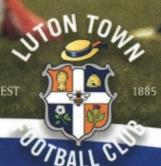
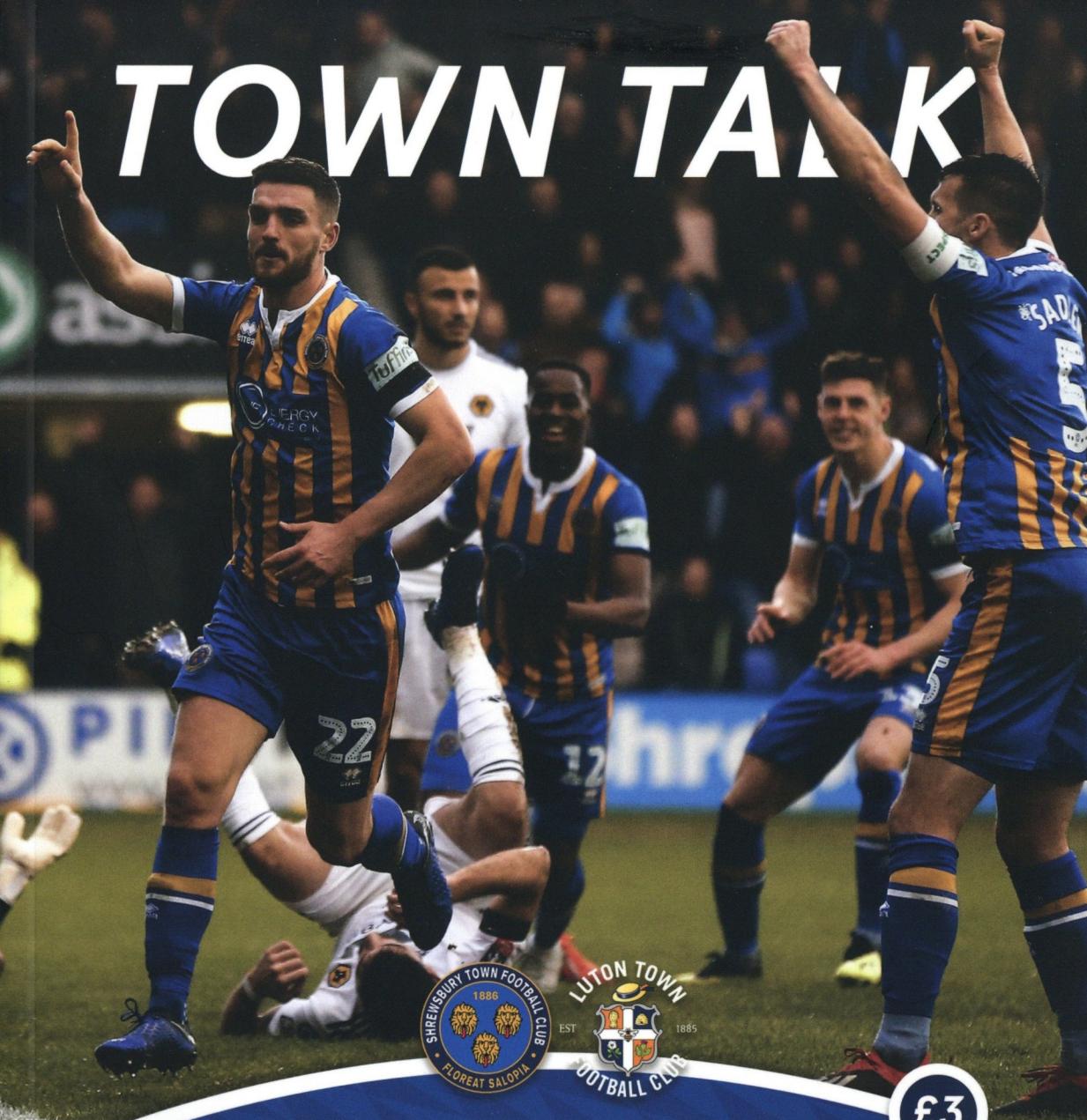


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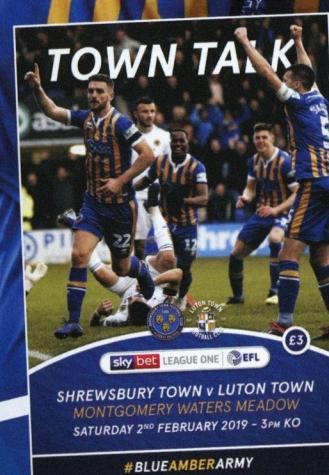
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# SAMUEL RICKETTS

GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME TO TODAY'S SKY BET LEAGUE ONE GAME AGAINST LUTON TOWN.

Tuesday night's result was obviously hard to take having got ourselves back into the game in injury time only to concede minutes later. It was a frustrating result as we have performed well on the road in recent games.

One thing that can't be overlooked however is Fejiri's hat-trick. He was fantastic against Bradford and more than deserved his hat-trick. His first two goals were outstanding in very different ways. His first saw incredible intelligence to make the run and calmly slot the ball away. His second was a sublime free kick that any player in the world would be proud to have scored.

Off the pitch, the transfer window is now closed. It's been a busy window as expected with several comings and goings. The opportunity to bring in some fresh players with some real quality is something I am really pleased to have achieved. The staff behind the scenes have worked tirelessly to strengthen the squad over January to bring in players that we think will make a real difference to the team. Now that the window is closed I'm looking forward to focusing on the squad we have and the remaining fixtures until the end of the season.

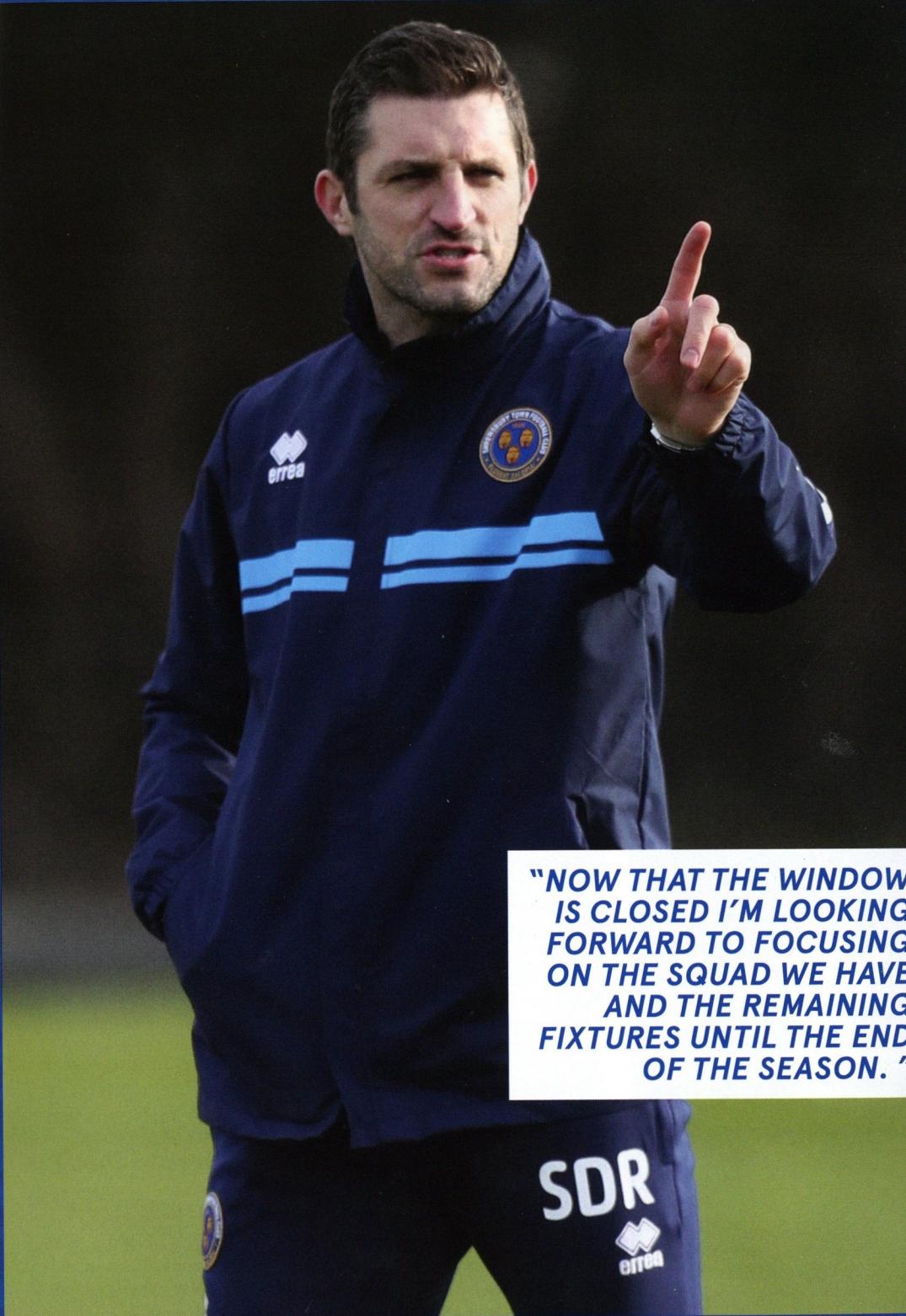
Finally I would like to welcome the team, staff, fans and everyone

associated with Luton Town to the Montgomery Waters Meadow this afternoon. There is no denying that their form this season has been impressive, the league table speaks for itself. However our home form has also been equally as impressive and we have proven we can step up against the teams at the top of the league or higher divisions.

I hope you all enjoy the game.

Your Manager

**SAMUEL RICKETTS**



**"NOW THAT THE WINDOW IS CLOSED I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO FOCUSING ON THE SQUAD WE HAVE AND THE REMAINING FIXTURES UNTIL THE END OF THE SEASON."**

# NEWS AROUND THE WOLVES REPLAY TICKET DETAILS



Tickets details have been confirmed for Shrewsbury Town's game against Wolves in the Emirates FA Cup Fourth Round Replay.

The game will take place on Tuesday 5th February at Molineux Stadium and tickets will go on-sale from Wednesday 30th January at 9am (Season Ticket Holders Only). Should we receive the tickets early enough on Tuesday, then the tickets will be available online that evening. The kick-off is 7.45pm.

Tickets will go on-sale to Season Ticket Holders and Sovereign Club Members first, before then being made available to fans with 10 loyalty points or over, then to fans with between 5-9 loyalty points, followed by fans with 1-4 loyalty points before finally going on General Sale on Monday (subject to availability).

Full details of this process can be found further down the page. Each supporter will be able to

buy two tickets with the Season Ticket Holders given the option to purchase a further 2 Child tickets (U17).

Prices will be £15 for Adults, £10 for Senior (65+) / Under 21 and £5 for Under 17.

Tickets can be purchased up to 2pm on the Tuesday 5th February 2019.

As this is an away game, Season Ticket holders do not have their normal reserved seat so are able to purchase an additional ticket online.

Online Orders will be available for collection 24 hours after purchase from the Main Reception at Montgomery Waters Meadow.

**Full details on when you can buy tickets can be found below:**

**Saturday 2nd February 2019** (Up to 2pm before Luton game and Post Match)

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from 5-9 points can buy up to 2 tickets (subject to availability)

**Sunday 3rd February 2019**

Fancard and Non season ticket holders who have loyalty points from 1-4 points can buy up to 2 tickets (subject to availability)

**Monday 4th February 2019**

General Sale for those with previous purchase history or proof of address (subject to availability)

Should Season Ticket Holders or Loyalty Point holders require additional tickets, these can be bought from Monday during General Sale (subject to availability).

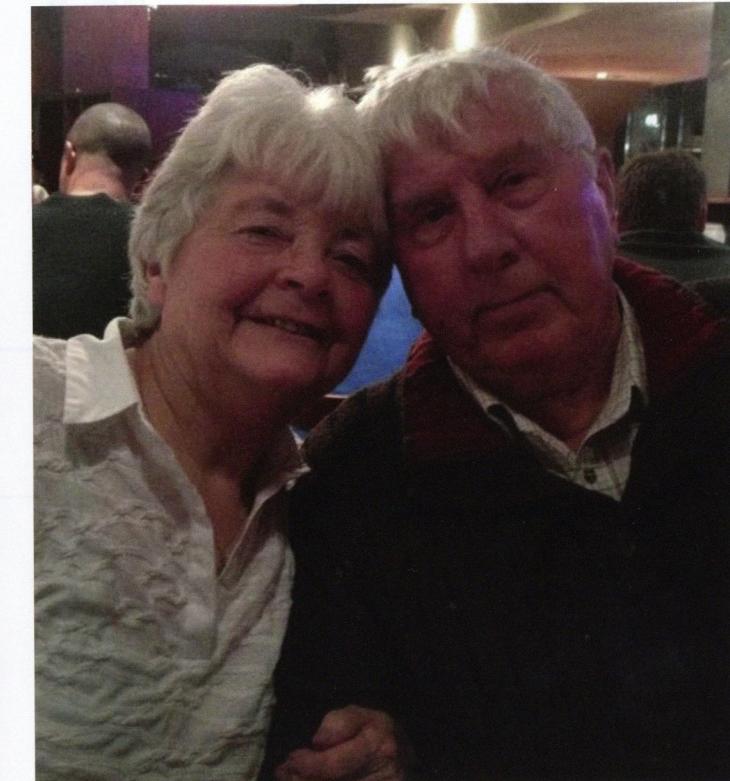
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# MEADOW POSTCODE GIVEAWAY

A big welcome to the residents of Belvidere Walk in Shrewsbury who are the winners of today's Postcode Giveaway.

The weeks winning postcode is **SY2 5LT** and every house won a voucher for two tickets to today's game.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy 80th birthday to life long town fans and season ticket holders, Goron and Pauline Hartley. Goron celebrated his 80th birthday on January 22nd, and Pauline will be 80 on March 27th. They are attending today's game (Luton) in style in hospitality. Lots of love, from all the Hartley family x



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# LEAGUE ONE ROUND UP

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**STEVE EVANS WAS SACKED AS MANAGER OF PETERBOROUGH AFTER HIS SIDE'S 0-0 DRAW AT HOME TO LEAGUE ONE PROMOTION RIVALS CHARLTON.**

Posh announced Evans and assistant manager Paul Raynor had been released from their contract less than an hour after full-time, with the club sitting in sixth place in League One.

Darren Ferguson was then announced the same day as manager until the end of the season.

Luton moved to the top of the League One table with a 1-0 win at Southend on Saturday and then Picked up a huge win on Tuesday night against Portsmouth.

George Moncur's stunning late free-kick saw Luton beat second-placed

Portsmouth 3-2 to go five points clear at the top of League One.

On Tuesday night Tom Nichols netted against his old club to help League One strugglers Bristol Rovers earn a 2-2 draw with the Posh at the Memorial Stadium.

Wycombe continued their fine recent form to end Plymouth's winning streak with a 1-0 victory at Adams Park.

An own goal sank Fleetwood as Scunthorpe's unbeaten run was extended to six games with a gritty 1-0 win at Highbury.

Blackpool reignited their League One play-off ambitions with a 2-0

victory at Coventry on Saturday, then picked up a point on Tuesday against Wycombe. A late penalty for Blackpool scored by Pritchard allowed the tangerines back into the game.

Goals from Kieffer Moore and Cauley Woodrow helped Barnsley come from behind and beat struggling Rochdale 2-1 at Oakwell. Barnsley then travelled to Oxford and picked up a point with a 2-2 draw.

Gillingham striker Tom Eaves came closest to breaking the deadlock as Steve Lovell's side played out a goalless draw with Accrington at Priestfield.

Shrewsbury Town

versus Luton Town

# Bob Davies

THROUGHOUT THE SEASON WE WILL LOOK BACK AT HOW TOWN BATTLED TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE OLD DIVISION THREE.

**Today's visit of Luton Town to the Montgomery Waters Meadow is Shrewsbury Town's 30th Division One game of the season. Two-thirds of the campaign is therefore behind them and at the same point of their fantastic Division Three championship-winning season of 40 years ago they were still handily positioned in second place behind Watford.**

The deficit was two points – 43 to 41 – but Shrewsbury, still having been beaten only three times in 30 outings, had the luxury of a game in hand, while Swansea in third place in the table were two points behind Town having played two more games.

Shrewsbury, though, continued to flourish on the strength of their miserly defence as they had conceded only 20 goals, compared to Watford's 35 and Swansea's 43. But when it came to their strike rate Town were lagging behind their rivals as their 39 goals was well short of that of Watford's 60 and Swansea's 55.

Defeat, as far as Town were concerned, was a particularly unsavoury experience, but their visit to Chesterfield – the Derbyshire town famous for its church with a crooked spire – turned out to be just that as they surprisingly went down 2-1.



It was obviously a big setback in Town's push for promotion and sadly ended their unbeaten run which stretched back over 18 games and, to rub salt in to the wounds, it was the first defeat inflicted on Graham Turner's team in the four months since he had taken over as manager.

