I live. It was a special moment and I don't mind admitting, I nearly had a tear.

joel.p._: What was it like in the changing room after the Notts County game away?

Kevin Nolan brought beers and champagne in for us, which was great, but it was a hot day and at the end of that week, just seeing how the fans were, I think everyone was just drained. It wasn't really a loud dressing room. It was quite quiet. It was like everybody was sitting there reminiscing about what a special year it was and what we'd achieved, and then to have 4,500 fans support us and singing like that...I think we all would have liked to have stayed out there for another hour and just taken it all in. It was such a special moment for everybody.

@ScottWi56443907: Who's the hardest opponent you've faced?

The best performance from an opposition player



A 21-year-old Alan competes with Chelsea's then-England winger Shaun Wright-Phillips

when I was on the pitch was probably Frank Lampard, for Chelsea against Leicester. He was phenomenal that night. Or maybe Frank Ribery when I played for Ireland U21s against France. You found yourself standing back just looking at them! Toughest direct opponent? Probably Theo Walcott when he was coming through at Southampton. He was very quick, powerful, he had a good brain on him.



@lukehobson2005: What's the favourite goal you've ever scored?

My first goal for Leicester, against Watford at the Walkers Stadium. It was a blistering hot day and we won 4-1. It was a deflected free-kick, but it was a great moment for me. That, or the one for Notts County on the last day of the season to keep them up. That was a special moment in front of 5,000 Notts fans behind the goal at Oldham, and we'd gone 1-0 down but won to stay up.

@LutonTownExile: Couple here. Firstly, you started playing first team football regularly in 07/08 at Leicester in the Championship. What do you think is the biggest change in the game since then? Pace, power, technical ability or the expansion of the tactical side of the game?

I think it's a small bit of everything. When I was coming through, it was a British based approach. But now it's a foreign outlook coming in, so the better British players are getting pushed down. Pace and power, strength and conditioning and the tactical side of the game, most teams back in my day were 4-4-2, and maybe 4-3-3 or 3-5-2 the odd time. Now it's 4-1-2-1-2 and variations, and I honestly think it's a bit of everything. The game is expanding every year so it'll be so interesting to see what it will be like in the next four or five years.

@LutonTownExile: Secondly, which one law of the game would you change and why?

Getting a yellow card for jumping into the crowd after you've scored, or taking your top off. When you score a goal it's a special moment and anyone who scores an important goal, you just want to share it with these fans who have paid their money to come and watch us. You want to be able to express yourself and do whatever you want when you've scored, so I believe that rule should be scrapped. Look at the one with Demarai Gray for Leicester at Cardiff – it was a disgrace. Everybody is reading everything by the book now and there's no room for common sense to be applied.

@liamrowlands94: If you weren't a footballer, what do you think you would be doing with your life?

ON THE CENTRE SPOT



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thomas_ltfcfe: Who was the most inspiring person in your life growing up?

Definitely my dad, Mick. When I was younger I used to go watching him play for Athlone Town, Monaghan United and Galway United, and from the age of about five or six, he just took me everywhere to play Gaelic and soccer locally up to Under-12s, then I had a few trials with English clubs, so they said to go up to Dublin and prove yourself. I played for Belvedere who were the best team in Ireland at my age group, and my dad took me up there two or three times a week, for four years. Two hours there, two hours back. He gave up his whole weekend and most of his spare time just so that I could play at a higher level in Ireland, and ended up getting me over to England. I've been over here 16 years now and I speak to him every day. He comes over to loads of games. He loves it at Kenilworth Road and he is somebody I look up to as a man, his mannerisms – and I know I'll be quite similar to him. I've been lucky enough to have a dream dad really.

@callumLtfc: What do you plan to do after you retire?

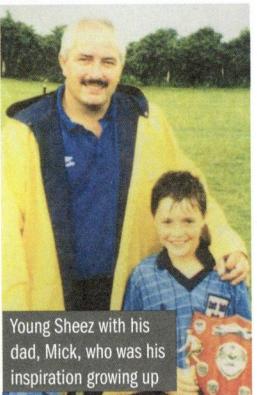
Be a manager?

I'd love to be a manager. I feel that I'm learning a lot off the manager here about the way he does things on a day to day basis. I've learned a lot off him over the past three years. Joaquin is a very diligent guy in everything he does and the sessions he puts on are first class. I'm picking up so much from him, and I learned so much off Harty when he was here as well. This is going to sound cheesy, but the older I get I learn loads off every player in the dressing room and how different everybody is, and how you have to be with different people. I see the manager being different with everybody – his man-management skills towards the squad are brilliant. I've got my B Licence and I'm doing my A in the summer, so I'd love to stay in football because that's all I've ever known.



The gaffer gives the captain a look at Carlisle that says everything about their relationship

I really don't know what I'd be doing. A lot of my friends growing up have been to prison and been in trouble during their lives, so I don't know. I really don't know. I loved playing Gaelic football in Ireland and was offered scholarships in colleges to go and play Gaelic – I was better at Gaelic than soccer until I was 16. I played for Garrycastle and my school team, who won everything in our province. I'd definitely have to be involved in sport. It's all I really know. When I knew I was coming over to England, I let my standards drop in school and I just couldn't wait to go. Leaving home at 16, I always wanted to make it and always said to myself back then that I'm not going to go back.

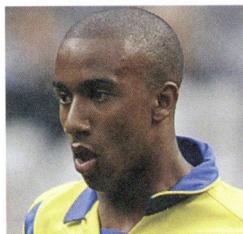


Young Sheez with his dad, Mick, who was his inspiration growing up

work he does and he's made all of us better players since we arrived at the club. I feel we are all on a special journey here at the club and long may it continue.

Twitter @abboway: Who is the best player you have played with?

The player who has gone onto have the best career, that I've played with, is probably Fabian Delph, who was coming through at Leeds when I was there. He was a special talent. There are players I absolutely loved playing with who I loved watching as well, like Jack Grealish, Paddy McCourt, Robert Snodgrass. I like those kind of players. Then there's my old captain at Leeds and Swindon – Jonathan Douglas – he was just a brilliant player; one of those who you don't know how good he is until you're on the same team. A constant seven or eight out of ten every week. They are definitely up there with the best players I've played with.



