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THE MANAGER

MICK HARFORD

Welcome back to Kenilworth Road for what is an unusual Sunday lunchtime kick-off for us in Sky Bet League One, with the game being screened live on Sky Sports.

Coventry City are one of my former clubs, albeit briefly, and we all know of their traditions as a top-flight or Championship outfit. A couple of difficult years led to their relegation to League Two, but they came back up with ourselves as play-off winners last season and we know from the games we've had against them in the past 18 months that we are in for a tough test in front of the cameras this afternoon.

I know Mark Robins well, having played against him many times during the terrific career he had and he's since forged a career as a widely respected manager. He was one of my successors as Rotherham manager a few years ago and he's done a fine job in his second spell in charge at the Ricoh Arena. I sincerely hope their current issues surrounding the stadium are resolved and they can look forward to a secure and successful future.

Important

Thankfully, our own club is in a hugely positive state on and off the pitch at the moment, with the new stadium planning consent granted for Power Court and the second leg to come with the Newlands Park council meeting on March 11th.

2020 have done a brilliant job for Luton Town since becoming custodians ten years ago and I was only too pleased to be able to help them focus on those massively important matters for the club's future by continuing as manager until the end of the season when I was asked last week.

At the risk of repeating myself, this group of players make it easy. They are a squad everyone should be proud of and I'm absolutely thrilled that they have written their names in the club's history books with that win at Fleetwood last week. You have to celebrate such achievements and I asked for the picture of the players to be taken in the dressing room. That they called the staff in to join them shows the togetherness there is within the club.

What has pleased me even more is their determination to get straight back to work this week, with their feet firmly on the ground, and look to continue with their form. I'm the lucky one who has been asked to steer them, but the players and staff are a credit to Luton Town Football Club and I know they are fully focussed on the main goal, which is to win promotion.

The support you have shown us all in recent weeks has been unbelievable. Another 1,000-plus travelled to Fleetwood after a sell-out here against Wycombe. Despite the game being on TV, I know it'll be the same again today.

Let the lads know you're here, because the support you have given them has definitely played a part in the unbeaten run here this season. Enjoy the game.

COYH!

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[MIKE HERRICK]



FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH DIRECTOR MIKE HERRICK

It is our pleasure to welcome all connected with Coventry City to Kenilworth Road today for this Sunday lunchtime Sky Bet League One fixture.

It is perhaps a measure of the attractiveness of the brand of football that we are playing these days, coupled with opponents who are also known for playing exciting, attacking football, that makes this game an obvious choice to bring to a wider audience in front of the Sky cameras today.

In all my years supporting the club I don't think I've ever experienced quite so much that eager anticipation of waiting for the next game. They just don't seem to come round quickly enough – so the thought of having to wait an extra day this week is not easy!

When we played the reverse fixture in December in continuous freezing rain it was the coldest I've ever been at a football match and the post match interviews, outside in the Arctic weather, were painful even to watch.

Though still mid-February we hope that the temperature today will be many degrees higher, helped, no doubt, by the exhilarating atmosphere that is generated in this wonderful old stadium we call home (currently).

With the March 11th date fixed in the calendar for the determination of the Newlands Park development it will not now be long before we might be able to map out our longer-term future more clearly. Without a doubt this is by far the most important fixture ahead – not just for the football club but for the transformation and regeneration of the whole town. Since our planning applications were submitted in 2016 we have certainly learnt the art of patience and we thank you all for your unwavering support – matched only by your enthusiasm at our games all season.

In fact, it is pleasing to report that many of our remaining fixtures have already sold out and tickets for the others are now in short supply. It is so heartening for us to see things coming together both on and off the field, and we say this first and foremost as diehard fans ourselves rather than as directors.

On the pitch, our record-breaking run continues unabated and last week at Fleetwood we broke the 19-game-unbeaten barrier with another competent victory.

I remember so clearly the 1967-68 season when we achieved the first of these 19 game runs. On the 18th game a 1-0 win away to Halifax (Rioch free-kick outside the box with about 10 mins to play) clinched the first ever promotion I'd seen us achieve (after a gradual and painful descent lasting 10 years and with three relegations), followed four days later by the 4-0 win at home to Crewe to clinch the title ahead of Barnsley with three games to spare. What joyous scenes there were that night!

What I think I'll remember most about the current run, though, is the scintillating football that we've played throughout the campaign – that and the togetherness of the squad and the fans. Little things like Alan Sheehan picking out a young lad from the crowd at Fleetwood to join in the half-time warm-up with the subs. What a memory for him!

It is a fact of life that players at any club are, by their nature, transitory, but our current crop have really bought into Luton Town FC and their efforts can be seen off the field as well as on. They are happy to give their time to charitable causes and today's game is the dedicated matchday for the



The players celebrate writing their names into club history with a 20th game unbeaten at Fleetwood last week, with injured heroes Glen Rea and Luke Berry celebrating in the treatment room!

players' chosen charity 'Kids in Action'. Amongst other events, each player has donated a pair of their boots (cleaned I hope!) which will be auctioned to raise funds for the charity. Just think – you could own Collo's boots that have struck fear and terror into League One defences this year, or maybe bid for the boots of a future England international (now who might that be?).

Keep your eyes peeled on the club website and social media for the online auction that will start next week, for your chance to help a terrific local charity devoted to children and young adults with disabilities – and the opportunity to have in your possession a pair of boots, or goalie gloves, that have been part of the record-breaking run.

So, let's hope that we can keep it going. I know lots of people are trying to take the credit for this by always wearing certain 'lucky' items of clothing, and I'm proud to have done my bit with my insistence on wearing the same socks, shirt and pants for every game. This has clearly had a major impact. Just to be sure, I never clean my shoes after a win. Trouble is, my wife just doesn't understand and has no idea of the importance of these rituals, no matter how often I try to explain it to her. Is it just me or does anyone else have this problem? I'd probably prefer not to have to get a new one.



I'm off on holiday for the next couple of games, but rest assured we've always won when I've been away – and I'll be wearing my usual matchday kit on the beach as I watch from afar.

Enjoy the game and bring me sunshine!

Mike

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THE SKIPPER

Alan Sheehan

A warm welcome to Kenilworth Road to all our fantastic supporters, everyone visiting with Coventry City and, of course, the Sky Sports cameras.

We've been on a terrific run recently, with that win at Fleetwood last week making it a club record 20 EFL matches unbeaten, but our main aim is promotion and we haven't really taken in that bit of history yet because we've got our eyes so strongly focussed on the prize.

It's just one game at a time now for us and we want to keep winning games, so I don't think we'll really take in that bit of history until the end of the season – or maybe even a few years down the line when we look back on it, and hopefully it'll be remembered as part of a special season.

We were all so pleased for Mick to be named manager until the end of the season. You can see exactly how much this squad is playing for him by the fact we've won six and drawn one of the seven

league games he's been in charge, and we've beaten some good sides who have been around us in the table.

We've got a very tough game today against Coventry. They are a team who have been winning of late and I'm sure they'll be fancying their chances of getting into the play-offs, so it's going to be a difficult one. Mark Robins always has a hard-working team, but we've just got to focus on ourselves and keep playing our game.

It almost goes without saying that Kenilworth

Road will be sold out, because it's happening every week. It's no surprise and the relationship between the fans and the players at this moment in time is stronger than ever. The bond is unbelievable and whether we've got a thousand of you at Fleetwood, a few thousand at Sunderland or a full house here, your support is so good and it's getting the best out of every single player.

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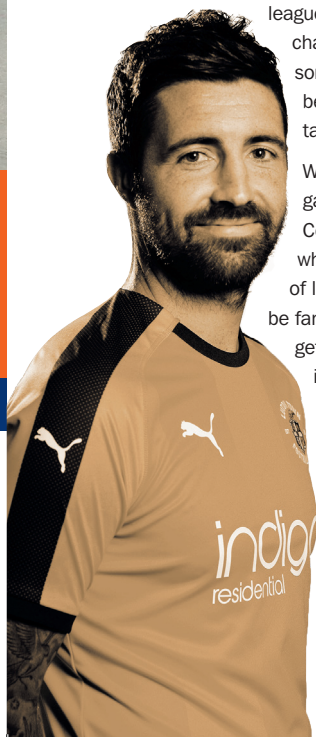
Finally, you'll see us players wearing T-shirts for 'Kids In Action' in the warm-up before today's match. They are a great charity in the local area and the boys who visited earlier in the season were knocked back by some of the youngsters who are playing all kinds of sports and activities, not letting their disabilities get in the way of their enjoyment.

We know a lot of them support the team whenever they can, and we were all delighted to meet Curtis – the star of the Facetime video with Hylts – before we played Wycombe in the FA Cup before Christmas. We've all donated boots to be auctioned off to help raise funds for the charity, and there will be volunteers located around the stadium today doing a collection, so if you feel able to contribute, please do.

Seeing young people get so much joy from using the facilities at Kids In Action really hits home how lucky so many of us are with our own children.

In advance, thank you from the whole of the squad for supporting them – and, of course, the team.

Enjoy the game.



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HATTERS PUT THE BOOT IN FOR KIDS IN ACTION!

Today is the designated matchday for the Hatters' players' charity of the season Kids In Action, and you will see their volunteers collecting at various locations around the ground.

The Dunstable-based charity was established in 1996 to provide a weekly youth club for children with special needs, and this runs every Saturday from 10am to 4pm.

In recent years, as the children who used the facilities have grown into adults, the charity's founder Paul Bowen-James and manager Tracey Hammond have started to run an Over-18s club for existing members which takes place every Monday from 6-9pm.

Many young people with disabilities experience isolation and loneliness, and Kids In Action's work helps to alleviate these negative experiences and is often described as lifeline by parents. By providing facilities and support to young people, this has enabled the organic growth of extended support to families who have a shared experience of caring for a family member with disabilities.

Earlier in the season, Hatters stars James Shea, Jack Stacey, Harry Cornick and Harry Isted visited the charity and spent the afternoon playing table tennis, computer games and other activities with the youngsters.

We also shared a video of Danny Hylton speaking to 13-year-old Curtis, who lives with cerebral palsy, on FaceTime. Danny promised his No.1 fan Curtis tickets to a game, then surprised him with the opportunity to be mascot for the Wycombe FA Cup tie last November.

Now the players are hoping that their idea to auction their boots and goalkeeper gloves will help Kids In Action towards their goal of raising £750,000 needed to purchase the building they currently use in Boscombe Road, Dunstable.



The Hatters players have worn these boots during the recent record-breaking unbeaten run, so you will be buying a piece of club history if you bid and win one of the auctions that will start on Monday March 4th on the club's website and social media channels.

Shea said: "We had a great afternoon taking the kids on at FIFA, Connect Four, table tennis and other games when we visited, and it showed exactly how important it is for youngsters with disabilities and learning difficulties to have an environment like that where they are comfortable and happy.

"All the boys were up for doing whatever we could to help raise £1,000 – and hopefully more – for their Key To The Door appeal. Please donate what you can at the Coventry game and then if you feel able to bid for the lads' boots and gloves from myself, Marek and Harry, it'd be fantastic."

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With over 10,000 spectators inside Kenilworth Road we are experiencing some logistical pressures which we would like to address with your help.

We have received a small number of communications from home fans about these issues, primarily fans standing in gangways making it difficult for people to move freely around the stadium and to see past those who have decided to stand.

Kenilworth Road is a licensed all-seater stadium and failure to comply with this licence could lead to a review of that licence, which could affect capacity levels in areas where people continue to stand. No-one wants to see a reduction in the number of seats available to home supporters, but this is a sanction available to the Sports Ground Safety Authority and Luton Borough Council.

Please can we ask all supporters to comply with ground regulations, and with requests from stewards to sit in their correct seat at all times.

