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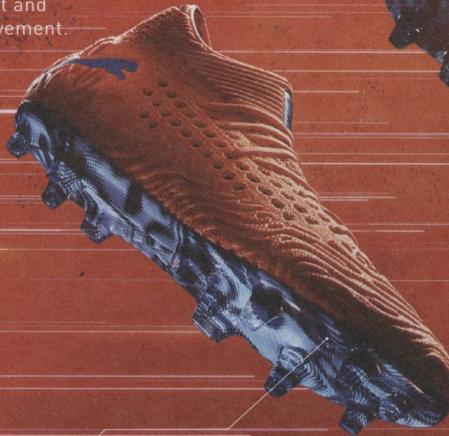


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THE MANAGER

MICK HARFORD

Welcome back to Kenilworth Road for what promises to be an absolutely cracking night under the lights.

Portsmouth have been leading the way in Sky Bet League One for most of the season so far and we are delighted to have overtaken them on Saturday, but know that won't alter how tough a test this top-of-the-table clash will be.

For the whole of last week it was always going to be first versus second, and our thoroughly professional performance in the 1-0 win at Southend ensured it is ourselves who are up there to be caught.

Kenny Jackett is a vastly experienced manager who has done a fine job at Fratton Park since taking over after their promotion from League Two under Paul Cook. I wish him, his staff, players and all the Pompey supporters and officials an enjoyable visit to this wonderful old place, and a safe journey back to the south coast after the game.

I couldn't be more proud of our players for the way they've gone about their jobs in the last three weeks. It's been a whirlwind, but to a man they've been magnificent, and that includes the lads who haven't been playing.

I played a part in the recruitment of the whole squad and as we thought, they have shown great character and strength of mind to carry on in their pursuit of achieving their goals this season.

I was thrilled with how we played against a good Southend side, dominating the possession in the first half and creating by far the better chances, and after half-time we then showed how resilient we can be with some excellent defensive qualities.

It was a thumping header from Matty Pearson that won the game, and I was chuffed for him especially

because he'd missed training with his dad being rushed into hospital back home in Yorkshire. The way he played epitomised the professionalism we have in abundance. On behalf of the whole club, I'd like to send our best wishes to Matty's dad, Steve, for a quick recovery. We hope to see him back at Kenilworth Road supporting his lad soon.

We spoke afterwards about embracing the challenge of staying top, and relishing the opportunity to play in matches like tonight's. What more could you ask for? With the new stadium edging closer, these famous nights under the lights at a sold-out Kenilworth Road are going to be fewer and fewer by the year.

The whole club is in a wonderful place at the moment and that feeling is being transferred from the stands to the pitch, where the lads are really responding to your fantastic support.

Every one of them wants to be part of the history of this club and they already are with the best unbeaten Football League run for 50 years. They have yet to taste defeat here at home this season and they are determined to continue that form tonight.

Thank you for the backing you've given both them and myself. To have over 2,000 at Roots Hall, after all the long trips and extra games you've had to pay out for recently, was amazing.

Keep it going tonight and make sure you enjoy the game. COYH!



FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH DIRECTOR STEPHEN BROWNE

Welcome to our last January fixture, a Tuesday night under floodlights, and first versus second. The script has an excellent start!

We give a big welcome to Kenny Jackett and his Pompey side who have been having a great season so far. Not only are they riding high in the league – remember they have a game in hand over us – but it is some achievement to still be in the draw for the last 16 of the FA Cup. By the time we kick-off tonight they will know their potential last 16 opponents, so we wish them well in their replay against QPR – whatever happens tonight, the FA Cup is so special for fans, players, and staff alike.

Pompey have another chance at getting to Wembley via the Checkatrade Trophy, which again is a fantastic opportunity for the players, staff, and fans to enjoy that whole Wembley experience that so few people are lucky enough to get. With a backdrop of so much excitement, both sets of supporters are in for a treat.

The first thing we would like to say as a Board confirms a recent Club Statement. Whilst I am writing this article, these are words of from us all and I just happen to be next on the roster for Boardroom Minutes!

We would like to reinforce the previous statement where we were completely humbled by your minute's applause in the 20th minute of the Peterborough match.

To be honest, none of us really knew how to react – we know this was about the Board, but it is also so about you. Often when you are trying to do and achieve something, there is no one there to tell you that things are good...that they are appreciated. All of us have only ever done this for Luton Town and Luton, so when those very people raise a deafening

applause to say thank you, it meant the world and more. We know how hard it is for anyone to give their support and trust, especially in football, so you made us all feel very special. You know none of us take any individual credit so as our own mini-team within a much bigger team, thank you.

What I heard for that minute was 10,000 people – with many more around the world – with one common love. Decent and caring people that not only focus on their Club, but also their Town. People from all walks of life and all stages in life who have worked so hard to return to philosophies that built this great Club's reputation – in how we play, in how we behave, in how we work together and support those around us, in how we are embedded in our community, in how we do things as a family.

Through your support you show your love week in, week out for our Club. Your show of appreciation shows how far we have come together over the past decade. What we all have is very, very special and we are re-writing the rulebook – no one owns anything and our fortunes are not reliant on one person or a small secretive group....the Club is a living, breathing, integral part of local life and history and we all gladly do the best we can to make things better for the next generation.

Some have jokingly said (Swiss Tony!) that all those years back we could / should have been classed as idiots for taking on the proverbial 'sinking ship'. Let me tell you, yes we were, and are, idiots...orange ones, and we love it! And when 10, 20, 30, 40,000 of us come together we have a blast and are unstoppable – just look at what we've all achieved and what we are about to do! It's amazing and if



you or us had had one iota of common sense, I'm sure we'd never have started this whole thing, but wow, we're all so pleased we did!

The hard work of everyone, step-by-step, is what's behind our position today – pride in our Club and our town. Of course, being top of our league helps but I do not mean that. Today's position is so much more than a league table.

The situation today means it is a wonderful time to be a Hatter, and a tremendous reward for everyone who has ridden the Hatters rollercoaster over the years! In recent weeks we've heard from many players – past and present - and it is evident that they also see the whole Club as one force, and they feel very close to us as supporters – one huge team, that's where we are at.

They play for us with total commitment to our cause, and off-the-cuff interviews with players such as Sonny and Collo (to name just two but there are many!) show how united we all are as a Club and town. Focus, motivation, desire are all there, and more importantly, the lads know the 'Luton Way' and they love being part of it! They do their bit, we do our bit from the stands, and others do their bit behind the scenes....one huge team.

We all see you travel in what are, by any measurement, amazing numbers and we all witness the Kenny being packed each week – which also includes many who travel huge distances to get to home games. You are so generous and devoted in your support we rarely have tickets to spare home or away, and most clubs give us extra allocations.

Everyone is committed and we know what we want. Whereas I hear supporters of other clubs saying

they want promotion or Top 6, or a Cup run or a European place, we know we have more depth than that. Of course we always want to perform at the highest level we can and achieve those lofty goals if we can, but we also want a club we can be part of and not excluded from; a club that engages and embeds in its community as opposed to backing off if there's no commercial gain; a club that is sustainable; a Club that does things in an honest, honourable, and considered way; a club that leads the way.

As we look forward, that is what we are on track for. Facilities, resources, relationships, skills, and methods are being improved at every opportunity and we have a very bright future at Power Court to prepare for. The wonderful news from the Council shows how they agree there is a new future for our town, so we are 1-0 up at half-time as we await the decision on Newlands Park. Once given, we start another amazing journey. As I say, it is a wonderful time to be a Hatter!

We hope you enjoy tonight – a big game, but just one game in a much bigger picture. Give the lads everything you can. Suck in the smiles all around the Kenny, drown in the goodwill, soak up the positive energy. There's much work to be done, and together we're gonna smash it!

Come on you Hatters!

HATTERS HELP SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD!



The Hatters held a hugely successful Show Racism The Red Card educational event for local schoolchildren at Kenilworth Road last Thursday afternoon.

Around 100 youngsters from five schools in the town – Leagrave, Chantry Academy, Linden Academy, Waulud and St Matthew's primary schools – attended the two-hour long session in the Eric Morecambe Lounge.

For the first hour they took part in activities led by the SRtRC team, who have toured the country for the last 23 years using football to help teach young people about what racism is, where it comes from and how we can work together to stop it from happening.



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Great, informative afternoon @LutonTown @LTFC_Community taking part in a 'Show Racism the Red Card' event. Children learnt to challenge discrimination and that racism in any form is not acceptable. Thanks to @SRtRC_England for leading the sessions   – at Kenilworth Road

Then first team players James Justin and Alan McCormack, Luton Town Ladies forward Dionne Manning and our community ambassador Mostaque Koyes arrived for the second hour, in which they watched an insightful 20-minute video with the children, before staging a Q&A session and signing autographs before it was time to return to school.

The players then stayed on for almost an hour further to conduct interviews with The Sun newspaper and Sky Sports News, who were present

to film the event as part of a documentary they are making on racism in football, in which the great work the club and our Community Trust do to help fight racism and encourage social cohesion and inclusivity in the local area will be highlighted.

"It's a pleasure to be a part of this event," said James. "The kids have learned so much and as we were sitting up there, the



Thank you JJ, Macca, Dionne and Mostaque for being on the panel, and Daniel Douglas and his wonderful team at the LTFC Community Trust for their part in the organisation and hosting on the day. You did the Hatters proud, as always!



questions they were asking us - I'm not even sure we could think of them ourselves. They were really tricky questions! It's a credit to the people at Show Racism The Red Card. They have educated the younger generation to be better than us before them."

After the event, we received a fantastic email from Steve Goodsell, the SRtRC regional manager, who wrote: "The club and community team were superb and gave outstanding support – the best I have experienced. The players were early and watched the whole of the educational film with the young people, which rarely happens."

FOR MORE INFO ON SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD:

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BY GEORGE! IN COMES ANOTHER...

IT'S GEORGE II AS MONCUR FOLLOWS THORNE INTO KENILWORTH ROAD

The day before we met Peterborough in our last home game, our second January transfer window signing of a player named George was made, but too late to give us a headline in the programme, as it came just a few hours after going to print.

George Moncur arrived from our fellow Sky Bet League One promotion rivals Barnsley for an undisclosed fee.

The 25-year-old signed a two-and-a-half year contract at Kenilworth Road, and followed fellow midfielder George Thorne into the club after his former England youth international team-mate's loan move from Derby County the previous week.

Ironically, the only departure so far in this window also shares the same name, with Jorge Grant having returned to parent club Nottingham Forest!

This George came through the ranks at West Ham United, and joins the sizeable former Hammers contingent at the Kenny, with his best friend Elliot Lee, Dan Potts, Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu and Marek Stech all ex colleagues at Upton Park.

After loan spells at AFC Wimbledon, Partick Thistle and Colchester United, Moncur left the Hammers to join the latter on a permanent basis in 2014.

His form with the Essex side, for whom he scored 23 goals in 97 appearances in total, prompted Barnsley to sign him on a three-year deal ahead of their first season back up in the Championship in the summer of 2016, at the same time as Elliot.

Bar a loan spell with Peterborough in the first half of that campaign, Moncur – the son of former Swindon and Hammers midfielder John – was a regular in the Tykes' side, making 78 appearances in all competitions and scoring nine goals.

He impressed against the Hatters at Oakwell in October, providing an assist for Cameron McGeehan



to score the second of their three goals in what has proven to be the Town's last defeat in the league.

The new number 20, who made an impressive debut as a sub against Posh, said on signing: "I'm over the moon to be here. I've been up north for the last couple of seasons, away from my friends and family. Coming down here to a club like this is amazing, and I'm so happy to be here."

And what kind of player are we getting? "I'm always having a laugh and a joke, even if it's on the field. I like to get on the ball and run with the ball, I like to run with the ball, I like to dribble, pass it, move, get it back, score goals and just have a good time on the pitch!"