It may, of course, had something to do with the fact that three days after their trip to Chesterfield, Shrewsbury had a mouth-watering date with Wolves in the FA Cup and while Turner didn't agree, the Chesterfield boss Arthur Cox was convinced the glamour of the cup might have been on Shrewsbury's minds and they appeared, in his view, happy to play for a draw.

Turner's more pragmatic view was that his team had hitherto gone through a particularly physical period of games. That, he said, had taken its toll and his team looked a little jaded.



That said, it was only in the last 22 minutes that it went wrong for Town. Until that point they were odds on favourites to take both points. Defensively, as expected, Shrewsbury were especially solid and it came as no surprise in the 65th minute when the visitors took the lead.

As he so frequently did, Paul Maguire was involved in the build up when he exchanged passes with Turner to create the opportunity for David Tong to fire home from inside the penalty box.

It seemed that would settle things, but only three minutes had elapsed before Chesterfield were level as Moss beat Bob Wardle with a decisive header.

Then things really went wrong for Shrewsbury in the 75th minute as Jack Keay brought down Phil Walker and the referee awarded a penalty from which Fern scored. It was all the more galling for Shrewsbury as they claimed Walker handled the ball in the build up, but their protests fell on deaf ears.

But this Shrewsbury side had a steely determination about them and three days later they put the disappointment of the Chesterfield defeat behind them to battle their way to a glorious

1-1 draw against First Division neighbours Wolves at Molineux, thanks to an Ian Atkins equaliser from the penalty spot.

Unfortunately they lost 3-1 in the replay just three days later but the resilience of the side shone through when, with

just three days to recover, they made the long trip to Carlisle for league game No 30 of the season and made the return journey much more enjoyable by plundering a point against one of their promotion rivals.

Shrewsbury showed no signs of the rigours of their tough schedule but the home side capitalised on a spell of pressure by taking the lead through Steve Ludham in the 72nd minute.

Maybe they thought they had done enough, but they obviously didn't pay due regard to the fighting spirit in the Shrewsbury ranks.

They committed the cardinal sin of sitting back on their lead and were made to pay by Shrewsbury snatching a late, late goal to earn a point which, in the grand scheme of things, would prove to be invaluable in the final reckoning at the end of the season.

The referee was looking at his watch and preparing to blow for time when Maguire's corner was flicked on for Steve Biggins to be the hero by sweeping the ball home from just eight yards.

A driving wind had a major influence on the game and, with it at their backs in the first half, Shrewsbury piled on the pressure with Maguire tormenting the home side time and time again and boss Graham Turner met the Scotsman's cross in only the seventh minute for his header to crash against the crossbar.

# Colin Griffin

**Colin Griffin, who was ever present at the heart of the Shrewsbury Town defence during the memorable 1978-79 season, talks to Stuart Dunn**

The only ever present as Shrewsbury Town hit the headlines 40 years ago, Colin Griffin displayed the level of consistency he became renowned for over the course of clocking up more than 400 Football League appearances for the club.

The tough-tackling central defender, brought to the Gay Meadow initially on a month's loan from Derby County in January 1976, has many fond memories of his days in blue and amber, with the 1978-79 campaign right up there when it comes to highlights.

A dependable performer at the heart of the back four, Colin was there every step of the way as Town were crowned third division champions, reached the FA Cup quarter finals for the first time and also lifted the Welsh Cup.

"That was a highlight - and so were all the years I had in the old second division," says Colin, a Gay Meadow stalwart. "It was great.

"I never had many injuries until towards the end when I snapped my Achilles down at Ipswich, but I had a good run of not picking up bad injuries.

"I enjoyed it. I kept myself fit and healthy and played as many games as I could. I loved it."

Dudley-born Colin relished playing in front of a packed Gay Meadow as the interest level increased the longer Town's successful 1978-79 season continued.

Big FA Cup clashes against top-flight clubs Manchester City and Wolves, together with the fifth round replay with Aldershot, and league games against Watford and Exeter all attracted crowds of more than 13,000 to the banks of the River Severn to cheer on Shrewsbury.

"It was nice playing in front of a full house," he remembers. "We got bigger crowds after getting promotion and they

helped you no end. They would be right behind you.

"The fans always gave me a cheer and I would hear the 'Chopper' chant they had for me."

Colin helped Town concede just 41 goals in their 46 third division matches on their way to title glory, a better defensive record than any other team in the third tier that season.

He started the season with Steve Hayes alongside him before Jack Keay was selected as his central defensive partner from December onwards.

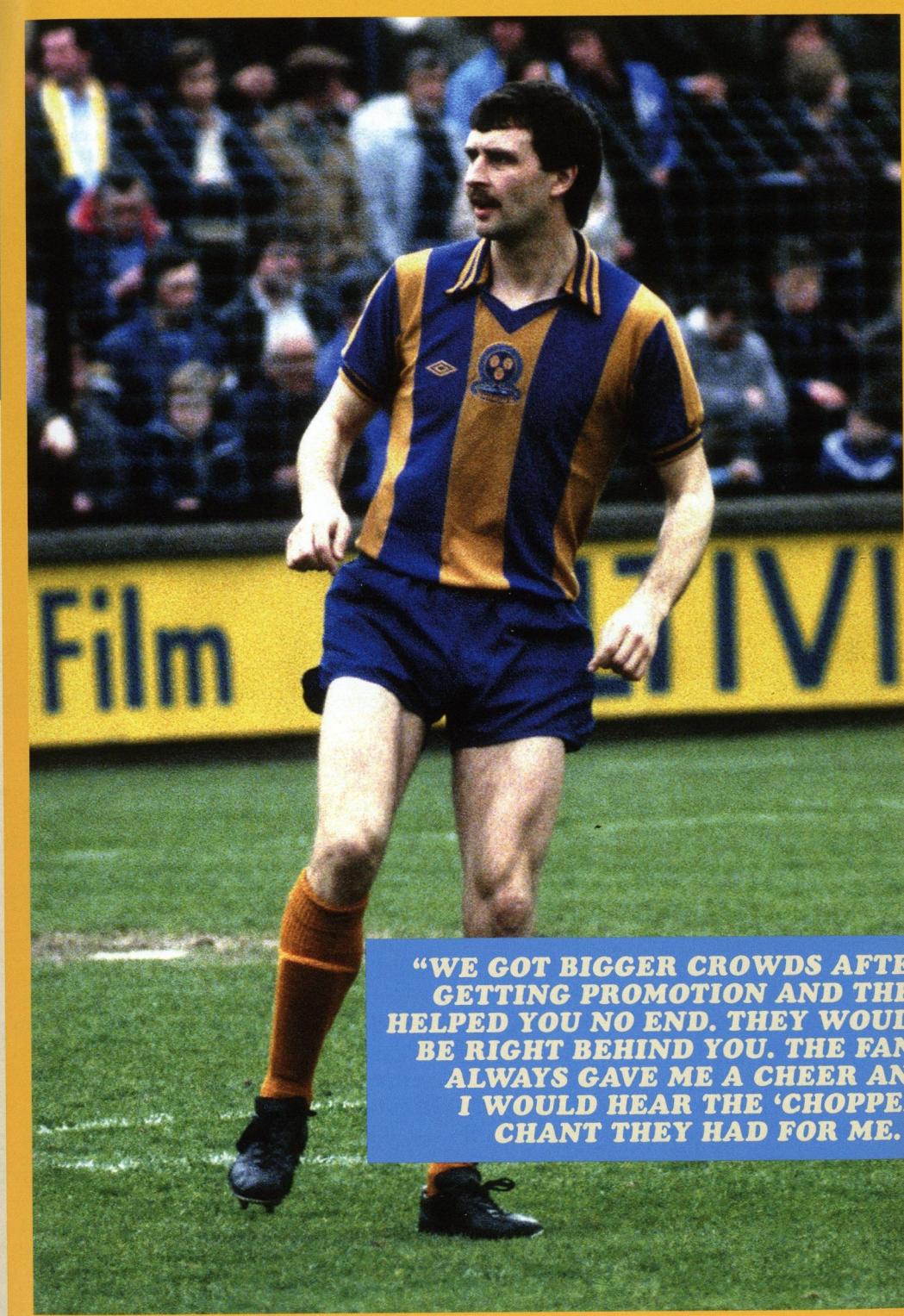
"I loved playing with Steve," says Colin. "He was always on the right side and I was on the left. He was similar to myself in a way as he took no messing with tackling. If the ball had to go in the river or in the stand then it went there."

"Young Jack then came in. He had been with us a few months and he could play a bit. I loved playing with Jackie as well and he was such a good player. We all said he would progress and go on to a bigger club."

As well as taking the change of defensive partner in his stride, Colin - and his team mates - also quickly adapted to a change of manager once Graham Turner was appointed player-boss when Richie Barker accepted the chance to become assistant to John Barnwell at Wolves in November 1978.

"Richie worked well with Alan Durban," says Colin. "He took over and then Graham became his assistant and on it went. Richie went to Wolves as he had an offer and it was progression.

"Graham then took over. He took no messing, which is fair enough. When I first came to the club, I played alongside him at centre half. He took no messing as a player and he certainly took none as a manager. When he became manager, he had to slightly put himself away from the players."



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Never renowned for his goalscoring, Colin found the net seven times in 406 Football League matches - with 402 of them in the starting XI - for Shrewsbury.

But he actually scored the last goal of Barker's spell in charge in a 2-1 defeat at Swindon and then the first league goal, the opener in a 2-0 victory at Peterborough, under Turner when he was in caretaker charge.

"I never realised that," says Colin, but he remembers rather more clearly the goal he scored in a 1-1 Gay Meadow draw with Notts County in August 1979 as it meant he became the first Shrewsbury player to find the net in the old second division following promotion.

"I remember scoring the first goal in division two against Notts County," he confirms. "Jake King flicked it on at the near post and I put it in at the back post. He said to me after 'I'll go to the back post and you stay at the front post. I never used to go up for corners after that because Jake, as captain, said you stay at the back and defend.'

"But it was up with the big boys going into the second division. We had a really good squad when we went up and it was great to play against some of the bigger teams."

Life at a higher level eventually meant a return to the

Baseball Ground - where he had started his career ahead of signing for Town for £10,000 - to face Derby County in second division matches.

His time in the East Midlands coincided with Derby winning the top-flight title under Dave Mackay in 1975, so it was always going to be a challenge for a young defender, as Colin was at the time, to force his way into the first team.

"I obviously knew Alan Durban, who was in charge at Shrewsbury at the time, from my Derby days," reflects Colin. "Derby were such a good team when I was there as a kid. They won the league twice, once under Brian Clough and once under Dave Mackay."

"Durbs played for Derby for a long time and he knew the game and he was a good influence on me."

"Derby had got the likes of Roy McFarland and Colin Todd playing, so I thought I would go out on loan to Shrewsbury, for a month initially."

"I ended up signing and we had a couple of seasons in the old third division where we did reasonable, finished around the top ten - and then we went on and won it."

Colin is proud of what Town managed to achieve and he played a leading role during the club's exciting rise in the

late 1970s and 1980s as Shrewsbury established themselves in the second tier and booked another appearance in the last eight of the FA Cup in 1982.

"We had a good understanding across the back line," he says. "The whole team had really. You put that down to good management as they got us well organised and we knew there was no messing around."

"If the ball had to go out of the stadium then it went."

"The squad was only 15 or 16 players the year we won the league. It was a real team effort and we had a great team spirit."

Colin enjoyed many a good battle with top strikers, including the likes of Kevin Keegan and Gary Lineker, during his 13 years playing for Shrewsbury.

But he was never actually sent off during his many appearances for the club which, including FA Cup, League Cup, Welsh Cup and Shropshire Senior Cup games, eventually numbered more than 500 matches.

"I was as hard as I could be and as fair as I could be," he adds. "I picked up a few bookings along the way but I only got sent off once in my career and it wasn't at Shrewsbury."

"It was playing for Derby reserves when the referee gave a penalty against me against Man City at Maine Road."

"I turned round and went 'you're joking', pushed him in his chest and he fell on his backside. He was still sitting down when he said 'you're walking'!"

"My second game funny enough at Shrewsbury I caught this lad a cracker - I couldn't help it."

"The ref said he had to book me and when he asked my name I said Colin. He looked at me and said 'it's Griffin isn't it, Colin Griffin?' and asked if I remembered when he sent me off at Man City?"

"It was Joe Worrall. He said he had to book me, but told me just to be a bit careful."

"All through my career after that - I did obviously catch a few lads in my time - but if he was ever refereeing he just used to give me a warning and he never booked me again. He was sound, Joe."

Colin, who later joined Town's coaching staff, was inducted into the club's Hall of Fame in 2011.

Still living in Shrewsbury, he has worked for Royal Mail for nearly 30 years.

## Colin Griffin

debut	10.1.76	v Grimsby Town	(h)
100th	25.4.78	v Plymouth Argyle	(h)
150th	1.9.79	v Cambridge United	(h)
200th	25.10.80	v Cardiff City	(h)
250th	2.3.82	v Sheffield Wednesday	(a)
300th	3.9.83	v Crystal Palace	(h)
350th	23.2.85	v Birmingham City	(h)
400th	6.9.87	v Ipswich Town	(a)

- Equalled the all time club record of Football League appearances - 370 held by Ken Mulhearn - on the 7th September 1985 v, Leeds United at the Gay Meadow, and went on to beat it the following weekend, 14th September 1985 at Oakwell, Barnsley.

- Scorer of Town's very first goal in the second division 21.8.79 v Notts County (h).

- Played in every defensive position, except goalkeeper, for Shrewsbury in League games.

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1976/77	44/2	5	2	2	0	6/1	2	0	0	0	0	61/3
1977/78	29(2)	4	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	39(2)
1978/79	46/2	7	2	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	58/2
1979/80	40/1	1	4	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	51/1
1980/81	41	3	2	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	52
1981/82	36	4	1	2	0	3	0	0	4	0	0	50
1982/83	34	2	3	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	45
1983/84	27	3	1	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	38
1984/85	41/1	1	2	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	49/1
1985/86	32	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	37
1986/87	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	7
1987/88	3(1)	0	0	2(1)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6 (2)
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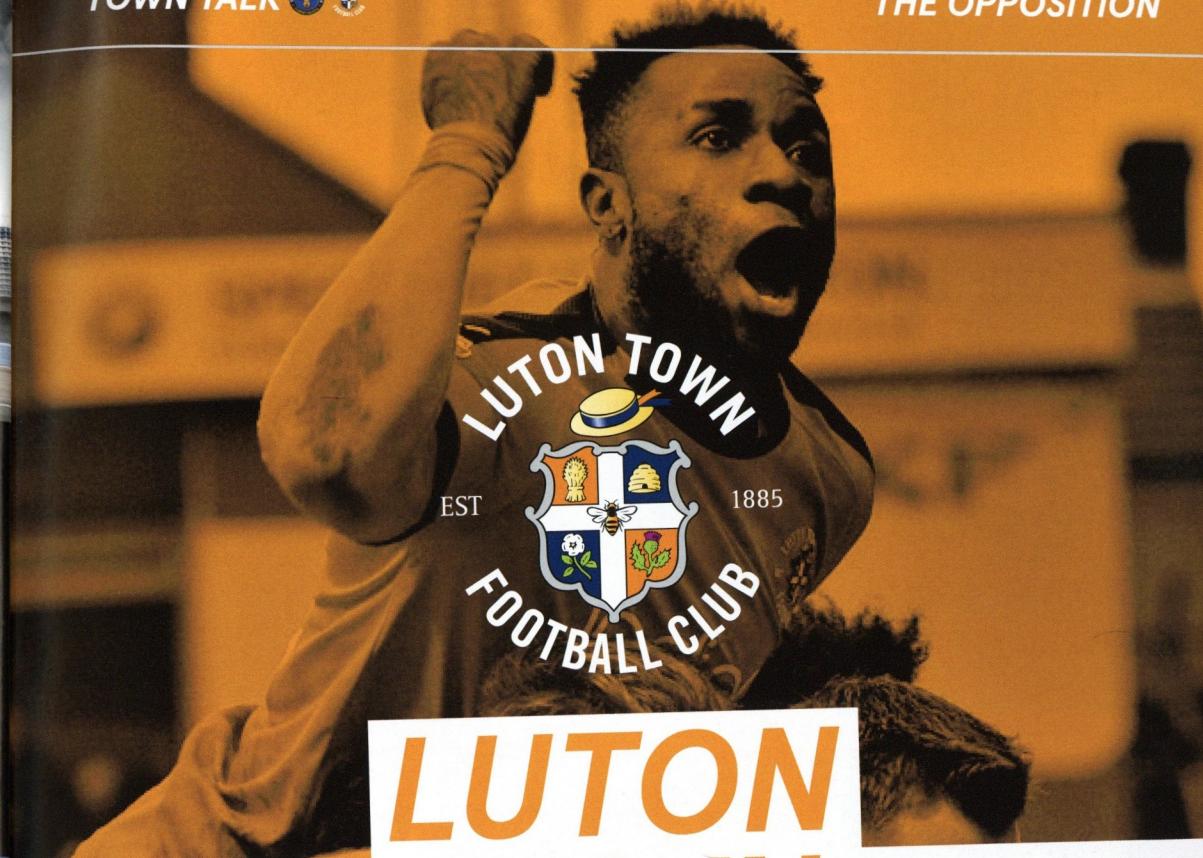


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# LUTON TOWN

LUTON TOWN ARE ENJOYING A GREAT SEASON AND  
CURRENTLY SIT ON TOP OF THE PILE - HAVING ALREADY  
AMASSED 62 POINTS.

