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THE MANAGER

MICK HARFORD

Welcome back to Kenilworth Road for another big game in this historic week for Luton Town.

I can't begin to tell you how proud I was to walk out in front of the best supporters in the country before Tuesday night's FA Cup replay against Sheffield Wednesday. Your support is unwavering – always has been – and that reception before the match, as we came out for the second half, and again at the end, brought a tear to my eye.

Never did I think I'd walk across that pitch as Luton Town manager again, but with the events of the previous week dictating the way they did, I was honoured that 2020 would entrust me to lead this fantastic group of players into a series of matches of such importance.

I have to thank you for how you got behind the players, and I was equally proud of every one of them for how they performed against a good Championship side. Over two games they were more than a match for Wednesday – a side with internationals like Barry Bannan and Steven Fletcher – and did everything but score.

They left nothing out on that pitch, and in the two performances they've put in since the blow they suffered with Nathan's departure, they have answered any questions there might have been about how they would respond.

We will have to have the same level of commitment and quality up against another good side who are in the promotion shake-up, because Peterborough are perennial challengers in this division and have spent time in the one above.

I offer a warm welcome to Steve Evans, his staff and their team. I've seen plenty of them this season and we've played them twice already, suffering defeat on both occasions, so the boys will be looking to put a few things right this afternoon.

We've had our biggest win already this week though, with that first leg victory at the Town Hall on Wednesday night.

I popped into the Eric Morecambe Lounge and it was fantastic to see so many supporters there watching the stream of the council meeting. What a great feeling it was to hear that verdict to put this football club closer to a new stadium than we've ever been.

I love the old place and have so many memories here, as we all do. But it's time to make even bigger and better ones, and we need the new ground to move the club and the town forward long-term, because it'll be here far longer than me and you.

Gary Sweet and 2020 have put so much into this and we really have to thank them for saving the club ten years ago. Now we must continue to support them driving it forward.

I can't wait for the Newlands Park meeting now – but first we've got a big one here today.

Support the team like you always do. The lads love the backing they get from the best fans bar none. COYH!

Mick Harford

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FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH CHAIRMAN DAVID WILKINSON

Good afternoon everyone.

As most of you will already know on Wednesday evening the Luton Borough Council Planning Committee approved our planning application for a stadium and other mixed-use facilities at Power Court.

We are delighted that after such an extensive and thorough process the Committee have made such a momentous and historic decision for not only the club, but the town as a whole. This is without a doubt the most important result in all our living memories.

However, it is too early to start celebrating, because the away leg is yet to come in two weeks, and we also need a positive result then to make it all happen.

There are reasons why very large and experienced international developers have failed to find a viable way to make Power Court work for so long. It has been largely derelict for over a dozen years, is contaminated due to its former uses, has the River Lea culverted under it and has an electricity substation in the middle of it.

It is also a well-known fact that when an area is derelict or run-down it infects its surroundings and makes the whole area less attractive to investors, residents and businesses. There are many examples of stadia injecting life into formerly ignored spaces.

We believe that we have a unique opportunity, but it will be expensive – much more expensive than a regular site.

Before we get to even think about making it a place that people want to inhabit and visit, we must make it workable. We have to decontaminate the site, move the sub-station, which otherwise would be under the away end, and we want to bring the River Lea out from undercroft as a feature between us and St Mary's church. Our town was named after the river, so isn't it right that it should be part of the environment and a place for people to enjoy? If any of you know the recent developments at St Pancras Square or Granary Square in London, I can imagine people sitting on the banks of the river with views of the church, just as they do by the Grand Union Canal there. A vibrant welcoming place for residents, students and visitors to enjoy.

Previous owners have failed to develop the site, but they weren't Lutonians with a committed dream, and simply made decisions purely on commerciality. They were corporations, which had to be profit motivated before anything else. When Gary sold us the vision ten years ago this was, alongside success on the pitch, it!

Sustainable

The key that opens the door is Newlands Park. It is THE gateway to Luton. Millions of people travel down Airport Way from Junction 10 every month and this land and the airport is what they see. We believe that a high-quality mixed-use development will become a modern destination for people to work, shop, eat, watch a film or have fun. Why should we have to drive 25 miles to do that?

The profit from Newlands will be used to build the stadium and make our Club sustainable, but without it, it will be very difficult, if not impossible. It has taken four or five years to develop this plan and in that time the market has shifted somewhat, particularly with High Street retail.

Town centres are simply too heavily reliant on shopping for need with most specialist market

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commentators stating that they desperately need to diversify to places where people live, work and play, which is precisely what we are trying to deliver.

Gary, Mike and the development team have done a marvellous job to get us this far, so let us hope and pray that they get the opportunity to finish it for the benefit of us all.

A warm welcome today to Barry Fry, Mark Tyler and all the officials, players and supporters from Peterborough United.

The "Posh" had a storming start to the season and tore us apart for 20 minutes at London Road in August. Their progress has slowed somewhat, but they are a talented side and well in the play-off picture. We are well acquainted with their aggressively passionate manager, Steve Evans, having come up against him at both Crawley and Mansfield in the recent past, and we can be sure of a feisty encounter this afternoon.

It's never boring being a Luton Town fan, is it? But there are limits. Since the New Year it has been an emotional rollercoaster interspersed with some fantastic football matches and amazing support.

The number of you who travelled to West Brom and Sunderland so early in the year when money is tight was extraordinary, and I for one found myself welling up with pride and emotion. It seems that, perhaps because of the size of Kenilworth Road and the time we have recently spent in the lower leagues, other clubs do not realise how well supported we are, and ticket requests and attendances come as quite a shock. This is really important for our standing with the authorities and our reputation within football in general. Thank you all.

Gary very eloquently expressed our views about Nathan's rapid and unexpected departure in his Sheffield Wednesday notes. I would just like to wish him well and add my thanks for the work he did and the team he helped to create. However, the timing and manner of his departure sadly showed that he was not the man he professes to be.

I must add my thanks on behalf of the Board and investors to all operational staff and to Mick, the coaching staff and all the players for their words, actions and support at this testing time.

I will always be a Hatter, but today I'm a very proud Hatter.

Enjoy the game. Come On You Hatters!

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THE SKIPPER Alan Sheehan

Let me start by congratulating Gary Sweet, David Wilkinson and all the club's board and investors for the huge victory in midweek with the council giving approval for the new stadium.

It is absolutely brilliant news for the club's future and while the truth is that some of us players may not get to play in Power Court (especially us more experienced lads, shall we say!), it gives every young footballer in Luton something to aspire to.

Going by the reaction on social media, I know how exciting you supporters found it watching the meeting on Facebook, and fingers crossed now for the second meeting on Wednesday week.

Within the dressing room we feel like we have a real bond with you, and at Sunderland last Saturday, I felt that especially when we ran over to the opposite end of the Stadium of Light to where we'd done our warm-up and received such an amazing reception as we went off the pitch.

You travel in crazy numbers and to see more than 3,000 of you up there at the end of what could have been a traumatic week was unbelievable. I say could have been, because of course, we were disappointed to see Nathan leave. He brought all of us, bar a couple, to the club and we've enjoyed such success together, playing a brand of football that we've all loved. We are all thankful for the opportunities we've had as a result of that, and completely understand why he's gone to take a great opportunity.

But rather than take any negatives, we got together and looked at the positives; the position we're in, the jobs we all know we've got, the confidence we've got. And we know the part Mick played in assembling the squad too, so he has the respect of everyone.

We know he has our back and we certainly have his, because he's a legend to all of us. I was lucky enough to walk out alongside him on Tuesday night and the ovation he received was something else. It made the hairs on the back of my neck stand up, so I can only imagine what he felt like. I know he said how proud he was, and we're proud to play for him and the club. There is so much love and positivity flowing around the place at the moment, how could we not be?

We were just sorry we couldn't deliver the result, but we've seen from the performances against Sunderland and Sheffield Wednesday – when we had the majority of possession and chances in both games – that there is nothing wrong with attitude or application.

We are a tight group with no clowns in the dressing room, and nothing will knock us off our stride. So keep getting behind us, as you have done all season, and make this place rock again today because this will be a tough encounter against a very good Peterborough side.

Enjoy the game.

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NEW STADIUM AT POWER COURT APPROVED!

LUTON COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE APPROVE A NEW STADIUM FOR LUTON TOWN AT POWER COURT

History was made on Wednesday evening as the Planning Control Committee at Luton Borough Council approved planning permission to build the new Luton Town stadium at Power Court.

This momentous decision ends almost 70 years of waiting for the Club, who have been trying to relocate since the 1950s.

During the meeting, the Development Control Committee was addressed by Luton Town Chief Executive Gary Sweet, and 2020 Developments associates Sean McGrath and Michael Moran, who laid out the many benefits that the new stadium would bring to the Club and the community at large.

In his closing remarks, Gary Sweet also demonstrated the Club's ambition, were the developments to go ahead.

"It would instantly elevate our footballing ambition to another level. If Leicester City in a new surrounding can win the Premier League, then so can we, it will increase our support base and make sure Luton Town are permanently financially viable going forward," he said. His comments were met with applause from the room.

The Club revealed Power Court as the preferred location for their new stadium in December 2015 when artists' impressions of the stadium were first revealed to the public.

During May 2016 further details of the plans for the new stadium were introduced to the public at a series of exhibitions in Luton over ten days. The exhibitions opened in the Eric Morecambe Lounge at Kenilworth Road before moving on to Venue Central in Bury Park and closing at The Hat Factory in Bute Street.

Many thousands of people attended, including supporters of the Club and residents, providing an opportunity to meet with the development team, ask questions and raise concerns. Feedback across the ten days was overwhelmingly positive, with a 98% approval rate among those who visited.

In August 2016, 2020 Developments submitted the applications for Power Court and Newlands Park to the council which were validated shortly afterwards. During the period of public consultation, close to 11,000 letters were submitted to the Council in support of the developments, with residents, members of parliament and public figures all adding their voices in favour.

Since then, the council have diligently been going through the necessary, and complicated process of

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scrutinising the applications, and while it has been a long, drawn-out and at times, frustrating process, the council should be applauded for leaving no stone unturned along the way to making this evening's historic decision.

The gravity and importance of this decision should not be under-estimated. For Luton Town Football Club, and its loyal supporters – the security of a new home at Power Court means that we can look to the future with great optimism.

It means that the Club will be able to compete at a higher level, and to progress towards our ambitions for more success on the football pitch.

But also, and perhaps even more importantly, that we can continue to provide a place for the people of Luton to gather with friends and family as a community, as we have since the Club began in 1885 – almost 135 years ago.

The iconic new stadium will also provide many fantastic opportunities to Luton and its townspeople. Thousands of new jobs will be created, along with new public spaces and facilities that Luton has been lacking for many years.

Above all it will bring much-needed regeneration to Luton town centre – revitalising Power Court, an area that has been largely unused for well over a decade.

Kenilworth Road is and always be a 'spiritual-home' for most of today's loyal supporters. It has been a venue for countless great matches over the years, whether wins, draws or defeats. It has played host to many of the greatest teams, and players the world has seen, both from our Club and others, and has endured two world wars and many great social upheavals along the way. It has been a constant in the lives of Lutonians, and Luton Town supporters.

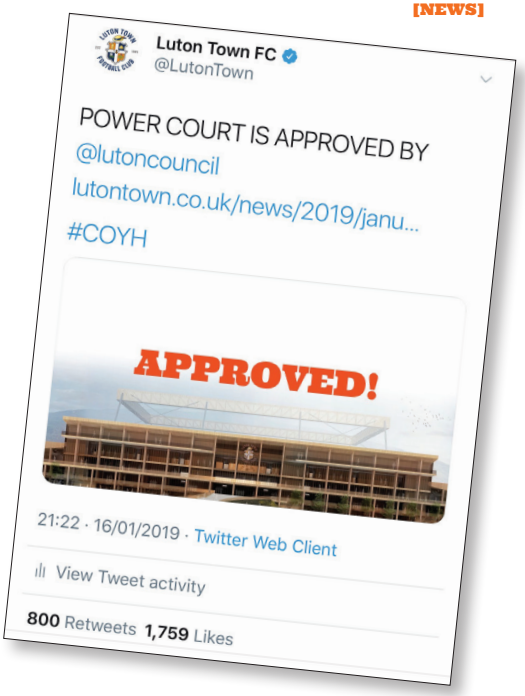
It has seen friends and loved ones come, and go.

