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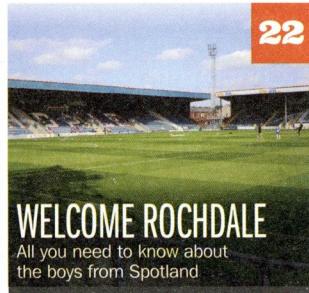
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THE MANAGER

MICK HARFORD

Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for the second time inside a week for the visit of Rochdale.

That welcome is extended to Keith Hill and all who have travelled south with Rochdale. I went up to Spotland with Indigo to watch them last week against Wimbledon, and they'll be difficult opponents. Keith has done a fine job for many years over his two spells there, and always has his side playing good football.

We had an extremely tough encounter there in early November when we had to ride our luck at times – and rely on some excellent saves by James Shea – to bring a point back in the early stages of this long unbeaten run we are still on.

It'll be similar again here today because their league position dictates that they'll be fighting for the points every bit as much we are, but after what we know will be another highly competitive game, we wish them a safe journey back to the north-west and all the best for the rest of the campaign.

We had to settle for a draw last Sunday in a game I felt we did enough to win, especially with the chances we created in the second half. Coventry looked a dangerous outfit for a spell in the first half having drawn level.

It's a sign of strength that we were disappointed with the result in the end, but these boys have such high standards and they continue to work so hard on the training ground every day with Steve and Indigo, as you saw with another goal from a set-piece that they work on daily.

We'll look back on it in May as a valuable point, I'm sure, and that's what I told the players after

the final whistle. They are a fantastic, professional group who will be determined to take all three this afternoon before we head on the road for another two tough games at Plymouth and Bradford.

They'll be wanting your support more than ever as we look to continue this fine run. As ever, the noise last week was sensational at times so don't underestimate the part you can play from the stands in helping them out on the pitch.

Cherished

One man who sadly won't be able to cheer the lads on is my friend and neighbour, Bob Dean, who many will know. Bob was a top man who sadly passed away this week at the age of 95.

Luton Town Football Club was his passion and he cherished his time supporting the team as a season ticket holder for many decades. It's only in the past couple of seasons that he had to stop coming to Kenilworth Road as he became restricted to a wheelchair.

Even then, he'd have a programme delivered to his home within an hour of the final whistle and when I went to visit him in the L&D last week, he was bang up to speed with everything that was going on, so let's hope we can get a result for him today.

Enjoy the game, as Bob always would, and COYH!



FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH CHAIRMAN DAVID WILKINSON

Good afternoon everyone. A warm welcome to you all and especially our visitors from Rochdale. We very much enjoy the company of their directors at the various EFL events during the year and despite their relatively lowly position they gave us quite a game at Spotland in November, which ended in a goalless draw. No doubt today's game will be equally competitive as we both need the points at opposite ends of the table.

We were reminded this week that last Tuesday was the 11th anniversary of 2020 having their offer to take custodianship of the Club accepted by the administrators. Gary Sweet, who had been trying for some time to get the Club into safe hands, created a mission statement, which he then presented to us, the investors as a prospectus.

It was initially a 12-year plan intended to protect the future of the club by eliminating losses and achieving sustainability by building us a new home in the town and getting us back to our natural league position, which we believed should be, at least, the Championship, by 2020. Taking into account that we didn't expect to have time in the Conference, let alone five years, the plan isn't going too badly.

What an expedition it has been. It is etched in our memories, but we sometimes forget having lived every minute of it that some of you were too young or not even born when it was all happening.

At the time of that administration we were third from bottom of League One, having been docked ten points, and most of our players had been sold to help pay the creditors and keep the Club going. Looking back from today it's ironic that in early 2009 Mick Harford was given temporary charge to replace the sacked Kevin Blackwell as manager

At the time of eventually taking control having been relegated, Mick said: "I'm absolutely thrilled for the 2020 lads. They have worked tirelessly for the club behind the scenes over the last seven or eight months. I can say to the fans that the club is in great hands and has a safe future as far as I'm concerned.

"They have got a magnificent business plan and prospectus which I have read at length and they are keen to secure a new stadium and put the club on the right road."

When we agreed to buy the Club, we were unaware that the Football League and FA would combine to dock another 30 points the following season, and effectively relegate us from the Football League. Despite this Mick managed to put a team together to win the Johnstone's Paint Trophy at Wembley, on a day we'll never forget.

Unfortunately, then everything turned sour in the first year in the Conference and we were forced to replace Mick, who left under very sad circumstances.

A year or two passed before John Still joined us and then our heart began to beat once more and we felt the unity returning. Since then our progress on the pitch has been nothing short of remarkable and we are ahead of the schedule Gary set despite the Conference years.



In my time our league positions have been much more volatile than any other club, and we understand how important momentum is to our success. At the moment, we have it and we are grateful and indebted that Mick is maintaining it by agreeing to look after us until the end of the season. We all hope he is able to lay a few ghosts and get what he so richly deserves this time round.

The other element to our vision was relocation to a new stadium. It has been a long, expensive and sometimes painful process. However, we are delighted to have heard on Thursday that the Newlands Park committee report will give a positive recommendation for consent. It goes without saying that this is great news and very encouraging, but it must be stressed that, at this stage, it is only encouraging – we're not there yet. The Planning Committee meets on 11th March when they will hear comments from all before reaching a local resolution.

Those of you who have been following these applications will know that the approval and implementation of Newlands Park is important to our ability to deliver Power Court commercially.

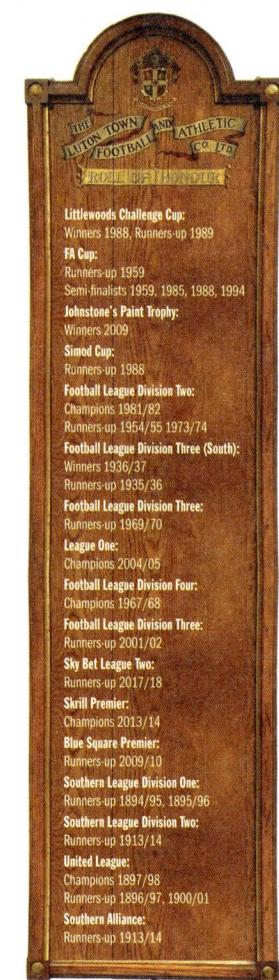
Town centres across the country face major challenges to reinvent themselves and diversify, and Power Court will do just that. Not only do we intend to provide much needed facilities at the very heart of Luton but we are also keen to take an active role in helping to shape the future of our town centre.

We are, of course, delighted to have got this far and thank everyone for their support and patience, which will continue to be needed as there's a lot of work still to do.

"Quality is never an accident it is always the result of intelligent effort"
John Ruskin

Enjoy the game. Come On You Hatters!

DWJ



THE SKIPPER

Alan Sheehan

Welcome back to everyone for a second successive home game as we continue with our bid to win promotion from Sky Bet League One.

Last week we knew Coventry would pose a big test for us because we'd had a tough game up at the Ricoh just before Christmas, and they arrived here off the back of a couple of good wins. In the first 25 minutes we got the goal and were very good, then we allowed them back into it before half-time.

After the break we had a right go and deserved all three points in my opinion, but unfortunately we didn't get the rub of the green in their penalty box. We had plenty of chances and could have easily won the game, but the important thing was that we kept that record run of games without defeat going and we remain at the top of the league, so we are still in a wonderful place.

Naturally, Macca was beating himself up about the chance that came his way right at the death, but he shouldn't because he's been outstanding since he came in for Glen Rea just after Christmas. He's been so instrumental in our good form.

A few words about Glen too, because he was one of our most important players for the first half of the season and he's a brilliant character around the place.

You'll have seen the pictures this week of him boxing, and he has a very single-minded attitude to getting back fit. He's doing everything he can and we can't wait to have him back because

he's a massive part of the team – he just needs a haircut. He thinks he looks like Bradley Cooper, but we don't want to break it to him just yet because he's flying in his rehab!

Rochdale present another difficult task for us today. Keith Hill has done a great job at Spotland for a number of years now and they were one of the few teams that outplayed us in the first half of the season up at their place.

We were fortunate to come away with a draw after a brilliant display by James Shea, but now we've got them at Kenilworth Road with 12 games to go, and we know that every game is vitally important. We are looking forward to going out there and expecting a really tough game from a side fighting for their lives.

After today we head on the road for two of our longest away trips. It means a few nights away from our families, but those are the sacrifices we make to be successful.

We said in our pre-season goal setting that when other teams would be having days off, we'd come in and work hard, so we will prepare right for two very tough games – at Plymouth, who are doing very well, and Bradford, who are in a relegation battle – as part of a big, big month.

We know that you'll be at both ends of the country backing us just as you will be today, so please raise the roof and get behind the lads again!

Enjoy the game.




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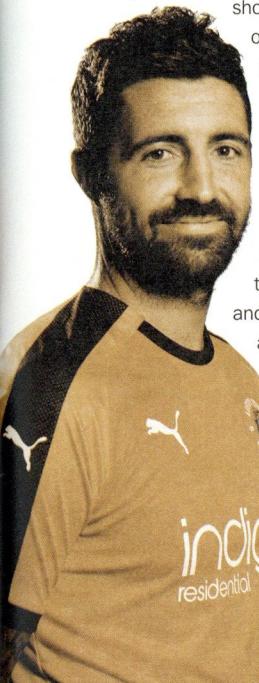


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COLLO WAS JANUARY'S DIAMOND!

Town striker James Collins was presented with the Diamond Player of the Month Award for January following last Sunday's clash with Coventry.

James unsurprisingly proved to be a very popular choice, receiving a massive 86 per cent of the vote, having also scooped the EFL Sky Bet League One Player of the Month award.

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

Junior Diamond season ticket holder Joseph Hardy was drawn from the hat from those that picked James – and he received a hospitality Diamond mascot package for last week's game, after which he presented the monthly trophy to the Hatters' leading scorer.



If anyone needs reminding, the 28-year-old netted five times in the opening month of the year – before bagging another three in the first two games of February to take his tally to 19 for the campaign.

KIDS IN ACTION



We would like to thank all who donated to the £1,001 collected by the players' charity of the season Kids In Action at the Coventry game.

Please keep an eye out on the club website and social media channels this coming week for the start of the auction in which you can bid for a pair of boots or goalkeeper gloves that the squad have put in to raise extra funds for the charity to put towards their goal of raising £750,000 to buy their current HQ in Dunstable.

READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Hatters midfielder Arthur Read has joined Vanarama National League South side Hemel Hempstead Town on a one-month youth loan.

The 19-year-old joins up with former Town youth coach Joe Deeney's Tudors side, who already have defender Frankie Musonda on loan for the rest of the season.

Read's former Town youth team-mates Jack Snelus and Kavan Cotter are also in the Vauxhall Road ranks.

DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

The Hatters' development squad were in action at Southend earlier this week, collecting another Central League point with a goalless draw at the Boots & Laces Training Ground.

Marek Stech gained important minutes in goal as he recovered from injury, while Jack James returned to play 90 minutes, as is permitted as part of his loan with National League side Havant & Waterlooville.

The same was the case for midfielder Drew Richardson, who is currently on work experience at Bostik Premier side Harlow Town, for whom he won player of the month award for January.

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WELCOME BACK ROSS MADDOX!

We would like to offer a warm welcome back to Kenilworth Road this afternoon to Hatters supporter Ross Maddox, who is attending his first game in 15 months after battling to overcome a rare form of leukaemia called Hemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis.

Ross, 28, is being surprised by friends, one of whom – Richard Danenbergs – contacted us to say: "Ross grew up in Flitwick and he has been a Luton supporter ever since I met him at 11 years old. He was a season ticket holder throughout his teens, but he was diagnosed with HLH on 16th February 2018.

"He spent four weeks in intensive care, three weeks of which he was in an induced coma. He did start to make a recovery but genetic testing revealed he needed a stem cell (bone marrow) transplant.

"Luckily a donor was found quickly and Ross had his transplant in September 2018. The last Luton Town game he attended was on New Year's Day 2018.

"After just over a year of chemotherapy, heart, lung, kidney and liver failure, he'll be so pleased to be back watching the mighty Town!"

It's great to have you here with us, Ross!



RICHARD COLLINS



We are sorry to report that Richard, a loyal Luton Town supporter of over 40 years, passed away in his sleep on Sunday 17th February, aged 68.

His cousin and fellow supporter Trevor Miller wrote: "Richard put up a brave fight but unfortunately cancer beat him. He was a proud Luton supporter who lived in Rushden, Northants, where he moved some 30 years ago after living in Pepperstock. He was a regular visitor to Kenilworth Road and to many away matches, and even named his house "Kenilworth"!

Condolences from all at LTFC go to Richard's wife Barbara, who often accompanied him to matches, his two daughters and their family and friends. The funeral will be held at on Friday 8th March at 11am at the Nene Valley Crematorium, Wellingborough.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JASON!

We would like to wish Hatters season ticket holder and lifelong supporter Jason Holdham a very happy 50th birthday.

His twin sister Sue Lake got in touch to send birthday greetings and love from the whole family on your special day, Jason.

