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# THE MANAGER

**NATHAN JONES**



**Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for the first of our two festive home games, against Burton Albion.**

It kicks off a busy period of four games in 11 days for us, with the trip to Scunthorpe on Boxing Day followed by the match at Walsall next Saturday and a return here against Barnsley on New Year's Day.

Everyone loves the traditions of English football at this time of year, and although it's a big commitment from the players and staff to be away from their families for long periods of time, it will be worth it if we can build on this terrific run of form we've hit of late.

Today's opponents Burton will provide one of our toughest tests of the season, having been a Championship club for a couple of years before this one. Their manager Nigel Clough had a fantastic playing career and has played a major role in building the club up to stature it enjoys today.

I welcome Nigel, his staff, their players and all the directors, officials and supporters who have travelled down from Staffordshire today, and hope they have a safe journey back north this evening before enjoying their Christmas. Well done also to all involved on reaching the semi-finals of the Carabao Cup in midweek, a great achievement for a League One club.

On the home front, congratulations to James Justin on winning the Young Player of the Month award for November for the entire EFL. To have Elliot Lee win the League One POTM award and JJ to take this one shows what a fantastic month we had with those wins over Plymouth, Gillingham and Bradford.

JJ has had to be patient at times over the last two seasons, but he develops in training every day and

when he comes into the side, whether it be at right-back, left-back or in midfield, I know what I'm going to get from him. He's continued his wonderful form into December and I thought he was first class in dealing with one of Coventry's main attacking threats in another huge win last Saturday.

The final whistle today marks the halfway point of our league season and a win would see us average better than two points per game. For our first season at the higher level, that is a tremendous return but one we believe we can improve further as the team continues to develop.

A lot has been said about the strength of our bench in the past couple of weeks, and with six members of last season's League Two team of the year on there, we couldn't be in better shape – especially with the likes of Luke Berry available again.

What a fantastic reception you gave him when he came on in the Fleetwood game, and that epitomises the atmosphere here so far this season. You have played a massive part in us remaining unbeaten at Kenilworth Road, so please keep that going.

Finally, I'd like to thank our catering team, Paul, Maggie and Sonny, for the Christmas dinner they made us last week and for looking after us every day at The Brache – as well as everyone here today for your constant support on and off the pitch.

Enjoy the game and have a cracking Christmas!



# FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH DIRECTOR STEPHEN BROWNE

**A warm welcome to Burton Albion this afternoon in what is sure to be an exciting game. Nigel Clough, his management team, the players, and the supporters have had a fantastic week reaching the EFL Cup semi-final against Manchester City.**

It is a huge achievement that deserves hearty congratulations and shows just what can be achieved – the Brewers team contained quite a few that had risen through their own ranks, so again, it is great to see them in a draw that includes the very best in the country. Two legs against such a huge team is a fantastic reward and challenge, and will give everyone associated to Burton Albion some fantastic memories. We are very pleased for them and know they will do their very best.

The Brewers give us our last home game of 2018 so I'm sure our lads will want to sign off on a high. And what a year 2018 has been for us! I'm sure that the stats will show it has been one of the best for some while – a promotion won in style in the first half of the year, and a journey to the top places again in the second half of the year.

Some of the performances have been wonderful to watch with the lads playing with a freedom and spirit that is the 'Luton way' that we all know and love. And who can forget the Plymouth Argyle game? The media reaction was fantastic and I'm sure we all had huge smiles for the week!

The Pilgrims game was the first ever Luton game for a special friend of mine, and Ali said afterwards that she really enjoyed not only the game, but the whole atmosphere and friendliness of all the Hatters she met. We know we work extremely hard at ensuring everyone can enjoy The Kenny and have an amazing experience where inclusion and respect are at the very core. That reputation is very important to everyone within – and associated to

– the Club so we defend it vehemently whenever we are questioned. And the best way to do that is to continue the true Hatters welcome we give to everyone who has come to support their team, no matter who they are – which was great to hear from a first time attendee with no angle or preconceptions at all.

## Hooked

Now, whilst I recognised the look in Ali's eyes that I also saw nearly 20 years ago in my own son's eyes – you know the look.... "I'm in love and hooked" – we know that not every game goes our way like Plymouth. We dug in deep in awful weather at Coventry and the travelling Hatters easily out-sung the home crowd (both in, and under, the away stand!), and starting today we have a very tough run that will test us all. Today League Cup semi-finalists, then two tough Christmas away trips, a January that includes three of the top seven, and an away tie in the FA Cup at Championship side Sheffield Wednesday. Oh yes, and there's the transfer window too....

The January window will be interesting for many teams in all the leagues, especially for those looking to fill gaps or remove weaknesses. But as you know, we are strong and only ever look to strengthen. As a Board we have no intention of giving in to any pressures thrown at us – just like all previous transfer windows. You know our form by now, and we have only ever done things that have moved us closer to our goals – as a team, as supporters, as a Club. That is one reason why we are achieving our aims now.



EFL Young Player of the Month and 'One Of Our Own', James Justin, celebrates his goal in the 5-1 win over Plymouth that had Stephen's friend Ali hooked on the Hatters!

We know scouts have been at a number of games, and we take that as a huge compliment. The players and management do, too. More importantly, the Academy should take massive pride in the number of requests we get from scouts. James 'One of Our Own' Justin received tremendous accolades from his colleagues when he won the EFL's 'Young Player of the Month' award – thoroughly deserved for his own hard work, effort, and attitude. We are doing things right, you can be assured that will continue, and the Board will remain resolute in protecting what we have and determined in what we want to achieve.

I must mention, and send congratulations to on behalf of all at LTFC and all of us as supporters, Stacey Dooley and Kevin Clifton for winning Strictly. Apart from being crowned the champions of an extremely tough discipline against excellent competition, Stacey gave us all a lot of pride in how she represented Luton. We often get a bad 'media deal' so to see Stacey giving viewers such a great feeling about our town just by her very nature was superb. What a wonderful person, and I think her media work is excellent too, so do view it. To see Kevin win after so many 'second places' means I think he can be an honorary Hatter too! Well done

to Stacey and Kevin – a huge thank you from Luton and they are welcome guests any time.

Another successful performance was put on by our very own 80's Luton Elite last week at Luton Hoo. Thank you to A-Plan Insurance for helping us put it all together as some 300 people met their heroes from Basher to Walshy to Bruno. Mitchell Thomas managed to get beyond the halfway line and Sir Pleaty can still skip. I am always entranced by Raddy's constant grin, but I have to admit I was all gooey in front of Mossy – my all-time favourite.

Our wonderful history was represented by wonderful people and...the 'Luton way'. Between them the players that graced the stage have managed over 2,000 professional games; managed Barcelona, Manchester City, and Real Madrid amongst others; played for teams like Liverpool and Chelsea; become respected contributors via scouting, coaching, or media....the list goes on. It shows that not just today, but for generations past, our Club has a soul that develops and embraces talent. Long may that continue!

We all know Santa's elves are working very hard, but so are we – the festive period brings little respite for quite a few at the Club.





If your loved ones are Hatters fans – we've got Christmas all wrapped up!

## 2018-19 PART SEASON TICKETS

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

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## COME ON YOU HATTERS!



As well as preparing on the pitch for a tough run ahead, January is a game-changing month off the pitch.

The very future of our Club is decided by the end of the month. There are two applications that are in play and we are determined to gain approvals for each one. Spare a thought for all those that are making sure that not only have we done every single thing possible, but that also no 'fake news' is allowed to go unchallenged or unanswered.

### Overwhelming

We honestly believe the facts show that both the applications have been done correctly, thoroughly, and are a massive positive contribution to our town. We all, as Lutonians, want both applications to be approved. The facts show the benefits. The overwhelming support shows the ability and the belief. This is not a time for mistakes, lack of focus, or doubt.

We still need your support. Remember to tell everyone why you know this is right, and tell your Councillors too – keep spreading the message of what these two developments bring to Luton and that both are needed. This is our town and January defines what our town will become – not just for us, but our children too.

## HAPPY 50TH BIRTHDAY ROB ATKINSON!



We are delighted to host Rob Atkinson here at Kenilworth Road in the Eric Morecambe Lounge today, as he celebrates his 50th birthday!

Rob started supporting Luton when he was 12 as it was his local team, growing up in Wendover, and has been a loyal fan ever since. He realised his ambition of being a season ticket holder a few years ago and tries to get to all the home games and

Finally, whilst I made an eventful entrance to this year's staff Christmas party, the one thing I can tell you is that seeing the whole backroom team in one place makes a hugely impressive sight. The talent 'off the pitch' is immense. There's no other way to put it. What a wonderful group of people they are and a group that never get a chant in the ground! Maybe we should make up a song?!

### Dreams

I think everyone deserves to have big smile when reflecting on 2018, so please do bask in the memories and the progress to date. We know we will be up for the challenges that the New Year brings and we know we won't stop until we achieve our dreams.

All that it remains for me to say on behalf of everyone at the Club and on the Board is a massive, massive thank you for your support and our very best wishes to you all.

Sing loud and proud!

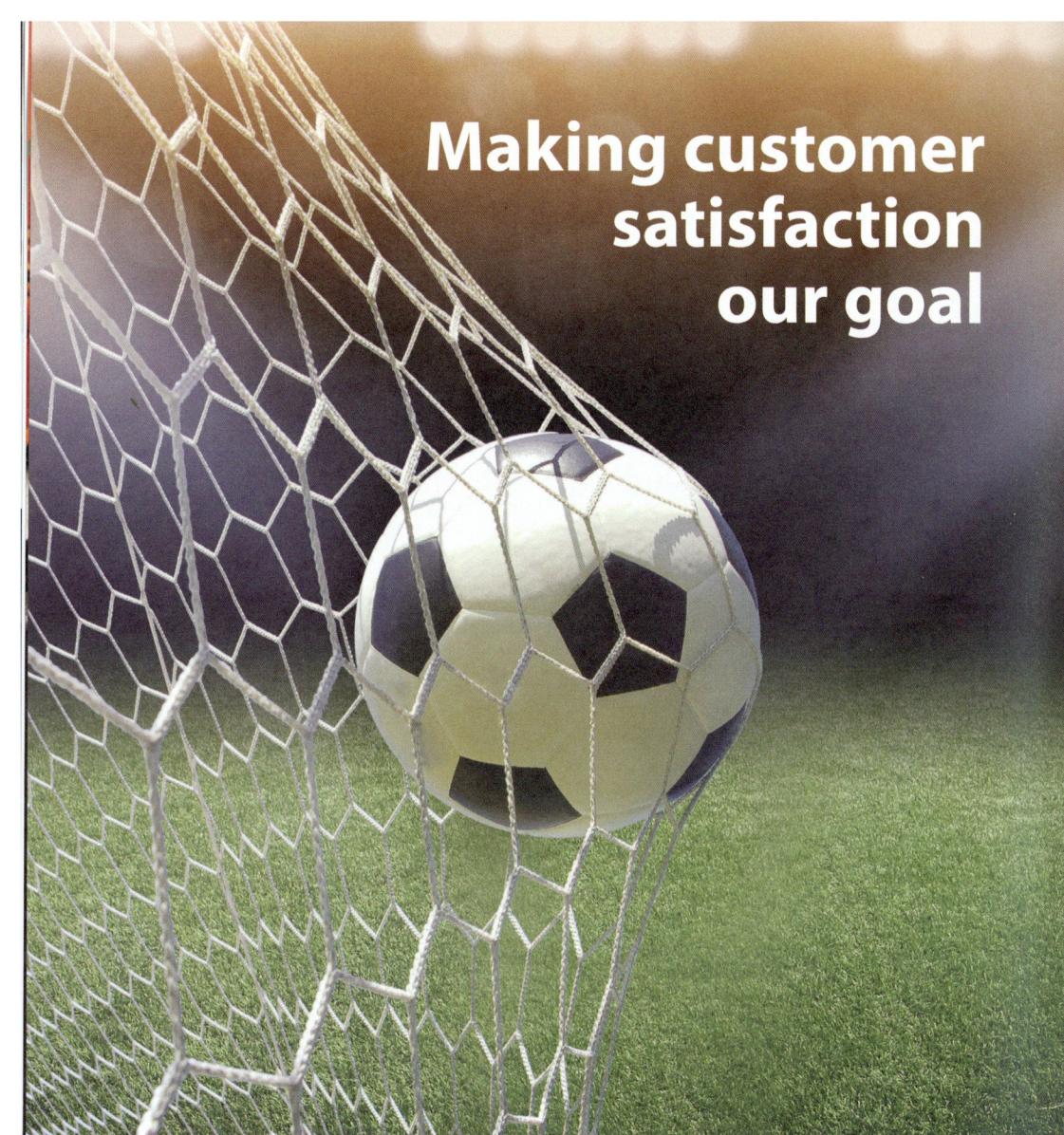
critical away games. His wife Jan told TIOT: "This devotion has, on one notable occasion resulted in cutting short a New Year break in the Lake District to race down the motorway to attend a game – that didn't land well with me!"

"Despite the fact that our son was born in the hospital overlooking Watford's football ground, Rob has ensured he is a loyal Hatter as well and both proudly sport their shirts, scarves and hats.

"Rob's Luton Town hat and scarf even got an outing in New York last Christmas, as you can see from the picture!"

Happy birthday Rob from all at LTFC!

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## JJ IS EFL YOUNG PLAYER OF THE MONTH...

**Homegrown Hatters defender James Justin has been named the EFL's Young Player of the Month for November - a hugely prestigious award covering the 72 clubs across all three divisions.**

The league's official press release stated that 'at just 20 years of age, James continues to show maturity beyond his years as well as versatility in defence, and although this isn't his first season in professional football, November was certainly a month to remember for the Luton-born defender. Making four league appearances in total in November, Justin was part of a Luton side that conceded just twice, adding two goals and two assists to his personal tally as goals continue to come from all areas of the pitch for the league's leading goalscorers.'