But the future of our Club, lies with our young supporters. Your children, and grandchildren. Wednesday night's decision means that they too will have the opportunity to witness their own unforgettable moments and experience the sense of belonging, wonder and joy that Luton Town Football Club can deliver.

It's a powerful feeling. And that future will be at Power Court.

We now look ahead to the meeting to determine the mixed use development at Newlands Park on the 30th January, and hope for a similarly positive outcome.

COME ON YOU HATTERS!



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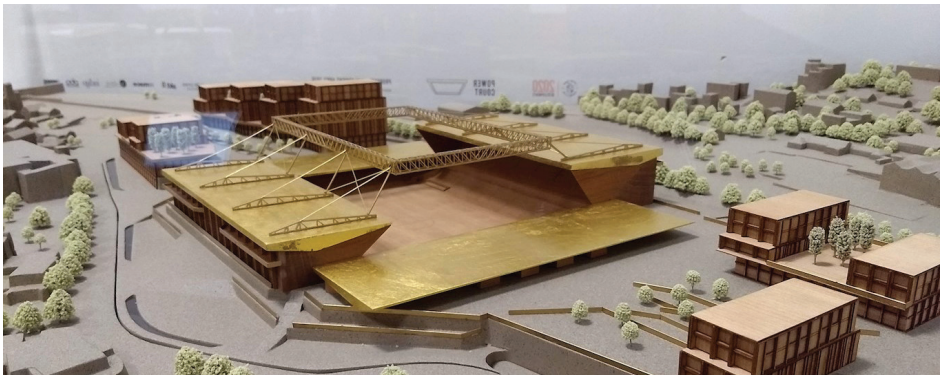

GARY SWEET'S POWER COURT REACTION!

The morning after the night before, Hatters CEO Gary Sweet gave his reaction to BBC Three Counties Radio's Andy Collins.

Here's what he had to say: "It's massive, it's a milestone. The last time this happened would have been around 106, 107 years ago, so it's quite a momentous occasion. It's a two-legged tie, we've won the first one, we've now got to win the second one.

"There's not a linkage as such [between the two applications], it's just one effectively funds much of the other. You've got to think that the piece of land that we are putting the stadium on at Power Court is a horrendous site.

"There used to be two cooling chimneys on that site so there's a lot of contamination. We want to move the river out, we've got to remove the substation, a lot of levelling. So, before we even start, the cost of that isn't far off the cost of a football stadium and nobody else could unlock that piece of land in Luton, and particularly in the Town centre. It needs that revitalisation.

"So unless there is something else to fund that process, then it will remain derelict forever. This is why principally we need Newlands to be passed. No developer is going to have that kind of money to unlock that particular site.

"Technically yes [we could start clearing the site today]. It's not the sort of thing we can start putting millions into, we will start to do some further investigation work etc. So there will be some progress, but we can't really start the building process as such until we've got the planning permission granted on the 30th of this month for Newlands Park."

He added: "It's a long old process! I think one thing Luton fans have learned is patience. We've had ten years now of nurturing this football club back to life and I think they have been really, really patient with us and our communication. The way we're messaging this is everything is on track.

"I think everyone understands and appreciates the fact it's going to take some time before we can really start digging holes. So, I really thank them for that patience. The most important thing is we've got permission for the football stadium and that puts us in a really good position, a really strong position, that does ultimately mean we will move to Power Court.

"For us, we believe in terms of the construction phase, we're talking about 18 months, but there's a long way to go before that. That doesn't include the phase of clearing the site. I wouldn't class it as a delay, we're planning ahead. So, I am sure supporters are going to be asking 'when are we moving in?'

"We don't really want to be committing to a date. It'll be three years down the line that I would imagine that we would move in. Ideally, we would like to move in at the start of a season, rather than some way through the middle of one."

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Played with at: Plymouth Argyle

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RB

Liam Rosenior

Played with at: Hull City

Great pro, plenty of energy up and down the wing, very hard to beat one-against-one. A good full-back who had a good career in the game.

CB

Liam Cooper

Played with at: Hull City

Came through the youth team with him at Hull. By far one of the best players I have played with and is now captain of Leeds United. Has all the attributes to play in the Premier League.

CB

Zak Vyner

Played with at: Plymouth Argyle

Was on loan from Bristol City at Plymouth. Played with him for six months, but we complemented each other very well. He's a very good defender and has all the tools to play at the top level.

LB

Nicky Shorey

Played with at: Portsmouth

Very, very solid defender. Absolute wand of a left foot, he was very effective from set pieces.

RM

Graham Carey

Played with at: Plymouth Argyle

He makes the game look easy. Naturally gifted footballer. I had a very good two years with Graham, who assisted quite a few of my goals. One-against-one he was very tricky and I have seen him score some wonderful goals.

CM

Tom Cairney

Played with at: Hull City

The best player I have played with, came through the Hull system, at times he was unplayable.

He doesn't look the sharpest, but on the ball he is very, very good. Great left foot. Gone on to play for his country and in the Premier League.

CM

David Fox

Played with at: Plymouth Argyle

He's a great guy and he's very good for Plymouth. He assisted a few of my goals. Naturally very good on the ball, and he pulled the strings in midfield during my time there.

LB

Robbie Brady

Played with at: Hull City

When he first came I was amazed by his quality. Very good left foot, massive danger from set pieces, very good one-on-one, seen him skin many full-backs, done very well at club and international level.

ST

David Connolly

Played with at: Portsmouth

He was a very talented footballer, probably the best finisher I have ever seen. Played with him towards the end of his career, but he was very good.

ST

Nick Barmby

Played with at: Hull City

Probably the hardest working footballer I have ever seen in my time in the game. I was one of the youngest and he was one of the oldest, but he was still the fittest and the strongest. Created a lot of chances and scored a lot of goals. Went on to be my manager and someone I still look up to.

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Age: 9 | **School:** The Grave Junior School
Hobbies: Playing football, cycling and following the Town | **Favourite Player:** Danny Hylton

DILLON ENLANDER
Age: 8 | **School:** Sinai Primary | **Hobbies:** Football, other sports, looking after little brother! **Favourite Player:** James Justin

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WELCOME

PETERBOROUGH UNITED

The Town would like to welcome the staff, players and supporters of this afternoon's visitors, Peterborough United.

Posh got off to a flying start this season and were one of the early automatic promotion contenders such was their form. However, a difficult run since the beginning of November had seen Steve Evans' side slip down and out of the play-off places altogether, but they now occupy sixth spot.

A side packed full of quality, Evans recruited heavily in the summer, having been appointed at the end of February last year. He was unable to guide them to a play-off spot, and with the departure of former Hatters striker Jack Marriott to Derby, Peterborough brought in an impressive amount of quality players.

Sky Bet League One player of the month for December, Ivan Toney, is getting the headlines at the moment up top, but Jason Cummings and Matt Godden are very good for this level, whilst the return of Lee Tomlin from Premier League Cardiff City must be one of the coups of this window so far.

Aaron Chapman scooped the Golden Glove for League Two last season with Accrington, before switching to the ABAX Stadium. Alex Woodyard and Siriki Dembele were two of the standout midfielders in the fourth tier in the 2017/18 campaign with Lincoln and Grimsby respectively, and they add to a midfield that already boasts Marcus Maddison, who topped the assist charts last year. Defensively, the signing of ex-Premier League centre-half Sebastien Bassong speaks for itself, whilst the recent recruitment of Ben White from Brighton should prove to be a decent signing, the youngster having impressed on loan at Newport County AFC last season.

Posh will be looking to get to the Championship by the end of this campaign, and they have a good recent history of winning promotions, going up in two consecutive seasons between 2007-09, finding themselves in the Championship for a year, before regaining second tier status for a two-year spell, which came to an end in 2013. This season marks their sixth consecutive year at this level, with their finishes over the last three gradually improving.

Away from home, Peterborough have been on fire, sitting second in the away form table for the campaign. Twenty-seven points from 13 games, having netted 30 goals, makes for some reading – their points haul only beaten by Portsmouth with 30, but Pompey have scored eight fewer goals. Home form has been the issue for Evans' team though, picking up just 20 points from 14 matches so far.

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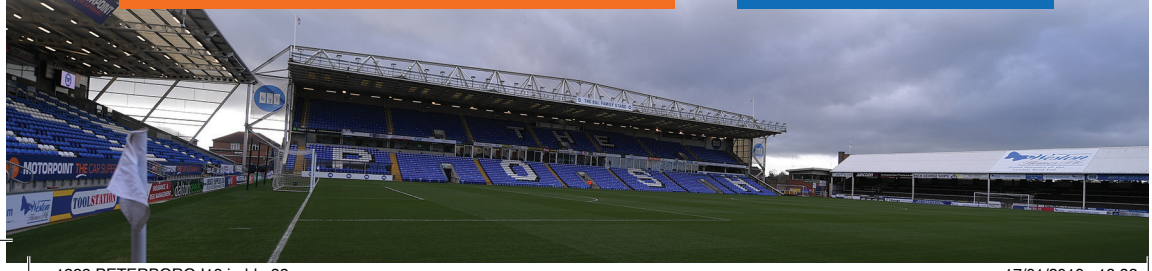

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MEET THE SQUAD

THE GAFFER

Steve Evans | Age: 56

The Posh boss had a relatively short playing career, ending at the age of 24 when an unfortunate knee ligament injury forced him into early retirement. Evans played all of his senior football in his native Scotland, ending at St Johnstone in 1986. It was nearly ten years later when Evans took his first managerial role at Stamford, leading them to two titles in four years. The 56-year-old has taken Boston United and Crawley Town into the league as Conference champions, as well as managing Leeds United, but is probably best known for his work with Rotherham, gaining back-to-back promotions from League Two to the Championship in 2012-13 and 2013-14. He joined the Posh just under a year ago after a spell in charge at Mansfield Town.

THE STOPPER

Aaron Chapman | Age: 28

A towering presence in between the sticks standing at 6ft 8ins, Chapman won League Two with Accrington Stanley last season – playing against the Hatters in both fixtures – before switching to Posh soon after the campaign ended. Started his career in Non-League football with Belper Town, where his impressive performances earned a move to nearby Chesterfield in 2013. Loan spells in the Conference with Chester, then in the League with Stanley and Bristol Rovers, followed before his permanent move to the Wham Stadium – where he became a team-mate of Matty Pearson's – in 2016.

GOALKEEPER

CONOR O'MALLEY
AGE: 24

The Irishman played for a string of clubs in his homeland, including Shamrock Rovers and St Patrick's Athletic, before moving to England in 2017. Played in the Checkatrade game against us earlier this season.

DEFENDERS

RHYS BENNETT
AGE: 27

Signed his first professional deal for Bolton Wanderers in 2009. Played under Steve Evans at Mansfield and subsequently moved along with the manager when he joined Peterborough.

JASON NAISMITH
AGE: 24

The scot is enjoying his first full season in English football having always played north of the border. Capped for his country at U17, U18, U20 and U21 level.

DID YOU KNOW?

Peterborough United were formed in 1934 and were a Non-League club until 1960, when they were elected to the Football League after winning the Midland League for five seasons in a row. They made it six successive championship successes by securing the old Fourth Division title in their first season among the top 92. Their record attendance of 30,046 turned out for an FA Cup tie with Arsenal in 1965.

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THE WALL

Ryan Tafazolli | Age: 27

A powerful centre-back who can be a danger from set-pieces, Tafazolli really stood out while at Mansfield Town, winning Fans' Player of the Season, Chairman and Directors' Player of the Season, and the Stags' Association Player of the Season in 2013-14, even though he only made 24 appearances. A brilliant four years at Mansfield Town caught the attention of a few Championship clubs, but the Iranian-born centre-half decided to put pen to paper with the Posh in 2016. He was voted best defender by the fans on his maiden season with the club and has continued to keep his place in the starting XI ever since.