We hope the boys can deliver the perfect present of three points this afternoon!

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TRICK OR TREATMENT

A HUMOROUS INSIGHT TO PHYSIO SIMON PARSELL'S WORK



Everyone always looks at March as a big month and they may have a point. However it's one game at a time and let's see what happens.

March always does provide us with the opportunity to see a lot of the country. Never mind the old hit 'From Paris to Berlin'. We have Plymouth and Bradford.

With everyone on the grass and hopefully it stays that way, it gives me time to catch up on paperwork and dealing with medical companies. I spoke to one company that told me about how they deal with everything electronically. Excellent I said. They replied they would send the forms out for me to fill in first. How does that work?

With 12 games left it's all about keeping things ticking over, recovering properly and promoting good nutrition. Luke Sanders and Elliott Plant have stepped up to the plate with their programmes and helping the coaches to structure training. Everybody has really dug in after the change.

Glen has had a follow-up with the consultant and he is pleased with his progress. It was originally tough for him. His body could stand the crutches but his mind couldn't stand the sidelines. That's why it's important to change his rehab programmes with swimming and boxing.

A big thank you to Linus Udoifa, who came in during his busy period to help Glen. Glen 'The Hammer Hand' Rea found it tough, and Bez – who said he could flatten Linus like a pancake – did a runner when he saw the session!

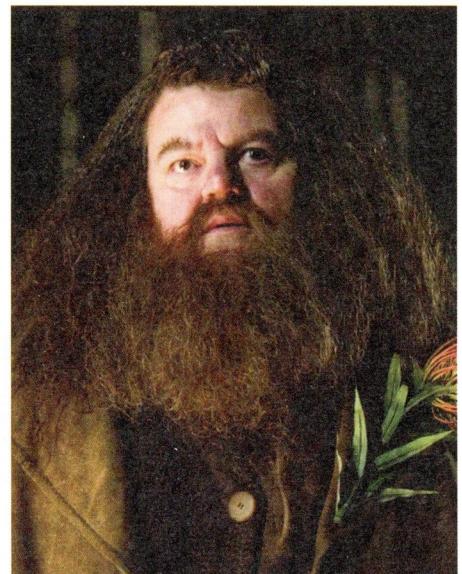
However, I am not sure about Glen not cutting his hair or beard until he's fit. I saw a picture on Twitter that could be him soon.

The thing you do though is suddenly realise that as the Phys, you don't switch off.

The first thing you say in the morning is 'Have you iced your knee?' The last thing you say to Glen is 'Don't forget to ice your knee'. Then you realise you are that dedicated to the job that you walk round the supermarket analysing other people's gait.

Now, he wears the magic hat. Interesting, as a good northern boy, Matty he discussed the other day that us Southern types can spend £120,000 on a bottle of Champagne. I must have missed that one. However up north apparently you can buy a house with a drive and inside toilet for that kind of money. You have to love him!

Enjoy the game, and is this Glen when he returns for pre-season...





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GEORGE MONCUR'S ALL-TIME XI

Town midfieler George Moncur reveals the best XI he has ever played alongside, and on his head be it, he has named a couple of Town players!

4-1-2-1-2

Adam Davies

Played with at: Barnsley

In terms of goalkeepers he is the best shot stopper I have seen. During the two years I was at Barnsley, he probably kept the most clean sheets I've seen a keeper keep.

Andy Yiadom

Played with at: Barnsley

For a full-back he's got everything you need. He's very attacking and creative in the final third. Now at Reading.

Liam Lindsay

Played with at: Barnsley

He's young and one of the best people I have seen on the ball for a centre-back. Has a great left foot. One of my best mates at Barnsley.

Connor Coady

Played with at: England Under 18s

He's versatile in terms of positions. He's an all-round leader and was even at a young age.

Dan Potts

Played with at: West Ham/Luton

Technically one of the best left foots, I always knew he would be a good player when he was in the first team and I was cleaning boots at West Ham!

Alex Mowatt

Played with at: Barnsley

Creativeness, he never gives the ball away. One of the best players I have played with, we were on the same wave length. He's got a good footballing brain.

Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain

Played with at: England Under 18s

Used to play against him when he was at Southampton. He was the smallest kid I have ever seen play, but even then you knew he'd be a top

player, so much ability. He's progressed so much, he's done really well..

Ravel Morrison

Played with at: West Ham United

He's a joke, he would take the mick out of players he was that good. Just a step above any player I have ever seen.

Elliot Lee

**Played with at: West Ham/Colchester/
Barnsley/Luton Town**

The fat little toad. Can't get away from him. One of my best mates and for his footballing ability, he's one of the best players I have played with hands down.



Kemar Roofe

Played with at: Colchester United

He wasn't anywhere near as good as he is now. He didn't play a lot, but he has done well, I take my hat off to him.

Freddie Sears

**Played with at: West Ham/
Colchester United**

Quickest thing I have ever seen. Technically very good. I have smashed him around the golf course a couple of times as well.

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TODAY'S MASCOTS



HARVEY MAXWELL

Age: 12
Hobbies: Football, History
Favourite Player: James Collins
Who do you attend games with: Peter Bird



CHLOE CURTIS

Age: 9
Hobbies: Playing Football. Supports Arsenal and Luton. Spending time with family and friends.
Favourite Player: James Collins
Who do you attend games with: Grandad



JACK EDWARDS

Age: 6
Hobbies: Football, Karate
Favourite Player: Danny Hylton and James Collins
Who do you attend games with: Dad, uncle and grandad



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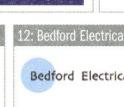
Age: 8
Hobbies: Playing football, Xbox
Favourite Player: Danny Hylton and James Justin
Who do you attend games with: Dad, uncle and grandad



FINN SWEENEY

Age: 5
Hobbies: Football, films and swimming
Favourite Player: Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu
Who do you attend games with: Dad and grandparents.

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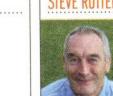
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WELCOME ROCHDALE

The Hatters would like to welcome the visiting staff, players and supporters of Greater Manchester-based side Rochdale.

The Dale are one of the sides to give the Town a real headache this campaign – our game back in November saw James Shea put in a man of the match performance as he pulled off a number of saves to help the Hatters keep a clean sheet in a goalless game. On another day, Rochdale may have taken all three points by a comfortable margin.

The Spotland outfit have been on a difficult run of late, winning only once since the turn of the year, slipping to a 5-1 defeat last weekend at Plymouth. That saw them fall into the relegation places and are now two points shy of safety.

Their run-in though does give them the opportunity to beat teams that are directly above them, so it's very much a case of having their destiny in their hands.

They do however, face four teams in the top five, including today's game, so with the points target to avoid the drop typically 50 points, Dale would expect to have to pick up 16 points from their final 12 games.

FACTFILE:

NICKNAME: THE DALE
GROUND: SPOTLAND
MANAGER: KEITH HILL
LAST SEASON: 20TH IN LEAGUE ONE



HEAD-TO-HEAD

LUTON WINS:	9
DRAWS:	5
ROCHDALE WINS:	4
LAST MEETING:	ROCHDALE 0-0 LUTON NOVEMBER 2018

COMPILED BY HARRY ROGERS

MEET THE SQUAD

THE GAFFER

Keith Hill | Age: 49

Now in his second spell as Dale's boss, a large amount of Hill's playing and managerial career has taken place in Greater Manchester with Rochdale. As a player, the ex-defender played more than 150 times for Dale and would later go on to begin his life as a manager there in 2006. Hill led his side to the League Two play-off final in 2007-08 and 2008-09 but experienced heartbreak on both occasions. He eventually did get his team up at the third time of asking a season later, a feat he repeated in 2013-14, re-taking the position after a brief stint in charge at Barnsley.



THE STOPPER

Andy Lonergan

Age: 35

Dale acquired the services of experienced shot stopper Lonergan on an emergency loan deal, when their regular number one (Josh Lillis) was injured against Walsall last month. The Preston-born keeper signed his first deal with North End and remained a Lilywhites player for more than a decade, playing 208 league games – even scoring once. The majority of Lonergan's impressive career has taken place in the Championship with clubs such as Fulham, Wolves, Leeds and more recently Middlesbrough. So far, Lonergan has made three appearances for Dale since his arrival and acts as a brilliant role model to the young stopper Wade.



GOALKEEPER

BRADLEY WADE
AGE: 18

Product of Rochdale's youth academy. The stopper is yet to play for the first team but has been a part of the match day squad since Lillis' injury.

DEFENDERS

RYAN McLAUGHLIN
AGE: 24

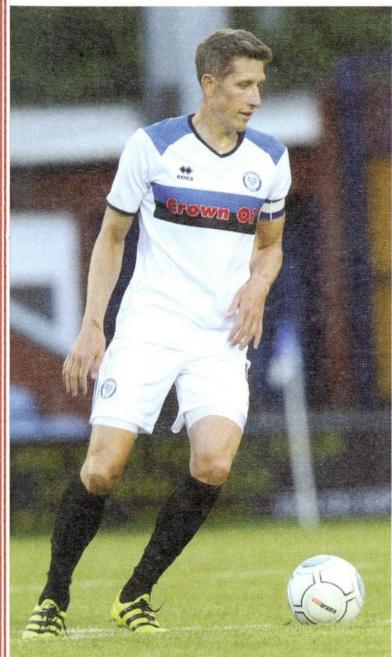
Capped five times for Northern Ireland. McLaughlin joined Liverpool's academy at the age of 16 and has played for Oldham Athletic and Blackpool.

RYAN DELANEY
AGE: 22

A star of Cork City's League of Ireland winning campaign, playing 30 of the 33 matches that season. Also capped for the Republic of Ireland at U21 level.

DID YOU KNOW?

During Keith Hill's first stint in charge at Dale – having originally been a part of the backroom staff, before taking over as caretaker and then permanently – he took them from a relegation threatened side in League Two, to ninth spot, before two play-off defeats were followed by automatic promotion in 2009/10. They finished third behind now Premier League Bournemouth and the side who are currently favourites to be relegated from the EFL, Notts County.



THE WALL

Jim McNulty | Age: 34

McNulty first caught the attention of Keith Hill at Barnsley, eventually following his gaffer to Rochdale in 2015. The defender began his career in Wales, signing for Wrexham in 2003, but never managed a single minute of game time while at the Racecourse

Ground. Later, he signed for Macclesfield, playing just under 50 times until he linked up with Stockport County in the January of 2008. The centre-half remained with County until the end of that season and helped them reach

League One through the play-offs. The Scot ended up winning promotion from the same league with Bury a few years later too.

ETHAN EBANKS-LANDELL

AGE: 26

On-loan from Wolverhampton Wanderers. The defender has been with Wolves his whole career, signing his first professional contract in 2010. Also spent time on loan with Sheffield United and MK Dons.

JOE BUNNEY

AGE: 25

The versatile defender signed from Northwich Victoria 2013, originally as a forward. Early last season, Bunney was moved into a full-back role and has impressed there ever since.

KGOSIETSIKE NTLHE

AGE: 25

The South African has played multiple times for his country at U20 level and once at senior level. Was spotted by Peterborough United while playing for a local team named Southside.

MIDFIELDERS

ETHAN HAMILTON

AGE: 20

The Scot played his youth football at Manchester United before joining Dale last month. Scored on his debut against Peterborough, winning goal of the month.

RORY HOLDEN

AGE: 21

On loan from Bristol City in search of first team football. Holden has played six times for Dale since his arrival last month, settling nicely into the first team.

STEPHEN DOOLEY

AGE: 27

Won the Irish Cup with Coleraine last season and claimed the League and Cup double with Cork City in 2017. Signed for Dale last summer.

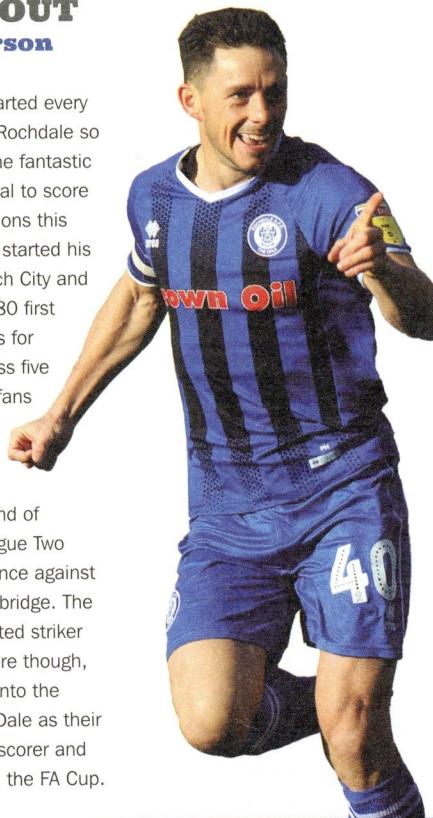


WATCH OUT

Ian Henderson

AGE: 34

Henderson has started every league match for Rochdale so far, producing some fantastic work in front of goal to score 17 in all competitions this term. The forward started his career with Norwich City and made more than 80 first team appearances for the Canaries across five seasons. Hatters fans may remember him from his brief spell with the Town at the end of the 2008-09 League Two season, scoring once against Dagenham & Redbridge. The ex-Colchester United striker knows how to score though, writing his name into the record books for Dale as their third all-time top scorer and their top scorer in the FA Cup.