The southern side enjoyed a great start to the season under their former boss Nathan Jones, before the 45-year-old left the club to take over the reigns of the Sky Bet Championship's Stoke City.

The Town have proved to be a tough team to beat, as the Shrews found out in the reverse fixture at

Kenilworth Road - where the home side managed to outscore Town three goals to two.

The Hatters are now being looked after by interim boss Mick Harford as the club are in search of their next manager. The club will prove to be an attractive proposition whilst their good vein of form keeps them in first place.



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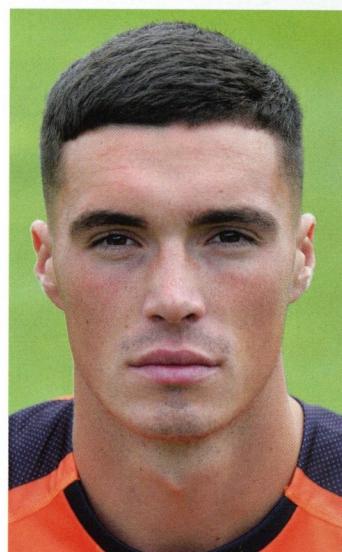


THE OPPOSITION

THE MANAGER

**MICK HARFORD**

Mick Harford joined the club at a  
similar time as former boss Nathan  
Jones to help bolster the clubs  
recruitment side of things but now  
finds himself in charge of the team  
whilst the club search for a new  
permanent manager.



KEY PLAYER

**JAMES COLLINS**

James Collins is one of the Hatters  
key players at the top end of the  
pitch. The striker has been a pivotal  
figure in helping the club challenge  
and remain at the top end of the  
table with his fine goal scoring  
efforts so far this season.

LEGEND

**BOB MORTON**

Bob Morton is the clubs record  
appearance maker with 562  
appearances in all competitions.  
The 'Wing-Half' amassed that  
number of appearances during an  
18-year spell with the club.

STARLET

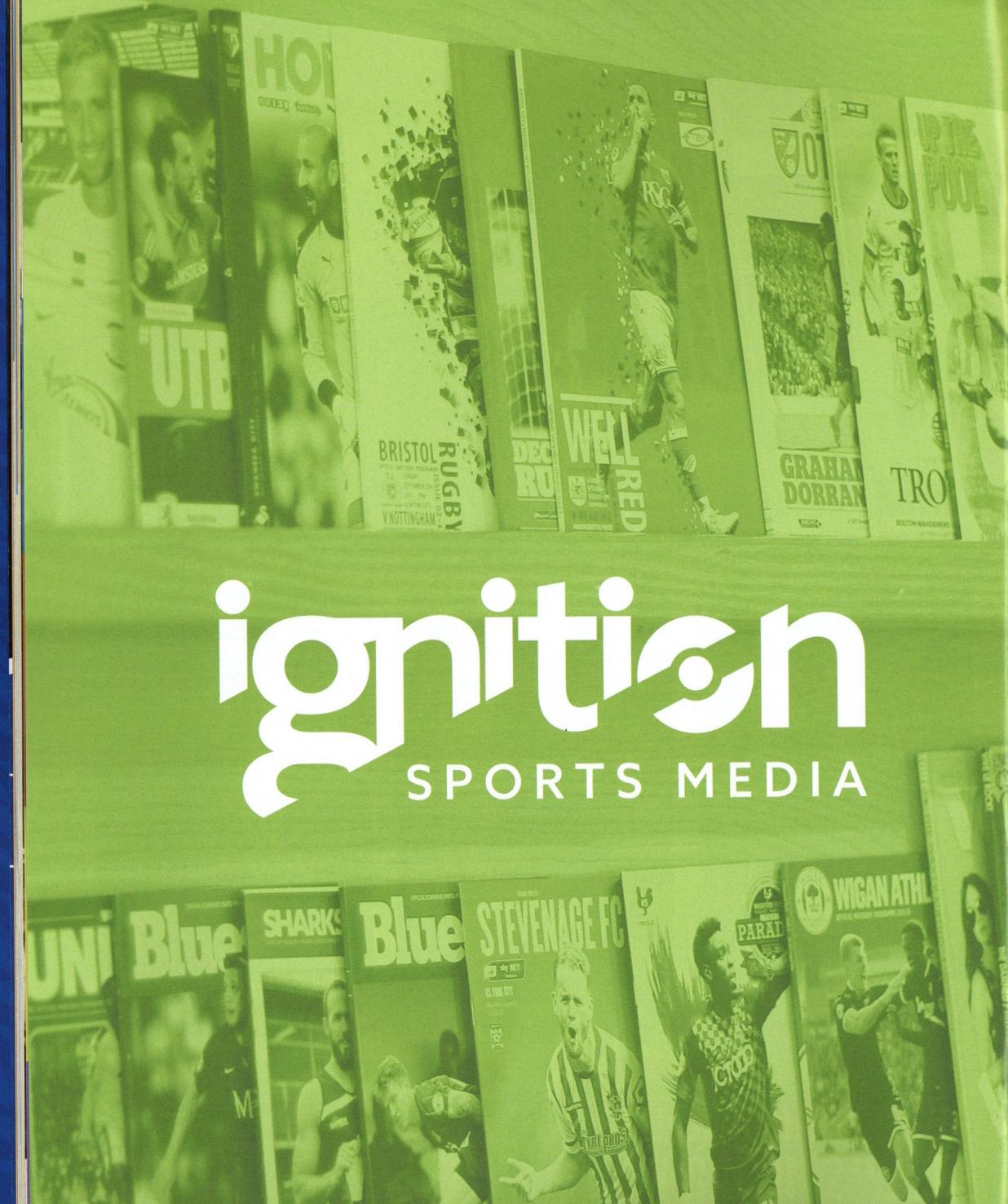
**LLOYD JONES**

Jones is one of the younger  
members of the Hatters squad at  
23 and holds a lot of potential. The  
defender began his career with  
Liverpool and has impressed on  
a number of loan spells – which  
earned the player a move to Luton.

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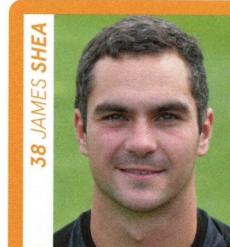


## MEET THE LUTON SQUAD



1 MAREK STECH

A Czech Republic international – winning one cap in 2014 – the 28-year-old joined the Hatters in June 2017 from Sparta Prague. He started his career in his home country as a schoolboy with Sparta, before joining West Ham United at 16 and gaining experience on loan with clubs including Wycombe Wanderers and Yeovil Town.



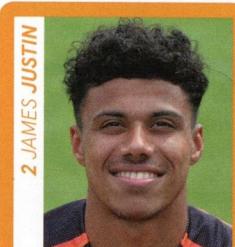
38 JAMES SHEA

After coming through the academy at Arsenal, the keeper had loan spells with Southampton and Dagenham & Redbridge before plying his trade in Non-League football with Needham Market and Harrow Borough after his release by the Gunners in 2013. The 27-year-old continued to train with Arsene Wenger's squad on a full-time basis during his year outside the pro game, but returned to the League by signing for AFC Wimbledon in 2014.



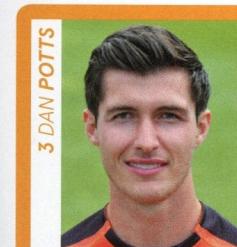
40 HARRY ISTED

Young goalkeeper who joined the Hatters in August 2017 after a pre-season trial following his release by Premier League club Stoke City. The 20-year-old put pen to paper on a one-year contract to become the third signing between the sticks at Kenilworth Road during the close season, providing competition for Marek Stech and James Shea.



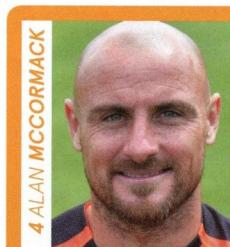
2 JAMES JUSTIN

Right-back Luton-born James Justin signed a professional contract with the club at the same time as youth team colleague Frankie Musonda in November 2015. The defender first joined the Hatters in 2005 and along with Musonda, who won the Aarau Masters as an Under-11, beating Bayern Munich in the final.



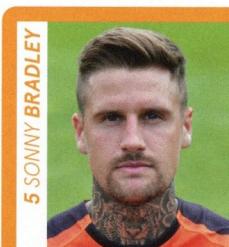
3 DAN POTTS

Potts is predominantly a left-back whose aerial ability also makes him an option at centre-half. The 24-year-old joined the Hatters in summer 2015 from West Ham United, where he made 13 appearances after being handed his debut in a Championship win over Barnsley in December 2011. Whilst with the Hammers he also represented the USA at Under-20 level in 2011.



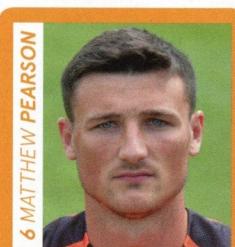
4 ALAN MCCORMACK

The 34-year-old defensive midfielder joined the Hatters in July 2017 after his contract expired with Sky Bet Championship side Brentford. McCormack had a number of promotions to his name prior to his arrival, including from League Two with Swindon Town and League One with the Bees. The Irishman has proven his versatility over the years with the likes of Southend and Charlton, playing in both midfield and at right-back.



5 SONNY BRADLEY

Sonny Bradley is a Centre-half who joined the Hatters in the summer after rejecting a new contract at Plymouth Argyle, penning a three-year deal. The 26-year-old started his career with hometown club Hull City but gained initial first team experience on loan at Harrogate Town and Aldershot, where he spent a season-and-a-half in League Two.



6 MATTHEW PEARSON

A summer capture from Sky Bet League One outfit Barnsley, Pearson is a versatile defender and for someone aged just 24, brings a huge amount of experience with him having made over 250 career appearances. The Yorkshireman began his career at Blackburn Rovers, progressing through the youth ranks there before leaving for Rochdale. That was followed by a move to Halifax Town in 2013, where he stayed for two seasons.

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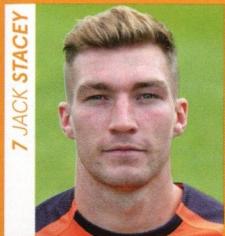
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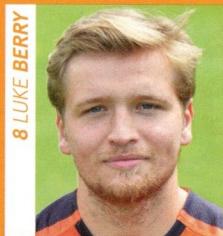
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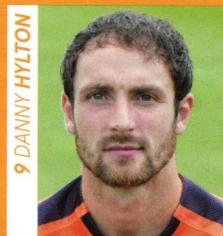
7 JACK STACEY

A Reading youth product, the 22-year-old – who can operate at right back and in midfield – played six times for the Royals in the Championship. Between 2015 and 2017 he had three loan spells, with Barnet, Carlisle United and Exeter City, but really found his feet with the Grecians in the 2016/17 season. He joined the Hatters on a two-year contract after Town agreed terms with the Madejski Stadium outfit.



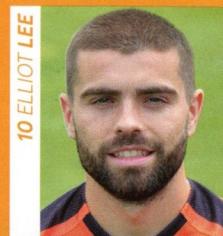
8 LUKE BERRY

The midfielder joined the Town on a three-year deal for an undisclosed fee from Sky Bet League Two rivals Cambridge United in August 2017. One of the top scoring midfielders in the division in recent seasons, the 25-year-old netted 22 times in 2016/17 for the club with whom he started his career.



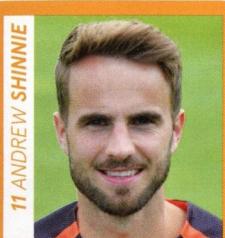
9 DANNY HYLTON

London-born forward who joined the Town in 2016 after he played his part in helping Oxford United to promotion to League One and the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final. Hylton started his career with Aldershot Town, where he made over 200 appearances in the Conference and League Two before joining Rotherham United in 2013.



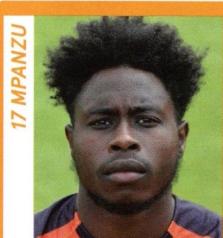
10 ELLIOT LEE

Brother of former Town midfielder Olly and son of ex-England and Newcastle United midfielder Rob. Elliot Lee is in his second spell at the club – this time on a permanent deal – having had a short loan spell from West Ham United in 2015. The 23-year-old was an instant hit at Kenilworth Road, netting with his first touch away at AFC Wimbledon, before scoring twice against Wycombe Wanderers at home.



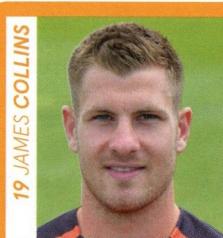
11 ANDREW SHINNIE

Shinnie adds a fair amount of experience to Nathan Jones' midfield, having played over 200 first team games across the top three tiers in Scotland as well as the English second tier. The 28-year-old started out with Rangers, enjoying loan spells away from there with Dundee, but after his departure from Ibrox he went onto play for Inverness Caledonian Thistle.



17 MPANZU

Former West Ham United academy graduate Mpanzu was an instant hit when signed on-loan by then-boss John Still from the Hammers midway through the Conference title winning campaign of 2013/14, scoring a memorable goal in a crucial come-from-behind win at Dartford. Versatile to play in central defence, midfield, on the wing or even up front, Pelly is a real crowd favourite and he passed the 100-game mark for the Hatters during 2016/17.



19 JAMES COLLINS

Having netted over 125 career goals – most of which have come in the fourth tier – Collins adds a hefty amount of firepower to the Town frontline, after signing in June 2017 for an undisclosed fee from Crawley Town on a three-year contract. Since leaving Aston Villa, the 27-year-old has enjoyed a prolific career in the lower leagues, scoring regularly for the likes of Shrewsbury Town, Swindon Town and the Red Devils.



20 GEORGE MONCUR

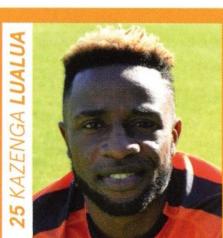
Another West Ham academy graduate to sign for the Hatters, Moncur has played across the EFL. After leaving the Hammers in 2014 – where he made two first team appearances – the 25-year-old signed for then League One Colchester United, an impressive two seasons there earned him a move to Barnsley in 2016. The former England Under-17 and Under-18 international is the son of ex-Swindon Town and West Ham midfielder John Moncur.



24 GEORGE THORNE

The midfielder joined the Town on a loan deal until the end of the 2018/19 season from Sky Bet Championship side Derby County at the beginning of January.

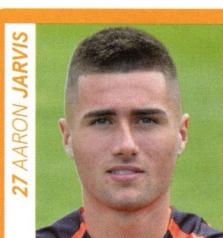
One of West Bromwich Albion's youngest ever appearance makers, the 26-year-old had played all of his career in the top two tiers of the English football pyramid, prior to joining the Hatters.



25 KAZENGA LUALUA

Wide man signed as a free agent in September 2018, penning a contract until the end of the season, after a spell training with the Hatters.

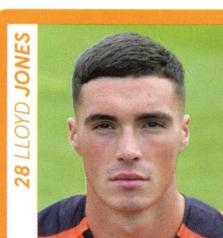
Having started his career at Newcastle United, where his older brother Lomana had previously starred, the Congolese attacker had loan spells at Doncaster Rovers and Brighton & Hove Albion, before joining the latter permanently in 2011 and helping them win promotions from League One and the Championship.



27 AARON JARVIS

The forward joined the Hatters from Southern League Premier Division side Basingstoke Town just minutes before the transfer deadline in August 2017.

The 20-year-old progressed through the Hampshire Non-League club's academy and scored 16 times in 2016/17, his first season in senior football, before making the step up from the seventh tier.



28 LLOYD JONES

Defender who joined the Hatters for an undisclosed fee from Premier League giants Liverpool on transfer deadline day in January 2018. Plymouth-born Jones started out in the youth ranks at his hometown club Plymouth Argyle, before Liverpool paid a reported six-figure fee to take him to Anfield in 2011.

# THE BOYS ARE BACK IN TOWN


**ANDY KING**

England U-21 midfielder Andy King had two spells at Luton Town. Signing professional for the Hatters in July 1974, he moved to Everton in April 1976 and appeared in the 1977 League Cup final. He joined QPR in September 1980, moving via West Brom back to Everton in August 1982. After spells at Cambuur and Wolves, he returned to Luton in December 1985 and netted three goals in 36 League games overall for his hometown club. He joined Aldershot in August 1986, helping win promotion in 1986-87, then played for Aylesbury. Later holding various coaching, scouting and management posts, he died in Luton in May 2015.