New for this season, all contenders for the EFL Young Player of the Month award have to be a Club Developed player, which is defined as a player who has been registered with the relevant club for a minimum of 12 months prior to the end of his Under-19 season.

On receiving the award, James – who has been with his hometown club for over 13 years – said: "I'm over the moon. There's lots of young talent



throughout the leagues and to be noticed for my performances is a special achievement.

"November was definitely a stand-out month for me and us as a club, especially with winning this award. It's nice for me to add a couple of goals to my game as well, which I've been lacking at times. I've had to be patient and bide my time to make sure I got into the team regularly. I knew that once I got a regular spot I needed to take my chance, and I feel like I have done that."

From everyone at Kenilworth Road, well done JJ!

## ...AND ELLIOT ADDS ANOTHER TO HIS COLLECTION!

**Sky Bet League One Player of the Month Elliot Lee has added another accolade to his personal award collection for last month by being voted the Diamond Player of the Month for November.**

Although voters indicated it had been hard to make a choice with so many great performances from Nathan Jones' team, Elliot actually polled 68% of the vote, beating James Justin who received the second highest share.

Elliot, who celebrated his 24th birthday last Sunday, netted five times in four league games in November as well as providing the assist for James Collins' hat-trick goal against Plymouth. He also starred in the FA Cup first round victory over Wycombe.

We would like to thank all those that took the time to cast their votes. Diamond season ticket holder Steve Haynes will receive a hospitality package for Saturday's game against Burton Albion and the opportunity to present the Trophy to Elliot after the match.

This is just one of the benefits of being a Diamond Season Ticket.

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# THE SKIPPER

Alan Sheehan

Can anyone believe it's Christmas already? It's certainly been an enjoyable campaign so far and we're definitely in a good place. Two points per game - 44 from 22 so far - is excellent.

If we can keep that going or get close to it we'll be very happy come the end of the season, but we know there's a long way to go and there'll be a lot of ups and downs, it's just how we deal with it.

We'll keep on playing our way and we've got a lot of tough fixtures to come, but the form is unbelievable at the moment. It's 31 points from 36, we're the top scorers in the division and we've only conceded four goals in the last 11 matches.

We've found our consistency, everyone's been solid and we've gone on a great run that's taken us up to second in the league.

We are coming into a stage of the season now that our strength in depth will hopefully pay a dividend. We've had six players on the bench from last season's League Two team of the season and the thing is, there are no arguments.

Everyone in the team is playing really well and we are all ready for our chance because we all want to be playing, but we know that's not really possible at the moment.

We know we've got a lot of games coming up over Christmas and we'll all play some minutes, so it's just about keeping up the momentum going into a tough period.

The spirit here is second to none, as you can see from the way we all celebrated Matty's opening goal at Coventry last Saturday.



We've got a great bunch of lads and whether a player is playing or not, everyone pushes each other in training.

We've got no clowns, we've got a great dressing room and everybody is after the same thing, so it doesn't matter who's playing as long as we get the points that we need. We've got a long way to go and we know that we're all going to be needed, so it's just about keeping everybody together – and we were certainly that on our trip to Dublin last weekend, as you can see from the picture of us in our Christmas jumpers!

I'd like to close by congratulating JJ on his EFL Young Player of the Month award – it's richly deserved because he's a great player who is getting better with every passing day.

And finally, on behalf of the squad, thanks for your fantastic support throughout a memorable 2018, have a wonderful Christmas and travel safely to Scunthorpe and Walsall.

Hopefully we'll be back here in 11 days' time for the start of 2019 with nine more points in the sack!



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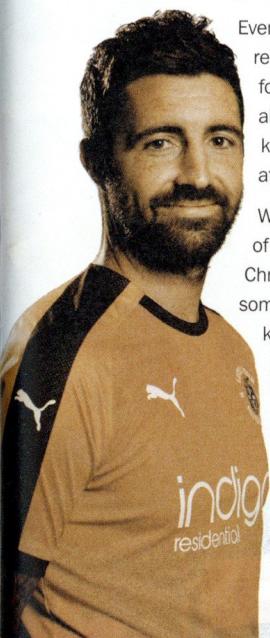
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# A HAPPY HATTERS CHRISTMAS!

The Hatters squad were out in force before Christmas, delivering LTFC gifts to children who will be spending their Christmas in the Bedford and Luton & Dunstable hospitals.

Nathan Jones' squad were only too happy to give up an afternoon at both local hospitals, while full-back James Justin joined dozens of local schoolchildren who attended the Adventures of Treasure Island pantomime in the Eric Morecambe Lounge at Kenilworth Road.

The lads then enjoyed Christmas lunch of their own after training last Thursday, with the gaffer and his coaching staff serving the turkey and trimmings at The Brache.

On behalf of all at Kenilworth Road, wherever and however you are spending your Christmas this year, have a wonderful time and we'll see you back here for the visit of Barnsley on New Year's Day.

Merry Christmas!





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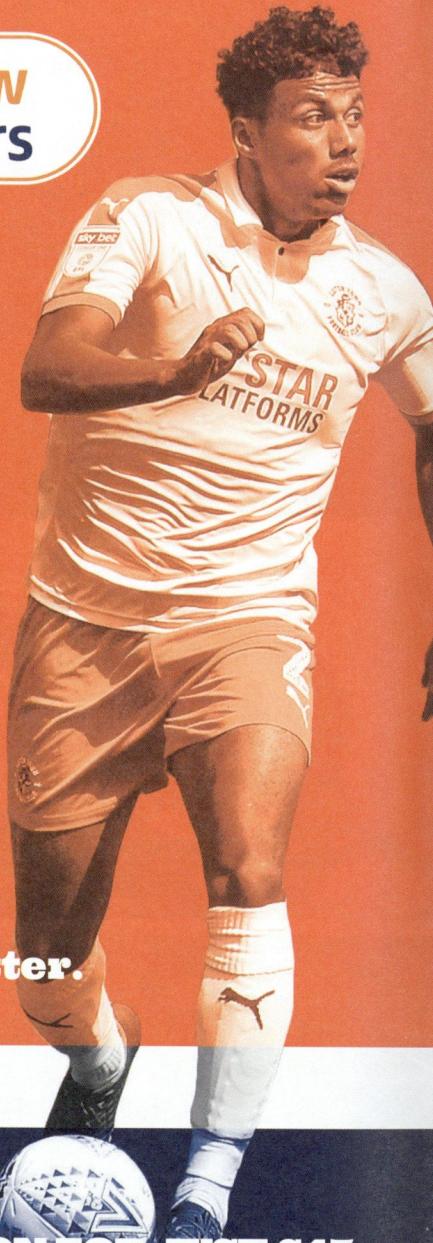
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Town midfielder Jorge Grant - who celebrated his 24th birthday on Wednesday - gives us the run down on the Best XI he has ever played alongside!

### Dorus de Vries

**GK** Played with at: Nottingham Forest

The one person I've always struggled to score against in training. Saved everything and a legend of a guy.

### Scott Saunders/Sam Kellie

**RB** Played with at: Wood Green School

Can't pick between the two they are both that good. Technically brilliant. They're good school friends of mine, and they're good cheerleaders.

### Jamaal Lascelles

**CB** Played with at: Nottingham Forest

Now Newcastle captain. Could always tell he was going to make it to the top. Absolute unit.

### Michael Mancienne

**CB** Played with at: Nottingham Forest

Great guy and great player. One hundred per cent effort on match day, good reader of the game. Part of my off the field squad.

### Conor O'Sullivan

**LB** Played with at: Nike Academy

Wand of a left foot, and was very good at set-pieces. Great guy and soon to be my accountant.

### Tyler Walker

**RM** Played with at: Nottingham Forest

My best mate in football. Unbelievable finisher and the link up me and him had was crazy. Is a striker but have to get him in the team somewhere.

### Jamie Edge

**CM** Played with at: Nike Academy

The bald Pirlo. Stiffest guy on earth but an absolute player and my room-mate at Nike. Really great times.

### Henri Lansbury

**CM** Played with at: Nottingham Forest

Sees things that other players can't see. Took me under his wing when I was coming through so he's a top guy.

### Michail Antonio

**LM** Played with at: Nottingham Forest

On his day is frightening, strong quick powerful and was a joke for Forest that season. It's easy to see why he's in the Premier League with West Ham United.



### Nicklas Bendtner

**ST** Played with at: Nottingham Forest

Just to say I've played with the lord is pretty cool, right? International with Denmark and is actually a great guy.

### Britt Assombalonga

**ST** Played with at: Nottingham Forest

The ultimate goalscorer and box player. One of best finishers I've ever seen. Unbelievable mental strength to come back from the injury he had.

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**ASHLEIGH BALL | AGE: 10**

**School:** Lakeview Primary

**Hobbies:** Football, reading and drawing

**Favourite Player:** Jack Stacey and Danny Hylton

**Who do you attend games with:** My Dad

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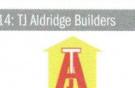
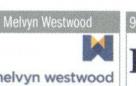
**School:** Wigmore Primary

**Hobbies:** Playing football for Stopsley United

**Favourite Player:** James Justin

**Who do you attend games with:** Mum and Dad

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# WELCOME BURTON ALBION

**The Hatters would like to extend a warm welcome to Burton Albion's staff, players and supporters, who have made the journey down from Staffordshire.**

It's the second home game in a row we have faced a team that has climbed from the nether-reaches of Non-League and into the Football League – the Brewers going all the way to the Championship, before they were relegated last season.

Formed in 1950, the club only reached the EFL in 2009, having spent a number of years in the Conference. Their ascent was masterminded mostly by current boss Nigel Clough, who took over in 1998, before leaving during their Conference winning season of 2009 for Derby County. At that stage they looked set to go up, but their 13-point cushion at the top of the table was ebbed away and it took until the final day of the campaign for them to clinch promotion as Cambridge came close to catching them.

Whilst the club rose through the divisions, they also provided a springboard for a number of young managers, including Gary Rowett and Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink, both of whom have gone onto manage in the Championship. It was under the latter they were promoted to League One in 2015, before Clough returned and took them up to the Championship the following season.

## FACTFILE:

**NICKNAME:** THE BREWERS  
**GROUND:** PIRELLI STADIUM  
**MANAGER:** NIGEL CLOUGH  
**LAST SEASON:** 23RD IN CHAMPIONSHIP



They managed two seasons in the Championship – which was remarkable given the gulf in budget they had compared to a majority of second tier sides. It was only a final day defeat in the last campaign that confirmed they were heading back down to League One.

The key players in the squad were kept over the summer, as Clough looks to go straight back up at the first attempt. However, form wise it's been a difficult half season so far for the Brewers. They're the only team to beat Sunderland this campaign, and one of only a couple to get points at Portsmouth. But narrow defeats have cost Burton so far, as they find themselves in 15th with 27 points after 21 games – although they have reached the Carabao Cup semi-finals, after beating Middlesbrough 1-0 on Tuesday night.

Generally, their home form hasn't been too bad, winning six of their 11 outings at the Pirelli, but on the road they've struggled, scooping just eight points from 30 available. Liam Boyce has been finding the back of the net regularly so far this season, having missed a large chunk of last year with a knee injury – the Northern Ireland international scoring nine times this campaign.

## HEAD-TO-HEAD

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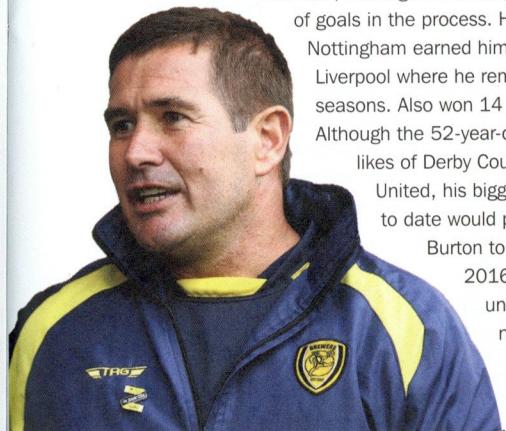
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# MEET THE SQUAD

## THE GAFFER

### Nigel Clough | Age: 52

Back for a second time managing the Brewers, Clough re-took the reins in 2015 after originally joining the club in 1998 as a player-manager. The ex-forward made more than 300 appearances for his first club, Nottingham Forest, scoring a century of goals in the process. His success in Nottingham earned him a move north to Liverpool where he remained for three seasons. Also won 14 England caps. Although the 52-year-old has managed the likes of Derby County and Sheffield United, his biggest achievement to date would probably be leading Burton to the Championship in 2016 where they remained until last season, narrowly avoiding safety on the last day.



## THE STOPPER

### Bradley Collins | Age: 21

The young goalkeeper who is on-loan from Premier League Chelsea has a lot of experience to his name, even though he's only 21. Originally at Southampton until he joined Chelsea at U12 level, Collins played all but three games for the Blues' U18 side who won the UEFA Youth League and League Cup double in 2014-15. The shot-stopper played another significant part in retaining the UEFA Youth League honour a year later, in what was a prolific few seasons for the youth set-up at the South-West London club. The 21-year-old broadened his league experience further last term, spending the entire season with Forest Green Rovers.



## GOALKEEPER DIMITAR EVTIMOV AGE: 25

The tall Bulgarian has made eight starts in all competitions so far this term, keeping two clean sheets. Capped at U19 and U21 level for the Bulgarian national team.



## DEFENDERS KYLE McFADZEAN AGE: 31

Now into his third season with the Brewers after signing in 2016, the defender started his career in Non-League with Alfreton before helping Crawley win two promotions to League One.