IN NUMBERS...

Stadium capacity:

10,037

Miles from Kenilworth Road:

191

Year opened:

1878

Average crowd this season:

3,414

Seasons in League One:

5

MICHAEL JORDAN WILLIAMS | AGE: 23

Snapped up by Dale following his release from Liverpool last summer. Played for the Welsh U21 team and gained EFL experience with Notts County and Swindon Town in 2015.

BRADDEN INMAN

AGE: 27

A successful season-long loan in 2017 ensured Inman signed permanently the following year. The Australian has scored four in 13 starts for Dale this term.

JORDAN WILLIAMS

AGE: 26

The first Jordan Williams to sign for Dale - a season earlier than MJ. A player who earned his move to an EFL club after some convincing performances in the National League with Barrow.

STRIKERS

CALVIN ANDREW

AGE: 32

Luton-born Andrew is back at the Kenny for the first time in nearly 10 years. Netted four times so far this season for Dale.

MATT DONE

AGE: 30

Currently in his third spell with the club, Done is a Rochdale legend. Scored Dale's only goal away at Plymouth last weekend.

AARON WILBRAHAM

AGE: 39

The veteran striker has scored many important goals throughout his career. Assisted Bristol City to League One promotion and Football League Trophy glory. Saved Bolton from Championship relegation too.



IN THE MIDDLE

Callum Camps | Age: 23

The midfielder is another product of Rochdale's academy, becoming a first team regular in 2015. Since then, Camps has gone on to make more than 150 appearances for Dale as well as being given the privilege of skippering the side on many occasions. At the end of the 2013-14 season, Camps was awarded the Young Player of the Year award for his top performances in the middle of the park. His hard work also earned some recognition from his country too, representing Northern Ireland at every youth level. He has scored three so far this term, including a late winner in a 2-1 away win at Southend in December last year.



CLASSIC CLASH WITH THE DALE

CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH DELVES INTO HIS ARCHIVES...

10TH FEBRUARY 1968 • LUTON TOWN 4 ROCHDALE 1

After the poor showing in the 1966/67 season, when the Hatters finished only four points off the re-election places at the bottom of Division Four (now League Two), supporters were naturally hoping for happier times and a wave of optimism swept through the club as a result of several new signings.

Manager Allan Brown, who had taken over the previous November when the situation was at its blackest, had gradually pulled the club up by its bootstraps on the back of valuable signings in Max Dougan from Leicester and Keith Allen from Stockport.

These two were supplemented in the summer of 1967 by veteran defender Terry Branston from Northampton, Billy McDerment from Leicester and Rodney Green from Charlton. These players were added to a squad which included local youngsters Alan Slough and Bruce Rioch and, of course, mercurial winger Graham French.

Victories

Early results were workmanlike rather than spectacular, but supporters could see that a decent side was lurking, waiting to pounce and take the division by storm.

The astute signing of clever inside-forward Ian Buxton from Derby for £11,000 in September prefaced a run of eight straight victories, which catapulted the team up to second spot in the table. But a poor run just after Christmas, starting with an unexplained defeat at bottom club Bradford Park Avenue, seemed to derail the Town's promotion aspirations.

Allan Brown stuck to his guns and refused to tinker with the side, holding the belief that a good

team does not become a bad one overnight. The supporters also believed the same and noted that despite the run of poor results, the teams around them were not taking advantage and the path to the top was still wide open.

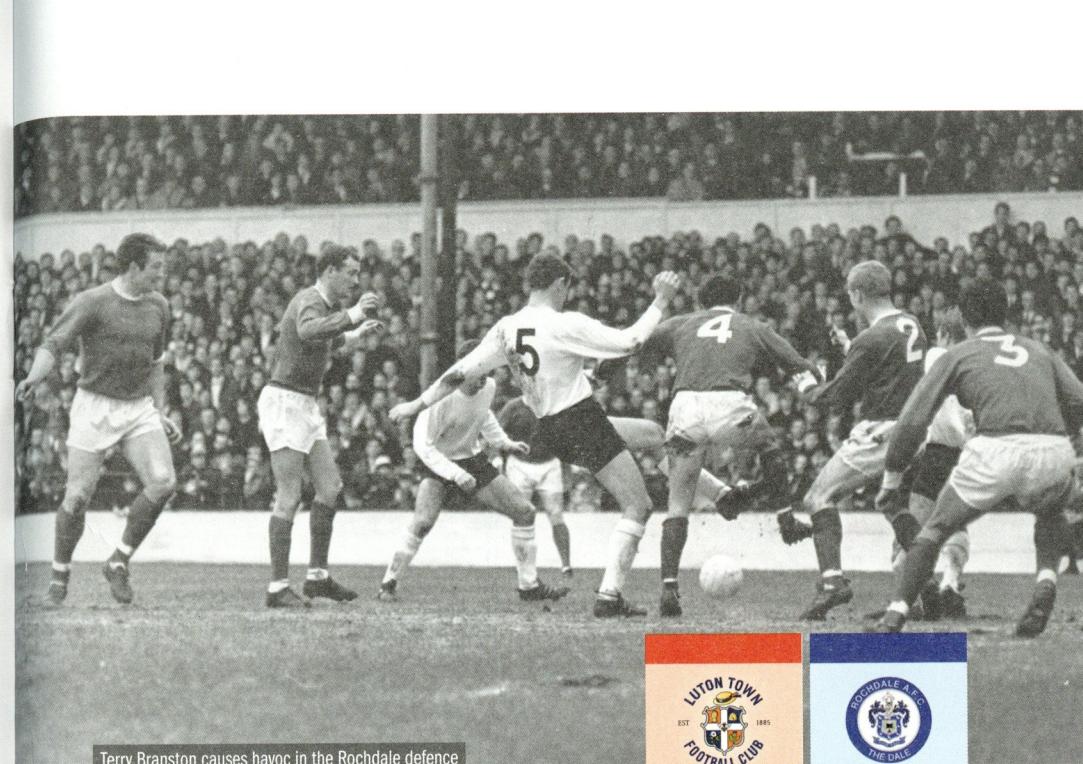
Surging

The Town had gone five games without a win but crucially were at full strength for the visit of Rochdale on 10th February, when a still optimistic crowd of 10,040 turned up to see the away side almost take the lead in the first minute with only the outstretched legs of Tony Read preventing the goal.

Shaken by this, the Town slowly grew into the game and it was a typical surging run from Rioch, followed by a hammer shot, that opened the scoring after 14 minutes.

Rochdale were continuing to cause concerns to the Luton defence on the break and levelled on 23 minutes through Joe Fletcher but, straight after, the Town regained the lead when Allen shot home after the ball bobbed around in the Rochdale area.

For the rest of the half the Town were rampant and certainly back to their formidable best. Graham French was enjoying his finest game for ages and gave ex-Hatter John Reid the runaround, sending over a string of tantalising crosses which the Rochdale defence could not cope with.



Terry Branston causes havoc in the Rochdale defence

LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB	ROCHDALE A.F.C.
EST 1885	THE DALE
READ	GREEN
DOUGAN	COCKCROFT
JARDINE	REID
SLOUGH	TAYLOR
BRANSTON	JENKINS
MOORE	SMITH
FRENCH	HARLEY
BUXTON (GREEN)	RUSSELL
ALLEN	FLETCHER
RIECH	MELLEDW (CALLOWAY)
WHITTAKER	HUTCHINSON

Ian Buxton ended a lean spell in front of goal with a header on 38 minutes, and three minutes later skipper Terry Branston netted with an overhead kick following a French corner.

The match petered out a little in the second half as there did not seem to be any urgency to add to the four-goal tally, but there was plenty of effort from Green, who had come on at the interval to replace Buxton who was suffering from a groin strain.

With other results going the Town's way the team was now back up to second. A return to form was happening at just the right time.

Brown felt vindicated and a win at Brentford the following week sent the Hatters to the top of the table for the first time, a position they maintained until the end of the campaign.

A run of 19 games without defeat culminated with a thumping 4-0 win over Crewe at Kenilworth Road in front of 18,904 jubilant Hatters fans and with it the title on a never to be forgotten evening under the lights.

The black days of January were now long forgotten as the players paraded round the pitch with skipper Terry Branston on their shoulders.

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THE LAST TIME ROCHDALE CAME TO TOWN

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

7TH NOVEMBER 2009 • LUTON TOWN 3 ROCHDALE 3
FA CUP ROUND ONE

In this, the club's first season outside the Football League since 1920, the Town were forced to enter the FA Cup at the fourth qualifying round stage.

A 3-0 win over fellow Conference side Grays at Kenilworth Road earned another home tie, this time against Rochdale, who sat in second place in League Two.

Newly-appointed Luton manager Richard Money made seven changes from the side that lost at home to Rushden in his first game in charge the previous weekend, in order that he could have a good look at his complete squad.

The fringe players certainly made him sit up and take notice with Steve Basham opening the scoring with a header after only four minutes, following clever play from Andy Burgess.

The lead was then doubled on 21 minutes when Adam Newton chipped the onrushing Rochdale goalkeeper after getting on the end of a delightful through ball from Burgess.

Basham made it three eight minutes later when he was first to react to a poor clearance from Dale's Craig Dawson.

If the Hatters thought the game was over they had a shock in store. Rochdale had been thwarted several times by debutant goalkeeper Shane Gore, who was only playing because Mark Tyler had injured his back during the warm-up.

Dale attacked with a will as the first half drew to a close and continued in the second period eventually netting through Dawson after 58 minutes.

It became the Gore versus the Rochdale attack show as the game wore on, but as the supporters were seeing the finishing line, Joe Thompson pulled a goal back with three minutes left.

Sadly, the Town could not hold out with Dale netting the leveller in the final seconds through Thompson again.

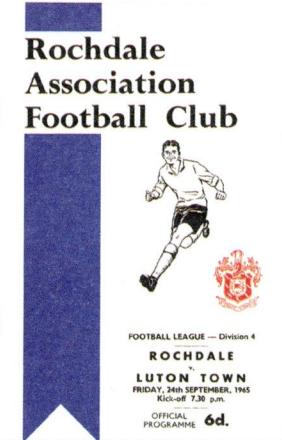
And so it was up to Spotland for a replay, which the Hatters won 2-0!

Luton Town: Gore, Blackett, Murray, Keane (Howells), White, Pilkington, Newton, Basham (Craddock), Gallen, Burgess, Gnakpa.

Rochdale: Arthur, Holness, T Kennedy, J Jones, McArdle, Dawson, Thompson, J Kennedy, Dagnall, O'Grady (Buckley), Rundle (Higginbotham).

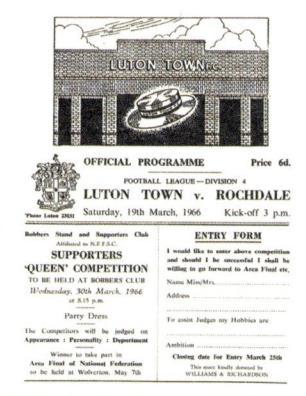
COVERED!

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



◀ September 1965

The Town's first-ever League visit to Spotland ends in a 2-1 victory for the first away points of the season. Goalkeeper turned striker Tony Read and John O'Rourke net the Luton goals.



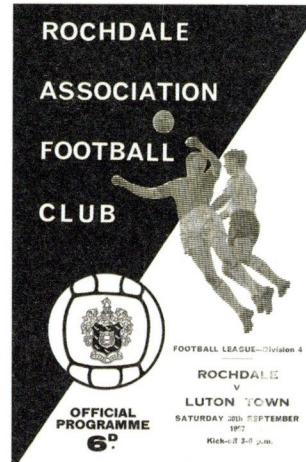
▶ March 1966

A hat-trick from O'Rourke seals a 4-1 victory over Dale at Kenilworth Road watched by a crowd of 7,381. This is the Town's sixth consecutive home win as they make a bid for promotion.



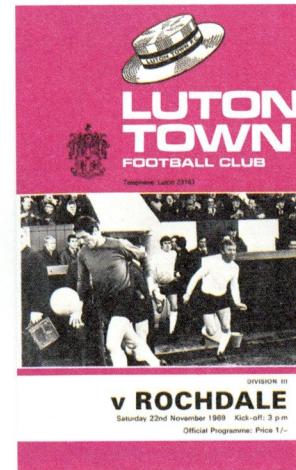
◀ September 1966

New signing from Arsenal, Tony Thear follows up his two-goal haul on his full debut the previous Saturday with another pair as the Hatters sink Rochdale 3-1 at Kenilworth Road.