IN THE MIDDLE

Alex Woodyard Age: 25

The midfielder ended up being an incredibly important part of the Lincoln City side to win promotion back to the football league in 2016-17. Woodyard also played in every single match of the Imps' memorable FA Cup campaign that season, beating the likes of Ipswich, Brighton and Burnley to help the side in becoming the first non-league team to reach the competition's quarter final stage in 103 years. The midfielder did taste success at Wembley eventually though, in last season's EFL Trophy final, winning the match against League One Shrewsbury. With such an impressive CV built while at Lincoln, Peterborough signed Woodyard in May last year to bolster their squad.

TYLER DENTON
AGE: 23

On-loan from Leeds United, Denton spent last season with Port Vale in League Two making 15 appearances. Played for England at U17 level.

DARREN LYON
AGE: 23

A former Hamilton Academical player, scoring a historic goal second in a 2-0 win over Rangers at Ibrox. The club's first victory at the Scottish giants since 1987.

MIDFIELDERS

COLIN DANIEL
AGE: 30

Part of the Blackpool team to beat the Hatters in the League Two play-off semi-finals in 2016-17. Also gained promotion back to the Football League with Mansfield Town.

MARK O'HARA
AGE: 23

Made more than a century of appearances in the Scottish Premier League with Dundee and Kilmarnock. Also capped at youth level for the Scottish national team.

SIRIKI DEMBÉLÉ
AGE: 22

Scored against the Town in the 3-1 defeat at the ABAX Stadium this term. Also netted in the last round of the EFL Trophy victory away at Chelsea U21s.

LOUIS REED
AGE: 21

Came through the youth system at Sheffield United, playing more than 50 times for the Blades. Played four times for the England U20 team in 2016.

JOE WARD
AGE: 23

Signed in January last year after prolific spell for Woking at the beginning of the season (scoring four goals in six matches) enticed the Posh in for an undisclosed fee.

WATCH OUT
Ivan Toney | Age: 22

Toney has been sensational so far this season, netting 17 times in all competitions – including two hat-tricks. Born just up the M1 in Northampton, Toney played his youth football for the Cobblers until Newcastle United bought him in 2015 for an undisclosed fee, aged just 19. The striker only featured twice for the Premier League outfit who loaned Toney out to multiple EFL clubs including Barnsley, Shrewsbury and Scunthorpe, until Peterborough signed the forward on a permanent deal in August last year. The 22-year-old's vast experience at such a young age is proving to be a brilliant piece of business at the ABAX Stadium as he continues to fire the Posh towards a play-off spot.

IN NUMBERS...

Stadium capacity:	14,084
Miles from Kenilworth Road:	60
Year opened:	1913
Average crowd last season:	5,669
Seasons in League One:	6

MARCUS MADDISON
AGE: 25

Always on the prowl to slip the ball through the defence and onto the striker. Maddison came through the academy at Newcastle United before moving to Gateshead.

GEORGE COOPER
AGE: 22

Won the League One Apprentice Award in 2014-15 while at Crewe Alexandra. The young midfielder signed for Peterborough last season, making 13 league appearances in his first season.

STRIKERS

MATT GODDEN
AGE: 27

The forward has spent most of his career in Non-League football, on-loan at several teams from Scunthorpe United. Won Stevenage Player of the Year in 2016-17.

JASON CUMMINGS
AGE: 23

On a season-long loan from Nottingham Forest, having previously played for Hibernian in the Scottish Premier League. Featured twice for the Scottish national team.

JAMIE WALKER
AGE: 25

Another forward on-loan to Posh for the season, this time from Wigan Athletic. Played a considerable amount of youth football for Scotland.

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CLASSIC CLASH WITH THE POSH

CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH DELVES INTO HIS ARCHIVES...

19TH OCTOBER 1996 • LUTON TOWN 3 PETERBOROUGH UNITED 0

Following relegation from Division One (now the Championship) in 1996, the close season was expected to feature a major clear out of playing staff which never actually materialised.

Although Scott Oakes was transferred to David Pleat's Premiership side Sheffield Wednesday and the unlucky Vidar Riseth moved to Linz, a couple of on-off deals seemed to take up much of the summer.

Ceri Hughes was taken by Crystal Palace on trial, but after what seemed an age it was decided he should return to Kenilworth Road. Also, Julian James was on the verge of signing for Gillingham but in the end decided to stay with the Hatters.

On the incoming side was Paul Showler, signed from one of manager Lennie Lawrence's old sides Bradford City, while another forward, Steve McCormick, had been targeted after playing for and against the Town during a pre-season tour of Scotland. Unfortunately another forward had to be sacrificed first and, after Lincoln withdrew from signing John Taylor at the eleventh hour, McCormick had to be left to ply his trade with Stirling Albion.

After a mixed bag of pre-season results, which included a 4-2 win over a full strength West Ham side in Julian James' testimonial and a 4-1 defeat at Stirling, it was back to Division Two football for the first time since 1970.

The opening league game did not quite go the way the supporters, who felt that a quick return to Division One was a divine right, expected.

Burnley, the visitors to Kenilworth Road, not only won, but their scorers were Luton old boys Steve Thompson and Kurt Nogan. Although the Town were not particularly bad they had to swiftly learn that to gift the opposition a two goal start left you with a mountain to climb whichever division you were in. A penalty miss by Bontcho Guentchev did not help the Hatters cause very much either.

The Town's visit to Brentford attracted a large Luton following who thought that, with ten minutes left, a lead of 2-1 meant three points in the bag. Unfortunately the Bees had other ideas, and two goals at the death, aided by some generous defending, meant that the season was beginning to look like a follow on from the previous campaign.

Worse was to follow in an embarrassing 5-0 midweek defeat at Bristol City which brought about a public apology from Lennie Lawrence as the Town sank to the foot of the table. Obviously the Hatters had to learn fast that the division was not likely to be a cakewalk.

After a certain amount of soul searching, the Town finally got off the mark with a narrow 1-0 home win over Rotherham courtesy of a rare goal from Mitchell Thomas. No-one was about to get carried away, however, as the Millers were a poor outfit as proved by their eventual relegation, so it was probably a blessing that we met them when we did.

Next up was a first ever visit to Wycombe and another 1-0 victory. This time though the fans could see the first glimmer that the Hatters were acclimatising themselves to their new level and adapting themselves accordingly. The game was fairly turgid and settled by a scrappy goal, but another clean sheet proved that lessons from the early season disasters were being learned.

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Steve Davis heads in the Town's first goal

The players were now beginning to enjoy themselves, as proved by their reaction following a 2-1 home victory over a tough Gillingham outfit. A 1-0 defeat at Kenilworth Road at the hands of Chesterfield brought them back to earth however, as they were shown that at this level teams could make up for any lack of skill by sheer hard work and dogged defending, so the Town tried those tactics in the next game at Bury and returned with a point following a 0-0 draw.

Blackpool were next up at Kenilworth Road and for the first time in the campaign the Town truly imposed themselves on the opposition, especially in the first half when they had the Seasiders on the rack for long periods. Despite this superiority they only had one goal to show for their domination which came after a Blackpool defensive mistake.

The Hatters were now moving up the table and supporters were in a much happier frame of mind after successive wins over Walsall and Shrewsbury together with a fighting 1-1 draw at Stockport.

Barry Fry's Peterborough were the next visitors to Kenilworth Road and the best attendance since the opening day gathered to watch the resurgent Hatters. The Town set about Posh, who had lost their last three games, from the opening whistle and it was no surprise when Steve Davis headed the Hatters into the lead after ten minutes following a corner.

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ALEXANDER	PAYNE (WILLIS)
OLDFIELD (FOTIADIS)	ROWE (GRIFFITH)
THORPE (GUENTCHEV)	CHARLERY (REGIS)
SHOWLER	HOUGHTON

The Peterborough defence was all over the place once more shortly afterwards when another corner was only partly cleared, leaving Paul Showler to touch in Tony Thorpe's goal bound shot.

Showler made the game safe just after the interval leaving Posh, who had brought on three subs at half-time, chasing shadows. "We must pull our fingers out," said Fry afterwards, while Lawrence could only enthuse over the talents of Paul Showler who "needs to be kept physically right!"

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THE LAST TIME

PETERBOROUGH CAME TO TOWN

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

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CHECKATRADE TROPHY

The Town had been reasonably successful in the Checkatrade Trophy since Nathan Jones had taken on the hot-seat at Kenilworth Road, beating higher League opposition to progress through to the semi-finals in 2016/17 before going out unluckily to Oxford.

Blooding youngsters for their first taste of senior football, coupled with some entertaining games made the competition a welcome diversion from normal League action.

Much the same could be said for season 2017/18 with penalty wins over Tottenham and Barnet followed by victory at Wimbledon in the group stages before a comfortable 4-0 humbling of West Ham in round 2.

Next up was a home meeting with Peterborough from the division above and a chance for the Town's youngsters to prove themselves against higher opposition.

The Hatters made ten changes from the side that had lost at Newcastle in the FA Cup the previous weekend, while Posh made two and included former favourite Jack Marriott in their ranks.

It was Marriott who was quickest out of the block and the early stages became a personal contest between him and Luton goalkeeper James Shea with the latter needing to be at his sharpest best.

It was, however, the Town who came closest to scoring in the first period when a cross from Harry Cornick was met by Jordan Cook whose downward header clipped a post.

The second half was still end to end but lacked the chances of the first although Shea brought off a wonder save from Jermaine Anderson in the closing moments to take the tie to penalties.

Sadly, the Town's good recent record in shoot-outs was not maintained with Posh winning through 7-6.

Luton Town: Shea, Famewo, Sheehan, Musonda, Stacey, Mpanzu, Gambin (McQuoid), D'Ath (O.Lee), Senior, Cook, Cornick (Shinnie).

Peterborough United: Bond, Shepherd, Hughes, Tafazoli, Baldwin, Lloyd (Kanu), Maddison, Marriott, Morais (Anderson), Lopes (Doughty), Grant.

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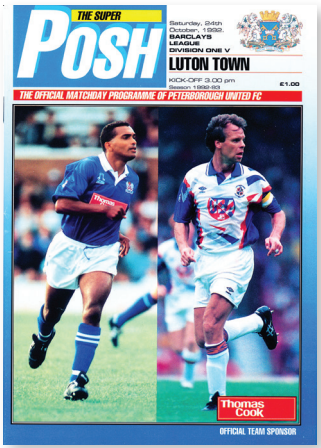
[ROGER WASH]

COVERED!

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

September 1964

Peterborough's second ever trip to Kenilworth Road sees them earn a point in a 1-1 draw. Tony Knights makes his League debut but John O'Rourke scores the Town goal. Interesting to note that the Hatters were embarking on a run of six games in 17 days with four consecutive away matches including night clashes at both Carlisle and Workington!

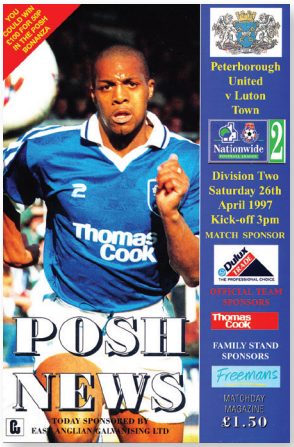


October 1992

Paul Telfer returns to the Town side after nine months out with a broken foot and nets one of the goals in a 3-2 Luton win. The victory is welcome after three straight defeats.

April 1994

The Hatters win their first game in over a month against struggling Posh. Kerry Dixon scores both goals in a 2-0 victory including a long-range volley.



April 1997

The Hatters harbour very faint hopes of automatic promotion and win 1-0 through a goal from Andrew Fotiadis on a bog of a pitch. The Luton win means Posh are relegated.