## BEN TURNER AGE: 30

Scored a late equaliser for Cardiff City in extra-time against Liverpool in the 2012 League Cup final. The Welsh side went on to lose on penalties.

## DID YOU KNOW?

James Collins is the only member of our current squad to count Burton among his former clubs, with the striker spending the first half of the 2010-11 campaign on loan at the Pirelli Stadium from Aston Villa. The then 19-year-old didn't do badly either, netting five times in 11 starts for the Brewers.

**THE WALL****John Brayford | Age: 30**

Mr Burton himself signed for a third time on deadline day in the summer on a two-year deal from Sheffield United, after spending the entirety of last season on-loan with the Brewers in what was his second spell at the club. Following his release from Manchester City at youth level, Brayford graduated into professional football at the Pirelli Stadium in 2006. The defender moved to Crewe in 2008, picking up Fans' Player of the Season at the end of his debut campaign. He would find himself celebrating the same award a year later in two solid seasons with the Railwaysmen. His defensive ability meant a move to Championship Derby, and then on to Premier League Cardiff in 2013.

**IN THE MIDDLE****Jamie Allen | Age: 23**

Born in Rochdale, Allen ended up signing on at Spotland as a youngster until he was offered his first professional deal at the club in 2013. He went on to make more than a century of appearances with his boyhood team, scoring eleven times. The midfielder played 25 league matches for Dale on his maiden campaign in 2013-14, assisting the team with promotion to Sky Bet League One where they have remained ever since. His talent in the middle of the pitch earned him a move to Burton in August last year, who were in the Championship at the time. The 23-year-old has also managed to grab four goals in all competitions so far this season.

**DAMIEN McCRRORY****AGE: 28**

Currently the longest serving Brewers player having signed from Dagenham and Redbridge in 2012. A key part of John Still's Dagenham side to reach League One for the first time in their history.

**REECE HUTCHINSON****AGE: 18**

In his first full season as professional, Hutchinson is a versatile option who can play anywhere down the left-hand side, or as an attacking midfielder.

**JAKE BUXTON****AGE: 33**

The skipper returned to Burton last year after a seven-year spell away from the Pirelli with Derby and Wigan. Buxton won promotion with the Brewers from the Conference in 2009, a feeling Hatters fans know all about.

**MIDFIELDERS****SCOTT FRASER****AGE: 23**

A new addition to the side this summer, the Scotsman came through the youth team at Dundee United before signing for the Brewers. Made more than 100 appearances in his time at Tannadice Park.

**JAKE HESKETH****AGE: 22**

The Southampton graduate made his senior debut against Manchester United in the Premier League. Won the Premier League U21s Cup with the Saints in 2014-15.

**DAVID TEMPLETON****AGE: 29**

A fine career in Scottish football, winning promotion to the Scottish Championship with Rangers and scoring a memorable goal at Anfield in the Europa League for Hearts.

**STEPHEN QUINN****AGE: 32**

Capped 18 times for the Republic of Ireland national side. Quinn also made more than 200 appearances for Sheffield United across seven years.

**BEN FOX****AGE: 20**

Came through the youth system with the Brewers, as well as spending time out on-loan. Won Goal of the Month and Player of the Month in his first 31 days at Gateshead.

**STRIKERS****LUCAS AKINS****AGE: 29**

Top scorer in two of his four seasons at the Pirelli Stadium with a total of 36 goals since he joined, including the three he's already notched this season. Signed from Stevenage in 2014.

**MARVIN SORDELL****AGE: 27**

The striker has played for Burnley and Bolton Wanderers in the Premier League as well as a number of clubs in the EFL. Sordell is an extremely experienced forward.

**DEVANTE COLE****AGE: 23**

The ex-Manchester City academy player is on a season-long loan from Wigan Athletic. A good goal scorer at this level, scoring 17 times in 77 matches for Fleetwood Town.

**WILLIAM MILLER****AGE: 22**

Spent last season on-loan with the Brewers from Tottenham Hotspur before signing on permanently in the summer. Miller featured for Spurs in the International Champions Cup against Juventus.

**IN NUMBERS...**

<b>Stadium capacity:</b>	<b>6,972</b>
<b>Miles from Kenilworth Road:</b>	<b>91</b>
<b>Year opened:</b>	<b>2005</b>
<b>Average crowd last season:</b>	<b>4,645</b>
<b>Seasons in League One:</b>	<b>1</b>

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Elliot Lee heads one of the Town's many chances over the bar

## **THE LAST TIME BURTON CAME TO TOWN**

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

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LEAGUE TWO**

In their first season back in the Football League the Town started off tentatively before hitting a run of form that saw them top the table in mid-November. Sadly, a narrow and undeserved defeat at Burton on 22nd November started a slump from which the team never fully recovered.

Burton continued on an impressive run of form following their win over the Hatters and by the time of the return, with five games left, stood proudly at the head of the table and seemingly about to sample League One football for the first time.

The Town had ended an awful run of seven defeats in a row with a win at relegation threatened Tranmere the previous week and amazingly still stood just one point off the play-off positions. Burton were unbeaten in seven.

A healthy crowd of 8,680 turned up at Kenilworth Road to see the Town miss a number of presentable opportunities with Scott Griffiths, Elliot Lee, Michael Harriman, Mark Cullen and particularly Luke Guttridge spurning chances that on another day would have hit the back of the net.

The Guttridge miss proved very costly as Burton, in just about their only meaningful attack of the game, advanced upfield with ten minutes to go and with the Town defenders appealing for an offside flag that never came, saw Burton's Matty Palmer score with a shot that was deflected past Hatters goalkeeper Elliot Justham. Showing the mark of potential champions, Burton held on to seal a vital victory which left them needing one win to guarantee promotion.

Luton manager John Still said afterwards: "I thought we played really well, we had some great chances while they had one deflected shot. What can we do about that?"

Brewers boss Jimmy-Floyd Hasselbaink was merely delighted by a "professional performance."

**Luton Town:** Justham, Harriman, Griffiths, McNulty, Wilkinson, Lawless (Guttridge), Doyle, McGeehan, Howells (Oduwa), Benson, Lee (Cullen).

**Burton Albion:** McLaughlin, Edwards, Mousinho, Cansdell-Sherriff, McCrorry, Atkins (Stewart), Weir, Naylor, Palmer, Beavon (Johnstone), McGurk (El Khayati).



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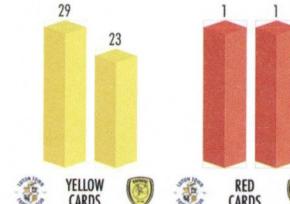
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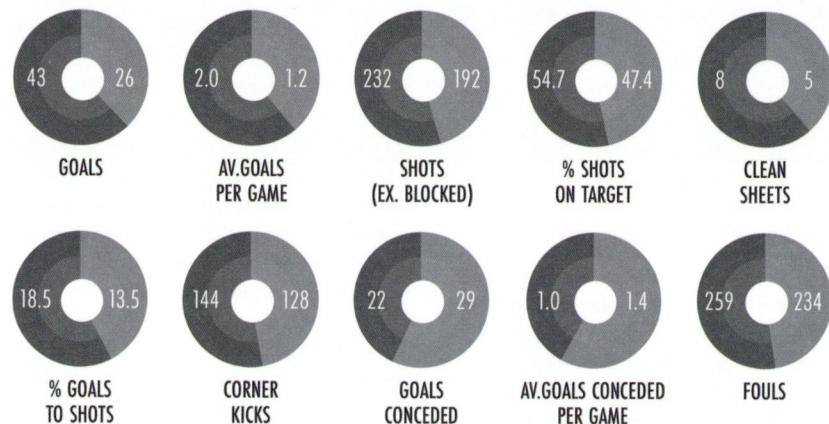
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This will be just the third meeting between Luton Town and Burton Albion in the Football League, and the first since the 2014-15 League Two season.

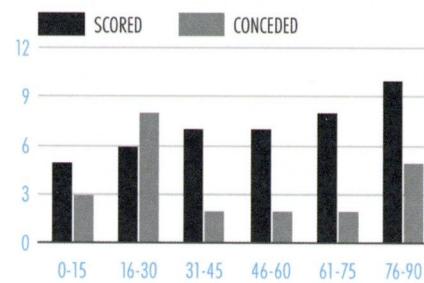


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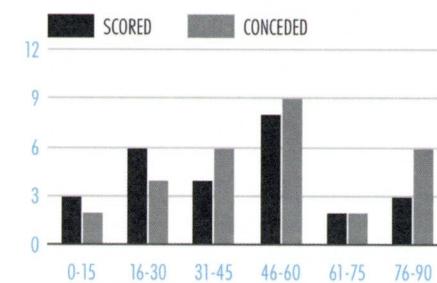
Burton Albion have won both of their two previous games against Luton in the EFL by a 1-0 scoreline.



### GOAL TIMES



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# CHRISTMAS PAST

CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH LOOKS BACK TO WHEN THE TOWN WOULD MEET THE SAME OPPONENTS IN DOUBLE HEADERS ON CHRISTMAS AND BOXING DAY

**To most supporters here this afternoon, Christmas Day has always been a time for eating to excess while sitting in front of the television watching yet another re-run of 'The Great Escape'.**

Up until the late 1950s though, Christmas Day was regarded the country over as one of the most important days in the football calendar. It was accepted practice for the women of the house to prepare the Christmas dinner while their menfolk toddled off to watch festive football before returning home exhausted ready to be fed!

It was normal practice for home and away games to be played against the same opposition on Christmas Day and Boxing Day, but in those pre-computer days the fixture compilers often got it wrong with their geographical knowledge. This often resulted in both teams travelling on a train together on Christmas night to or from some far-flung outpost of the country.

When the Town entered Football League Division Three in 1920 they had to face Southampton twice over the festive period, but fortunately Boxing Day fell on a Sunday that year so there was a chance for the players to travel at their leisure between the two fixtures.

As both games finished 1-1 the players probably wished they could have agreed the results beforehand and therefore enjoy an extended break!

The Town's first 'double header' took place two years later when QPR were played on consecutive days. The Hatters went down 4-0 in West London on Christmas Day, then won 1-0 at Kenilworth Road after making only one change to the side.

The most amazing pair of games during the decade came in 1926. A hat-trick from Sid Reid set the Town on their way to a 6-0 home win over Millwall but the following day, with the same team, a 7-0 thrashing was recorded. By all accounts the Hatters were lucky to get nil as they were kicked to shreds by a 'robust' opposition and were offered no protection by the referee, who was a late replacement and came from London.

## Wisdom

Probably the Town's longest trip of the season was saved for the Christmas period in 1930 when the fixture planners, in their wisdom, paired us with Torquay. The Hatters won convincingly at Kenilworth Road on Christmas Day by 3-1, but not surprisingly both sides put on a jaded performance in the return the following day and 'fought' out a 1-1 draw.

Throughout the 1930s as well, 'local derbies' at places such as Cardiff, Bournemouth, Brighton and Barnsley were played on a home and away basis over the Christmas period, but from reading the match reports it would appear that no-one complained.

One surprising fact is that it took until 1935 before the Town or one of their opponents achieved the 'double' over the Christmas period. The sequence was finally broken when a 3-0 victory was recorded at Notts County on Christmas Day, which was followed up with a solitary Fred Roberts goal in



Action from a Christmas Day local derby at Kenilworth Road against Plymouth in 1948. The Town won 3-1 that day and drew 1-1 in the return

front of a then record Kenilworth Road League attendance of 18,100. We achieved the 'double' again, over Nottingham Forest in 1938 and then over Leeds in 1947.

We then settled for a spell of playing West Ham over the Christmas period, although 'local' games against Swansea, Plymouth and Leeds (again) did spring up to test the resolve of the travelling supporters.

By the mid-1950s, crowds for the Christmas Day fixture were beginning to dwindle due, in the main, to a cut back in public transport services on that day.

## Poignant

Our final Christmas Day fixture took place in 1957, and the game holds rather poignant memories for many people as it was against the 'Busby Babes' of Manchester United only a matter of weeks before the Munich disaster.

The Town players travelled to Manchester where the United officials were worried about the size of the crowd which eventually turned out to be 39,144,

which was still 10,000 higher than any other crowd that day.