Twitter @Clinicalpotts: What is it like being managed by Nathan Jones?

It's been great. I've been with him since the start here so I've seen the great work he does. The change in the club from when we first came to where it is now is just remarkable, and it's down to him. We all have massive respect for him and the



Alan celebrates promotion with his daughter Willow and his pal Nicky Toone

with all the boys here – they are a great group of lads and I love listening to their different stories all the time.

Twitter @callumpovey12: Favourite thing to do after a game?

In the old days, when I was coming through, it was standard what we'd do – aged 18-23, 24 – you'd play your game and then the whole team would go out afterwards, that was the way it was. Everything is so different now. I've got a little girl, Willow, and my other half, Hollie, and I spend 98 per cent of my time with them outside of football. Everything is made up for them.

Instagram @charliers17122004: Do you feel a lot of responsibility when you are captain? (Ps – my grandma and her friend love you!)

I do feel responsibility, yes. I captained the team a lot last year and the year before – it's a major honour for me to captain this club, and the trust that the manager has put in me is everything. Obviously the last few months I haven't been playing, so I can only do so much and keep everybody on it from an off-the-pitch point of view, because Glen's been captain on the pitch and been outstanding. But me and Glen talk about things, and go through things that need to be done, so there is a responsibility, but we feel like we are up to the task of keeping everything going.

Instagram @jg.rexkczz: Who was your idol growing up? Roy Keane!

Instagram @madhatterhammer: Do you treat yourself after a big win?

If we win and I'm playing, we'll get a takeaway on a Saturday night and watch movies and the football. I'd love to give an exciting answer, but we're very chilled. I know Hylts said about buying a packet of biscuits on the way home, and I used to be similar, but I was a crisps guy. I loved crisps and Pepsi Max!

Twitter @jp_asher: What's his favourite breakfast? For the past few weeks Collo's got me on this mad eating thing – so it's black coffee, porridge and bananas. I've been mad healthy eating for the past five or six weeks and it does make you feel good.

Facebook @Tim West: What trimmings do you have with your duck dinner?

Haha! I actually love a duck roll – cucumber, hoisin sauce, a few onions and a nice bit of duck. I had one of them when we got promoted. I should have put a picture of it up to back up my 'Full duck or no dinner' quote – it was good!

Instagram @jake_seabrook: Do you remember what happened to my flag that you were wearing during the pitch invasion after Forest Green at home?

I remember wearing it, and the one of the boys robbed it and was wearing it – so that could be anywhere in Bedfordshire right now. Sorry!

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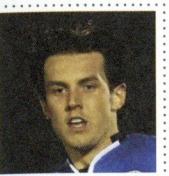
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Lloyd Jones' HAT'S LIFE



Apple or Android?

Apple.



Last person you called?

Jordan Williams – he plays for Rochdale.



Most famous person in your phone?

Steven Gerrard.



Favourite food?

Italian or steak.

Apple or rhubarb crumble?

Apple.



Food you can't stand?

Onions.



Pet hate?

People with smelly breath.



Cat or dog?

Dog. But a small one.



Xbox or PlayStation?

PlayStation.



Karaoke song?

Chris Brown.



Favourite artist?

Chris Brown or 50 Cent.



Lloyd's favourite away ground



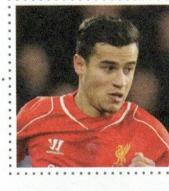
Top of your playlist?

Quavo – Working Me.



Last holiday?

Marbella.



Can't miss on TV?

Match of the Day.

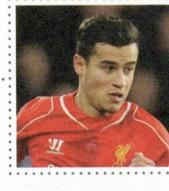


Love Island or Peaky Blinders?

Neither.

Club you support?

Plymouth Argyle.



Favourite away ground?

Old Trafford.



Best moment in football?

Getting my Premier League shirt with Liverpool.



Best player played with?

Philippe Coutinho.



Room-mate?

Andrew Shinnie or sometimes by myself!



Instagram or Twitter?

Instagram.

LUTON TOWN PLYMOUTH

TOWN GOALS: COLLINS 12, (PEN) 45+1, 77, LEE 23, JUSTIN 29
PLYMOUTH GOAL: J GRANT



James Justin nets the third goal

STORY OF THE MATCH

The Hatters were rampant in their 5-1 victory over Plymouth Argyle as James Collins netted a hat-trick on a fantastic afternoon at Kenilworth Road.

Collins gave the Hatters the lead when he swept in James Justin's brilliant cutback, before Elliot Lee converted from close range after Matt Macey could only palm the ball into the path of the striker as he saved Harry Cornick's low effort.

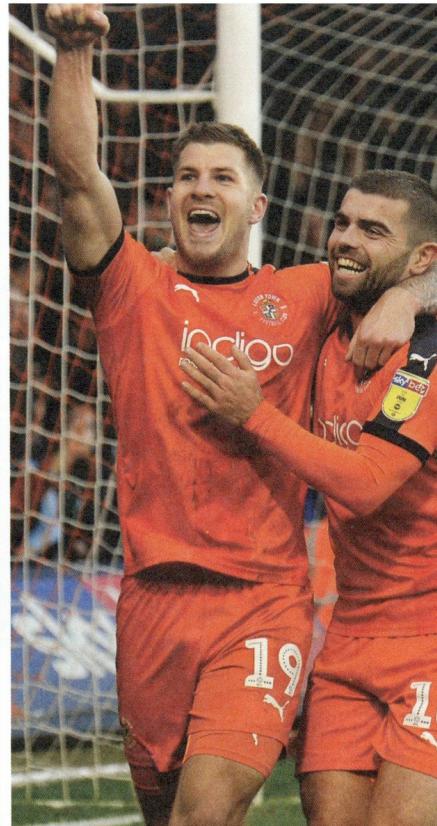
Justin grabbed his second goal of the campaign and the Town's third within the opening half an hour as he finished off an unbelievable 17-pass move,

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STACEY	MOORE
PEARSON	SONGO'O
BRADLEY	CANAVAN
JUSTIN	C GRANT
REA	NESS (TAYLOR 35)
MPANZU	FOX
SHINNIE (GRANT 80)	SARCEVIC
LEE	CAREY (LAMEIRAS 78)
CORNICK (LUALUA 80)	J GRANT
COLLINS (JARVIS 84)	LADAPO (O'KEEFE 46)
SUBS NOT USED:	SUBS NOT USED:
STECH	LEHEREN,
POTTS	WYLDE
MCCORMACK	P GRANT
SHEEHAN	LAW
YELLOW CARD:	
O'KEEFE	CAREY



James Collins completes his hat-trick



JONES:


"I have got to be honest with you, the first half display is as good as I have seen. I could wax lyrical about it – the football we played was something to be really proud of.