Welcome to Kenilworth Road George, while it's farewell – temporarily on a matchday anyway – to young defender Jack James, with the 19-year-old joining National League side Havant & Waterlooville on a one month youth loan.

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MATTY WAS THE DIAMOND OF DECEMBER!

Town defender Matty Pearson scooped the Diamond Player of the Month award for December.

The former Barnsley man received 37% of the votes, narrowly beating James Justin with 31%.

We would like to thank all those that took the time to cast their votes.

Diamond season ticket holder Dean West received a hospitality package for the game against Peterborough and present the trophy to Matty.



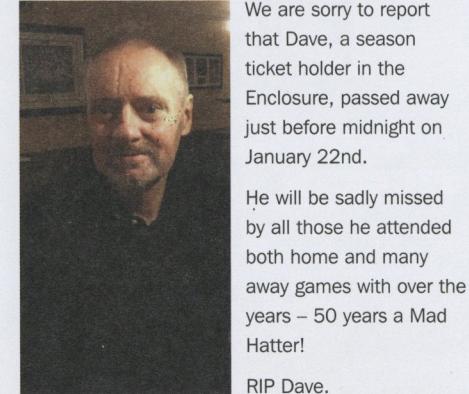
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN WATCHING THE HATTERS?

Club Historian Roger Wash has recently been approached by 90-year-old Claude Cutler of Leighton Buzzard, who has been watching the Town regularly since 1932!

Claude, who was a steward at Kenilworth Road in the 1950s and also worked in the Pools Office in later years, wondered if anyone had been watching the Hatters for longer.

If you know anyone who can beat 87 years of supporting the Town or, indeed, anyone who has good memories of pre-War football at Kenilworth Road, let us know.

DAVE PHAIR (1957-2019)



We are sorry to report that Dave, a season ticket holder in the Enclosure, passed away just before midnight on January 22nd.

He will be sadly missed by all those he attended both home and many away games with over the years – 50 years a Mad Hatter!

RIP Dave.

HATTERS' HERITAGE: EVENING WITH KIRK STEPHENS AND JOHN SHERIDAN

**Wednesday 6th February 2019 starting at 7.30 p.m. (doors open at 7pm)
in the Eric Morecambe Suite at Kenilworth Road**

The Hatters Heritage Committee would like to invite you to an evening with Kirk 'Basher' Stephens and John Sheridan, hosted by Roger Wash and Simon Pitts, next Wednesday in the Eric Morecambe Suite.

It is expected they will give a short talk which will be followed by a question and answer session, with doors opening at 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

It should be a very entertaining evening. Kirk enjoyed an excellent playing career with Luton Town FC as a buccaneering full-back and was, of course,

famous for 'that' goal against Watford in 1979, while John was the physio at Kenilworth Road during the successful Pleat years and has some amusing tales to tell. John was also at Tottenham Hotspur and helped Paul Gascoigne to resurrect his career following a serious knee injury.

Tickets for Adult HH members are £2 and £5 to non-members, and £1 to HH Junior members and £2 to non-members.

Payment will be on the night at the door. Parking available in the club's car park in Maple Road.



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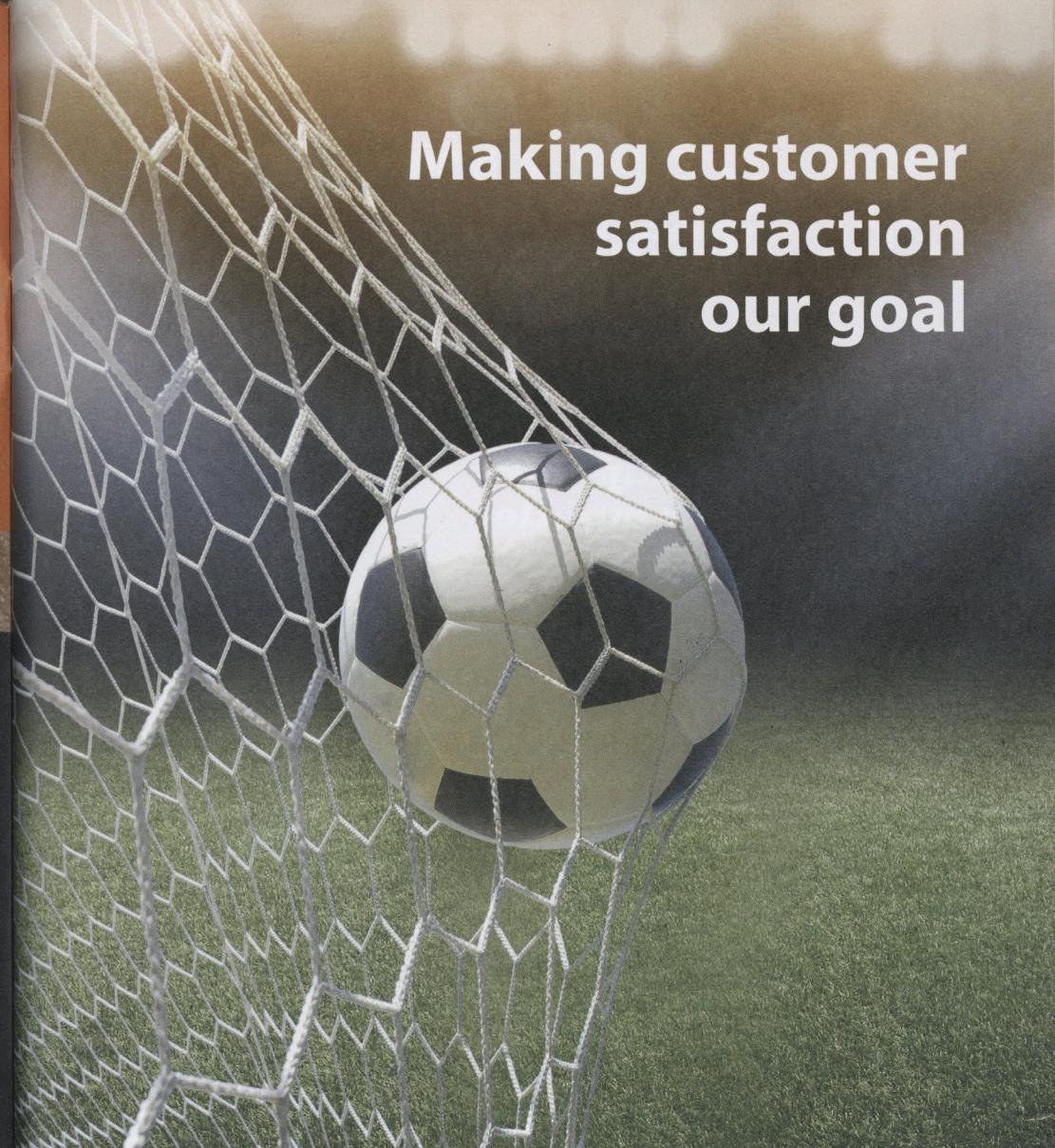
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Artur Boruc

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Really, really good shot stopper. Leader from the back, quite a scary guy actually. Had a lot of Legia Warsaw stickers in his locker space at Bournemouth.



Connor Roberts

Played with at: Yeovil Town

Loads of energy, he is like a little Duracell bunny. He likes to bomb on, overlap and is a very passionate player – probably because he is Welsh!



Steve Cook

Played with at: Bournemouth

He's very composed on the ball and puts his body on the line for the team. Can grab a goal from a corner as well. Inspired the blond hair.



Baily Cargill

Played with at: Bournemouth

On the ball he is very good. Absolute player, like a young Beckenbauer. Great left foot and a great lad. One of my best mates.



Charlie Daniels

Played with at: Bournemouth

A solid defender. Scored a worldy against Manchester City that one time. He would have good combinations with Fraser on the left which would be handy. One-against-one, very hard to beat.



Gavin Massey

Played with at: Leyton Orient

Very, very fast, takes players on, gets the ball in the box for the two big men up top to head it in.



Bradley Dack

Played with at: Gillingham

Technically he is one of the best players I have ever seen. Ability to take a player on, ability to score. Top guy. Legend. Funny as well. On the ball he is very good. Ultra skilled.



Liam Walsh

Played with at: Yeovil Town

A little terrier. He was on loan from Everton. He loves to get on the ball, but he loves a tackle. Proper player. He's a Scouse lad and he likes to get stuck in, which is vital.



Ryan Fraser

Played with at: Bournemouth

He's rapido. He's a little speed boat, quite stocky. His results in the Premier League speak for themselves. I played with him once in the FA Cup.



Jayden Stockley

Played with at: Bournemouth

Hell of a finisher. He bullies defenders. Established Championship player and scored his first goal for Preston last week at QPR. Two big men up top, which will be handy.



Joe Quigley

Played with at: Bournemouth/Gillingham

Big and strong, hell of a guy. Great chemistry on the pitch. Funny. What a legend. Aka Quigs, aka The Yeti. He is my striker.

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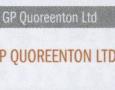
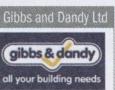
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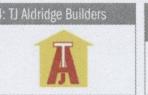
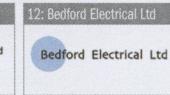
CHARLIE FOORD
Age: 9
School: The Grove Junior School
Hobbies: Playing football for Wheathampstead Wanderers FC, cycling and following the Hatters
Favourite Player: Danny Hylton
Who accompanies you to games: My dad and sometimes mum or Uncle Rob



MARCEL PROSPER
Age: 7
School: Purton Hill Luton
Hobbies: Football, boxing
Favourite Player: Kazenga LuLu
Who accompanies you to games: Dad



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WELCOME PORTSMOUTH

The Hatters would like to welcome the travelling players, staff and supporters of Portsmouth.

As far as league games go, they don't really get more exciting than this. Whoever runs out the victor, opens up a small lead at the top of League One.

Pompey only suffered one league defeat between the beginning of the season and the middle of December, but they have come unstuck in the past six weeks, losing four of their last eight outings in the third tier.

That said, their points haul throughout the campaign so far has allowed them this blip, as they maintain their spot at the summit of League One.

Their results as well have been that of a team that is destined to have a good season, winning ten of their 28 games by a one-goal margin. They've also had some big results too, as Kenny Jackett's side have won games 5-2 and 4-1, demonstrating their prowess in front of goal when firing on all cylinders.

Jamal Lowe has been the one finding the net with the most regularity, with 11 goals so far this campaign, but Ronan Curtis and Gareth Evans are not far behind with nine and eight each. Curtis has impressively been involved in 17 goals in total if you include assists.

HEAD-TO-HEAD

LUTON WINS:	34
DRAWS:	15
PORTSMOUTH WINS:	34
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The fall from grace for Pompey was a hard one. FA Cup winners in 2008 followed by a decent UEFA Cup run looked as if it was going to spell a new era for the Fratton Park based outfit. It did, but not the one that anybody expected. Three relegations in four seasons saw them drop to the bottom of the pyramid and were it not for current Town academy manager Andy Awford steering the club clear of relegation, it may well have seen them drop into Non-League football.

Promotion from League Two as champions in 2017 was followed by a season of consolidation in League One, as Jackett took over from Paul Cook. This season started in the perfect way, although a frustrating one for the Hatters, as they defeated us 1-0 on a gloriously sunny day at Fratton Park. Can't imagine the weather will be the same tonight.

Whatever the result, fair play to the Pompey supporters who have made the journey up for the game, taking up their full allocation to be part of a crowd that sold out more than a week in advance, and we hope you have a safe journey home.