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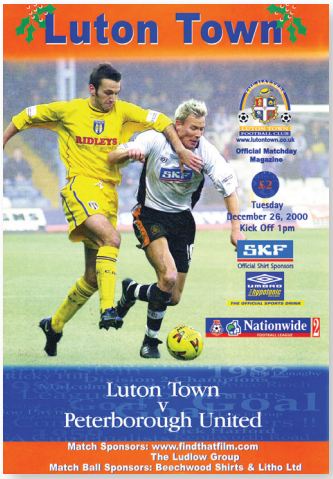
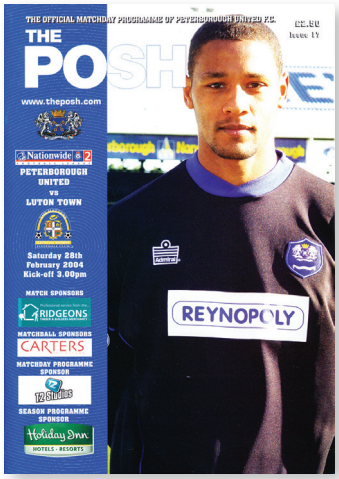


December 2000

Relegation threatened Luton beat Posh 3-2 in a tight game in front of a 7,374 Boxing Day crowd. Skipper for the day, Matthew Spring opens the scoring with a 20 yard rocket.



February 2004

Posh have a poor home record but the Town are made to struggle. A 2-1 win is eventually recorded however with Steve Howard and Ahmet Brkovic on the scorehseet.

September 2004

The Town remain unbeaten since the start of the season and maintain their record with a narrow 2-1 home win over Posh. Goalkeeper Marlon Beresford departs with an early injury which is to keep him out for two months.

January 2005

A late goal from Steve Howard earns a point in a 2-2 draw at London Road. Posh belie their lowly league position with an energetic performance against a promotion chasing Luton who drop to second following the loss of two points.

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DEADLY DUOS

FOOTBALL HISTORIAN LEIGH EDWARDS PROFILES FOUR NOTABLE POST-WAR PETERBOROUGH UNITED GOALSCORING PARTNERSHIPS

JIM HALL & JOHN COZENS

Former England Youth striker Jim Hall is Peterborough United's record League goalscorer. Signing professional for hometown Northampton in July 1963, he helped them reach the top-flight and moved to Peterborough in an exchange deal involving Johnny Byrne in December 1967. He starred alongside Peter Price and John Cozens, featuring in the 1973-74 Fourth Division title triumph. Scoring 122 goals in 302 League outings for Posh prior to rejoining Northampton in January 1975, he was leading marksman in their 1975-76 promotion success, then played for Cambridge United. Now living near Great Yarmouth.

Striker John Cozens was ever-present leading marksman in Peterborough's 1973-74 Fourth Division title triumph. After spells with Tonbridge and Hayes, he joined Hillingdon Borough in August 1968, starring as they were FA Trophy finalists in 1970. He moved to Notts County in August 1970 and helped win the Fourth Division title in 1970-71. Joining Peterborough in November 1972, he was top scorer again in 1976-77 and netted 41 goals in 132 League games before moving to Cambridge United in December 1977. He helped clinch promotion, then joined their coaching staff and managed Bourne, King's Lynn and Stamford.

BILLY KELLOCK & ROBBIE COOKE

Striker Robbie Cooke was top scorer as Peterborough reached the FA Cup fifth round in 1980-81. Initially with Mansfield Town, he was a prolific scorer with Grantham before reuniting with Peter Morris at London Road in May 1980. He starred as Peterborough twice narrowly missed promotion, netting 51 goals in 115 League outings prior to joining Cambridge United in February 1983. Moving to Brentford in December 1984, he joined Millwall in December 1987 and linked up with Peter Morris again at Kettering Town. The England Semi-Pro international featured in the 1988-89 FA Cup run, then played for Bourne and Warboys.

Ex-Scotland Schoolboy striker Billy Kellock was Peterborough United's leading marksman in 1979-80. He began with Aston Villa and joined Cardiff City in February 1972, then played for Norwich City, Millwall, Chelmsford and Kettering, appearing in the 1979 FA Trophy final. Joining Peterborough in August 1979, he was ever-present in 1980-81 and skippered two promotion near-misses. He netted 43 goals in 134 League games before moving to Luton Town in July 1982, then had a spell at Wolves. Reunited with Peter Morris at Southend United in September 1983, he then played for Port Vale, Halifax and Kettering again.

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Craig Mackail-Smith

KEN CHARLERY & TONY ADCOCK

Popular striker Ken Charlery scored two goals in Peterborough United's 1991-92 Third Division play-off final success. He impressed with Maidstone United before moving to Posh in March 1991, starring in their 1991-92 League Cup run. Sold to Watford for a club record £350,000 in October 1992, he rejoined Peterborough in December 1993, then returned again from Birmingham City in February 1996 and netted 55 goals in 177 League games overall before joining Stockport County in March 1997. The St Lucia star later played for Barnet, Boston United and Dagenham & Redbridge, gaining England Semi-Pro honours.

Striker Tony Adcock helped Peterborough United to clinch promotion in 1991-92. Signing professional for Colchester United in February 1981, he was leading marksman four times before moving to Manchester City in June 1987. He then played for Northampton Town, Bradford City and Northampton again prior to joining Peterborough in December 1991. Twice top scorer, he netted 35 goals in 111 League games before moving to Luton Town in August 1994. He later returned to Colchester, helping to reach the 1997 Auto Windscreens Shield final and Third Division play-offs in 1997-98, then appeared for Heybridge Swifts.

Aaron McLean

CRAIG MACKAIL-SMITH & AARON McLEAN

Scotland international striker Craig Mackail-Smith was top scorer in Peterborough United's 2008-09 and 2010-11 promotion successes. He played for St Albans City and Arlesey before moving to Dagenham & Redbridge in July 2004. Featuring in their 2006-07 Conference title campaign, he joined Peterborough with Shane Blackett in January 2007. He starred as they won promotion three times in four seasons, netting 80 goals in 185 League games before sold to Brighton for £2.5m in July 2011. Rejoining Posh on loan in November 2014, also from Luton in January 2017, he helped Wycombe to win promotion in 2017-18.

Former England Semi-Pro striker Aaron McLean was leading marksman in Peterborough United's 2007-08 promotion triumph. Initially with Leyton Orient, he had spells with Aldershot and Grays Athletic, helping win the FA Trophy shortly before moving to Peterborough in October 2006. He featured in three promotion campaigns, netting 71 goals in 157 League outings prior to joining Hull City in December 2010. Moving to Bradford City in January 2014, he briefly rekindled his lethal partnership with Craig Mackail-Smith when loaned back to Peterborough in November 2014. He has since played for Barnet and Ebbsfleet United.

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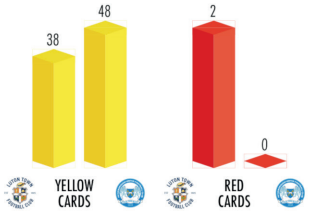
2018-19 STAT PACK

LUTON TOWN V **PETERBOROUGH UNITED**

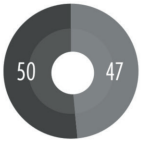
MATCH FACTS

This is the first league meeting between Luton and Peterborough at Kenilworth Road since September 2004, a 2-1 victory for the Hatters.



MATCH FACTS

Peterborough have already beaten Luton twice this season – once in League One and once in the Football League Trophy.



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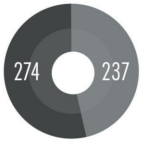

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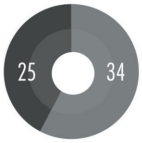

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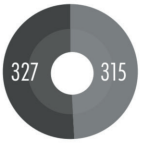

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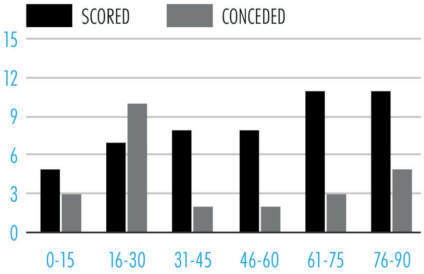

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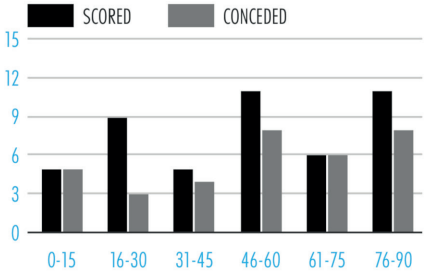

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Elliot Lee's HAT'S LIFE

Apple or Android?
Apple.

Last person you called?
My mum.

Most famous person in your phone?
Alan Shearer.

Favourite food?
I don't have it a lot, but I love pizza.

Apple or rhubarb crumble?
Neither.

Food you can't stand?
Rocket.

Pet hate?
Poor manners and being late.

Cat or dog?
Dog.

Xbox or PlayStation?
PlayStation.

Can't miss on TV?
EFL on Quest.

Love Island or Peaky Blinders?
Love Island.

Karaoke song?
Save Tonight – Eagle-Eye Cherry.

Favourite artist?
Ed Sheeran.

Top of your playlist?
A Star Is Born playlist.

Last holiday?
Portugal with the family.

Club you support?
I genuinely don't support anyone, but I like to see Newcastle and West Ham do well, as well as Hearts.

Favourite away ground?
Old Trafford.

Best moment in football?
Scoring in Europe for West Ham.

Best player played with?
Alfie Mawson.

Room-mate?
Harry Cornick or Thorney.

Instagram or Twitter?
Neither.

Old Trafford - Elliot's favourite away ground

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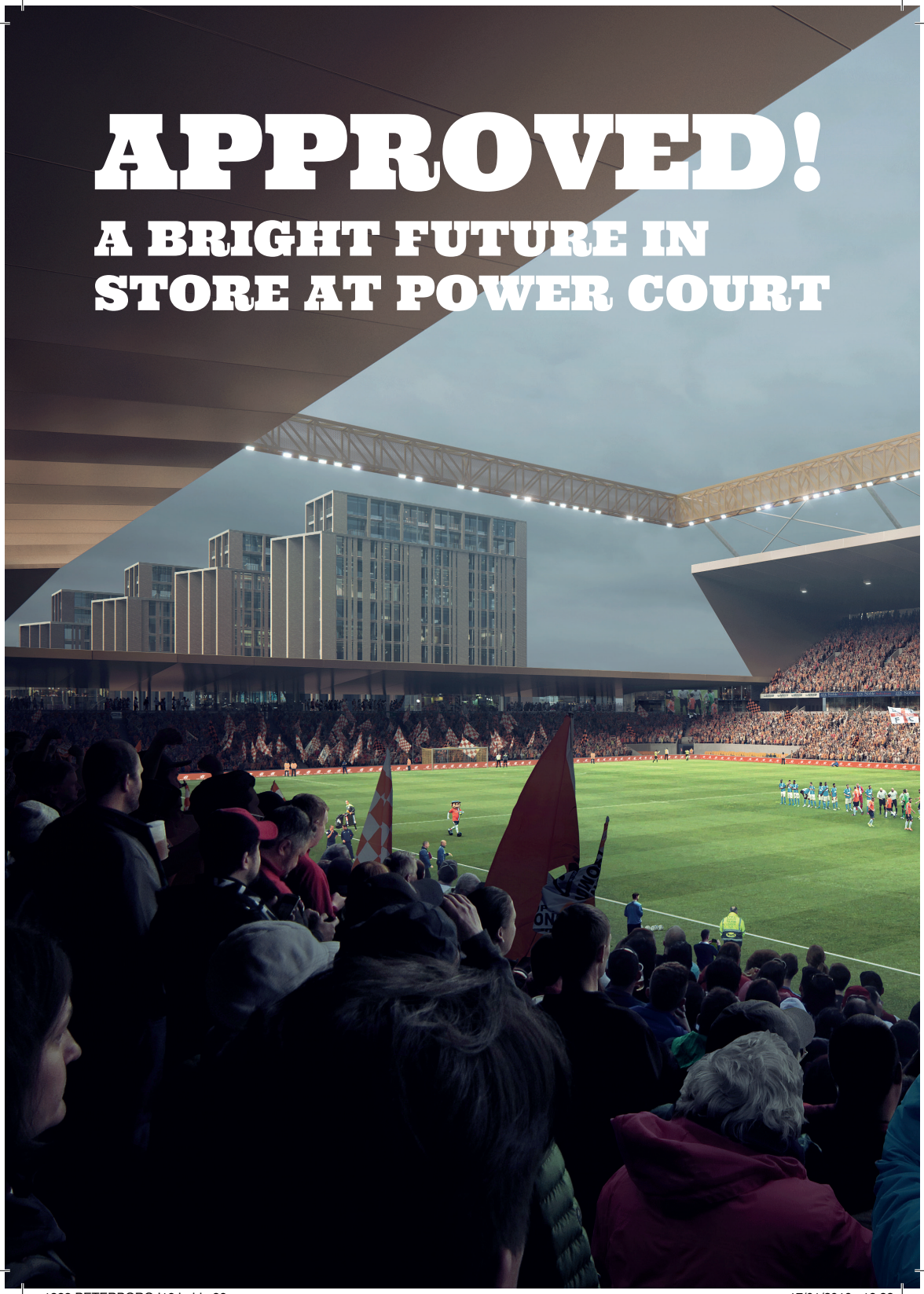