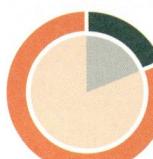
"Me and my staff work long hours to achieve something like that. I am not getting carried away, I am not over eulogising in any kind of way, but I thought we were wonderful, we

were absolutely scintillating. The passing, the movement.

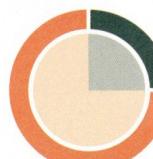
"Plymouth are in a false position. Anybody might have expected league position wise [for the result to end the way it did], they might think 'that might have happened'. But they're in a false position. The front four they have got are very, very good for this level."



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SHOTS OFF TARGET
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BY HARRY ROGERS

COLLO THE LEADER!

James' hat-trick puts him top of the scoring charts with seven

Argue all you want - Kenilworth Road has to be one of the best places in the country to watch football every other week.

That couldn't have been more true when we were last in action here as an attack spearheaded by James Collins put Plymouth to the sword with a scintillating 5-1 win.

There had been questions from some supporters as to whether or not the former Crawley Town man could do it at this level, but his fifth, sixth and seventh goal against the Pilgrims certainly put to bed any question marks lingering over his head.

"I think it's one of those games where from start to finish everything went our way," Collo explained.

"We passed the ball well, we closed them down well, we created chances. It's just one of those days at the office where everything went for us. We deserve the result after that performance."

His fine finish from just inside the box for his hat-trick goal was unerring as he hammered it past Matt Macey – his first treble at this level since 2013.

"I sort of knew I'd be onside, I knew if I held my run long enough Elliot would see me. He's given me the eye contact and he put it on a plate for me – I just thought get it under control and hit it early. It was just one of those days where it went in for me.

"I remember my last hat-trick well, it was New Years' Day – it was a long time ago to be fair! Any goal I get I am delighted, but to get three in one game, they don't come along very often and I will make the most of it."

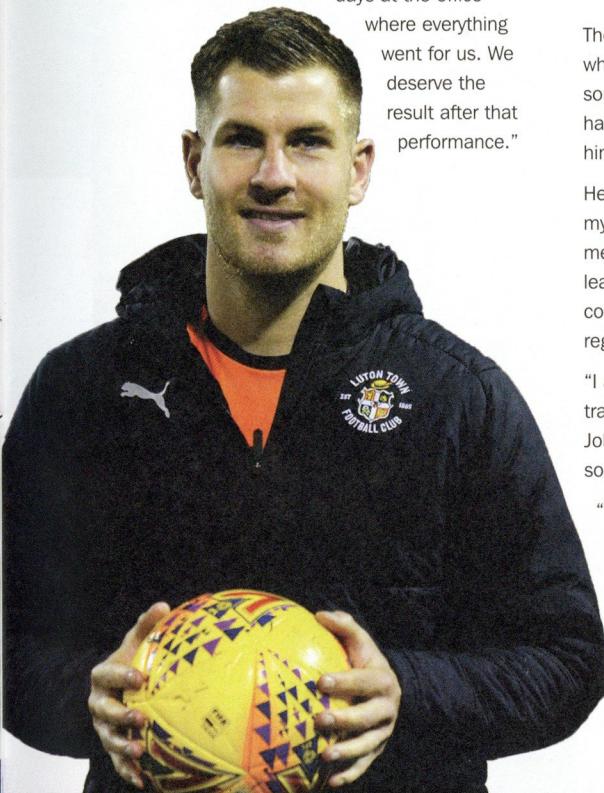
Love

The striker has been in fantastic form this year, when he's not on the scoresheet he's creating all sorts of grief for opposing defences, and he says his happiness at Luton Town has gone a long way for him maintaining his high standards.

He said: "I love every minute of it here. Last year, my first year, it couldn't have gone any better for me. Twenty goals and promotion. Not winning the league, that was probably the only regret, but we've come back this year and I have managed to keep a regular place at the moment.

"I am just enjoying my football, I love coming in to training every day. My car-school has left me, with Johnny Mullins leaving and Jake Jervis out on loan, so I am the only one left!

"I have my music and my playlists and my coffee fix, so I am alright! But I love coming into training every day with the boys. It's a real good place to be at the moment."



GILLINGHAM LUTON TOWN 3

GILLINGHAM GOAL: EAVES 72 • TOWN GOALS: SHINNIE 25, LEE 55, 68

STORY OF THE MATCH

The Hatters made it seven wins from nine Sky Bet League One outings as they defeated Gillingham 3-1 at the Priestfield Stadium.

Andrew Shinnie gave the visitors the lead when he expertly fired in from the edge of the box after a well-worked one-two with Harry Cornick midway through the first half, before Elliot Lee converted from James Collins' cross ten minutes after the restart.

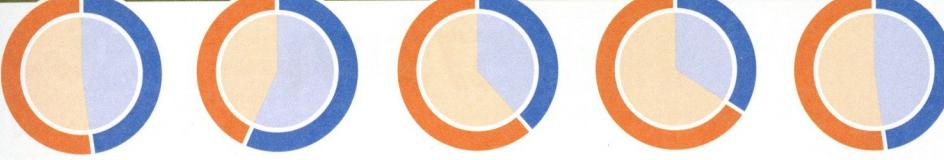
Cornick nearly netted an outrageous goal after he went on a 70-yard run, going past two Gillingham players before seeing his low effort hit the post, but Lee was there to follow up for his eighth goal of the campaign and the Town's third on the afternoon.