FACTFILE:

NICKNAME:	POMPEY
GROUND:	FRATTON PARK
MANAGER:	KENNY JACKETT
LAST SEASON:	8TH IN LEAGUE ONE

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MEET THE SQUAD

THE GAFFER

Kenny Jackett | Age: 57

Born just down the road in Watford, Jackett began his playing career with his local club, signing his first professional deal in 1980 - eventually hanging up his boots at Vicarage Road a decade later when injury halted his progression. The 57-year-old clocked up just under 450 appearances in that time, as well as 34 Welsh caps along the way. Turning his attention to managing, Jackett is a top coach in the lower divisions of English football, leading both Millwall and Wolves to promotion from League One and Swansea to promotion from League Two. Jackett will be wanting to add another success story to his CV at Pompey as they continue the hunt to secure a promotion spot.



THE STOPPER

Craig MacGillivray

Age: 26

Struggling to force his way into the first team at Shrewsbury last term, MacGillivray was released at the end of his contract and linked up with Pompey last summer. Since then, the keeper has recorded 11 clean sheets in 31 matches. The stopper kept his first shut-out of the season against the Hatters at Fratton Park, making some vital saves to swing the game his side's way and cement his place as Pompey's number one. The Scot only began playing in the EFL in 2014, signing for Walsall after impressing while at Harrogate Town.



GOALKEEPER

ALEX BASS

AGE: 20

A Blues academy product. The young keeper made his only appearance of the season against Southend in the EFL Trophy - keeping a clean sheet.

DEFENDERS

ANTON WALKES

AGE: 21

A versatile young player who is confident in defence or midfield. Walkes was signed by Pompey from Spurs in July last year for an undisclosed fee.

LEE BROWN

AGE: 28



The full-back played with Matty Pearson in an England C match against Cyprus' U21s in 2015. Unfortunately the Three Lions were beaten 2-1 after leading by one goal at half time.

DID YOU KNOW?

When Portsmouth won the Sky Bet League Two title in 2016-17, they became only the fifth club to be crowned champions of all of English football's top four divisions, following Burnley, Preston North End, Sheffield United and Wolverhampton Wanderers.

THE WALL**Matthew Clarke | Age: 22**

Clarke first caught Pompey's attention when he joined the club on a season long-loan in 2015-16 from Ipswich Town. The deal was made permanent the following campaign and Clarke swiftly stole the hearts of the Fratton Park faithful, repaying the fans for their affection with a string of solid performances at the back, ensuring his side went up as champions from League Two in 2016-17. Clarke carried this trend on last season, playing 42 times to collect the Players' Player of the Season award with Pompey just missing out on the play-offs in eighth spot.

**IN THE MIDDLE****Jamal Lowe****Age: 24**

Lowe began his career at Barnet before he went onto play for a string of Non-League outfits such as St Albans City and Hemel Hempstead Town. He was snapped up by Pompey in January 2017 after a prolific few months with Hampton & Richmond Borough saw the winger net 15 times in 28 matches. The 24-year-old used to be a PE Teacher before switching to a life on the south coast. With ten goals in League One already this season, Lowe has made an improvement from last year's tally of nine in half the number of matches.

**JACK WHATMOUGH****Age: 22**

Currently Pompey's longest serving player having progressed through the club's academy. Enjoying a good run in the team this season after a few injury-stricken campaigns previously.

NATHAN THOMPSON**Age: 28**

Won back-to-back Player of the Season awards while at Swindon Town in 2012-13 and 2013-14. Also played more than 150 times for the Robins, making five appearances when the side were promoted from League Two.

CHRISTIAN BURGESS**Age: 27**

Not made much of an impact on the first team this season, but nevertheless an important figure in the Pompey side to be crowned champions of League Two in 2016-17.

BRANDON HAUNSTRUP**Age: 22**

A key part of Pompey's EFL Trophy journey this season, making an appearance in every group-stage game as well as starting in the sides quarter final victory over Peterborough last Tuesday.

MIDFIELDERS**TOM NAYLOR****Age: 27**

Experienced two consecutive promotions with Burton Albion, reaching the Championship for the first time in the club's history. Naylor was also vital in Burton's second tier survival bid in 2016-17.

RONAN CURTIS**Age: 22**

Scored a hat-trick for Derry City in a 7-3 win against Shelbourne

**WATCH OUT****Brett Pitman****Age: 30**

The striker instantly took the armband upon his arrival at Fratton Park, hoping to share his experience with the rest of the squad. Pitman began his career with Bournemouth, scoring 62 goals in 197 matches for the Cherries. A move to Bristol City followed, then a return to Bournemouth before Ipswich Town moved in for the 30-year-old in 2015. The Tractor Boys sold the forward on to Pompey a few seasons later where he made an instant impact, netting a phenomenal 24 goals in 41 appearances. The forward certainly knows how to find the back of the net, as he looks to recreate last season's form and fire Pompey up.

IN NUMBERS...

Stadium capacity:	19,669
Miles from Kenilworth Road:	98
Year opened:	1898
Average crowd last season:	17,917
Seasons in League One:	2

to guide his team to an Irish League Cup semi-final. Played for Ireland at U21 level.

GARETH EVANS**Age: 30**

A pacey winger who signed for Pompey in 2015 after scoring in two pre-season friendlies while on trial. Part of the Fleetwood Town squad to win promotion to League One in 2013-14.

BEN CLOSE**Age: 22**

Won Young Player of the Season last term after breaking through into the first team, putting in some good performances and netting on two occasions.

DION DONOHUE**Age: 25**

Signed for Pompey on a two-year deal from Chesterfield. The Welshman won Players' Player of the Year in 2016-17 while at the Spireites.

STRIKERS**OLIVER HAWKINS****Age: 26**

Target man who is the prime definition of a 'fox in the box' - netting all five of his goals from inside the penalty area this season.

LOUIS DENNIS**Age: 26**

Won promotion with Bromley in 2014-15 to the National League and narrowly missed out on FA Trophy glory at Wembley, losing on penalties to Brackley Town.

CLASSIC CLASH WITH POMPEY

CLUB HISTORIAN **ROGER WASH** DELVES INTO HIS ARCHIVES...

29TH MARCH 1988 • LUTON TOWN 4 PORTSMOUTH 1

No doubt Luton Town supporters remember season 1987/88 - it proved to be the club's most successful in our history to date.

However, when we visited Fratton Park in the early months of the campaign, Wembley glory and a top ten finish seemed a long way off.

Portsmouth were back in the top flight for the first time since 1959 and by the time of our meeting at Fratton Park on October 10th, were sitting happily in mid-table. We, on the other hand were sliding down the table with only two wins from ten games.

Miserable weather kept the crowd down to 12,391 – the lowest of the season at Fratton Park – and it was Portsmouth who always looked the likely winners.

Kevin Dillon opened the scoring in the 55th minute when he hammered in a shot which deceived Luton goalkeeper Les Sealey and went in off a post.

Dillon was on target again 20 minutes later from the penalty spot, after former Hatter Vince Hilaire took a tumble in the box. The game was wrapped up just before the end when Paul Mariner was left with a free header to put the result beyond doubt.

Mick Harford, mulling over a £1m transfer bid from West Ham, scored a consolation from a hotly disputed penalty in added time, but that mattered little as the local press, as well as chairman David Evans, were scathing when talking about the team's display.

Comments ranging from 'utterly depressed' to 'players not pulling their weight' filled the newspapers, and manager Ray Harford came under pressure for the first time.

The criticism seemed to galvanise the side which then put together a run of nine wins and only three

defeats from the next 14 games. It saw the team rise up to eighth position in the table, passing Pompey on the way.

By the time of the return on March 29th, the Town had entered into their marathon attempt at winning all three domestic cup competitions and were falling behind with League fixtures. They had played only seven League games since the turn of the year and had not played a match at home for almost two months.

Assured

During this period the Hatters had won through to the FA Cup semi-final (beating Portsmouth at home 3-1 in the quarter-final along the way) and were due to face Wimbledon at White Hart Lane on April 9th.

A place in the final of the Littlewoods Cup had also been assured with a visit to Wembley to take on Arsenal fast approaching.

Sadly, we had bowed out of the Simod Cup in the final stage two days before the Pompey clash and a mixture of the poor performance at Wembley, the expense of the long cup runs and a cold night kept the crowd down to 6,740.

Although the Town had up to five games in hand on the teams around them, due to their cup exploits, we were a little too close to the bottom of the table for comfort. Pompey were by now in the relegation places having recorded only three wins since beating the Hatters the previous October.

Talismanic striker Harford was missing because of the 'flu with Ian Allinson moving into the forward line and Rob Johnson recalled to slot into midfield.



Steve Foster goes for the ball with Pompey's Ian Baird during the 3-1 defeat at Fratton Park in October 1987. The Town were to exact full revenge five months later!

Danny Wilson set the ball rolling with a 25-yard free-kick in the eighth minute. Pompey defender Billy Gilbert had conceded the free-kick with a wild tackle on Mark Stein and was fortunate to still be on the pitch, having already been booked after two minutes for a foul on Allinson.

Wilson cracked a post with another 25-yarder as the Town took control, so it came as a surprise when Hilaire got clear down the left to lay on an equaliser for Dillon seven minutes into the second period.

The fans did not have time to worry as within 60 seconds Mark Stein shot home from close range following a corner.

Ten minutes later Wilson slung over a corner from the left, to beyond the far post, and Pompey's Paul Mariner, trying to mark Steve Foster headed the ball into his own net.

Portsmouth looked well beaten from then on, but six minutes from time, Tim Breacker was adjudged to have tripped Hilaire in the area. Justice was done though when Dillon shot wide from the spot.

	
SEALEY	KNIGHT
BREACKER	SWAIN
FOSTER	BLAKE
DONAGHY	GILBERT
GRIMES	SANDFORD
JOHNSON	DILLON
McDONOUGH	HORNE
WILSON	FILLERY
BRIAN STEIN	PERRY (KERR)
MARK STEIN	MARINER
ALLINSON	HILAIRE

If Pompey had scored it could have set up a nervous last few minutes, but they didn't and two minutes later Brian Stein made the final score 4-1 with a solo run and shot.



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James Collins fires in the only goal of the game

THE LAST TIME PORTSMOUTH CAME TO TOWN

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

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FA CUP ROUND ONE

Despite the narrow scoreline this was a frantic end-to-end contest with both goalkeepers needing to be at the top of their game.

Back in League One following their promotion at the end of the previous season, Portsmouth came to Kenilworth Road as favourites against a Luton side who were in third spot in the division below, despite the fact that Pompey had lost their last three games.

Chances were missed or well saved by the respective goalkeepers in a pulsating first half, but it was the Town who took the lead just before the interval with a goal good enough to win any game.

A clever ball was played into the area by Danny Hylton where it was smashed home first time by James Collins, leaving Luke McGee in the Portsmouth goal no chance.

In the second period Pompey went on all-out attack but could not find a way past Marek Stech in the Luton goal, although McGee was also called on

at regular intervals, particularly when he managed to fingertip a goalbound Luke Berry shot on to the crossbar.

Pompey full-back Nathan Thompson was dismissed on 84 minutes after being shown a second yellow card which made the final minutes a little less stressful for the Luton supporters, who were now looking forward to a trip to Gateshead in the next round!

Portsmouth manager Kenny Jackett admitted afterwards that although both teams had enjoyed a lot of chances, the first goal was always going to be crucial – which it proved to be.

Luton Town: Stech, Stacey, Cuthbert, Sheehan, Potts, Shinnie (Cornick), Mpanzu, Berry, O'Lee, Hylton, Collins.

Portsmouth: McGee, Thompson, Clarke, Burgess, Haunstrup, Lowe, O'Keefe, Close, Kennedy (Bennett), Hawkins, Pitman, (Chaplin).