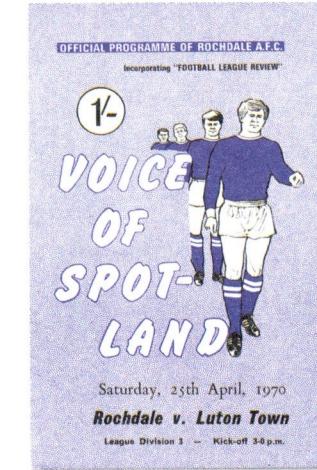
▶ September 1967

The Hatters let a two-goal lead slip and end up drawing 2-2 in front of a Spotland crowd of 1,884. Ian Buxton, signed three days before, opens his Luton account with an overhead kick.



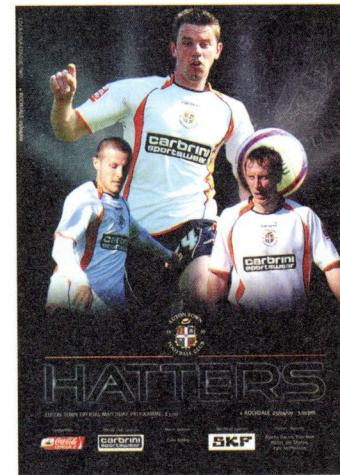
△ November 1969

The 'Match of the Day' cameras are present to see first play second at Kenilworth Road. Late goals from John Collins and Keith Allen seal a flattering 2-0 win.



△ April 1970

The Town are already promoted and with neither side having anything to play for the referee allows the game to go ahead on a swamp of a pitch. Viv Busby and Malcolm Macdonald wade through the mud to secure a 2-1 victory.



△ December 2008

An FA Cup second round tie sees the Hatters win through 2-0. Adrian Forbes is twice brought down in the box but Steve Robinson can only convert one of the penalties.

△ April 2009

A crowd of 7,205 witnesses the Town's last home League game for five long years which ends in a 1-1 draw. The point seals a play-off place for Rochdale.

DEADLY DUOS

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

REG JENKINS & DENNIS BUTLER

Record goalscorer Reg Jenkins was an influential figure in Rochdale's 1968-69 promotion success. Initially with Millbrook and Truro City, he joined Plymouth Argyle in October 1957 and featured in their 1958-59 Third Division title campaign. He also played for Exeter City and Torquay United before moving to Spotland in June 1964.

Rochdale's leading marksman six times including the 1970-71 FA Cup run, he netted a record 119 goals in 305 League outings prior to joining Falmouth Town in July 1973. He served Millbrook as a player and manager for 20 years and was shipwright in Plymouth. He died in January 2013.

Popular winger Dennis Butler was leading marksman in Rochdale's 1968-69 promotion triumph. Signing professional for Bolton Wanderers in June 1961, he gained top-flight experience before moving to Spotland in February 1968. He scored Rochdale's winner against Coventry City in the 1970-71 FA Cup third round, netting 36 goals in 156 League games until a knee injury ended his playing career in May 1973.

He assisted Bobby Smith at Bury and Port Vale, briefly succeeding him as manager at Vale Park, then worked alongside him again at Swindon Town before working in the Education Department of Rochdale Council.

STEVE TAYLOR & RONNIE MOORE

Much-travelled striker Steve Taylor was the Fourth Division's leading marksman in 1985-86. Signing professional for Bolton Wanderers in October 1973, he joined Oldham Athletic in October 1977 and topped their goalscoring charts in 1977-78. He had spells with Luton Town and Mansfield Town, joining Burnley in July 1980.

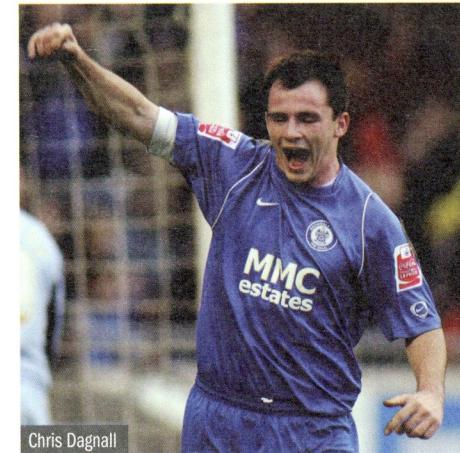
Helping win the Third Division title in 1981-82, he played for Wigan Athletic and Stockport County before moving to Rochdale in November 1984. He netted 42 goals in 84 League games prior to joining Preston in October 1986, then had further spells with Burnley and Rochdale. Now living in Shaw.

Striker Ronnie Moore missed just three games for Rochdale in 1985-86. Initially with Tranmere Rovers, he was top scorer in their 1975-76 promotion campaign and moved via Cardiff City to Rotherham United in August 1980. He was twice leading marksman, including the Millers' 1980-81 Third Division title triumph.

Moving to Charlton Athletic in September 1983, he joined Rochdale in July 1985 and scored nine times in 43 League games while at Spotland before rejoining Tranmere July 1986. He has since managed Southport, Rotherham, Oldham, Tranmere, Rotherham again, Tranmere again, Hartlepool United and Eastleigh.



Rickie Lambert



Chris Dagnall

RICKIE LAMBERT & GRANT HOLT

Striker Rickie Lambert gained seven England caps after leaving Rochdale. He began with Blackpool and had spells with Macclesfield Town and Stockport County before moving to Rochdale in February 2005. Leading marksman in 2005-06, he netted 28 goals in 64 League games before sold to Bristol Rovers for £200,000 in August 2006. He was top scorer as they won promotion in 2006-07, then reached the FA Cup sixth round in 2007-08.

Moving to Southampton in August 2009, he starred in two consecutive promotion campaigns and joined Liverpool for £4,000,000 in June 2014, then played for West Brom and Cardiff City.

Striker Grant Holt was Rochdale's top scorer in 2004-05. He began with Workington and had spells with Halifax Town, Barrow and Sheffield Wednesday before joining Rochdale in January 2004. Scoring 35 goals in 75 League games, he moved to Nottingham Forest for £300,000 in January 2006.

He helped reach the League One play-offs in 2006-07 and win promotion in 2007-08. Sold to Shrewsbury for £170,000 in July 2008, he was leading scorer in 2008-09, moving to Norwich City in August 2009. He was top scorer as they twice won promotion, then appeared for Wigan Athletic, Rochdale again, Hibernian and Barrow.

ADAM LE FONDRE & CHRIS DAGNALL

Striker Adam Le Fondre was leading marksman and 'Player of the Year' as Rochdale qualified for the League Two play-offs in 2008-09. Initially with Stockport County, he joined Rochdale in July 2007 after a loan spell. He was top scorer as they reached the League Two play-off final in 2007-08 and netted 37 goals in 98 League games, joining Rotherham United in August 2009. Leading marksman as they were League Two play-off finalists in 2009-10, he moved to Reading for £350,000 in August 2011 and was top scorer as they won the Championship title in 2011-12. He has since played for Cardiff, Wolves, Bolton and Sydney.

Striker Chris Dagnall starred in Rochdale's 2009-10 promotion success. Signing professional for Tranmere Rovers in July 2003, he helped them reach the League One play-offs in 2004-05 and joined Rochdale initially on loan in January 2006. He featured as Dale qualified for the League Two play-offs in two consecutive seasons, netting 54 goals in 157 League games prior to joining Scunthorpe United in July 2010.

Reuniting with Keith Hill at Barnsley in January 2012, he then had spells with Leyton Orient, Kerala Blasters and Hibernian, helping to win the Scottish Cup in 2016. He has since played for Crewe and Bury.

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Apple.

**Last person you
called?**

Mum.



**Most famous person
in your phone?**

My brother – Lomana LuaLua.



Favourite food?

Nandos.



**Apple or rhubarb
crumble?**

Apple.

Food you can't stand?

Tomatoes.

Pet hate?

Laziness.

Cat or dog?

Neither.



Xbox or PlayStation?

PlayStation.

Karaoke song?

I'd do French music.

Favourite artist?

The R.O.C.



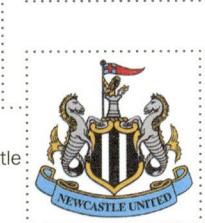
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Last holiday?

Dubai.



Can't miss on TV?

Geordie Shore.



**Love Island or
Peaky Blinders?**

Love Island.

Club you support?

Newcastle United.

**Favourite away
ground?**

The Emirates.

**Best moment in
football?**

Making my debut for Newcastle
when I was 16.

**Best player played
with?**

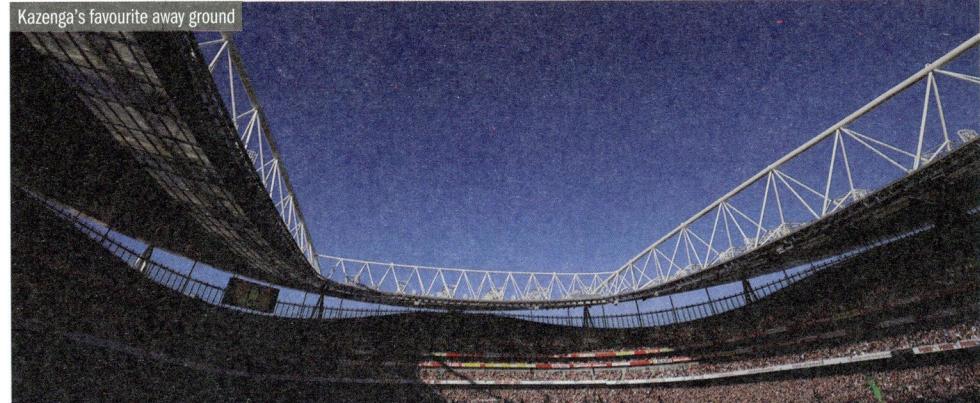
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Room-mate?

Arthur Read.

**Instagram or
Twitter?**

Instagram.



ON THE CENTRE SPOT **JAMES SHEA**

We asked for your questions on our social media channels to put to James Shea - our clean-sheet loving goalkeeper - ahead of today's clash with Rochdale. Here the 27-year-old is the latest Hatter to be put On The Centre Spot!

Twitter @Harryy_Rogers What was it like playing for the away side when you visited Kenilworth Road as an opposing keeper? And how does that compare to playing for the Hatters at the Kenny?

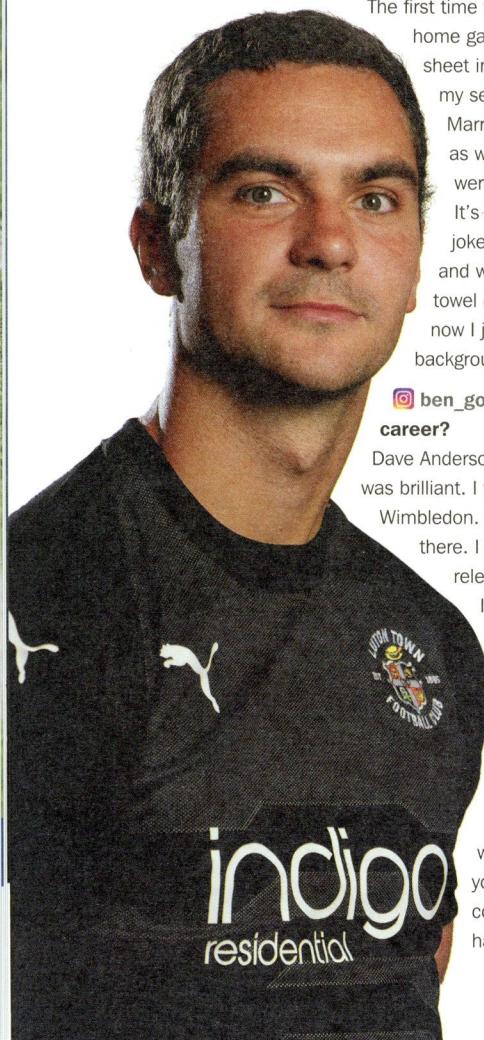
The first time was for AFC Wimbledon and we won 1-0 on Luton's first home game back in the Football League, and that was my first clean sheet in professional football, so it was a happy memory. Then in my second game, Luton beat us 2-0 with two late goals from Jack Marriott - we were devastated because we were down to ten men as well. I was time-wasting and the fans were right on me - they were calling me allsorts! Having them behind me now is brilliant. It's like chalk and cheese, because they have little laughs and jokes with you. There's people behind me now in the Kenny End and when I put my towel in the goal, they say 'Can you put your towel down because we can't see the game'. I used to forget, but now I just put it straight on the floor, and I can hear them in the background saying 'Thanks'. So it's all good.

Instagram ben_gooderham Who has had the biggest impact on your career?

Dave Anderson, who signed me for Harrow Borough. What he did for me was brilliant. I was in Non-League football at the time, and he got me to Wimbledon. He pestered them to take me and that got me my move there. I remember speaking to him when I first joined Harrow. I'd been released by Arsenal in the summer but was still training there, and I played three games for Needham Market. Dave signed me and he said 'I'm going to do everything I can to get you back into professional football', and he was a man of his word. He did everything for me and I can't thank the fella enough.

Twitter @DelBoy1976 How does it feel when you see the kids in the crowd with Shea 36 on back of their shirts?