**BRIAN STEIN**

England international striker Brian Stein scored twice in Luton Town's 1988 League Cup final triumph. Moving to Kenilworth Road from Edgware in October 1977, he was leading marksman in Luton's 1981-82 Second Division success and also starred as they were FA Cup semi-finalists in 1984-85 and 1987-88. He joined Caen in July 1988 and moved via Annecy back to Luton in July 1991. Voted 'Player of the Year' for the second time in 1991-92, he netted 130 goals in 427 League games overall before joining Barnet in August 1992, helping win promotion in 1992-93. Later with St Albans City, he coached back at Luton.

**MICHAEL THOMAS**

England U-21 left-back Mitchell Thomas had two spells at Luton Town. Born locally, he turned professional at Kenilworth Road in August 1982 and starred as Luton reached the FA Cup semi-finals in 1984-85. He followed David Pleat to Tottenham Hotspur for £275,000 in July 1986 and featured in the 1987 FA Cup final, moving to West Ham for £525,000 in August 1991. Returning to Luton in November 1993, he netted six goals in 292 League games overall for the Hatters prior to joining Burnley in July 1999 and was an experienced figure in their 1999-2000 promotion success. He has since been a football agent.

**MARK STEIN**

Ex-England Youth striker Mark Stein featured in Luton Town's 1988 League Cup final success. Signing professional for Luton in January 1984, he also appeared in the 1988 FA Cup semi-final and Simod Cup final. He joined QPR in August 1988, then moved via Oxford United to Stoke City in November 1991 and helped win the Second Division title in 1992-93. Joining Luton in December 1984. He starred as the Hatters were FA Cup semi-finalists in 1984-85 and 1987-88, moving to Derby County in January 1990 and returning to Luton in September 1991. Joining Chelsea in August 1992, he then played for Sunderland, Coventry City and Wimbledon. He has since been coach and manager back at Luton.

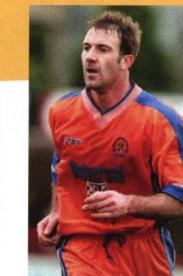
**MICK HARFORD**

England international striker Mick Harford played for Luton Town in two consecutive League Cup finals including their 1988 Wembley triumph. Signing professional for Lincoln City in July 1977, he had spells with Newcastle United, Bristol City and Birmingham City prior to joining Luton in December 1984. He starred as the Hatters were FA Cup semi-finalists in 1984-85 and 1987-88, moving to Derby County in January 1990 and returning to Luton in September 1991. Joining Chelsea in August 1992, he then played for Sunderland, Coventry City and Wimbledon. He has since been coach and manager back at Luton.

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**DAVID OLDFIELD**

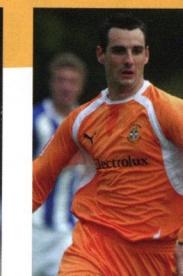
England U-21 midfielder David Oldfield had two spells at Luton Town. Signing professional for Luton in May 1986, he helped them reach the League Cup final in 1988-89 and joined Manchester City for £600,000 in March 1989. He helped clinch promotion and reunited with David Pleat at Luton Town for £275,000 in August 1991 and was leading marksman in 1992-93. He joined Sunderland for £800,000 in July 1993 and was twice top scorer, then helped to win the First Division title in 1995-96. Following spells with Nancy and Fortuna Sittard, he rejoined Luton for £400,000 in September 1997, netting 43 goals in 140 League games overall. He later played for Peterborough, Oxford United, Stafford Rangers, Tamworth and Brackley, since holding coaching posts.


**PHIL GRAY**

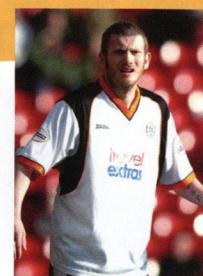
Northern Ireland international striker Phil Gray gained five of his 26 caps while at Luton Town. Initially with Tottenham Hotspur, he reunited with David Pleat at Luton Town for £275,000 in August 1992 and was also top scorer in 1997-98. He joined Fulham for £800,000 in February 1998 and helped them reach the play-offs that season. Sold to Bristol City for £1,000,000 in June 1998, he was top scorer three times prior to rejoining Luton for £400,000 in September 1997, netting 43 goals in 140 League games overall. He later played for Burnley, Oxford United, Boston United, Chelmsford, Colchester, Stevenage, Grimsby and Maidstone.


**TONY THORPE**

Striker Tony Thorpe was leading marksman as Luton Town qualified for the Second Division play-offs in 1996-97. A former Leicester City trainee, he reunited with David Pleat at Luton in August 1992 and was also top scorer in 1997-98. He joined Watford in August 2005 and featured in their 2005-06 Championship play-off final triumph. Rejoining Luton in January 2007, he netted 35 goals in 308 League games overall and was loaned to Sheffield United before joining Charlton Athletic in January 2009. He had spells at Leyton Orient and Wycombe, then was player-coach at St Neots Town, Hemel Hempstead and Hitchin.


**MATTHEW SPRING**

Midfielder Matthew Spring had two spells at Luton Town. Starring in Luton's 1996-97 FA Youth Cup run, he turned professional in July 1997 and was a key figure in their 2001-02 promotion success, moving to Leeds United in July 2004. He joined Watford in August 2005 and featured in their 2005-06 Championship play-off final triumph. Rejoining Luton in January 2007, he netted 35 goals in 308 League games overall and was loaned to Sheffield United before joining Charlton Athletic in January 2009. He had spells at Leyton Orient and Wycombe, then was player-coach at St Neots Town, Hemel Hempstead and Hitchin.


**KEVIN NICHOLLS**

Ex-England Youth midfielder Kevin Nicholls skippered Luton Town's 2009 Football League Trophy final triumph. Starting with Charlton Athletic, he joined Wigan Athletic in June 1999 and helped to reach the Second Division play-offs in 2000-01. He moved to Luton in August 2001 and captained them to promotion in 2001-02, then the League One title in 2004-05. Sold to Leeds United for £700,000 in July 2006, he moved via Preston back to Luton in August 2008 and netted 31 goals in 194 League games overall for the Hatters before injury ended his career in August 2010. He has since worked for Elite Management Agency.

## 2018-19 STAT PACK



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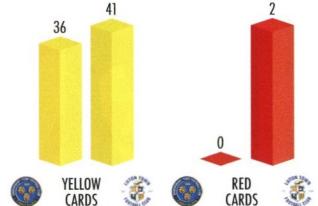
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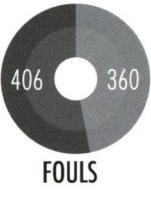
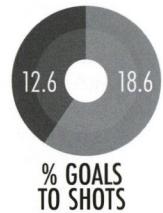
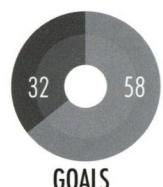
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Shrewsbury have won their last two home Football League games against Luton by an aggregate score of 5-0.

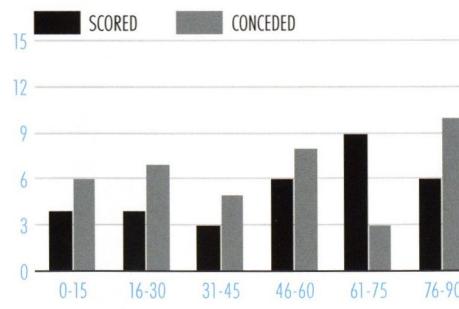


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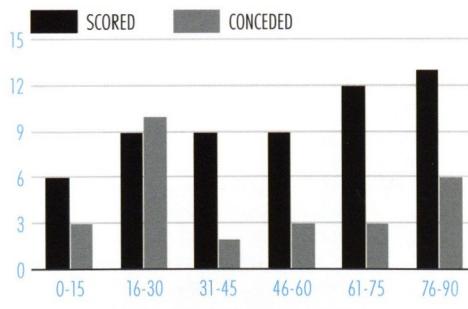
Luton's last away Football League win against Shrewsbury came in April 2002, a 2-0 victory.



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## GOAL TIMES



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By Kevin Davies

## 1997/98

Darren Currie	09/08/1997	Doncaster R	H	2-1	55th minute
Paul Evans	09/09/1997	Rochdale	H	1-0	78th minute
Darren Currie	04/10/1997	Rotherham U	H	2-1	83rd minute
Richard Scott	01/11/1997	Mansfield T	H	3-2	78th minute
Devon White	18/11/1997	Macclesfield	H	4-3	86th minute
Roger Preece	28/12/1997	Cardiff C	H	3-2	86th minute
Lee Steele	14/02/1998	Rotherham U	A	1-0	62nd minute
Paul Evans	21/02/1998	Hartlepool U	H	1-0	90th minute
Austin Berkley	04/04/1998	Swansea C	A	1-0	40th minute
Lee Steele	13/04/1998	Leyton Orient	A	3-2	81st minute
Steve Jagielka	18/04/1998	Brighton HA	H	2-1	84th minute

## 1998/99

Paul Evans	08/08/1998	Scunthorpe U	H	2-1	89th minute
Lee Steele	03/10/1998	Rotherham U	A	1-0	6th minute
Kevin Seabury	17/10/1998	Plymouth A	H	2-1	55th minute
Austin Berkley	20/10/1998	Swansea C	H	1-0	41st minute
Kevin Jobling	21/11/1998	Exeter C	A	1-0	67th minute
Steve Kerrigan	28/12/1998	Hull C	H	3-2	80th minute
Mickey Brown	06/02/1999	Rochdale	H	3-2	72nd minute
Steve Kerrigan	01/03/1999	Mansfield T	H	1-0	64th minute

## 1999/00

Lee Steele	03/09/1999	Leyton Orient	A	2-1	86th minute
Lee Steele	12/09/1999	Cheltenham	A	1-0	4th minute
Lee Steele	11/12/1999	Northampton	H	1-0	3rd minute
Lee Steele	18/12/1999	Lincoln C	A	2-1	73rd minute
Mickey Brown	12/02/2000	Leyton Orient	H	1-0	66th minute
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Mickey Brown	06/05/2000	Exeter C	A	2-1	61st minute

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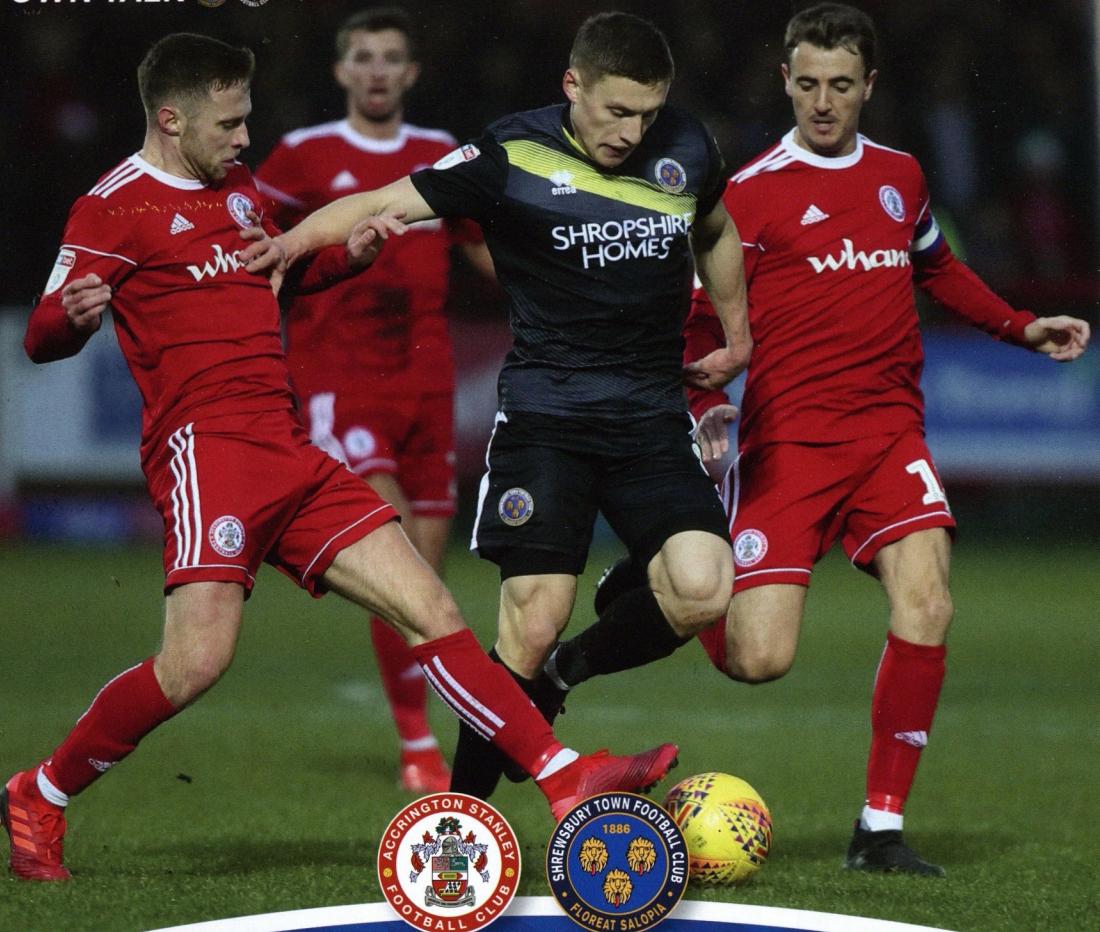
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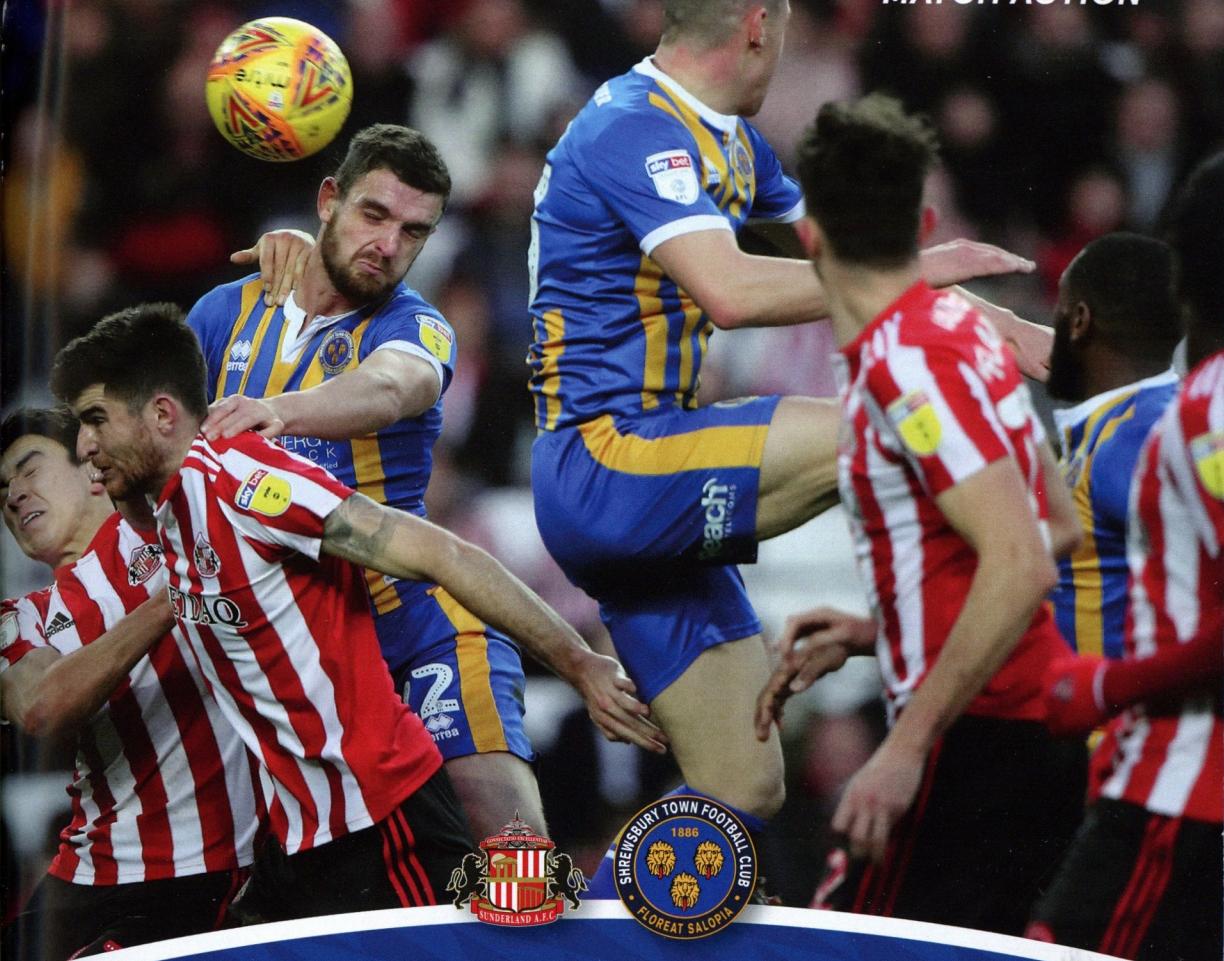
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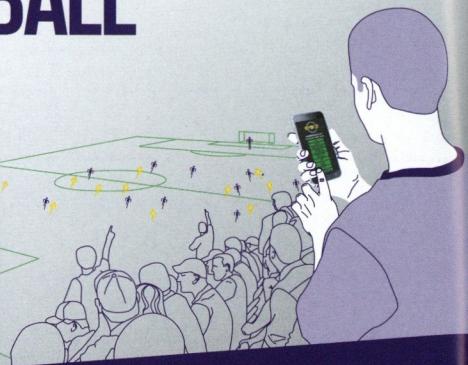
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## ON THIS DAY

1935 - Jack Roscamp scores twice and Percy Lloyd once as Llanidloes are beaten 3-0 in the Welsh Cup fifth round.

