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GARY BOWYER THE MANAGER

Good evening and welcome back to the Northern Commercials Stadium - for the second time in only four days - as we go in search of more crucial points against a very good Luton Town.

Mick Harford, who took over from Nathan Jones in January, deserves a great deal of credit and I would like to extend a warm welcome to him, his players, the travelling supporters and his staff this evening.

I know how hard it can be to operate as a caretaker manager, having been there myself when the pressure is on, and Mick has performed brilliantly.

Saturday was very special for everyone connected to the club. It was a memorable start to life as Bradford City manager, on a personal note, and the reception myself and Andy received was something I will never forget.

You, our fantastic supporters, made the difference. The players never gave in and you willed them on. Once we got that first goal, you carried them over the finishing line - and we claimed a great victory.

We needed three points and we got them. It was a huge result for us, going into tonight's game, despite having what should have been a clean sheet denied by a controversial decision.

We all have a part to play in the last 10 games. We are back in the fight and can ensure our survival. As I said on day one, I wouldn't be here if I didn't believe this club would be in League One come the end of the season.

We performed well against a play-off chasing Peterborough side but there is still more to come from us. The players responded well during the week and we changed things up a little. To a man, everyone gave everything they had in order to help us pick up vital three points.

Hope Akpan took over the captaincy reins and handled the occasion admirably. We looked difficult to break down and took our chances in front of goal, which was very pleasing.

In order to get what we need from the final seven weeks of the season, we have to become hard to beat. We began that process on Saturday and will be looking to continue it this evening.

Thank you once more for your incredible support. Keep it up, please, and we will do everything in our power to deliver for you on the field.

Come on City!

Gary Bowyer.



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(Company Secretary)
Alan is a senior partner in Stocktons Boyce Welch Chartered Accountants who have had links with the club for over 20 years. His firm was originally called Paton Boyce Welch. Tom Paton, who was the senior partner was principal financier behind the successful 1928/29 3rd Division North Championship team, although Alan emphasises he has no wish to emulate Mr. Paton!



Steve Longbottom
Steve is Managing Director and shareholder of KTS Wire Ltd., a manufacturer of shaped steel wire. Former Chairman of UK Steel, he represented the UK Steel in Europe. He also led the UK Wire nationalisation which included discussions with the OFT. Steve has chaired several government DTI Conferences.



Roger Owen
Roger is former Director of Morrison's Supermarkets where he was responsible for all property issues. Roger uses his corporate and specific knowledge across the whole of the club's business.



Dennis & Jean Matthewman
Dennis and Jean have supported Bradford City since they became involved in assisting the club following the terrible tragedy in 1985. Dennis was formerly a director of Hays Group PLC and a past Chairman of Innovia Films PLC.



Graham Jones
Graham is the Managing Director of Multi Point Locks and has been for the past 15 years. Multi Point Locks are a lock distribution company and a locksmith training company. Multi Point Locks are proud to be the only company in the country to be able to issue a City in Guilds in locksmithing.



Norrie Richards
Norrie has owned and run businesses in Bradford for the last 30 years, at present he is the MD of ASE AUTOGATE automatic gate and barrier specialists. Other business interests include ASE PROPERTY.com and building and property development.



Simon Hartley
Simon is a Director of www.richtonconsulting.com a management consulting company. He is also associated with the resin bound transformation driveway industry. Simon has been an active supporter of Bradford City for over 40 years both home and away and truly appreciates what a great fan base the club has.



Glenn Ackroyd
Glenn started watching City during the ten game winning run in the 1983/84 season witnessing the birth of what he describes as 'The greatest ever City side'. He recently sold his business; EveMove Sales & Lettings.



Keith Petty
Keith Petty is Managing Director of the BIST Group, a Bingley based IT Reseller offering hardware, software, supplies and print solutions for Business, Education and Public Sector clients. BIST has been in business for over 15 years and is proud to continue to support City.



Adrian Lee
Adrian is the MD of United Carpets, Wood Floors and Beds in Shipley. He has been in the flooring business for over 15 years. Adrian's other business interests include a portfolio of property that he owns and manages.



Lena Owen
Lena is the wife of fellow Ambassador, Roger and has followed the club for over 30 years, home and away, initially with two sons and now as support in the Boardroom. Away from football, Lena is key in organising Roger's busy business life. 'I sometimes think I'm his secretary.'



Mark Roebuck
Mark Roebuck is a Programme Manager working as a consultant to large UK companies. In addition, he owns and operates Your Move - Roebuck Residential, which offers sales and lettings estate agency services across Bradford, Baildon and Heaton.



Mick Searle
Mick is an International Trader of meat and livestock for a Yorkshire based company. He has worked in the industry for more than 25 years. He is a true Bradfordian with the ultimate goal of being connected with Bradford City Football Club.



James Lockwood
James Lockwood has been the Headmaster at Woodhouse Grove School since January 2016. A lifelong Bantams fan, James has supported the club for nearly forty years. Throughout his teaching career, he has been heavily involved in the coaching of sport. Woodhouse Grove are an Official Club Partner.



Steve Bollen
Steve first became involved with the club in 1992, not long after he was appointed consultant orthopaedic surgeon at Bradford Royal Infirmary. In addition to attending to Bradford City players, Steve's list of patients boasts names from top Premier League players to hundreds of others from the world of football and sport.



Malcolm Scott
Malcolm was first involved with Bradford City in 1978 and in 1985 became one of the original Associate Directors to join the club. For many years he covered all Bradford City games for BBC Radio Leeds and was reporting on the game with Lincoln City on that fateful day in 1985.



Honorary Life President: Jack Tordoff OBE
A former Chairman of Bradford City Football Club, Jack Tordoff founded JCT600, one of the premier car dealerships in the country and was awarded the MBE in the 2008 New Year's Honours List. A self-made millionaire, Mr. Tordoff started from humble beginnings as an assistant mechanic at his father's small firm. He transformed the business into a multi-million pound car empire with more than 30 dealerships. JCT600 are this season's kit sponsors.



Mike Smith
Mike took early retirement in 2004 having spent 33 years in the motor trade. He now runs his own business as a Professional Toastmaster and MC specialising in weddings, dinners and business and charity events.

#BANTAMSBOARD



BBC News reporter, Shabnam Mahmood, and her camera crew experienced a Bradford City matchday with the Bangla Bantams on Saturday! They joined in with the pre-match activities before kick-off, and watched the whole match - with the Bangla Bantams - in the stands.

We hope you all enjoyed the game!



Happy 74th Birthday Bobby Speight.
Love from Maxine and all the family xxx



Happy birthday Chantel Lindsay-Yule!
We hope you have a great day!



Thank you to Andy's Man Club and the supporters for coming together to raise funds for their work! We will announce the grand total in the coming weeks!



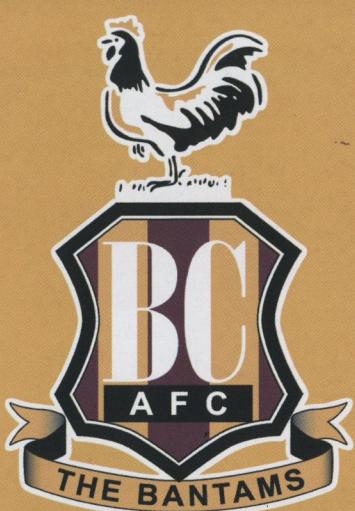
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RECORD BREAKERS



'Valley Parade 1985'

ROB MASON TELLS THE TALE OF BANTAMS RECORD BREAKERS

Luton look nailed on for a second successive promotion. At the start of the month eight of their players had already totted up at least 30 league appearances, with Pelly Ruddock, Matthew Pearson and James Collins featuring in every game.

Last season the Hatters had five men who played in at least 40 of their 46 league games as they won promotion. Settled sides tend to be successful ones and this was never better illustrated by Bradford than in the 1984-85 and 1976-77 promotion seasons.

In '84-85 nine men played at least 40 league games. Three of those were ever present, three missed just one match, another missed two and a couple of other players managed 40 appearances. In 1976-77 no fewer than eight players started at least 40 games.

Bradford were never without Stuart McCall, John Hendrie or Bobby Campbell in 1984-85, this trio also turning out in all seven cup games. Peter Jackson, David Evans and Chris Withe were absent just once, winger Mark Ellis was missing just twice and also topping 40 starts were goalkeeper Eric McManus and defender Greg Abbott.