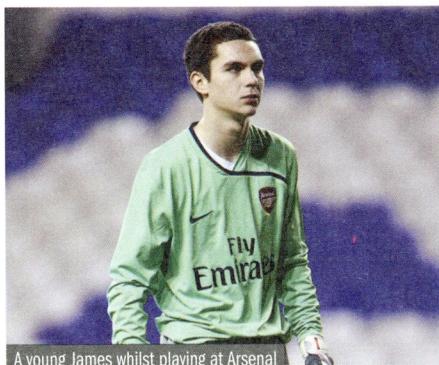
I'm not going to lie, it's one of the best things you'll ever see as a footballer - when you see kids with a goalkeeping kit with your name on the back, it makes you feel proud of what you're doing. I love it. Especially when you get a mascot who comes in and they've got the green kit on, you think 'I must have something to do with that'.



You can't see his shirt, but this young mascot is clearly inspired by the Town keepers!

Twitter @liamrowlands94 Favourite song that the Luton fans sing?

I like the Matty Pearson 'Magic Hat' one, and at Christmas I enjoyed the one for Harry Cornick. I remember the first time they sang it, the ball was down the other end and I was listening to it - and it gave me a little chuckle! Harry was dancing along on the bench to it.



A young James whilst playing at Arsenal

Twitter @LTFC_Dave Seeing as it's just happened - what would he have done in Kepa's situation?

Last few minutes of a massive game and an impending shoot-out? (He'd be a very brave man to overrule Mick Harford mind you...) Yeah, I'd be walking straight off the pitch if Mick Harford's taking me off! You'd be gutted that you're not going to have the chance to be in the penalty shootout, but you don't go against the gaffer or anything like that - you just come off and you

support the other goalkeeper that goes on. You don't get many chances to be a hero, as you do in a penalty shoot-out, so when you get the chance you want to be there, but you have to come off. I've never seen anything like that in my life!

Twitter @dicroamio Blur or Oasis?

That's a silly question - it's got to be Oasis all day long.

Twitter @ZarBeck26 Why did you choose to be a keeper and who was your favourite shot stopper growing up?

I didn't exactly choose to be a keeper. I was ten years old playing for my local team, Tufnell, and I got injured just before a tournament. They needed someone to go in goal, so I went in. I got scouted by Arsenal at the tournament. I started playing in goal for Arsenal, but carried on playing out on pitch until I was 14 for Tufnell - and even for my school I played outfield. To be honest, I hated playing in goal. I was forced into it by the injury. I enjoy it now, but at the time the only reason I played in goal was because I was at Arsenal.

Twitter @AndydKenilworth You seemed to get a lot of grief from Alan McCormack after his back pass, in the Coventry game, which left you in all sorts of trouble! How do you deal with that?

To be fair, you get used to it in training and you don't need to be a rocket scientist to know what Macca's like.



CENTRE SPOT



luton_fc_fans What made you join Luton?

I was at Sutton doing a little bit of training just to keep myself ticking over, and then I got a phone call from my agent saying Luton are interested, do you want to go down there? I came in the next day and Kev showed me around, I spoke with the gaffer and after doing all that, I knew wanted to join. I knew the situation that they'd brought Stechy in, but I knew I just wanted a chance – and that was it really.

Nick O'Leary How did it feel knowing you're a first team keeper but was being used as a number two for such a long time with Luton?

It was tough, really tough. In the week it wasn't too bad but the hardest day would be a Saturday, because you'd do all your work during the week, and then come matchday you're just sitting there. It was tough, but I knew I just had to wait for my chance to play. To be fair, last year Stechy was unbelievable, so I had no qualms about him playing or anything like that. Thankfully I got a chance in the end and I'd like to think I did well. I've just got to play as well as I can, because you don't want to give anyone else a chance to take my place.

Russ Davis What was it like to be involved with the Arsenal squad in a Champions league tie back in 2012?

It was a dream come true just to be involved anywhere with Arsenal. I'd have loved to have played, but I'm an Arsenal fan so just to be involved with the first team and travel with them was unbelievable for me. I did five of the six group stage matches, so I did Schalke home and away, Montpellier away and both Olympiacos games. To go to Schalke's stadium – their pitch comes out underneath the stadium, and you can see it come out – it was amazing.

DICKPLENTY What's the best save you've ever made?

I don't really remember saves, I just remember my best game – which was for Needham Market in an FA Cup fourth qualifying round tie against Cambridge in 2013. I made some good saves that day and it got me my big-money move to Harrow Borough! I can't pick an individual best save off the top of my head, although the double save in the first half of the 0-0 up at Rochdale – where the guy smashed it, I was on the floor, and then I saved it again – would probably be my best of this season.



Celebrating promotion up at Carlisle last season with Kev Dearden and Marek Stech



If he's giving it to you, you just take it, give a little bit back – if you can – and there's nothing personal about it. You just get on with it. It's part and parcel of football. I told Macca he should have played it to me first time, and it should have gone on to my left foot.

✉ @abboway If you could have any two centre-halves in front of you, who would they be? No Luton players!

I wouldn't swap Matty and Sonny – and Sheez when he's on the pitch – for anyone! If I had to, it would be Sergio Ramos and Virgil van Dijk, they are unbelievable. But I am really happy with the centre-halves I have in front of me at Luton!

✉ @abboway Best goalkeeper you have seen play and why?

It would be Manuel Neuer, because when Bayern played Arsenal I was watching the game and he was unbelievable. I'd also say Wojciech Szczesny, because I grew up with him at Arsenal and he's gone on to have an amazing career, now with Juventus.

✉ @callumLtfc What is the best moment you've had since joining Luton?

Easily getting promoted up at Carlisle. It was one of the best moments I've ever had in my career. It was unbelievable. A lot of the boys have said about the journey home, but it was fantastic – away at Carlisle, the furthest place you could pick, and the journey absolutely flew by.

✉ charlie_brown123789 Who's the best player you've played with?

I've got to go with a young Cesc Fabregas at Arsenal. He was total class, and you can't argue with what he's gone onto achieve with Barcelona, Chelsea and Spain.

✉ georgeheckless Who is the best player with the bants at Luton?

There's a few of them to be fair. Glen is funny – and when Gambo was here, those two were brilliant together I thought. Shinnie goes under the radar too, he's a really funny guy. He's got his own sense of humour and I find him hilarious – but there's a few in our dressing room. Pelly gets on well with everyone and is another funny guy. Everyone just bounces off each other.

✉ brandondalton What goes through your head in a big game when it's one-on-one or a pressurised situation?

Just stand and make them beat me. Make the striker beat me – don't gamble. The old gaffer had something in his head about gambling and going early – 'DO NOT GAMBLE'!

✉ Phil Wain I always like to know if you had an idol as a kid - mine was Malcolm Macdonald and I still have a letter and autographed picture from him. Do you have anything like that?

I have, and it's around my mum's somewhere, a David Seaman figure – a little statue thing – from about 1996. I've also got an England coin from



James makes one of a number of good saves in the 0-0 draw at Spotland earlier this season



Euro '96 with David Seaman on it, too. I'm an Arsenal fan from around the corner, so he's an absolute legend to me.

✉ Stuart Sinclair Why don't keepers nowadays wear their sunhats? The noon sun against Coventry was very bright. Both keepers would have had trouble at some point.

I don't like wearing a hat because I've had bad experiences wearing one before – just ask Harry Cornick! When we played Yeovil with Wimbledon, Harry was at Yeovil on loan, and I had a really bad game. I refused to wear a hat ever again, unless it's ridiculous and I really need to. Jack Compton got a hat-trick against me and there was a free-kick that went over my head into the top corner – I looked very silly!

✉ Steve Conway When we are playing at home what is your favourite goal to play in – the Oak Road or the Kenny End and why?

I like the Kenny End because it's full of our supporters. When the crowd get going, Kenilworth Road is always rocking – the Portsmouth game recently was incredible.

✉ @liamrowlands94 Favourite pre-match meal?

I hate the pre-match meal, especially on away games because you're having chicken and pasta at 11.30 in the morning – I find it really hard to

eat it. I just try and get a little bit down so I've got something inside me, but I don't enjoy it at all. I don't mind it on an evening game, when you have a pre-match meal about 4.30pm, but not early.

✉ khthreeandlandscape What's your favourite band (music)?

I've got two – Oasis and The Beautiful South. When we go on away trips, they put the music on the coach and when they play a bit of Beautiful South, I'm over the moon about it because I love them. I like 'Rotterdam', 'A Little Time' and 'Don't Marry Her' – because I just remember my old man playing them when I was younger. He played a lot of Oasis and Beautiful South when I was younger, and they just always stuck with me.

✉ @JPBrett1 How do you pronounce your surname; is it 'Shay' or 'Sheer'?

It's definitely 'Shay'. A lot of people put an O' on the front as well, but I'm not Irish!

✉ 9yrspodcast When making a cup of tea, does James put the milk in first?

No. Tea bag and sugar go in first, then the water and then the milk, when it's had time to brew.

✉ @DBradfordLTFc What's your favourite Sunday roast?

I'm a big fan of a roast – my favourite is beef or lamb, but the beef has got to be done perfect. It can't be well done and taste like rubber. It's got to be medium.



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AND GLEN GETS IN THE LINUS OF FIRE...

Then last Tuesday, physio Simon Parsell invited local boxer and Hatters fan Linus Udofia to lead Glen Rea in a boxing session in the gym as part of the midfielder's rehab from knee surgery.

We wish both lads every success in their burgeoning careers, with album number two in progress for Tom and Linus fighting in an English middleweight title eliminator against Darren Codona at York Hall on March 16th!

LUTON TOWN COVENTRY

TOWN GOALS: PEARSON 16 • COVENTRY GOALS: SHIPLEY 35

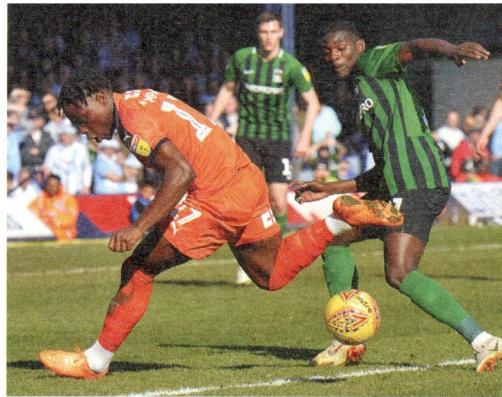
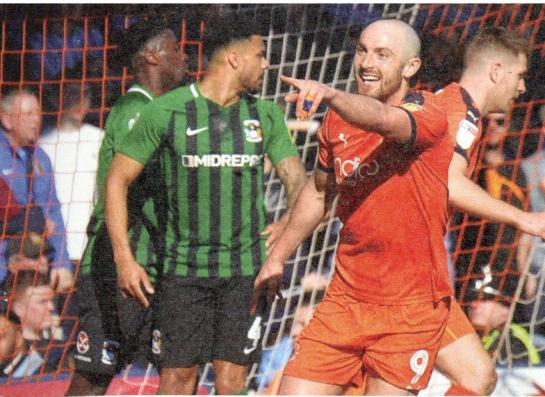


HARFORD

"We are disappointed with the result. We did enough in my opinion to win the game, the performance was excellent, especially in the second half. Coventry had a spell in the first half for 20, 25 minutes where they looked a dangerous outfit. We countered that and second half we had numerous chances. We're disappointed with the result, but the performance in my opinion was excellent."

"The way they worked, the way they go about their work – I keep saying it, but it's a testament to the spirit they have amongst themselves, the camaraderie and they just stick together when it gets tough – and the going got tough today in the first half. They stuck to their guns, they came through it. I thought we were brilliant second half, we tried to create opportunities and they barely got in our half."

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STORY OF THE MATCH

The Hatters managed to break this season's record for the longest unbeaten run in the top four tiers of English football with last Sunday's 1-1 draw with Coventry seeing them go 21 league games undefeated – one more than Liverpool managed in the Premier League.

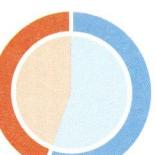
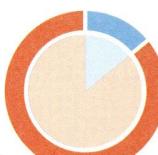
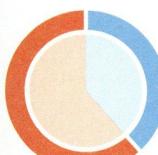
Mick Harford's side were quick out of the blocks and broke the deadlock after 16 minutes when Matty Pearson headed past Lee Burge from James Justin's corner.

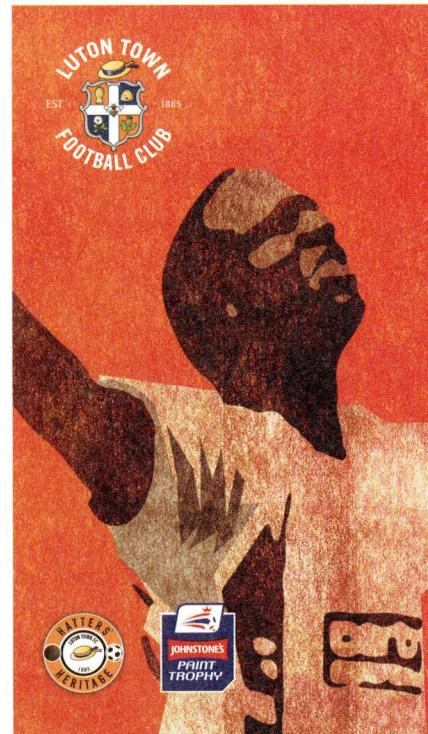
The visitors had a good spell after that and Jordan Shipley got the Sky Blues back on level terms when

he converted from Jordy Hiwula's pull back just after 30 minutes.