Our stewarding team always try to be polite and friendly, and will ask people standing in gangways or

blocking the view of others to sit down – failure to comply with this request could lead to ejection from the stadium.

There has also been some evidence of people migrating from their purchased seat to sit or stand elsewhere in the stadium. This then has a knock-on effect of displacing someone else and can lead to people standing.

To prevent this, a more stringent ticket check will be taking place at the remaining home games this season. We ask you to ensure that you bring your full season ticket book with you and not just the correct match voucher removed from the book. Failure to bring your season ticket book could delay your entry to the stadium and potentially a refusal of admission.

Luton supporters are amongst the most passionate fans around – we love and respect that and want it to continue, but we also ask that all our supporters have respect for each other and club staff.

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[SIMON SAYS...]


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A HUMOROUS INSIGHT TO PHYSIO SIMON PARSELL'S WORK



It's certainly an early start today thanks to the joys of TV appearances, but hopefully we are wide awake and ready to go. With a bit of luck the weather will be kind as well. I don't think I have ever been as wet as I was at the Ricoh just before Christmas!

Valentine's Day produced flowers, loving messages and numerous Instagram pictures. But poor Harry Cornick had to settle for SAD – Singles Awareness Day. If any young ladies can help, although he did enjoy seeing all the Valentine's poems come in for him on social media, especially the one he picked as the winner from Corinne Harris.

 **cornharris26** There once was a boy called Harry
Who all the girls at school wanted to marry,
"Fraid not" he said, shaking his head,
"My true love is LTFC!" "Say what?" Said Elliot Lee
"Are you forgetting about me?"
"Fear not" replied Harry to his partner in crime,
"When we're lifting that trophy your heart will be mine!!" ❤️❤️ COYH ❤️❤️

Goalkeeper coach Kev Dearden, a true romantic, sent a card to his partner Phillipa saying 'You're Hot' with a message inside that said 'Best wishes, Kev'. Personally, I booked a table for the wife and she got upset. I didn't realise she hated snooker (*Editor's note – this is the last you will read that gag in Simon's column, I promise!*)

On the injury front Glen Rea is making good progress and we thought we would introduce him to boxing. Well I don't think Rocky Rea will be bothering too many people. Glen is an ambidextrous boxer. He can get knocked out with either hand.

Luke Berry is recovering from his hamstring issue and joined in with Glen this week doing some boxing. I didn't realise how his new haircut had advanced his boxing skills. He did complain the gloves had roughed up his hands. However, one session in and he is challenging Linus Udofia. The photo doesn't lie.



Linus Udofia 🇳🇮 🇬🇧
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Tb to when I was meant to be fighting
[@LukeDBerry](#) 🍷❤️#COYH



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This week we had a visit from Tom Grennan. A quick bit of research revealed that he is quite a good singer. Apparently the boys said he's not a bad footballer either. I had to question his choice of football boots. He replied, 'I haven't found what I've been looking for'. Sorry couldn't resist that one.

We stay in a few hotels during the season and the boys like to room with the same person. In fact, they have various rituals, but I was surprised when I found out that our top analyst Pete Booker, when not losing on FIFA to the Sports Science boys, has to listen to rain falling to get to sleep. What a drip!

Hopefully we can continue our run today. The togetherness at the club is fantastic. The support has been outstanding, so keep it coming today.

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GEORGE THORNE'S ALL-TIME XI

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Town midfielder George Thorne gives us the run down on the best XI he has ever played alongside, and it is some team!



Ben Foster



Played with at: West Bromwich Albion

Athletically and technically he is unbelievable. He was the first goalie I've seen who could really play outfield.



Hector Bellerin



Played with at: Watford

He was young at the time, but you could see he was Premier League standard, and has gone onto make himself first choice for Arsenal. Great career so far.



Joleon Lescott



Played with at: West Bromwich Albion

What he has achieved speaks for itself. He's won a couple of Premier Leagues and FA Cups. Came to West Brom late in his career, but he gets in the team off the back of his achievements.



Michael Keane



Played with at: England Under 17-19s

I am a big fan of ball playing defenders, he's got that game in a nutshell, always comfortable on the ball. Done very well for himself. Still pretty young as well.



Jesse Lingard



Played with at: Derby

The way he's developed, he's always been a smart footballer and he has come on leaps and bounds. He's turned into one of the main men for Manchester United and England. Really enjoyed playing with him.



Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain



Played with at: England under-17-19s

He's got a bit of everything – pace, power, technique, can hit a ball, a centre midfielder who can run at people and break through the lines. Gone onto have a great career only to be slowed a bit by his current injury. Good lad.



Ross Barkley



Played with at: England Under 17-19s

You could tell he was a good player from a young age, could find a pass, he works hard, great appetite for the game.



Wilfred Zaha



Played with at: England Under 17-19s

He could do things with a ball that you couldn't get your head around. He's a playground footballer but he can do it on the pitch. He does what he wants. One-v-one he'd ruin you. The sort you'd look at and say 'how has he done that?'



Ravel Morrison



Played with at: England

Under 17-19s

The world was at his feet. He could do anything. You couldn't tackle the kid. He was different gravy. The natural talent he had was unreal.

STAR
PLAYER

Harry Kane



Played with at: England Under 17-19s

Obvious reasons. Captain of his country, brilliant in front of goal. Another to come on leaps and bounds, he's his club and country's main man.



Romelu Lukaku



Played with at: West Bromwich Albion

Athletically he was on a different level. Bigger, stronger, quicker than everyone. Nice boy as well considering the amount of money paid for him. Always stayed behind to practice. He's doing alright for himself.

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Melissa is a diamond season ticket holder and has been supporting the Town for 12 seasons. She travels home and away to all games with her Dad from their home in Worcestershire. Melissa plays for both a youth and ladies team and has already been to

more than 60 of the 92 EFL grounds as well as many of the Non-League grounds from our time in the National League. As a defender, her favourite current player is Matty Pearson. Today Melissa and her Dad are joined by her mum and friends to celebrate her recent 17th birthday.

TODAY'S MASCOTS



DYLAN GALLAGHER

Age: 12

Hobbies: Football and boxing

Favourite Player: James Justin (he's one of our own)

Who do you attend games with: My dad



DONTE RAMKOMAR

Age: 11

Hobbies: Football, athletics, fortnight, fifa

Favourite Player: James Justin and Danny Hylton

Who do you attend games with: Never been before



TYLER MAGUIRE

Age: 6

Hobbies: Music, dancing, football, superheroes

Favourite Player: All of them!

Who do you attend games with: My mum, Paula



ZAKARY HOWELL

Age: 7

Hobbies: Football, Swimming

Favourite Player: All of them!

Who do you attend games with: Family

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[OUR VISITORS]

WELCOME COVENTRY CITY



The Hatters would like to extend a warm welcome to today's visiting staff, players and supporters of Coventry City.

It was a bit of an early start for all of us today, but the three points up for grabs will no doubt be the wake-up call we need and could be vital for both teams in their pursuits for some sort of achievement this season.

Cov currently find themselves just outside the play-off spots in terms of position – ninth – but were seven points behind sixth placed Doncaster prior to Grant McCann's side's game against Scunthorpe yesterday (print deadlines and all that means at the time of writing we weren't sure what the outcome of that was!).

After a patchy start, Coventry began to find their stride in the third tier, going on a five-game winning run in October. Mark Robins picked up the Manager of the Month award for his team's performances, but the award's curse struck and the Sky Blues didn't win another game until Boxing Day.

Their form has recovered though, and they've won five out of their last ten, as they – like the Hatters – attempt a double promotion. The Sky Blues are a bit of a weird one for the sort of side they do better against, having picked up points against teams across the division, beating both relegation

threatened Bradford and promotion chasing Barnsley. In fact, against the top six they have been decent, winning three out of their seven encounters, losing only twice.

Promotion was sealed last season via the play-offs, when they beat Exeter City at Wembley, after pummelling Notts County 5-2 (on aggregate) in the semi-finals. The final proved to be top scorer Marc McNulty's last game for the Sky Blues, as he made the move to Sky Bet Championship side Reading in the summer. They have struggled to replace his goals having found the net the joint sixth least amount of times in the division so far this campaign – just 3 – and are the only team in the top ten to have a goal difference on minus. On the flip side though, defensively they have been similarly good to last season, conceding 37 goals so far.

Today's visitors will no doubt be hoping to mimic their result from their last outing here, when they took all three points in a 3-0 win, with the motivation no doubt even greater having been defeated on their own turf earlier on this season by the Hatters, when Matty Pearson and James Collins grabbed the goals in a 2-1 win.

HEAD-TO-HEAD

LUTON WINS:	25
DRAWs:	15
COVENTRY WINS:	41
LAST MEETING:	COVENTRY 1-2 LUTON - DECEMBER 2018

FACTFILE:

NICKNAME:	THE SKY BLUES
GROUND:	RICOH ARENA
MANAGER:	MARK ROBINS
LAST SEASON:	6TH IN LEAGUE TWO



MEET THE SQUAD

THE GAFFER

Mark Robins | Age: 49

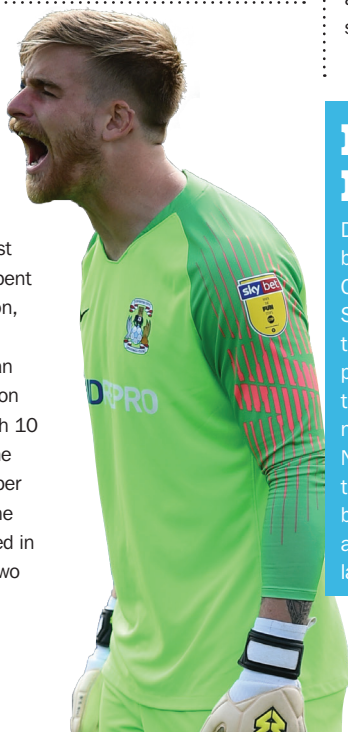
A striker in his playing days, Robins began his senior career at Manchester United in 1988. He retired in 2005 but soon found his way into management when he took over at Rotherham United as caretaker manager in 2007. The gaffer moved to Coventry City in 2017, although this wasn't the first time he had been in charge of the Sky Blues. Originally the boss in 2012, Robins lead the team from relegation favourites to play-off contenders that season. The 49-year-old did experience success at Wembley eventually with the club though, winning the Football League Trophy 2016-17 as well as the League Two play-offs last term.



THE STOPPER

Lee Burge
Age: 26

The shot-stopper is a product of the Sky Blues' academy, signing his first professional contract with the club in 2011. The only time Burge has spent away from the West Midlands was in 2013, where he spent half a season on-loan with Nuneaton, gaining some first team experience at the age of 19. He claimed a clean sheet against the Hatters that season too, proving to be a vital signing with 10 shut outs in 17 matches to steer the side away from relegation. The keeper has gone on to be City's number one for the last three seasons and played in both Wembley victories in the last two seasons.



GOALKEEPER
DAVID STOCKDALE
AGE: 33

The veteran keeper signed on-loan this month from Reading, providing some competition and experience to the number one position at the club.

DEFENDERS

DOMINIC HYAM
AGE: 23

Signed from Reading in 2017 after graduating from the Royals' academy in 2013. Hyam has also made five appearances for the Scottish U21 side.

DUJON STERLING
AGE: 19

The highly-rated defender has represented England at U16, U17 and U19 level. Currently on-loan from Chelsea, Sterling has been an integral part of City's team this season.

DID YOU KNOW?

During his playing days, Town boss Mick Harford joined Coventry for £200,000 from Sunderland in July 1993. The then 34-year-old would go on to play just once for the Sky Blues though, coming on in the 15th minute as a substitute against Newcastle United and scored the only goal of the game – a back injury stopping him from appearing again. He left a year later for Wimbledon.