Nine years earlier David Fretwell was ever present, starting all 46 fixtures – as well as the season's five cup ties for good measure. Goalkeeper Peter Downsborough missed just a single match while winger Don Hutchins missed just twice, as well as being second top scorer with 14 goals. Missing just three games each were club stalwarts Terry Dolan and Cec Podd, while centre half John Middleton started 41 league games. Completing the octet, Rod Johnson and Joe Cooke started 40 games each, Cooke top scoring with 17 goals.

Starting in the fourth game of the season Bobby Kennedy's side were unchanged for nine games.

Remember too that this was in an era of just one sub and in this spell of no changes in nine games that solitary sub was utilised just three times.

Back in 1958-59 the Bantams only had five players with 40 or more appearances – but all five were ever present in a 46 campaign. Given that goalkeeper Geoff Smith and full backs Tom Flockett and George Mulholland were amongst the men to never miss a game it should be no surprise that a defence with such an understanding were responsible for an impressive 18 clean sheets. Wing-half Peter Jackson and inside forward David Jackson were the other players to manage to turn out every time.

Looking back to the FA Cup winning season of 1910-11 the Bantams were without an ever present, in fact no-one got near that achievement and there were just five men who managed to play in all seven of the games it took to win the cup.

HOPE AKPAN

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Hope Akpan believes City have enough about them to avoid the drop following the arrival of Gary Bowyer.

Now working under his third manager since the summer, Akpan has had to overcome a number of challenges and injuries which have affected his season.

But after Saturday's 3-1 victory over Peterborough, the midfielder is confident hope has been renewed in the Bantams' quest for survival.

Akpan sat down with 'The Parader' to discuss the new managerial change and the collective confidence shared around the squad.

He said: "It has been a good week for us. We have had a lot of meetings and discussions on what we have to do to get out of this situation. We have addressed a lot of things and tries to implement new things in training.

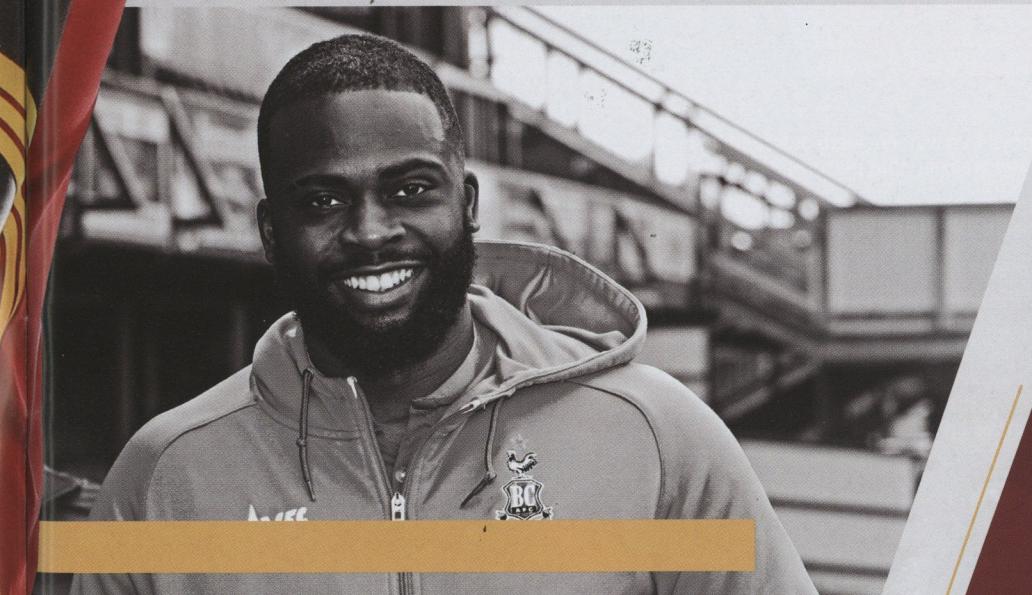
"There is a real positive feeling around the place. The manager has come in and said that he believes in us. He said he would not have joined the club if he didn't believe we could get out of it.

"Ourselves as players know we have enough quality to get out of the relegation zone, but we haven't shown it. We have to address certain things and try implement those things into the games.

"There is a clear change in training in the short spell the new gaffer has been in charge. You can see how he works differently to the previous managers. We have been working on a specific game plan for the games we have coming up. In such a short period of time.

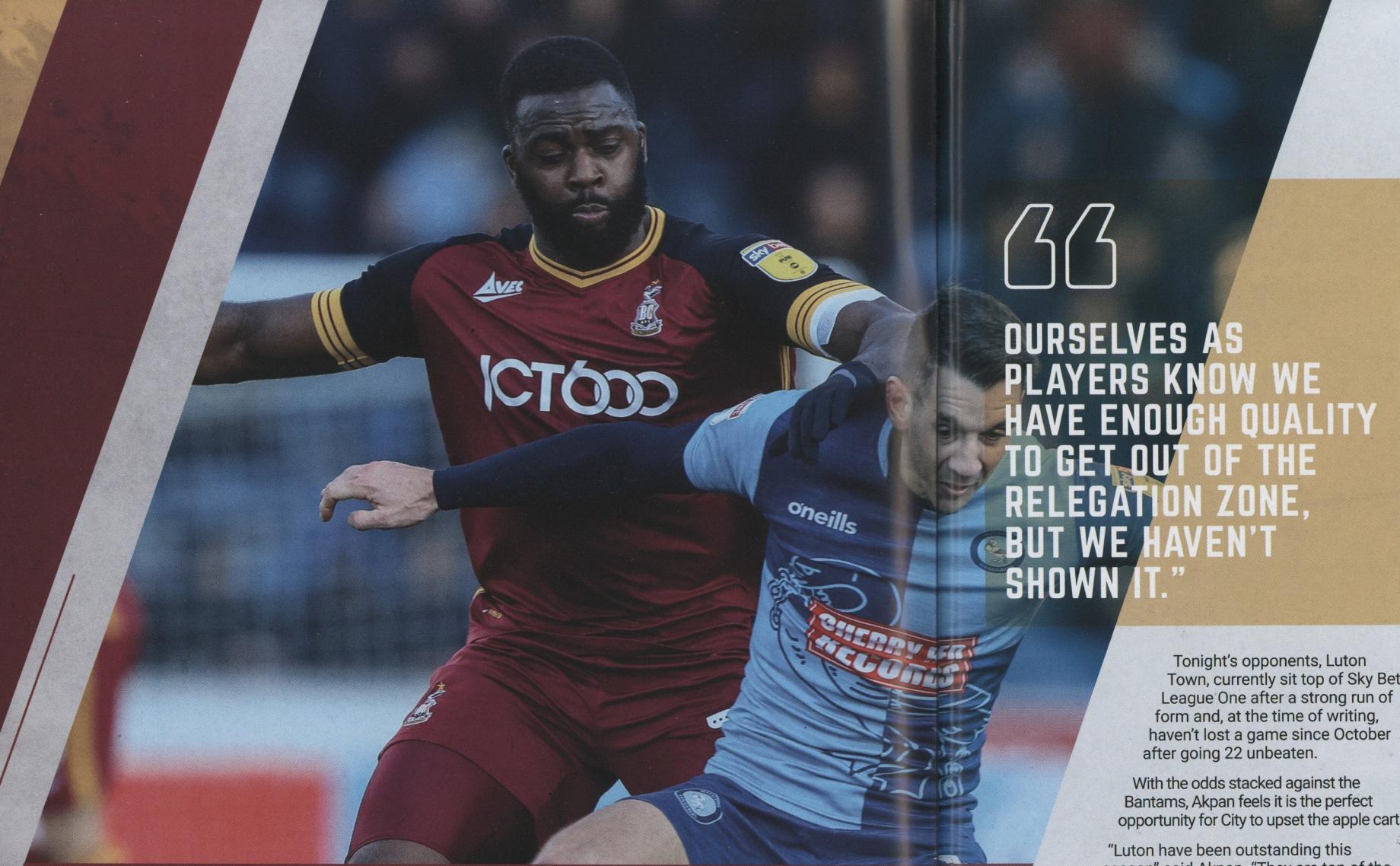
"You can certainly see a reaction in a number of the boys who haven't perhaps been playing as much as they would have liked to. The gaffer declared it as a clean slate for everybody and that is how it has been treated. Everyone has been fighting their hardest for the shirt and we can see the competition every day in training.