Danny Hylton was adjudged to have not been fouled by Dujon Sterling in the box midway through the second half, although the replays show that the Coventry man appeared to take out the striker.

Chances continued to come, with Sonny Bradley, Andrew Shinnie and Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu all going close before Alan McCormack fired the best of them straight at Burge in injury-time, when Elliot Lee's free-kick was deflected into the Irishman's path six yards out.





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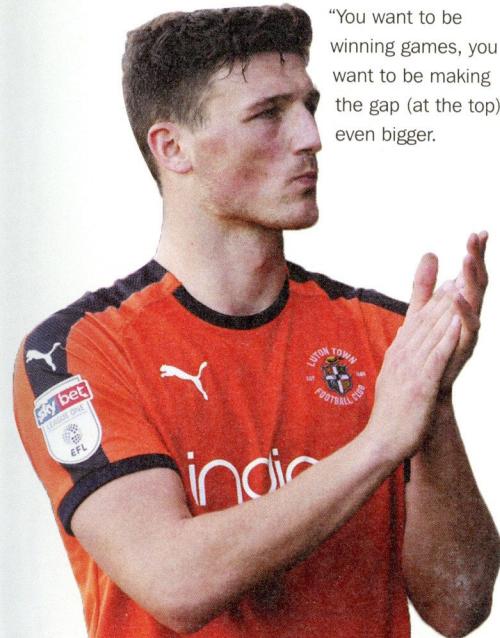
BY HARRY ROGERS

PEARSON MAKES HIS POINT AGAIN!

Matty Pearson was left feeling frustrated at the final whistle last Sunday when his opening goal was soon cancelled out, meaning the points were shared against Coventry.

The 1-1 draw extended the Hatters' record-breaking unbeaten run to 21 for the season, and kept their unbeaten home record intact, but the central defender was unhappy his side could not clinch a winner in the end.

"I'm disappointed – it feels like a loss but all in all it's probably a good point," Pearson told iFollow Hatters after the game.



"You want to be winning games, you want to be making the gap (at the top) even bigger.

"It's good to have unbeaten records and all that, but we are disappointed with how it finished. We wanted to win."

The ex-Barnsley player scored his sixth goal of the season from the Town's first corner of the match – a well-worked routine where James Justin was able to pick out the head of the on-rushing Pearson.

He continued: "We work on them all the time. We work on movement and decoy runners and thankfully it paid off.

"JJ's done that numerous times now and I'm happy to score. But then again, we've conceded a goal not long after that and as defenders we want to be stopping that. If we keep a clean sheet, we win the game."

The Hatters put in a solid second half display, creating multiple chances to win the match. Unfortunately it wasn't to be though, as the hosts just missed out on a seventh consecutive win.

Pearson said: "Second half I can't even remember them having a shot or anything at our goal, but we've got to be clinical and we've got to take our chances. We had pressure in their half all the time, but we just couldn't find that clinical edge."

With another tough test this afternoon against Rochdale, Pearson is hoping his side can bounce back with another win to further cement their place at the top of the table.

He added: "We just need to keep the momentum going. We always strive for that win, so we need to win and that's what we'll go out to do."

"You've seen second half, we were desperate for that win. Unfortunately it didn't happen, but we'll move on and we'll keep going."

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BACK TO 'BRILLIANT BASICS' FOR MACCA

Ever since the unfortunate injury to Glen Rea in December, Alan McCormack has slotted into the holding midfielder role brilliantly.

The ex-Brentford man has established himself a key component in the middle of the park, picking out several important passes for the forwards to latch on to.

With the club record Football League run standing at 21 matches unbeaten, McCormack had nothing but positive words for the way in which the Hatters have adapted to life in Sky Bet League One this season.

Speaking after Sunday's draw against Coventry,

Macca said: "I heard a great saying a couple of years ago, 'brilliant basics.' If you do the basics of a football game to the best of your ability, with the talent we've got, we should be winning games and we should be beating teams.

"We've kept it simple and got the basics right with everything from on the ball and off the ball. We've done that and we've done that very, very well. That's the reason we're 21 unbeaten, top of the league and playing some excellent football.

"We believe in how we play football. This is the way this club does it, it's the way we believe and train. We believe in playing football to our structure and to our diamond."

The midfielder nearly bagged himself his first goal of the season right at the death in last week's stalemate against the Sky Blues. Peeling away from his marker, McCormack found space but couldn't divert Elliot Lee's deflected free-kick past Lee Burge in the Coventry net.



He continued: "I wasn't even supposed to be there. They hadn't got anyone outside the box so I thought I would go on the end of the wall, spin, and get the rebound off the keeper or any little knock downs.

"I've spun and the ball was just right in front of me. I've kind of rushed it a little bit and tried to smash it thinking the keeper was going to go the other way. I should have just placed it in the corner.

"I'm disappointed, I'm gutted and angry. I feel, not that I've cost the team three points, but one little tap-in there, and we walk away with three points, so that's the disappointing factor. We've not been at our best today but to walk away with the win would have been tremendous."

Macca also suggested that Pearson's important goals from the corner spot is no fluke, and a testament to the side's hard work in training.

He added: "We're excellent at defending corners and we're excellent at attacking them so we're very much a big threat when it comes to set pieces."

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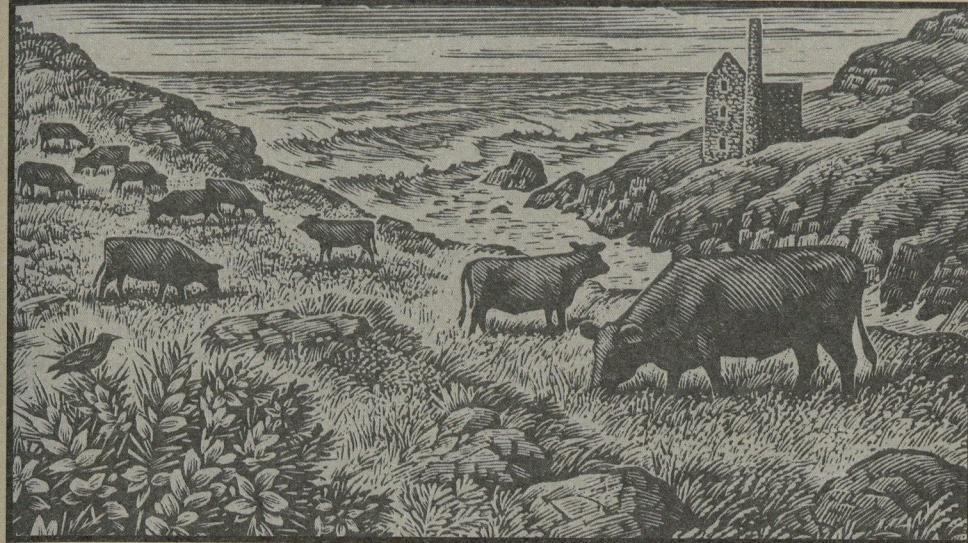
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I'm sure everyone will agree with me that this is a truly wonderful time to be a Luton fan. The Town are flying on the pitch and will hopefully go on and secure that second successive promotion to get us back to the Championship. The football we are playing is wonderful to watch and I can't wait to see what today will bring.

As we gear up for a big end to the season on the pitch, we are nine days from our biggest day off of it, as the date where a decision on whether planning permission for the development at Newlands Park will be granted arrives a week on Monday. We urge the council to make the right decision and provide a better future, not just for the club we all love, but for our Town, which as we all know can thrive again with the aid of both developments.

We are moving at quite a pace behind the scenes as a Trust too, and in the coming months a number of big announcements as to the progress we are making, and will continue to make, will be made. We have a hard working committee, dedicated to making the Trust better and I'm excited at what the future holds.

Enjoy the game today, and the rest of this record breaking season.

Tony

2019 Annual Quiz

Last month, we held our Annual Quiz at the Eric Morecambe Suite at Kenilworth Road, with a full room of Town fans and staff members enjoying an entertaining evening featuring a mixture of trivia and fun.

In a revised, quicker format, to ensure a prompter finish, eight rounds of questions formed the quiz, with points given for correct answers, and at the end of the night, when the tallies were added up, our winners were Hatters Heritage!



In addition to the quiz, there was a raffle on the evening, and a unique musical round of bingo. The two combined raised more than £300 for the NICU unit at the Luton & Dunstable Hospital, the supporters' charity of the season.

We hope those who came along enjoyed the evening and look forward to seeing Hatters Heritage attempt to defend their title next year!

Well done Colin!

Our very own committee member Colin Adamson threw himself out of a plane two weeks ago to raise money for Keech Hospice Care – last season's supporters' charity of the year – raising more than £800 via his Just Giving page in the process.

The skydive, which was postponed last year due to injury, saw Colin go up to 15,000 feet before jumping out of the aircraft on a beautifully sunny day.

You can see Colin jumping out of the plane by watching the videos of his day on our website.

Presentation Evening

We can now announce that Simon Pitts – match commentator on iFollow Hatters, the Luton Town Football Club live match streaming platform – will again be hosting our Luton Town Player of the Season Presentation Evening this year.

The event will be held at Venue 360 in Luton on Sunday 28th April 2019. Ticket news will be available soon.



Podcasts

Our regular podcasts are gaining in popularity all the time, and our latest one, released before the Fleetwood away match, saw Kev and Tony head to the training ground to chat to Town midfielders Andrew Shinnie and Alan McCormack.

The pair were in as good form off the pitch as they have been on it, and spoke about a wide range of things including the season so far, their own form, their futures as well as many of their team-mates. You can listen to the episode on our website, through iTunes or via SoundCloud. The links are all on our website. If you like our podcasts please subscribe and let us know what you think. Your feedback is valuable to us.

Social Media

Our communities on social media are growing on a daily basis. We are approaching 5,000 followers on Twitter, almost 1,500 people interact on our Facebook group and we are ramping things up on Instagram too. Links for all three can be found on our website for those who want to like, follow or subscribe!

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Save Our Town

As the clock ticks down to the council's planning decision over Newlands Park on March 11, the Hatters' future home of Power Court has already begun a significant transformation.

It will take time for the decontamination and construction works to begin and eventually bring a new 17,500-seat stadium; a 1,800-capacity music venue; bars; restaurants; entertainment and leisure facilities plus new public spaces featuring the re-emergence of the River Lea.

But to kickstart the town's revival, the site is now host to Europe's single, largest urban street project, through a community project called Power in Paint, led by the [#saveourtown](#) campaign and Little Red Creative Studios director Aimi Rix.

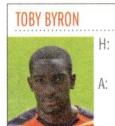
The overbearing blue hoarding that has dominated the site's perimeter for the best part of 20 years is now being used as a blank canvas for artists to showcase the creativity and positivity that exists in Luton.

While we all want to see the physical transformation of Power Court take place, Andy King vice-chairman of [#saveourtown](#) says it needs to be matched with a new positive mindset.

"Now is the time for us Lutonians to start viewing ourselves in a new light," he said, adding: "We're a wonderfully diverse and creative community but for years people have tried to tell us otherwise. We can change this perception. The Power in Paint project will make a big contribution to the way others see us and the way we see ourselves."

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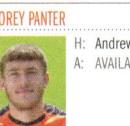
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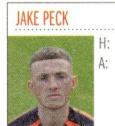
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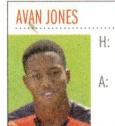
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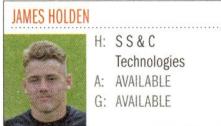
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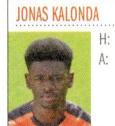
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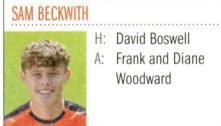
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ACADEMY UPDATE

WITH EDUCATION & WELFARE OFFICER
DALE BRUNTON

Hello everyone and welcome to today's game against Rochdale.

I wanted to use today's programme notes to update you about some changes that are happening in the world of education in terms of the education provision that is offered to our club's young apprentices.

Apprenticeships as a whole industry are changing and we have been selected as one of six clubs within the EFL to be part of a trail blazing programme!

This prestigious opportunity allows us to be ahead of the game in terms of the education that our players receive during their two-year apprenticeship with the club, and will better equip them for a career within football.

As part of this programme, myself and Academy Manager Andy Awford are having to attend a number of meetings with the other five selected clubs and League Football Education, who oversee the education provision of EFL clubs.

These meetings focus on the content, delivery methods and end point assessments of the new apprenticeship, and allows us to steer this new qualification down a path that will be most suitable for our players.

Within the new apprenticeship programme, which will go live for our first year apprentices in July 2019 with a full roll-out to every club in July 2020, players will be tasked to take more of a lead in every aspect of being an apprentice footballer.

This means that players will have more ownership of their own match and training analysis, gym programmes, Individual Learning Plans and much more.