Gillingham's top scorer Tom Eaves got a goal back with 20 minutes to play, but a late bombardment from Steve Lovell's side was well weathered by the Hatters.

LUTON TOWN		GILLINGHAM	
SHEA	HOLY	O'NEILL	EHMER
STACEY	EHMER	ZAKUANI	
PEARSON	ZAKUANI		
BRADLEY	PARRETT (OLDAKER 61)	EAVES	
JUSTIN	EAVES	FULLER	
REA	FULLER	LIST	
MPANZU	LIST	BINGHAM (GARMSTON 62)	
SHINNIE (SHEEHAN 68)	BINGHAM (GARMSTON 62)	REES (PARKER 61)	
LEE (JONES 90+1)	REES (PARKER 61)	BYRNE	
CORNICK (JARVIS 84)	BYRNE		
COLLINS			
SUBS NOT USED:			
POTTS	HADLER		
MCCORMACK	REILLY,		
GRANT	MBO		
STECH	OGILVIE		
YELLOW CARDS:			
REA	EAVES		
BRADLEY			
SUBS NOT USED:			



Andrew Shinnie puts the Town in front



POSSESSION 55% | 44.5% SHOTS ON TARGET 3 | 4 SHOTS OFF TARGET 5 | 3 CORNERS 5 | 2 FOULS 13 | 12



JONES:

"I'm delighted with the three points, any three points is a good three points."

"I thought it's not the best, most picturesque game, most fluent game, because of how they play. They restart everything and go into Eaves, so it's a real disjointed game. But the game should have been over by half-time."

"We scored, we had perfectly good goal disallowed and we should have had a penalty on 45 minutes, absolute stonewall, no question about it, not even debatable. It should have been over at half-time."

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A pair at Priestfield puts Els at the top of the goalscorers list

A week on from James Collins' hat-trick taking him top of the scoring charts, there was a new name at the summit following Saturday's 3-1 win at Gillingham - with Elliot Lee's brace taking him to eight for the season.

The 23-year-old netted twice in the second half, after Andrew Shinnie had given the Hatters a half-time lead with his fourth of the campaign, to help lift the Town up to fourth spot in the Sky Bet League One table - level on points with third-placed Barnsley.

"We're having a good little battle, me, Hytts and Collo - and Shins is in the mix as well now," said the ex-Barnsley man, who now has four goals in his last five appearances.

"I'm delighted for Shins, because it was a fantastic goal. I was screaming at Corns to give it me back, but he's given it to Shins and he's stuck it in the top corner, so I'm absolutely buzzing for him. I thought he was excellent again."

Collins set up Lee's second ten minutes after half-time, then Harry Cornick's Gareth Bale-esque sprint down the left touchline - in which he left the pitch at one stage and came back on to hit the post - gave him the simplest of opportunities for his second in the 68th minute.

On Collins' low cross, Lee said: "I think he owed me that one from last weekend when I gave him his hat-trick! I just stood my ground in the box and it was brilliant from Collo, and luckily I've just put it away."

"The second goal, I owe it all to Harry Cornick - what a run. I was in amazement watching him run and then he hit the post, and I was already celebrating but I had to put the ball in the back of the net! All credit to Corns. That's what he's capable of."



"As soon as the first man got tight to him I knew he was going to send him on his way, and then another one came and another one came, and I thought he'd slid it in so I was off celebrating."

"But fortunately it's come to me off the post and I was in the right place at the right time to tuck it away."

"Like Shins, he's one of my best mates at the club so it's great to play with them both and it's great to see them both doing so well because they've really earned their place in the team. They are both great players and they showed that today."



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HE'S SHIN THE GOALSCORING FORM OF HIS LIFE!

It was another victory for the Hatters on Saturday afternoon and another goal for Andrew Shinnie, who is delivering on his promise of adding more goals to his game this term.

The Scot is now up to four for the season and doesn't look like stopping, after admitting that this is his best run of form in a Luton shirt since dropping deeper into midfield.

Speaking after Saturday's match, Shinnie said: "I feel like the first six months I came, I played really well but as last season ended it tailed off.

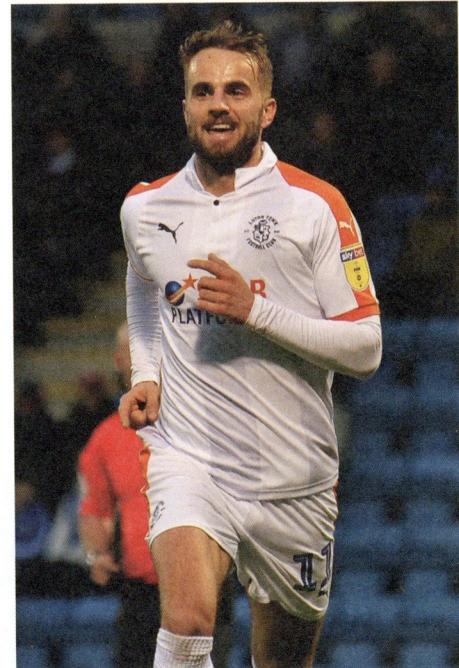
"I wasn't in the squad, which was tough to take, but I just feel if I get a regular run in the team, keep my form up and play well, then I can be a big part of the team. So, I would say it's definitely the best I've played since I've been here.

"The role I've dropped back in to suits me, I think. I'm a bit deeper on the pitch so I can time my runs which I think I'm quite good at, I can get into different kind of goal scoring opportunities.

"Obviously, the number ten position, I can still do that but El is doing really well in there and that's a good position for him, he's sharp. But the little move back into midfield is something I always thought I could do to bring my game on a bit, and thankfully it's happened."

The former Birmingham midfielder opened the scoring against the Gills in the 25th minute, after a neat one-two with Harry Cornick allowed the number 11 a pocket of space in which to hit the ball first time, asserting the Town's dominance in what was a difficult match.