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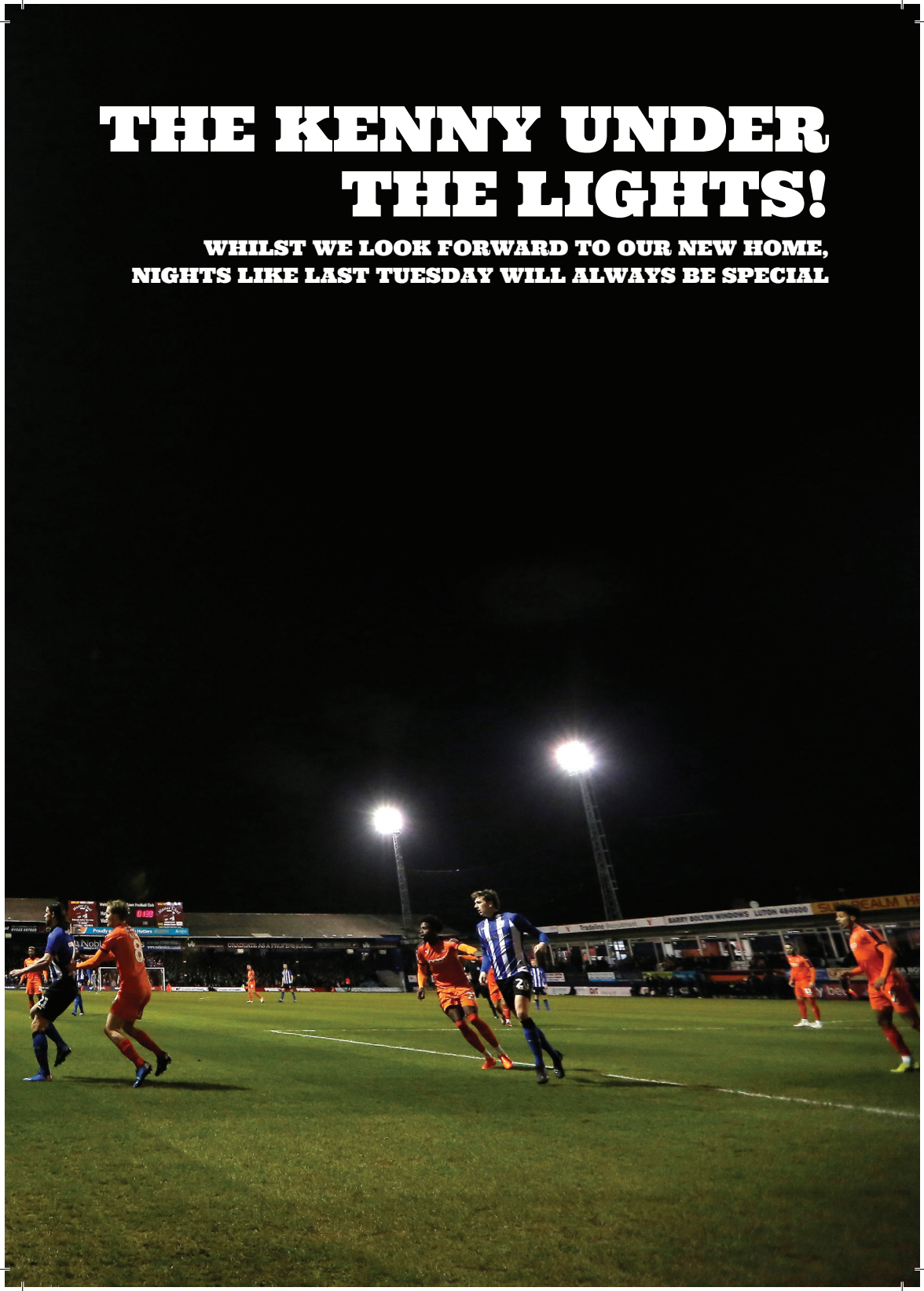

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STORY OF THE MATCH

The Hatters were knocked out of the Emirates FA Cup on Tuesday night as they lost their third-round replay against Sheffield Wednesday.

Town were the better side for much of the contest, with James Collins, Elliot Lee and Luke Berry all seeing efforts narrowly saved, or in Collins' case late on, striking the post when he looked certain to score.

Wednesday grabbed their goal through Atdhe Nuhiu, who was fortuitous to see Steven Fletcher's blocked effort fall at his feet, and even more so to see his strike take a big deflection and drift into the top right corner.

LUTON TOWN	SHEFF WEDS
SHEA	DAWSON
STACEY	PALMER
PEARSON	FOX
BRADLEY	FLETCHER (MATIAS, 90)
JUSTIN	BANNAN
BERRY (POTTS, 68)	THORNILEY
LEE (JARVIS, 88)	LEES
SHINNIE	NUHIU
MPANZU	REACH
COLLINS	BOYD
LUALUA	HECTOR
SUBS NOT USED:	SUBS NOT USED:
POTTS	JONES
McCORMACK	VAN AKEN
JONES	WINNALL
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SHEEHAN	WILDSMITH
NEUFVILLE	PUDIL
YELLOW CARDS:	YELLOW CARDS:
COLLINS	PALMER
	BOYD
	NUHIU

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"We as a group of staff couldn't be prouder of the players or the fans. The way they backed the team, I just think we put in a performance that didn't deserve to lose. We played some great football. Obviously they're a Championship side, but we went toe-to-toe and I thought we moved the ball very well.

"They put us under pressure, but we adapted and kicked on and overall there's a lot of disappointed players in there, but they can take a lot of heart from that performance. As I said, if we keep putting in performances like this one this evening and the one on Saturday, we will be in the shake-up come the end of the season."

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5 | 5

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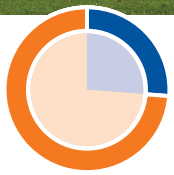
4 | 6



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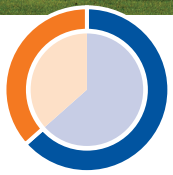

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LUKE'S FITNESS IS RETURNING AFTER SECOND START

Although disappointed to see Town knocked out of the Emirates FA Cup, Hatters midfielder Luke Berry was pleased to see how far the club has come since his arrival in the summer of 2017.

The former Cambridge United man started in both games against Sheffield Wednesday and has played as if he was never away – the 26-year-old running around with the same tenacity we had become accustomed to at Kenilworth Road prior to his serious ankle injury.

He said: "It just shows how far we have come that we're all disappointed and after two games we have given a real good Championship team a good run for their money. I thought I had a good chance, Collo had a good chance, Elliot as well. We've all had good chances, so we're disappointed.

"I had a good chance second half, I am annoyed I didn't score it, but I am glad to get minutes in. That's the main thing at the minute, just getting up my match sharpness. I didn't think I was that sharp today, second half I got a bit tired. I just need to keep working on that in training. I have done my own mini pre-season, now I just need to get my sharpness up in games."

The Owls' goal came just a minute after the restart, when Steven Fletcher's effort was deflected into the path of Atdhe Nuhiu, who saw his strike deflect off Sonny Bradley and into the top corner.

"It was a poor goal to concede to be honest, I think he shanked it and it bobbled in," Berry continued. "It's one of those where you're like 'how the hell has he done that?' Then we create four or five clear cut chances and it's a shame we didn't take them.

"The message after the game was we've got an even bigger one on Saturday and we're going to

focus on that now. We've got a great record at Kenilworth Road; 13 League One games unbeaten in the league and we want to keep that going.

"In the first leg we didn't even know we would be playing Chelsea and we still thought we could have beaten Sheffield Wednesday. We want to try and win.

"We know we're good enough to go toe-to-toe with teams like this, that's why we're in the top two in the league. We know we can give any team a run for their money like we did on Saturday. We had ten men against Sunderland for a bit of time and we could have won that as well."

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SIMON OXLEY

BBC 3CR REPORTER/COMMENTATOR

Well this has certainly taken a long time to write. Not two and a half years admittedly, but despite an astonishing intervention from the Football League, I think I have formed an opinion.

I volunteered my services last Thursday in a show of sympathy for the programme editor who had suddenly been handed 'Jonesgate' to deal with on top of two home games in five days. Fortunately for me, in a similar role back in 1995, David Pleat left for Sheffield Wednesday in the summer, and Twitter was just a noise that birds made.

Originally I started the article discussing a book I received for Christmas on the history of Luton, which included the possibility that Julius Caesar marched through the town. Now that wasn't the prelude to a gag about being stabbed in the back, I was going to use the Roman reference to highlight the benefit we can take from what is left behind, and build on what has been achieved during Nathan Jones' time here.

But then I saw that photo. Nathan receiving the December manager of the month trophy in his new Stoke training top.

Then I was going to recall, in no particular order, departures such as Jim Ryan, John Hartson, Curtis Davies, Joe Kinnear, Kingsley Black and David Pleat first time around. Older supporters would add Bruce Rioch and Malcolm Macdonald to that list along with many more, and I was going to point out that despite them all, we are still here.

But then I looked at that photo again.

I felt Nathan moving on was not a surprise, but it was the timing which couldn't have been much worse.

Simon on the pitch at Carlisle interviewing Alan Sheehan during the promotion celebrations, as Elliot Lee salutes the travelling supporters

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As for the "badge-kissing", it wasn't an act. Nathan is a proud and passionate Welshman and that was his way, and without that passion and ambition we might still be in League Two. This season has been among the most enjoyable to commentate on, with genuine excitement from even a middle-aged cynic like me.

But then I looked at the photo once again. Perhaps put a jumper on? Does anyone work in PR at the Football League? What a shame it has all ended this way. Just a farewell video message would have helped, aimed in particular at younger Twitter and Instagram users who seem especially upset. I should add it falls on those of us who have seen it all before to ensure that their enthusiasm remains.

The players, the vast majority of whom were signed by Nathan, seem to have taken it in their stride. Based on Sunderland the response was outstanding; from the pre-match salute in front of the travelling fans, throughout the game itself, to the measured and respectful comments afterwards from skipper on the day Sonny Bradley – fast becoming a player we can least afford to lose.

So where do I stand? Am I sad he's gone? Yes. Can I understand why he's gone? Yes. Am I going to burn effigies of him on November the 5th? No.

Memories

If someone had said back in 2016 when Nathan arrived that he'd leave three years later, but Luton would be second in the division above, I think we'd have taken that. But what possessed him to pose for that photo? I think it has taken the shine off some memories like the 8-2 v Yeovil, the 5-0 Boxing Day win at Swindon, and the comeback at Walsall at Christmas just gone.

However, one memory I don't think it can ever tarnish, for me personally, is interviewing the manager and his players on the pitch in the sunshine at Carlisle last April after witnessing first hand promotion being achieved. That was an 'I was there' moment.

So in conclusion, abiding memory? The picture that launched a thousand tweets, or Carlisle? (Deep breath)…Carlisle.

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THE JOURNEY

It was another early alarm call in total darkness for the lengthy trip to Sunderland. Having finally got out of the house at 7am to get the coach, apart from the length of it, the journey to Sunderland wasn't too bad and we reached the Stadium of Light in plenty of time.