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



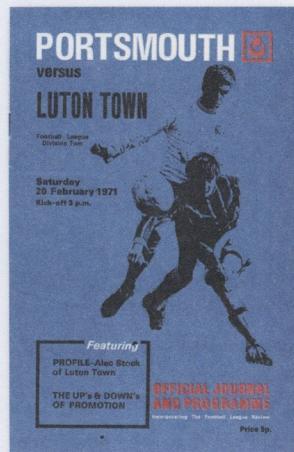
◀ November 1955

A week after banging eight goals past Sunderland at Kenilworth Road, the Town draw a blank in a 0-0 top flight draw at Fratton Park watched by 27,758



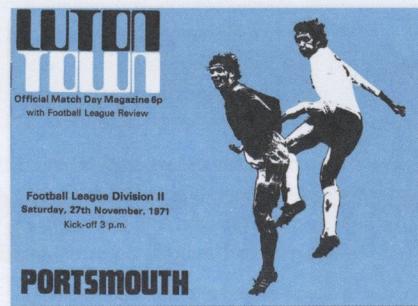
▶ October 1962

Bottom of Division Two (now the Championship), Luton show some spirit in fighting back to draw 3-3 with Pompey, who lead 2-0 and 3-1, at Kenilworth Road. Tom McKechnie heads the equaliser in the final minute.



◀ February 1971

A solitary Don Givens goal secures both points for the Hatters at Fratton Park in front of the 'Match of the Day' cameras.



▶ November 1971

The Town are losing 2-0 to Pompey at half-time and shortly after the interval are reduced to ten men having used their substitute. Despite this they win through 3-2 with Peter Anderson netting the clinching goal with three minutes to go.

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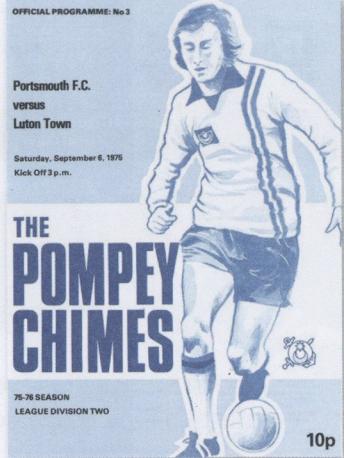
◀ September 1973

An end-to-end tussle at Kenilworth Road finishes 3-3 with young Irishman Tom Finney scoring in his fourth consecutive game. Pompey goalkeeper Ron Tilsed plays the last 20 minutes with a broken arm!



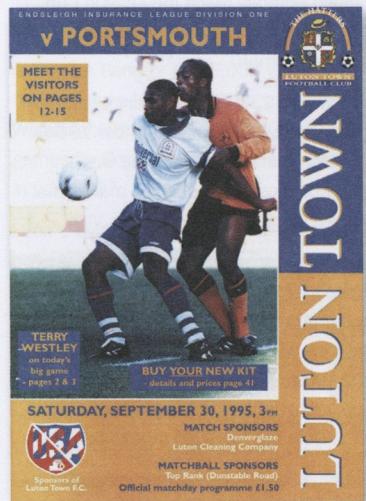
◀ February 1994

The Hatters adapt more readily to the blizzard like conditions at Kenilworth Road and win 4-1. A 30-yard chip over the defender's heads from 30 yards by Scott Oakes is the pick of the goals.



◀ September 1975

The Town earn a comfortable 2-0 win at Fratton Park with goals from Andy King and Adrian Alston. Future Hatters Chris Kamara and Steve Foster are in the Pompey side.



◀ September 1995

Strugglers Luton and Pompey clash at Kenilworth Road with the Town winning 3-1, only their second victory of the season. The winning lead is made easier after Pompey's Jon Gittens is dismissed for flattening John Taylor.

DEADLY DUOS

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

RON SAUNDERS & JOHNNY GORDON

Ex-England Youth centre-forward Ron Saunders was Portsmouth's leading marksman in six consecutive seasons. Initially with Everton, he had a spell with Tonbridge prior to joining Gillingham in May 1957 and moved to Fratton Park for £8,000 in September 1958. He helped Pompey reach the League Cup fifth round in 1960-61 and starred in their 1961-62 Third Division title triumph.

Scoring 145 times in 236 League outings before sold to Watford for £15,000 in September 1964, he later played for Charlton Athletic and was Yeovil Town's player-boss. He achieved managerial success with several clubs, notably Aston Villa.

Long-serving inside-forward Johnny Gordon was an important figure in Portsmouth's 1961-62 Third Division title triumph. Born locally, he grew up in Scotland and joined Pompey in January 1949. He made his First Division debut in their 3-1 defeat at home to Blackpool in August 1951 and starred as they finished third in the top-flight in 1954-55.

Moving to Birmingham City in September 1958, he rejoined Pompey in March 1961 and scored 107 goals in 445 League games overall, moving to Chelmsford in July 1967. Later Chichester's player-coach, he became a local publican and died in Portsmouth in May 2001.

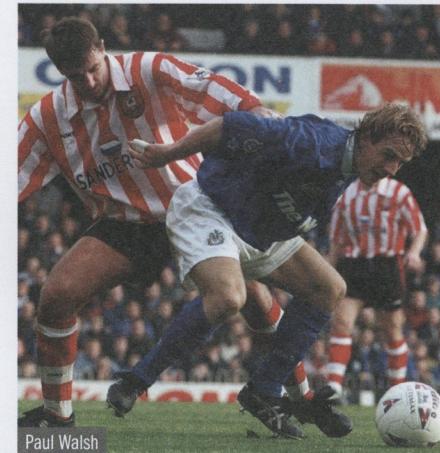
ALAN BILEY & MARK HATELEY

Popular striker Alan Biley was leading goalscorer in Portsmouth's 1982-83 Third Division title triumph. A former Luton Town apprentice, he moved to Cambridge United in July 1975 and starred in two consecutive promotion successes.

He joined Derby County for £300,000 in January 1980 and moved via Everton to Fratton Park for £100,000 in August 1982. Partnering Billy Rafferty and Mark Hateley in Pompey's attack, he netted 51 goals in 105 League games before joining Brighton in March 1985. He managed Potton, Ely City, Diss Town and Spalding United while running his own health and fitness centre in Biggleswade.

England international striker Mark Hateley was Portsmouth's leading marksman in 1983-84. The son of Tony Hateley, he turned professional with Coventry City in December 1978 and featured in their 1980-81 League Cup run. Top scorer in 1981-82, he joined Pompey in June 1983 and gained the first four of his 32 caps while at Fratton Park. Netting 22 goals in 38 League outings before sold to AC Milan for £915,000 in June 1984, he moved via Monaco to Glasgow Rangers in June 1990 and won many Scottish honours.

He had spells at QPR, Glasgow Rangers again and was Hull City's player-boss, since holding coaching posts.



Paul Walsh



Paul Merson

GUY WHITTINGHAM & PAUL WALSH

Striker Guy Whittingham was Portsmouth's leading scorer and 'Player of the Year' in 1989-90. A former soldier, he impressed with Waterlooville and Yeovil Town, moving to Fratton Park in June 1989. 'Corporal Punishment' was an FA Cup semi-finalist in 1991-92 and scored a club record 42 goals as Pompey reached the First Division play-offs in 1992-93. Sold to Aston Villa for £1.2m in August 1993, he moved via Sheffield Wednesday back to Pompey in July 1999, netting 99 goals in 195 League games overall, joining Wycombe Wanderers in March 2001. He was a Pompey coach and manager, then Crawley's assistant-boss.

Ex-England international striker Paul Walsh was 'Player of the Year' as Portsmouth narrowly missed promotion in 1992-93. Initially with Charlton Athletic, helping to win promotion in 1980-81, he joined the Hatters in July 1982 and moved to Liverpool for £700,000 in May 1984. He featured in their 1985-86 League Championship success and joined Spurs in February 1988.

An FA Cup winner in 1991, he moved to Pompey for £400,000 in June 1992 and starred in their 1993-94 League Cup run. He went to Manchester City in March 1994 but rejoined Pompey in September 1995, scoring 19 goals in 94 League games overall.

SVETOSLAV TODOROV & PAUL MERSON

Bulgarian international striker Svetoslav Todorov was leading marksman in Portsmouth's 2002-03 First Division title triumph. Starting with Dobrudzha Dobrich, he starred for Liteks Lovech in his native country prior to joining West Ham for £500,000 in January 2001 and reunited with Harry Redknapp at Fratton Park for £750,000 in March 2002. Overcoming a knee injury, he had a loan spell at Wigan Athletic and netted 33 goals in 77 League games for Pompey prior to joining Charlton Athletic in July 2007.

Later playing for Litex Lovech again and Hoveria, he has since been manager of Dobrudzha Dobrich and Botev Galabovo.

Ex-England international striker Paul Merson captained Portsmouth's 2002-03 First Division title triumph. He turned professional with Arsenal in December 1985 and helped win the League Championship in 1988-89 and 1990-91, the FA Cup and League Cup in 1993, then the ECWC in 1994. Moving to Middlesbrough in July 1997, he helped them win promotion in 1997-98. He joined Aston Villa in September 1998 and was an FA Cup finalist in 2000. Moving to Pompey in August 2002, he netted 12 goals in 45 League games prior to joining Walsall in August 2003, becoming their player-manager. He now works in the media.

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ON THE **Luke Berry** CENTRE SPOT

We asked for your questions on our social media channels to put to Hatters midfielder Luke Berry ahead of tonight's top-of-the-table clash with Portsmouth. Here the 26-year-old - who played his first 90 minutes and netted his first goal of the season, after battling back from surgery on a broken ankle and knee injury in the past ten months, against Peterborough last Saturday - is the latest Hatter to be put On The Centre Spot!



f **Stuart Phillips:** What was your biggest motivation to get back fully fit and playing in the starting 11 following your injury?

I always just enjoy playing football, so my motivation was just to get back out there playing with the boys, training every day and getting back out on to the pitch in front of the Luton army! Getting out of Simon Parsell's hair – or lack of hair – was also a motivation. We've spent too much time together in that treatment room this year! I always used to look forward to watching us play on a Saturday, especially at home. Away it was a bit more tricky to get to the games, but at home it was quite a good experience watching us, because I haven't really watched much football of the team I play for, if that makes sense, because I'd never really been out injured for that long. It was enjoyable to watch how our shape worked and you could see how what we work on every day in training transferred onto the pitch in a game. But of course it was tough. You don't want to be sitting in the stands. You want to be involved, getting goals and helping the team out.

jay_rcw - Do you think you made a comeback at West Brom too early? Were you ready for that?

No, I don't think it was too early. My ankle was fine, it wasn't that that stopped me. I was going to play in the Brighton Checkatrade game, but my knee went in training. Nothing to do with my ankle. Since the operations, I've had no problems with my ankle at all. It was nothing to do with coming back too soon. I was in all summer doing all sorts with Chris, Si and Daz. My ankle was going really well. It was obviously stiff, but I think the recovery time has been the same if my ankle was normal. It's all



Last Saturday's goal against Peterborough was pure 'relief' for Luke, to remind himself he could still score

manageable now. Obviously my body's going to hurt because last Saturday was the first time I'd had 90 minutes in ten months. That's just a standard thing.

@LutonExile - Couple here. Firstly, can you tell us one thing you've learned from each of Pelly, Macca, Andrew Shinnie and Glen?

Pelly is always upbeat, Macca is always aggressive, Shins is chilled and Glen is quite laid back as well to be fair, so...nothing really!

And secondly, if you had to rank JJ's footballing attributes, which one would you put at number 1?

I like his mindset. His mentality is really good. That's the best thing he's got. He's never fazed by anything. He just goes out there and plays, no matter who he's up against.

Clive Williams - Which player in the current squad will play in the Premier League first?