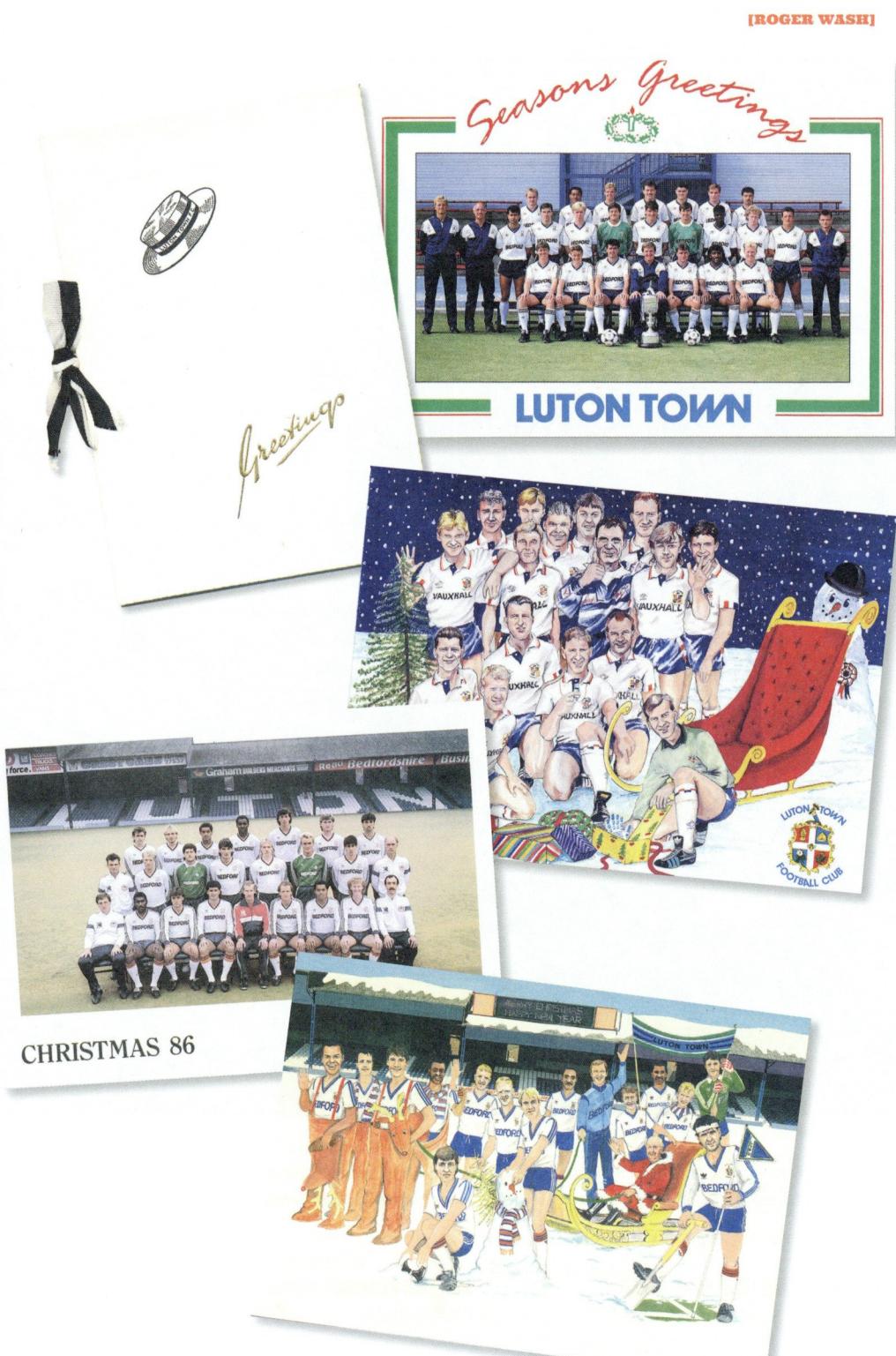
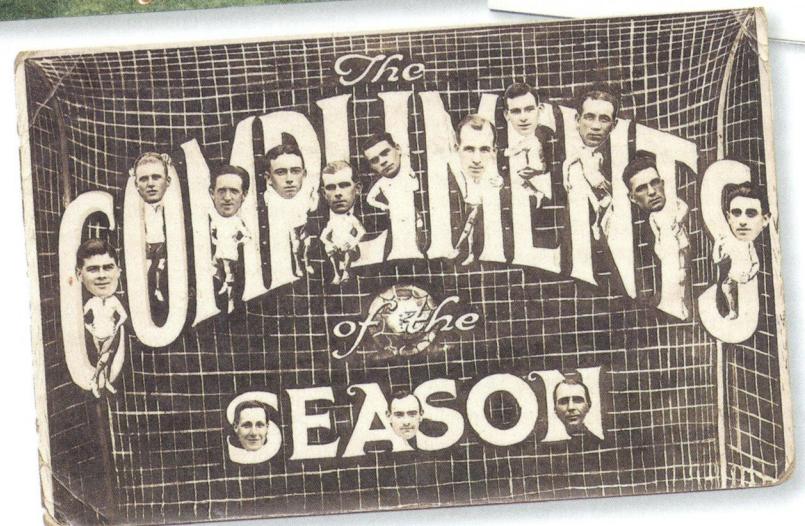
The League champions took an early lead against a Luton side missing several key first teamers through injury, through a dubious penalty netted by Duncan Edwards before the Reds' Tommy Taylor deflected a Bobby Charlton shot past a by-now injured Ron Baynham in the Luton goal. The scoring was completed in the 70th minute when Charlton tapped the ball home from close range.

It seems rather quaint to hear that the two sets of players travelled back to Luton by train together that evening ready for the return the following day, which was drawn 2-2 thanks to a last-gasp equaliser from Allan Brown.

That was the last season a full programme of Christmas Day fixtures was played, although some clubs held out. Blackpool in particular, because of the influx of holidaymakers over the Christmas period, battled on but finally signalled the end of the tradition in England with a local derby against Blackburn in 1965.

# CARDS FROM Christmas Past

CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH SELECTS A MONTAGE  
OF CLUB ISSUED CHRISTMAS CARDS FROM OVER THE YEARS



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# TRICK OR TREATMENT

A HUMOROUS INSIGHT TO PHYSIO SIMON PARSELL'S WORK



**Merry Christmas everyone. Hopefully you are all sorted with a nice bird in the kitchen and some stockings hanging off the fireplace waiting to be filled.**

**It's a great time of year but we should also spare a thought for those less fortunate.**

Personally, I couldn't have asked for anything more for Christmas, football wise. Top six, a 59 per cent win ratio, 1.95 goals a game, 43 goals scored, a goal every 46 minutes, 82 per cent home win rate and a Partridge in a pear tree. So I am going to enjoy that.

I was asked recently 'What is the best Christmas present I have had?' I said a broken drum. You just can't beat it.

The Coventry weather was interesting. A stadium with a roof that doesn't cover too much. I got to realise what a fish feels like and it's the only time I've had to swim out to treat an injury. A big thanks to all the fans who travelled to the game. If the crowd was 12,000 then ours were the only seats that seemed to have supporters on. All that after tossing the coin to see who got the deep end first.

Recently we had to assist Peter Kemp with moving the new Luton Town garden gnomes from the training ground to the club shop. It was important we took Elf and Safety seriously, so as you will see in the picture, seat belts were worn. I don't think they understood Kempy's humour. The joke went over their heads. A big thanks to Kempy though. He does so much stuff for us.

Injury wise we go into the Christmas period in great shape. Pat on the back for the medical and sports science boys. However, fingers crossed it remains the same after today.

Arthur Read was one of our recent patients. After scoring a stunning goal against Southend,



he managed to get cramp in both quads and hamstrings. I have never known four area cramp before. It was also good to see Luke Berry come on at the Kenny at the end of the Fleetwood game. Next time he might touch the ball. Only joking Bezza, but it does show the strength of the bench these days.

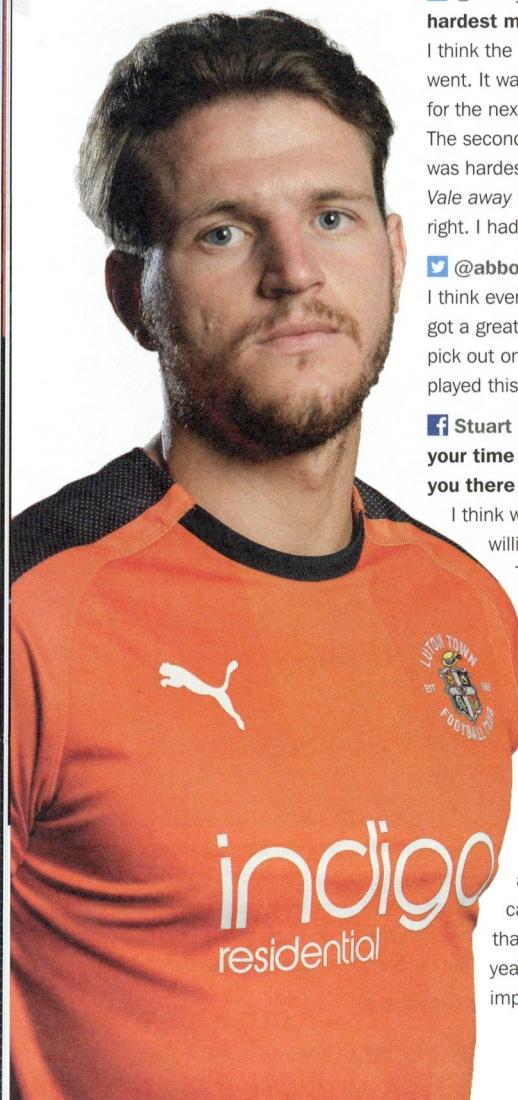
Enjoy your Christmas. Your support has been fantastic and a big part of the team's success, making Kenilworth a fortress. If you cannot make Scunthorpe or Walsall, we hope to see you New Year's Day without too much of a hangover.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

# ON THE CENTRE SPOT

## Glen Rea

We asked for your questions on our social media channels to put to midfielder Glen Rea ahead of today's clash with Burton Albion. Here the 24-year-old vice-captain is the latest Hatter to be put On The Centre Spot!



**Twitter @Pete\_LTFC** Since you came to Luton, what has been your hardest match, and why?

I think the first play-off game at Blackpool, because of the way it went. It was a kick in the teeth and you have to get yourself back up for the next one. Those two matches overall were the hardest to take. The second one, we were back in the game and winning. The first leg was hardest. (Nathan Jones chips in – "Your toughest game was Port Vale away when we lost 4-0 and you had three assists!") Yes, you're right. I had an absolute stinker! That was the worst I've ever played.

**Twitter @abboway** Best player at Luton at present in your eyes?

I think everyone is doing that well, I can't really single one out. We've got a great squad and everyone knows that. I don't think you can pick out one and say they're playing the best. Everyone that has played this year has been on flames.

**Facebook Stuart Phillips** As you've known manager Nathan Jones since your time at Brighton, what's the best bit of advice he's given you there or at Luton?

I think with him it's just having the right attitude, and if you're willing to work for him, then he's willing to do things in return. Thankfully it's been like that since I've been here, and I am willing to work for him, so long may it continue.

**Twitter @LTFC\_Dave** Do you still have 'that' swimming cap? And do you feel that being able to have an extended run in the team in one position has helped you perform better?

No I don't have the swimming cap, and yes – 100 per cent. When I signed the contract in the summer I said that if I have a run in a position, then I feel I can do a job in that position and thankfully I'm improving, I think, this year on the ball, and defensively I'm improving as well.



Glen says he won't be cutting his flowing locks any time soon!

I just keep trying to improve each week. It's a combination of everything though. I'm happy off the pitch and I'm happy on it too, and if I do something wrong, it's not affecting me. I've got a more relaxed view to coming in every day. Even on a matchday, I used to be all like – I needed to get into a zone that I don't actually need to get into. I've been doing yoga away from football. I'm not saying that's the sole reason I've improved, but every little helps. Me and Gambo started doing it in the summer, at the Yoga Shed in Hitchin, just for a bit of fitness and we loved it that much that I go three times a week now. It's unreal. It's helped me massively, mentally as well.

**Instagram @mhayward32** How do you cope when your barber decides to go on holiday? Do you go elsewhere or do you let it grow? Or did Christian cut your hair and since you don't see him every day you've let it become an absolute state...

What Matt is trying to say is, am I going to cut my hair? Why would I grow it to this length if I'm just going to cut it? I'm just going to grow it – maybe until the end of the season – and see where I go from there. There's no point in growing it if I'm just going to cut it when it gets scruffy, because I did that before. I would like to say I'll never wear a hair band – but then I always said I'd never wear pink boots, or boots with socks, and I've started to do that!

**Twitter @geoffjellis** When do you start your drive home for Christmas? Hopefully not in bloody November like your uncle Chris!

Haha! That would work – but my second name is pronounced Ray, not Rear! (Ed – This answers several other questions about how to pronounce Glen's surname)

**Twitter @revdmbrown** What's your favourite way to celebrate Christmas?

Training and travelling on Christmas Day! I think the build-up to Christmas is actually better than Christmas day, with all the songs and everyone is happy. I used to alternate from my dad's one year and then mum's the next, just spending it with family.

**Twitter @LutonTownExile** Do you think a central midfielder can learn or be taught to be comfortable on the ball under pressure or do you think you are born with the ability?

Everyone can learn, every day. Not just in centre mid, but 100 per cent you can learn to be comfortable on the ball. I've learnt masses from the day I signed here to the player I am now, on the ball. It's just the awareness in centre midfield and doing things quick, playing the first thing you see is normally the right option. Hopefully I'll continue to learn. It comes with confidence, and I'll tell Elliot before a game: 'Shout at me if I don't give it to you – I want you to tell me, because if I hear you shout I'll look to go forward with it'. Everyone helps each other, but you've got to have a bit as well.

**Twitter @SteveLTFC1** Who's the best player you have come up against in your career and why?

I don't mean it disrespectfully, but I don't think about who I'm playing against.



# ON THE CENTRE SPOT



## **Twitter** @abboway What made you have loads of tattoos?

I liked tattoos when I was a kid and I wanted to get one when I was 16, but my dad wouldn't let me. I was playing for the Brighton centre of excellence as well, and if you're coming in with a tattoo you look a bit wrong. So I said when I was 18 I was going to get one. I did, and then I didn't really stop. There's a couple that mean something, like this clock for my nan, with the time that she passed away. And I've got one with No.30 on it, which is where I used to live with Gavin Howe, the digs guy at Brighton. I moved out of home when I was 18, because they thought it would be better for me to be more independent, so I moved into a semi-independent – an annex off a house, on my own. The owners went on holiday and said I needed to move out while they were away, so me and Chris Walton moved in with this couple, Gav and Rach, and since then we didn't look back. We stayed there for about a month and ended up becoming really good friends with them. Chris has ended up staying there ever since – even now when he goes back from Wigan. They are like a second family for us, and I got a tattoo of their house – 30 Victoria Road – because ever since I moved in there, it changed my life. They've been massive for me, and I've met loads of other people through them as well.