"I was named Captain against Peterborough, which was a real honour for me. You have to be proud when given that responsibility at such a big club and I was delighted that I could



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OURSELVES AS PLAYERS KNOW WE HAVE ENOUGH QUALITY TO GET OUT OF THE RELEGATION ZONE, BUT WE HAVEN'T SHOWN IT.”

help lead the boys to a win. We were outstanding and we have to ensure we keep that performance level up.”

Gary Bowyer's arrival has seen a rejuvenation within the squad, both on the pitch and around the training ground.

Changing training methods have had a positive impact on the squad, which Akpan feels will translate onto the field.

He added: “In my experience, usually when a change is made in management then you see an immediate reaction from the players. The atmosphere has been very good since he came in and we have to ensure that is maintained through hard work, good performances and by picking up results.”

“It looks like that reaction has certainly happened on the training ground and in the dressing room, so now we have to see if that can hopefully translate onto the pitch at the earliest opportunity.”

“The manager has looked to implement new ideas and we have to ensure that we show that in the games. We have 10 more cup finals coming up and have to do our absolutely most to escape this precarious position by getting points on the board.”



now. It will be a difficult game but one we are well equipped for.”

Despite arriving with the club six points adrift in the relegation zone, Gary Bowyer declared confidence in the Bantams' chances to remain in the division – which showed with the victory over Peterborough.

Akpan emphasised that feeling, speaking of the shared belief through the side and hope's the fans will be rewarded for their support this season.

“Against Walsall and Portsmouth, we made efforts to get ourselves back into the game but ended up shooting ourselves in the foot. We were left too open and were taken apart. As disappointing as it was, we don't dwell on defeats. The first thing our minds are set on is how we can go again and what we have to do to ensure we get a victory next time.”

“The fans are massive for us. We are at home and have to show what we can do for the fans to get them to back us. We don't just expect their support – we have to give them something to cheer about.”

“The gaffer said it last week and it is completely correct. It is a two-way thing for us to give them something to support us for, and it is something we want to do against Luton. We have to ensure Valley Parade is a difficult game for any club to come and pay their football. That hasn't been the case over the last few months, which isn't good enough. When we play as we are capable of doing – as we did throughout December – then we know we can beat anybody.”

“The lads all know we have what it takes. When you look around the dressing room, you can easily see the sheer quality of the players that we have. If we implement the focus and discipline, we have seen before then we will be fine. We have to pick turn these performances into wins.”

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ROB MASON LOOKS AT THE BANTAMS HEAD TO HEAD RECORD WITH TONIGHT'S VISITORS AND CHOOSES SOMEONE WHO SERVED BOTH CLUBS.

HEAD TO HEAD

There have only been 18 meetings between the Bantams and the Hatters. The clubs first met in 1965, a 2-2 draw at Valley Parade in October followed two months later with a 3-2 away win at Kenilworth Road.

Bradford won four and drew three of the first seven games but that fourth win at Luton in 1968 (which completed a seasonal double) was also the last time City came out on top in this fixture – other than in a penalty shoot-out. Since then Luton haven't so much had the upper hand, they have enjoyed almost total dominance. City have managed just four draws from the last 11 meetings. Two of those draws however came in the League Cup in 1990 with City prevailing as Gavin

Oliver slotted home the decisive shoot-out spot-kick after Iain Dowie missed.

Luton's first win saw them make up for lost time with a 5-0 thrashing in Bedfordshire in December 1969. Most recently their dominance featured a 4-0 loss at Kenilworth Road last November, a score-line which repeated one from the same ground in 2004.

This season's meeting was the first in a decade, both games in 2008-09 being drawn. Bradford's early superiority in this fixture means that in league games only, the record is level with four victories each sandwiching five draws.

CLUB CONNECTION

John Reid played over 100 times for each of today's clubs. Having started his career in his native Scotland, the skilful inside forward joined the Bantams from Hamilton Academical in December 1957, a fee of £2,700 heading north.

Debuting at home to Carlisle, Reid registered his first goal in his first away match at Stockport and never missed a game until the following November. The best two of the five seasons he took part in at Bradford spanned the start of the sixties, Reid played more than 80 of his total of 147 league games for the club in the 1959-60 and '60-61 seasons, netting 17 times in those campaigns, with a couple of cup goals thrown in – one of those in a tremendous win over Everton. He also played in Bradford's first ever League Cup tie, another victory...against some team called Manchester United!

Having made his 167th and final appearance for Bradford against Barrow at the end of October in

1961, City almost doubled the money they had paid for the Scot when selling him to Northampton, with whom he starred as they won the third division the following season.

Reid's value kept rising as the Cobblers then more than doubled their investment when selling him to Luton for £13,000 in November 1963. John stayed with the Hatters until the month before England won the World Cup. The Scot kept heading south – his next step being Torquay United after 111 appearances for Luton whom he captained. After a season in the south-west Reid wrapped up his playing days with a year at Rochdale, hanging up his boots in 1968 after 74 goals in 479 league games spread over Scotland and England. Later a manager of Market Rasen Town in Lincolnshire, John Reid enjoyed a lengthy career in the game with today's clubs being the ones he played for the most.





THE GAFFER: MICK HARFORD

Harford has done a terrific job since taking over as Interim Manager following Nathan Jones' departure to Stoke.

The Hatters sit at the top of the Sky Bet League One table and look on course for promotion back to the Championship after extending their unbeaten run to 23 games with a goalless draw at Plymouth at the weekend.

There's no doubt that Harford's previous experience with Luton has helped the former striker settle in with no problems whatsoever into his latest role.

He played for the club between 1984 and 1990 and re-joined the club in 1991 after a year at Derby County.

During his time with the Kenilworth Road outfit he earned two international caps with England whilst making himself a firm fans' favourite.

After hanging up his boots Hartford took up coaching at Wimbledon before joining old gaffer Joe Kinnear back at Luton following their relegation to the Third Division in 2001.

As first-team coach he helped them earn promotion back to the league above before leaving the following season.

He would also manage the Hatters for the 2008/09 campaign in which he led them to glory in the Football League Trophy.

Hartford was already at the club when he was approached to take on the role as Interim Manager and was in place as Chief Recruitment Officer.



RYAN GUEST INTRODUCES
TONIGHT'S VISITORS.

GOALKEEPERS

Harry ISTED
Age: 22
Signed From:
Stoke City (2017)

James SHEA
Age: 27
Signed From:
AFC Wimbledon (2017)

Marek STECH
Age: 29
Signed From:
AFC Wimbledon (2017)

DEFENDERS

Alex BAPTISTE
Age: 33
Signed From:
Queens Park Rangers (2019, LOAN)

Sonny BRADLEY
Age: 27
Signed From:
Plymouth Argyle (2018)

James JUSTIN
Age: 21
Signed From:
Academy (2015)

Matthew PEARSON
Age: 25
Signed From:
Barnsley (2018)

Dan POTTS
Age: 24
Signed From:
West Ham United (2015)

Alex SHEEHAN
Age: 32
Signed From:
Bradford City (2016)

Jack STACEY
Age: 22
Signed From:
Reading (2017)

MIDFIELDERS

Luke BERRY
Age: 26
Signed From:
Cambridge United (2017)

Alan McCORMACK
Age: 35
Signed From:
Brentford (2017)

George MONCUR
Age: 25
Signed From:
West Ham United (2019)

Pelly-Ruddock MPANZU
Age: 24
Signed From:
West Ham United (2014)

Glen REA
Age: 24
Signed From:
Brighton & Hove Albion (2016)

Andrew SHINNIE
Age: 29
Signed From:
Birmingham City (2018)

George THORNE
Age: 26
Signed From:
Derby County (2019, LOAN)

FORWARDS

James COLLINS
Age: 28
Signed From:
Crawley Town (2017)

Aaron CONNOLLY
Age: 19
Signed From: Brighton & Hove Albion (2019, LOAN)

Harry CORNICK
Age: 23
Signed From:
Bournemouth (2017)

Jason CUMMINGS
Age: 23
Signed From:
Nottingham Forest (2019, LOAN)

Danny HYLTON
Age: 30
Signed From:
Oxford United (2016)

Elliot LEE
Age: 24
Signed From:
Barnsley (2017)

Kazenga LUALUA
Age: 28
Signed From:
Unattached (2018)

OUR LAST FIVE MEETINGS:

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Luton 4-0 Bradford
27/11/18 (League One)

Luton 3-3 Bradford
24/01/09 (League Two)

Bradford 1-1 Luton
04/10/08 (League Two)

Bradford 0-1 Luton
19/02/05 (League One)

Luton 4-0 Bradford
30/10/04 (League One)

THE HATTERS' CURRENT FORM:

W 3 D 2 L 0

Plymouth 0-0 Luton
09/03/19 (League One)

Luton 2-0 Rochdale
02/03/19 (League One)

Luton 1-1 Coventry
24/02/19 (League One)

Fleetwood 1-2 Luton
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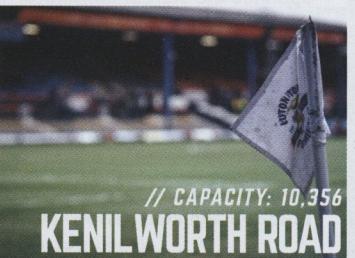
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GOALKEEPER

JAMES SHEA

DOB | 16/06/1991 NATIONALITY | ENGLISH
2018/19 APPS | 37 2018/19 CLEAN SHEETS | 20
LUTON TOWN APPS | 51 LUTON TOWN CLEAN SHEETS | 25

The greater London born shot stopper enjoyed a successful start to his career on the books at Arsenal.