It's tricky to say, because I think there are many who could play in the Premier League. The fans won't like to hear me say it, but JJ can play in the Prem – and Jack Stacey. So I'd go for one of the two full-backs as being the first to get there! As you saw last weekend against Peterborough, Stace got two assists and JJ looked class all-round.

@banananey - How did it feel banging in your first goal since returning from injury against Peterborough?

It was a great feeling, more of a relief thing because you go a long time without playing and then you feel

like 'Oh, this is bad, I injured my ankle', and you feel like you'll never be able to score again.

Bad things go through your head, so it's just good to get that monkey off your back. It was a release.

f John Pyper: My question is where do you feel is your favourite position within the squad?

I actually don't mind anywhere in midfield, but I'd go in goal if needed! I do like playing in the ten role that I played against Peterborough. I know I'll score more goals as a ten, but I like getting about the pitch, so I enjoy playing down either side of the diamond as well.

@sman3d - What's your favourite berry? Blueberry – I like to have them in my porridge.

@JustPete - Team bonding in a karaoke bar...you have to do a duet...what song would you pick and who would you sing it with?

My Heart Will Go On, from Titanic, and I'd sing it with Celine Dion. Me and Celine Dion doing that song together would be fantastic!

TIOT - What are the chances of you and Celine Dion being in the same karaoke bar? What about one of the boys?

You don't know, I could bump into her! If it had to be one of the boys, it'd be Matty – he's a great singer!

@Pete_LTFC - In the dressing room, who is the: Funniest? Most serious? Most untidy? Loudest? Not going to say best looking, cos you'd win that one!



CENTRE SPOT



@LutonEye - What was the single most thing you saw, read or heard that gave you the biggest lift in your darkest times of injury?

Hearing the fans singing my name. I know they did it even when I wasn't there, against Mansfield on the Bank Holiday Monday, but hearing it when I was inside the stadium, then when I came out to get my medal after the Forest Green game, it was unbelievable. It was brilliant at West Brom as well, when I first came back – but that reception when I came on as sub against Fleetwood, when I didn't actually touch the ball, was something else! Thank you to everyone because you don't know how much hearing your name sung means.

@tomas_murray - What has been your favourite moment at LTFC? (apart from gaining promotion of course)

I enjoyed the Newcastle game, even though we lost. The atmosphere was definitely one of the best I've played in front of. To take 7,500 with us up there just showed what a club we are. It was a great day. Away at Swindon and Exeter last season were both pretty good too.

f Junior Feasey - Are you looking forward to playing at Power Court and moving up the leagues with Luton Town?

Gary Sweet said after the decision that he'd imagine it'll be three years by the time we move in, so I hope I'm still here in three years and it would be a real honour to step on that field. I scored the 5,000th goal at Kenilworth Road, so hopefully I can score the first at Power Court!



Bez is all smiles as he collects his League Two runners-up medal with the fans singing his name



I think Shins is funny, Macca is the most serious, I used to sit next to Pel and he was untidy, but I room with Hylts and he's terrible. Loudest would have to be Pel!

@DelBoy1976 - Who is your best friend in football?

There's a few I came through the Cambridge youth team with who I'm still good friends with today, like James Brighton – who is now playing for Kettering – and Adam Marriott, who's at King's Lynn. I keep in touch with those boys the most.

@ConnorLeach15 - Who is the best player you have played with?

I played with Andre Gray for England C and he's obviously gone to do really good things since then, both with Luton and the clubs he's joined. Conor Hourihane, who's now at Aston Villa and a Republic of Ireland international, was top drawer when I was at Barnsley.

@GaryMcPheat - Who is the best player you have played against?

I played against Dele



Alli in League One for Barnsley, before he went to Tottenham.

He was good. I played

in a deeper defensive

midfield role that day,

and he only had one

chance but he scored. He was tall, but really good with his feet – very skilful.

@CallumLFC - How much does it motivate you when we sing only 'One Luke Berry'?

It lifts you another ten per cent, really makes the hairs on the back of your neck stand up. It gives you a real boost. You think 'I need to be really good now, I need to be on it'. You're playing for the fans as well as yourself, so it does help you.

@Hatter1981 - It's well documented that when joining a new club footballers have to do an initiation – what was yours?

I had to sing, like all the new lads do here, and it didn't go well. I sang 'Wonderwall', Oasis, at Mansfield the day after I signed. I was clapping, because I always think if you get the boys clapping, you get them into it. But I started clapping too quick, so that when I started singing, it didn't really work with the clap. Then I got the words wrong and it all went belly up. I was clapping so fast while I was trying to sing, and then it just went rapid and that was the end of the song as well. That was my Day 2 at Luton!

@davidhird88 - Do you wear children's shin pads?

I actually do, yes. I used to wear even smaller ones, but I lost them when I suffered my injury so I had to buy some new ones for this season – and they are XXX kids. I've always worn them like that, and they just always fall down. I don't like the feeling of my socks on my knees, and when I'm running about, I don't like fiddling with my socks so when they start falling down, I just let them go. I tape them up with



Enjoying himself at St James' Park last season, his most memorable game for the Town so far

the thin tubi-tape, but they still fall down. As a kid I was told to make sure I pulled them up because I look scruffy, but that's just me!

@footiemadaaron - What do you eat before a game?

I've started a new thing – I'm eating toast with avocado and a poached egg. For a three o'clock kick-off I'll have it at 11am, and for a 7.45pm kick-off I'll eat at 3 or 4pm. Sometimes I'll have a bit of chicken with it. I used to just have pasta, but I did it the other day, and now I've scored I've got to stick with it.

@jg.rexkzz - What football team do you support?

Arsenal, but I'm not too fussed. I can't say I'm a real fan because I don't care enough about the result. My brother does, but I don't. I'd say I support Luton, because honestly, the only team I care about is who I play for. Literally, when I was at Cambridge all I wanted was for us to win, same at Barnsley and now here. I couldn't care less whether Arsenal won or lost, so long as we win.

@jg.rexkzz - Your football idol?

When I was growing up it was Gerrard, Lampard and Scholes – I used to love watching all three of them.

@js.rtm - What would you have been if you weren't a footballer?

I like what my dad does. He's a builder and he develops properties and things like that. I like what he does, and I'd have gone down that route,

I'd have thought. I've done my own house up in Hertford, which I was in the process of doing when I got injured, so it all went on hold. But we're pretty much there now – just a few bits of painting and little touch-ups to do. It took a while, but we've done it. I've even got some new trainers now because I'd been wearing my others for months with paint on them!

@Abers1 - How did you get to be so beautiful? Is it genetics or a really thorough cleansing and moisturising routine? #theartist

Haha! I'm the scruffiest person ever. I literally just get out of bed and get here. It's blood, sweat and tears – with a bit of paint and white spirit thrown in!

@fangio133 - Given your team-mates rinse you for that effort of a beard, when will you call it quits and give up on it?

Do they? To be honest, I don't even try to grow it. I just don't care. I'm not even fussed. I don't really look after myself proper, so I should think about it, but it's not like a fashion thing. I just can't be bothered to trim it. That is the truth!

@Andysbrett - In your opinion, when you go to the cinema which arm rest is yours?

It's got to be left, hasn't it? I put my drink on the left and pop corn on the right, obviously if someone's not sitting there, but I always go left first.

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Jack Senior's HAT'S LIFE



Apple or Android?

Apple.



Most famous person in your phone?

Phillip Billing.



Favourite food?

Chicken fajitas.



Apple or rhubarb crumble?

Don't like either.



Food you can't stand?

Prawns.

Pet hate?

Snoring.

Cat or dog?

Cat.

Liberty Stadium - Jack's favourite away ground



Xbox or PlayStation?

PlayStation.

Karaoke song?

Rick Astley – Never Gonna Give You Up.

Favourite artist?

Chris Brown.

Top of your playlist?

The Greatest Showman.

Last holiday?

Magaluf.

Can't miss on TV?

Unpractical Jokers.

Love Island or Peaky Blinders?

Peaky Blinders.

Club you support?

Manchester United.

Favourite away ground?

Liberty Stadium.

Best moment in football?

When I won the Under-21s Premier League play-offs with Huddersfield.

Best player played with?

Duane Holmes.

Room-mate?

I am the one who gets moved about.

Instagram or Twitter?

Instagram.



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TOWN GOALS: COLLINS 8, 27, 53, BERRY 66



LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB	PETERBOROUGH UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB
SHEA	CHAPMAN
STACEY	NAISMITH
PEARSON (SHEEHAN 77)	TAFAZOLLI
BRADLEY	WHITE
JUSTIN	DEMBELE (WARD 28)
MCCORMACK (THORNE 69)	COOKE
MPANZU	TONEY
BERRY	LAFFERTY
SHINNIE (MONCUR 69)	MADDISON
COLLINS	TOMLIN (COOPER 46)
LUALUA	DEMPESEY (WOODYARD 46)
SUBS NOT USED:	SUBS NOT USED:
POTTS	GODDEN
JARVIS	REED
JONES	O'MALLEY
ISTED	STEVENS
YELLOW CARDS:	YELLOW CARDS:
PEARSON	MADDISON
	TONEY
RED CARDS:	TAFAZOLLI



HARFORD



"All credit to the players. They have been absolutely different class in terms of how they've trained, how they've gone about things, the way they've acted since we lost our manager. They've been totally and utterly professional and I take my hat off to them. The three games I have been in charge I couldn't be prouder of them, each and every one of them, the ones who haven't been involved have been supportive."

"I would just like to give my thanks to the players for the way they've worked, the way they have gone about their business in the last seven to ten days, it's been a bit of a whirlwind! We're delighted with the performance – obviously the win, the clean sheet, people will say the sending off will have a bearing on it, but I thought we were in total control of it football wise. We were a bit sloppy at times in the first half, but overall a thoroughly good performance."



STORY OF THE MATCH

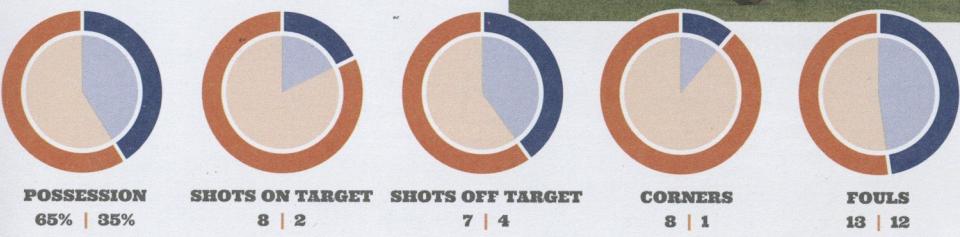
The Hatters thrashed Peterborough United in their last outing at Kenilworth Road, as James Collins netted a hat-trick in a 4-0 victory.

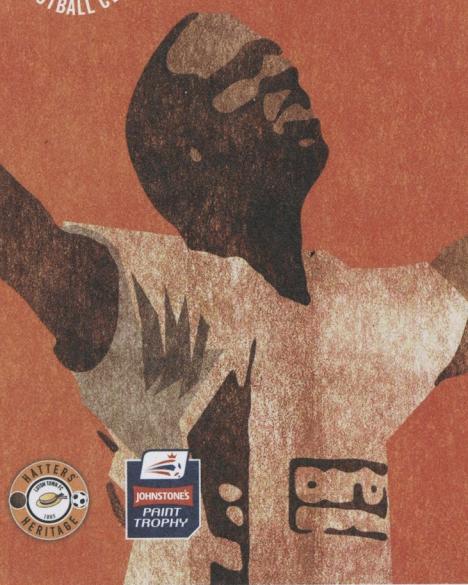
The former Crawley Town striker got his name on the score sheet after just eight minutes, when he converted from Jack Stacey's cross, after he'd been found by Andrew Shinnie.