## **Instagram** gavinhowe Who is your biggest inspiration off the pitch?

This is Gav! To be fair, I've got a good set of people around me. Obviously my family. When I was growing up, my mum and dad, Emily and Colin, took me everywhere and a lot of what's happening is down to that. They split up when I was very young, but they still put their differences aside and took me

everywhere, up and down the country every week, both of them. So that was massive for me as a kid, and then I met Gav and Rach and they've been unreal ever since I've met them. I've got another mate, Darren Teague, and he's unreal for me. He does my off-season stuff. I've just got good people around me, my mates and that, who look out for me. On the pitch my inspiration at Brighton was Lewis Dunk, because he went through the ranks and he's played for England now. When I was younger, because of my dad, John Terry and Frank Lampard were my heroes – and I used to love Eidur Gudjohnsen – but then Dunky!

## **Facebook** Chris Sharples What famous player did you pretend to be when at school and what club did you grow up supporting?

My dad's a massive Chelsea fan, so when I was a kid it was Chelsea, Chelsea, Chelsea. Then from when I was about 12, 13, I started going to Brighton games and since then I've been a fan. I used to go home and away and loved it. We were in League One and almost dropped into League Two. We had Stockport at home, last day of the season, and we needed to win or draw and I was on the Withdean pitch at the end! We beat Man City as well. I can't really remember Nathan as a player because when I started going, it was after he was there. I might have gone to a couple of games when he was there, but I didn't know any of the players, I just went with my mates to have a laugh and sing the songs. I just loved going away and seeing the passion. I was about 14 when I started going away, either with my mates or my mum. She took me to Southampton once. Kaz was in the team, I do remember watching him as a fan!



Glen leads the promotion celebrations at Carlisle last April

Obviously we played against the likes of Jack Grealish for Aston Villa, but it doesn't both me.

**✉ @lewyj90** The consensus among fans is that you are the most improved player on last season. What part of your game would you say has come on the most since joining Luton?

My passing, but I think it's just my awareness, since I've been playing central midfield. I always want to learn and I always want to be out there, learning. I don't want to be sat inside, like when we have recovery sessions. I want to be out there on the grass, with the ball, learning.

**✉ @emmaorch** Funniest moment at the club?

Me and Gambo have had a few laughs to be fair. I miss him. I just try to have a laugh all the time, try not to be moody, but there isn't one particular that sticks in my mind.

**✉ @privateemma\_x** Greatest moment at Luton?

Carlisle last season, the emotion of the whole day. I don't think I played that well, but I just remember when Mully came on, I said to him 'Have we done it?' He was like 'Just get on with it!' We were all like: 'We have done it, haven't we?' Then we all just ran over and started celebrating. Those days just live with you. That's why I want to be here, striving to do things. At some clubs you just plod along, but here we are actually striving. Who knows, it might happen, it might not happen, but we strive to do things and as a player, that's all you want. I just

want to do things like that and the memories stay with you. The journey back was unreal, and getting off the coach with the fans, it was just fantastic. It changed our lives and now hopefully we can do it again and it'll be an even bigger change.

**✉ madhatterhammer** What is your aim for this season?

Promotion, of course. I think we've come into this league and I think we are doing what we do. Hopefully we can go again. It's going to be tough and at no point am I thinking that we could do it, right now, because there's a long way to go. But that's obviously the aim – we want to get promoted again.

**✉ hattershq** How did it feel when you were first told you was going to be captain?

It was before the game, so I didn't really have time to think – and I've not really thought about it since. It's obviously a big honour.

**✉ jciam11** Any pressure as captain?

I think you put pressure on yourself, but Sheez is the captain – I'm not the captain. If Sheez was playing, he'd be the captain and whenever he comes on, I give him the armband because I've got respect for him and he's the captain around the training ground and club. It's nice to have it on the pitch, but it's not going to change my game. It's an honour to have it and I think people have seen that now and people might be looking at me a bit



Glen's first professional goal, against Grimsby in 2016-17, is the one he considers his best

differently now, because I've got it, which I don't think should happen, but that's the nature of the beast – it does happen. But I've not changed as a person since I've been captain on the pitch.

**✉ maxburrell** Any danger of hitting remotely near the goal when you shoot? 😊

I'm trying Max – it's just not happening!

**✉ \_.danscott** What's the best goal you've ever scored?

I've loved every goal I've scored – there's only been four! The Grimsby one was decent, I thought. That was outside the box and that was my first goal, so it was quite nice. I get chances, and I said to myself that that's what I want to improve on as well, so it's not just doing the defensive side. I want to get on the ball and get more goals.

**✉ smyth.anita** Since Luke Gamin left, who is your best mate at the club?

I like everyone. I've got on really well with Sheez since I've been here. Jack Senior's a funny guy



Christmas dinner last week with his pal Jack James

and Jack James – and since he's come into the first team we'll go home and go to the Hermitage together in Hitchin. But I get on with everyone, Pelly, Lloyd. They are all top boys!

**✉ liamrowlands** What was your initiation when you joined the club?

Like everyone, I just had to sing a song – The World's Greatest!

**✉ John Conway** Do you enjoy your chats with Happy Harry and Hatty in the tunnel before kick-off and do they inspire your performance on the pitch? 😊 😂

They both chat rubbish and help me relax. They're just funny!

**✉ Dave Fielder** How many pints do you reckon you had down the Leaside last home game of the season?

I don't know. I wasn't counting, I was just downing them! We had a few to be fair, and it was a good craic. I'll be down the Leaside for about four weeks if we get promoted this year!

**✉ Nick Meadows** You're now affectionally known to some of us as 'Gangly Glen'. We love it, as I'm sure you do too. Are you coming to the Well for some beers after the Burton game? Stuart Brown and Liam Ross are getting the tequilas in!

If we get the three points, I'll be there!

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## Matty Pearson's HAT'S LIFE



### Apple or Android?

Apple, I've got an iPhone.

### Last person you called?

My missus, Lucy.

### Most famous person in your phone?

Josh Windass.

### Favourite food?

Pizza.

### Apple or rhubarb crumble?

Apple. All day.

### Food you can't stand?

Aniseed. The taste.

### Pet hate?

I don't have one.

### Cat or dog?

Dog.

### Xbox or PlayStation?

PlayStation.

### Karaoke song?

Valerie – Amy Winehouse.

### Favourite artist?

I am not sure.

### Top of your playlist?

I'm not really into music.

### Last holiday?

New York.

### Can't miss on TV?

I'm A Celebrity.

### Love Island or Peaky Blinders?

Love Island.

### Club you support?

Leeds United.

### Favourite away ground?

Molineux.

### Best moment in football?

Playing at West Ham away in front of 40,000.

### Best player played with?

Matty Crooks. When he was at Accrington he was like Zidane.

### Room-mate?

Sonny Bradley.

### Instagram or Twitter?

Both.



Molineux - Matty's favourite away ground



# LUTON TOWN FLEETWOOD

TOWN GOALS: CORNICK 11, MORGAN (OG) 80



## STORY OF THE MATCH

The Hatters put in a determined performance as they overcame a well-drilled Fleetwood Town side to move into the automatic promotion spots in Sky Bet League One.

Harry Cornick opened the scoring early on when he managed to poke home from all of a yard when Alex Cairns failed to deal with a James Justin cross. James Collins managed to get a little flick on it into the path of the former Bournemouth man, and he made no mistake.

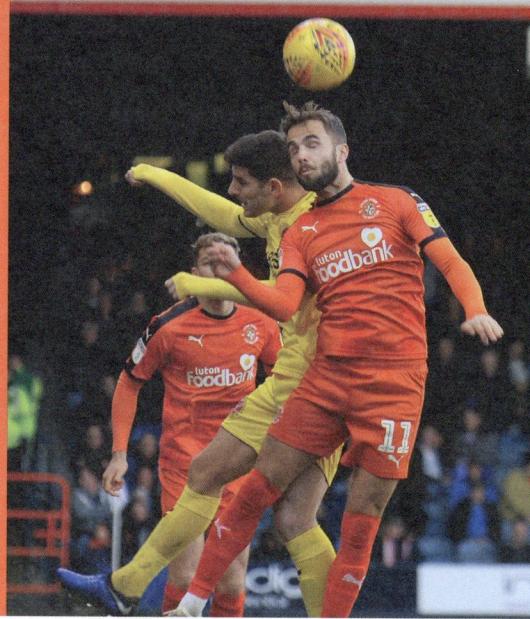
Danny Hylton was brought on with 20 minutes to go and made a near immediate impact, going on a Paul Gascoigne-esque run before it was ended by what looked like a handball.

The striker wasn't to be denied as he tormented visiting captain Craig Morgan, shifting past him before watching his low cross deflect off the Fleetwood captain and into the back of the net to double the lead with ten minutes to go.

<b>LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB</b> EST 1885	<b>FLEETWOOD TOWN FC</b>
SHEA	CAIRNS
STACEY	HOLT
PEARSON	EASTHAM
BRADLEY	EVANS
JUSTIN	MADDEN
REA	TAYLOR (MCALENY 86)
MPANZU	MORGAN
SHINNIE (BERRY 90)	WALLACE
LEE (POTTS 88)	MARNEY
CORNICK (HYLTON 71)	HUSBAND (DEMPSEY 12)
COLLINS	(HUNTER 66)
SUBS NOT USED:	SHERON
STECH	JONES
GRANT	BOLGER
LUALUA	BIGGINS
SHEEHAN	BAINES
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LEE	WALLACE
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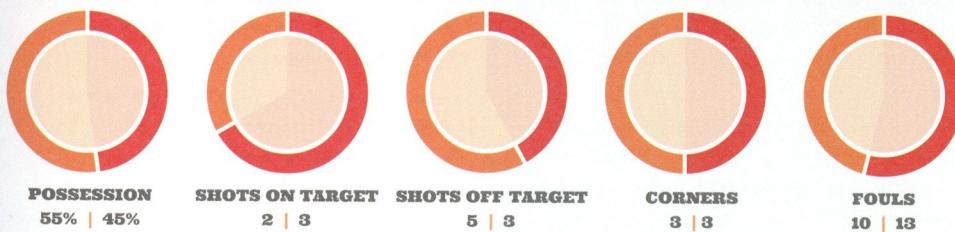
Harry Cornick taps in the opening goal



## JONES:

 “It was a big day, a big day. It was difficult, the conditions weren't great for a fluent football match. It was a swirling wind, the pitch was heavy from having a game here in midweek. That's probably the bonus of being out of the Checkatrade Trophy, we don't have to keep playing on the pitch, because we are going to need it.

“I am delighted because we showed a different side to us, a real steely edge, limited them to very few chances – a header and a shot outside the box. We weren't at our fluent best, but we just put our head on everything. These are a good side, you look at the front two they have got who are perennial goalscorers in any league they play in.”



# COVENTRY LUTON TOWN

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COVENTRY GOAL: CLARKE-HARRIS (PEN) 90+5  
TOWN GOALS: PEARSON 38, COLLINS 57



LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB EST. 1885	COVENTRY CITY FOOTBALL CLUB
SHEA	BURGE
STACEY	GRIMMER
PEARSON	WILLIS (HYAM 65)
BRADLEY	DAVIES
JUSTIN	KELLY
REA	HIWULA (CHAPLIN 65)
MPANZU	BROWN
SHINNIE (POTTS 89)	CLARKE-HARRIS
LEE	BAYLISS (ALLASSANI 78)
COLLINS	THOMAS
CORNICK (HYLTON 73)	SHIPLEY
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James Collins scores the Town's second goal



## STORY OF THE MATCH

The Hatters went five league games unbeaten for the first time under Nathan Jones as they beat Coventry City at the Ricoh Arena last Saturday.

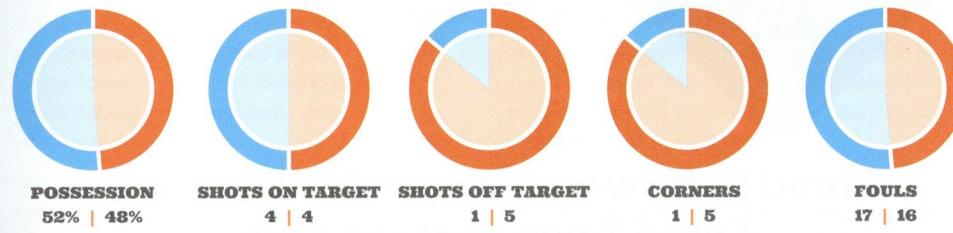
It was very much a wet and windy affair from start to finish, but the Town were on top for a majority of the fixture as they looked to open up the hosts on several occasions.

They made the breakthrough when Matty Pearson stabbed in from close range after Sonny Bradley had headed James Justin's right-wing corner back

across goal – with the former Barnsley man netting his third of the campaign.

James Collins extended the Town's lead shortly after the restart, when he found the back of the net from a similar distance to Pearson as he converted Elliot Lee's low cross to make it 2-0.

Coventry were thrown a lifeline late on as James Shea fouled Luke Thomas as he burst into the box, with Jonson Clarke-Harris tucking away the resulting spot-kick, but Town held on for the win.



## JONES:

"The supporters are brilliant, to travel here in this weather. They sang all afternoon, they were brilliant. I love them, we've got a great affiliation, a great rapport, but I wanted to show how much it meant to us. Coming here in these conditions, we showed a different side to us. So any team watching, we're a good footballing side and we move it well, but we don't half work hard, we don't half graft, we can't half defend our box, we win our headers, there's a steely edge to this team and I like that."





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## MAGIC MATTY'S HAT-TRICK!

PEARSON POACHES THIRD GOAL OF THE SEASON IN COVENTRY WIN



**Matty Pearson certainly had his magic hat with him on Saturday after he managed to grab his third goal of the season against Coventry City, in what was another important win to keep the Hatters in second spot and make it five wins in a row.**

The centre-half, who notched the side's first of the afternoon, was delighted to get his name on the scoresheet to keep the pressure on the teams fighting for an automatic promotion spot with the Hatters.