Shinnie continued: "It was a bit of a different game from last week. You hope to have many weeks like that, but you probably won't because everything was just perfect, in the way we played and how clinical we were with our chances. This was always going to be tough. It's a tough place to come, but it was a nice pitch and once we get our football going, we can cut teams open.

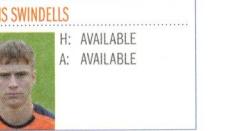
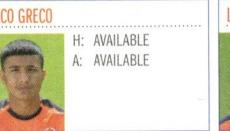
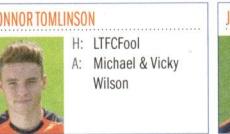
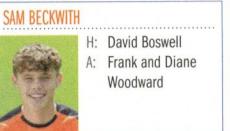
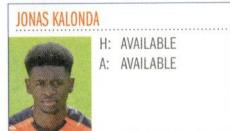
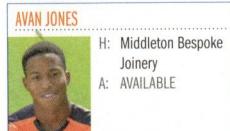


"The first goal, obviously I was glad to get it because that was crucial in a game like this, it can deflate the other team and to be fair, they gave it a good go, they came back quite strong at the end, but we had already won the game."

The Hatters are now unbeaten in six out of their last seven league matches, knocking on the door of the automatic promotion places.

Shinnie added: "We're doing well, we're in a good run of form right now, we're confident and we've got to keep that going. There might be a time when we go through a little tough spell, but right now, we're flying."

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ACADEMY UPDATE

ACADEMY PLAYER AND COACH DEVELOPMENT -
'THE FUTURE GAME' - JORDAN MCCANN

**Good evening everybody and welcome to this evening's EFL League
One fixture v Bradford City.**

I have the privilege of writing programme notes for tonight's game at a time of great pride and excitement for both the academy and football club as a whole.

All of the staff at the academy are immensely proud of the performances James Justin is putting in at the moment, in a team I'm sure you'll all agree, is one that everybody who associates themselves with this great football club can be immensely proud of.

Whilst James' rise through the ranks has been a fantastic achievement, our staff now have the challenge of making sure we provide a stream of players who are fit and able to challenge for regular places in Nathan's first team.

It is important to achieve this that we strive to make progress on a day to day basis, with the crux of our roles to understand and make informed judgements on what 'The Future Game' will look like.

Over the past five or so seasons alone we have seen players continuing to cover more distance in matches, particularly at higher intensity, a greater need for players to be positionally and tactically flexible, as well as having the physical robustness to play in excess of 50 games per season.

All of these trends have a large part to play in informing and underpinning our coaching and development programme.

In order to utilise the knowledge and understanding we are gaining from collating increasing amounts of data across performance strands, there is a strong emphasis on developing coaches who can deliver around these trends with the young players on a day to day basis.

There is now a fundamental need for the staff across coaching, analysis, medicine and sport science disciplines to understand; how children learn, the science and practice of skill acquisition, as well as a necessity to work holistically with the players around not just football but also psychological, social and life skills.

Personally, I am proud to work with such a forward-thinking, dedicated group of staff on a day to day basis who continue to drive and push not just themselves, but the academy as a whole forwards.

Roar the lads on to another three points at home tonight, and here's to next one we can proudly call 'One of Our Own'. #COYH

YOUTH TEAM FIXTURES 2018/19

AUGUST

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

SEPTEMBER

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

OCTOBER

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

NOVEMBER

Sat 3	Peterborough	A	W 5-1
Tue 6	Peterborough (FAY Cup R2)	A	L 0-3
Sat 17	N'hampton Town	A	L 0-2
Sat 24	Stevenage	A	L 1-2



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PREMIER LEAGUE CHARITABLE FUND CONTINUE FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The Trust are delighted to announce the deal with the Premier League Charitable Fund (PLCF) that provided over £100,000 in grant funding last season will continue this season. In simple terms, this allows the Trust to visit 50 local schools and



deliver free sport to approximately 2,000 children every week of term. The funding supports three separate projects – Primary Stars, KICKS and Girls Football.

PREMIER LEAGUE PRIMARY STARS SCHOOL SPORT PROGRAMME

The PL Primary Stars programme is designed to provide primary schools with support in improving the provision of PE and sport during curriculum and extra-curriculum time.

The aim is to provide higher quality, positive experiences for the pupils, enabling positive teaching and learning, alongside increased participation opportunities and importantly for the club increased player pathways through talent identification.

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PREMIER LEAGUE GIRLS FOOTBALL

PL Girls Football began over three seasons ago and aimed to set up high quality girls only satellite centres to give girls and women aged 14 and over new opportunities to play football.

The project is now aimed at women and girls from 11 years upwards and again is seeking to increase the numbers playing and to provide pathways for players and also coaches. The new project fits in really well with our Girls' Player Development Centre staffed entirely by female coaches who have all qualified through our previous initiatives in female football.

The project seeks to break down barriers preventing participation and we hope many participants will be enjoying their first real kicks, whilst for others, the sessions will aim to reignite a sporting passion, by easing back into playing – but pressure free!

Of course, new participants falling in love with the game for the first time, or all over again, have numerous pathways to graduate beyond grass-roots at the club through our proactive partnership



with Luton Ladies FC and whether participants wish to shine in playing, become a coach that inspires the future generation or maybe combine education with playing in the future, then we now have the opportunity to offer the same through this partnership.

If you want to take part in any of our PL Girls Football projects then give our Girls Football Development Officer, Nicolle Robinson, a call at the Community office on **01582 561622** or email at girlsfootball@lutontown.co.uk for more information.

PREMIER LEAGUE KICKS PROGRAMME - SOCIAL COHESION PROJECT

PL KICKS seeks to promote sport in deprived areas with unemployment and anti-social behaviour challenges where lots of students under-achieve at school or college and now find the jobs market challenging.

KICKS projects aim to use football as a hook to engage and target young people aged 11 to 24 and attempt to divert them away from anti-social behaviour by providing training and employment and volunteering opportunities.

Longer term it all leads to improved health and self-esteem where they can feel safer through by bringing different communities together.