Ryan Tafazolli received his marching orders after 25 minutes for a high tackle on Shinnie, with the man advantage quickly taken advantage of as the Town doubled their lead two minutes later with a carbon copy of the first goal.

Collins got his third of the afternoon eight minutes after the break when Kazenga LuLuwa pinched the ball in midfield before playing his fellow forward in with a marvellous pass – Collins passing it into the bottom left corner.

Luke Berry grabbed the Town's fourth of the afternoon with a lovely finish after turning Ben White on the edge of the box with just over an hour gone – his first since returning from a long injury lay-off – before Georges Thorne and Moncur came on for their debuts after joining from Derby and Barnsley.





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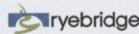
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JAMES JUST DOESN'T DO DRY JANUARY!

January continues to prove to be the month James Collins seems to find his stride - the striker taking his tally up to four for the month with a hat-trick in the win over Peterborough.

Throughout his career, the 27-year-old tends to start the New Year with a bang, having fired in a total of 23 goals in 31 league outings in January since 2013.

Two close range finishes from precise Jack Stacey crosses and a well taken third from Kazenga LuaLua's lovely run and pass against Posh saw the Hatters cut Portsmouth's lead at the top of the table to a point.

That made it 14 for the campaign for Collins, and it's safe to say him and the team thoroughly enjoyed their outing in front of another sell-out Kenilworth Road crowd.

He said: "What an afternoon for everyone involved in the football club. The lads in there are buzzing especially as we've come up against a tough side.

"To win 4-0, and score three goals for me personally, it couldn't go any better and I think we've made a bit of a statement."

It marked the first time the Hatters have beaten a side who are currently in the top six in the league, having drawn four and lost three of the other games.

The Posh result meant the Hatters had made it three months without suffering a defeat in League One action, reaching 15 games unbeaten, of which 11 had been wins, at that point.

Performance

"To beat a top six side who are doing as well as Peterborough is great, and they're actually doing better away from home than they are at home," James continued. "So to put four goals past them is just credit to the boys."

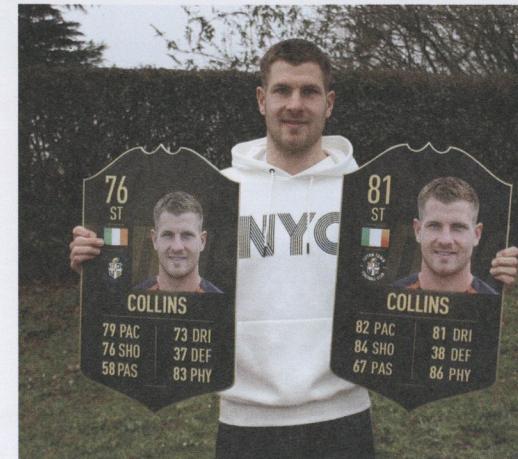
"It's been coming to be fair. Personally I think if we had 11 men on the pitch last week at Sunderland, I think we'd have gone on to win the game, but it's a great performance."

AWARDS WHEN HE WANTS...

James Collins ended up picking up more awards than he scored goals for the Town's game against Posh.

Named in the EFL, EA Sports FIFA 19 (for the second time this season), Football League Paper and the D3D4 Team of the Week, as well as being named Quest's League One Player of the Week as voted by supporters, it's fair to say his performance didn't go unnoticed.

Well done Collo, keep up the good work!



SOUTHEND 0 LUTON TOWN 1

TOWN GOAL: PEARSON 29



STORY OF THE MATCH

The Hatters went top of League One for the first time since 2005 with a 1-0 win at Southend, while extending their unbeaten league run to 16 matches - the club's best in the Football League since the start of the 1969-70 season!

Matty Pearson's first-half header proved enough to see off a Shrimpers' side who only really tested the Town's defensive qualities in the last 20 minutes, when James Shea made his only save of note from Simon Cox, and the Town goalscorer and his centre-half partner Sonny Bradley headed away every

ball thrown into the box. Jack Stacey had already been denied by home keeper Nathan Bishop when Pearson met James Justin's right-wing corner just before the half-hour to net his fourth goal of the season.

Bradley went close to his first a minute after the break, and James Collins should have had his 15th in the closing stages, but the Hatters didn't need another goal to see off the mid-table Essex side and move above Portsmouth at the top.

LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB	
SHEA	BISHOP
STACEY	BWOMONO
PEARSON	TURNER
BRADLEY	DIENG
JUSTIN	COX
McCORMACK	YEARWOOD (KELMAN 69)
MPANZU	MANTOM (McLAUGHLIN 84)
SHINNIE	MOORE
BERRY	HUMPHREYS
COLLINS	HART
LUALUA (MONCUR 86)	WHITE
SUBS NOT USED:	
POTTS	KIGHTLY
THORNE	KLASS
JARVIS	ROBINSON
JONES	KELMAN
SHEEHAN	HUTCHINSON
ISTED	SMITH
YELLOW CARDS:	
STACEY	YEARWOOD
McCORMACK	HART



Matty Pearson heads in the only goal



HARFORD

"It's a great result. I thought it was an absolute top performance, in terms of coming down here against a good team.

They make it very, very difficult for you, they're just on the back of a 4-0 win at Bradford, we knew it was going to be tough.

"The first half we played very, very well, in possession, keeping the ball, creating chances. We got in the lead, deservedly so, I thought we maybe just took our foot off the gas a little bit then, invited them on a little bit.

"But overall, defensively we weren't really troubled and thought it was just a good all-round away performance."



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[REACTION]

MAGIC MATTY'S HAT IT AGAIN!



Matty Pearson was able to net his fourth goal of the season to send the Hatters top of Sky Bet League One in another important win over Southend United on Saturday.

The centre-half continues to function as a vital cog in this Luton machine that has now gone 16 matches unbeaten – the club's longest run in the Football League in 50 years.

His magic hat must be well and truly stuck on his head by now as the Town number six admitted after the match that there is no better combination than a winning goal and a clean sheet away from home.

Speaking at Roots Hall on Saturday, Pearson said: “It’s a fantastic win, that’s what we all wanted and it’s a great feeling. I’m buzzing with the clean sheet. That’s what you play football for as a defender and a 1-0 away win is better than anything really.

“To get the goal was a nice extra. JJ’s delivery was spot on and me and Sonny have been getting on the end of a few. We’re still waiting for Sonny’s goal and I’m sure it’ll come, but I was there at the right place and right time and it’s gone in.”

The ex-Barnsley defender keeps popping up with key goals this season, earning eight points from a possible 12 in the matches he’s converted. But this is just one of many components to Pearson’s game

plan, which makes him such an essential asset to the team.

He continued: “I’ve always had a little thing for getting goals, I don’t know what it is, but I just seem to sometimes be in the right place at the right time or get on the end of crosses. It’s part of wanting to win and wanting to score goals. That’s your job and I’m just glad I’m doing that.”

The victory meant everything to the Town fans who haven’t experienced life at the top of the third tier for 13 years, yet it meant slightly more to Pearson, who had experienced a difficult week off the field with his father, Steve, being admitted to hospital. To end the week a match winner, heading home in front of a packed out away end did raise the defender’s spirits though.

He added: “My dad went to hospital on Thursday morning, but he seems to be alright now. I missed all the training this week, but it makes it all sweeter with a goal now. It couldn’t be any better could it? A bit of positive news, so I’m glad it’s ended like this today.”



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TRAVELLER'S TALES

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

THE JOURNEY

After a couple of incredibly early starts, it was nice leave the house a little later for the trip to Southend. The journey was pretty smooth and didn't take long at all, and we were at Roots Hall just after 1pm having left Luton at 11.30am.

RATING: (OUT OF 5)

THE GROUND

Roots Hall has been a regular away ground for me in my time as a Town fan, and absolutely nothing has changed. It is a tight ground, very much an old school stadium, much like our own Kenilworth Road, but in the away end a good atmosphere can be generated, and boy did the Town fans take advantage of that! The facilities leave a little to be desired but you come to expect that at these old builds.

RATING: (OUT OF 5)

THE FOOD

The refreshment room was doing a good trade before the game, and at very acceptable prices I'm not surprised. I grabbed a pie which was decent enough, and the rest of our travelling gang had no complaints with the food either.

RATING: (OUT OF 5)

THE PROGRAMME

In truth, the programme produced for this match wasn't the best as far as visiting fans go. More one to collect for a set than anything else and it didn't take too long to read. There were the usual welcomes and bit about the Town squad in it.

RATING: (OUT OF 5)

THE MATCH

Another really controlled away performance but this one sent us top of the league! We began very brightly with Jack Stacey almost scoring. We then took the lead on half an hour when our 'Magic Man' Matty Pearson powered a header home from James Justin's excellent corner.

Sonny Bradley almost bagged his first for the club in the second half but the keeper produced a good save, while Justin fired narrowly over from distance. James Collins missed a good chance and although we ended up hanging on a bit at the end, we defended brilliantly and achieved a deserved win which was more comfortable than the 1-0 scoreline suggested.

RATING: (OUT OF 5)

MAN OF THE MATCH

To be fair I could have chosen one of quite a few, but Sonny Bradley was immense. His positioning was spot on and his determination to keep a clean sheet was admirable. His presence was just what we needed. He had an excellent game in a very good team performance.

SUMMARY

This was a brilliant away day. We created plenty of noise in the away end and Town did the business on the pitch to go top of the table. We were even back in time for a few beers to celebrate going top too!

OVERALL RATING: 16

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ACADEMY UPDATE

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UNDER 18S

We've seen a few of the U18 players go out on the 'work experience' loan system to enable their development, as they have the opportunity to play men's football on a regular basis.

Connor Tomlinson has joined Hemel Hempstead, Drew Richardson has enjoyed his time at Harlow Town and Toby Byron has recently started at Hitchin Town.

As second year apprentices, it will be good for all three of them to be involved in a first team environment where three points on a Saturday afternoon or Tuesday night is absolutely everything. We wish them well and thank the respective clubs for providing them with the opportunity.

FIRST TEAM

I would not normally comment too much regarding the first team, that is for other people to do.

However, I just wanted to publicly say a massive well done to Mick Harford, his staff and the players.

We at The Academy are in such a privileged position to see the high level of work that goes on every day, every hour, every minute at our wonderful training ground, The Brache.

The way in which they go about their work is brilliant and they deserve all the credit they get. You do not get to the top of the league after 29 games without putting in the hours of hard graft and they certainly have done that.

Keep it going first team, we are all right behind you ready to support in any way shape or form.

As most fans are aware, I spent the majority of my career at Portsmouth and I will always be grateful to the fans for their support throughout. However, there is only one result that I am wishing for tonight,

and that is a home win that would see us go five points clear at the top of the league.

Get behind the lads, like you have all season. Your support has been nothing but sensational and I'm sure with your vociferous backing again tonight we can gain another positive performance and result.

COYH!!

YOUTH TEAM FIXTURES 2018/19

AUGUST

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

SEPTEMBER

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

OCTOBER

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

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

Sat 1st	MK Dons	H	W 2-1
Sat 15th	Southend	A	D 1-1
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	L 0-2

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HELP US COLLECT AND CELEBRATE YOUR STORIES OF LUTON TOWN FC FREE ORAL HISTORY WORKSHOPS

What memories do you have of your first Luton Town match? Where were you when Luton won the Littlewoods Cup? Did you see George Best play at the Kenny? Do you remember when Mick Harford was Luton's number nine?

As part of our Heritage Lottery grant aided schools heritage project we are looking to collect and record supporters' memories of the Hatters through the years.

We want to take these memories into the classroom to bring alive the club's 130-year history to the next generation of young supporters.

It's a great project that is generating lots of interest in local schools, and if you are interested in Hatters' history then why not come along to one of our FREE oral history workshops, and volunteer to help us collect and celebrate memories of Luton and the Football Club.

