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# THE MANAGER

## MICK HARFORD

**There is only one victory I can kick-off today's notes by looking back on, and that has to be Monday night's win in the Town Hall when Luton Council gave approval for Newlands Park.**

We all know what that means for the hopes of a new stadium finally being built for this great club, and the hard work that 2020 have carried out over the past decade can only be applauded.

Congratulations to Gary Sweet, David Wilkinson and the rest of the board because not only have they brought the club back from the abyss in football terms, they have done so much off the pitch to make Luton – not just the football club – a better place. That will become even more evident as the years go on with the support of the Council and local and national businesses who will want to be part of the developments – not forgetting those 11,000 people who wrote in to show their support.

The 2,500 who have followed us to Devon and then Yorkshire over four days, spending hard-earned cash and taking time off work, will no doubt have been among them, and I'm sure there were a few headaches to recover from before you set off for Bradford on Tuesday morning.

The Monday success was the biggest result in the club's history and we heard the news as we were on the M1, not even halfway through what turned out to be a six-hour journey due to the traffic problems. It shows the mentality of the players and staff we have that it didn't affect them.

I can't praise them enough. From the fitness and medical staff, to the lads for organising their own Cryotherapy sessions on Sunday to help their recovery. Their professionalism is what helped break another club record with a 12th successive away league game without defeat on a tough night at Valley Parade.

The weather and pitch made it difficult, but where we couldn't quite find a way past an inspired goalkeeper at Plymouth when we deserved more than a point, we managed to get the early goal through Jack Stacey and could have had several more against a team who are fighting for their lives.

We welcome Gillingham today and their manager Steve Lovell will have them similarly prepared to give us another tough encounter. I hope they have a good afternoon with us – not too good, obviously – and wish them well for the rest of the season.

Finally, James Collins will join up with the Republic of Ireland squad after today's game and I'm thrilled for him. It is reward for the graft and consistency he has shown for many years, and it's a special time for Collo and his family to see him represent his country.

We'll all be rooting for him to get that first cap. I know Mick McCarthy and Robbie Keane have been impressed with his qualities as a player, and I've told them what a terrific character he is around the place. We all wish him every success in Gibraltar and Dublin.

These are good times for everyone connected with Luton Town, not least you supporters – the best in the land. Make yourselves heard for 90 minutes today and let the lads and 2020 know exactly how much you're behind them. They all deserve it.

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# FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH DIRECTOR **STEPHEN BROWNE**

**A warm welcome to Kenilworth Road, and now we know that we can enjoy every single second because our time here is limited!**

Today we welcome Gillingham fans and directors, Steve Lovell, his staff and players. Recent form has not been consistent for the Gills with many games being settled by the odd goal. This has left them looking over their shoulder but after today with only one other fixture against a top-six side, I'm sure they will be very confident of picking up the points to ensure their place in League One next season.

At the moment, League One is amazing – just three wins and nine points separate 12th from 24th, and with ourselves to down to ninth scrapping for every single point in the promotion hunt, it shows the end of the season run-in is vital for many clubs no matter what end of the table they are at.

After the historic win against Bradford City – setting a new Club record run of 12 away games unbeaten in the Football League – adding to record breaking 24 game unbeaten run, we just know the lads will be itching to get on the pitch to play to win.

Today's game is a matchday dedicated to Level Playing Field, celebrating accessibility and inclusion of disabled supporters. We have had quite a bit going on over the past fortnight so do check out [www.lutontown.co.uk](http://www.lutontown.co.uk) for news and reports of all the great stuff that people have been doing.

You'll find a video diary from George Barnard who was the supporter helped out of his wheelchair to celebrate by a Shrewsbury steward, and an interview with 19-year-old Joseph who has come to us from Central Beds College to help the ground staff and maintenance team whilst we teach him new skills and help his confidence. Joseph plays for

our Every Player Counts disability team so see how you can get involved too.

The players' boot auction ended this week raising funds for Kids in Action and a huge thank you to all the bidders and the successful recipients.