[MEET THE SQUAD]



THE WALL

Jordan Willis | Age: 24

Another player from City's academy, Willis is living the dream by playing for the team he followed as a boy. Born in Coventry, the defender has stayed with the club since signing his first senior contract in 2011 - making just under 200 appearances in that time too. His hard work at the back earned the recognition of the EFL last term, being named in their team of the season as well as skippering his side to play-off glory at Wembley. He set the right example that afternoon by netting the first of the match. The centre half's only goal this season came against Barnsley in an important 1-0 win at the Ricoh Arena.

IN THE MIDDLE

Liam Kelly | Age: 29

Kelly was born just up the M1 in Milton Keynes, although his Scottish roots made him eligible to claim his one and only senior international cap in 2012 - a 2-1 win against Luxembourg. Kelly also began his career in Scotland with Kilmarnock, playing more than a century of matches for the Killie until he moved to Bristol City in 2013. The midfielder had stints with Oldham Athletic and Leyton Orient before putting pen to paper with the Sky Blues in 2017. Injury halted Kelly last season over the festive period, but he made it back in time to secure promotion at Wembley.



JUNIOR BROWN

AGE: 29

Played alongside Jamie Vardy and Steve McNulty in the Fleetwood Town team to win promotion from the Conference for the first time in the club's history.

BRANDON MASON

AGE: 21

Signed for City in July last year following his release from Watford. Made his Premier League debut for the Hornets in 4-1 defeat against Tottenham.

JACK GRIMMER

AGE: 25

The Scot began his career with Aberdeen before signing for Fulham in the Premier League. Scored the third goal at Wembley which secured promotion back to League One last season.

TOM DAVIES

AGE: 26

Won promotion to League One with Portsmouth in 2016-17 and did it all over again a year later with the Sky Blues. Played at Manchester United as a boy.

MIDFIELDERS

TOM BAYLISS

AGE: 19

An England U19 international and an important part of the Sky Blues team. Bayliss was handed his first start last season in the EFL trophy and has ended up playing nearly every league game since.

JORDAN SHIPLEY

AGE: 21

Scored his first goal for Coventry at Kenilworth Road with a thumping free-kick in last season's 3-0 defeat. The strike even won goal of the month.

LUKE THOMAS
AGE: 20

On-loan from Derby County. Thomas earned his big move to Pride Park in 2016 after some impressive performances for Cheltenham Town who were non-league at the time.



DAVID MEYLER
AGE: 29

The Irish midfielder played more than 150 times for Hull City in the Premier League and Championship. Started for the Tigers in the 2014 FA Cup final against Arsenal.

ZAIN WESTBROOKE
AGE: 22

Only four league appearances to his name so far this campaign. Spent time with Solihull Moors and Leyton Orient after signing his first professional deal with Brentford.

STRIKERS

CONOR CHAPLIN
AGE: 22



A pacey striker who played more than 100 times for Portsmouth. After a successful loan period with the Sky Blues at the start of this season, the deal was made permanent in January.

BRIGHT ENOBAKHARE
AGE: 21

The Nigerian linked up with the Sky Blues last month in a loan deal from Wolverhampton Wanderers which will last until the end of the season.

AMADOU BAKAYOKO
AGE: 23

Signed from Walsall in 2018 after a few loan spells out of the football league with AFC Telford, Southport and Worcester City.

WATCH OUT

Jordy Hiwula
Age: 24

The forward graduated from the Manchester City youth system in 2012 and stayed with the club until 2015. Huddersfield Town were the next side to acquire Hiwula, but once again a series of loan moves followed as he struggled to hold down a permanent spot with his parent club. The Sky Blues bought the 24-year-old for an undisclosed fee at the start of the season, allowing him time to settle into the first team. Now on seven goals for the season, Hiwula notched his first goal of 2019 in the side's last away match against Rochdale.



IN NUMBERS...

Stadium capacity:	32,609
Miles from Kenilworth Road:	69
Year opened:	2005
Average crowd this season:	12,452
Seasons in League One:	1

[ROGER WASH]

CLASSIC CLASH WITH THE SKY BLUES

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

7TH MARCH 1990 • LUTON TOWN 3 COVENTRY CITY 2

The summer of 1989 saw more player departures from Kenilworth Road as the victorious Littlewoods Cup winning side of a year before was dismantled with undue haste.

Ricky Hill left to play in France for Le Havre, while Steve Foster joined his former Brighton team mate Brian Horton, now manager at Oxford United. With full back Rob Johnson going to Leicester as part of a deal that brought Mick Kennedy to Kenilworth Road, the supporters were quite rightly worried that the heart was being ripped out of the side.

All these misgivings disappeared in an instant though when, out of the blue, the Town broke their transfer fee record in paying £850,000 to Odense for Danish international striker Lars Elstrup.

The season started slowly but manager Ray Harford was not helped by a long injury list which saw namesake Mick and three central defenders out with long term injuries. Gradually, the occasional wins turned to draws and then defeats as the Hatters slipped down the table with matters not being helped off the pitch as Chairman David Evans stepped down to be replaced by Brian Cole, who presided over the £1 million sale of Roy Wegerle to QPR and was then allegedly critical of Ray Harford's supposed lack of charisma!

This sort of allegation would only end in tears with Harford leaving the club 'by mutual consent' to be replaced by his assistant Terry Mancini, who was in charge for just one game – a dismal 4-1 defeat to Division Two side Brighton in the FA Cup.

The club adhered to its policy of promotion from within with coach and former player Jim Ryan next in line. Ryan's first game in charge was away at league leaders Liverpool, where a creditable 2-2

draw was achieved with a young side and teenager Kurt Nogan silencing the Kop with a goal on his debut.

One of Ryan's first jobs was to sell Mick Harford to Derby for £480,000, with the view taken that the sum of money on offer was too good to turn down for a 30-year-old player who was increasingly prone to injury.



By the time of the visit of Coventry in March the Town had only one win (a rare away victory at Wimbledon) from the previous 15 games and were in the relegation positions.

A bid to bring in striker Ronnie Rosenthal from Standard Liege for a fee of £500,000 was just about to hit the buffers as, given the continued boardroom upheaval at Kenilworth Road, there was not the will to sign a cheque for this amount. Rosenthal was willing to come but got fed up with waiting and promptly signed for Liverpool. The rest is history!

Ryan was still without long term injured defenders Darron McDonough, Graham Rodger and Dave Beaumont, had seen Elstrup back on the treatment table following his second cartilage operation in two months and was missing the suspended Kennedy.

It was therefore a young Luton side that turned out in front of a crowd of 8,244, the lowest of the season, to take on a Sky Blues outfit that was in sixth spot.

The Town almost scored after 15 seconds when a cross from Jason Rees just eluded the onrushing

	
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WISON	GALLACHER
PREECE (GRAY)	SPEEDIE
DOWIE	SMITH
NOGAN	REGIS
BLACK	DRINKELL

Iain Dowie, scorer of the last gasp goal against the Sky Blues

Iain Dowie, but after a few nervous moments in defence a 25 yard shot from Kingsley Black put the Hatters in front after 20 minutes.

Defender Richard Harvey, injured in the defeat at Manchester United the previous weekend, was playing because needs must but did not return to the field after the interval, to be replaced by Marvin Johnson.

Coventry, taking advantage of the lack of experience in the Luton defence, levelled the score on 49 minutes when Kevin Drinkell expertly floated that ball over Alec Chamberlain in the Luton goal.

Another walking wounded player, David Preece, who had also gone off injured at Old Trafford,

was replaced by another teenager, Paul Gray, just before Cyrille Regis blasted the Sky Blues in front with barely ten minutes left.

The crowd hardly had time to vent their frustrations before Gray was on the end of a Tim Breacker cross to net his first League goal and set up a grandstand finish.

And what a finish! With four minutes to go Dowie lunged at a pass from Black to lob the ball past the advancing Coventry goalkeeper Steve Ogrizovic and with it three points that took the Town out of the bottom three.

The match was marred at the end with Johnson carried off with broken jaw after clashing with Coventry's Kevin Gallacher.

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Dan Potts appears to have his shirt pulled by a Coventry defender as he stretches for the ball

THE LAST TIME COVENTRY CAME TO TOWN

CLUB HISTORIAN **ROGER WASH** REPORTS ON **THE SKY BLUES'** LAST VISIT TO KENILWORTH ROAD

28TH OCTOBER 2017 • LUTON TOWN 0 COVENTRY CITY 3
SKY BET LEAGUE TWO

The Hatters had gone ten games unbeaten in all competitions and, following a 4-1 win at Exeter on 17th October, were now top of League Two.

Visitors Coventry had not scored a goal in five games but were still handily placed in eighth spot – they had probably been told beforehand that the Sky Blues had a pretty decent record at Kenilworth Road and if their goal drought would end, today would be the day!

James Collins nearly opened the scoring after four minutes with a volley that whistled over, while at the other end Liam Kelly hit the woodwork from 40 yards following a rushed Marek Stech clearance.

On 17 minutes the Sky Blues got the breakthrough they craved when a cross from Jodi Jones found Marc McNulty free in the box to head past Stech.

Coventry then set themselves up to defend the lead and did so resolutely, blocking efforts from Danny Hylton and Andrew Shinnie with Lee Burge in the Sky Blues' goal keeping out a volley from the latter with a tremendous save.

Hylton was then put through one-on-one with the keeper but was unable to convert on what was becoming a frustrating afternoon.

As the referee signalled eight minutes of stoppage time, Glen Rea bundled over McNulty on the edge of the box and was dismissed. Making the afternoon more miserable, Jordan Shipley curled in the resulting free-kick into the top corner of the net.

City then added gloss to their win when Duckens Nazon saw his deflected shot find the net on 96 minutes.

Fortunately, the Town were able to put this result down to a 'blip' and proceeded to go on a 12-game unbeaten run.

Luton Town: Stech, Stacey, Cuthbert, Mullins (Mpanzu), Potts, O Lee, Rea, Berry, Cornick (Shinnie), Hylton, Collins (E Lee).

Coventry City: Burge, Grimmer, Willis, McDonald, Haynes, Kelly, Doyle, Vincenti (Biamou), McNulty, Jones (Shipley), Ponticelli (Nazon).

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[ROGER WASH]

COVERED!

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

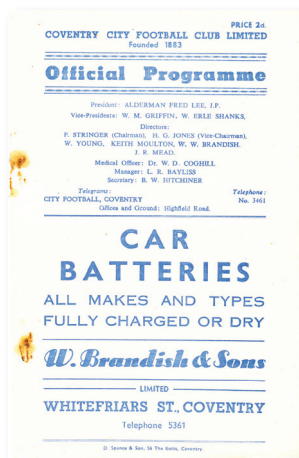


December 1934

A promotion clash at the top of Division Three (South) sees the Town win 4-0 with Jack Ball netting twice. This victory sandwiches a 4-1 win at Millwall the previous Saturday and a 4-0 routing of Brighton on Christmas Day.

December 1946

The Town and Coventry fight out a dour 0-0 draw at Highfield Road in front of a crowd of 13,047. The magnificent 4-3 home win over Newcastle at Kenilworth Road three weeks before, after being 0-3 down at half-time, is now a fading memory.



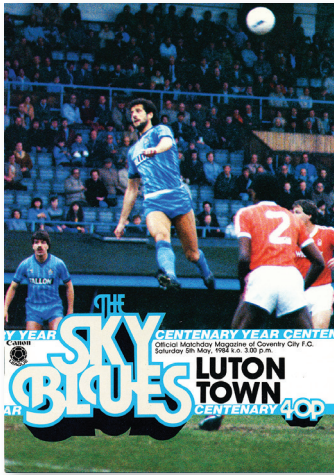
August 1949

The Hatters follow up a 2-2 opening day draw against West Ham with a 2-0 home win over Coventry. Charlie Watkins and South African Billy Arnison are the Luton scorers.