He developed his experience with non-league side Harrow Borough before becoming AFC Wimbledon's regular 'keeper in 2014.

Game time would dwindle though and Shea joined Luton



DEFENDER

MATTHEW PEARSON

DOB | 03/08/1993 NATIONALITY | ENGLISH
2018/19 APPS | 42 2018/19 GOALS | 6
LUTON TOWN APPS | 42 LUTON TOWN GOALS | 6

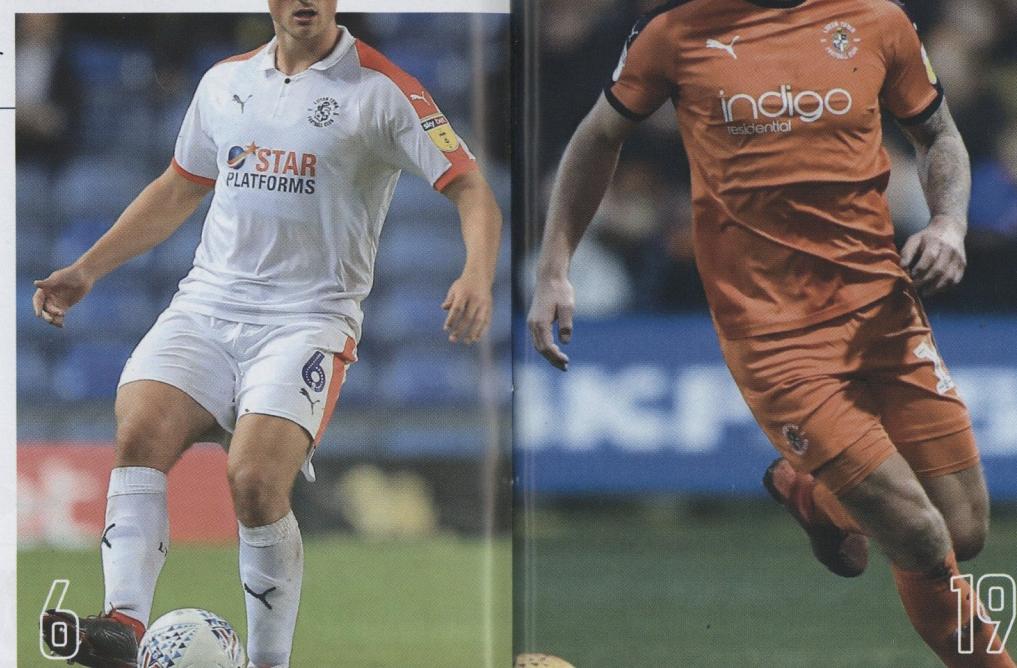
He may only be 25-years-old, but Pearson brings plenty of experience with him having made over 250 career appearances.

Each year a positive reputation has grown around the versatile defender and successful periods with FC Halifax Town and then Accrington Stanley

earnt him a move to Barnsley last season.

After just one season at Oakwell, Pearson joined the Hatters - and it's been a fine debut season with the club.

He's already a Luton Town regular and has scored six vital goals so far this term.



MIDFIELDER

PELLY-RUDDOCK MPANZU

DOB | 22/03/1994 NATIONALITY | ENGLISH
2018/19 APPS | 42 2018/19 GOALS | 42
LUTON TOWN APPS | 196 LUTON TOWN GOALS | 11

Mpanzu joined from West Ham in 2013 and proved to be an instant hit at Kenilworth Road during the Hatters' Conference title winning season.

He gives his manager plenty of options as he has played up front and in central defence as well as in his preferred midfield and winger positions.

Up until the 74th minute of their game with Rochdale

just over a week ago, Mpanzu had been an ever present and hadn't missed a single minute of the Hatters' League One campaign.

Despite not having the most prolific of scoring records, Mpanzu is arguably one of Luton's most dangerous players, creating plenty of chances for Town's lethal duo up front.

FORWARD

JAMES COLLINS

DOB | 01/12/1990 NATIONALITY | ENGLISH
2018/19 APPS | 40 2018/19 GOALS | 20
LUTON TOWN APPS | 85 LUTON TOWN GOALS | 40

Collins has developed a staggering goalscoring record in recent seasons and is one of the most prolific scorers in English football.

He's spent the majority of his career with Shrewsbury Town but also enjoyed time with Swindon Town, Hibernian and Northampton Town.

A successful campaign with Crawley Town in 2016/17 earnt him a move to Kenilworth Road where has added plenty of firepower to the Hatters' frontline.

This season he's averaging a goal every two games and has 40 to his name in 85 appearances for Luton.

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BLAST FROM THE PAST

Robbie Blake

ROB MASON RECALLS A GREAT MAKER AND TAKER OF QUALITY GOALS.

Twenty years ago tomorrow Robbie Blake was part of a side who hammered Norwich 4-1 on the way to City claiming an automatic promotion place to enter the promised land of the Premier League. Blake bagged 16 goals that season, a tally that included the all-important winner at Molineux on the last day of the season. That 3-2 win at Wolves saw City over the line, a point clear of Ipswich who had won 4-1 at home to Sheffield United to put the pressure on.

A skilful player, capable of the spectacular, Blake's understanding with Lee Mills propelled the Bantams back to the top flight for the first time since 1922. With the club from 1997 to 2002 Blake netted 40 league goals in 153 games.

43, earlier this month, Middlesbrough born Robbie started with nearby Darlington, coming through the Quakers ranks when they were still a league club. It wasn't just the 21 goals in 68 league games for Darlo that attracted a successful £300,000 bid from Bradford, but those goals demonstrated there was an end product to the vision and at times silky skills shown by a player destined to do well.

Robbie provided exceptionally good value with the club more than tripling their investment when financial pressures forced his sale to Burnley early in 2002. Top scorer in his first full season at Turf Moor with 22 goals, he ended his first spell with Burnley with two more league goals for the Clarets than he had managed at Bradford, in 33 fewer games.

With his value continuing to rise, a fee of £1.2m made Birmingham City Blake's next stop but after just 11 games the Blues accepted an £800,000 offer from Leeds. It proved to be a tough spell at Elland Road where despite Robbie's 19 goals in 77 league games the Elland Road outfit slipped into League One and administration.

Burnley were delighted to bring Blake back to Turf Moor, an initial £250,000 fee securing Robbie's signature in the summer of 2007. Repayment was instant. Ten goals and 14 assists in his first season was pure Blake, scoring and creating with regularity. Having helped Bradford into the Premier League back in 1999, Robbie did the same for Burnley a decade later, putting the icing on the cake following promotion with the winner against Manchester United, as his club won a top flight game for the first time in a third of a century.

Bolton Wanderers and Doncaster Rovers would also enjoy the benefit of Blake's natural talent as his playing days drew to a close, finally finishing his career back in his native north east with a short spell at Northern League Team Northumbria. Later a coach at Portsmouth and Bognor Regis Town, Robbie Blake will always be admired at many clubs with the memories at Valley Parade forever undimmed.