At the workshop you will learn new skills with step-by-step interview instructions and expert tuition from an Oral History Society trainer. Once you have learnt how to collect oral history, we will hold 'listening events' at Kenilworth Road to gather and preserve supporters' stories and then to share and stimulate with all future Hatters supporters in the Town.

We're sure everyone saw our article when Linda Ainsworth stood in her Mum's footsteps at the Kenny 83 years after she played at the ground, and we want to discover as many of the other hundreds of hidden stories as we can to record for history and



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To book your place contact our Community Heritage Engagement Officer Natasha Rolt by emailing Natasha.Rolt@LutonTown.co.uk or calling the Community Trust Office on 01582 561622.

EFL TRUST KIDS CUP

Congratulations again to last year's winners Pirton Hill Primary School, who narrowly beat St Joseph's Junior School 2-1 last week here at the Kenny in our half showdown final during the Peterborough game.

It's the second year in a row the Lewsey boys and girls have triumphed, and they now go on to represent the Hatters in the next regional stage of this national competition.

The EFL Trust Kids U11 Cup culminates in three finals across the EFL Play-Off weekends in May. All 72 EFL clubs are first split into three divisions, in line with our divisional before being again split into two groups, north and south.

So, Pirton Hill Primary will progress as Luton Town FC into the Division Two South play-offs at Oxford United this year against teams including today's visitors Pompey and AFC Wimbledon, Bristol Rovers, Charlton Athletic, Coventry City, Gillingham, hosts



Oxford United, Peterborough United, Plymouth Argyle and Southend.

The winners of the Div Two North and Div Two South finals will then qualify for the chance to play before the Sky Bet League One Play-Off Final at Wembley in May – potentially in front of our supporters!

Good luck to Pirton Hill in the next round – let's get as many Hatters as we can to Wembley in May!

FEBRUARY HALF-TERM SOCCER CAMPS

February half-term is almost here! If you are one of the hundreds of youngsters who regularly attend our soccer camps, then you will already know the format and how to book and you will also probably have received all of the details of our soccer camps already.

However, if you've not tried a soccer camp before then why not come along during half-term? They are great fun, open to all abilities and run from 9.30am to 3.30pm each day. They are very competitively priced at £15 per single day down to £10 each additional day, and represent great value.

There are lots of skills training and mini world cup tournaments, our popular hot-shots roadshow and of course, everyone receives the legendary LTFC free medal with the chance to meet first team players on presentation days, plus a great match ticket deal!



Our courses run throughout the county from Bedford down to Luton and into North Herts, and you can book online at lutontowncommunity.co.uk or by giving us a call at the Community Office on 01582 561622 or text 07725 172345 or email soccerschool@lutontown.co.uk for further information, or to book a place.

We look forward to seeing everyone during half-term – wrap up warm!





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BY DANIEL TAGG

YOUTH TEAMS RECRUITING

As we are now well into January, we start our recruitment drive for the 2019-2020

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If you have a daughter who will be 6 to 16 between September 1st 2019 and August 31st 2020, we are currently looking for YOU!!

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THE BRACHE

In other news it was announced last week that the ladies first team have moved into Luton Town's training ground The Brache to play home games on the 3G pitch.

The first team play in the National Women's League but are currently sitting in the relegation zone having struggled to pick up points. With half of the season left, Hatters manager Nikki Baker is confident her side can survive and is hoping moving grounds will help to make the girls feel more professional whilst playing at National standard.

"We are really excited to be playing at The Brache going forward and I think it will give us a huge boost mentally as well. Many teams we play against are being paid at this level and play at professional grounds, so for us to now have this facility is excellent.

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

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

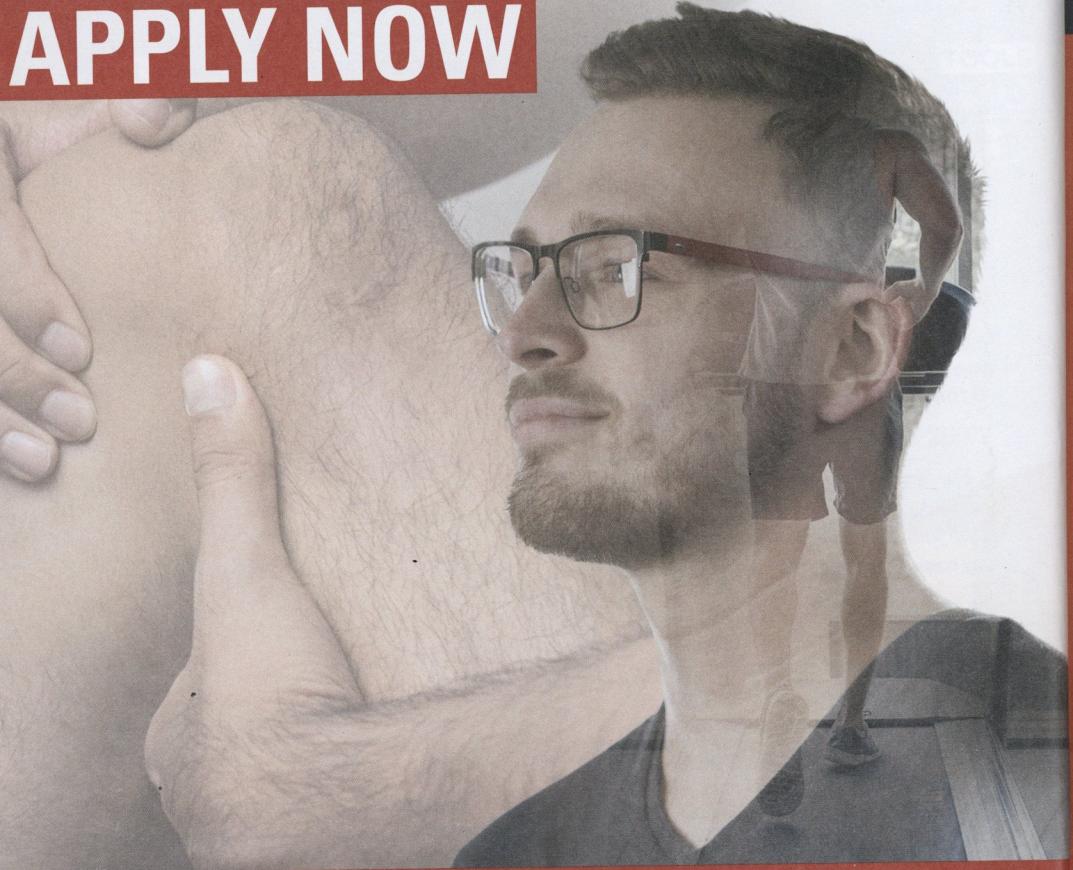


"We have some tough fixtures coming up which we know are now must-wins. I am confident we can pick up enough points to stay up, but we have been very unlucky with injuries this season and have a very young squad for this level."



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Do know what player we have covered up?



FUT UPGRADE!

James Collins has been given yet another TOTW card due to his fantastic form & hat-trick in our last home game. This card now gives him the two top ratings in League One on FIFA 19's Ultimate Team, with his new card replacing his Week 10 TOTW at the top spot... making it a must have for your Hatters FUT squad!

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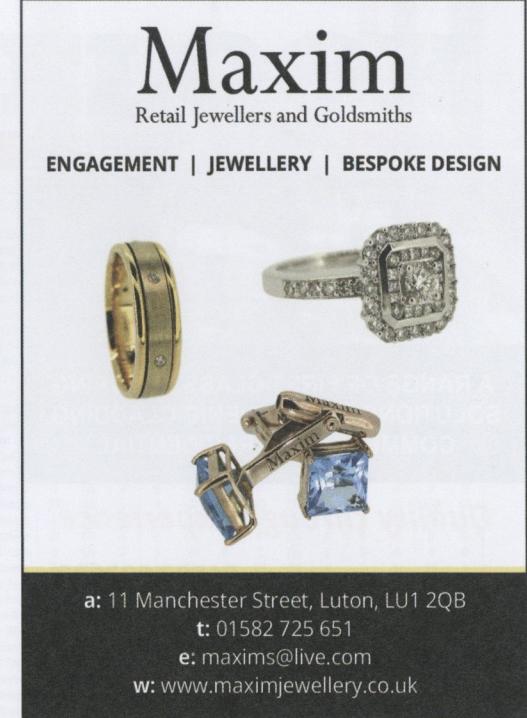
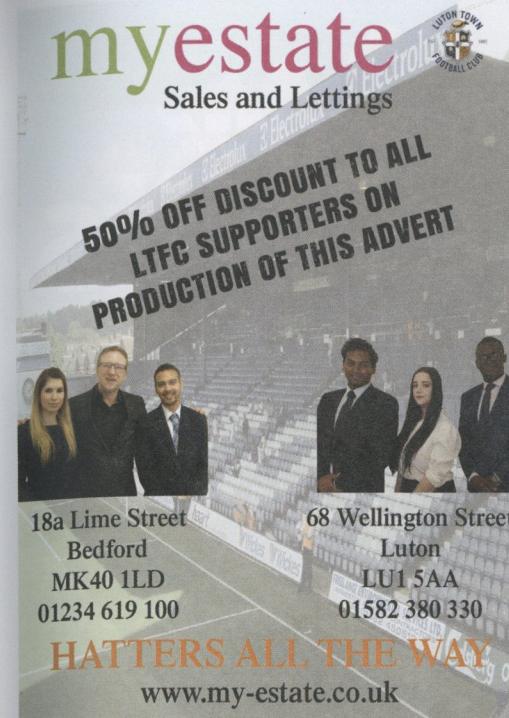
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LEAGUE LOOK

LEAGUE TABLE 2018/19

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Luton Town	29	17	8	4	55	25	30	59
2	Portsmouth	28	17	6	5	47	27	20	57
3	Barnsley	28	16	7	5	49	24	25	55
4	Charlton Athletic	30	16	6	8	47	31	16	54
5	Sunderland	27	14	11	2	48	26	22	53
6	Peterborough United	29	13	9	7	47	38	9	48
7	Doncaster Rovers	28	13	7	8	51	37	14	46
8	Blackpool	28	11	9	8	29	25	4	42
9	Wycombe Wanderers	29	11	8	10	39	40	-1	41
10	Fleetwood Town	30	10	9	11	41	34	7	39
11	Coventry City	30	11	6	13	31	36	-5	39
12	Southend United	29	12	2	15	38	35	3	38
13	Burton Albion	29	10	7	12	39	39	0	37
14	Scunthorpe United	30	10	7	13	38	54	-16	37
15	Accrington Stanley	27	9	8	10	27	36	-9	35
16	Walsall	29	9	8	12	33	45	-12	35
17	Plymouth Argyle	30	9	6	15	38	52	-14	33
18	Shrewsbury Town	28	7	10	11	29	35	-6	31
19	Gillingham	28	9	4	15	39	48	-9	31
20	Rochdale	30	8	7	15	36	61	-25	31
21	Oxford United	28	7	9	12	35	44	-9	30
22	Bristol Rovers	28	7	7	14	25	30	-5	28
23	Bradford City	29	8	4	17	32	48	-16	28
24	AFC Wimbledon	29	6	5	18	22	45	-23	23