WOW! What a few weeks...it's hard to take it all in. As that classic Motty phrase goes in that memorable 5-1 win away in Germany, just as Owen scored his third.... *"This just keeps on getting better and better and BETTER!!"*

## Rollercoaster

The news is coming thick and fast! Records are being set on the pitch; we have gained planning permissions for both Power Court and Newlands Park; Collo has a call up; Hylts, Potts, Cornick, Luke, Glen et al are all making excellent comebacks from injury to show the strength of squad we have; Mick and his staff have been simply superb in their leadership; Sheez is a giant as Club captain; we have a full house every week; Luton, Luton Town, Lutonians, are united as never before; and as seen on Sky TV, with new camera technology we don't rely solely on the TV gantry anymore!

The ride has been a rollercoaster since we became custodians of the Club, and wow, looking back we made quite a few commitments back in the day:

- The first was about being, whenever and wherever possible, open, honest, and transparent;
- The second was to ensure stability and to operate 'within our means';





- The third was about reigniting and preserving our Club's great name, culture, and identity;
- The fourth was to re-establish trust and confidence with all stakeholders...supporters, staff, community, neighbours, businesses, and public servants to name a few;
- The fourth was about playing at a competitive level that we felt was part of the fabric of the Club – i.e. at least the Championship – by 2020;
- The fifth was about us playing in a new stadium, by 2020 too.

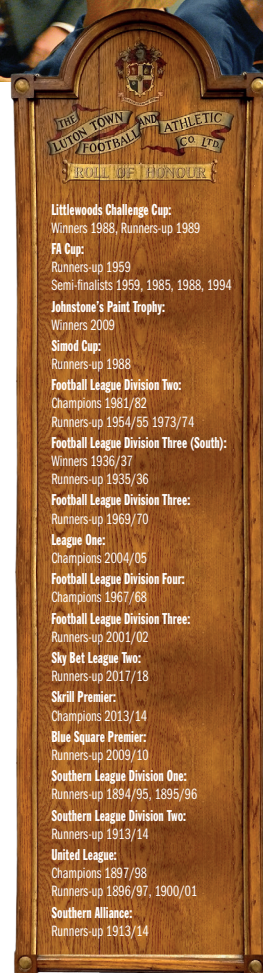
We hope you agree that we have done our best to deliver on every single one of those commitments, and whilst we would have liked to be at Power Court sooner, the fact remains, it is now a reality that we have a path ahead!

We know everyone wants to know when they can bring their spades and hard hats to start getting on with the job. Well, there are two sides to that:

Firstly, the planning process means we need to await the decision from the Secretary of State as to whether it is felt that the application should be 'called in'. This means scrutiny to see and ensure that the decision that has been taken is consistent with local and national planning guidelines.

With Power Court we heard within a week or so that it was not going to be 'called in', and as Sian Timoney has stated in the media, we hope we hear about this – more complex – proposal as quickly as possible. However, the Secretary of State has a time period within which to act so we must wait patiently whilst matters take their due course.

Once we overcome that hurdle, secondly then any objector can apply for a 'Judicial Review'. This focuses on the ensuring the correct processes were followed throughout each stage from when the applications were lodged.



[STEPHEN BROWNE]



Again, there are time scales for any application to be made, and indeed there may not be any application for a Review at all, so we must await the expiry of that timeframe before we know for sure that there is to be no review and work can start.

Even then, as Gary has stated, there is work to be done on clearing and preparing the ground.

So, a politician's answer regarding a start date! Yes, we again ask for patience. You have been superb in showing belief and patience firstly in the Club turnaround that lasted 6-8 years, and then in the planning process which has been another 2-4 years. But now we are in the end game so what you know for sure is that it will be as soon as practicably possible and wheels have been in motion for some time.

We will keep you updated and, unlike Brexit, we have a plan so please stick with us, enjoy the Kenny whilst it lasts, the time will just fly by and, before you know it, we will be in our new home.

What a force for positive change we have all created! Word is spreading far and wide. In the dark days we garnered a lot of support and sympathy from people around the world – for some it was their first introduction to Luton Town and our history.