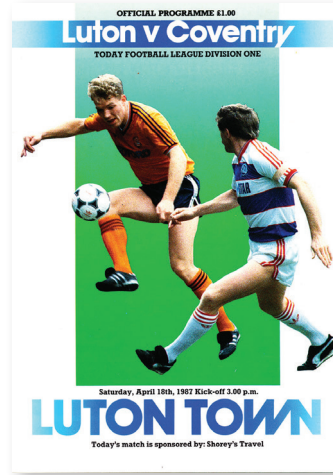
April 1952

Relegation bound Coventry are seen off 2-1 at Kenilworth Road as the Town sit safely in mid-table. Bernard Moore and Dave Sexton net the Hatters goals.



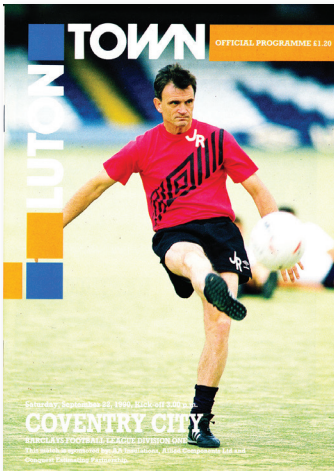
▲ May 1984

Raddy Antic scores his last Luton goal as the Town obtain a rare point at Highfield Road in a 2-2 draw. The Hatters have endured a poor second half to the season as they had hit third spot at Christmas but are destined to finish 16th.



▲ April 1987

The Sky Blues have their minds on the upcoming FA Cup final which enables the Town to secure a comfortable 2-0 victory and maintain fourth spot in the table. A picture header from Brian Stein and a perfectly executed volley from Mike Newell separate the sides.



▲ September 1990

The Town bounce back from a 6-1 defeat at QPR the previous week when an early Iain Dowie goal is enough to see off Coventry at Kenilworth Road. Sky Blues keeper Steve Ogrizovic plays a blinder to keep the score down.



▲ December 1991

A solitary goal from Mick Harford wins the points against the Sky Blues and starts a run of three successive wins which brings some hope to the rock bottom Hatters.

DEADLY DUOS

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

GEORGE HUDSON & KEN HALE

Popular centre-forward George Hudson was top scorer in Coventry City's 1963-64 Third Division title triumph. Starting with Blackburn Rovers, he joined Accrington Stanley in July 1960 and equalled their goalscoring record in 1960-61.

He moved to Peterborough United in October 1961, then Jimmy Hill paid a club record £22,000 for him in April 1963. Grabbing a hat-trick on his Coventry debut, he netted 62 goals in 113 League games before sold to Northampton Town for £22,000 in March 1966. He later played for Tranmere Rovers and Altrincham, then worked on the Daily Mirror printing presses in Manchester.

Inside-forward Ken Hale featured prominently as Coventry City won the Third Division title in 1963-64. Initially with Newcastle United, gaining top-flight experience, he joined Coventry in December 1962 and appeared in their 1962-63 FA Cup run, netting 27 goals in 99 League outings prior to joining Oxford United in March 1966.

He featured in their 1967-68 Third Division title campaign and moved to Darlington in May 1968, having a spell as their player-boss before becoming Halifax Town's player-coach in January 1973. Later Hartlepool's manager, he became a newsagent in Sunderland and died in January 2015.

IAN WALLACE & MICK FERGUSON

Scotland international striker Ian Wallace was Coventry City's leading marksman in three successive seasons. He impressed with Dumbarton before moving to Highfield Road for £60,000 in August 1976, forming a notable partnership with Mick Ferguson. Voted 'Player of the Year' in 1977-78, he netted 57 goals in 130 First Division games for Sky Blues prior to joining Nottingham Forest for £1,250,000 in July 1980.

Following a spell with Brest, he moved to Sunderland in January 1985 and appeared in that year's League Cup final. He later played for CS Marítimo, Melbourne Croatia and became Dumbarton's YDO.

Striker Mick Ferguson was Coventry City's top scorer in 1976-77. Signing professional at Highfield Road in December 1971, he made his League debut in Coventry's 0-0 draw at Leeds United in January 1975 and netted 51 goals in 127 First Division games before sold to Everton for £280,000 in August 1991. Moving to Birmingham City in November 1982, he had a loan spell back at Coventry and helped to preserve top-flight status at Birmingham's expense in 1983-84. He joined Brighton in September 1984, then had spells with Colchester United and Wealdstone, becoming community officer at Sunderland, then Leeds United.

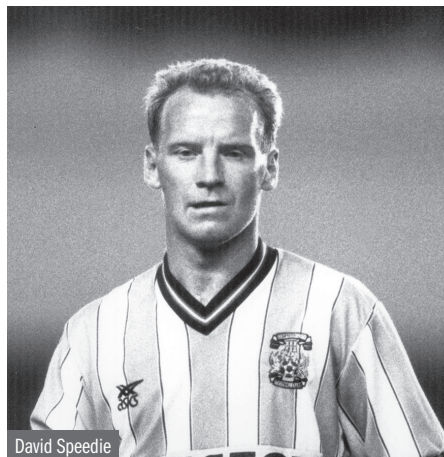


**MARK HATELEY
& GARRY THOMPSON**

England U-21 striker Mark Hateley was Coventry City's leading marksman in 1981-82. The son of Tony Hateley, he turned professional at Highfield Road in December 1978 and starred alongside Garry Thompson as Coventry reached the League Cup semi-finals in 1980-81.

He netted 25 goals in 92 First Division outings for Sky Blues prior to joining Portsmouth for £190,000 in June 1983. Gaining the first of 32 England caps shortly before his £915,000 move to AC Milan in June 1984, he joined Monaco in June 1987, then played for Glasgow Rangers, QPR, Rangers again and had a spell as Hull City's player-manager.

England U-21 striker Garry Thompson was top scorer as Coventry City reached the League Cup semi-finals in 1980-81. Signing professional at Highfield Road in June 1977, he was given his League debut in Coventry's 3-2 defeat at home to Aston Villa in March 1978 and netted 38 goals in 134 First Division games before following Ron Wylie to West Brom for £225,000 in February 1983. 'Thommo' joined Sheffield Wednesday for £425,000 in August 1985, then played for Aston Villa, Watford, Crystal Palace, QPR, Cardiff City and Northampton Town. He later had a brief spell as Bristol Rovers' manager.



CYRILLE REGIS & DAVID SPEEDIE

England international striker Cyrille Regis was an important figure in Coventry City's 1987 FA Cup final triumph. Initially with Hayes, he moved to West Brom in May 1977 and was leading marksman three times prior to joining Coventry for £250,000 in October 1984. He gained his fifth England cap in October 1987 and helped Sky Blues reach the League Cup semi-finals in 1989-90. Twice top scorer, he netted 46 goals in 236 League games, moving to Aston Villa in June 1991, then Wolves, Wycombe Wanderers and Chester prior to rejoining West Brom as a coach.

Awarded an MBE, he became an agent and died in January 2018.

Fiery Scotland international favourite David Speedie was capped five times while at Coventry City. Initially with Barnsley, he moved to Darlington in June 1980 and was leading marksman in 1981-82. He joined Chelsea in June 1982, starring in their 1983-84 Second Division title and 1986 Full Members Cup triumphs. Moving to Highfield Road for £780,000 in July 1987, he was twice 'Player of the Year' and netted 31 goals in 122 First Division games for Coventry prior to joining Liverpool for £675,000 in January 1991. He later played for Blackburn Rovers, Southampton and Leicester City, becoming a players' agent.



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Fajitas.

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Apple.

Food you can't stand?

Mushrooms or cauliflower cheese.

Pet hate?

Leaving the door open.

Cat or dog?

Dog.

Xbox or PlayStation?

Used to be Xbox, but now PlayStation.

Karaoke song?

Let Me Love You.

Favourite artist?

Drake or Migos.

Top of your playlist?

Post Malone - Wow.

Last holiday?

Amsterdam with Harry Isted and our girlfriends.

Can't miss on TV?

Game of Thrones.

Love Island or Peaky Blinders?

Love Island.

Club you support?

Arsenal/Luton.

Favourite away ground?

St James' Park or Stadium of Light.

Best moment in football?

Youth Cup away at Preston, when we won on penalties.

Best player played with?

Paddy McCourt or Mason Mount.

Room-mate?

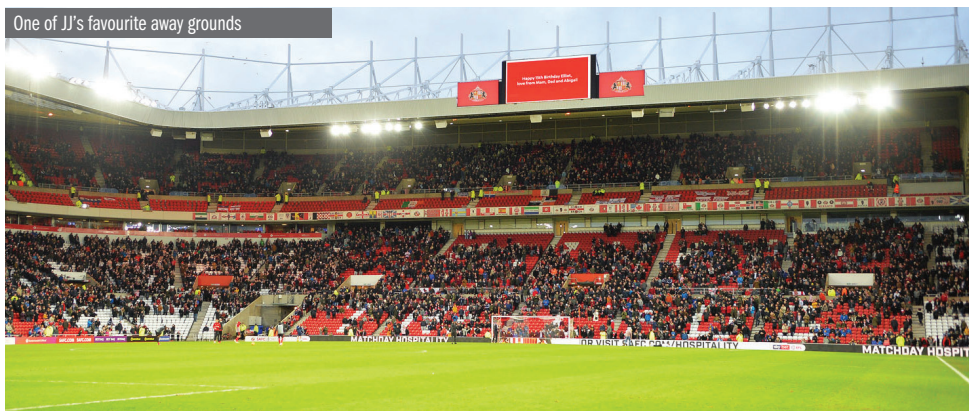
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One of JJ's favourite away grounds




ON THE **JACK STACEY** CENTRE SPOT


We asked for your questions on our social media channels to put to Jack Stacey - our rampaging right-back - ahead of today's clash with Coventry City. Here the 22-year-old is the latest Hatter to be put On The Centre Spot!

 **@abboway** What's been biggest highlight of career so far and why?


Promotion last season because I'd missed out the year before in the play-off final with Exeter, and then our whole season last year was geared on going up. That was the objective everyone had, so to achieve it when we eventually did was definitely the highlight of my career. It was great to do it at Carlisle, for me personally because I'd had a loan spell there and even scored against Luton at Brunton Park, but also because it meant we just had longer on the coach together to celebrate properly. You just didn't want it ever to end!

 **joethorne14** What's been the most enjoyable moment this season?

Probably the last two games, against Wycombe and Fleetwood, when we equalled and then broke the club record for the longest unbeaten run in the Football League. That was nice to create a bit of history. But every game we win is enjoyable, and hopefully the most enjoyable moment is yet to come this season.

 **Ruth Hammond** When you found out Reading accepted a bid from us for you what was your reaction?

At the time there was a few clubs interested, so once I actually came down and saw the training ground, met the manager at the time and heard what he had to say, that was when I was fully convinced to sign for Luton. I knew that was the best option for me – and it hasn't gone too badly so far. I'm very happy with my decision!

 **@Lee_Evans22** Do you have any personal targets that you've set yourself this season?

It's more of a team target, to win promotion, and that would tie in with my individual target as well. As a right-back you don't set yourself goal targets or anything like that. I just want to get as many assists as I can, and help





Celebrating promotion at Carlisle last season with his team-mates

the team as much as I can. I've set a couple up for Collo recently – and he'd probably say about time. I was also hoping that Jason Cummings' shot would go in against Wycombe so I'd have had another, but George Moncur was there to tap in the rebound from the keeper's save and grab all the glory!

f George Williams What's your favourite assist this season?

The first one for Collo against Peterborough, because it was a game against a team in the play-offs and it was something that got us going. It was good to start a game and go 1-0 up early, and it enabled us to kick on and win 4-0.

@comeonhatters How do you feel about Mick Harford being interim til the end of the season?