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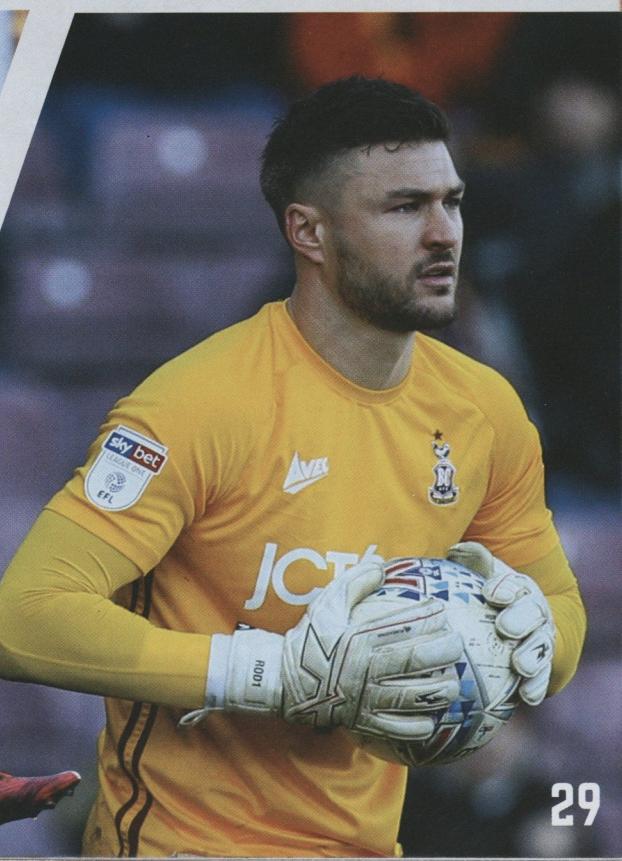


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Substitutes: 1 Chapman | 11 Reed | 16 Bennett | 17 Toney | 19 Cooper | 23 Denton | 26 Stevens

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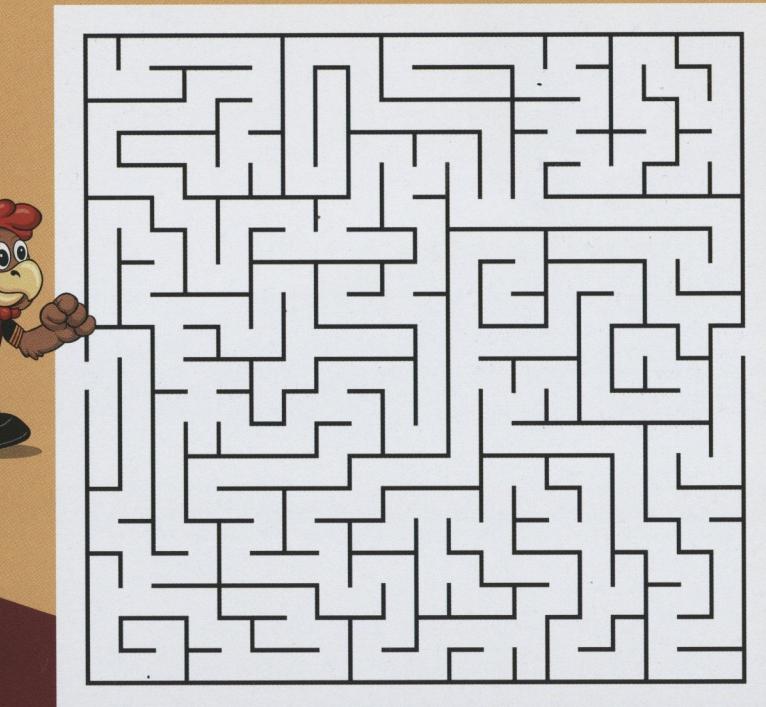


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KATIE'S WORLD OF FOOTBALL

After so many false dawns at Bradford City over the past year, it's pleasing in the extreme that Gary Bowyer's reign got off to the best possible start.

It was easy to be impressed by Bowyer when he spoke at his maiden press conference last week, and with the values he has extolled since taking over at Valley Parade. But in the 3-1 thumping of Peterborough his side seemed to demonstrate, just five days into his reign, that they have already begun to capture those virtues. It was, at times, startling to watch.

There is a risk, of course, of getting carried away after one game, and to do so on the evening they play Luton - who have not lost in League One since October 13th last year - would be foolish. But despite all their stumbles this season City remain in touching distance of survival - Bowyer has already slashed the gap to four points - and already they are displaying the hallmarks of the Phil Parkinson team that clung on to their League Two spot in 2011/12.

For Bowyer to even get something approaching a coherent performance out of City with less than a week to work with the squad, especially off the back of their 5-1 defeat at Portsmouth, would have felt like success - but for his team to serve up what they did felt like a real statement of intent.

There is, undoubtedly, much to work on and a long way to go if City are to make the most of what could be a fairly bruising run-in, but his City were committed throughout, aggressive where it mattered and diligent off the ball. They were stubborn defensively and their shape was spot on. For Bowyer to have reinvigorated them in so short a window speaks volumes. Their first Saturday afternoon win of the calendar year - also their first win of the season over a side in the top ten - was merited.

The challenge, now, is for them to repeat that ten more times - five, at the minimum. They are not over the line yet but they have given themselves, at least, something to play for and, better, a fighting chance. Bowyer has hit all the right notes in his audition, but here is hoping he still has one more rabbit to pull out the hat as the season reaches its crescendo.



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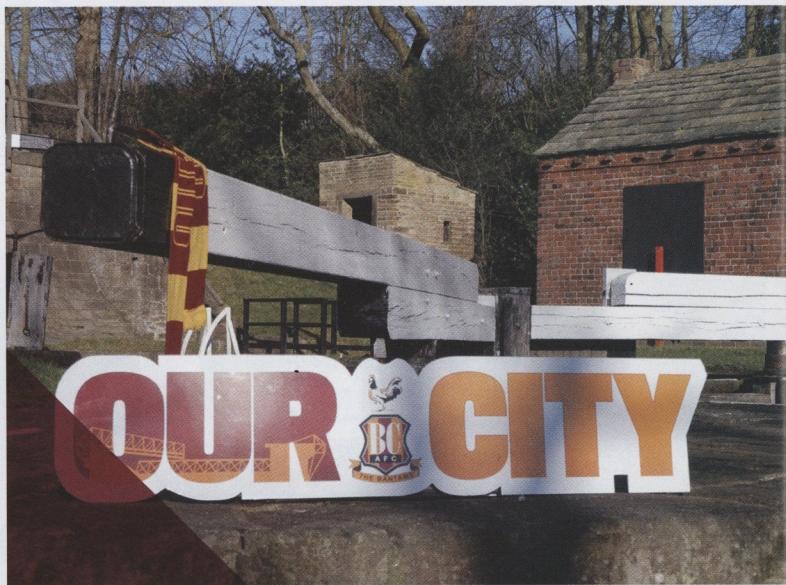
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FRIENDLY ROUND-UP

BRADFORD CITY'S UNDER-18S PRODUCED A MATURE PERFORMANCE TO RESCUE A LATE 2-2 DRAW AGAINST THACKLEY'S SENIOR SIDE ON 19TH FEBRUARY.

Up against much stronger, more physical opposition, a City side containing senior professionals Josh Wright, Joe Riley, Omari Patrick and George Sykes-Kenworthy were twice made to come from behind to earn a result they were full value for.

Just five minutes after Thackley had taken the lead in the first period, City equalised to send the teams in level at half time, with Jorge Sikora turning Jake Maltby's corner in at the far post.

In the second half it looked like a Thackley goal on 73 minutes had done enough to snatch victory, before Kielen Adams pounced for

City in the dying minutes to convert for 2-2 following a hectic goalmouth scramble.

Then, on 9th March the young Bantams fell to a 1-0 defeat against Wolverhampton Wanderers' Under-18s away at the club's Academy Base.

In an interesting spectacle it was City who enjoyed the better of the first period against their Category 1 Academy opponents, however a goal against the run of play on the stroke of half time handed Wolves the lead at the break.

Despite Raeece Ellington's goal ten minutes into the second half being

ruled out for offside, City were unable to kick on and find the equaliser their performance deserved, and 1-0 it finished.

CITY vs. THACKLEY: George Sykes-Kenworthy, Joe Riley (Dan Francis 59'), Jorge Sikora, Reece Staunton (Finn Cousin-Dawson 73'), Jeremie Milambo (c); Jake Maltby, Josh Wright (Connor Shanks 59'), Raeece Ellington (Kian Scales 73'); Eddy Prata, Kielen Adams, Omari Patrick (Wade Ripley 66'). SUBS (not used): Alfie Darke.