RATING: (OUT OF 5) ⚽

THE GROUND

I had been to the Stadium of Light before but not for a long time. Away fans are in the opposite end to they were when I was last there, and it must be a North-East thing that you have to shake hands with the clouds to get into your seat! To be fair it is a cracking stadium with a top view for the away fans, and plenty of ability to create a superb atmosphere.

RATING: ⚽⚽⚽⚽⚽

THE FOOD

I had already eaten before we got to the Stadium of Light, but as ever I am reliably informed that the food was very good. I guess that was to be expected with the quality of the stadium, so I can't say that I was surprised by that review!

RATING: ⚽⚽⚽⚽

THE PROGRAMME

A 68-page programme was produced for this match, which included plenty in it about the Town. Even some of the Sunderland based pages were a decent enough read, which certainly saw off some of the journey back. One of the better we've come across.

RATING: ⚽⚽⚽⚽

THE MATCH

Given the doubts over how we would react after the manager had left, I have to say the Town were brilliant and could easily have come away with more than a 1-1 draw. Sunderland's keeper made brilliant saves from Elliot Lee, Andrew Shinnie and James Collins in the first 15 minutes then Sunderland scored with their first shot.

The Town kept going after the break and James Collins deservedly equalised from the spot, after his 25-yarder thumped a post before Hylton was fouled. We had to dig in after that as Hylton was dismissed, but we defended manfully to claim the point which was the least we deserved.

RATING: ⚽⚽⚽⚽

MAN OF THE MATCH

I thought Alan McCormack was superb. He regularly broke up play, and he organised the Town perfectly when we were down to 10 men. He was the calm head we needed after a crazy week and got my vote for man of the match in this one.

SUMMARY

The journey home was never ending, but eventually I got in just after 11pm. It was well worth it to see the Town take the game to a team like Sunderland on a stage like that. We're going to be just fine without Nathan Jones.

OVERALL RATING: 18

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LEAGUE ONE TOP FIVES

GOALS

1	MARQUIS	16
2	MAJA	14
3	TOM EAVES	14
4	GRANT	13
5	HENDERSON	13

ASSISTS

1	COPPINGER	9
2	HUNTER	9
3	CURTIS	8
4	GOOCH	8
5	MADDISON	8

SHOTS ON TARGET

1	MCCONVILLE	40
2	LEE	35
3	MARQUIS	35
4	TAYLOR	35
5	CAREY	31

MINUTES PER GOAL

1	MAJA	121
2	TOM EAVES	135
3	MARQUIS	152
4	MOORE	152
5	HOPPER	158

% OF GOALS INVOLVED IN

1	HENDERSON	53
2	MCCONVILLE	44
3	FREDDIE LADAPO	44
4	TAYLOR	41
5	KEE	41

MINUTES PER ASSIST

1	MADDISON	175
2	CUMMINGS	190
3	COPPINGER	201
4	HUNTER	202
5	OVIEDO	220

FOULS

1	COLLINS	68
2	TAYLOR	61
3	GNANDUILLET	57
4	HAWKINS	57
5	MARQUIS	53

MINUTES PER GOAL CONCEDED

1	LILLIS	39
2	MACEY	47
3	ALNWICK	50
4	MITCHELL	53
5	HOLY	54

LEAGUE ONE SPOTLIGHT

AFC Wimbledon have collected eight points in their last four home league games (W2 D2 L0) – more than in their previous 11 combined (W1 D3 L7).

LEAGUE ONE SPOTLIGHT

Shrewsbury have won one of their last 17 away league matches (D7 L9), with four different managers taking charge in that time (Hurst, Askey, Coyne, Ricketts).

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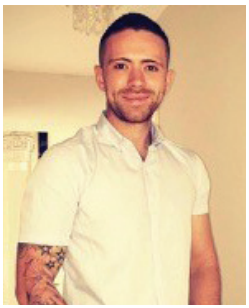

With sadness we report on of the tragic death of Mikey McMahon, who was killed in a car accident aged just 28.

Mikey was a football fanatic, playing as a junior for St Joseph's Parish Centre side and Luton Irish. He was a lifelong Town supporter, like his dad and his three surviving brothers.

His family said: "Whilst Mikey had a short life, it was a full life, a life that touched so many people in so many positive ways. The team securing promotion would be a fitting legacy for Mikey."

The thoughts of all at LTFC are with the McMahon family and Mikey's many friends.

MIKE BROOKS

The Hatters would like to pass on their condolences to the family of Mike Brooks, who sadly passed away suddenly on Sunday 3rd June 2018. He would have been celebrating his 71st birthday on Thursday just gone.

A lifetime Luton Town supporter and Diamond season ticket holder, Mike is pictured with his family at the Newcastle United game in January last year.

WELL DONE TOWN STEWARDS!

We are proud to report that Town steward Samuil Islam put his first aid training to good use when helping a supporter after our 2-0 win over Fleetwood Town before Christmas.

Hatters supporter Mitchie Oneil had issues injecting insulin whilst waiting in Bury Park for a bus, unsure what to do, spotted Samuil – who was wearing a steward's jacket with a first aid badge on – who was able to help and sort out the issue.

Well done Samuil, you did the club proud.

In addition to this, Fleetwood supporter Ben Neville was highly complimentary of another steward, who aided him up and down the stairs, having struggled with arthritis.

Ben said: "I thank all the stewards and the team. I am happy to say that this has been the best service I have ever received in a long time from any steward or club. I would like to thank Luton Town Football Club and all the wonderful stewards.

Keep up the good work!

SUE RYDER ST JOHN'S HOSPICE – WINTER WALKS

Town supporters are being encouraged to organise a 'Winter Walk' in support of the Sue Ryder St John's Hospice at Moggerhanger, near Bedford.

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ACADEMY UPDATE

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UNDER 18S

The Youth Team confirmed their place in Merit League 1 with a resounding 3-1 victory over Leyton Orient at Ely Way on Tuesday afternoon.

After going behind early to an excellent direct free-kick, two goals from Connor Tomlinson – who is gaining good experience of senior football with his loan at Hemel Hempstead extended for a month – and Sam Beckwith did the damage.

With four Under 16 players in the starting line-up, it was good to see the boys play with confidence and comfortably ease to a deserved victory.

We finished the regular season this morning with another home game versus AFC Wimbledon. This will then see the top six teams from our South East division combine with the top six from the South West division to form Merit League 1, which commences on Saturday February 16th.

We will again continue to play the majority of our U16 players, whom we have offered apprenticeships too, in the Under 18 games and they will no doubt gain valuable experience from this.

TOURS

Well done to both our Under-9s and Under-13s who both recently toured Germany playing in high level opposition tournaments. The Under 13s narrowly missed out on a quarter final place, whilst the Under-9s lost a semi-final penalty shoot-out. Both players and staff again represented the club with great pride and skill and will have learnt an enormous amount from the respective tours.

Enjoy today's game, fingers crossed for another three points.

COYH!!

Sam Beckwith scored one of the goals in the 3-1 win over Leyton Orient on Tuesday

YOUTH TEAM FIXTURES 2018/19

AUGUST			
Sat 4	Gillingham	A	L 0-4
Sat 11	**Barnet**	**H**	**W 2-0**
Sat 18	AFC Wimbledon	A	W 3-0
Sat 25	Cambridge Utd	A	D 1-1
Tue 28	**Cambridge Utd (EFL Cup)**	**H**	**L 1-4**
SEPTEMBER			
Sat 1	**Peterborough Utd**	**H**	**W 4-2**
Sat 15	**N'hampton Town**	**H**	**L 0-2**
Sat 22	MK Dons	A	W 3-1
Sat 29	**Stevenage**	**H**	**L 1-3**
OCTOBER			
Sat 6	Leyton Orient	A	W 2-1
Sat 13	**Southend Utd**	**H**	**L 3-8**
Sat 20	**Cambridge Utd**	**H**	**W 1-0**
Fri 26	**Brentwood Town (FAY Cup R1)**		**W 4-1**
NOVEMBER			
Sat 3	Peterborough	A	W 5-1
Tue 6	Peterborough (FAY Cup R2)	A	L 0-3
Sat 17	N'hampton Town	A	L 0-2
Sat 24	Stevenage	A	L 1-2
DECEMBER			
Sat 1st	**MK Dons**	**H**	**W2-1**
Sat 15th	Southend	A	D1-1
Sat 22nd	**Gillingham**	**H**	**D 1-1**
JANUARY			
Sat 5	Barnet	A	D 1-1
Tue 15	**Leyton Orient**	**A**	**W 3-1**
Sat 19	**AFC Wimbledon**	**H**	

All home Saturday matches are played at Ely Way with 11am kick-off, unless stated otherwise

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EASYJET FREE SCHOOLS VISIT PROJECT

2019 marks the 10th year of support from easyJet which will have seen £100,000 directly invested in providing healthy activity for thousands of our young school children over the 10 years of the free schools project.

That is an amazing financial contribution that in effect will have funded around 12,500 hours of free sport to local schools reaching over 50,000 children. This week alone the Trust's community coaching staff will be visiting over 40 schools and coaching over 1,500 local school children.

The easyJet Free School Visit project and School Sport Programme aims to provide primary schools with support in improving the provision of PE and sport and physical activities, both during curriculum and extra-curriculum time.

The aim is to provide higher quality, positive experiences for the pupils, enabling positive teaching and learning, alongside increased participation opportunities and playing pathways. This support to schools includes PE curriculum lessons, Planning, Preparation and Assessment (PPA) activities, enrichment sessions, through to breakfast clubs, lunch-time activities and after-school clubs, and also a range of competitive opportunities for children, helping inter-school and District schools football programmes.

School Sport Officer, James Hatch, who oversees the project on behalf of the club's Community Trust, commented: "We always have a great response from local schools who have asked us to come in and help with all kinds of requests, from running lunch time clubs to coaching the school football teams.

"The continued funding from easyJet means we reach more schools than ever each week to promote the club within the community and to the next generation of potential supporters. The funding is great because we now have so many of our local schools involved with the club at no cost to them.

"We hope this project will not only help schools with providing quality PE lessons but also by getting the children involved with Luton Town FC provide future

supporters of the club and as well as maybe even future academy players who come in as part of our school talent identification programme."

Head of Trust, Kevin Thoburn, commented: "This significant sponsorship from easyJet has been so important in increasing the number of children we are able to engage with on a regular basis and helped us build up lasting relationships with dozens of local schools.

"Fifty thousand individuals is a huge number – it would fill the Kenny five times over! We are lucky to have enjoyed such fantastic financial support from easyJet and we look forward to celebrating ten years of the project throughout 2019."

Any schools interested involved in the project can contact James Hatch at the club on **01582 561622** or via email at **james.hatch@lutontown.co.uk**

EFL TRUST U13 GIRLS CUP

The EFL Trust Girls Cup is six-a-side national competition for U13 girls that culminates in a grand final prior to the EFL Trophy Final at Wembley Stadium in March.

Following our Bedfordshire competition for local schools this year, the Area Finals of the EFL Girls Cup were hosted by Cambridge United FC at Newmarket Town FC. The girls from Ashcroft High School in Luton qualified to represent the Hatters this season and competed against schools representing Stevenage, Peterborough United, Wycombe Wanderers, Norwich City, Ipswich Town and Colchester United for a place in the next stage of the competition.

After progressing through the club finals in November, Ashcroft High School wore their Luton kit with pride and the following girls participated: Jada Tavernier-Durant, Sophie Laidler, Demi-Leigh Heast, Zulaikhah Deen, Na'imah Adabra, Margaret Ogolo, Goda Marcinkeviciute, Rehinatu Hassan.

The girls played some excellent football against some very difficult opposition with Jada Tavernier-Durant scoring one of the best goals of the day.

After progressing through to the quarter-finals they were narrowly beaten and eliminated by Wycombe Wanderers, the eventual runners up who themselves narrowly lost out on penalties in the final.

The girls should be extremely proud of their efforts and the manner in which they conducted themselves, they were a real credit to the school and did a fantastic job of representing Luton Town FC.