Like everyone else in the changing room, I'm delighted. He's done such a good job since he came in. He's brilliant with the lads, so I think he almost turned it into a no-brainer to give him the job in the end. I was just surprised it didn't happen sooner. Everyone wanted it to happen.

@3dw1n_ Best player in League One?

There's plenty in our team that would be up for it, but from the games we've played, Barnsley have some good players and I'd say Alex Mowatt was the best.

@LTFC_Dave As a full-back would you rather win 1-0 (clean sheet) or 3-2 and nab an assist or two?

I'll have to say 1-0 or Matty Pearson wouldn't be happy, because he likes when I just sit in and defend with him. But as long as we win, it doesn't matter, does it?! It's brilliant playing with Matty. You know he's not going to take a risk on the ball, but he'll win every header and every tackle, so it's nice to have him next to me – or behind me as is often the case.

f Stuart Phillips You played in a more advanced position for Exeter City, so what is your preference and what was your preferred position in junior football?

I think the role of full-back within our diamond formation suits me perfectly, because I can still get up and down, get forward and also defend, so full-back within this structure would be my favourite.

@SteveLTFC1 Who is the worst team-mate to wind you up and why?

Hylts, because he blatantly cheats in two-touch and will just act like he hasn't. The biggest joker would be Pelly. He's always loud and if something has happened or there has been a joke played, Pelly has always been involved somewhere along the line.

ig.jg.rexkcz Best away ground?

Probably Pride Park with Reading, or Sunderland this year with Luton. It was very good and the inclusion of the Luton fans there – they were up in the Gods, but you could still hear them throughout the whole 90 minutes, so that was a very good away ground to play at.



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CENTRE SPOT





@Pete_LIFC Who has been the biggest influence on your career so far?
Firstly my dad. I used to play for his team when I was younger and together with my mum, he'd drive me up and down the country. Then later on, Eamonn Dolan – who was the head of the academy at Reading and sadly passed away, but he had a massive impact on mine and a lot of other young players' careers.

@PhilStace20 Why does it take you 24hrs to reply to my texts when your phone is permanently glued to your hand?

That's my dad! One, I've been trying to cut down on my phone recently. I've set the limits on the apps and he needs to get WhatsApp – that's what he needs. He's just on iMessage, but if he was on WhatsApp then I'd have to reply!



Instagram: @danschott What's the best goal you've scored in your career?

The one for Exeter in the play-off semi-final against Carlisle a couple of years ago. Some people would say I don't stop mentioning it, but it was a nice goal! I just hit it as hard as I could with my left foot, didn't want to over-complicate it, and it flew in.

Instagram: @madhatterhammer Who do you think is the best team you have played against this season?

Barnsley, especially when they beat us up there, but also at home when they matched us up and I think you can see that they definitely deserve to be where they are at the moment. That game up there at Oakwell almost kick-started us. The fact that we were able to score twice and still be in the game right at the death gave us confidence. We knew that there was stuff to work on after the game, but it gave us little bits of hope which we've built on.

Twitter: @staceysellers1 Who do you travel with to games now? And who is your room-mate on overnight stays?

I've always travelled in with Harry Cornick and Harry Isted, as we live together in Milton Keynes. I was rooming with Jorge Grant for the first half of the season, but I've been mixed and matched since then so I haven't really got anyone at the moment – just whoever's free.

Instagram: @itz_jayden Who do you get along with the best at Luton?

Everyone gets on great, the team spirit is very, very good. But I'd say both Harries, who I live with, I probably get along the best with as we spend the most time together. To be fair, Harry Isted has got into cooking recently so me and Harry Cornick are very happy for him to practise on us and he's made some very nice dishes recently. He did a home-made katsu curry, made all the sauce himself, and it was lovely. Frankie Musonda was talking about us doing a Come Dine With Me, but it's never got off the ground!

Instagram: @will.hxrris Who do you sit next to in the changing room?

I sit next to Harry Cornick and Luke Berry. Bez can be as untidy as he is to look at, but he's always in very early and I just see whatever he's wearing – usually a miss-matched tracksuit with a bit of paint on it – hanging up on his peg by the time I get there, with his paint covered trainers underneath.

Instagram: @lp_.11 If you could take three items to a long distance away game, what do you take?

Probably my PlayStation, so we can play a bit of FIFA in the room; playing cards, because we have a card school with me, Pottsy, Sheasy and Cornick, which passes the time a lot on long away trips – Sheasy's still cheating of course, but we let him get away with it now; and thirdly, AirPods to listen to music.



Jack gets a thumbs up from Mick Harford...who in turn gets a thumbs up from all the players

@ZarBeck26 Couple here – growing up which footballer did you aspire to be? And which team did you support as a kid?



I'd say David Beckham was the one when I was younger. He was the face of English football and I played further forward as a kid, so watching him was the one. I was a Tottenham fan, because of my

dad, so I used to go and watch them. I've been to a couple of games at Wembley to watch them – the Barcelona and Inter Milan Champions League games, because they've been midweek – but I haven't managed to get to any Premier League matches this season.

@abboway Who do you think has been the best full-back in the last ten years in the Premier League?

Kyle Walker. I used to watch him when he was at Tottenham and I thought he was very good. Since he went to Manchester City, I don't think he's ever been done for pace by any winger and he gets forward and gets assists as well.

@ClinicalJustin Who has the worst haircut in the dressing room?

It's got to be Luke Berry. Collo calls him 'Deirdre Barlow', and he sort of goes for a fade without fading in the top to the bottom, so it's more of a bowl cut. Terrible!

@georgebarnard1966 Worst dress sense in the changing room?

I'll stay with Bez on this one because he just doesn't put much effort in on a day to day basis.

@jakeblackwood_ Xbox or PlayStation??
Definitely PlayStation.

@luke_theo Is it true Luke Theo used to always win the 1 v 1 battles in your back garden when we were younger?

Well, he's better than any winger we've faced this season, let's just say that! Maybe that's where I learnt a lot, from Luke. He doesn't play any more, he's just out in Newcastle every week, where he's at uni. But back then he taught me a lot in my back garden. Thanks Luke!

@GButler1997 Is a pedalo an appropriate way to train legs?

Haha! I went on a pre-season training camp with him to Tenerife a few years ago and we ended up doing 30 seconds on, 30 seconds off on a pedalo as part of training – so the answer's yes, because it worked!

LUTON TOWN 3 WYCOMBE 0

TOWN GOALS: COLLINS 33, MONCUR, 85, 88



SHEA
STACEY
PEARSON
BRADLEY
JUSTIN
McCORMACK
MPANZU
SHINNIE (SHEEHAN 89)
BERRY (MONCUR 73)
HYLTON (CUMMINGS 82)
COLLINS

SUBS NOT USED:

POTTS
BAPTISTE
THORNE
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HYLTON
COLLINS



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GAPE
EL-ABD
BLOOMFIELD
(FREEMAN 82)
COWAN-HALL (BOLTON 65)
THOMPSON
AKINFENWA
TYSON (KASHKET 72)
McCARTHY

SUBS NOT USED:

STEWART
BEAN
YATES
OWENS

YELLOW CARDS:

EL-ABD



HARFORD

"I am absolutely thrilled and delighted to come away with the clean sheet and a 3-0

victory. I'm so proud of the players because I said to them in there that there has been a lot of good players who have gone through this football club, and there's been a lot of good

teams down the years, and they are now in the history books.

"I'm really delighted for them and proud of them that they've made it in there in terms of equalling a club record, so I take my hat off to all the players for what they've done so far this season - it's a great achievement."



STORY OF THE MATCH

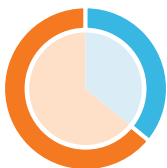
The Hatters equalled their best ever run in the EFL as a 3-0 win over the Chairboys saw Mick Harford's Hatters go 19 league games unbeaten for the first time in 50 years.

Town striker James Collins continued his fine form in front of goal as he beat Ryan Allsop at his near-post for his 19th goal of the season just after the half hour mark.

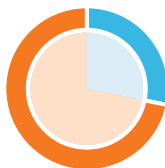
George Moncur's goal record at Kenilworth Road since he joined the club in January was further

improved as he found the back of the net with five to go after Nottingham Forest loanee Jason Cummings saw his strike parried into the path of the ex-Barnsley man, who tapped in from close range.

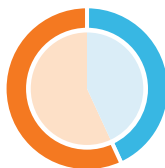
Then three minutes later he had his second of the afternoon as again Cummings was directly involved as he picked Moncur out, who curled a wonderful effort into the bottom left corner as the Town maintained their place at the top of the division.



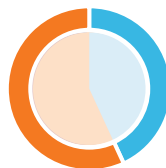
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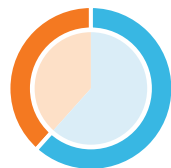
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SHOTS OFF TARGET
5 | 4



CORNERS
5 | 4



FOULS
7 | 12

FLEETWOOD 1 LUTON TOWN 2

TOWN GOALS : MONCUR 41, MPANZU 49

FLEETWOOD GOALS : MADDEN 90+2



SHEA
STACEY
PEARSON
BRADLEY
JUSTIN
McCORMACK (THORNE 82)
MPANZU
SHINNIE
MONCUR (LEE 68)
COLLINS
HYLTON (SHEEHAN 86)

SUBS NOT USED:

POTTS
CUMMINGS
LUALUA
ISTED

YELLOW CARDS:

McCORMACK
MONCUR
COLLINS



CAIRNS
COYLE
HOLT (NADESAN 58)
EASTHAM
BURNS
SOUTTAR
WALLACE (HUNTER 76)
HUSBAND
SOWERBY (SHERON 84)
MADDEN
EVANS

SUBS NOT USED:

MORGAN
BIGGINS
GARNER
JONES

YELLOW CARDS:

WALLACE
SOWERBY
BURNS
HOLT

STORY OF THE MATCH

The Hatters broke a club record as they made it 20 EFL games unbeaten after they defeated Fleetwood Town 2-1 at Highbury Stadium.

Andrew Shinnie was on the wrong end of some bad tackles in a hard fought first half, but the Town managed to punish the hosts off the back of one with four minutes to play, as George Moncur struck a wonderful free-kick into the top corner from 25 yards after the Scotsman had been upended.

Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu grabbed his second of the campaign and his side's all important second of the afternoon as he fired in from 20 yards early on in the second period – although was slightly fortuitous to see his effort beat keeper Alex Cairns after the keeper should have saved, instead allowing it to fly through his legs. Paddy Madden grabbed what would prove to be nothing more than a consolation goal late on, as the Town moved onto 71 points for the season, 11 clear of third place.



HARFORD

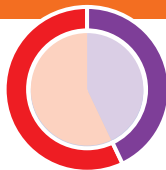
"I'm thrilled for the players, it puts them up there in terms of some of the best

teams that's ever been out and performed for Luton Town Football Club. They're in that high echelon and I'm absolutely thrilled for them. It's only testament to the way they work, the way they go about their business, the way they train, the way every game they conduct themselves.

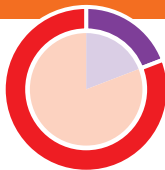
"They're an absolutely brilliant bunch to manage and I can't praise them any higher. I'm absolutely thrilled for them and the football club. The players know what's at stake going into every game, they're not stupid, but we knew today was a real tough game. It's not easy to come here, Joey Barton sets his team up to be hard to beat, they've got some good players and it's a difficult, difficult place to come."



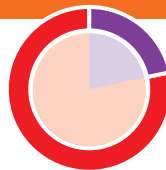
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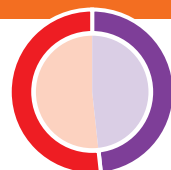
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SHOTS OFF TARGET
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CORNERS
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FOULS
12 | 10



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PELLY'S PAIR OF RECORDS!