1952 - Harry Roberts gets a hat-trick as visitors Aldershot go down 5-1 in Division 3. Beynon and McCulloch get the others.

1980 - Town win for the first time in the three games as they defeat Chelsea 4-2 at Stamford Bridge. Dungworth (2), Keay and Atkins are on target.

## DID YOU KNOW?

On the 14th April 2017 loanee Stefan Payne netted the only goal in Town's 1-0 home success over visitors Southend United. His strike came in the 70th minute, the EXACT same instance as Jack Payne - no relation - scored for Huddersfield Town in their Championship match with Preston North End.



## TOP TENS

Last 10 top-flight clubs played against in the League Cup

1	Sunderland	2016/17
2	Crystal Palace	2015/16
3	Leicester City	2014/15
4	Chelsea	2014/15
5	Swansea City	2011/12
6	Arsenal	2011/12
7	Stoke City	2010/11
8	Fulham	2007/08
9	Southampton	1993/94
10	Sheffield Wednesday	1987/88

Last 10 occasions our last league game of the year came on a Monday

1	2015	Crewe Alex	A
2	1998	Hull City	H
3	1993	Hereford	A
4	1992	Crewe Alex	H
5	1987	Birmingham City	H
6	1986	Portsmouth	A
7	1964	Oldham Athletic	A
8	1959	Bury	A
9	1948	Notts County Reserves	H
10	1924	Cradley Heath	A

Ten Town players whose names all end in 'Son'

1	O'Neil Donaldson
2	Mike Gibson
3	Connor Goldson
4	Arnold Jackson
5	Paul Johnson
6	Gary Megson
7	Gary Patterson
8	Nigel Pearson
9	Colin Robinson
10	Mark Watson

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# THE STORY OF SAFE STANDING

By Roger Groves, Supporters Parliament

LAST SATURDAY'S GAME AGAINST WOLVES WAS A BIG GAME FOR MANY REASONS; A CHANCE TO PITCH OURSELVES AGAINST A PREMIER LEAGUE OUTFIT; A SOLD OUT MONTGOMERY WATERS MEADOW WITH A BIG ATMOSPHERE AND A MUCH WIDER MEDIA INTEREST.

Saturday saw the Safe Standing area sold out for the first time, all 555 spaces taken up and, as far as I know, not a Wolves supporter in sight! There was a much bigger media interest in the game, because it's the FA Cup and because it's a premier league side and it was also great too for Safe Standing. I have written many times about how this has put our club in the spotlight off the field in a very positive way and I know from speaking to some of the media guys pre game, that there is still a lot of interest in what we have done and how we did it.

My match day was a little different for the Wolves game; Fansbet, one of the largest contributors to our project had been in contact and wanted to come to the game to do some filming and interviews. It was my turn to look after them, as Mike Davis had been busy during the week sorting out the foil you saw in the Safe Standing area on Saturday, so he was off having a well earned beer with his mates.

I met up with the Fansbet team around noon at the stadium, sorted out the tickets and press passes and chatted about the plan for the day. I've found with most of the media I have been involved with that it tends to be that while they have an idea of what they



want to do, it's very much a case of let's roll with what plays out. That said, we do have to sort out the security and access, which Lawrence Ellerby our Safety Manager arranges during the week of the game for us.

After a brief chat with the guys and gals it's decided that I will show them around inside the stadium and in particular the Safe Standing area, then they will do some photos and some interviews, starting with yours truly. Whenever I am interviewed I ask what sort of questions they will throw at me, but today is slightly different as it's our main external sponsor and it's more around them

capturing the mood of the build up to the game, than any technical or challenging stance around Safe Standing.

So they duly set up just in front of the Family stand with the backdrop of the Safe Standing and off we go. We are just about to start when a couple of recognisable faces walk past; Gordon Strachan and Paul Simpson disappear into the concourse for a cup of tea, another selfie I missed out on! Although I'm sure if I had posted a selfie with Simmo it would have brought out his detractors, then again it also brings out memories of all those Grant Holt goals. Fickle lot aren't we!



The interview was fine and went well, I think!! They asked about how the project came about, how we raised the money, what it's done for the club and how it's changed the atmosphere. Before the interview is finished though there was a little matter of an FA Cup quiz that they wanted to do...let's just say it wasn't my finest hour and I hope they cut out all of my answers! It started okay, I knew Arsenal had won the cup more than anyone else, but how many times was it though.... I plumped for 9!!

Next up I introduced them to Dave Wynn, who looks after us all in the Safe Standing area, or as Dave pointed out his correct title is Senior Steward in the dual purpose seating section.... love it. Dave told them about his job and that he's a Town fan really so they interview him too as it's an interesting story. Then there was the quiz for Dave, first question and a Dave fired back the answer, Arsenal and they won it 13 times, at that point I exited right and hung my head in shame!

I showed Fansbet around the stand, including the Wall of Fame we have under the stand, they took some photos and we

moved back towards the players tunnel to go outside to interview fans arriving. There was time for a quick selfie with Wolves Manager, Nuno Espírito Santo. A very quietly spoken man who was happy to accommodate me with a smile on his face.

It was now around 1.30pm and the gates were open, there were plenty of supporters milling around and Fansbet go off to do some quick interviews with both sets of supporters. I took a couple of the team and showed them the Power League Bar, or from next Saturday the Community Football Hub, then I spotted Simon Moore the chairman of the OSC and he duly obliged with a few words on camera about the game and our chances.

By then it was about 2pm now and my youngest son Tom arrived, I'd done my bit by then so it was time for a well earned pre-match beer with him, we went to see what's happening in the Fanzone and began to soak up the atmosphere for the game.

Inside the Safe Standing area just before kick off and the atmosphere was electric, I mentioned Mike had been busy helping Brian sort some foil flags

during the week, they looked great and to see them being waved all added to the atmosphere and spectacle. Those inside the Safe Standing sang throughout the game, I did also notice Brian our Chief Exec and his wife Noreen standing and joining in too.

If you have not tried it yet in the Safe Standing, I urge you to do so, I know it's not for everyone, I don't use it myself for all home games but it was great on Saturday.

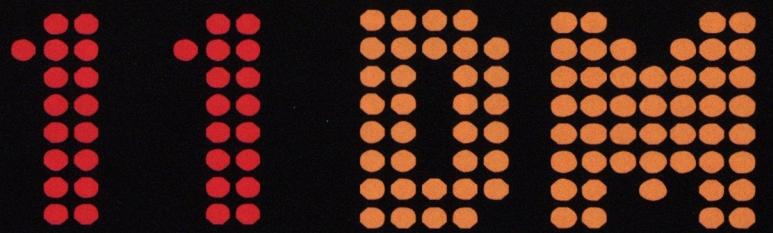
In finishing today I want to take you back to Dave Wynn, who stewards the Safe Standing. Unfortunately late on Saturday night Dave suffered a minor heart attack, I know Dave personally and after having spent some time with him before the game against Wolves it has come as a complete shock to hear such sad news. Dave, I hope you are already well on the road to recovery and we see you again very soon back where I know you enjoy being; stewarding at home games and having a beer with those same supporters at away games. Get well soon mate and best wishes from all of the STFC family.

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# KEN ASTON

By Ian Jones

*REMEMBERED PRIMARILY FOR REFEREEING A NOTORIOUS WORLD CUP MATCH, KEN ASTON WAS MORE SIGNIFICANTLY ONE OF FOOTBALL'S MOST INGENIOUS INNOVATORS.*

## 1962

The Essex headmaster had been given the honour of refereeing the opening match of the 1962 World Cup in Chile, between the hosts and Switzerland. After a faultless performance Aston was appointed to referee the group match between Chile and Italy in Santiago. This proved a very different affair from the opening showpiece.

Enmity had been simmering between the two countries for months. The Italian press had been highly critical of the host's organisation of the tournament; before the match tensions were further ratcheted up by articles characterising Santiago as a decrepit and immoral city. In return the Chilean press raked over a doping scandal in the Italian game and played on allegations of players taking drugs. Unsurprisingly the game was played in a combustible atmosphere.

The first foul of the match was committed twelve seconds in. Giorgio Ferrini was sent off by Aston after eight minutes; the Italian refused to leave the pitch and had to be escorted off by the referee and some armed policemen. At times the match degenerated into a free-for-all, the police coming onto the pitch twice more to restore order. Italy, reduced to nine men after a second sending-off, lost to two goals conceded in the last quarter of the match. Looking back Aston - who as a soldier in the second world war had reached the rank of lieutenant-

colonel - reflected: "I wasn't refereeing a football match, I was acting as an umpire in military manoeuvres".

Aston had first qualified as a referee in 1936, becoming a football league linesman in the 1949-50 season and a full referee a year later. By then he had already gained a reputation as an innovator. Referee's traditional match attire had been a blazer worn over a white shirt. In 1947 Aston adapted a black flight jacket, with a number of useful pockets, to create the black referee's top with white trim which rapidly became universal.

When running the line officials had traditionally used pennants in the home club's colours. One misty day Aston experienced difficulties distinguishing these flags, so he made his own, one in bright red and the other in bright yellow. Linemen's flags in these colours were soon standard in the game.

After taking charge of the 1963 FA Cup final Aston retired from active refereeing. He continued as an administrator, being appointed to the Fifa Referees Committee and rising to become its chairman. Aston was in charge of the referees for the 1966 World Cup when he encountered a problem with on-field discipline. Incidents in the semi-final between England and Argentina highlighted difficulties in unambiguously communicating to participants and spectators a referee's decision to caution or send-off a player. Aston

was mulling the problem over while his car was stopped at traffic lights: he thought "Yellow, take it easy; Red, stop, you're off." From this flash of inspiration Aston conceived the now standard practice of the referee showing red and yellow cards to players.

At the 1966 World Cup Aston had introduced the nomination of a substitute referee - usually the senior linesmen - who would take over if the appointed referee was unable to continue. This arrangement would ultimately evolve into having a fourth match official. At the 1974 World Cup another of Aston's suggestions was introduced: a numbered board to indicate the players involved in a substitution. He was also instrumental in getting a set pressure for match balls included in the laws of the game.

In later life Aston remained active in the game as senior lecturer for the FA's referee's panel and chief instructor for the American Youth Soccer Organisation, being awarded an MBE in 1997 in recognition of his service to US soccer. He died in 2001, aged 86.

Ken Aston's legacy is visible in the officiating of football matches around the world. Furthermore, the phrase showing someone or something 'the red card' is now part of common language.



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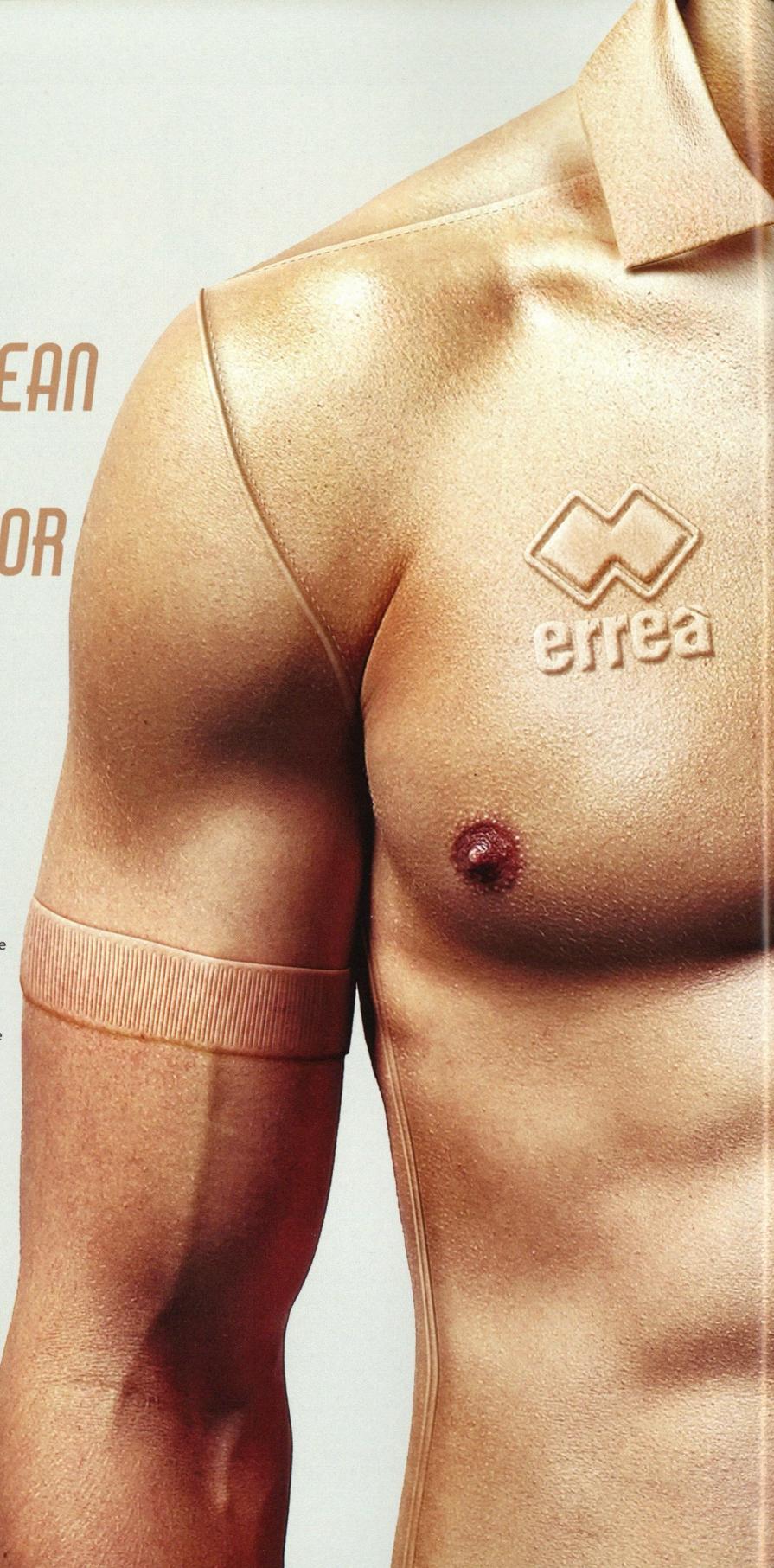
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**THE JOURNEY** - Left Shrewsbury at 6.15 p.m. The A53 was definitely heavier than the Port Vale game as 1600 compared to 200 ventured to the Potteries this time. With traffic queuing from the A53 to the A500, took the route to Trentham Gardens. Back on the A34 and A500, took the exit to Michelen, and parked up in the industrial estate. Got to the ground by 7.45 p.m.

**PRE-MATCH** - If I hadn't been driving I would have certainly used one of the "Barge Pubs" on the canal on the walkway to the "bet365". But instead had a pie and Bovril for £6.50 inside the ground.

**THE GROUND** - Shrewsbury's second home! All future play-off finals have to be played here. Hard to believe it is fifteen years since that memorable warm May afternoon. Newly improved with a corner filled on. The concourses aren't a lot to write home about though. Premier League feel otherwise.

**THE BUFFET** - as above. Expensive and small.

**THE MATCH** - One of those "I was there moments". Town were awful



for 70 minutes. The next 20 showed exactly what Town could be. The 'scences' for the equaliser and winner, will live long in the memory.

**THE JOURNEY HOME** - once again, another joyous procession down the A53. Pinching myself all the way. "Did that really happen?".



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### PLAYER PROFILE

#### MILLY POTTER

##### POSITION: MIDFIELD

Milly has played for local clubs since she was 8 years old, growing up with the sport, which took her to the Shropshire development centre and a competitive Warwickshire league. This gave her a pathway into women's football and has brought her all the way to the Women's team here at Shrewsbury Town. Playing for the Shrews has always been an aspiration for Potter, and she is glad

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## STUART DUNN

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A WEEK ON FROM THE EXCITEMENT OF AN FA CUP FOURTH ROUND TIE HERE, THE BIG GAMES KEEP COMING FOR SHREWSBURY TOWN WITH THIS AFTERNOON'S VISIT OF LUTON.

The Hatters, promoted last season, are clearly enjoying life back in League One with Tuesday night's 3-2 win over second-placed Portsmouth extending their lead at the top of the table to five points. James Collins, twice a League Two promotion winner with Shrewsbury, scored twice against Pompey to take his goal tally for the season up to 16.

That haul includes two hat-tricks, an achievement equalled by Town's top scorer Fejiri Okenabirhie in midweek when he followed up his Checkatrade Trophy treble against Tranmere Rovers in October with three more goals at Bradford City. The former Dagenham player, now on target 14 times this season, producing a quality display in front of goal in Yorkshire on Tuesday night.