Any girls or schools interested in getting involved in our girls football initiatives can contact Nicolle Robinson at the Club on **01582 561622** or via email at **girlsfootball@lutontown.co.uk**

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HATTERS LADIES

BY DANIEL TAGG

Leyton Orient 3-0 Luton Town

SEARCH FOR POINTS GOES ON FOR UNLUCKY LUTON

Luton travelled into East London for their first league game back after Christmas, and were looking to build on their 9-0 demolition of Sharnbrook in last week's outing in the Bedfordshire cup.

The Hatters knew that they needed to get off to a good start to the second half of their league campaign if they were to avoid a relegation battle, having picked up just four points from their opening ten games. This left them rooted to the bottom of the table.

Despite the gap in quality between the two teams suggested by the two sides' respective places in the league table, Town made much the better start, and undeniably dominated for the majority of the first half.

The game's first clear cut chance came after 13 minutes with Luton's number eight Aurora Ryan going close.

Cannoned

But the Hatters then suffered an injury to Olivia Abraham which appeared to knock them off their stride, and before long they were behind against the run of play.

The ball cannoned around the six-yard box before finally deflecting off the boot of Grace Stewart and nestling in the back of the net.

Luton tried desperately to overcome the blow of conceding such a scrappy goal, and a delightful move involving some impressive football from Grace Stewart and Erica Byron almost saw them draw level, but the momentum of the move was lost and only led to an optimistic long range effort from Jess McKay flying wide.

With not long to go in the first 45 minutes, Town could feel aggrieved to be behind, but things were about to get worse; Orient applied a good deal of pressure at the tail end of the first half, and some superb shot stopping from Kezia Hassall was needed to keep the deficit at just a single goal.

Squared

However, this wouldn't last, and in the stoppage time at the end of the first half, the home side doubled their lead with an excellent lobbed finish.

The Hatters were in need of a big second half performance, and they almost got off to a perfect start to the half when Erica Byron squared to Aurora Ryan who beat the keeper, but saw her shot smash against the inside of the post!

Zara Carroll then tried her luck with a speculative effort from just inside the opposing half, though the keeper was able to hold onto the strike.

Orient then secured all three points with an emphatic close range finish to make it 3-0 and essentially kill the game.

Luton did have a decent penalty shout waved away by the referee following Aurora Ryan seemingly being pulled down whilst bearing down on goal, but other than that the game slowly petered out as the visitors resigned themselves to the defeat and remain anchored to the bottom of the table.

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LEAGUE TABLE 2018/19

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Portsmouth	27	17	6	4	46	25	21	57
2	Luton Town	27	15	8	4	50	25	25	53
3	Sunderland	26	14	10	2	47	25	22	52
4	Charlton Athletic	28	15	5	8	46	31	15	50
5	Barnsley	26	14	7	5	43	22	21	49
6	Peterborough United	27	13	8	6	47	34	13	47
7	Doncaster Rovers	27	13	6	8	49	35	14	45
8	Coventry City	28	11	6	11	30	32	-2	39
9	Blackpool	26	10	8	8	27	25	2	38
10	Fleetwood Town	27	9	8	10	37	32	5	35
11	Burton Albion	27	10	5	12	36	36	0	35
12	Southend United	27	11	2	14	34	34	0	35
13	Wycombe Wanderers	27	9	8	10	37	40	-3	35
14	Accrington Stanley	26	9	8	9	27	35	-8	35
15	Scunthorpe United	28	9	6	13	36	53	-17	33
16	Walsall	27	8	8	11	29	43	-14	32
17	Gillingham	27	9	4	14	39	45	-6	31
18	Shrewsbury Town	27	7	9	11	29	35	-6	30
19	Rochdale	28	8	6	14	34	58	-24	30
20	Bristol Rovers	27	7	7	13	25	29	-4	28
21	Oxford United	27	6	9	12	33	43	-10	27
22	Bradford City	27	8	3	16	31	43	-12	27
23	Plymouth Argyle	27	7	6	14	34	49	-15	27
24	AFC Wimbledon	27	6	5	16	21	38	-17	23

PLAYER STATS 2018/19

	THIS SEASON										LTFC CAREER TOT	
	LEAGUE			CUP			TOTAL			DISIP		
	APPS		GLS	APPS		GLS	APPS		GLS	Y	R	APPS	GLS
Luke Berry	0	(5)	0	2	(1)	0	2	(6)	0	0	0	47	8
Sonny Bradley	25	(1)	0	5	(0)	0	30	(1)	0	4	0	31	0
James Collins	25	(2)	11	4	(0)	0	29	(2)	11	6	0	76	31
Harry Cornick	13	(9)	5	5	(0)	2	18	(9)	7	0	0	68	12
Luke Gambin	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	38	3
Jorge Grant	13	(4)	2	4	(1)	2	17	(5)	4	2	0	22	4
Danny Hylton	10	(6)	5	2	(1)	0	12	(7)	5	2	2	109	55
Harry Isted	0	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	0	0	2	0
Jack James	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	2	0
Aaron Jarvis	0	(4)	0	4	(2)	1	4	(6)	1	0	0	14	2
Jake Jervis	0	(2)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(2)	0	0	0	13	0
Lloyd Jones	0	(1)	0	3	(1)	0	3	(2)	0	1	0	6	0
James Justin	16	(8)	3	7	(2)	0	23	(10)	3	1	0	95	6
Elliot Lee	24	(0)	10	4	(1)	0	28	(1)	10	4	0	78	25
Kazenga LuaLua	0	(8)	1	4	(2)	1	4	(10)	2	1	0	14	2
Alan McCormack	6	(2)	0	4	(0)	0	10	(2)	0	7	0	28	1
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	27	(0)	1	4	(2)	0	31	(2)	1	2	0	187	10
Frankie Musonda	0	(0)	0	1	(1)	0	1	(1)	0	0	0	14	1
Josh Neufville	0	(0)	0	0	(3)	0	0	(3)	0	0	0	3	0
Eunan O'Kane	0	(3)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(3)	0	0	0	4	0
Matty Pearson	27	(0)	3	6	(0)	0	33	(0)	3	0	0	33	3
Jake Peck	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0
Dan Potts	14	(3)	1	1	(2)	0	15	(5)	1	4	0	109	9
Glen Rea	20	(2)	1	4	(1)	0	24	(3)	1	5	0	136	5
Arthur Read	0	(0)	0	4	(0)	1	4	(0)	1	0	0	7	1
Jack Senior	0	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	1	0	24	0
James Shea	24	(0)	0	5	(0)	0	29	(0)	0	0	0	42	0
Alan Sheehan	3	(8)	0	4	(0)	1	7	(8)	1	1	0	122	8
Andrew Shinnie	21	(2)	4	6	(0)	1	27	(2)	5	6	0	63	8
Jack Stacey	26	(0)	2	5	(0)	0	31	(0)	2	1	0	76	3
Marek Stech	3	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	5	(0)	0	0	0	47	0
Connor Tomlinson	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	2	0

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FIXTURES PILE-UP

DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS	STARTING XI					
AUGUST													
Sat 4	3.00pm	A	Portsmouth	L 0-1	19,018	2,392	21	Stech	Justin	Pearson	Sheehan	Potts	McCormack ●
Sat 11	**3.00pm**	**H**	**Sunderland**	**D 1-1**	**10,059**	**1,047**	**19**	**Stech**	**Stacey**	**Pearson 1**	**Sheehan**	**Potts**	**McCormack**
Tue 14	8.00pm	A	West Bromwich Albion (CC R1)	L 0-1	10,404	1,175	-	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	Rea ●
Sat 18	3.00pm	A	Peterborough United	L 1-3	8,016	2,209	22	Stech	Stacey	Pearson ●	Bradley	Sheehan	McCormack ●
Tue 21	**7.45pm**	**H**	**Southend United**	**W 2-0**	**9,086**	**916**	**15**	**Shea**	**Stacey**	**Pearson**	**Bradley**	**Potts**	**Rea**
Sat 25	**3.00pm**	**H**	**Shrewsbury Town**	**W 3-2**	**8,518**	**379**	**10**	**Shea**	**Stacey 1**	**Pearson**	**Bradley**	**Potts**	**Rea**
SEPTEMBER													
Sat 1	3.00pm	A	Wycombe Wanderers	D 1-1	6,072	1,702	9	Shea	Stacey	Pearson 1	Bradley	Potts	Rea
Tue 4	**7.45pm**	**H**	**Brighton & Hove Albion U21 (CT)**	**W 2-1**	**1,318**	**44**	**-**	**Isted**	**Justin**	**Jones**	**Sheehan**	**Senior**	**McCormack ●**
Sat 8	3.00pm	A	Doncaster Rovers	L 1-2	7,526	1,013	11	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Potts	Rea
Sat 15	**3.00pm**	**H**	**Bristol Rovers**	**W 1-0**	**8,912**	**519**	**11**	**Shea**	**Stacey**	**Pearson**	**Bradley**	**Potts**	**Rea**
Sat 22	3.00pm	A	Blackpool	D 0-0	4,124	1,382	12	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Potts	Rea
Sat 29	**3.00pm**	**H**	**Charlton Athletic**	**D 2-2**	**9,502**	**1,032**	**12**	**Shea**	**Stacey**	**Pearson**	**Bradley**	**Potts**	**Rea**
OCTOBER													
Tue 2	7.45pm	A	Oxford United	W 2-1	6,769	1,171	10	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Potts 1	Rea ●
Sat 6	**3.00pm**	**H**	**Scunthorpe United**	**W 3-2**	**8,682**	**432**	**8**	**Shea**	**Stacey**	**Pearson**	**Bradley**	**Potts ●**	**Rea**
Tue 9	**7.45pm**	**H**	**MK Dons (CT)**	**W 3-0**	**875**	**208**	**-**	**Isted**	**Justin**	**Rea**	**Sheehan 1**	**Senior**	**McCormack**
Sat 13	12.00pm	A	Barnsley	L 2-3	12,688	807	10	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Potts	Rea ●
Sat 20	**3.00pm**	**H**	**Walsall**	**W 2-0**	**8,953**	**504**	**7**	**Shea**	**Stacey**	**Pearson**	**Bradley**	**Potts ●**	**Rea 1**
Tue 23	**7.45pm**	**H**	**Accrington Stanley**	**W 4-1**	**8,454**	**64**	**6**	**Shea**	**Stacey**	**Pearson**	**Bradley**	**Justin**	**Rea**
Sat 27	3.00pm	A	AFC Wimbledon	W 2-0	4,202	751	5	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	Rea
NOVEMBER													
Sat 3	3.00pm	A	Rochdale	D 0-0	3,689	858	5	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	Rea
Sat 10	**3.00pm**	**H**	**Wycombe Wanderers (FACR1)**	**W 2-0**	**5,343**	**786**	**-**	**Shea**	**Stacey**	**Pearson**	**Bradley**	**Justin**	**Rea**
Tue 13	7.45pm	A	Peterborough United (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**
DECEMBER													
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**	**W 2-0**	**9,538**	**173**	**2**	**Shea**	**Stacey 1**	**Pearson**	**Bradley**	**Justin**	**Rea ●**
Wed 26	3.00pm	A	Scunthorpe United	W 2-0	4,050	766	2	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	Grant ●
Sat 29	3.00pm	A	Walsall	D 2-2	5,739	1,956	2	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	McCormack
JANUARY													
Tue 1	**3.00pm**	**H**	**Barnsley**	D 0-0	**9,926**	**845**	**2**	**Shea**	**Stacey**	**Pearson**	**Bradley**	**Justin**	**McCormack**
Sat 5	12.30pm	A	Sheffield Wednesday (FACR3)	D 0-0	16,974	4,219	-	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	McCormack
Sat 12	3.00pm	A	Sunderland	D 1-1	37,791	3,081	2	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	McCormack
Tue 15	**7.45pm**	**H**	**Sheffield Wednesday (FACR3R)**	L 0-1	**9,259**	**1,473**	**-**	**Shea**	**Stacey**	**Pearson**	**Bradley**	**Justin**	**LuaLua**
Sat 19	**3.00pm**	**H**	**Peterborough United**										
Sat 26	3.00pm	A	Southend United										
Tue 29	**7.45pm**	**H**	**Portsmouth**										
FEBRUARY													
Sat 2	3.00pm	A	Shrewsbury Town										
Sat 9	**3.00pm**	**H**	**Wycombe Wanderers**										
Sat 16	3.00pm	A	Fleetwood Town										
Sat 23/Sun 24	**TBC**	**H**	**Coventry City**										
MARCH													
Sat 2	**3.00pm**	**H**	**Rochdale**										
Sat 9	3.00pm	A	Plymouth Argyle										
Tue 12	7.45pm	A	Bradford City										
Sat 16	**3.00pm**	**H**	**Gillingham**										
Sat 23	**3.00pm**	**H**	**Doncaster Rovers**										
Sat 30	3.00pm	A	Bristol Rovers										
APRIL													
Sat 6	**3.00pm**	**H**	**Blackpool**										
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										
MAY													
Sat 4	**5.30pm**	**H**	**Oxford United**										

*Lost 2-4 on penalties

COVENTRY GAME SELECTED FOR TV!