Community Operations Development Officer Daniel Douglas commented: "KICKS is a fantastic project

that encourages young people of all ages and abilities to come together and enjoy football. Quite often it's the first stage of a young person becoming involved with the Club's Trust, from KICKS they may also decide to volunteer with us or sign up for employability support programmes.

"KICKS can just be about coming along to play football every night with friends, but for the majority of students it's so much more than that – it's a step towards making positive changes within their lives."

If you want to get involved in KICKS give us a ring and speak to Daniel on **01582 561622** or email daniel.douglas@lutontown.co.uk



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HATTERS LADIES

Cracking Cup Weekend!

Luton Town Ladies Youth teams last weekend all overcame opposition to progress further into various Cup Competitions.

The Under-16s won 11-0 at home against Tattenhoe, removing players at the request of the referee until they were down to just 6 players.

A great confidence boosting win following a few close defeats in the previous weeks, with the goals coming from Phillips (5), Major (2), Secker (2), Hussain (1), Subrovská (1).

The U14s played away at Milton Keynes and won 4-2 having taken the lead early on and never looking back, despite a nervous spell where they scored two quick goals on the break in the second half.

Manager Paul Matthews said: "It was a dominant performance with plenty of possession with Milton Keynes defending deep, often with ten players behind the ball. The small pitch was a bit of a leveller, making it difficult to create space especially against a team determined not to lose."

The goals came from Powell, Green, Todd and Wilson.

The U12s managed a healthy 7-1 away win against Woburn & Wavendon in the League Cup quarter-final, continuing their top of the league performances and unbeaten run for the season. The team is going from strength to strength each week with manager Kim Newns saying that the game was a comfortable win for the girls and we kept fighting till the end.

The U11s, U10s and under U9s also had their special events at the weekend, with each team having a great morning of football.

We are currently looking to strengthen all our squads aged seven upwards for next season. Please contact our youth section through Twitter and Facebook by searching for LTLFCY.



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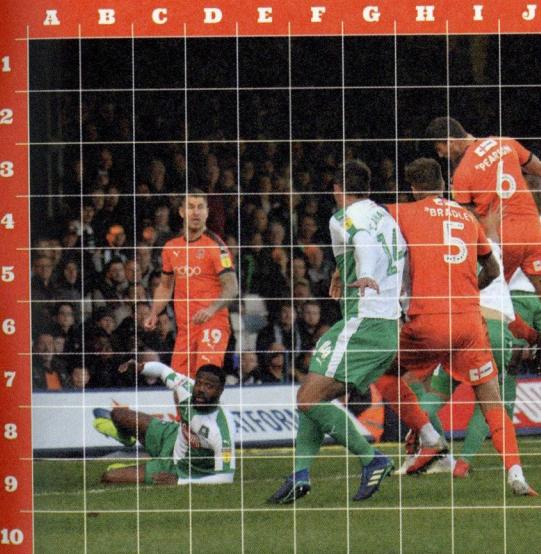
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HATTERS ANAGRAMS

We've scrambled up some Luton Town related words for you. Can you unscramble all 6?

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4. OWKLHNERTI ADOR	5. THAERST EOUDHTI	6. EMSAJ AESH
7. TAHNNA OSENJ	8. YHRRRA NRCCOIK	9. MYAFLI FNU YDA
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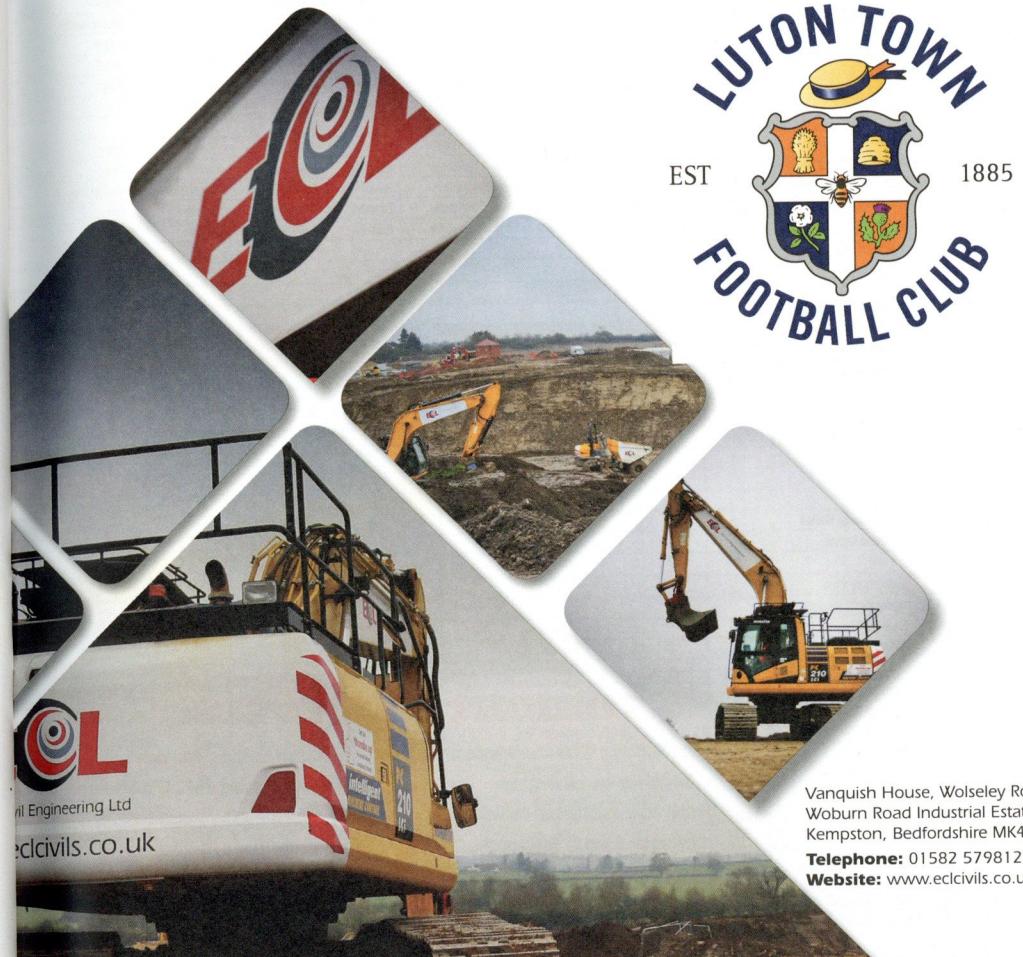
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AUGUST