Just as it seemed he had helped Town collect a point by completing his hat-trick from the penalty spot in stoppage time, 3-3 quickly became 4-3 when David Ball fired

Bradford to victory with a late, late goal.

Okenabirhie is not the first Shrewsbury Town player to score a hat-trick during a defeat.

The same happened to Nigel Jemson when Shrewsbury were beaten 4-3 at Bury in League Two early in the 2002-03 season. Town were 4-0 down before Jemson gave the Shakers a scare at Gigg Lane.

I can also remember Lee Steele scoring a hat-trick for Town as Brentford ran out 5-3 winners in a League Cup tie at Gay Meadow in 1997.

Those were the days when League Cup first round ties were played over two legs, with Town drawing the first leg 1-1 at Griffin Park thanks to a fine goal from Darren Currie, now in charge of Barnet.

Currie's Barnet face an FA Cup replay this week - ironically against Brentford - and so do Town, of course, with a trip to Molineux to come on Tuesday night when they

will face Wolves for the second time in quick succession.

What a game last Saturday's fourth round tie proved to be as Town impressed against Premier League opposition.

Greg Docherty's unstoppable strike and Luke Waterfall's header allowed Shrewsbury to open up a 2-0 lead, much to the delight of the home fans.

But back came Wolves to force a replay with Mexican international Raul Jimenez's goal followed in stoppage time by an equaliser from Matt Doherty, a former Molineux team mate of Town boss Sam Ricketts.

It was an excellent cup tie, one which will be talked about for years to come, and it was nice to sit down and watch the highlights on Match of the Day on Saturday night.

A fifth round trip to Bristol City awaits the Molineux winners - but first, for Town, it's all about this afternoon's visit of Luton.



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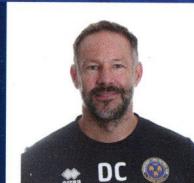
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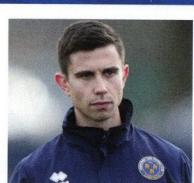
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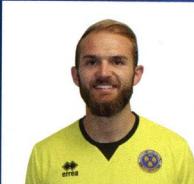
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# IAN WRIGHT: THE REAL STORY

Ian Wright - former England international turned TV pundit, who's sometimes seen as a comedy foil.

But it hasn't always been a bed of roses for the former Palace and Arsenal striker, who won 33 caps for his country.

For much of his life, he's confessed that he's had a burning anger inside him.

In an open and honest piece for *The Players' Tribune*, Wright explained how he wasn't born with that happy-go-lucky gold-toothed smile you see on *Match of the Day* on a Saturday night. He earned it the hard way.

As a boy, he'd spend as much time as he could kicking a tennis ball against a wall, in part to avoid being bullied by his stepfather.

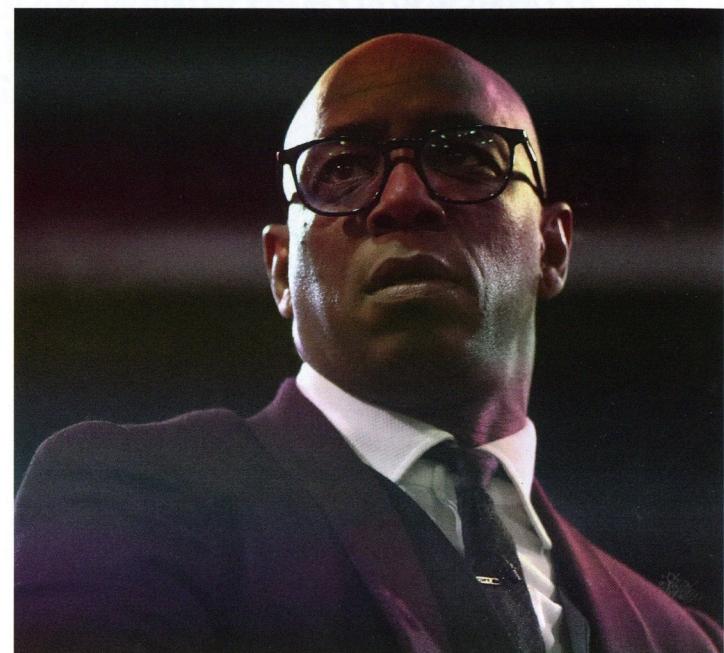
"Depending on what mood he was in, I'd have to face the wall the whole time *Match of the Day* was on. And the really cruel thing was that I could still hear everything. It was awful.

"The first time I went on the show as a presenter, Des Lynam walked up to me and said, 'Ian Wright, welcome to *Match of the Day*'. I nearly broke down. I told Des, 'This is my Graceland'."

Wright signed for Crystal Palace in 1985 after being spotted playing locally. But the labourer almost blew his chance, going to prison for not paying driving fines.

He vowed to change things, and in 1990 he scored twice for Palace after coming on as a sub in the 1990 FA Cup final against Manchester United.

You might have seen a TV programme on Wright, when he sobbed and sobbed when there was



a surprise reunion with a former teacher he hadn't seen for years.

Wright says Sydney Pigden was the one man in particular who helped me through those dark times as a child. He changed my life.

"He taught me how to read and write, but also how to deal with my anger, how to have patience, be confident, communicate and take responsibility. He was the first man who showed me any kind of love," said Wright.

"When I played for England he called

it the proudest moment of his life. Imagine that. This schoolteacher, who'd done stuff like been a pilot in the Second World War, who'd flown over Buckingham Palace... and he says his proudest moment was watching some kid who went to his school play football."

Mr Pigden passed away recently at the age of 95. "But he's still with me. He always will be," said Wright.

Now 55 and a dad and a grandad, Wright is "working on giving back" and wants to see football easily accessible to those with troubled backgrounds.

"Maybe now that you've read my story," he added, "you'll see me on the television flashing a smile and you'll really understand that I wasn't born with it. I earned it."

(This is adapted from an original article on the BBC Sport website)

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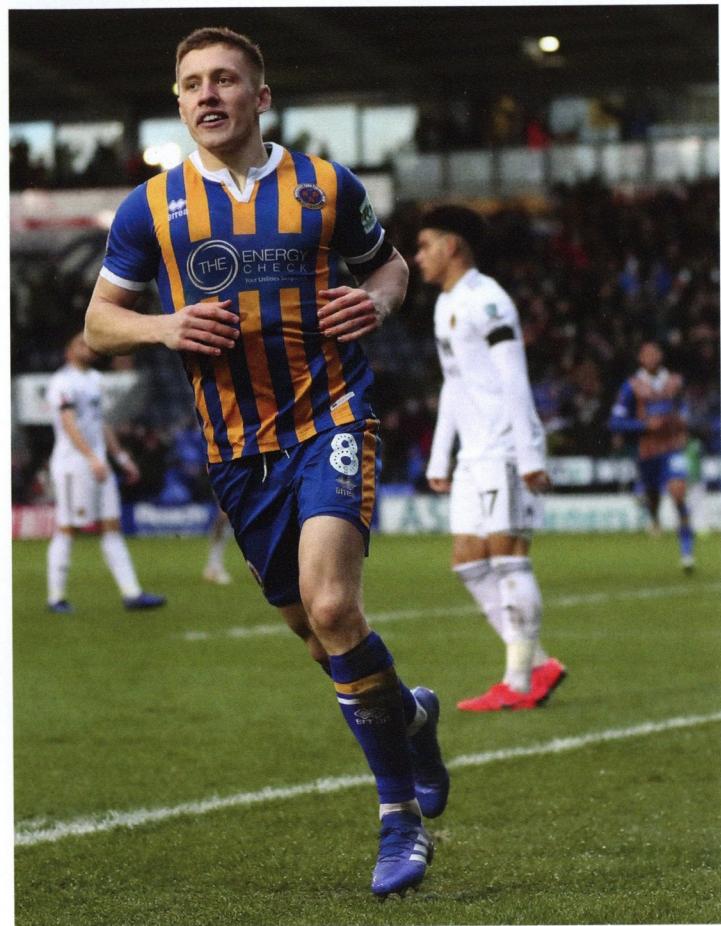
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# OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB >

GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME TO THE MEADOW FOR TODAY'S GAME AGAINST LUTON TOWN.



I write this after the FA Cup game against Wolves which saw Town so close to making it into the 5th round without a replay. Unfortunately, we have to wait to see if Ricketts' men can repeat the outstanding away performance which they showed at Stoke.

Luton are on one hell of a great run this season topping the League One

table after a 0-1 win over Southend United, but now Shrewsbury return to the bread and butter of the League and need to widen the gap from the bottom four.

Enjoy today's game.

**ROB LEWIS**  
OSC COMMITTEE MEMBER AND  
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# SUPPORTERS PARLIAMENT

TODAY IT'S BACK TO THE LEAGUE, AFTER A FANTASTIC RESULT AGAINST WOLVES IN THE FA CUP. LAST SATURDAY'S 2-2 DRAW WAS SEEN BY A PACKED MONTGOMERY WATERS MEADOW CROWD, INCLUDING A LARGE CONTINGENT OF WOLVES SUPPORTERS.

As I have said many times, the Supporters Parliament works closely with the football club, highlighting feedback from our supporters on their match day experience, both good and bad. In the lead up to the game on Saturday, there were a lot of comments regarding the ticketing policy for the game, something we have and will continue to discuss with the club.

Post game, I think it's fair to say that attention turned to some of the unsavoury behaviour of a minority of supporters and reports of a number of Wolves fans in the home sections of the stadium, I know from the discussions that I have been party to with the club, that this is taken extremely seriously and will be fully investigated. It is not for us to comment on any further, however we do urge any supporter who has any information that they believe will help the club, to either contact them directly or through ourselves; our contact details are at the end of this update.

Finally, I want to remind everyone that our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th February, at the Montgomery Waters Meadow with a 7pm start. Whilst we are still finalising the agenda, I can tell you that it will include the new bar at the Community Football Hub, and an update on plans for the 78/79 reunion event.

By the time you get to read my notes we will know the name of the bar at the hub. At the time of writing these notes, the vote still remains open, with the most



popular name being announced prior to the bar being open for today's game.

The bar will be used on a match day for supporters to get a drink, or watch a live game, both before and after home games. As part of the upgrade to the bar area, we are looking for supporters to loan some select pieces of STFC memorabilia to display inside the Community Hub. These can be items from any era; maybe a special programme or a unique item, so if you do have any items that you are prepared to loan, please get in touch with us at the SP.

Finally I would like to wish Dave Wynn a speedy recovery.



Unfortunately Dave suffered a minor heart attack late last Saturday after the Wolves game. I have known Dave for a few years now and he is not only a massive town follower but he is our Senior Steward in the Safe Standing area. Get well soon mate and all the best from every STFC Supporter.

As always if you want to get in touch with the Supporters Parliament, you can either contact me on **07868701719**, or Chris Wynne on **0777925593**, or email **sp@stfcsupporters.com**

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FOURTH ROUND REPLAY IN THE EMIRATES  
FA CUP.**

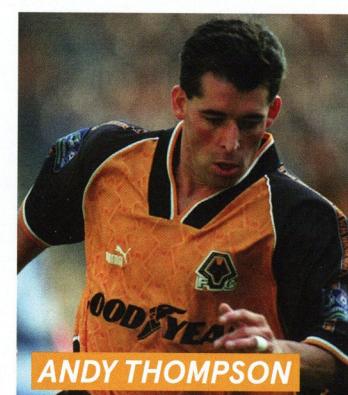
Wolves having only been promoted from the Championship last season have quickly found their feet in the premier league and look like a side that will comfortably finish in the top half of the table. Wolves are a side full of international quality and will prove a tough test against Shrewsbury however they have suffered several defeats at home this season including league strugglers Huddersfield this season. And as Town's last away game proves in the FA Cup, anything is possible.

**PLAYER CONNECTIONS: ANDY THOMPSON**

Thompson spent the majority of his career at Wolves having signed from West Brom in 1986. He went on to make 376 appearances scoring 43 goals between 1986 and 1997. Several years later Andy signed for Town on loan from Cardiff. The following year he signed a permanent deal where he stayed for the season before leaving for Hednesford Town the following season.



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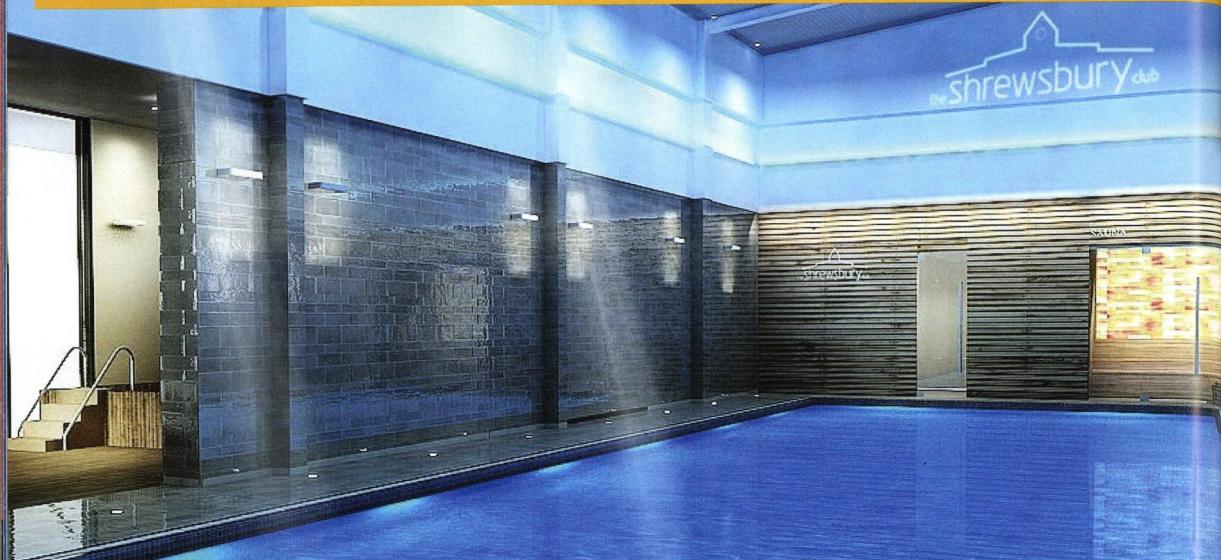
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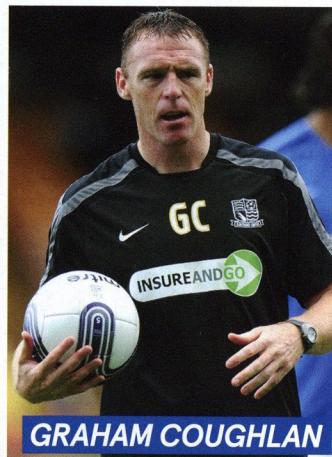


**TOWN TRAVEL DOWN TO THE MEMORIAL STADIUM IN THEIR FIRST AWAY GAME OF FEBRUARY.**

Bristol Rovers are currently sitting in the relegation zone in Sky Bet League One. However they shouldn't be viewed as easy opposition. Recent games have seen them take an up turn in form winning 4 out of their last 7 games. Graham Coughlan will be looking to keep improving on that form when they face Town to help pull them out of the drop zone.

### PLAYER CONNECTIONS: STEFAN PAYNE

Payne joined Town originally on loan from Barnsley in 2017. He made 12 appearances and impressed Paul Hurst enough to earn himself a permanent move the following season. Payne made 54 appearances and scored 11 goals for Town last season before signing for Bristol Rovers in the summer. He has since made 28 appearances for Bristol and scored 3 goals.



**GRAHAM COUGHLAN**



**STEFAN PAYNE**

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Saturday 9th February Bristol Rovers K/O 15:00hrs

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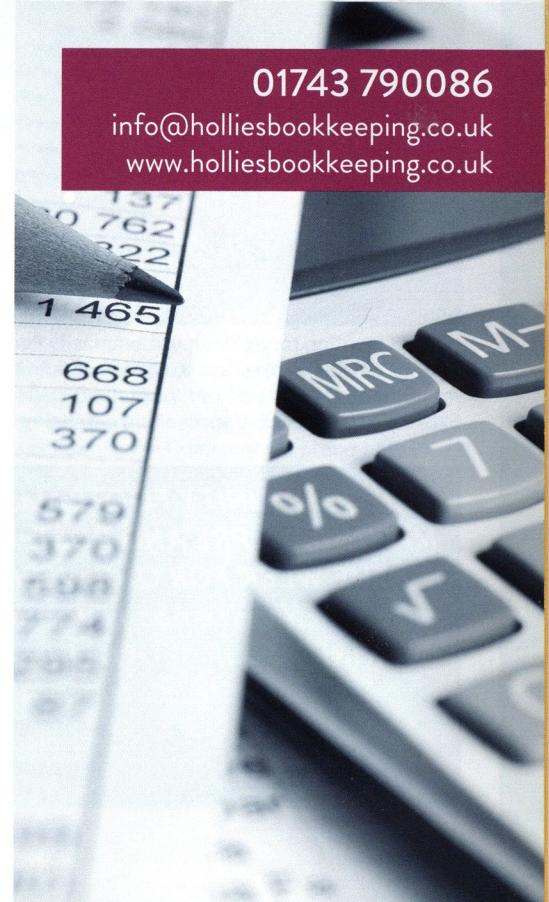
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## COMMUNITY FOOTBALL HUB OPENS



Next week will see the official opening of the Community Football Hub, located right beside Montgomery Waters Meadow.