Speaking after the match last Saturday, Pearson said: "It's a great header by Sonny, I don't know if it was going in or not, he's questioned me already about it, but you've got to make sure it goes in and we're delighted to win, it's a great feeling.

"Obviously every team does their set pieces and works on what they need to do, but that's what we do and thankfully it has paid off. You've just got to goal hang, stay in the middle of the goal and you'll always get a chance, especially with the likes of Glen and Sonny heading the ball back across, you've always got a chance of the ball falling to you."

Although the 25-year-old was thrilled with his contribution to the match, he insisted that the Town's recent run of form, including the result in a rather soggy encounter at the Ricoh Arena, has been down to the work rate and closeness of the squad as well as the gaffer's input in training.

He continued: "It was horrendous, the ball was skidding everywhere but as a team we've got to dig in and we dug in. Pelly-Ruddock ran his socks off and defended well, and Sheasy was brilliant as well. It was just an all-round great win.

"We've got a togetherness as a squad, all of us are pulling together and I think we're settled as the team hasn't changed much, that could be key (to the run of wins). Even the lads who haven't really played much, they're all in it together so it's just brilliant to be a part of.

"The manager is a big part of us all working hard, he puts on all the sessions and gets us going and he's doing a good job. Hopefully we'll keep going in the right direction and see what happens come May."

Pearson also praised the 2,598 Hatters fans who made to trip to the Midlands, battling the wind and rain to get behind the team once more, creating a wall of noise behind the goal.

He added: "It's brilliant, especially with the weather, to see such a great following and they're pushing us all the way."

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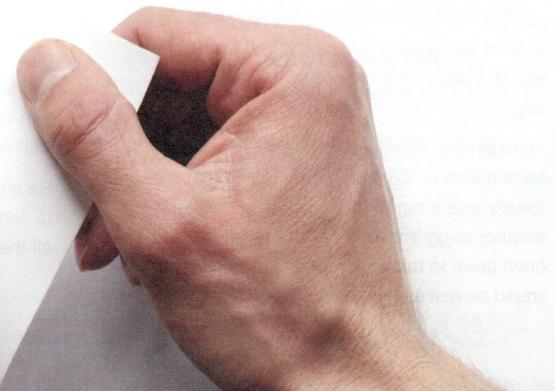
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## TRAVELLER'S TALES

LUTON TOWN SUPPORTERS' TRUST MEDIA OFFICER **KEVIN HARPER'S** TRIP TO THE RICOH ARENA

### THE JOURNEY

Thankfully, given that it was the most miserable day of the year so far, the journey to Coventry was pretty short, and after leaving Luton shortly after 12, we were at the Ricoh Arena in good time despite the shocking weather.

**RATING: (OUT OF 5)**

### THE GROUND

Obviously this was the second season in succession that we have been to the Ricoh Arena. I'm not a fan of these new build grounds, but this is probably the worst of the lot. The atmosphere is awful and the facilities below the stand aren't a whole lot better. The view isn't too bad but that is all that is good about the place.

**RATING: (OUT OF 5)**

### THE FOOD

By the time I had collected my ticket and got in it was getting pretty close to kick off and queues were forming for refreshments, and I couldn't be bothered to wait. Mr Smith, my regular trusted expert on these things, assured me that the cheese and onion pies were good. They can have an extra mark for that!

**RATING: (OUT OF 5)**

### THE PROGRAMME

If you were unaware of Jimmy Hill's attachment to Coventry before picking the programme up, you wouldn't have been afterwards. The former Sky Blues chairman was being celebrated and he was all over a programme which was the usual fayre. There

were bits of interest for Town fans but not much.

**RATING: (OUT OF 5)**

### THE MATCH

Given the horrendous conditions this was a good win for the Town. It was never in doubt once our 'Magic Man' Matty Pearson tapped us in front, after Sonny Bradley had headed a corner back across goal. Coventry were pretty clueless throughout the match, and they were put to bed when Elliot Lee did brilliantly to get to the by-line, before zipping a cross in for James Collins to smash home. Coventry got a consolation penalty in injury time, but in what was another professional performance the home side never really got a look in other than that.

**RATING: (OUT OF 5)**

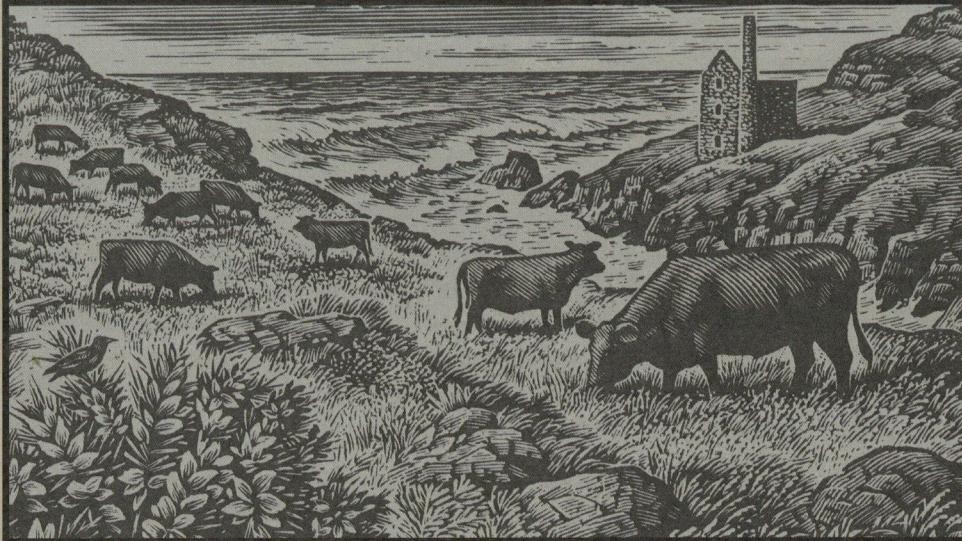
### MAN OF THE MATCH

Not for the first time this season, I thought Matty Pearson was terrific. His goal allowed us to control the match, but his defensive skills in treacherous conditions shone through too. He is rapidly becoming a sensational signing, and performances like this one only highlight that further. This display was definitely magic.

### SUMMARY

It was well worth freezing and getting soaked by the relentless rain, as the Town promotion charge continued. The journey back was not bad despite the road conditions, and I was back in good time to celebrate another win with a couple of pints. A perfect end to a very good day!

**OVERALL RATING: 13**



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**A few weeks ago I brought a guest along to the home game against Plymouth. I didn't realise but it was the first football match they had been to and it turned out to be a great introduction to live football.**

The person visiting was from Taiwan, where apparently there is no big football following. As a result of lots of social media in the days that followed, there now seem to be a good number of LTFC fans in Taiwan! I also joked that my guest should come along on a regular basis as they were obviously a good omen.

This got me thinking about the place of superstition in our game. My predecessor as chaplain and former club captain, Alan West, told me a few weeks ago how superstitious players often were in his day, especially with pre-game rituals – the order in which socks or boots are put on and that kind of thing.

I'm not sure whether this is quite as strong today in the age of sports science, but we all have moments of wondering about how powers beyond our own may help us or influence us in some way.

The Christmas story might seem like the stuff of superstition in our day and age, yet lots of us will have enjoyed the retelling of the story in school nativity plays during the last few weeks, perhaps singing Carols while enjoying mince pies and mulled wine.

Church attendance goes up dramatically at this time of year as many enjoy the music and the atmosphere of a traditional Christmas and the retelling of the story of the birth of Jesus.

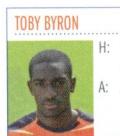
Christians believe the miracle of Christmas goes way beyond superstition – that God makes a choice to enter into our world not with a powerful grand entry, but in the form of a vulnerable human baby. A story that can seem sentimental has a hard edge to it.

We are reminded that giving and receiving gifts and warm family gatherings are not the end of the story. Homelessness, fleeing from persecution, and the stigma surrounding an unmarried mother were right there at the heart of a story that we so often dress up to suit our own tastes.

For me the Christmas message is less about escapism or superstition and more about realities of everyday living – as relevant today as they were 2,000 years ago.

However you choose to mark the festive period, I wish you a happy and peaceful holiday and safety in travelling to family, friends and much celebration both on and off the pitch.

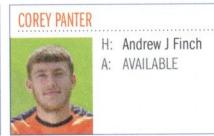
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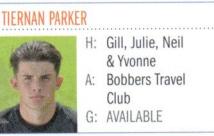
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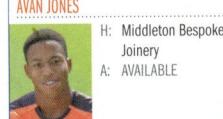
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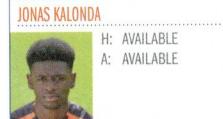
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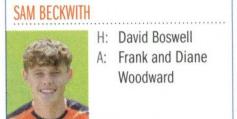
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[ACADEMY UPDATE]



# ACADEMY UPDATE

ACADEMY AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGER  
**ANDY AWFORD**

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to today's game versus Burton Albion.

### UNDER 18S

The Under 18s have had a busy schedule over the last couple of weeks. In the league programme, a deserved 2-1 home victory over Milton Keynes, with Connor Tomlinson and Coree Wilson on target, was followed up with a hard-fought point away at Southend United. Drew Richardson converted a first half penalty after Jonas Kolanda was fouled in the box.

I'm delighted that we have progressed in the Beds Senior Cup after two tough away ties. A solid 3-1 victory at Kempston Rovers in Round One was followed up with a resounding 4-0 win away at Arlesey Town in Round Two. We now head to Biggleswade Town in February for a tough semi-final that we look forward to. Next up was Gillingham at home this morning, before the players break from the games programme over the Christmas and New Year period.

### UNDER 16S

Congratulations to the following Under 16 players who have been offered apprenticeships with us:

Coree Wilson, Callum Nicholson, Tra Lucas, Jameson Horlick, Matt Moloney and Ben Stevens will all start with us in July at the beginning of next season, following the completion of their GCSE exams at school.

All the boys have already played in our youth team and the second half of the season will provide them with even greater exposure to the Under 18s.

### LUTON FOODBANK

As one of the club's chosen charities for this season, it was brilliant for our Under 18 players and



Academy Staff to spend a day at Luton Foodbank. We were shown around the storage and packing site and given a very interesting insight into how the Luton Foodbank operates and helps the needs of the people in the town. It was a humbling experience for us all and whilst we packed the foodbags, that would be distributed out to different areas of the town, it certainly made us all realise how fortunate we are.

The Academy staff and players also had a collection of food, that we handed over to the guys at the Foodbank last Friday and on behalf of the Academy I would like to thank the staff and volunteers at the Foodbank for taking the time to explain everything to us. It was a fantastic day and one that we would like to replicate again in the near future.

### FESTIVE SEASON

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. As we all know this period is always a busy one for football clubs and your support as always at this time of year is greatly appreciated by us all.

Here's to another three points today – COYH!!

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# LUTON TOWN IN THE COMMUNITY

## SKY SPORTS VISIT HATTERS TRUST COHESION PROJECT IN MARSH FARM

We've had a lot of interest in our cohesion projects lately with our Football for Peace ambassadors meeting the Duke of Cambridge last month, and our Trust up for an award at the prestigious Football Business awards as well as our Community Operations Manager Daniel Douglas being recognised in the Sporting Inspiration category at the 2018 Love Luton awards.

A lot of the interest is centred on the 'perceived' rise in racism in football in the UK amongst some supporters, and yet we all recognise that away from matchday situations football has the power to bring people together from different ethnicities like no other sport. Recognising this, and following Daniel's award he has recently been interviewed on BBC 3CR and last week Sky Sports, no less, visited one of our centres in Marsh Farm which is funded through the Premier league KICKS project to see first-hand the work our cohesion team are involved with.

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 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.

Our cohesion team are out every night in Luton right across the town – up Farley Hill, down Lewsey and Park Street, up Crawley and in Marsh Farm engaging with the town's young people and enabling access to facilities they can't book on their own. Of course, it's not just KICKS but other organisations, such as our own council, are heavily involved through a project called Luton Street League, which is part of a Community Led local development project which hopes to use sport to engage with the disengaged and try to bring them back into mainstream society and the jobs market – tough but rewarding work.



## JAMIE REDKNAPP & ANDRIY SHEVCHENKO MEET LUTON BOYS

Another of our partners is the Laureus Sport for Good Foundation who support sport for development programmes which enhance social and emotional development and healthy behaviour of children and young people in disadvantaged communities, reducing the impact of violence, conflict and discrimination in their lives and increase their educational achievements and employability skills.

Last week some of our Laureus graduates were given a coaching lesson and 'pep' talk from two of the game's recent legends Andriy Shevchenko and pundit Jamie Redknapp. The message from Jamie was 'there are no shortcuts in life', and his hard-hitting talk to the young lads from Luton certainly left an impression.

As well as actual activity centres we also have a couple of big events coming up in the new year with a member of the first team coaching staff and a couple of players, including home town boy James Justin, due to attend a Show Racism the Red Card (SRtRC) day at the stadium.

On the day around 100 children will cram into the Eric Morecambe Lounge to take part in lots of activities and Q&A's with the panel. It will be a celebration of the Town's diversity and forms part of our education offer around community cohesion.

Not forgetting our annual KICK IT OUT matchday next year, scheduled for the Blackpool home game in April, to highlight our support for the charity that challenges discrimination, encourages inclusive practices and campaigns for positive change.

Standing with Kick It Out on the day we will be at the heart of the fight against discrimination for everyone who plays, watches or even works in football. I know our supporters will be keen as always to support the day.