The Hatters' longest-serving player, Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu, has now written his name in the club's history books twice, having also been part of the team to go 27 matches unbeaten in the Conference-winning season of 2013-14 under John Still.

Now on 20 matches unbeaten this term, the Town's best run in the Football League, the midfielder will be hoping that the same fate awaits his side in May as it did five years ago.

The ex-West Ham youngster has played in every match so far this season, showcasing exactly why he is still such a prominent figure in the squad at the top of Sky Bet League One, as he was at the top of the Conference.

Speaking after last week's win at Fleetwood, Mpanzu was pleased to add another remarkable achievement to his Luton career, he said: "It feels great. The lads did very well today. Twenty games unbeaten has been a good ride for us.

"Obviously, we're still not done yet, we've still got to try to get on with the last few games we've got, but history makers! We've done it with a good bunch of lads, and we've got to continue that.

"Everyone wants the ball, we're defending well and every time we go on a pitch, we think we can win so right now the team is on a high. We haven't lost in 20 games and we are confident in our ability and every game we step in, we think we can win it."

The 24-year-old managed to score his second of the season in a monumental day for the club - even if he received some stick from his team-mates over whether it was an own goal or not with the help of the keeper's gloves on its way in.

He continued: "People are saying it's an own goal but they're just haters! I'll take any goal that comes. The keeper has fluffed it, maybe too much power, or too much hands. Either way he couldn't handle it. But I'll take the goal, it put us 2-0 up and we felt comfortable until the last 30 seconds when they put the ball in the box."

Winning

With another sell-out crowd expected at the Kenny this afternoon, the midfielder thinks the fans have played a big part in this season's momentum so far.

He added: "The fans are a great part of the club, they fill it out every week, so we've just got to give back to them. We're winning games and they're coming and supporting in their thousands so it's all good for us. Hopefully we can continue that until the end of the season."





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FOUR-MIDABLE GEORGE!

George Moncur's move from promotion rivals Barnsley last month is proving to be a wonderful piece of business, with the midfielder netting four times in as many matches for the Hatters.

His latest effort against Fleetwood last weekend in his first start for the Town was the pick of the bunch according to Moncur, who admitted it was better than his winner against Portsmouth.

Speaking after the match at Highbury, he said: "I think it's JJ running over it is doing the keeper a bit with the positioning, because every time JJ does that, he seems to move the wall or the keeper.

"I was thinking about going the other side, but I could see there was a little gap around the wall, so I've managed to get it up and over and luckily enough it went in the top corner so I'm really happy with that.

Energetic

"I think it was better than the Portsmouth one because there wasn't as much room around the side of it, so I just managed to get around it again and up a tiny bit higher than the other one, so I was really happy it went in.

"It's great to get a start, I don't think I've started a game since December, so I was a little bit leggy in the second half, but I felt quite good to be honest. I thought I could have tired a bit earlier but today I was really energetic until the time I was brought off, so I'm happy with the performance."

The 25-year-old has slotted nicely into the Hatters' well organised midfield since he signed last month; enjoying the competition for a starting place which has become a big part of the Town's success this season.



He continued: "I think that in terms of midfield, this is definitely the best team I have played in because there is so much talent in terms of every position. I mean obviously Macca, sitting on the ball. You've got George Thorne there, competing with that. Pelly, Shins, El, it's really tough.

"You've got Bez as well, who's been quality, so it's going to be hard to keep a place in the team but everyone is great, we all get on and hopefully we can just keep getting the wins no matter who plays."

Moncur was also delighted to see Mick Harford stay on as interim manager until the end of the season, adding: "Personally I'm over the moon. He was a big part of me coming here in the first place.

"The way he sets you out to play takes all the fear off your back, all the pressure goes, and he just lets you go and play your stuff, so it's superb."

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

THE JOURNEY

It was back to the long journeys for the trip to Fleetwood. On a beautiful sunny day, the trek up the M1 and M6 wasn't as bad as it can be and we arrived outside Highbury Stadium just after 1pm, leaving plenty of time to soak up the sunshine!

RATING: (OUT OF 5) ⚽⚽⚽

THE GROUND

It has not been since our Conference days that I had been to Highbury, but nothing has changed in that time. Town fans were given the terrace behind the goal and a few blocks of seats down one side, which is where I was housed. It isn't a bad ground given where Fleetwood have come from, but we'll visit better. The facilities weren't the best.

RATING: ⚽⚽

THE FOOD

Having arrived early I made my way to the fish and chip shop outside the ground for lunch, and swiftly devoured a delicious haddock and chips. Strangely for a club that calls themselves the Cod Army, the chip shop didn't serve cod! Inside the ground the prices looked pretty steep for the level so I'm glad I ate outside.

RATING: ⚽⚽

THE PROGRAMME

When I was told the programme was only £1 I wasn't expecting too much out of it and I wasn't disappointed in that regard. One to collect rather than admire!

RATING: ⚽

THE MATCH

It was another controlled performance from the Town in the face of a number of tackles that bordered on assaults, with Andrew Shinnie and George Moncur in particular being targeted. From a foul on Shinnie just before half-time, Moncur curled a beauty of a free-kick in the top corner to put us ahead.

Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu then blasted us 2-0 up just after the break, with a shot far too hot for the keeper to handle, and while Fleetwood pulled one back in injury time, they were never a threat and we ran out completely deserved winners.

RATING: ⚽⚽⚽

MAN OF THE MATCH

Given that his Achilles seemed to have targets on them judging by the force of tackles on him, I thought Andrew Shinnie had a great game. He always wanted the ball and used it well, and got up to get involved in the counter attack that led to the free-kick we opened the scoring from. Speaking to him last week he's enjoying his football and there was more evidence of that here.

SUMMARY

Another win and one which broke the Town's unbeaten record. Twenty games unbeaten is an amazing feat to which credit goes to everyone involved in it. The journey home was a long one, but who cares when you've just witnessed history being made! All round a great day.

OVERALL RATING: 11

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ACADEMY ADMINISTRATOR EMILY HOWES

UNDER 18S

Out of 11 teams in the EFL Youth Alliance South-East Division, the U18s managed to qualify for the Merit League One, meaning they will now play against the top six teams from the south-east, which will include a trip to Premier League side AFC Bournemouth.

However, they will have to do this without their coach of 18 months, Inigo Idiakez, due to his position now within the first team.

The academy office definitely misses Ini's presence and flair, though we haven't missed his judgemental eye of the amount of biscuits we eat (we can't all be ex professional athletes!) This hasn't stopped Mick becoming a regular visitor of the academy biscuit tin though! In the meantime, Dan Walder has stepped up to U18 duties.

SCHOOLBOYS

Although the U9s-16s have had a week off school, there definitely hasn't been a week off from football, as half-term always allows for an array of fixtures and tournaments away from their usual games programme.

This has included some fantastic opponents in Millwall, Tottenham, West Ham and Arsenal, and with fixtures of this quality, a demonstration of high-level football is a guarantee, providing a great test of ability and character from the boys.

Tours are also another excuse to play some top-class oppositions and display some great football. With a large focus of these tours being of a competitive nature, it is here that the boys really demonstrate their determination and resilience.

Taking football out of the equation, the tours also allow some great opportunities to build relationships and expand on social interactions off the pitch. The

coaching staff work tirelessly to source the best tours for the boys, with Germany, Poland, Belgium and France being just a few of our upcoming tours over the next couple of months.

I am sure alongside the staff and parents, you will wish them the best in bringing home some trophies.

CPD

Us staff regularly take advantage of fixture-free days by holding CPD events to allow for continued professional growth and knowledge enhancement. And what better way to do this than by being fortunate enough to have a presentation delivered by former English rugby Union and Saracens flanker Will Fraser.

Will delivered a very insightful presentation looking into the core values of 'The Saracens Way', highlighting the importance of having a good attitude and mentality on and off the pitch.

Enjoy today's game!

MERIT LEAGUE 1 FIXTURES 2019

FEBRUARY

Sat 16	AFC Wimbledon	A	L 1-3
Sat 23	N'hampston Town	H	11am

MARCH

Sat 2	Swindon Town	A	11am
Sat 9	Southend United	H	11am
Sat 16	AFC Bournemouth	A	12.30pm
Sat 23	Portsmouth	H	11am
Sat 30	Oxford United	A	11am

APRIL

Sat 6	Peterborough United	H	11am
Sat 13	Exeter City	H	1.30pm
Sat 27	Yeovil Town	H	12.30pm
Sat 4	Stevenage	A	10.30am

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OCTOBER SOCCER SCHOOL PLAYER VISITS



Every season as members of the EFL and as the club's registered charity, the Hatters Community Trust receives central funding from both the EFL Trust and the Professional Footballers' Association as part of their commitment to see Community Player Engagement at the heart of all professional clubs' social responsibility work.

With a split two week half-term in Beds and Herts this month, we've had almost the entire first team visit our official soccer camps which has been fantastic for everyone, and when you add up the numbers that's hundreds of local youngsters having genuine contact with the club.

Not all of them are Hatters fans as lots of people like to point out on twitter – pictured in their Premier League shirts – but as they become older and realise Luton Town FC can offer real live football on their doorstep, we do see dozens of converts turning up in the family section in the Kenny Rd end – all having a great time.

Last season our player visits over the whole club totalled over 450 separate appearances with over 150 of them on specific Community Trust projects and events. It is hard to describe sometimes the impact player visits have in the community, and of course it is great for the club's profile especially in the Sky/BT dominated Premier League age we live in.

But to the hundreds and hundreds of schoolchildren and disadvantaged young adults we come into contact with, the impact of meeting a professional footballer from Luton Town FC cannot be underestimated – especially as they are all potential future Hatters fans!

SKILLS PERFORMANCE CENTRES - TALENT IDENTIFICATION PROGRAMME 2018-19 BOOK YOUR PLACE ONLINE AT WWW.LUTONTOWNCOMMUNITY.CO.UK

Monday sees the start of Term 3 of this seasons Skills Performance Centre talent identification programme. We have 11 regional football development centres, with three in Luton, open to all youngsters aged from school year 2 up to year 6.

The Skills coaching centres offer a nine-week programme ending with a trial match for everyone. Successful boys then progress onto our centre of excellence and pre-academy development centres

with eventual pathways into our youth academy.

Our successful 'Skills' Development Programme is now in its 12th year of operation and provides high quality coaching for up and coming young footballers. Whether you're an ambitious player wanting to progress towards becoming a professional, or a newcomer wanting to develop the basics, the Skills Programme has something to offer you. To date almost 100 players have been signed into our development programme through the Skills

programme, which has proved our most successful recruitment tool in the past.

The cost is £45 per nine-week term, which includes practical sessions and one assessment match. In addition to the trial match, all players receive a report on their personal development during the programme. If our coach feels you have shown the right levels of ability and attitude during the term you will be given the opportunity to progress.

Our weekly centres run in Bedford, Biggleswade, Dunstable, Flitwick/Amptill, Harpenden, Kempston, Luton (three) and Wheathampstead.

If you would like further information on the programme starting next week, simply ring the



Community Trust office on **01582 561622** or email us at tips@lutontown.co.uk for an information leaflet or you can book your place online at www.lutontowncommunity.co.uk.

ARTHUR FINALLY HANGS UP HIS BOOTS

What a great presentation we held at our last home game as our Hatters over 50's walking footballers sprung a surprise presentation on captain Arthur Mason, who after the last four years running and playing for the team, has decided to hang up his boots to 'take a role upstairs!'

We had no idea when we started four years ago that the walking football project would turn out to be not only very popular but also very successful on the competition front, with the boys regularly making both regional and national finals tournaments – pulling on that shirt and fulfilling a life-long dream to play for the Hatters.

Well done Arthur – without you this project would not have been the success it has been and will be in the future under your managerial watch.