Today, people remember that little ol' distressed English club and they are taking a second look at what we have become. Through hard work, never-ending belief, and trust in each other, we are now being talked about by so many in the media and we have made many, many friends.

People have noticed that this is not about one star player or done by one person, or done simply with uber money...no, this is about a whole town and county, from all walks of life and backgrounds, coming together for one purpose – to save our town!

What we have done is quite simple – we have put the nation's greatest game and unifying force and placed it at the heart of the community, with the sole purpose of developing an exciting future for generations to come.

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And all of this was done by the community for the community...no issues of gender, race, faith, age, nationality, money, ability, accent...a community acting as one for the good of everyone.

Wow! Our town is a pretty amazing place to be at the moment. Everyone is pushing boundaries and everyone is making Herculean efforts. Our task now is to nurture this positive energy to even greater effect.

As we have said before, we thank everyone who travelled to Bradford on Tuesday and grown men cried again as the clocked ticked '20' and you showed your appreciation for this week's news.

We don't know what to say and no doubt you will see the messy sight of grown men blubbing again today. Thank you for believing in us, thank you for sticking with us through thick and thin, thank you for the part you have played – we hear you and we are humbled to be part of such an amazing community.

Ten thousand voices in the Kenny today! Savour every second with a smile, and let's sing our hearts out!



# THE SKIPPER

**Alan Sheehan**

**Welcome back to Kenilworth Road for today's game against Gillingham. It's certainly good to be home after 840 miles and the best part of 24 hours spent on a bus, covering two of our longest away trips of the season in the space of four days.**

You look at those two fixtures back-to-back, with all the travelling involved, and you'd probably take four points from six. But having played as well as we did at Plymouth and created the chances, you look back and feel it could have been all six.

With results elsewhere, and the fact that Barnsley were playing Sunderland so something had to give from one or both of our nearest rivals, we've certainly come out of the period with a decent hand.

Those kind of nights like Tuesday, with the poor weather and difficult pitch, are the ones everyone talks about as being vital to get the result if you're going to be successful, and the boys out on the pitch certainly dug into restrict a Bradford side fighting for everything.

You could sense that it was a big one to chalk off at the end. The reaction from the supporters who'd made that journey and got soaked to the bone over on the far side was something else. There is a real connection between everyone at the club at the moment, and that goes from the stands to the players and the boardroom.

They all would have been celebrating the night before when the dream of a new stadium became a reality, and the Newlands Park

decision certainly gave us players a boost when we heard the news as we sat in traffic on the M1!

We know that Gary Sweet and his team have worked so hard for it. I remember being shown the plans when I first signed, and then the models before the applications were put in, and the prospect of Power Court being built has been – and will be – a big lure for a lot of players to come to Luton. Congratulations to Gary and the board for delivering.

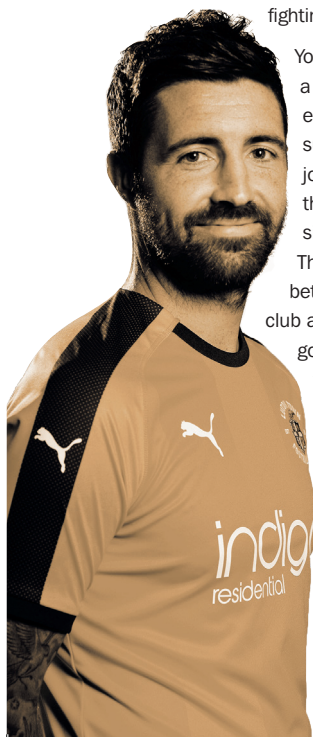
Finally, we're all delighted for Collo on his Republic of Ireland call-up. As an Irishman especially, it's great to see him get his chance because it gives hope to us all that they aren't going to just look at the Premier League.

Collo's been magnificent this season and the whole squad couldn't be more pleased for him. When I came in from training and saw on my phone that he was in, I was as excited for him as I could be if I'd been called up myself.

We'll all be watching how he gets on and although we'll miss him for the Doncaster game, it's a chance to show once again the depth of the squad as we look to continue this great run we're on.