Community Operations Development Officer Daniel Douglas commented: "We now have a fantastic project portfolio 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 Trust, from KICKS or Luton Street League they may also decide to volunteer with us or sign up for employability support programmes.

"It can be just 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 in their lives and making sure we all get along together in the Town."





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# HATTERS LADIES

BY CHARLIE JONES

## Norwich City 4-1 Luton Town

### HATTERS SUFFER DEFEAT IN BOTTOM OF THE TABLE CLASH

Luton travelled east to Norwich for their final league game before Christmas – and it was arguably the most important of the season so far.

With both sides enduring a wretched first half of the 2018/19 campaign, it was a must win game for each team.

The first ten minutes of the game saw Luton dominate, and Town could easily have taken the lead on several occasions, but this initial momentum was followed by a bland 20 minutes before the home side took the lead through a stunning free-kick out of absolutely nothing.

The Hatters gave it their best when it came to trying to level the score line in the little time that remained until half time; Dionne Manning was the spearhead of most Luton attacks, but the Canaries defended resolutely and maintained their narrow lead until the break.

Town would have been hoping to bounce back in the second 45 and try to drag themselves off the bottom of the table.

Alas, Norwich stunned everyone by flying out of the blocks and doubling their lead just a minute into the second half, poking home a loose ball in the box. They then almost added a third, and it became clear Luton had a mountain to climb if they were going to get back into this game, despite their possession suggesting they were not the inferior side.

Aurora Ryan led the fight to try and drag Luton back into the game, linking up the play well and making several firm challenges to win back possession. Olivia Abraham and Jess McKay also looked to get a goal back for the Hatters, providing excellent crosses from both wings, but

as the game went on frustrations grew and patience wavered, with shots becoming more rushed and desperate.

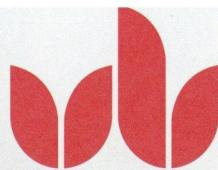
Erica Byron's more advanced role opened up further avenues of attack for Luton, especially as Dionne Manning seemed to thrive more out wide, and Byron could have been the one to give Luton a late glimmer of hope, but a smart reaction save stopped her close range effort and somehow Town still found themselves comfortably behind with ten minutes remaining.

Luton persevered in their seemingly futile attempts to get back into the game, and were inevitably caught on the counter attack, not once, but twice within a two-minute spell to definitively kill the fixture.

Amy Summerfield did eventually get Luton the goal they had worked so hard for, poking home from close range at the second attempt, but it was too little too late. They remain on just four points after ten games, so a strong start to the second half of the season is going to be vital in the push to avoid relegation.

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

Sun Aug 19	Leyton Orient	L 0-1	Sun Nov 11	Kent (FACupR1)	W 1-1*
Sun Aug 26	AFC Wimbledon	L 1-3	Sun Dec 2	Billericay (FACupR2)	L 1-3
Sun Sep 2	Cheltenham (Cup)	L 1-3	Sun Dec 9	Norwich City	L 1-4
Sun Sep 9	Actonians	L 0-3	Sun Jan 6	Stevenage	H
Sun Sep 16	Billericay Town	L 1-2	Sun Jan 20	AFC Wimbledon	A
Sun Sep 23	Dunstable (Cup)	W 7-0	Sun Feb 3	Actonians	H
Sun Sep 30	Ipswich Town	W 3-1	Sun Feb 13	Enfield Town	A
Wed Oct 3	Denham United	D 0-0	Sun Feb 17	Billericay Town	H
Sun Oct 7	Oxford City	W 5-2	Sun Mar 10	Ipswich Town	A
Sun Oct 14	Gillingham (plate)	L 4-5	(Home games at Stockwood Park Athletics Stadium)		
Sun Nov 4	Cambridge Utd	L 0-1	*W 3-1 on penalties		



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Mick Harford  
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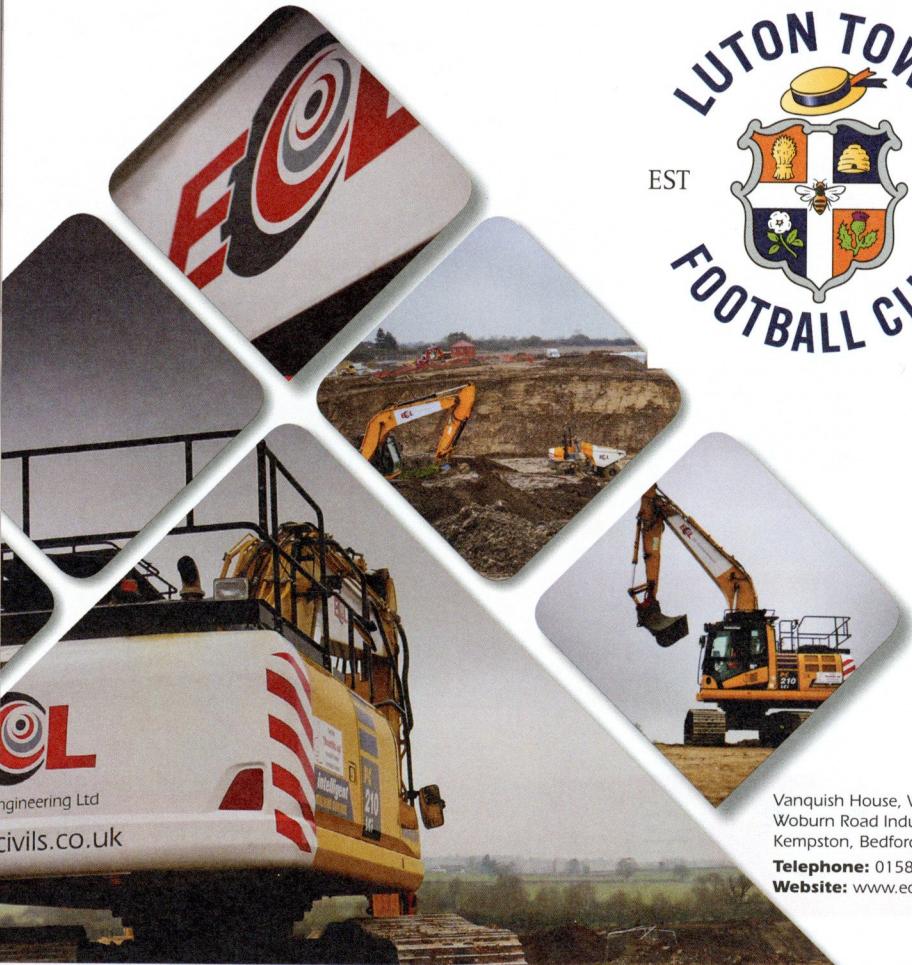
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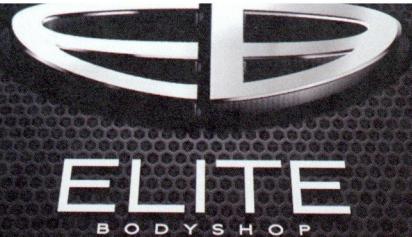
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## LEAGUE TABLE 2018/19

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Portsmouth	22	14	6	2	36	18	18	48
2	Luton Town	22	13	5	4	43	22	21	44
3	Sunderland	20	12	7	1	41	19	22	43
4	Peterborough United	22	11	7	4	40	28	12	40
5	Charlton Athletic	22	12	4	6	36	25	11	40
6	Doncaster Rovers	22	11	5	6	37	26	11	38
7	Barnsley	21	10	6	5	35	21	14	36
8	Blackpool	21	9	7	5	25	21	4	34
9	Wycombe Wanderers	22	8	8	6	32	30	2	32
10	Fleetwood Town	22	8	6	8	29	23	6	30
11	Walsall	22	8	6	8	23	33	-10	30
12	Southend United	22	9	2	11	28	28	0	29
13	Coventry City	22	8	5	9	23	27	-4	29
14	Accrington Stanley	21	7	7	7	22	27	-5	28
15	Burton Albion	21	8	3	10	26	29	-3	27
16	Gillingham	22	7	4	11	33	36	-3	25
17	Shrewsbury Town	22	6	7	9	26	29	-3	25
18	Oxford United	22	6	7	9	29	33	-4	25
19	Rochdale	22	6	6	10	29	41	-12	24
20	Scunthorpe United	22	5	6	11	29	47	-18	21
21	Plymouth Argyle	22	5	5	12	26	41	-15	20
22	Bradford City	22	5	3	14	22	39	-17	18
23	Bristol Rovers	22	4	5	13	18	27	-9	17
24	AFC Wimbledon	22	4	3	15	15	33	-18	15

## PLAYER STATS 2018/19

	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		DISP		LTFC CAREER TOT APPS GLS
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	R	APPS GLS	
Luke Berry	0	(1)	0	(1)	0	(2)	0	0	41 8
Sonny Bradley	20	(1)	0	3	(0)	23	(1)	0	4 0
James Collins	20	(2)	8	2	(0)	22	(2)	8	2 0
Harry Cornick	10	(8)	4	5	(0)	15	(8)	6	0 0
Luke Gambin	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	64 11
Jorge Grant	12	(3)	2	4	(1)	16	(4)	4	0 3
Danny Hylton	8	(3)	5	1	(1)	9	(4)	5	1 103 55
Harry Isted	0	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	0	0	2 0
Jack James	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	1	(0)	0	2 0
Aaron Jarvis	0	(4)	4	4	(4)	1	0	0	12 2
Jake Jervis	0	(2)	0	1	(0)	1	(2)	0	0 0
Lloyd Jones	0	(1)	0	3	(1)	3	(2)	0	1 0
James Justin	11	(8)	3	5	(2)	16	(10)	3	1 88 6
Elliot Lee	19	(0)	10	2	(1)	21	(1)	10	3 0
Kazenga Luulu	0	(6)	0	3	(1)	1	3	(7)	1 0
Alan McCormack	3	(1)	0	3	(0)	6	(1)	0	5 0
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	22	(0)	1	3	(1)	0	25	(1)	2 0
Frankie Musonda	0	(0)	0	1	(1)	0	1	(1)	0 0
Josh Neufville	0	(0)	0	0	(3)	0	0	(3)	0 0
Eunan O'Kane	0	(3)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(3)	0 0
Matty Pearson	22	(0)	3	4	(0)	26	(0)	3	0 0
Jake Peck	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1 0
Dan Potts	14	(3)	1	4	(0)	15	(4)	1	4 0
Glen Rea	19	(2)	1	4	(1)	23	(3)	1	5 0
Arthur Read	0	(0)	0	4	(0)	1	4	(0)	1 0
Jack Senior	0	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	3	(0)	1 0
James Shea	19	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	22	(0)	0 0
Alan Sheehan	3	(7)	0	4	(0)	1	7	(7)	1 0
Andrew Shinnie	16	(2)	3	4	(0)	1	20	(2)	4 0
Jack Stacey	21	(0)	1	3	(0)	0	24	(0)	1 0
Marek Stech	3	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	5	(0)	0 0
Connor Tomlinson	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	47 0

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DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS	STARTING XI
<b>AUGUST</b>								
Sat 4	3.00pm	A	Portsmouth	L 0-1	19,018	2,392	21	Stech 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	-	Stech 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
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>								
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
<b>OCTOBER</b>								
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
<b>NOVEMBER</b>								
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 (CT)	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	W 4-0	8,568	298	3	Shea Stacey Pearson Bradley Justin 1 Rea
<b>DECEMBER</b>								
Sun 2	2.00pm	A	Bury (FACR2)	W 1-0	2,977	549	-	Shea Stacey Pearson Bradley Justin Rea
Wed 5	7.45pm	H	Southend United (CT2)	D 1-1*	1,545	121	-	Stech Musonda Jones Potts Senior ● Sheehan
Sat 8	3.00pm	H	Fleetwood Town	W 2-0	8,528	81	2	Shea Stacey Pearson Bradley Justin Rea
Sat 15	3.00pm	A	Coventry City	W 2-1	12,559	2,598	2	Shea Stacey Pearson 1 Bradley Justin Rea
Sat 22	3.00pm	H	Burton Albion					
Wed 26	3.00pm	A	Scunthorpe United					
Sat 29	3.00pm	A	Walsall					
<b>JANUARY</b>								
Tue 1	3.00pm	H	Barnsley					
Sat 5	TBC	A	Sheffield Wednesday (FACR3)					
Sat 12	3.00pm	A	Sunderland					
Sat 19	3.00pm	H	Peterborough United					
Sat 26	3.00pm	A	Southend United					
<b>FEBRUARY</b>								
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					
<b>MARCH</b>								
Sat 2	3.00pm	H	Rochdale					
Sat 9	3.00pm	A	Plymouth Argyle					
Tue 12	7.45pm	A	Bradford City					
Sat 16	3.00pm	H	Gillingham					
Sat 23	3.00pm	H	Doncaster Rovers					
Sat 30	3.00pm	A	Bristol Rovers					
<b>APRIL</b>								
Sat 6	3.00pm	H	Blackpool					
Sat 13	3.00pm	A	Charlton Athletic					
Fri 19	3.00pm	A	Accrington Stanley					
Mon 22	3.00pm	H	AFC Wimbledon					
Sat 27	3.00pm	A	Burton Albion					
<b>MAY</b>								
Sat 4	5.30pm	H	Oxford United					