Sat 4	3.00pm	A	Portsmouth	L 0-1	19,018	2,392	21	Stech	Justin	Pearson	Sheehan	Potts	McCormack
Sat 11	3.00pm	H	Sunderland	D 1-1	10,059	1,047	19	Stech	Stacey	Pearson 1	Sheehan	Potts	McCormack
Tue 14	8.00pm	A	West Bromwich Albion (CC R1)	L 0-1	10,404	1,175	-	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	Rea
Sat 18	3.00pm	A	Peterborough United	L 1-3	8,016	2,209	22	Stech	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Sheehan	McCormack
Tue 21	7.45pm	H	Southend United	W 2-0	9,086	916	15	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Potts	Rea
Sat 25	3.00pm	H	Shrewsbury Town	W 3-2	8,518	379	10	Shea	Stacey 1	Pearson	Bradley	Potts	Rea

SEPTEMBER

Sat 1	3.00pm	A	Wycombe Wanderers	D 1-1	6,072	1,702	9	Shea	Stacey	Pearson 1	Bradley	Potts	Rea
Tue 4	7.45pm	H	Brighton & Hove Albion U21 (CT)	W 2-1	1,318	44	-	Isted	Justin	Jones	Sheehan	Senior	McCormack
Sat 8	3.00pm	A	Doncaster Rovers	L 1-2	7,526	1,013	11	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Potts	Rea
Sat 15	3.00pm	H	Bristol Rovers	W 1-0	8,912	519	11	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Potts	Rea
Sat 22	3.00pm	A	Blackpool	D 0-0	4,124	1,382	12	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Potts	Rea
Sat 29	3.00pm	H	Charlton Athletic	D 2-2	9,502	1,032	12	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Potts	Rea

OCTOBER

Tue 2	7.45pm	A	Oxford United	W 2-1	6,769	1,171	10	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Potts 1	Rea
Sat 6	3.00pm	H	Scunthorpe United	W 3-2	8,682	432	8	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Potts	Rea
Tue 9	7.45	H	MK Dons (CT)	W 3-0	875	208	-	Isted	Justin	Rea	Sheehan 1	Senior	McCormack
Sat 13	12.00pm	A	Barnsley	L 2-3	12,688	807	10	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Potts	Rea
Sat 20	3.00pm	H	Walsall	W 2-0	8,953	504	7	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Potts	Rea 1
Tue 23	7.45pm	H	Accrington Stanley	W 4-1	8,454	64	6	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	Rea
Sat 27	3.00pm	A	AFC Wimbledon	W 2-0	4,202	751	5	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	Rea

NOVEMBER

Sat 3	3.00pm	A	Rochdale	D 0-0	3,689	858	5	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	Rea
Sat 10	3.00pm	H	Wycombe Wanderers (FACR1)	W 2-0	5,343	786	-	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	Rea
Tue 13	7.45pm	A	Peterborough United (CT1)	L 1-2	2,017	254	-	Stech	James	Pearson 1	Jones	Sheehan	McCormack
Sat 17	3.00pm	H	Plymouth Argyle	W 5-1	10,004	871	5	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin 1	Rea
Sat 24	3.00pm	A	Gillingham	W 3-1	5,671	1,282	4	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	Rea
Tue 27	7.45pm	H	Bradford City										

DECEMBER

Sun 2	2.00pm	A	Bury (FACR2)										
Wed 5	7.45pm	H	Southend United (CT2)										
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										
Sat 30	3.00pm	A	Bristol Rovers										

MARCH

Sat 2	3.00pm	H	Rochdale										
Sat 9	3.00pm	A	Plymouth Argyle										
Tue 12	7.45pm	A	Bradford City										
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MAY

Sat 4	5.30pm	H	Oxford United										
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TONIGHT'S FIXTURES:

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

LEAGUE TABLE 2018/19												PLAYER STATS 2018/19					
LEAGUE				CUP				TOTAL				THIS SEASON		LTFC CAREER TOT			
LEAGUE APPS	LEAGUE GLS	CUP APPS	CUP GLS	APP APPS	APP GLS	DISP Y	DISP N	APPS	GLS								
Luke Berry	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0	0	0	40	8	
Sonny Bradley	17 (1)	0	2 (0)	0	19 (1)	0	3 (0)	0	2 (0)	0	20 (0)						
James Collins	17 (2)	7	1 (0)	0	18 (2)	7	2 (0)	7	18 (2)	7	20 (0)				65	27	
Harry Cormick	7 (8)	2	4 (0)	1	11 (8)	3	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)				60	8	
Luke Gambin	0 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	1 (0)				38	3	
Jorge Grant	12 (2)	2	3 (1)	2	15 (3)	4	2 (0)	2	15 (3)	4	20 (0)				18	4	
Danny Hylton	8 (1)	5	0 (0)	0	8 (1)	5	0 (0)	0	8 (1)	5	9 (0)				99	55	
Harry Isted	0 (0)	0	2 (0)	0	2 (0)	0	2 (0)	0	2 (0)	0	2 (0)				2	0	
Jack James	0 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	1 (0)				2	0	
Aaron Jarvis	0 (3)	0	3 (0)	1	3 (0)	1	3 (0)	1	3 (0)	1	3 (0)				10	2	
Lloyd Jones	0 (1)	0	2 (1)	0	2 (2)	0	2 (1)	0	2 (2)	0	2 (2)				83	5	
James Justin	8 (8)	2</															



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WHO?

A side who came into existence the same year as the Hatters, Bury have won the FA Cup on two occasions, in 1900 and 1903. The former ended in a 4-0 victory against Southampton, whilst the latter was a 6-0 drubbing of Derby County. Now plying their trade in Sky Bet League Two, the Shakers are managed by well-travelled former striker Ryan Lowe. His former sides include Shrewsbury Town, Crewe Alexandra and Tranmere Rovers. Unable to save them from relegation following his appointment in January, Lowe will be looking to take Bury back up to League One at the first time of asking.