GOALS: Sikora (24'), Adams (89').

MAN OF THE MATCH: Jake Maltby.

CITY vs. WOLVES: Alfie Darke; Hayden Smethurst (Finn Cousin-Dawson 78'), Jorge Sikora, Reece Staunton, Jeremie Milambo; Eliot Goldthorpe, Raeece Ellington, Wade Ripley (Dan Francis 78'); Kielen Adams (Dylan Drovic 78'), Eddy Prata, Connor Shanks.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Eliot Goldthorpe.



"BESPOKE" FRIENDLIES IMPORTANT FOR TRUEMAN

CITY'S UNDER-18S COACH MARK TRUEMAN HAS HIGHLIGHTED THE IMPORTANCE OF "BESPOKE" FRIENDLIES AGAINST SENIOR SIDES ORGANISED TO FAMILIARISE HIS PLAYERS WITH MEN'S FOOTBALL.

His side battled to a 2-2 draw at Thackley on 19th February and Trueman believes this – in addition to a similar challenge at Silsden on 8th January – was essential in putting the players in situations they may face in the senior game.

He said: "These games are important because (the players) learn different sides (of the game).

"It gives them an insight of non-league and hopefully we're driving them to not play at this level and keep their standards high.

"Obviously, (non-league) isn't where the players want to be, but it just

gives them that insight into men's football and, like I say, into a longer style of play and that physical side of it.

"The other side of men's football is massively important in terms of their development this time."

Trueman was delighted with the performance of his players against a much bigger, stronger outfit, and believes the Silsden friendly had already prepared them somewhat for the physical test.

He added: "I think we learnt a lot from that (Silsden) game.

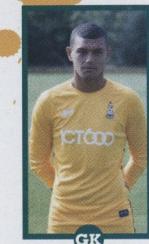
"Today you could see players knowing that they have to work even harder to get on the ball and give themselves more space because they have to take the two touches.

"We had to move it quicker, we had to move it two-touch, we had to really concentrate.

"It's a really bobbly pitch so - with every pass and every touch - you have to concentrate and have the contact and detail of each pass and I thought we did that really well.

"We were just unlucky not to go and get the win which I thought we deserved.

"Games like this are vital for me. Not just the physical side of it, but the styles of play and dealing with it, and the different challenges that come up."

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It was a brilliant way for the new gaffer to start his managerial tenure with that deserved 3-1 win over Peterborough on Saturday.

Bowyer had said in his build up that one of the reasons he jumped at the chance to take charge at City was the noise levels he experienced when he came here as a visiting manager.

He wanted this current team to give our supporters something to shout about and they certainly delivered at the weekend.

The noise around the stadium when Jacob Butterfield smashed in the opener against the Posh was incredible and those roars got louder as the goals continued to fly in.

With five home games remaining this campaign, there's no doubt that you, the home support, could make a difference and quite literally be the 12th man as City scrap for their League One lives.

I have to say some of the grounds we've been to, particularly recently on Pulse 2 Matchday Live have been intimidating atmospheres.

The crowds may not be huge but the noise levels and venom against the opposing team have been clear to hear. Walsall was a prime example of that a fortnight ago where the home supporters were calling for every decision to go against City after an early decision and a sending off went against them.

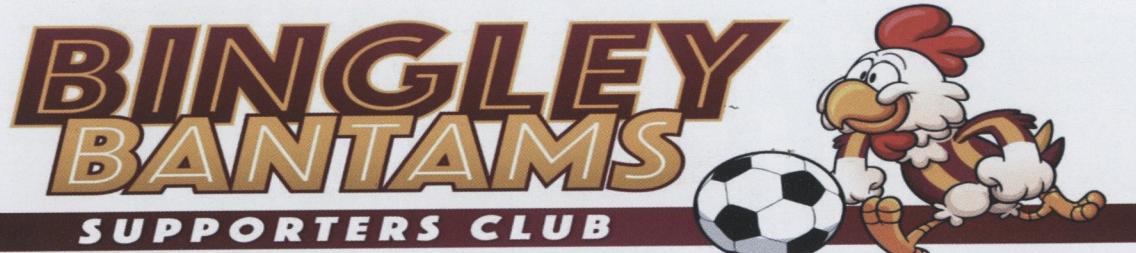


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Bradford City WFC went down to a heartbreaking 2-1 defeat at Derby on Sunday, losing to a goal scored in the third of what should've been two added-on minutes.

Luke Norris took over coaching duties with manager Steve Winterburn absent for personal reasons, and he set up his young side with a narrow but solid formation that Derby found hard to break down.

The first 20 minutes were fairly uneventful, with Derby having the only real effort in extremely windy conditions, but then on 25 minutes Falone Sumaili

broke through the Derby back line and rounded the keeper to give City a well deserved lead.

City's back line held strong for the rest of the half under some heavy pressure from the hosts, but went in one-up at half time.

Five minutes into the second half Stephanie Smith hit a speculative shot that eluded the Bradford defence to equalise for Derby.

City continued to battle in midfield, and captain Maisie Norde marshalled the midfield admirably, but as the clock

ticked over to the 93rd minute Grace Harrison poked the ball home with the last kick of the game to send Derby delirious while the Bantams players were left in tears as the referee blew for full time.

This was certainly Bradford's strongest performance of the season, a great response to Tuesday's defeat at Guiseley.

Next up for Bradford is a tough home game to the all conquering Blackburn Rovers side at Eccleshill on Wednesday 13th March.



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Suddenly there feels like a bit of hope again going into the final 10 games. Strap yourselves in for a bumpy ride!

Eoin Doyle pointed out afterwards that he had anticipated a promotion push when signing for City last summer. Instead it has been one long slog to stay up – a battle he says will be the biggest achievement of his career if City can pull it off.

We keep talking about the quality in the squad and there's no doubt that the players are good enough to get out of the mire.

But it's going to be a real scrap over the coming weeks to test the nerves of those on and off the pitch.

There are several "six-pointers" to come against others in the relegation mix, like Oxford on Saturday, Bristol Rovers, Scunthorpe and Wimbledon.

But first City face the ultimate test tonight of trying to topple the leaders.

Luton have been magnificent this season – to go unbeaten since October says everything about a dream year since coming back up from League Two.

Successive promotions appear well on the cards for a team who score for fun – as City found to their cost in a wet night at Kenilworth Road in November.

They have even taken the sudden departure of manager Nathan Jones to Stoke without breaking stride.

Mick Harford, a fearsome target man in his playing days with the club, has

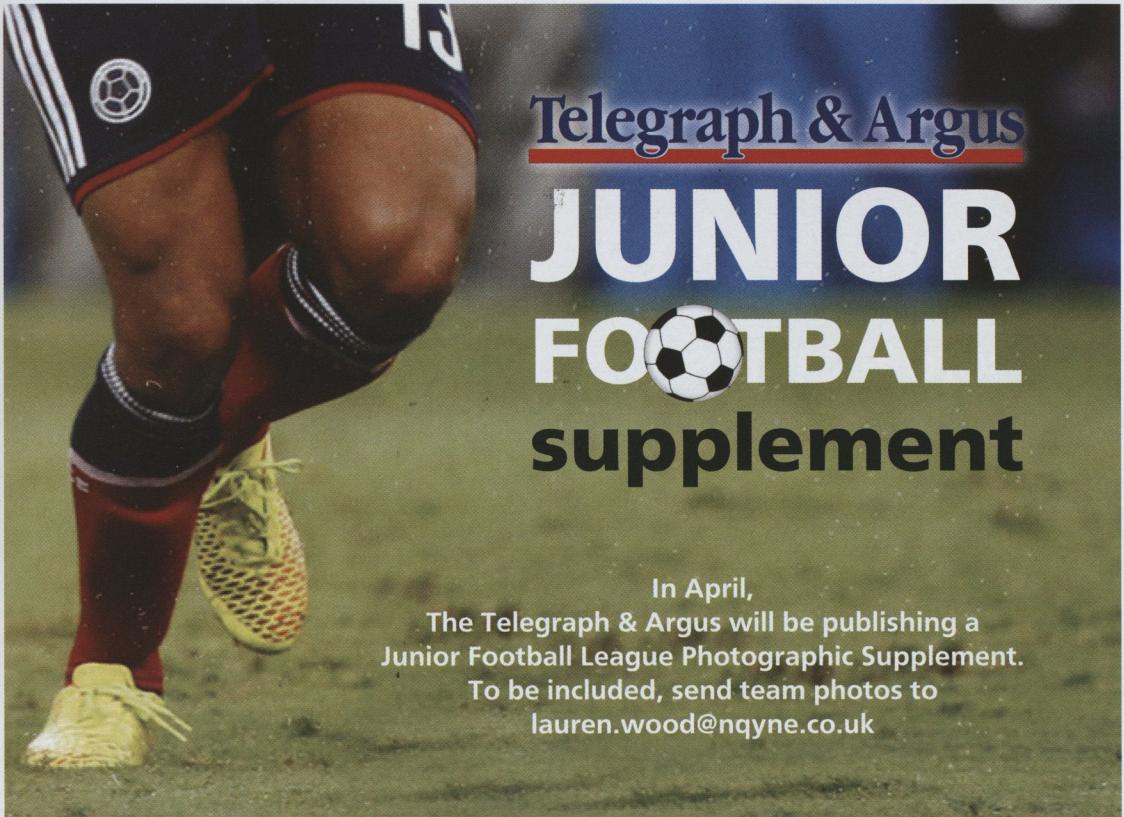
maintained the momentum that looks destined to earn a ticket to next season's Championship.