## TODAY'S LEAGUE ONE FIXTURES:

Blackpool v Barnsley

Bradford City v Scunthorpe United

Bristol Rovers v Fleetwood Town

Charlton Athletic v Gillingham

Doncaster Rovers v Oxford United

Luton Town v Burton Albion

Peterborough United v Walsall

Plymouth Argyle v Accrington Stanley

Portsmouth v Sunderland

Shrewsbury Town v Coventry City

Southend United v Rochdale

Wycombe Wanderers v AFC Wimbledon

\*Lost 2-4 on penalties

SUBS											
Mpanzu	Grant	Lee	Cornick ●	Collins	Shinnie ●	Jervis ●	Bradley	Stacey	Rea	Gambin	Shea
Mpanzu	Grant ●	Lee ●	Hyton	Collins ●	Cornick ●	Ray ●	Jervis ●	Justin	Bradley	Shinnie	Shea
Mpanzu	Gambin ●	Shinnie ●	Cornick	Jervis	Jones ●	Lee ●	Berry	Collins	Senior	Read	Stech
Mpanzu	Potts	Lee	Hyton 1	Collins ●	Rea ●	Shinnie ●	Grant ●	Justin	Cornick	Jervis	Shea
Mpanzu	Grant ●	Shinnie	Hyton 1 ●	Lee 1 ●	Justin ●	Cornick ●	Collins ●	Jervis	Gambin	Sheehan	Stech
Mpanzu	Grant 1 ●	Shinnie	Hyton ●	Lee 1	Collins ●	Justin ●	Cornick	Jervis	Gambin	Jones	Stech
Mpanzu	Justin ●	Shinnie ●	Collins	Lee	Cornick ●	O'Kane ●	McCormack	Grant	Jones	Sheehan	Stech
Grant 1 ●	Read	O'Kane ●	Cornick	Jarvis 1	Musonda ●	Rea ●	Neufville ●	James	Tomlinson	Richardson	Stech
Mpanzu	Grant ●	Lee 1	Cornick	Collins ●	O'Kane ●	Jarvis ●	Justin	McCormack	Shinnie	Sheehan	Isted
Mpanzu	Shinnie 1 ●	Grant ●	Lee	Collins	O'Kane ●	Justin ●	Sheehan ●	McCormack	Cornick	Jarvis	Isted
Mpanzu	Grant ●	Shinnie ●	Lee	Collins	Cornick ●	Justin ●	Senior	Jarvis	Read	Sheehan	Isted
Mpanzu	Grant ●	Shinnie ●	Lee	Collins 1	Cornick 1 ●	Justin ●	McCormack	LuaLua	Jarvis	Sheehan	Isted
Mpanzu	Cornick	Shinnie ●	Lee ●	Collins 1	Justin ●	LuaLua ●	Sheehan ●	McCormack	Grant	Jarvis	Isted
Mpanzu	Grant	Cornick 1	Lee 1 ●	Collins	Justin 1 ●	Sheehan ●	McCormack	Shinnie	LuaLua	Jarvis	Isted
Read	LuaLua 1 ●	Shinnie ●	Grant 1 ●	Jarvis	Peck ●	Neufville ●	Tomlinson ●	Bradley	Stacey	Collins	Shea
Mpanzu	Justin	Cornick ●	Grant ●	Collins 2	McCormack ●	LuaLua ●	Hylton ●	Shinnie	Sheehan	Jarvis	Isted
Mpanzu	Grant 1 ●	Shinnie	Hylton ●	Collins	Justin ●	Cornick ●	LuaLua ●	McCormack	Sheehan	Lee	Isted
Mpanzu	Grant ●	Shinnie 1 ●	Hylton 3 ●	Collins	Cornick ●	LuaLua ●	Sheehan ●	McCormack	Lee	Jarvis	Isted
Mpanzu 1	Lee 1 ●	Shinnie	Hylton	Collins	Sheehan ●	McCormack	Cornick	LuaLua	Jarvis	Jones	Isted
Mpanzu	Lee ●	Shinnie ●	Hylton	Collins ●	LuaLua ●	Cornick	Sheehan ●	McCormack	Jarvis	Jones	Isted
Mpanzu	Lee ●	Shinnie 1 ●	Cornick 1	Collins	Grant ●	LuaLua ●	Jarvis	Grant	Jones	Sheehan	Stech
Grant	Read ●	LuaLua	Cornick ●	Jarvis	Justin ●	Neufville	Bradley	Stacey	Rea	Mpanzu	Isted
Mpanzu	Lee 1	Shinnie ●	Cornick ●	Collins 3 ●	Grant ●	LuaLua ●	Jarvis ●	McCormack	Potts	Sheehan	Stech
Mpanzu	Lee 2 ●	Shinnie 1 ●	Cornick ●	Collins	Sheehan ●	Jarvis ●	Jones ●	McCormack	Potts	Grant	Stech
Mpanzu	Lee 2 ●	Shinnie	Cornick 1 ●	Collins	Potts ●	Jarvis ●	Grant ●	Hylton	Jones	Sheehan	Stech
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Read 1 ●	Grant	LuaLua	Jarvis	Hylton	Mpanzu ●	Justin ●	Stacey	Berry	Lee	Shinnie	Isted
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**FORMED: 1899 | NICKNAME: THE IRON | LAST SEASON: 5TH IN LEAGUE ONE | FOLLOW THEM ON TWITTER: @SUFCOFFICIAL | COLOURS: CLARET & BLUE | GROUND: GLANFORD PARK | MANAGER: STUART McCALL**

#### WHO?

The Iron have had three managers this year – Graham Alexander, Nick Daws and Stuart McCall – and their most recent appointment has a good pedigree and strong knowledge of League One. Former Scotland international McCall has crossed the Yorkshire border into Lincolnshire, having been in charge of Bradford City on a permanent basis on two occasions, before departing in February. The ex-midfielder played at the highest level of English football with Everton, as well as in the Scottish top flight with Rangers.

#### STADIUM - GLANFORD PARK

Built in 1987 at a cost of £2.5m and opened in time for the start of the 1988/89 campaign, Glanford Park can hold just under 9,100 supporters. Their record attendance was for a League Cup match against Manchester United, with 9,077 crammed in to watch the Iron be defeated 5-2. Away supporters are put in the AMS Stand.

#### HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

The Hatters have faced Scunthorpe on 14 occasions, our most recent meeting ended in a 3-2 win here at Kenilworth Road earlier on in the campaign. Our most enjoyable victory against them was on another occasion – April 5th 2009 will be

a date that will be particularly popular with Town supporters, given the fact we defeated the Iron 3-2 in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final.

#### PUBS

Glanford Park has its own 'Iron Bar', which admits visiting supporters.

#### TRAVEL

It's a 300-mile round trip to Glanford Park from Kenilworth Road, with either the M1 or the A1 the best routes. Public transport won't be available with the game taking place on Boxing Day.

#### RESULTS SO FAR

After a half decent start to their campaign, the Iron's form has come off the gas considerably – that starting with their defeat at Kenilworth Road at the beginning of October. That began a run of five defeats, they steadied themselves with a draw and a win before going on another winless run, which was extended to four straight defeats with a 3-0 defeat at Doncaster last weekend.

#### KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU

Former Hatter Cameron McGeehan had a loan spell with the Iron last season as they reached the play-off semi-finals, before returning to parent club Barnsley.

# TICKETS

TICKET OFFICE, THE STADIUM | THE MALL | 01582 416976 | [WWW.ETICKETING.CO.UK/LUTONTOWN](http://WWW.ETICKETING.CO.UK/LUTONTOWN)



#### SKY BET LEAGUE ONE | 3PM | WEDNESDAY 26TH DECEMBER

Any remaining tickets will be available until close of business this afternoon. Ambulant disabled tickets are available at the age-related price with a carer free of charge if higher Rate DLA is received for mobility or care. Wheelchair spaces should be booked directly from the Scunthorpe United Ticket Office. **Prices in the AMS Stand:** Pre-booked: Adult: £23, Senior (65+): £16, Students: £16, Under-21: £16, Under-18: £7, Under-12 (Max two-per-adult): Free. **On the day** (subject to availability): Adult: £26, Senior (65+): £18, Students: £18, Under-21: £18, Under-18: £9, Under-12 (Max two-per-adult): Free.

offer on our games against Barnsley, Peterborough and Portsmouth, as you could save up to £18 per-person!



#### SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY

#### EMIRATES FA CUP | 12.30PM | SATURDAY 5TH JANUARY

We have received an initial allocation of 2,177 seats for our Emirates FA Cup third round fixture. A full allocation of 4,000 tickets is available. Season ticket holders will be able to purchase two tickets per person from Thursday 20th December. They will be available online using your individual client reference numbers and also via phone or in person from the Ticket Office. These will remain on sale until close of business on Sunday 23rd December. Any remaining tickets will be available on Monday 24th December online, by phone and in person. They will remain on sale until 2pm on Friday 4th January. Ambulant and wheelchair disabled tickets are available at the age-related price with a carer free of charge (if receiving Higher rate DLA or PIP). A limited number of parking spaces are available for Disabled supporters priced at £5. These can be booked by contacting Sheffield Wednesday Ticket Office on 03700 20 1867. **These prices are for season ticket holder's own seat** (not guest tickets): Adult £12, 65 and over: £8, Under-21s: £8, Under-17s: £3. Non-season ticket holder prices: Adult: £15, 65 and over: £10, Under-21s: £10, Under-17s: £5. Extra family junior ticket: £11 (one permitted per Family. Any additional Juniors at Junior price. Family tickets are only open to Family groups (i.e. Parent / Grandparent. Not siblings or friends etc).



#### WALSALL

#### SKY BET LEAGUE ONE | 3PM | SATURDAY 29TH DECEMBER

Any remaining tickets are on sale until close of business on Friday 28th December. Ambulant and wheelchair disabled tickets are available at the age-related price with a Carer Free of Charge. **Prices:** Adult: £20.50, Over 60's: £15.50, Under-18s: £15.50, Family Ticket: £22.50 (One Adult, One Junior Under 18). Extra Family Junior ticket: £11.00 (one permitted per Family. Any additional Juniors at Junior price. Family tickets are only open to Family groups (i.e. Parent / Grandparent. Not siblings or friends etc).



#### BARNESLEY

#### SKY BET LEAGUE ONE | 3PM | TUESDAY 1ST JANUARY

Tickets for this category A game are now on sale from the LTFC Ticket Office. Have a look at our



# HOLD THE BACK PAGE

BY ORSOLYA ZSUPPÁN SPORTS JOURNALISM STUDENT AT UNIVERSITY OF BEDFORDSHIRE

**Coming from a country where football is almost as much of an obsession as it is in England, but the standard is way behind and the supporters like to rebel, my experience with Luton Town and its support is one of the biggest surprises in my life.**

Discussing football over a pint is as natural as breathing, it's part of the lifestyle. It does not matter if it is Premier League or non-league, people go mad about the smallest details and discuss every minute of every game over a beer or two. But the real deal is when Our Town is on.

Having worked in a pub, I remember when Luton were in the third round of the FA Cup and we had no customers in - because everybody travelled up to Newcastle to cheer for the mighty Hatters! They suffered a 3-1 defeat but every single one of you, the supporters, came back smiling and proud of their boys' performance.

When the 2016/17 League Two play-off semi-finals were on Sky, the whole pub blossomed in orange. The stakes were high in the first leg against Blackpool. The beer went flying and a couple of chairs were broken when Dan Potts and Isaac Vassell scored, and of course, some of the supporters were very upset after the 3-2 defeat. But the orange army stayed there to clean up the mess without hesitation.

My first time ever at Kenilworth Road was in February, on a very cold and wet Tuesday evening.

Luton Town Football Club's commitment is to promote inclusion and to confront and eliminate discrimination, whether by reason of age, disability, gender reassignment, sex, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief. People can be assured of an environment in which their rights, dignity and individual worth are respected, and in particular that they are able to work and watch football in an environment without the threat of intimidation, victimisation, harassment, bullying and abuse. Should you wish to report a specific incident, please contact your nearest steward or download Kick It Out's free, confidential reporting app on the App Store or Google Play.



As part of the journalism course for my degree, I had to cover a game, from start to finish, head to toe, digging deep into the world of the Hatters.

Even though we were still "baby-journalists", we were treated as professionals by the club. They welcomed us like we were one of their own and helped us find our feet in this fairly new territory. And when we were in need of a hand, supporters of 50 years fed us with information about the whole squad in no time. They knew the team inside out, like some sort of offline Wikipedia pages.

Hungarians are famous for their hospitality, but they cannot be compared to Luton Town's management and supporter club. Luton may have been second in the league, but they were definitely first in our hearts.

I wish everyone the same experience outside the press box, being a part of a family like this is something we all should experience. But if you are reading these lines, you are probably already part of the pack (and will never go back to not being so).

Merry Christmas and COYH!



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# TEAMS



Manager: NATHAN JONES

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

Manager: NIGEL CLOUGH

- 1 Stephen BYWATER
- 2 John BRAYFORD
- 3 Jake BUXTON
- 4 Jamie ALLEN
- 5 Kyle McFADZEAN
- 6 Ben TURNER
- 7 Scott FRASER
- 8 Jake HESKETH
- 9 Joe SBARRA
- 10 Lucas AKINS
- 11 David TEMPLETON
- 12 Ben FOX
- 13 Callum HAWKINS
- 14 Damien McCROY
- 16 Marcus HARNESS
- 17 Marvin SORDELL
- 18 Will MILLER
- 19 Reece HUTCHINSON
- 20 Harry CAMPBELL
- 21 Elliot HODGE
- 22 Kieran WALLACE
- 23 STEPHEN QUINN
- 24 Chris BEARDSLEY
- 25 Ben HART
- 26 Dimitar EVTIMOV
- 27 Liam BOYCE
- 34 Jake FLANNIGAN
- 40 Bradley COLLINS
- 44 Devante COLE

## MATCH OFFICIALS

CRAIG HICKS

ANDREW HENDLEY

ANDREW WILLIAMS

4 ABBAS KHAN

## NEXT HOME GAME:

**BARNESLEY**

**(SKY BET LEAGUE ONE)**

**Tues 1st Jan 2019 | KO: 3pm**