STADIUM - GIGG LANE

Played at since the club's inception in 1885, Gigg Lane can hold around 12,500 people, although with segregation, that figure drops by around 650. FC United of Manchester also played there between 2005-2014, before they moved onto Broadhurst Park. Prior to the ground being made an all-seater, they were able to fit 35,000 supporters in, which the Shakers managed against Bolton Wanderers in the FA Cup third round in January 1960.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

The Hatters last played Bury back in March 2014, a game which finished in a 1-0 victory for the Shakers

at Gigg Lane. Our last FA Cup outing against Bury was in the same season and in the same round of the competition – a replay having to settle the tie, with Luke Rooney grabbing the winner. Of our 43 meetings, we have been defeated 14 times, drawn 10 and been victorious on 19 occasions.

RESULTS SO FAR

Bury have started November bang in form, with Lowe well on course to pick up the League Two manager of the month award after opening with three wins in a row, scoring 11 goals – plus a 5-0 FA Cup first round rout of Non-League Dover. Following Saturday's 2-2 against lowly Cambridge, the Shakers sit 9th in the fourth tier.

KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU

Former loanee Mark Pugh who now plays for Bournemouth in the Premier League, made four appearances for us, after he joined us briefly from Shrewsbury Town in 2008. He made 47 appearances for Bury between 2005-2007. Now retired Efe Sodje joined the Hatters in the 1999-2000 season, but was never a regular in the Town team. He will be best remembered for his spell at Bury, where he spent five years, making over 200 appearances.

TICKETS

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BURY

EMIRATES FA CUP | 2PM | SUNDAY 2ND DECEMBER

The Hatters have received an initial allocation of 500 seats (including 25 pairs of wheelchair spaces) in the Tappit East Stand. Unreserved seating will apply for this fixture. Tickets are now on general sale, online, by phone and in person. They will remain on sale until 2pm on Friday 30th November. Bury will not print duplicate tickets, therefore supporters are advised to collect tickets from the Luton Town Ticket Office where possible or request recorded delivery to enable any post to be tracked. Tickets will also be available on a cash turnstile on the day. Fans can visit www.buryfc.co.uk/tickets/ online-tickets. These tickets can be purchased and printed/downloaded via the website. Please note there is a booking fee using this method. **PRICES:** Adult: £15, Senior (65+): £10, Young Person (22 and under): £10, Junior (15 and under): £5, Under 5: Free of charge, Ambulant Disabled: £10, carer free of charge if needed.

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.



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.



FLEETWOOD TOWN

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

Tickets for this category B game are now on sale.



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. Season ticket holders are currently able to purchase two-per-person until close of business on Saturday 1st December. Any remaining tickets will be available on Monday 3rd

HOME TICKET PRICES FOR THE 2018/19 SEASON

	CAT A	CAT B	CAT C
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Youth under 17 (10-16)	£11	£8	£6
Junior under 10 (9 & under)	£8	£5	£3



HOLD THE BACK PAGE

BY FAYE CARRUTHERS SKY SPORTS SOCCER SATURDAY REPORTER, VOICEOVER, PRESENTER & EVENT HOST

Well for my first game of the season, the Plymouth match was a bit of alright wasn't it?

I was working for Soccer Saturday and as is always the case when covering Luton, I am desperate to make sure nobody can accuse me of being biased in any way.

No need to worry about bias – any neutral watching that match would have waxed lyrical about our performance. What a cracking first half of football – 4-0 up at half-time and cruising.

Nathan said after the game that on any other day Glen Rea would have been man of the match, and there were performances across the pitch where you could have said the same.

James Justin in that first half was immense and just a joy to watch. For James Collins to then walk away with the match ball after a well-deserved hat-trick was great to see.

Saturday's win at Gillingham was a great way to follow that up; a gritty away performance with three fantastic goals to seal another valuable three points – and what a run by Harry Cornick to set up the third goal!

It would have been brilliant if that had gone in, but Elliot Lee seems to be the man in the right place at the right time at the moment and is reveling in that slightly deeper position, as is Andrew Shinnie just behind him.

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I'm hoping to be here tonight watching us take on Bradford under the lights. I'll be seeing the game from a new perspective though as I've been kindly invited into one of the executive boxes.

After 20 years, it will be really strange actually being able to watch the reaction of the main stand from the opposite side of the ground, rather than being in the thick of it! I'll just be extra vigilant for flying balls!

It's been almost a decade since we last faced Bradford at Kenilworth Road – that game ended in a 3-3 draw – after witnessing six goals against Plymouth, another six-goal thriller would be most welcome with the Town triumphant! However, a 1-0 win would be equally appealing as we continue to push up the League One table.

With Bradford struggling at the wrong end of the table and our formidable home form, it would be great to capitalise and come away with all three points. We're entering a crucial period of the season which could determine how close we are to mixing it with the promotion contenders and I can't wait! Keep warm and enjoy the match! #COYH



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

Manager: DAVID HOPKIN

- 1 Richard O'DONNELL
- 2 Joe RILEY
- 3 Adam CHICKSEN
- 4 Ryan MCGOWAN
- 5 Jim O'BRIEN
- 6 Anthony O'CONNOR
- 7 Sean SCANNELL
- 8 Jake REEVES
- 9 Eoin DOYLE
- 10 Jack PAYNE
- 11 Tyrrell ROBINSON
- 12 George MILLER
- 13 Ben WILSON
- 15 Kelvin MELLOR
- 17 Sherwin SEEDORF
- 18 Kai BRUENKER
- 19 Alex JONES
- 21 Hope AKPAN
- 22 Nathaniel KNIGHT-PERCIVAL
- 23 Connor WOOD
- 24 Daniel DEVINE
- 25 Thomas ISHERWOOD
- 26 Ellis HUDSON
- 27 Jordan GIBSON
- 35 Reece STAUNTON
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- 40 David BALL
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- 48 Karl HENRY

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