As well as upskilling the players, the new apprenticeship will also mean continued professional development for our very committed academy staff so that they can support our young players through the programme.

The staff will continue to work in unison with our apprentices and will offer their expertise to support them during their first two years within full-time football.

With all of these changes in mind, the end result of the apprenticeship is still the same, and that is to help develop excellent young footballers who are able to impact the first team just like James Justin, Frankie Musonda, Arthur Read and Jack James have.

I hope you enjoy today's game and COYH!

MERIT LEAGUE 1 FIXTURES 2019

FEBRUARY

Sat 16	AFC Wimbledon	A	L 1-3
Sat 23	N'hampton Town	H	L 1-2

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

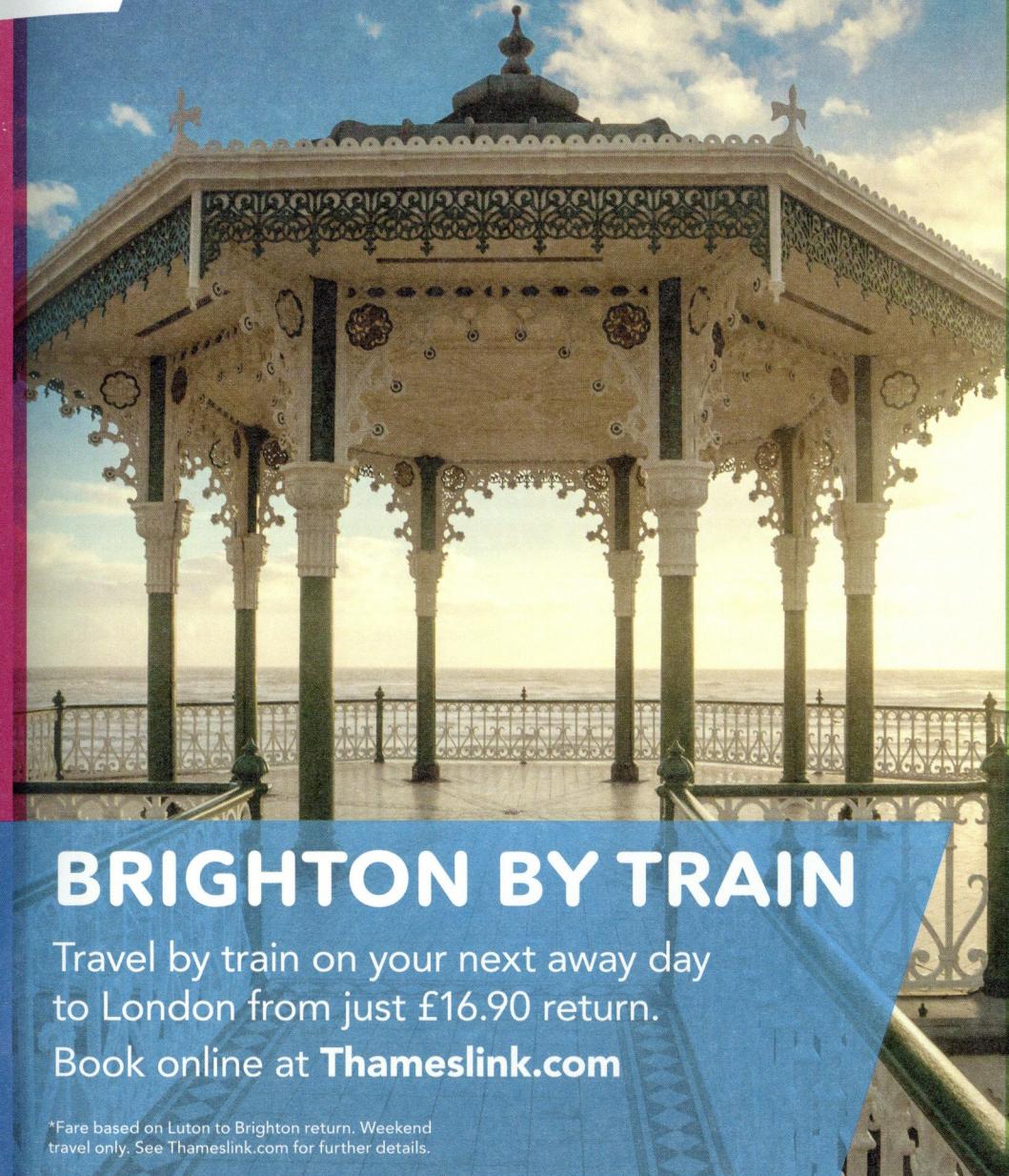
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LUTON TOWN IN THE COMMUNITY

February half-term week turned out again to be the Trust's busiest two weeks of the year so far with lots of player visits on our soccer camps and over 60 development fixtures for our young recruited players, as well as organised fixtures for our Girls PDC and PL KICKS & Street League tournaments in Marsh Farm and East London.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Like many other EFL Clubs, our fully integrated youth player development structure at the Club is run by the Community Trust.

It starts with players as young as four years old who simply 'pay and play' each week, through to our Skills Performance Centres' Talent Identification Coaching Programme for boys up to 16 years of age, who train on our nine-week coaching programme. In total over 20 of these centres run all year round through our development programme.

All of the boys, together with recruited boys,

continue their journey for an academy place at our Centre of Excellence Centres which have over 350 boys who we see long term development potential with a further 160 boys signed at our Luton Pre-Academy level for boys with shorter term potential.

An important part of the process is the games programme and during half term our pre academy boys visited Stevenage FC for a three-ball tournament with Ipswich Town FC, while our centre of excellence squads hosted Norwich City, QPR and Wycombe Wanderers.

PL KICKS/STREET LEAGUE U18 BOYS HOST ARSENAL FC

Our Kicks/Street League projects aims to use football as a hook to engage and target young people and attempt to divert them away from crime and anti-social behaviour by providing training, employment and volunteering opportunities.

As well as the games, all involved took part in workshops delivered by the Bedfordshire Police Cohesion team on the dangers and consequences of knife crime. Last week Arsenal FC visited Marsh

Farm for a competitive U18 fixture, while our U16 boys and girls travelled down to Leyton Orient.

All of the Luton teams were made up from boys and girls right across Town uniting under the club badge.

Hatters Trust Community Operations Officer Daniel Douglas commented: "Kicks and Luton Street League are fantastic projects that encourage young people of all ages and abilities from across Town to come together and enjoy football."



SOCcer CAMP Player VISITS

Every season the Community Trust receives central funding from both the EFL and PFA as part of their commitment to see Community Player Engagement at the heart of all professional clubs' social responsibilities work.

Last season our player visits over the whole club totalled over 400 with more than 150 of them on specific Community Trust projects and events – and in the last two weeks the first team were out in force at our soccer camps handing out medals and coaching tips to over 300 soccer crazy youngsters all over Luton, Beds and North Herts.

The visits make such a difference to all our young fans and even though lots turn up predictably in Premier club outfits, it's only through this 'real' contact with the Club that we can show the next

generation of football fans that we are their 'real' local club and worth supporting.

Thanks to Matty Pearson, Luke Berry, Jack Stacey, Harry Isted, Dan Potts, Elliot Lee, Andrew Shinnie, Sonny Bradley and Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu for doing the honours.



GIRLS' PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CENTRE VISIT NORTHAMPTON FC FESTIVAL

Our first Girls' PDC fixtures of 2019 saw the girls travel up to Northampton Town FC to play in a four-ball festival with Swindon Town and Notts County.

With four combined age groups from U8 to U16, it was a real festival of football and a mark of how far our girls' football project has come playing larger PDCs who are part of regular leagues.

Nicole Robinson, Hatters Girls' Football Development Officer, said: "The games were fantastic and closely fought, although both opposition teams had much more playing experience through their local leagues.

"Overall a great day and a great atmosphere at the games with fantastic enthusiasm from everyone involved, and a great first round of fixtures with more to come during Easter."



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HATTERS LADIES

BY DANIEL TAGG

AFC Wimbledon 1 Luton Town Ladies 4

After a good point in midweek against Enfield Town, when the Hatters played their first league game in three weeks, they looked to continue their form and their push to escape relegation.

AFC Wimbledon sit mid-table with a mixed bag of results, so Luton fancied their chances of getting something but knew another defeat would sink them further into a relegation battle.

With more changes to the starting line-up and a second debut for attacker Leyah Maddox, the Hatters started brightly and after just one minute Aurora Ryan was fouled. Zara Carroll set herself for the free-kick around 30 yards from goal and perfectly smashed it into the roof of the net, the keeper a little too far off her line to save it.

After the restart Maddox had her debut cut short as she pulled up with a hamstring strain, and it was time for another second debut, years after he first, for Remii Bains. She was straight in on the action and almost found lone striker Dionne Manning, but the pass was cut out. Ten minutes later Manning doubled Town's lead as she got in behind on the end of Carroll's ball and rounded the keeper before finishing well.

Wimbledon then started to find their feet, but Town keeper Kezia Hassall was in great form and cut out anything that came her way.

Just before the break Bains added a third after some good work for Manning allowed her to get a shot off from distance, and it sailed past the keeper giving Town a 3-0 lead at half time.

In the second half AFC put together some good moves and had a flurry of chances, but again Hassall was in the way to stop them. They proved dangerous from set pieces but some excellent defending prevented the ball from going in.

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

Sun Aug 19	Leyton Orient	L 0-1	Sun Nov 11	Kent (FA Cup R1)	W 1-1*
Sun Aug 26	AFC Wimbledon	L 1-3	Sun Dec 2	Billericay (FA Cup R2)	L 1-3
Sun Sep 2	Cheltenham (Cup)	L 1-3	Sun Dec 9	Norwich City	L 1-4
Sun Sep 9	Actonians	L 0-3	Sun Jan 6	Sharnbrook (BCC)	W 9-0
Sun Sep 16	Billericay Town	L 1-2	Sun Jan 13	Leyton Orient	L 0-3
Sun Sep 23	Dunstable (Cup)	W 7-0	Wed Feb 20	Enfield Town	D 0-0
Sun Sep 30	Ipswich Town	W 3-1	Sun Feb 24	AFC Wimbledon	W 4-1
Wed Oct 3	Denham United	D 0-0	Sun Mar 3	Stevenage	H
Sun Oct 7	Oxford City	W 5-2	(Home games at Stockwood Park Athletics Stadium)		
Sun Oct 14	Gillingham (plate)	L 4-5	*W 3-1 on penalties		
Sun Nov 4	Cambridge Utd	L 0-1			

Eventually after a long spell of pressure, Wimbledon pulled back a goal after a good move resulted in a cross and it was tapped in at the back post by Katie Stanley.

Town kept going though and despite the home side continuing to press for a second, it was Luton who added a fourth when Jess McKay drove inside and smashed one inside the post.

The three points were deserved and much-needed after a terrible run of defeats in the league. Town manager Nikki Baker said: "We are delighted to get four points from two games against two sides in the top half of the table. We have had a ridiculous list of injury, illnesses and unavailability, but the players have really stepped up and come through."

"We have three huge games coming up now in the next couple of weeks where we need to try and move up the table."



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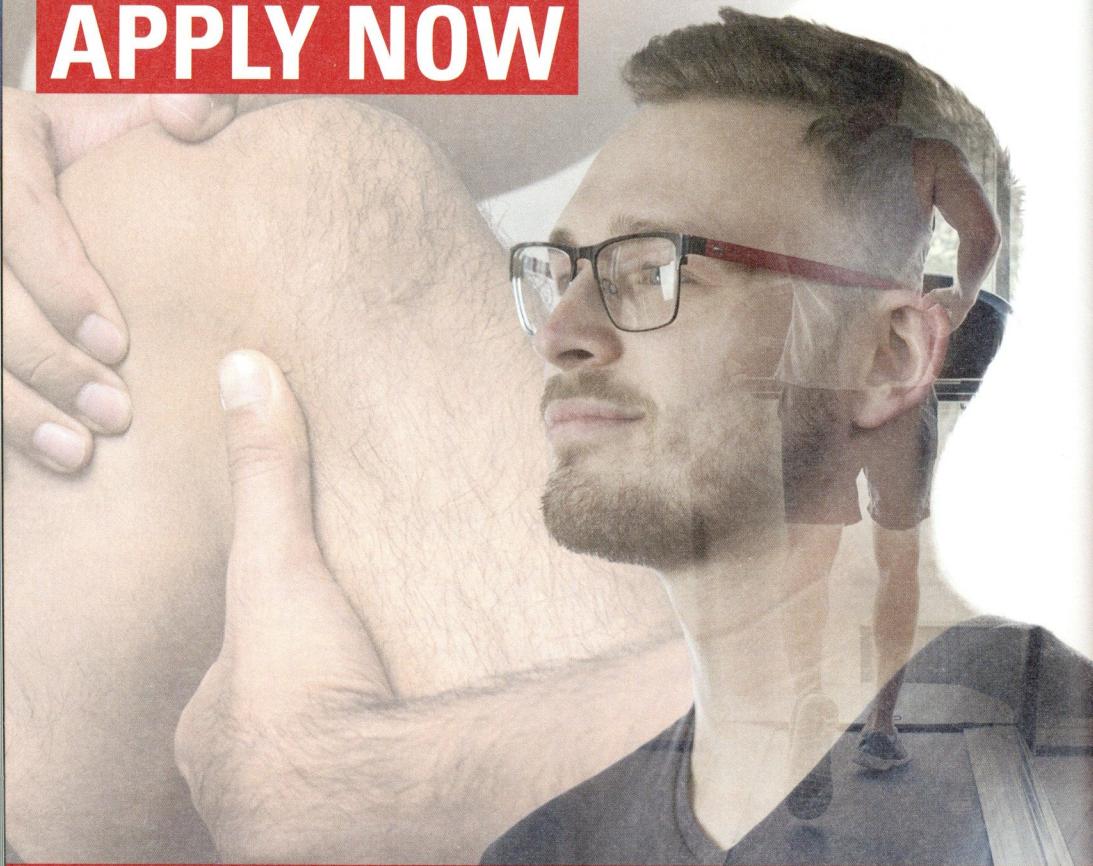
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Hatters Word Search

Can you find all of these words?