But City will take great confidence from the Peterborough win. A huge weight was lifted with their first victory for six games and more importantly the gap to fifth from bottom was reduced to four points.

Wins for several rivals reminded everyone that there can be no slacking off. No "nearly" games as Bowyer pointed out in the post-match press conference.

The fans must be up for it as much as the players. Saturday was proof of the difference it can make from such a vocal united front.

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Our Easter camps are now organised. They are for 5-13 year old boys and girls of all abilities. Our coaches all have a DBS and are emergency aid trained and have a safeguarding qualification. The days are about fun and games as well as football, and all welcome. You can book on line at www.bradfordcityfc.org.uk or ring us on 01274 706850.

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Here at Bradford City FC Community Foundation we run a Football and Education Scholarship for 16-18 year olds. We offer the BTEC Level 3 extended diploma, worth up to 3 A Levels and it runs over 2 years.

September 2018 saw the start of our new programme, with 26 students and having made a great start to the programme, they're still doing really well and establishing themselves as great students.

We are currently recruiting boys and girls for the BTEC3 Sports Diploma starting in Sept 2019.

The course is for pupils currently in year 11 or 12 who have or are predicted to get grade 4 and above in Maths and English.

We are also looking for students who are about to finish year 13 and leaving school as we now offer a 2 year Foundation degree course. You do not have to have done the 2 year scholarship course to do the Foundation degree. Our aim is to give pupils an opportunity to get a brilliant qualification that can lead to university as well as giving them a chance to play football every week against other football league teams

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The League games takes place on Wednesdays across Yorkshire, as rival professional clubs go head to head in regional divisions between September and June .

For further information contact K Farrand 07813081681 or email kim.farrand@bcfccommunity.co.uk or use our details on the page.

We also have an Academy linked U15s/U16s mixed group that train twice a week and play games Saturday morning. For more info email Adam.fox@bcfccommunity.co.uk

Pictured here are Connor Wood and Omari Patrick visiting St Matthews Primary.



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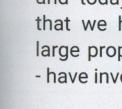
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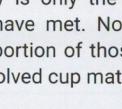
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A HISTORY OF BCAFC IN OBJECTS



**Bradford City v Luton Town,
12th March 2019**

A cold night in Luton

Featured today the programme from what was possibly the biggest game between City and Luton, the League Cup Quarter-Final tie in January, 1988.

It was not until the 1965/66 season that Bradford City played Luton Town and today is only the 19th occasion that we have met. Notable is that a large proportion of those games - five - have involved cup matches.

We were knocked out of the FA Cup at Luton in 1973/74 and then at Valley

Parade in 2003/04. In the League Cup we were beaten 0-2 in the Fifth Round, quarter-final in January, 1988 but we secured revenge in October, 1990 by defeating Luton by penalties after extra-time in the Second Round, Second Leg at Valley Parade.

The League Cup meeting 31 years ago was particularly memorable. It came at a time when Bradford City sat among the leading clubs of the second division and it felt equally surreal that we should be entertaining the prospect of an appearance in the semi-finals of a national cup competition. Luton Town was then a first division club and in

fact of the eight quarter-finalists, five others - Arsenal, Everton, Manchester United, Oxford United and Sheffield Wednesday - were in the top tier whilst Manchester City and ourselves were members of Division Two.

Football aside, what I remember of that day is travelling to the match with a couple of colleagues and seeing for the first time a 'car phone', a brick sized gadget that provided mobile telephone connectivity and which has evolved into the indispensable pocket gadget that we all carry today.

Sadly, a giant-killing never happened and City were defeated 0-2. Luton went on to beat Oxford in the semi-final and then Arsenal in the final. By contrast our season ended in disappointment with play-off defeat at Middlesbrough in what later became known as the 'nearly season'.

All of the league games with Luton have been in the lower divisions. The league record is pretty even and out of 13 games the two sides have won four apiece. Three of those defeats for City have been at Kenilworth Road, comprising two 0-4 reverses and once, 0-5. The latter was in December, 1969 when City were challenging at the top of the third division after being promoted the previous season. That result proved something of a reality check with regards to the prospect of a successive promotion success and it punctured the team's momentum. Yet whilst City fell away to finish mid-table in 1969/70, Luton secured a runners-up position.

The nagging statistic however is that we haven't beaten Luton Town in league competition since our away win more than fifty years ago on 27th April, 1968 in a fourth division fixture.

John Dewhirst

Visit www.johndewhirst.blog for links to features he has written about the history of Bradford sport. If you have a City artefact in your possession that you would like him to feature or provide background about, contact him at johnpdewhirst@gmail.com or tweets @jpdewhirst