The Hatters' Sky Bet League One match against Coventry City in February will now be broadcast live on Sky Sports.

The game will now played on either Saturday 23rd February with a 12.30pm kick-off, or Sunday 24th February, with a 12pm kick-off.

Confirmation of a date and kick-off time for the game will be released in due course. As a result of this game being selected for live coverage, it will not be available to watch on iFollow Hatters.

The reverse fixture of this game ended in a 2-1 victory for the Hatters, with Matty Pearson and James Collins grabbing the goals for the Town at the Ricoh Arena back in December.

WHO, WHEN AND WHERE THE HATTERS ARE PLAYING THIS SEASON

KEY: ● First Substitute | ● Second Substitute | ● Third Substitute | ▬ Sent off | **GOALSCORER**

					SUBS						
Mpanzu	Grant	Lee	Cornick ●	Collins	Shinnie ●	Jervis ●	Bradley	Stacey	Rea	Gambin	Shea
Mpanzu	**Grant ●**	**Lee ●**	**Hylton**	**Collins ●**	**Cornick ●**	**Ray ●**	**Jervis ●**	**Justin**	**Bradley**	**Shinnie**	**Shea**
Mpanzu	Gambin ●	Shinnie ●	Cornick	Jervis	Jones ●	Lee ●	Berry	Collins	Senior	Read	Stech
Mpanzu	Potts	Lee	**Hylton 1**	Collins ●	Rea ●	Shinnie ●	Grant ●	Justin	Cornick	Jervis	Shea
Mpanzu	**Grant ●**	**Shinnie**	**Hylton 1 ●**	**Lee 1 ●**	**Justin ●**	**Cornick ●**	**Collins ●**	**Jervis**	**Gambin**	**Sheehan**	**Stech**
Mpanzu	**Grant 1 ●**	**Shinnie**	**Hylton ●**	**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 ●**	**Shehan ●**	**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**	**Jarvis**	**Jones**	**Sheehan**	**Stech**
Grant	Read ●	LuaLua	Cornick ●	Jarvis	Justin ●	Neafville	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**
Mpanzu	Lee ●	Shinnie	**Cornick 1 ●**	Collins	Potts ●	Hylton ●	LuaLua	Jarvis	Jones	Sheehan	Stech
Read 1 ●	**Grant**	**LuaLua**	**Jarvis**	**Hylton**	**Mpanzu ●**	**Justin ●**	**Stacey**	**Berry**	**Lee**	**Shinnie**	**Isted**
Mpanzu	**Lee ●**	**Shinnie ●**	**Cornick 1 ●**	**Collins**	**Hylton ●**	**Potts ●**	**Berry ●**	**Grant**	**LuaLua**	**Sheehan**	**Stech**
Mpanzu	Lee	Shinnie ●	Cornick ●	**Collins 1**	Hylton ●	Potts ●	Berry	Grant	LuaLua	Sheehan	Stech
Mpanzu	**Lee ●**	**Shinnie**	**Cornick ●**	**Collins 1**	**Grant ●**	**Hylton ●**	**Berry ●**	**Potts**	**LuaLua**	**Sheehan**	**Stech**
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Mpanzu	**Lee 1 ●**	Shinnie ●	Cornick	**Collins 1**	Hylton ●	LuaLua	Sheehan	Berry	Grant	Jones	Isted
Mpanzu	**Lee ●**	**Shinnie**	**Hylton**	**Collins**	**Cornick ● ●**	**Berry ●**	**Grant**	**LuaLua**	**Jones**	**Sheehan**	**Isted**
Berry ●	Lee ●	Shinnie	Hylton	Collins ●	Mpanzu ●	LuaLua ●	Jarvis ●	Jones	Sheehan	Grant	Isted
Mpanzu	Lee ●	Shinnie	Hylton ▬	**Collins 1**	Berry ●	Potts	Thorne	LuaLua	Jones	Sheehan	Isted
Mpanzu	**Lee ●**	**Berry ●**	**Shinnie**	**Collins**	**Potts ●**	**Jarvis ●**	**McCormack**	**Jones**	**Sheehan**	**Neufille**	**Isted**

TODAY'S SKY BET LEAGUE ONE FIXTURES

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

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>> UP NEXT

> SOUTHEND UNITED
> 26.01.19 > KO: 3pm

FORMED: 1906 | **NICKNAME:** THE SHRIMPERS | **LAST SEASON:** 10TH IN LEAGUE ONE | **FOLLOW THEM ON TWITTER:** @SUFCROOTSHALL | **COLOURS:** DARK BLUE | **GROUND:** ROOTS HALL | **MANAGER:** CHRIS POWELL

WHO?

Chris Powell is well known in football for being one of the good guys, but he also knows how to get out of the third tier, having guided Charlton to the Championship. Whilst maintaining a fair amount of the core of the squad he inherited when he took over from Phil Brown a year ago, he has also added a few new faces. Arguably one of the best stoppers at this level in Mark Oxley with Michael Turner and Jason Demetriou in front of him forms a solid defence, whilst Michael Kightly and Sam Mantom play as part of a decent midfield – with the addition of Luke Hyam bringing real quality. Injuries have really hindered the Shrimpers in recent months though, with long term problems keeping key members of Powell's squad out.

STADIUM – ROOTS HALL

Roots Hall was used by the Shrimpers since their inception, but they had to move after the outbreak of World War One as it was used for storage. The ground then served as a quarry and then a tipping site, before Southend moved back in in 1955 and the stadium as we know it today was built. It was the newest ground in the country for more than three decades until Scunthorpe built Glanford Park in 1988. The club are in the process of moving away though, with hopes of moving into a 21,000-seater stadium at Fossetts Farm – a plan Southend council have been reviewing for almost two years.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

We've already met twice this season – both those games were played at Kenilworth Road, with Town winning the league fixture, before losing the Checkatrade Trophy match back in December. In total we have defeated the Shrimpers 39 times, drawn 19, and lost 30.

RESULTS SO FAR

You hear about football supporters saying their side 'wins one week, loses the next', well Southend supporters can say that factually. Since the end of November, they have consistently alternated between winning and losing in each of their last nine league games. Should they carry on that sequence, they will beat Bradford on Saturday, and then lose to us.

KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU

Paul Furlong played for the Hatters in the 2007-08 season, before departing for Southend the following season. Two of our current midfielders, Alan McCormack and Glen Rea, have both played previously for Southend – Macca appearing 166 times for the Shrimpers over five years up to 2010, while Glen was there on loan during the 2015-16 season, just before he came to Kenilworth Road.

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TICKETS

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

SOUTHEND UNITED

SKY BET LEAGUE ONE | 3PM | SATURDAY 26TH JANUARY

The Hatters have received a full allocation of 2,000 unreserved seats for this fixture. All remaining tickets are now available online, by phone and in person. They will remain on sale until 1pm on Friday 25th January. Ambulant and wheelchair disabled tickets are available at the following prices. **Prices:** Adult: £22.00, Senior (60 plus): £15.00, Student (with ID): £14.00, Young Person (17-22): £14.00, Disabled and Carer: £14.00*, Junior (9-16): £10.00, Under-8: (8 and under): £4.00, Emergency Services: £15.00. *Please note there is an Adult/ Senior concession price for disabled supporters, all other disabled supporters pay the age-related price with a carer free if required.

PORTSMOUTH

SKY BET LEAGUE ONE | 7.45PM | TUESDAY 29TH JANUARY

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

SHREWSBURY TOWN

SKY BET LEAGUE ONE | 3PM | SATURDAY 2ND FEBRUARY

Ticket information for this fixture will be available in due course.

WYCOMBE WANDERERS

SKY BET LEAGUE ONE | 3PM | SATURDAY 9TH FEBRUARY

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

BIGGLESWADE TOWN

BEDS FA SENIOR CUP SEMI-FINAL | 7.45PM
TUESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

The Town development squad will visit the Carlsberg Stadium to compete for a place in the final of the competition they won last season, ironically against the Waders. Admission prices on the night will be £8 for adults and £5 concessions.

HOME TICKET PRICES FOR THE 2018/19 SEASON

	CAT A	CAT B	CAT C
Adult	£26	£22	£18
Senior (65+)	£21	£17	£13
Golden senior (75+)	£18	£14	£10
Young adult (19-21)	£21	£17	£13
Youth under 19 (17-18)	£11	£12	£10
Youth under 17 (10-16)	£11	£8	£6
Junior under 10 (9 & under)	£8	£5	£3

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TRICK OR TREATMENT

A HUMOROUS INSIGHT TO PHYSIO SIMON PARSELL'S WORK

Well it's been an eventful start to the New Year for sure. You can't change what's happened, but you can make adjustments in the present for a better future. As the saying goes, the future is bright, the future is orange - and with so much else happening, it is really an exciting time.

During the summer we upgraded equipment at the training ground and introduced the Alter G running machine. The machine can reduce your body weight and still allow you to run with injury. It is NASA Space technology. I was trying to explain that to Jack Senior and how it was used in space stations. His response was: "What? A space station in space?" I had no comeback.

Injury wise we are looking good. Marek has re-joined the goalie training. They are going to play catch. Let's hope he is good at it. Arthur Read will be back on grass next week.

Blimey

It was an experience visiting the Stadium of Light, but for Dr Deeley it will be more memorable. When Matty and Sonny collided heads and went down, I ran onto the pitch being followed by the Doc, having assessed both players. I thought 'Blimey where is the Doc? He's taking his time!'

Anyway I returned to the dug-out to see Jack James and Darren Cook in fits of laughter. 'Come on boys, what's the joke?' I asked. Darren then explained, as the Doc ran onto the pitch he suffered a trouser malfunction and his trousers started to fall down. Hence the delay in joining me, as he had to pull his trousers up. We have now called his trousers London Bridge. They keep falling down.

It's time again for pets corner, and introducing Nala Lee. As you can see from the photo she has Elliott well trained and he doesn't sit on the furniture.

However, she does enjoy a game of football with Grandad Rob Lee. Interestingly Nala means successful. What a good pairing, though unfortunately I do think Nala has a better turn of pace.

Enjoy the game today and as you do, drive the boys on! COYH

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1 Marek STECH
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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
19 James COLLINS
21 Jack SENIOR
24 George THORNE
25 Kazenga LUALUA
27 Aaron JARVIS
28 Lloyd JONES
34 Jack JAMES
35 Arthur READ
36 James SHEA
40 Harry ISTED
44 Alan SHEEHAN

Manager: STEVE EVANS

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2 Jason NAISMITH
3 Colin DANIEL
4 Alex WOODYARD
5 Ryan TAFAZOLLI
6 Ben WHITE
7 Isaac BUCKLEY-RICKETTS
8 Mark O'HARA
9 Matt GODDEN
10 Siriki DEMBELE
11 Louis REED
14 Callum COOKE
15 Joe WARD
16 Rhys BENNETT
17 Ivan TONEY
18 Daniel LAFFERTY
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26 Mathew STEVENS
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29 Lee TOMLIN
30 Kyle DEMPSEY
35 Jason CUMMINGS
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LEE BETTS
CONSTANTINE HATZIDAKIS
ANTONY COGGINS

NEXT HOME GAME:
PORTSMOUTH
(SKY BET LEAGUE ONE)
Tue 29th Jan 2019 | KO: 7.45pm