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5. Baptiste
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7. Collins
8. Justin
9. Mpanzu
10. Lee

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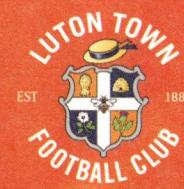
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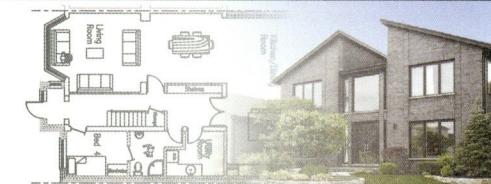
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LEAGUE TABLE 2018/19

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3	Sunderland	33	17	14	2	59	32	27	65
4	Portsmouth	34	17	11	6	55	36	19	62
5	Charlton Athletic	34	17	8	9	50	34	16	59
6	Doncaster Rovers	33	15	9	9	59	42	17	54
7	Peterborough United	34	14	10	10	52	46	6	52
8	Fleetwood Town	34	13	9	12	45	36	9	48
9	Blackpool	33	12	12	9	34	29	5	48
10	Coventry City	34	13	8	13	37	38	-1	47
11	Burton Albion	34	11	10	13	42	41	1	43
12	Wycombe Wanderers	34	11	10	13	42	48	-6	43
13	Southend United	34	12	5	17	44	45	-1	41
14	Plymouth Argyle	34	11	8	15	45	54	-9	41
15	Accrington Stanley	32	10	11	11	34	43	-9	41
16	Scunthorpe United	34	11	8	15	41	58	-17	41
17	Shrewsbury Town	34	9	12	13	38	45	-7	39
18	Gillingham	34	11	6	17	45	57	-12	39
19	Walsall	34	10	8	16	37	55	-18	38
20	Oxford United	34	8	12	14	41	52	-11	36
21	Bristol Rovers	33	8	10	15	31	37	-6	34
22	Rochdale	34	9	7	18	42	72	-30	34
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24	AFC Wimbledon	34	8	5	21	28	53	-25	29

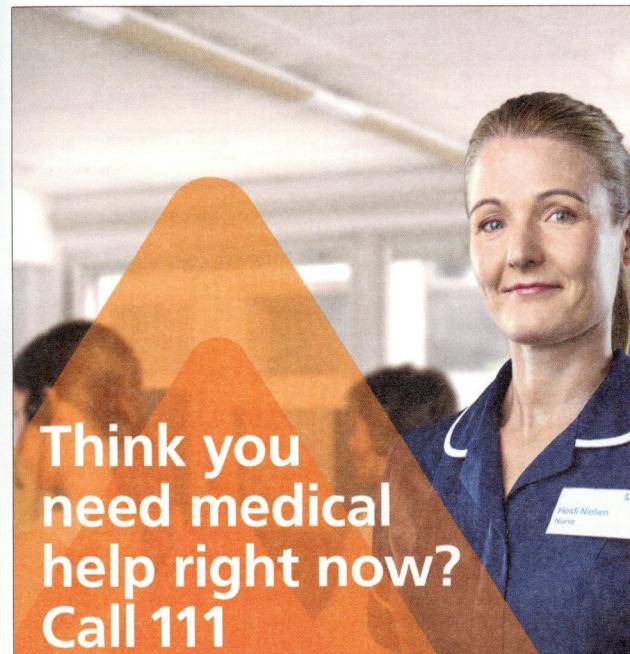
PLAYER STATS 2018/19

	THIS SEASON						LTFC CAREER TOT		
	LEAGUE APPS	LEAGUE GLS	CUP APPS	CUP GLS	TOTAL APPS	TOTAL GLS			
Luke Berry	5 (5)	1	2 (1)	0	7 (6)	1	0	0	52 9
Sonny Bradley	32 (1)	0	5 (0)	0	37 (1)	0	4	0	38 0
James Collins	32 (2)	19	4 (0)	0	36 (2)	19	8	0	83 39
Harry Concklin	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 Hytton	13 (7)	5	2 (1)	0	15 (8)	5	3	2	113 55
Harry Read	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)	1	0	0	6 0
James Justin	23 (8)	3	7 (2)	0	30 (10)	3	1	0	102 6
Elliot Lee	24 (2)	10	4 (1)	0	28 (3)	10	4	0	80 25
Kazenga Luulu	4 (9)	1	4 (2)	1	8 (11)	2	2	0	19 2
Alan McCormack	13 (2)	0	4 (0)	0	17 (2)	0	9	0	35 1
George Moncur	2 (5)	4	0 (0)	0	2 (5)	4	1	0	7 4
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	34 (0)	2	4 (2)	0	38 (2)	2	4	0	194 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
Euan O'Kane	0 (3)	0	1 (0)	0	1 (3)	0	0	0	4 0
Matty Pearson	34 (0)	6	6 (0)	0	40 (0)	6	1	0	40 6
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
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Jack Senior	0 (0)	0	3 (0)	0	3 (0)	0	1	0	24 0
James Shea	31 (0)	0	5 (0)	0	36 (0)	0	0	0	49 0
Alan Sheehan	3 (12)	0	4 (0)	1	7 (12)	1	1	0	126 8
Andrew Shiels	28 (2)	4	6 (0)	1	34 (2)	5	6	0	70 8
Jack Stacey	33 (0)	0	5 (0)	0	38 (0)	2	2	0	83 3
Marek Stech	3 (0)	0	2 (0)	0	5 (0)	0	0	0	47 0
George Thorpe	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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WHO?

Promoted from Sky Bet League Two in 2017, the Pilgrims had a sluggish start in League One last season, but shot up the table and were unfortunate to miss out on the play-offs. They started at a similarly slow pace, but have climbed off the foot of the table, although it currently looks unlikely that they'll be able to match last season's finish. You never know though. A Championship side at the turn of the decade, Argyle suffered double relegation, spending six seasons in the fourth tier before their promotion.

STADIUM - HOME PARK

The home of Plymouth since 1901, Home Park has recently begun redevelopment, with the capacity rising from 12,800 to 18,000 once the work is complete. The ground's record attendance is 43,596, who turned up to watch the Pilgrims take on Aston Villa in the Second Division in 1936.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

Our last meeting was here at Kenilworth Road in November, with the Hatters cruising to a 5-1 win as James Collins banged in a hat-trick. Plymouth will argue, however, that the goal of the game was netted late on by Joel Grant, who unleashed a stunning strike from the edge of the box that found the top left corner.

Of our 99 meetings, Town have been victorious in 28, drawn 30 and lost 41.

RESULTS SO FAR

In the actual form tables Plymouth are getting on really well – a run of five wins from six games at the turn of the year helped push them out of the relegation zone and has given them a little bit of breathing space. As far as starts go though it couldn't have been much worse, it took until the beginning of October for Derek Adams' side to pick up their first win, having lost seven of their opening 11 League One games. Good at beating teams around them, but are yet to get a win over a team in the top six.

KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU

Sonny Bradley joined the Pilgrims from Crawley Town in 2016, and was a stalwart in their side through out his two years there, making 96 appearances and bagging an impressive 11 goals from centre back. Jake Jervis joined the Hatters for an undisclosed fee in January this year from Plymouth, having been their top scorer in his first season there (2015-16). He scored 31 times in 127 appearances for the Pilgrims. Our young centre-half Lloyd Jones is currently on loan at Home Park, but won't be able to play against the Hatters in this one.

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PLYMOUTH ARGYLE

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



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Our ticket allocation for our trip down to Plymouth next week has sold out! A huge thank you to all the supporters who are making the journey to Home Park!

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BRADFORD CITY

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

Any remaining tickets are now available to purchase 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.





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BY JOHN EARLS,
FREELANCE FOOTBALL AND MUSIC JOURNALIST

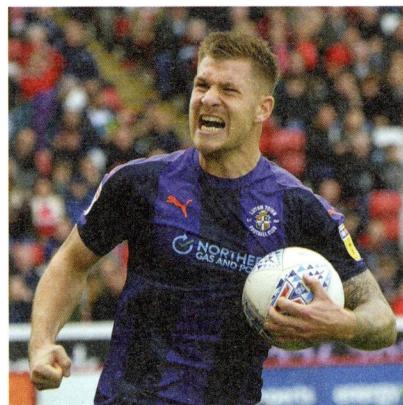
Is it possible to feel nostalgic for something while it's still happening?

Growing up in Bletchley in the early '80s, some of the first books I read were Rothmans Football Yearbooks – those annuals full of statistics that got me hooked on the history of football, like an Academy prospect version of Roger Wash.

The Rothmans books later became Sky Sports Football Yearbooks, possibly because advertising cigarette brands to stats-obsessed children wasn't a good look. It's fine, though, I only tried smoking once and it was less appealing than trying to remember lists of FA Challenge Vase winners. I was definitely cool.

As a Luton fan, I soon learned about our 19-game unbeaten run in the 1967-68 season while winning the Division Four title. Less than 20 years later, such an incredible sequence seemed unimaginable. As I began watching Luton in 1981-82, the season we won promotion to the old Division One, the idea that we were once in Division Four also seemed pretty far-fetched. That's another story.

That Luton managed the same unbeaten feat again the very next season was surely a joke, or maybe a printing error. But, no, we were really were pretty much unbeatable in the late '80s. Names like Bruce Rioch, Mike Keen and Malcolm Macdonald left an impression. Less than 20 years later, I'd have given anything to have been able to see them in action. Indeed, part of me still hopes one day it'll turn out



that someone somehow filmed that Graham French goal against Mansfield. Then we can all see if it really was better than Jean-Louis Valois against Torquay, Scott Oakes' hat-trick goal in the FA Cup quarter-final or Olly Lee's 70-yard tap-in.

Being lucky enough to see Ricky Hill, Mick Harford and Brian Stein bossing it in the top flight means younger Luton fans are doubtless

envious of me. And they're right to be. Yes, we had an immense team in the '80s. Those players were every bit as good as your parents tell you they were.

But now, we're living through another special era. After Coventry, it's 21 games and counting. At some point, it'll have to end. Whenever it does, the history books will record it. In 20 years, some young Hatter will boggle at how in 2018-19 we went on such a phenomenal unbeaten run.

That kid will wish they too had been able to see Andrew Shinnie, James Justin, Matty Pearson and co in action. Sure, they'll be able to see footage of it, but imagine being able to see James Collins bang one home in the flesh. Wouldn't that be special?

Here's a message to the young fans of 2038: you're not wrong. That team of 2018-19 was as special as you think it is. We were incredibly lucky to be able to see them play – the whole squad did the club proud.



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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 ISTED
- 44 Alan SHEEHAN
- Aaron CONNOLLY

Manager: KEITH HILL

- 1 Josh LILLIS
- 2 Ryan McLAUGHLIN
- 3 Kgosi NTLHE
- 4 Jim McNULTY
- 5 Ryan DELANEY
- 6 Ethan EBANKS-LANDELL
- 7 Stephen DOOLEY
- 8 MJ WILLIAMS
- 9 Calvin ANDREW
- 10 Callum CAMPS
- 11 Jordan WILLIAMS
- 13 Jimmy KEOHANE
- 14 Ollie RATHBONE
- 16 Matt DONE
- 18 Aaron WILBRAHAM
- 19 Bradden INMAN
- 23 Rory HOLDEN
- 25 Daniel ADSHEAD
- 26 Zach CLOUGH
- 27 Ethan HAMILTON
- 28 Aaron MORLEY
- 30 Rekeil PYKE
- 31 Brad WADE
- 36 Matty GILLAMON
- 39 Joe BUNNEY
- 40 Ian HENDERSON
- 41 Luke MATHESON
- 42 Florent HOTI
- 43 Fabio TAVARES
- 45 Florian YONSIAN

MATCH OFFICIALS



LEE SWABEY



OLLIE WILLIAMS



PAUL KELLY



4 TOM REEVES

NEXT HOME GAME:

GILLINGHAM

(SKY BET LEAGUE ONE)

Sat 16th March 2019 | KO: 3pm