2018/19 **FIXTURES & RESULTS**

		COMP	F-A	ATT	POS	STARTING XI					
AUGUST											
Sat 04	Shrewsbury Town	L1	1 - 0	7,625	10	O'Donnell	Chicksen	Knight-Percival	O'Connor	Mellor	Akpan
Sat 11	Barnsley	L1	0 - 2	18,986	13	O'Donnell	Chicksen	Knight-Percival	O'Connor	Mellor	Akpan
Tue 14	Maclesfield Town (KO 19:45)	CC1	1 - 1*	1,422	N/A	Wilson	Chicksen	McGowan	O'Connor	Seedorf	Akpan
Sat 18	Southend United	L1	0 - 2	6,295	18	O'Donnell	Chicksen	McGowan	O'Connor	Wright	Akpan
Tue 21	Burton Albion (KO 19:45)	L1	1 - 0	15,302	9	O'Donnell	Chicksen	McGowan	O'Connor	Wright	Akpan
Sat 25	Wycombe Wanderers	L1	1 - 2	15,563	13	O'Donnell	Chicksen	McGowan	O'Connor	Wright	Akpan
SEPTEMBER											
Sat 01	Fleetwood Town	L1	1 - 2	3,347	17	O'Donnell	Chicksen	McGowan	O'Connor	Wright	Akpan
Sat 08	Blackpool	L1	2 - 3	4,393	20	O'Donnell	Knight-Percival	McGowan	O'Connor	Wright	Wood
Sat 15	Charlton Athletic	L1	0 - 2	15,709	21	O'Donnell	Knight-Percival	McGowan	O'Connor	L. O'Brien	Wood
Sat 22	Doncaster Rovers	L1	1 - 2	8,481	22	O'Donnell	Knight-Percival	McGowan	O'Connor	L. O'Brien	Wood
Tue 25	Everton U21 (KO 19:30)	CT	1 - 1**	902	2nd	O'Donnell	Knight-Percival	Isherwood	O'Connor	L. O'Brien	Wood
Sat 29	Bristol Rovers	L1	0 - 0	15,916	22	O'Donnell	Mellor	McGowan	O'Connor	L. O'Brien	Wood
OCTOBER											
Tue 02	AFC Wimbledon (KO 19:45)	L1	1 - 0	3,630	19	O'Donnell	Mellor	McGowan	O'Connor	L. O'Brien	Wood
Sat 06	Sunderland	L1	1 - 2	19,487	22	O'Donnell	Mellor	McGowan	O'Connor (1)	L. O'Brien	Wood
Tue 09	Oldham Athletic (KO 19:30)	CT	1 - 4	1,015	1st	O'Donnell	Staunton	Isherwood	Seedorf	Gibson	Goldthorp
Sat 13	Accrington Stanley	L1	1 - 3	3,346	22	O'Donnell	Mellor	McGowan	O'Connor	L. O'Brien	Wood
Sat 20	Rochdale	L1	0 - 2	15,875	23	O'Donnell	Mellor	McGowan	O'Connor	L. O'Brien	Wood
Tue 23	Coventry City (KO 19:45)	L1	2 - 4	11,075	24	O'Donnell	Knight-Percival	McGowan	O'Connor (2)	L. O'Brien	Wood
Sat 27	Gillingham	L1	0 - 4	4,399	24	O'Donnell	Knight-Percival	Isherwood	O'Connor	L. O'Brien	Wood
NOVEMBER											
Sat 03	Portsmouth	L1	0 - 1	16,393	24	O'Donnell	Knight-Percival	McGowan	O'Connor	L. O'Brien	Chicksen
Sat 10	Aldershot Town (A)	FAC1	1 - 1	2,455	N/A	O'Donnell	Knight-Percival (1)	McGowan	O'Connor	L. O'Brien	Wood
Tue 13	Barnsley (KO 19:30)	CT	1 - 2	2,925	4th	O'Donnell	Knight-Percival	J. O'Brien	O'Connor	Devine	Chicksen
Sat 17	Peterborough United	L1	1 - 1	8,046	24	O'Donnell	Knight-Percival	McGowan	O'Connor (1)	L. O'Brien	Chicksen
Tue 20	Aldershot Town (H)	FAC1R	1 - 1*	2,248	N/A	O'Donnell	Knight-Percival	McGowan	O'Connor	L. O'Brien	Chicksen
Sat 24	Oxford United	L1	2 - 0	19,084	24	O'Donnell	Knight-Percival	Henry	O'Connor	L. O'Brien	Chicksen
Tue 27	Luton Town (KO 19:45)	L1	0 - 4	8,568	24	O'Donnell	McGowan	Henry	Wood	L. O'Brien	Chicksen
DECEMBER											
Sat 01	Peterborough United (A)	FAC2	2 - 2	3,750	N/A	O'Donnell	J. O'Brien	Henry	O'Connor	L. O'Brien	Chicksen
Sat 08	Plymouth Argyle	L1	3 - 3	9,092	24	O'Donnell	Miller (1)	Henry	O'Connor	L. O'Brien	Chicksen
Tue 11	Peterborough United (H) (KO 19:45)	FAC2R	4 - 4*	3,486	N/A	Wilson	Miller (2)	Knight-Percival	O'Connor	L. O'Brien	Chicksen
Sat 15	Walsall	L1	4 - 0	15,314	22	O'Donnell	Miller	Knight-Percival	O'Connor	L. O'Brien	Chicksen
Sat 22	Scunthorpe United	L1	2 - 0	16,130	20	O'Donnell	Miller	Knight-Percival	McGowan	L. O'Brien	Chicksen
Wed 26	Sunderland	L1	0 - 1	46,039	21	O'Donnell	Miller	Knight-Percival	McGowan	L. O'Brien	Chicksen
Sat 29	Rochdale	L1	4 - 0	5,673	21	O'Donnell	O'Connor (1)	Knight-Percival (1)	McGowan	L. O'Brien	Chicksen
JANUARY											
Tue 01	Accrington Stanley	L1	3 - 0	16,318	20	O'Donnell	O'Connor	Knight-Percival	McGowan	L. O'Brien (1)	Chicksen
Sat 12	Barnsley	L1	0 - 3	14,962	22	O'Donnell	A. O'Connor	Knight-Percival	McGowan	L. O'Brien	Chicksen
Sat 19	Southend United	L1	0 - 4	15,517	23	O'Donnell	A. O'Connor	Knight-Percival	McGowan	L. O'Brien	Akpan
Sat 26	Burton Albion	L1	1 - 1	3,162	23	O'Donnell	A. O'Connor	Knight-Percival	Woods	L. O'Brien	Akpan (1)
Tue 29	Shrewsbury Town	L1	4 - 3	14,906	21	O'Donnell	A. O'Connor	Knight-Percival	Woods	L. O'Brien (1)	Akpan
FEBRUARY											
Sat 02	Wycombe Wanderers	L1	0 - 0	4,586	22	O'Donnell	A. O'Connor	Knight-Percival	Chicksen	L. O'Brien	Akpan
Sat 09	Fleetwood Town	L1	0 - 1	15,365	23	O'Donnell	A. O'Connor	Knight-Percival	Chicksen	L. O'Brien	Akpan
Sat 16	Plymouth Argyle	L1	0 - 0	15,855	23	O'Donnell	A. O'Connor	Knight-Percival	Chicksen	L. O'Brien	Clarke
Sat 23	Walsall	L1	2 - 3	5,503	23	O'Donnell	A. O'Connor	Knight-Percival	Chicksen	L. O'Brien	Clarke
MARCH											
Sat 02	Portsmouth	L1	1 - 5	17,657	23	O'Donnell	A. O'Connor	Knight-Percival	Wood	L. O'Brien	Akpan (1)
Sat 09	Peterborough United	L1	3 - 1	15,890	23	O'Donnell	A. O'Connor	Knight-Percival	Mellor	L. O'Brien (1)	Akpan
Tue 12	Luton Town (KO 19:45)	L1				O'Donnell	A. O'Connor	Knight-Percival			
Sat 16	Oxford United	L1				O'Donnell	A. O'Connor	Knight-Percival			
Sat 23	Blackpool	L1				O'Donnell	A. O'Connor	Knight-Percival			
Sat 30	Charlton Athletic	L1				O'Donnell	A. O'Connor	Knight-Percival			
APRIL											
Sat 06	Doncaster Rovers	L1				O'Donnell	A. O'Connor	Knight-Percival			
Sat 13	Bristol Rovers	L1				O'Donnell	A. O'Connor	Knight-Percival			
Fri 19	Coventry City	L1				O'Donnell	A. O'Connor	Knight-Percival			
Mon 22	Gillingham	L1				O'Donnell	A. O'Connor	Knight-Percival			
Sat 27	Scunthorpe United	L1				O'Donnell	A. O'Connor	Knight-Percival			
MAY											
Sat 04	AFC Wimbledon (KO 17:30)	L1				O'Donnell	A. O'Connor	Knight-Percival			

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MARKHAM'S MUSINGS

Luton Town – tonight's visitors to Valley Parade – are enjoying success on and off the field.

Not only are they flying high in League One – five points clear at the top before last weekend's matches – and on course for a second successive promotion – but they are also on the verge of obtaining final approval for a long awaited new ground.

Kenilworth Road – a short walk from the town centre – has been Luton's home for more than 100 years, but they have been desperate to move from their cramped, antiquated ground probably since the war.

When we began married life in Luton some 50 years, I used to attend matches there in the old Fourth Division and facilities were considered poor in those days. Unfortunately, there was never going to be room to re-develop in the town centre, but, at long last, plans for a 23,000 capacity

stadium, complete with hotel, live venue and 550 apartments, next to Junction 10 on the M1 are due to be approved this week.

This is great news for a club that has had more than its share of problems in modern times. They lost their Football League status in 2009-10 when they were relegated to the then Conference after being docked 30 points for financial irregularities and were out of the League until 2013-14 when they won promotion back to League Two. Another promotion – to League One – followed last season and they are strong favourites to be promoted again.

This season's record is impressive. Before the weekend, they had lost only four matches and they were the division's top goal scorers with 69 from 35 matches – making them the envy of most League One clubs – and enjoyed a massive 40 goal difference.

Their 2-0 home win over Rochdale a week last Saturday stretched their unbeaten run to 22 and leading scorer James Collins' last minute goal was his 20th of the season. Sadly, it was a result that cost the popular Rochdale manager Keith Hill his job. Hill is arguably Rochdale's most successful ever manager, but paid the price for a run of bad results.

Some people wondered if Luton would falter after their talented young manager Nathan Jones left to join Championship side Stoke City in January, but his departure has no difference to the team's form. That excellent form has continued under the experienced, 60-year-old Mick Harford, whom the club has announced will stay in charge until the end of the season.

Luton will prove tough opponents for Gary Bowyer and his team tonight.



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