With all-weather football pitches and a fully equipped bar and function room, the new Community Football Hub will be able to play host to a range of activities, from weekly football sessions for projects such as ShrewsAbility and Kick Cancer along with being available

for general pitch and function hire. Kids birthday parties will also offer a full hour of football for 10 children on our 3G pitch along with food and special matchday parties being offered. Weekly 5-a-side leagues will continue to run for adults, juniors and women. No matter your needs, the Community Football Hub will offer a space for everyone to engage with sport.

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## IDSALL GIRLS CUP SUCCESS



Congratulations to Idsall Girls U13s who represented Shrewsbury Town at the regional EFL Girls Cup in Stoke on 10th January and finished 3rd.

The team saw some tough competition from teams representing Stoke City, Aston Villa, Port Vale, Macclesfield Town, and West Brom, who went on to win the competition.

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Due to ever-increasing popularity, there will now be two Girls Only sessions running in Shrewsbury on the 21st and 22nd February, split by age group, so make sure to book early to avoid disappointment!

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# JOSH LAURENT

**JOSH LAURENT  
CAUGHT UP WITH  
TOWNTALK TO  
DISCUS HIS CAREER  
AND TIME WITH  
TOWN.**

**Talk us through your early career and where your football journey started?**

I first started off at Wycombe Wanderers when I was 16 on a scholarship, but I got released at 17. I moved to QPR and that was it really. I had three years at QPR and that's where I signed pro and started from there.

I was disappointed when I got released but I sort of knew it was coming, you sort of know when you haven't done enough and when you have done enough. I knew I hadn't so I knew. It made it easier to deal with so I prepared for it.

**You spent some time in Non-League, how did that help with your development?**

It's a grind in the early stages down there. It was my first taste of first-team football, so it does help you a lot and makes you grow up quickly. You have to adapt quick and I think that's the hardest phase. One



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hundred percent it brings another aspect into your game that you didn't know you had and you have to bring it. Non-League is different to any other football.

**Where was your first taste of first-team consistent league football?**

My first real taste would probably be Hartlepool. It was the first place I played consistently for half a season. It didn't start off so great because I signed in the January and didn't break into the team until September. I just played straight from there. I was quite nervous and didn't know what to expect but then the first five games after that was a good feeling.

After Hartlepool I moved to Wigan and never really got a chance to show what I could do. When I did play I thought I did well but Wigan are a big club and there were a lot of players – like 30 in the squad. Competition was tough when you have players coming down from teams like Manchester United and clubs like that.

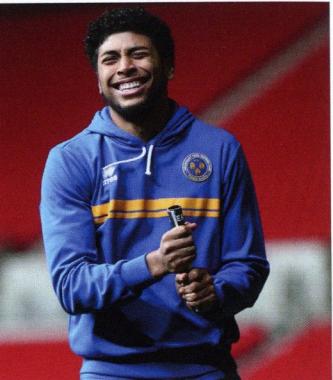
It has been hard to get a chance but I am getting one now here, so I am really grateful for that.

**How did your move to Town come about?**

I heard there was interest from the season before but I couldn't play for anyone else as I had played for Wigan and Bury. I thought it had died down to be honest but I got a call one day during the summer. I got asked if I wanted to come here and they told me their plans and what they think of me and things like that. I was just waiting for it to happen and I signed from there.

**Are you enjoying having a chance with good playing time?**

It has been very nice playing and having these run of games. Playing every week is great and I haven't had that since Hartlepool. I don't think I have played this many games in a season before so it's really nice. I do get frustrated at times playing in different positions but I get to learn on the day. You get to face situations that you wouldn't normally face. When I know I haven't dealt with something I get



frustrated and sometimes I forget I haven't played there consistently before. It does get frustrating but you do it for the boys and you do it for the team. I'd rather be playing anywhere on the pitch rather than not playing at all.

I'm still young so it's something I can use and take forward in years to come. When you take a step back and look at it I am quite happy as I am learning. I just want to play as many games as possible to keep learning.

**How are you finding living in Shrewsbury?**

Yeah, it's great. It's different to what I am used to but I have enjoyed it. I have got my new-born baby up with me, so life couldn't be any better.

Coming home after training and every match she takes my mind off everything and when you go to football you know she's on your mind and you want to do well and fight for.

**Any personal aims for the season, goals or assists tally?**

I do have them but I keep them to myself – there is still a long way to go in the season. You have to set goals for yourself and every player has them deep down but I don't think many players will tell you what they are.

We want to push forward as a team. We had a little spell where we were looking forward and we need to get back to that. Once we get back to that we will push on from there. We don't want to be looking over our shoulder – we want to just focus on us.

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PROGRAMME.

Callum, who holds the UEFA A Licence, is currently the Academy's longest serving member of full-time staff.

McKenzie works closely with the Under-15s and 16s, whilst also assisting with the Under-18s on a daily basis.

The Town academy are all now fully back up and running after the Christmas break and Callum provided an update.

The programme is all back up and running after the Christmas break. The schoolboy's haven't started their fixture programme yet but they have played in



little festivals and their training programme is back up and running.

We have Fleetwood Town this Sunday so we are all looking forward now to getting back into routine and getting going again.

Callum doesn't feel the departure of Eric Ramsey will affect the academy programme, as the coach is still involved with the development and teaching of the young players.

That's football isn't it? I have been in positions before where academy managers have left or staff have moved on. It has been business as usual if you like, so it has been

pretty seamless. There is a new academy manager coming in shortly – it will be back to normal very quickly I am sure.

Callum has been pleased with the recent number of academy prospects featuring for the first-team and hopes to see that continue.

The last seven or eight weeks have been very positive from the academy point of view with the involvements of the Under-18's in the first-team.

James Rowland has been the one of most note – making his full debut against Port Vale and getting



man of the match as well, which is the cherry on the cake for him. Kian Taylor was also involved in that game on the bench. Several of the boys were involved in the reserve game and I think they all did themselves and the academy credit.

I think it's a fantastic time for the academy at the moment and all the boys from 16 down will be relishing the prospect of making debuts and pushing on in the future.

I have spoken to Sam Ricketts a number of times and he's a forward thinking manager. He came from an academy background having spent a little bit of time at Wolves, which was where I first met him.

He sees the value of bringing players through and for a club like ours it's extra important, as we haven't got millions and millions of pounds to spend on players. Producing our own is very important.

We have always had players who

have the potential to take up first-team spots and they have always had opportunity. Now it's there for all to see.

Ryan Sears is another one who is doing really well. He seems to be getting more opportunities and I know that the first-team like him. He works hard, which is a core ingredient for all players who are pushing to get into that environment.

We also have Ryan Barnett who is out on-loan with Telford at the moment and he's a real prospect. They are the three flag bearers at the moment for all the rest to follow.

Callum feels now is a very important stage for the older youth prospects and hopes to see as many as possible progress into the first-team and earn pro deals.

The second-years are now coming towards that difficult time. As I say, I can't fault any of their work rates and efforts. As long as they keep

working as hard as they have been up to this point – then they will give themselves a chance.

It's obvious that they can't all get that contract but as long as they can look back at the end of their time with us and think they've done all they can – that's all we can ask of them.

Some of the lads have had game time over Christmas, playing a variety of standards. The one of most note would be Rhys Davies who went out at the start of the season to Nuneaton in the Conference North and did really well. He earned another loan move to Chippenham who are in the Conference South. He's playing at a really good level and the reports we have had back are really promising. Well done to him and well done to the lads who went out and stretched themselves a little bit – hopefully they return better players for it.

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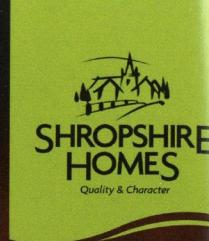
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**FORENAME:** Reiss

**MIDDLE NAME(S):** Morgan

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**DATE OF BIRTH:** 17/02/2001

**BIRTHPLACE:** Wolverhampton

**NATIONALITY:** English

**POSITION:** Right-Wing

**HEIGHT:** 5ft 9inch

**WEIGHT:** 66kg

**SECONDARY SCHOOL:**

Thomas Telford

**PREVIOUS CLUBS:**

Wolves

**DATE JOINED STFC:** April 2017

**PEN PIC:** Wolverhampton born Reiss started his career with his hometown club, before joining Shrewsbury in 2017. He followed in the footsteps of Connor Goldson and Ryan Barnett by attending Thomas Telford School. He signed his scholarship in April 2017 and played the last couple of games of the 2016/17 season. Reiss, who can play anywhere on the right hand side, was a regular for the Under-18s last season and will be looking to push on this season.



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LEAGUE ONE | EFL

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2 PORTSMOUTH	29	17	6	6	49	30	19	57
3 BARNSLEY	29	16	8	5	51	26	25	56
4 CHARLTON ATHLETIC	30	16	6	8	47	31	16	54
5 SUNDERLAND	27	14	11	2	48	26	22	53
6 PETERBOROUGH UNITED	30	13	10	7	49	40	9	49
7 DONCASTER ROVERS	28	13	7	8	51	37	14	46
8 BLACKPOOL	29	11	10	8	31	27	4	43
9 WYCOMBE WANDERERS	30	11	9	10	41	42	-1	42
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	28	9	9	10	27	36	-9	36
16 WALSALL	29	9	8	12	33	45	-12	35
17 PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	30	9	6	15	38	52	-14	33
18 GILLINGHAM	29	9	5	15	39	48	-9	32
19 SHREWSBURY TOWN	29	7	10	12	32	39	-7	31
20 OXFORD UNITED	29	7	10	12	37	46	-9	31
21 BRADFORD CITY	30	9	4	17	36	51	-15	31
22 ROCHDALE	30	8	7	15	36	61	-25	31
23 BRISTOL ROVERS	29	7	8	14	27	32	-5	29
24 AFC WIMBLEDON	29	6	5	18	22	45	-23	23

## PLAYER STATS

Updated: 30/01/19

PLAYER NAME	FOOTBALL LEAGUE ONE		FA CUP		EFL CUP		EFL TROPHY		TOTAL STFC CAREER	
	APPS	GOALS	APPS	GOALS	APPS	GOALS	APPS	GOALS	APPS	GOALS
JOEL COLEMAN	16				1		3		20	
JOSH EMMANUEL	13 (1)		2 (1)				3		18 (2)	
RYAN HAYNES	13 (1)		3		1		3 (1)		20 (2)	
KIERAN KENNEDY	1						5		6	
MAT SADLER	26		6						202 (8)	6
OMAR BECKLES	21 (1)		4 (2)		1		3 (1)	1	72 (7)	4
SHAUN WHALLEY	14 (3)	1	0 (1)		1	1	0 (1)		108 (36)	22
GREG DOCHERTY	23 (2)	5	6		2		1	1	31 (2)	8
LEE ANGOL	11 (7)	3	0 (3)		0 (1)		4 (1)	1	15 (11)	4
SAM JONES										
ARTHUR GNAHOUA	0 (1)						1 (1)		11 (14)	3
FEJIRI OKENABIRHIE	15 (6)	8	5	3	0 (1)		2 (2)	3	22 (9)	14
JAMES BOLTON	17		4 (1)	1	1		3		67 (3)	2
LENELL JOHN-LWIS	5 (12)	1	1 (3)		1		3 (1)	1	14 (56)	4
STEVE ARNOLD	13		6				2		21	
BRYN MORRIS									32 (10)	
LUKE HENDRIE									9 (1)	
ALEX GILLIEAD	15 (9)	1	3		1		2	2	20 (10)	3
DOUG LOFT	1						4	1	5	1
AARON AMADI-HOLLOWAY	14 (8)	2	4 (2)	1			0 (1)		18 (10)	3
ABO EISA	0 (4)		0 (1)				3	1	6 (7)	2
LUKE WATERFALL	28	4	6	1	1		1		36	5
CHARLIE COLKETT	1		0 (1)		0 (1)		2 (1)		3 (3)	
GEORGE HUGHES									0 (1)	
ZAK JULES									0 (1)	
JOHN MCATEE									4 (2)	1
RYAN SEARS	1 (1)						3 (1)	1	4 (2)	1
JOSH LAURENT	22 (5)	1	6	1	1		1		30 (5)	2
OLIE NORBURN	23 (2)	5	4	2	1		2		31 (2)	7
CAMERON GREGORY										
RYAN BARNETT	0 (1)						2 (1)		2 (3)	
CHRISTOS SHELIS							1		2 (1)	
ANTHONY GRANT	26 (2)		6						32 (2)	
JAMES ROWLAND									1 (2)	
REICE CHARLES-COOK										
ROMAINE VINCENLOT	0 (1)		0 (1)						0 (2)	
DAVE EDWARDS	0 (1)								105 (35)	15
SAM SMITH	0 (2)								0 (2)	

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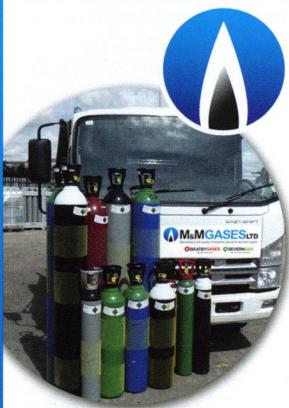
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# THE LAST WORD

## RYAN JERVIS



### WHAT CAN POSSIBLY GO WRONG?

I am writing this before we play Bradford in the rearranged midweek league game and therefore have no idea of the result. It is a crucial game just as today's game against Luton is to ensure we retain our very precious, hard-won league status.

However vital these two league games might be, the talking point all week has been last Saturday's FA Cup Fourth Round local derby against Wolverhampton Wanderers. There are very few things in life that can excite, thrill, delight even the most indifferent, impassive supporter than when your home club perform well against one of the giants of the game.

Especially when the giant takes the form of the Wolves who have taken the Premiership by storm on their return to the top flight and contain so many elite international players. What has become so apparent as this very bizarre season has panned out is that the Town possesses players who look very comfortable against the very best.

Many of us have said that despite some of the disappointing results this season the current Town squad may well be one of the best assembled at Shrewsbury for a long time. Wolverhampton did eventually score two goals against us, but it wasn't easy for them, and they had to bring on new players and fresh legs to do so. I thought the Town were magnificent and we came so near to causing an upset and securing a place in the next round. We may still do so of course!

Sam Ricketts will now want to secure this high level of performance, the tempo and energy of a week ago and during the second half at Stoke more regularly. Is it a lack of self-belief or perhaps a lack of focus or resolve on occasions by some of our players that have delivered the occasional less than convincing team performances?

Many years ago, Emlyn Hughes who played 665 games for Liverpool and represented his country as player and captain 62 times explained during a visit to Shrewsbury (shortly before he died of a brain tumour at the age of 57), how every player was made to feel they were world beaters by their manager, the legendary Bill Shankly.

Emlyn couldn't quite remember what he said, all he knew was that they were made to believe they could compete with and beat every team they played. Emlyn said he never thought he was the most gifted of players, but every time he led the Liverpool team onto the pitch he felt invincible!

I guess that as a new and young manager the results at Stoke and the performance against Wolves will have dispelled any doubts, if there were any, Sam might have that he has made the right choice coming into management. It isn't for everyone. Thierry Henry, one of the best footballers anywhere on the planet, has just realised that being a great player does not necessarily mean you can manage a football club.

No one can tell Henry how best to score a goal, and tactically he will have come out top on every assessment during his EUFA qualifications to become a football manager. Jonathan Johnson is a journalist and an expert on the French leagues explains why he thought the Monaco players turned against the Frenchman who scored more goals (51) for the national team than any other and is a legend at both Barcelona and Arsenal. His CV couldn't be any better.

*'He (Henry) doesn't seem to show much respect to the players or opponents either. So a lot of the players in the squad felt his behaviour didn't befit that of a top club's coach....and they turned against him'.*

*(J Johnson)*

Great managers are great managers of people whether that be a football team or the local Co-op. Despite his greatness as a player, Henry perhaps didn't have the humility or the personality or whatever it takes to win both the respect and confidence of his players.

Sam Ricketts has made a solid start; he's in a good place with a well-run, financially sound football club. He conducts himself well and has made some excellent backroom appointments who we know hold the respect and confidence of the players.

What can go wrong? Well, this is football ladies and gentlemen where the normal laws don't always apply in this 'funny old game'.