On top of this success we will soon be announcing several new venues across

the county promoting the many benefits of walking football – not just the benefit of regular physical exercise but the mental health benefits of being involved in regular activity with like-minded people enjoying the social side as much as the competitive side of football.

To get involved in our over-50s activities call the community office on **01582 561622** or drop us an email at community@lutontown.co.uk





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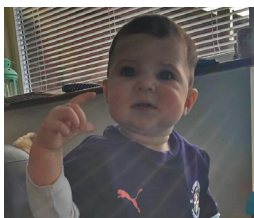
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HAPPY 1ST BIRTHDAY, ELLA!



It's a happy first birthday to little Ella, who is bound to become one of the Hatters' biggest supporters as she grows with mum Sian

a key member of the club's retail staff, and grandad Tony chairman of the Luton Town Supporters' Trust. Have a great day, Ella!

MICK KENNEDY: 9/4/1961 - 9/2/2019



We were saddened to report earlier this month of the passing of former Town midfielder Mick Kennedy at the young age of 57.

A true football journeyman, Salford born Mick played

over 500 League games spanning ten clubs, who paid over £1 million for his services, and earned a reputation as a midfield enforcer and self-styled hard man in a long career.

Starting off at Halifax, Mick rarely stayed longer than two years at a club apart from Portsmouth, who he helped to the top flight in 1987. The Hatters were one of the sides he stayed with for only 12 months, but the 1989/90 season was not without incident as Mick worked under three managers, was sent off twice and made sure that Derby did not score by fair means or foul after coming on as substitute in the final day 3-2 win at the Baseball Ground, which saved the Town from relegation. After finishing playing, Mick ran a 'Soccer School' on the west coast of Ireland.

Our condolences go out to all his family and friends

Roger Wash

HATTERS IN A DIFFERENT CAMP!

The Hatters' were well represented at the Camp Nou last weekend as long-time supporter and Kenilworth Road boxholder Peter Armitage took his son Chris to the Barcelona-Real Valladolid game to celebrate his 21st birthday, and they got their hands on the European Cup!

"We reckon this pic will be us in four years' time!" wrote Peter, who added proudly that he christened his lad Christopher George Harford Armitage after his "favourite Luton player of all-time!"

We hope Big Mick and the boys deliver Chris an even better present this afternoon!



LUTON LADS ON LOAN!

Young defenders Jack James and Frankie Musonda have had their loans with Non-League clubs extended until the end of the season as they look to gain further senior experience.

Jack, our Republic of Ireland Under-19 right-back, will continue to help Havant & Waterlooville in their fight to avoid relegation from the Vanarama National League.

While Frankie, 21, will continue his development under the watchful eye of former Town player and youth coach Joe Deeney at National League South side Hemel Hempstead Town.

Meanwhile, striker Aaron Jarvis belatedly headed up to Scottish Championship club Falkirk last week after recovering from a slight groin problem. He was in line to be included in the squad for the first time for the game against Dundee United yesterday.



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We've scrambled the names of some Luton Town players!

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4. _____

7. _____

2. OSNAJ NIUGMMS
 5. EEGROG EOHTRN
 8. MTTAY OASRPNE

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8. _____

3. OGERGE MOUCNR
 6. NEKAZAG AULAU
 9. CAKJ TSCYEA

3. _____

6. _____

9. _____

Answers: Quick Quiz: James Collins | Anagrams: Sonny Bradley, Jason Cummings, George Moncur, Andrew Shinnie, George Thorne, Kazenga Luaula, Alex Baptiste, Matty Pearson, Jack Stacey



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LEAGUELOOK

LEAGUE TABLE 2018/19

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Luton Town	33	21	8	4	66	28	38	71
2 Barnsley	33	19	9	5	59	28	31	66
3 Sunderland	32	16	14	2	57	32	25	62
4 Portsmouth	33	17	10	6	55	36	19	61
5 Charlton Athletic	33	16	8	9	48	33	15	56
6 Doncaster Rovers	31	15	8	8	58	39	19	53
7 Peterborough United	33	14	10	9	51	44	7	52
8 Blackpool	32	12	12	8	34	28	6	48
9 Coventry City	33	13	7	13	36	37	-1	46
10 Fleetwood Town	33	12	9	12	44	36	8	45
11 Burton Albion	33	11	10	12	42	40	2	43
12 Wycombe Wanderers	33	11	10	12	42	47	-5	43
13 Southend United	33	12	4	17	43	44	-1	40
14 Accrington Stanley	31	10	10	11	33	42	-9	40
15 Scunthorpe United	33	11	7	15	40	57	-17	40
16 Plymouth Argyle	33	10	8	15	40	53	-13	38
17 Gillingham	33	10	6	17	44	57	-13	36
18 Walsall	33	9	8	16	34	53	-19	35
19 Bristol Rovers	32	8	10	14	31	35	-4	34
20 Rochdale	33	9	7	17	41	67	-26	34
21 Shrewsbury Town	32	7	12	13	34	44	-10	33
22 Oxford United	33	7	12	14	40	52	-12	33
23 Bradford City	33	9	6	18	36	52	-16	33
24 AFC Wimbledon	33	8	5	20	27	51	-24	29

PLAYER STATS 2018/19

	THIS SEASON										LIFC		
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		DISIP		CAREER TOT				
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	Y	R	APPS	GLS			
Luke Berry	5	(5)	1	2	(1)	0	7	(6)	1	0	0	52	9
Sonny Bradley	31	(1)	0	5	(0)	0	36	(1)	0	4	0	37	0
James Collins	31	(2)	19	4	(0)	0	35	(2)	19	8	0	82	39
Harry Cornick	13	(9)	5	5	(0)	2	18	(9)	7	0	0	68	12
Jason Cummings	0	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0
Luke Gambin	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	38	3
Jorge Grant	13	(4)	2	4	(1)	2	17	(5)	4	2	0	22	4
Danny Hylton	12	(7)	5	2	(1)	0	14	(8)	5	3	2	112	55
Harry Isted	0	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	0	0	2	0
Jack James	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	2	0
Aaron Jarvis	0	(4)	0	4	(2)	1	4	(6)	1	0	0	14	2
Jake Jarvis	0	(2)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(2)	0	0	0	13	0
Lloyd Jones	0	(1)	0	3	(1)	0	3	(2)	0	1	0	6	0
James Justin	22	(8)	3	7	(2)	0	29	(10)	3	1	0	101	6
Elliot Lee	24	(1)	10	4	(1)	0	28	(2)	10	4	0	79	25
Kazenga LuaLua	4	(8)	1	4	(2)	1	8	(10)	2	1	0	18	2
Alan McCormack	12	(2)	0	4	(0)	0	16	(2)	0	9	0	34	1
George Moncur	1	(5)	4	0	(0)	0	1	(5)	4	1	0	6	4
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	33	(0)	2	4	(2)	0	37	(2)	2	3	0	193	11
Frankie Musonda	0	(0)	0	1	(1)	0	1	(1)	0	0	0	14	1
Josh Neufville	0	(0)	0	0	(3)	0	0	(3)	0	0	0	3	0
Eunan O'Kane	0	(3)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(3)	0	0	0	4	0
Matty Pearson	33	(0)	5	6	(0)	0	39	(0)	5	1	0	39	5
Jake Peck	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0
Dan Potts	14	(5)	1	1	(2)	0	15	(7)	1	4	0	111	9
Glen Rea	20	(2)	1	4	(1)	0	24	(3)	1	5	0	136	5
Arthur Read	0	(0)	0	4	(0)	1	4	(0)	1	0	0	7	1
Jack Senior	0	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	1	0	24	0
James Shea	30	(0)	0	5	(0)	0	35	(0)	0	0	0	48	0
Alan Sheehan	3	(12)	0	4	(0)	1	7	(12)	1	1	0	126	8
Andrew Shinnie	27	(2)	4	6	(0)	1	33	(2)	5	6	0	69	8
Jack Stacey	32	(0)	2	5	(0)	0	37	(0)	2	2	0	82	3
Marek Stech	3	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	5	(0)	0	0	0	47	0
George Thorne	0	(2)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(2)	0	0	0	2	0
Connor Tomlinson	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	2	0

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AUGUST															
Sat 4	3.00pm	A	Portsmouth	L 0-1	19,018	2,392	21	Stech	Justin	Pearson	Sheehan	Potts	McCormack ●		
Sat 11	3.00pm	H	Sunderland	D 1-1	10,059	1,047	19	Stech	Stacey	Pearson 1	Sheehan	Potts	McCormack		
Tue 14	8.00pm	A	West Bromwich Albion (CC R1)	L 0-1	10,404	1,175	-	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	Rea ●		
Sat 18	3.00pm	A	Peterborough United	L 1-3	8,016	2,209	22	Stech	Stacey	Pearson ●	Bradley	Sheehan	McCormack ●		
Tue 21	7.45pm	H	Southend United	W 2-0	9,086	916	15	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Potts	Rea		
Sat 25	3.00pm	H	Shrewsbury Town	W 3-2	8,518	379	10	Shea	Stacey 1	Pearson	Bradley	Potts	Rea		
SEPTEMBER															
Sat 1	3.00pm	A	Wycombe Wanderers	D 1-1	6,072	1,702	9	Shea	Stacey	Pearson 1	Bradley	Potts	Rea		
Tue 4	7.45pm	H	Brighton & Hove Albion U21 (CT)	W 2-1	1,318	44	-	Isted	Justin	Jones	Sheehan	Senior	McCormack ●		
Sat 8	3.00pm	A	Doncaster Rovers	L 1-2	7,526	1,013	11	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Potts	Rea		
Sat 15	3.00pm	H	Bristol Rovers	W 3-0	8,912	519	11	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Potts	Rea		
Sat 22	3.00pm	A	Blackpool	D 0-0	4,124	1,382	12	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Potts	Rea		
Sat 29	3.00pm	H	Charlton Athletic	D 2-2	9,502	1,032	12	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Potts	Rea		
OCTOBER															
Tue 2	7.45pm	A	Oxford United	W 2-1	6,769	1,171	10	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Potts 1	Rea ●		
Sat 6	3.00pm	H	Scunthorpe United	W 3-2	8,682	432	8	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Potts ●	Rea		
Tue 9	7.45pm	H	MK Dons (CT)	W 3-0	875	208	-	Isted	Justin	Rea	Sheehan 1	Senior	McCormack		
Sat 13	12.00pm	A	Barnsley	L 2-3	12,688	807	10	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Potts	Rea ●		
Sat 20	3.00pm	H	Walsall	W 2-0	8,953	504	7	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Potts ●	Rea 1		
Tue 23	7.45pm	H	Accrington Stanley	W 4-1	8,454	64	6	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	Rea		
Sat 27	3.00pm	A	AFC Wimbledon	W 2-0	4,202	751	5	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	Rea		
NOVEMBER															
Sat 3	3.00pm	A	Rochdale	D 0-0	3,689	858	5	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	Rea		
Sat 10	3.00pm	H	Wycombe Wanderers (FACR1)	W 2-0	5,343	786	-	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	Rea		
Tue 13	7.45pm	A	Peterborough United (CT)	L 1-2	2,017	254	-	Stech	James	Pearson	Jones	Sheehan	McCormack		
Sat 17	3.00pm	H	Plymouth Argyle	W 5-1	10,004	871	5	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin 1	Rea		
Sat 24	3.00pm	A	Gillingham	W 3-1	5,671	1,282	4	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	Rea		
Tue 27	7.45pm	H	Bradford City	W 4-0	8,568	298	3	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin 1	Rea		
DECEMBER															
Sun 2	2.00pm	A	Bury (FACR2)	W 1-0	2,977	549	-	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	Rea		
Wed 5	7.45pm	H	Southend United (CT2)	D 1-1*	1,545	121	-	Stech	Musonda	Jones	Potts	Senior ●	Sheehan		
Sat 8	3.00pm	H	Fleetwood Town	W 2-0	8,528	81	2	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	Rea		
Sat 15	3.00pm	A	Conventry City	W 2-1	12,559	2,598	2	Shea	Stacey	Pearson 1	Bradley	Justin	Rea		
Sat 22	3.00pm	H	Burton Albion	W 2-0	9,538	173	2	Shea	Stacey 1	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	Rea ●		
Wed 26	3.00pm	A	Scunthorpe United	W 2-0	4,050	766	2	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	Grant ●		
Sat 29	3.00pm	A	Walsall	D 2-2	5,739	1,956	2	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	McCormack		
JANUARY															
Tue 1	3.00pm	H	Barnsley	D 0-0	9,926	845	2	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	McCormack		
Sat 5	12.30pm	A	Sheffield Wednesday (FACR3)	D 0-0	16,974	4,219	-	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	McCormack		
Sat 12	3.00pm	A	Sunderland	D 1-1	37,791	3,081	2	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	McCormack		
Tue 15	7.45pm	H	Sheffield Wednesday (FACR3R)	L 0-1	9,259	1,473	-	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	LuaLua		
Sat 19	3.00pm	H	Peterborough United	W 4-0	10,055	1,031	2	Shea	Stacey	Pearson ●	Bradley	Justin	McCormack ●		
Sat 26	3.00pm	A	Southend United	W 1-0	8,460	2,037	1	Shea	Stacey	Pearson 1	Bradley	Justin	McCormack		
Tue 29	7.45pm	H	Portsmouth	W 3-2	10,078	1,033	1	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	McCormack		
FEBRUARY															
Sat 2	3.00pm	A	Shrewsbury Town	W 3-0	6,859	1,334	1	Shea	Stacey	Pearson 1	Bradley	Justin	McCormack ●		
Sat 9	3.00pm	H	Wycombe Wanderers	W 3-0	10,072	751	1	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	McCormack		
Sat 16	3.00pm	A	Fleetwood Town	W 2-1	3,651	1,048	1	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	McCormack ●		
Sun 24	12.00pm	H	Conventry City												
MARCH															
Sat 2	3.00pm	H	Rochdale												
Sat 9	3.00pm	A	Plymouth Argyle												
Tue 12	7.45pm	A	Bradford City												
Sat 16	3.00pm	H	Gillingham												
Sat 23	3.00pm	H	Doncaster Rovers												
Sat 30	3.00pm	A	Bristol Rovers												
APRIL															
Sat 6	3.00pm	H	Blackpool												
Sat 13	3.00pm	A	Charlton Athletic												
Fri 19	3.00pm	A	Accrington Stanley												
Mon 22	3.00pm	H	AFC Wimbledon												
Sat 27	3.00pm	A	Burton Albion												
MAY															
Sat 4	5.30pm	H	Oxford United												