Thanks again for your support on the road. We'll need it more than ever now over the run-in, especially today against another side fighting for everything. It'll be a test, so please give it everything from the stands as you have been doing so magnificently this season.

Enjoy the game.



**HOW WE REPORTED MONDAY NIGHT'S HISTORIC NEWS FROM THE TOWN HALL...**

# NEWLANDS PARK APPROVED!

**2020 Developments game-changing plans for Newlands Park given the go-ahead by Luton Borough Council's development control committee**

In years to come, the 11th March 2019 will be remembered as one of the most important days in the entire history of Luton Town Football Club – as Luton Borough Council's development control committee determined that the plans for Newlands Park should be approved.

This momentous decision comes two and a half years after the plans were submitted and following a rigorous period of scrutiny from the Council's planning department.

We can now all look forward to a future in the state-of-the-art stadium at Power Court, a secure future will give us the best possible opportunity to compete at the highest level and a bright future for Luton, with the Club's developments at the heart of the town's regeneration.

As well as the obvious benefits to the Club, the developments will bring in the region of 10,000 jobs to Luton, and a much-needed boost to the local economy to the tune of £250m annually.

On March 1st, the planning department revealed their report, which recommended Newlands Park for approval – laying the foundations for this evening's decision. The plans, which were revealed to the public in 2016 alongside the plans for the new Hatters stadium at Power Court, consist of new offices, retail, leisure facilities, restaurants and bars as well as a 300-bed hotel.







## GARY SWEET ON 'BIGGEST MOMENT' IN THE CLUB'S HISTORY!

### WHAT HATTERS CEO HAD TO SAY AFTER NEWLANDS PARK PERMISSION WAS GRANTED

"It is probably the biggest moment in the history of Luton Town Football Club," Gary told BBC Look East. "My job is to keep my feet on the ground now and wait for the secretary of state to give his approval and ensure there is no challenge thereafter.

"We've still got three or four months to go, and then I'll probably open my bottle of champagne. But I'll insist that everyone else does so now.

"The secretary of state may well have a look at it to see if there is any kind of regional impact and to see if he agrees with the decision of the council. For us, it's a local decision, so there should be no call-in.

"And then it is up to anybody if they want to challenge it through the judicial review process, which is them challenging the decision of the council. So we'll probably need about four months before we absolutely know that none of those things will happen.

"I can believe (permission was granted) because I always had faith and confidence that we'd get to this point. That's not an arrogant statement, but it's interesting that when we deal in a commercial world, we are football people, we don't lose.

"We've got a sports mentality that we take to the commercial market and so, in this case, we studied the opposition in the way that Mick Harford will be

with Bradford tomorrow night and Gillingham on Saturday.

"We knew what the arguments were going to be, and we covered all of that with the retail conditions and all of the additional effort that we put into the design.

"I think we won it two and a half years ago when we submitted the applications. It's been the same argument that we had back then. It's been the same designs that we had back then. We've used the same people all the way through.

"We haven't changed any of those consultants. It's a team, just like Mick's taking the team to Bradford, this is a team. Our team is solid, it's sound and we know what we're talking about. It was thoroughly thought through. The designs are fantastic and we are providing Luton with exactly what Luton needs, and that's why we won the case.

"One thing I thank everybody for is their patience, but I'm also going to ask for more because actually we can't really give a date. I don't necessarily want to do what Tottenham have done this year and announce a moving in date and then delay it.

"When you get a date from us, it will be a realistic one, but enjoy Kenilworth Road for the next three or four years, is all I'm going to say."



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2020 Developments have already invested approximately £30m purchasing the land for the developments at Power Court and Newlands Park, demonstrating their absolute commitment to the Town, and the projects, which were the best supported in UK history with some 11,000 letters of support received by the local council for the two projects.

We would like to extend our thanks to Hatters everywhere for their patience and support – which has gone a long way to help us achieve planning consent, especially those volunteers who have given up their time to support the applications so vocally.

Even with this evening's positive news, your support may still be required. In due course we will discover whether the Secretary of State will 'call-in' the Newlands Park project or if it has to go to a Judicial Review. We will of course keep you up to date with any information as it becomes available.