# FIXTURES & RESULTS 2018/19 >

DATE	OPPONENT	H/A	KO	RES	ATT	AWAY	POS	STARTING XI
SAT AUG 04	BRADFORD CITY	H	15:00	0-1	7,625	1,431	22	Coleman Kennedy Sadler Beckles Whalley
SAT AUG 11	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	A	15:00	2-1	9,429	435	22	Coleman Haynes Beckles Whalley Docherty
TUE AUG 14	BURTON ALBION EFL CUP	H	19:45	1-2	2,708	127	-	Coleman Haynes Beckles Whalley <b>1</b> Docherty
SAT AUG 18	BLACKPOOL	H	15:00	0-0	5,216	357	21	Coleman Haynes Sadler Whalley <b>83</b> Docherty
TUE AUG 21	DONCASTER ROVERS	A	19:45	0-0	6,943	331	22	Coleman Haynes Sadler Whalley Docherty
SAT AUG 25	LUTON TOWN	A	15:00	3-2	8,518	379	23	Coleman Haynes Sadler Whalley <b>1</b> Docherty
TUE AUG 28	MANCHESTER CITY U21 EFL TROPHY	H	19:45	1-1*	1,838	85	-	Arnold Kennedy Beckles <b>Angol 1</b> Gnahoma <b>84</b>
SAT SEP 01	BRISTOL ROVERS	H	15:00	1-1	5,759	639	23	Coleman Sadler Beckles Whalley <b>1</b> Angol
SAT SEP 08	PORTSMOUTH	A	15:00	1-1	17,634	281	22	Coleman Emmanuel Sadler Beckles Whalley
SAT SEP 15	SOUTHEND UNITED	H	15:00	2-0	5,651	312	17	Coleman Emmanuel Sadler Beckles Whalley
SAT SEP 22	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	A	15:00	1-0	3,784	-	20	Coleman Emmanuel Sadler Beckles Whalley <b>1</b>
SAT SEP 29	GILLINGHAM	H	15:00	2-2	5,695	217	19	Coleman Emmanuel Sadler Beckles Whalley
TUE OCT 02	WALSALL	A	19:45	0-0	4,555	806	20	Coleman Emmanuel Sadler Beckles Whalley
SAT OCT 06	ACCRINGTON STANLEY	H	15:00	1-0	5,353	240	16	Coleman Emmanuel Sadler Beckles Whalley
TUE OCT 09	TRANMERE ROVERS EFL TROPHY	H	19:00	6-0	1,379	113	-	Arnold Emmanuel <b>61</b> Haynes Kennedy <b>Beckles 1</b>
SAT OCT 13	FLEETWOOD TOWN	A	15:00	2-1	2,983	-	17	Coleman Emmanuel Sadler Beckles Whalley
SAT OCT 20	SUNDERLAND	H	15:00	0-2	9,007	1,640	18	Coleman Emmanuel Sadler Beckles Whalley <b>77</b>
TUE OCT 23	BARNESLEY	H	19:45	3-1	5,587	852	18	Coleman Emmanuel Haynes <b>66</b> Beckles <b>Docherty 1</b> <b>88</b>
SAT OCT 27	OXFORD UNITED	A	15:00	3-0	8,697	594	19	Coleman Haynes <b>88</b> Beckles <b>Docherty 64</b> <b>Angol 1</b> <b>84</b>
SAT NOV 03	AFC WIMBLEDON	A	15:00	1-2	4,066	355	18	Arnold Emmanuel Sadler Beckles <b>Docherty</b> <b>87</b>
SUN NOV 11	SALFORD CITY FAC1	H	12:45	1-1	4,351	421	-	Arnold Emmanuel Sadler Beckles <b>Docherty</b>
TUE NOV 13	CREWE ALEXANDRA EFL TROPHY	A	19:30	1-2	823	186	-	Coleman Haynes Kennedy <b>Angol 76</b> Bolton
SAT NOV 17	ROCHDALE	H	15:00	3-2	5,861	340	16	Arnold Emmanuel Sadler Beckles <b>Docherty</b>
WED NOV 21	SALFORD CITY FAC1 REPLAY	A	19:45	1-3	2,432	-	-	Arnold Emmanuel Beckles <b>8</b> Grant Waterfall
SAT NOV 24	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	A	15:00	3-2	4,598	450	17	Arnold Emmanuel Sadler Beckles <b>Docherty 61</b>
TUE NOV 27	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	H	19:45	2-0	5,279	370	15	Arnold Sadler Beckles <b>Docherty 1</b> <b>Okenabirhie 1</b> <b>80</b>
SUN DEC 02	SCUNTHORPE UNITED FAC2	H	14:00	1-0	3,427	192	-	Arnold Sadler Beckles <b>Docherty</b> <b>Okenabirhie 90</b>
WED DEC 05	WALSALL EFL TROPHY	H	19:30	2-1	1,857	239	-	Coleman Emmanuel Haynes Kennedy <b>Angol</b>
SAT DEC 08	BURTON ALBION	A	15:00	2-1	3,062	-	17	Arnold Sadler Beckles <b>Docherty 78</b> <b>Okenabirhie 1</b>
SAT DEC 15	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	H	15:00	2-2	5,393	299	17	Arnold Sadler Beckles <b>Docherty 1</b> <b>Okenabirhie 1</b>
SAT DEC 22	COVENTRY CITY	H	15:00	1-0	8,083	1,639	15	Arnold Haynes <b>75</b> Sadler <b>Docherty</b> <b>Okenabirhie 87</b>
WED DEC 26	ACCRINGTON STANLEY	A	15:00	2-1	3,061	770	18	Arnold Haynes Sadler <b>Docherty</b> <b>Okenabirhie</b>
SAT DEC 29	SUNDERLAND	A	15:00	1-1	33,288	697	17	Arnold Haynes <b>88</b> Sadler <b>Docherty</b>
TUE JAN 01	FLEETWOOD TOWN	H	15:00	0-0	5,919	109	16	Arnold Haynes <b>8</b> Sadler <b>Docherty</b> <b>Okenabirhie</b>
SAT JAN 05	STOKE CITY FAC3	H	12:30	1-1	7,512	1,525	-	Arnold Haynes Sadler <b>Docherty</b> <b>Bolton</b>
MON JAN 07	PORT VALE EFL TROPHY	A	19:45	1-1**	1,355	192	-	Coleman Emmanuel <b>90</b> Kennedy Beckles <b>Angol</b>
SAT JAN 12	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	H	15:00	0-3	5,995	518	18	Arnold Haynes Sadler <b>Docherty 59</b> <b>Okenabirhie</b>
TUE JAN 15	STOKE CITY FA CUP 3RD ROUND REPLAY	A	20:00	2-3	10,261	1,656	-	Arnold Haynes Sadler <b>Docherty</b> <b>Okenabirhie 88</b>
SAT JAN 19	BLACKPOOL	A	15:00	0-0	3,186	516	17	Arnold Haynes Sadler Beckles <b>Docherty</b>
SAT JAN 26	WOLVES FAC4	H	15:00	2-2	9,503	1,641	-	Arnold Haynes Sadler Beckles <b>Docherty 1</b> <b>90</b>
TUE JAN 29	BRADFORD CITY	A	19:45	4-3	14,906	-	19	Arnold Haynes <b>75</b> Sadler <b>57</b> Beckles <b>Docherty</b>
SAT FEB 02	LUTON TOWN	H	15:00					
SAT FEB 05	WOLVES FA CUP 4TH ROUND REPLAY	A	19:45					
SAT FEB 09	BRISTOL ROVERS	A	15:00					
SAT FEB 16	BURTON ALBION	H	15:00					
SAT FEB 23	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	A	15:00					
TUE FEB 26	DONCASTER ROVERS	H	19:45					
SAT MAR 02	AFC WIMBLEDON	H	15:00					
SAT MAR 09	ROCHDALE	A	15:00					
TUE MAR 12	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	A	19:45					
SAT MAR 16	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	H	15:00					
SAT MAR 23	PORTSMOUTH	H	15:00					
SAT MAR 30	SOUTHEND UNITED	A	15:00					
SAT APR 06	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	H	15:00					
SAT APR 13	GILLINGHAM	A	15:00					
FRI APR 19	BARNESLEY	A	15:00					
MON APR 22	OXFORD UNITED	H	15:00					
SUN APR 28	COVENTRY CITY	A	15:00					
SAT MAY 04	WALSALL	H	17:30					

\* Shrewsbury Town win on penalties 3-1 \*\* Port Vale win on penalties 4-3



SUBSTITUTES								
Payne <b>81</b>	Bolton	Loft <b>66</b>	A - Holloway	Colkett <b>74</b>	Laurent	Arnold	Haynes	Okenabirhie <b>81</b>
Bolton	Gilllead	A - Holloway <b>52</b>	Waterfall	Laurent <b>74</b>	Norburn <b>62</b>	Arnold	Sadler	Colkett
Bolton	Gilllead	John-Lewis <b>69</b>	Waterfall	Laurent <b>81</b>	Norburn <b>31</b>	Arnold	Kennedy	Sadler
Bolton	John-Lewis <b>68</b>	Gilllead	Waterfall	Laurent	Grant	Arnold	Beckles	Angol
Bolton	John-Lewis <b>76</b>	Gilllead	Waterfall <b>8</b>	Laurent	Grant	Arnold	Beckles	Angol
<b>Angol 1</b>	Bolton	Gilllead <b>77</b>	Waterfall	Laurent	Grant <b>77</b>	Beckles	Okenabirhie <b>77</b>	John-Lewis
Okenabirhie	Bolton <b>80</b>	Loft	Waterfall	Norburn	Barnett	Coleman	Haynes	Haynes <b>80</b>
Gilllead	Waterfall	Sears	Laurent	Norburn	Grant <b>69</b>	Arnold	Haynes	Docherty
John-Lewis <b>67</b>	Gilllead	Waterfall	Laurent <b>73</b>	Norburn	Grant	Gregory	Haynes	<b>Docherty 1</b> <b>73</b>
<b>Docherty 1</b> <b>90</b>	<b>Angol 1</b> <b>84</b>	Gilllead	Waterfall	Norburn	Grant	Arnold	Gnahoua	Bolton
Docherty	Angol	Gilllead <b>89</b>	Waterfall <b>8</b>	Norburn <b>8</b>	Grant <b>65</b>	Arnold	Kennedy	Gnahoua <b>89</b>
Docherty	Angol	A - Holloway <b>76</b>	Waterfall	<b>Norburn 1</b>	Grant <b>87</b>	Arnold	Okenabirhie	Bolton
Angol	Gilllead <b>65</b>	A - Holloway <b>90</b>	Waterfall	Norburn	Grant	Arnold	Docherty	Okenabirhie
Angol	<b>Gilllead 1</b>	Waterfall	Laurent	Norburn	Grant <b>60</b>	Arnold	Kennedy	Docherty
<b>Docherty 1</b>	<b>Okenabirhie 3</b>	Bolton	John-Lewis <b>71</b>	Laurent <b>61</b>	Norburn <b>74</b>	Coleman	Gnahoua	Loft
Okenabirhie <b>45</b>	John-Lewis <b>45</b>	Gilllead	Waterfall <b>8</b>	<b>Laurent 1</b> <b>90</b>	Norburn <b>8</b>	Arnold	Haynes	Docherty <b>45</b>
Docherty	Angol	Gilllead <b>70</b>	Waterfall	Laurent <b>70</b>	Grant	Arnold	Haynes <b>70</b>	Okenabirhie
Angol	Okenabirhie	Bolton	<b>Waterfall 1</b>	<b>Norburn 1</b>	Grant <b>87</b>	Arnold	Sadler	John-Lewis <b>76</b>
Okenabirhie	Bolton	Waterfall	Emmanuel	Norburn	Grant	Arnold	Sadler	Gilllead
Gilllead <b>45</b>	A - Holloway	<b>Waterfall 2</b>	Norburn	Grant		Coleman	Angol	Bolton
Okenabirhie <b>66</b>	A - Holloway	Waterfall	Laurent	<b>Norburn 1</b>	Grant	Coleman	Angol <b>66</b>	Bolton
John-Lewis	<b>Gilllead 1</b>	Loft	Eisa <b>90</b>	Colkett	<b>67</b>	Arnold	Emmanuel	Gnahoua
<b>Okenabirhie 1</b> <b>10</b>	A - Holloway <b>84</b>	Waterfall	Laurent	<b>Norburn 2</b>	Grant	Coleman	Bolton	John-Lewis <b>84</b>
Sadler	Laurent	<b>Docherty 2</b>	<b>A - Holloway 75</b>	Norburn <b>78</b>	Grant	Coleman	Bolton	John-Lewis <b>84</b>
<b>Okenabirhie 1</b>	<b>A - Holloway 1</b> <b>83</b>	Waterfall	Laurent <b>61</b>	Norburn	Grant	Coleman	Bolton	John-Lewis <b>83</b>
Bolton	A - Holloway <b>80</b>	Waterfall	Laurent	<b>Norburn 56</b>	Grant <b>87</b>	Coleman	Haynes	John-Lewis <b>80</b>
John-Lewis	Gilllead <b>67</b>	<b>Waterfall 1</b>	Laurent <b>76</b>	Norburn	Grant	Coleman	Emmanuel	Gilllead
Bolton	Gilllead <b>75</b>	<b>A - Holloway 1</b>	Waterfall	Laurent	Grant	Coleman	Emmanuel	Haynes
John-Lewis <b>78</b>	<b>Gilllead 1</b> <b>61</b>	<b>Loft 1</b>	Eisa <b>90</b>	Colkett	Sears	Gregory	Whalley	McAtee
Bolton	A - Holloway	Waterfall	Laurent <b>78</b>	Norburn	Grant <b>8</b>	Coleman	Emmanuel	Whalley
Bolton	A - Holloway <b>71</b>	Waterfall	Laurent <b>62</b>	Norburn	Grant	Coleman	Haynes	Whalley <b>62</b>
Bolton	<b>A - Holloway 17</b>	Waterfall	Laurent	Norburn	Grant	Coleman	Emmanuel	Angol
Bolton	A - Holloway <b>45</b>	Waterfall	Laurent <b>73</b>	<b>Norburn 1</b>	Grant <b>88</b>	Coleman	Emmanuel	John-Lewis <b>79</b>
John-Lewis	Gilllead <b>67</b>	<b>Waterfall 1</b>	Laurent <b>76</b>	Norburn	Grant	Coleman	Emmanuel	Gilllead
Bolton	A - Holloway <b>56</b>	Waterfall <b>8</b>	Laurent	Norburn	Grant <b>45</b>	Coleman	Emmanuel	Beckles
John-Lewis <b>78</b>	Gilllead	Waterfall	Laurent	<b>Norburn 1</b>	Grant	Coleman	Emmanuel	Beckles
John-Lewis	Gilllead	Waterfall	Laurent	<b>Norburn 1</b>	Grant	Coleman	Emmanuel	Beckles <b>82</b>
John-Lewis	Gilllead	Waterfall	Laurent	<b>Norburn 1</b>	Grant	Coleman	Emmanuel	Beckles <b>84</b>
John-Lewis	Gilllead	Waterfall	Laurent	<b>Norburn 1</b>	Grant	Coleman	Emmanuel	Beckles <b>84</b>
John-Lewis	Gilllead	Waterfall	Laurent	<b>Norburn 1</b>	Grant	Coleman	Emmanuel	Beckles <b>84</b>
John-Lewis	Gilllead	Waterfall	Laurent	<b>Norburn 1</b>	Grant	Coleman	Emmanuel	Beckles <b>84</b>
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MANAGER: SAM RICKETTS



- 2 SCOTT GOLBOURNE
- 3 RYAN HAYNES
- 4 DAVE EDWARDS
- 5 MAT SADLER
- 6 OMAR BECKLES
- 7 SHAUN WHALLEY
- 8 GREG DOCHERTY
- 9 LEE ANGOL
- 10 SAM JONES
- 12 FEJIRI OKENABIRHIE
- 13 JAMES BOLTON
- 14 LENELL JOHN-LEWIS
- 15 STEVE ARNOLD
- 16 ROMAIN VINCÉLOT
- 17 SAM SMITH
- 18 ALEX GILLIEAD
- 20 AARON AMADI-HOLLOWAY
- 21 ABO EISA
- 22 LUKE WATERFALL
- 23 RO-SHAUN WILLIAMS
- 24 GEORGE HUGHES
- 26 JOHN MCATEE
- 27 RYAN SEARS
- 28 JOSH LAURENT
- 29 OLLIE NORBURN
- 30 RIECE CHARLES-COOK
- 31 CAMERON GREGORY
- 38 RYAN BARNETT
- 39 CHRISTOS SHELIS
- 42 ANTHONY GRANT

## LUTON TOWN

MANAGER: MICK HARFORD

- 1 MAREK STECH
- 2 JAMES JUSTIN
- 3 DAN POTTS
- 4 ALAN MCCORMACK
- 5 SONNY BRADLEY
- 6 MATTY PEARSON
- 7 JACK STACEY
- 8 LUKE BERRY
- 9 DANNY HYLTON
- 10 ELLIOT LEE
- 11 ANDREW SHINNIE
- 14 HARRY CORNICK
- 16 GLEN REA
- 17 PELLY-RUDDOCK MPANZU
- 19 JAMES COLLINS
- 20 GEORGE MONCUR
- 21 JACK SENIOR
- 24 GEORGE THORNE
- 27 AARON JARVIS
- 28 LLOYD JONES
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