PLAYER STATS 2018/19

LEAGUE	THIS SEASON		TOTAL		DISP.	LTFC	CAREER TOT
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS			
Luke Berry	2	(5)	1	2	(1)	0	49 9
Sonny Bradley	27	(1)	0	5	(1)	0	33 0
James Collins	27	(2)	14	4	(0)	0	78 34
Harry Cornick	13	(9)	5	5	(0)	2	68 12
Luke Gambie	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	38 3
Jorge Grant	13	(4)	2	4	(1)	2	22 4
Danny Hytton	10	(6)	5	2	(1)	0	109 55
Harry Isted	0	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	2 0
Jack James	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	2 0
Aaron Jarvis	0	(4)	0	4	(2)	1	14 2
Jake Jervis	0	(2)	0	1	(0)	0	13 0
Lloyd Jones	0	(1)	0	3	(1)	0	6 0
James Justin	18	(8)	3	7	(2)	0	97 6
Elliot Lee	24	(0)	10	4	(1)	0	78 25
Kazenga LuuLua	2	(8)	1	4	(2)	1	16 2
Alan McCormack	8	(2)	0	4	(0)	0	30 1
George Moncur	0	(2)	0	0	(0)	0	2 0
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	29	(0)	1	4	(2)	0	189 10
Frankie Muonsa	0	(0)	0	1	(1)	0	14 1
Josh O'Kane	0	(0)	0	0	(3)	0	3 0
Euan O'Kane	0	(3)	0	1	(0)	0	4 0
Matty Pearson	29	(0)	4	6	(0)	0	35 4
Jake Peck	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	1 0
Dan Potts	14	(3)	1	1	(2)	0	109 9
Glen Rea	20	(2)	1	4	(1)	0	136 5
Arthur Read	0	(0)	0	4	(0)	1	7 1
Jack Senior	0	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	24 0
James Shea	26	(0)	0	5	(0)	0	44 0
Alan Sheehan	3	(9)	0	4	(0)	1	123 8
Andrew Shinnie	23	(2)	4	6	(0)	1	65 8
Jack Stacey	28	(0)	2	5	(0)	0	78 3
Marek Stech	3	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	47 0
George Thorne	0	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	1 0
Connor Tomlinson	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0 0

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FIXTURES PILE-UP

WHO, WHEN AND WHERE THE HATTERS ARE PLAYING THIS SEASON

KEY: ● First Substitute | ● Second Substitute | ● Third Substitute | ■ Sent off | **GOAL SCORERS**

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 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 Sheehan Bradley Potts Rea
Tue 4	7.45pm	H	Brighton & Hove Albion U21 (CT)	W 2-1	1,318	44	-	Isted Justin Jones Sheehan Senior
Sat 8	3.00pm	A	Doncaster Rovers	L 1-2	7,526	1,013	11	Shea Stacey Pearson Bradley Potts 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
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 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 Rea
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 Rea
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 Rea
Sat 19	3.00pm	H	Peterborough United	W 4-0	10,055	1,031	2	Shea Stacey Pearson Bradley Justin McCormack
Sat 26	3.00pm	A	Southend United	W 1-0	8,460	2,037	1	Shea Stacey Pearson 1 Bradley Justin McCormack
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					
Sun 24	12.00pm	H	Coventry City					
MARCH								
Sat 2	3.00pm	H	Rochdale					
Sat 9	3.00pm	A	Plymouth Argyle					
Tue 12	7.45pm	A	Bradford City					
Sat 16	3.00pm	H	Gillingham					
Sat 23	3.00pm	H	Doncaster Rovers					
Sat 30	3.00pm	A	Bristol Rovers					
APRIL								
Sat 6	3.00pm	H	Blackpool					
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					

COVENTRY CONFIRMED FOR SUNDAY 24TH FEB

We can confirm that the Hatters' game against Coventry City will now be broadcast live on Sky Sports and will take place on Sunday 24th February. Kick-off will be at 12pm, with tickets currently on sale at category A prices.

As a result of the game being live, it will not be available to stream on iFollow Hatters for international subscribers.

TONIGHT'S SKY BET LEAGUE ONE FIXTURES

Blackpool v Wycombe Wanderers

Bradford City v Shrewsbury Town

Bristol Rovers v Peterborough United

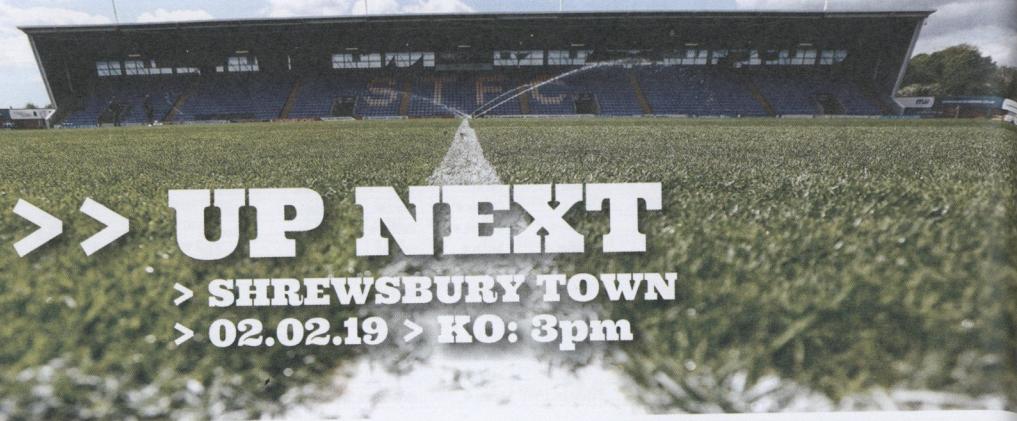
Gillingham v Accrington Stanley

Luton Town v Portsmouth

Oxford United v Barnsley

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WHO?

This game might not have happened at all after Salop's incredible season last year, in which they narrowly missed out on play-off glory in May, beaten at Wembley by Rotherham United. It was a near-fairy tale story – from one of the relegation favourites to being so close to Championship football – it would have had an air of Leicester City's Premier League winning campaign about it. A Conference side as recently as 2004, they spent a number of years plugging away in League Two, before going up in 2012, with their top scorer that season bagging 16 goals in all competitions – a certain James Collins.

STADIUM - MONTGOMERY WATERS MEADOW

A UEFA category four stadium, New Meadow, or Montgomery Waters Meadow as it's known for sponsorship reasons, was opened in 2007. Shrewsbury moved in as soon as it was open, having previously played at Gay Meadow, which was built in 1910. With a capacity of around 10,000, they managed to squeeze 10,210 supporters in for a League Cup fourth round tie against Chelsea – the record attendance at the new ground.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

The Hatters have met the Shrews 24 times, the first meeting took place in October 1963, whilst our most recent league meeting was in August

earlier on this season, with the Town winning 2-0 at Kenilworth Road. The Hatters have won 12 of the 24 meetings, whilst Shrewsbury have won seven. Our biggest win against them came in April 1982, when Brian Stein, Ricky Hill, Steve White and David Moss all netted in a 4-1 win for the Hatters.

PUBS

There is the Brooklands Hotel five minutes away, which also has around 100 car parking spaces that cost £5 each. The Charles Darwin is ten-minute walk away from the ground, has Sky Sports and offers cask ales. There is also a fish and chip shop opposite called Tasty Plaice. Dream combo.

RESULTS SO FAR

Shrewsbury were in FA Cup fourth round action on Saturday, drawing with Premier League side Wolves. In the league they have been battling away in the lower reaches all season and are without a win since December 22nd, when they beat Coventry. Results elsewhere on Saturday meant they stayed in 18th place.

KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU

James Collins made just over 150 appearances in two spells for the Shrews, banging in nearly 50 goals, whilst Shaun Whalley has been a regular for Salop since he departed Kenilworth Road in 2015.

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SHREWSBURY TOWN

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

The Hatters received an initial allocation of 1,000 seats for their fixture at Shrewsbury. A further 500 seats are available, depending on demand. Tickets are now on general sale and will remain so until 2pm on Friday.

Prices: Adult £20.00, Over-65 £15.00, Disabled £15.00, Student £15.00, Young Adult (19-23) £15.00, Under-19 (12-18) £8.00, Under-12: Free. Disabled can request a Carer free of charge.



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.



COVENTRY CITY

SKY BET LEAGUE ONE | 12PM | SUNDAY 24TH FEBRUARY

Tickets for this fixture are on sale from the Ticket Office at category A prices.



ROCHDALE

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

Tickets for this category C game are currently on sale.



FLEETWOOD TOWN

SKY BET LEAGUE ONE | 3PM | SATURDAY 16TH FEBRUARY

The Hatters have received a full allocation of 392 seats and 711 terrace spaces for their fixture at Fleetwood Town on Saturday 16th February. Tickets will be available to Diamond season ticket holders and executive members at one per person until close of business on Thursday 31st January. These tickets will be on sale from the Ticket Office via phone or in person only. Season ticket holders will be able to purchase one ticket per person from Friday 1st February. These will be released for sale online using your individual client reference numbers and also via phone or in person from the Ticket Office. These will remain on sale until close of business on Wednesday 6th February. Any remaining tickets will be available from Thursday 7th February online, by phone and in person. They will remain on sale until 2pm on Friday 15th February. Supporters who have taken an away season ticket will automatically receive one seat ticket which will be processed on Thursday 31st January. If you are an away season ticket holder and don't require tickets or would prefer a terrace space please advise to ticketoffice@lutontown.co.uk before this date. Wheelchair users and ambulant disabled pay the relevant age-related price with a carer free of charge. All purchasers on any concessionary priced tickets (including ambulant disabled) may be asked for relevant documentation.

Terrace Prices: Adult: £22.00, Over 65s: £17.00, Under 25s: £17.00, Under-16s: £7.00, Under-5s: Free. **Seat Prices (Parkside South):** Adult: £24.00, Over 65s: £19.00, Under-25s: £19.00, Under-16s: £9.00, Under-5s: Free.



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BY SIMON 'STATTO' PITTS, **IFOLLOW HATTERS**
COMMENTATOR

It was the 2,516th recordable competitive match at Kenilworth Road last week and the fourth goal, scored by Luke Berry, in the victory over Peterborough was a landmark 5,000th scored by Luton Town at their current home (well, to be precise it's 4,911 scored by Luton players and 89 courtesy of opponents scoring own goals!)

This means the average number of Luton goals per game at Kenilworth Road is 1.9873, compared to 1.1141 conceded.

In 2018 the average was 2.2857 goals scored per game and just 0.8571 conceded!

It took 438 games for the 1,000th goal, scored by Andy Rennie, when the Hatters won 4-0 against Northampton on 3rd September 1928, coincidentally a day before the anniversary of the first League game at Kenilworth Road in 1905.

Landmark

416 matches later and the 2,000th goal was the fourth, scored by Johnny Downie, in a 4-4 draw against Oldham in August 1953. This was the second of only three 4-4 draws to date at KR. The others were against Southend in December 1923 and Queen's Park Rangers in November 1963.

The first of a hat-trick of headers for Barry Butlin in the 4-2 win over Preston North End in April 1974 reached the landmark of the 3,000th goal scored, in match number 1,359 at the ground.

It took 25 years for the next 1,000, and on 1st May 1999 Gary Doherty's goal in the 2-1 defeat to Macclesfield broke the run of four goals being scored on those landmark games!

A few months short of 20 years on and we're celebrating the next 1,000 goals, and what a way for Luke to celebrate his first 90 minutes back after the serious injury suffered at Colchester last March.

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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
- 20 George MONCUR
- 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: KENNY JACKETT

- 1 Luke McGEE
- 2 Anton WALKES
- 3 Lee BROWN
- 5 Matt CLARKE
- 6 Christian BURGESS
- 7 Tom NAYLOR
- 8 Brett PITMAN
- 9 Oli HAWKINS
- 10 Jamal LOWE
- 11 Ronan CURTIS
- 14 Andy CANNON
- 15 Craig MACGILLIVRAY
- 16 Jack WHATMOUGH
- 17 Dion DONOHUE
- 18 Louis DENNIS
- 20 Nathan THOMPSON
- 24 Bryn MORRIS
- 26 Gareth EVANS
- 30 Adam MAY
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- 35 Alex BASS
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