*Lost 2-4 on penalties

LINUS' BIG TRAINING SESH



Local boxer and huge Town fan Linus Udofia will be doing a public workout later on today at Ringcraft Gym in Dunstable and would love to see as many supporters down there as possible! He will be joined by fellow Luton based fighters Alex Bishop and Frankie Story, with the event kicking off at 4.30pm and going on for an hour and a half. The address for the venue is: Unit 13, Tavistock Place, Tavistock Street, Dunstable, LU6 1NE

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

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FORMED: 1907 | NICKNAME: THE DALE | LAST SEASON: 20TH IN LEAGUE ONE | FOLLOW THEM ON TWITTER: @OFFICIALLYDALE | COLOURS: BLUE & BLACK STRIPE | GROUND: SPOTLAND | MANAGER: KEITH HILL

WHO?

A side who have only achieved promotion a handful of times in their history, have been a Sky Bet League One outfit for five seasons now. They've bounced between the third and fourth tier since the 1920s, but had a brief spell of yo-yoing between 2009-14, eventually settling in League One. Their best finish since then was eighth in 2015, whilst it took until the final day of last season for them to secure their third tier status. Ian Henderson has been their top goalscorer for the past four years and looks very much on course for a fifth having bagged 15 so far this campaign.

STADIUM - CROWN OIL ARENA

The Crown Oil Arena, or as it's more commonly known, Spotland, was built in 1878, and was first host to St Clements Rugby Club, before variations of the football club started to use it as their base at the turn of the 20th century. With a capacity of just over 10,000, it hosted a Rugby League World Cup game, when Fiji and Ireland played each other.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

Town have played Rochdale on 18 occasions and have a fairly strong record, winning nine of those encounters, drawing five and losing four.

Our last meeting was probably one of the toughest games the Hatters have been involved in, with James Shea putting in a Man of the Match performance to keep Keith Hill's side at bay.

RESULTS SO FAR

After their 2-1 win over Blackpool on Boxing Day, Dale found themselves nine points clear of the relegation zone and sitting quite comfortably in mid-table. However their form has dropped off the edge of a cliff and they've only picked up four points since then, which leaves them just a point above the drop zone. They did however get a vital win against relegation rivals Walsall at the beginning of the month.

KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU

Former Norwich City and Colchester United striker Ian Henderson had a brief spell with the Hatters after leaving the Cobblers in 2009, making 18 appearances and netting once. He has been at Rochdale since 2012, bagging 101 goals in 277 appearances. Calvin Andrew began his career with the Town, before signing for Crystal Palace in 2008, having played 67 times for the Hatters, scoring on six occasions.

TICKETS

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



ROCHDALE

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

Tickets for this category C game are currently on sale.



PLYMOUTH ARGYLE

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

Town have received a full allocation of 1,190 tickets in the Barn Park Stand. Any remaining tickets are now available to purchase online, by phone and in person. They will remain on sale until 2pm on Friday 8th March. **PRICES:** Adult: £24.00, Over 65s: £19.00, 18-21s: £19.00, Armed Forces: £19.00, Under-18s: £10.00, Wheelchair Adult: £19.00, Wheelchair Concession: £15.00, Wheelchair Under 18s: £8.00. (Ambulant Disabled are charged age related price. Those with Higher or Middle Rate DLA or enhanced PIP are eligible to a carer.) Family Ticket: £32.00 – (Adult £24.00 & Under-18 £8.00) Family area tickets are available. These allow access to the Family Zone. These tickets are not available online, please request these from the Ticket Office.



BRADFORD CITY

SKY BET LEAGUE ONE | TUESDAY 12TH MARCH | 7.45PM

The Hatters have received an initial allocation of 511 tickets in the Northern Commercial Stand.

Season ticket holders are currently able to purchase two tickets per person. These will be released for sale online using your individual client reference numbers and also via phone or in person from the Ticket Office. These will remain on sale until close of business on Thursday 28th February. Any remaining tickets will be available from Friday 1st March online, by phone and in person. They will remain on sale until 12pm on Tuesday 12th March. **PRICES:** Adult: £20.00, Over 60s: £15.00, Students: £15.00, Under-16s: £10.00, Under 11: £5 (when purchased with adult tickets). (Ambulant Disabled are charged age related price. Those with Higher or Middle Rate DLA or enhanced PIP are eligible to a carer.) Subject to availability tickets will be available on the night. There will be a £5 increase in the Adult price only.



GILLINGHAM

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

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



DONCASTER ROVERS

SKY BET LEAGUE ONE | 3PM | SATURDAY 23RD MARCH

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





HOLD THE BACK PAGE

BY **SIMON OXLEY**, BBC 3CR REPORTER/COMMENTATOR

Fleetwood's Highbury Stadium was another ground ticked off my list last weekend. I missed the Conference trips there, so now only five of the current 92 remain.

I've managed to miss tips to Rochdale and Morecambe, while the other three are all new grounds. Having covered visiting teams at the Goldstone Ground and the Withdean Stadium, I've yet to visit Brighton's new stadium, and the same goes for Swansea. But unlike Brighton, I never reported from Swansea's previous home, which meant I missed out on the Hatters securing promotion there back in 2002. My late colleague Ian Pearce used to recall the climb up the rickety ladder to the gantry at the Vetch Field, with the Swansea hordes looking on and giving suitable vocal support!

The other new ground still to be ticked off is Rotherham. I reported from Millmoor on several occasions, and of course commentated on Luton away to Rotherham at the Don Valley stadium back in 2008.

I mention that because it was early on in the season which started with Luton on minus 30, and ended with relegation. Mick Harford has referred to that on a number of occasions in recent weeks, and how he still feels responsible. I can vividly recall interviewing him at the end of that defeat at the athletics stadium – the Press box was level with the finish line rather than the football halfway line – and Mick firmly believed the 30 point deficit could be overcome.

I'm sure nobody holds him responsible, but he has used that memory as a motivation for his current role, and it certainly seems to be working.

My first encounter with the legend was way back in November 1988. I was working for the Luton Herald group in Milton Keynes, but was drafted in to cover the Hatters at Coventry when the regular

reporter was away. My brief was the usual report for the next Thursday's paper (no online in those days), manager quotes from Ray Harford afterwards, but also to try and grab a word with Mick Harford who was rumoured to be leaving.

The match at Highfield Road was not especially memorable, and Luton lost 1-0. It was not one of their better days. So there was I, faced with the prospect of a defeated Ray, and having to ask Mick about rumours he was being sold on.

Ray wasn't especially chatty after a victory, never mind a defeat, but fortunately he handed over Press conference duties to his assistant Ritchie Barker. Phew.

So with the help of a friendly steward I then went in search of my second assignment. I think Mick took pity on me, and came up with the quotes every Luton fan wanted to read. He was staying.

I have interviewed him many times since of course, including after the infamous sacking when he and Joe Kinnear were sent a letter by mystery new owners. We even covered a story, sparked by colleagues at Radio Five, that he was to be the new Watford manager in 2005.

Now he could lead the Hatters to promotion. My 3CR colleague Mike Naylor, a former sports producer and now responsible for our Sunday morning religious programme, wondered in the office recently whether securing Championship football next season would see Mick elevated from "Sir Mick" to sainthood by Luton fans. Saint Michael of Luton? Maybe, but if it wasn't already I think promotion would confirm the name of one of the stands at the proposed new stadium.

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TEAMS



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
- 12 Alex BAPTISTE
- 14 Harry CORNICK
- 16 Glen REA
- 17 Pelly-Ruddock MPANZU
- 19 James COLLINS
- 20 George MONCUR
- 23 Jason CUMMINGS
- 24 George THORNE
- 25 Kazenga LUALUA
- 35 Arthur READ
- 36 James SHEA
- 40 Harry ISTD
- 44 Alan SHEEHAN
- Aaron CONNOLLY

Manager: MARK ROBINS

- 1 Lee BURGE
- 2 Jack GRIMMER
- 3 Brandon MASON
- 4 Jordan WILLIS
- 5 Tom DAVIES
- 6 Liam KELLY
- 7 Jodi JONES
- 8 David MEYLER
- 9 Max BIAMOU
- 10 Conor CHAPLIN
- 11 Jordy HIWULA
- 12 Junior BROWN
- 13 Liam O'BRIEN
- 14 Reise ALLASSANI
- 15 Dominic HYAM
- 17 Dujon STERLING
- 19 Jordan PONTICELLI
- 20 Tom BAYLISS
- 21 Amadou BAKAYOKO
- 22 Tony ANDREU
- 23 Luke THOMAS
- 24 Bright ENOBAKHARE
- 25 Zain WESTBROOKE
- 26 Jordan SHIPLEY
- 27 Jordon THOMPSON
- 33 Corey ADDAI
- 41 Sam MCCALLUM
- 44 Charlie WAKEFIELD

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JOE CLARK



ANTHONY DA COSTA



SAM PURKISS

NEXT HOME GAME:

ROCHDALE

(SKY BET LEAGUE ONE)

Sat 2nd Mar 2019 | KO: 3pm