We should also once again thank Luton Borough Council – who have diligently and meticulously examined the applications, and made a secure decision following the required protocols. The scale of their task should not be underestimated.

In November 2007, Luton Town Football Club were on the edge of the abyss, and on the verge of disappearing altogether.



In 2008 Luton Town Football Club 2020 Ltd took the reins – and began implementing their vision that by the year 2020 the Club would be reborn. The rebirth would come in the shape of a new stadium, playing football at a level befitting of a Club with the heritage and standing of our great Club – and they have kept their word.

Tonight's future-making decision will be celebrated by Lutonians, and Luton Town supporters everywhere from Bury Park to Berlin, Marsh Farm to Melbourne and New Town to New York. Today's place in the history books is guaranteed.

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## IRISH EYES SMILE ON COLLO!

All at Kenilworth Road would like to wish striker James Collins the very best of luck when he heads off to join up with the full Republic of Ireland squad for the first time after today's game, following his call-up for the Euro 2020 qualifiers against Gibraltar and Georgia.

The 28-year-old's form for the Town this season, in which he has scored 20 goals going into today's game and won the Sky Bet Player of the Month award for January, has resulted in a debut senior call-up by Mick McCarthy, who had watched him against Rochdale in our last home game.

James won six caps at Under-19 level and 12 for the Irish U21s, and after announcing his selection along with Newport County striker Padraig Amond, McCarthy said: "James Collins has scored goals at every level he's played at.



James and Padraig have had very good seasons. They deserve the recognition of being called up to the squad."

Of course, selection for the matches at Gibraltar's Victoria Stadium next Saturday and at home to Georgia on Tuesday 26th March means James will miss the Town's next game against Doncaster.

But we all wish him every success – do us proud Collo!

## HAPPY 60TH GEORGE!

We would like to wish Hatters supporter George Szpala a very happy 60th birthday.

Your son, Adam, got in touch to send birthday wishes and love from the whole family for your special day.

Having attended Luton games since 1968, George will be hoping for another three points today to follow the early present confirmed by the council on Monday!



## SEVEN-UP FOR JOSHUA!



And it's a happy seventh birthday celebration for junior Hatter Joshua Mooney here at the match this afternoon.

Joshua has been a Town supporter since birth and he'll be delighted to see his favourite player Harry Cornick back fit again and hopefully

involved on the pitch today after his substitute's appearance at Bradford.

Have a great day, Joshua!

## ACCRINGTON GAME MOVED FOR TV

We would like to advise supporters that our away fixture against Accrington Stanley has been moved from Friday 19th April to the following day – Saturday 20th April – with a kick-off time of 5.30pm.

The reason for this is that the match, originally scheduled for 3pm on Good Friday, has been selected for live coverage by Sky Sports.

We apologise to any supporters inconvenienced by this change of date and kick-off time, which is beyond the club's control as part of the EFL's broadcast contract with Sky.



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# Level Playing Field Weeks of Action: celebrating access and inclusion

## Luton Town Football Club are pleased to support the 2019 Level Playing Field (LPF) Weeks of Action.

This annual initiative, now in its 14th year, aims to celebrate access and inclusion for disabled sports fans across England and Wales.

Disabled people constitute the largest minority group at around 15 per cent of the population and this number is increasing year on year.

Naturally, a large number of disabled people are football fans too and we are pleased to take this opportunity to thank our own disabled fans for their continued loyalty and dedication to this great club. But we also appreciate that many disabled people have yet to share the passion and pleasures of being a football fan.

The Hatters welcome disabled fans along with their families and friends, and over the past fortnight we have shared the stories of George Barnard, a supporter who attends matches home and away in his wheelchair, and Joseph, a 19-year-old who helps the club's ground staff one day a week as part of our partnership with Central Beds College, in order to help build his confidence and social skills.

We have also carried stories on the recent matchday visit of the players' charity of the season – Kids In Action – for whom the squad have held a boot and glove auction which has raised a sizeable four-figure sum, while our homegrown defender James Justin proudly volunteered to be player patron for the Luton Town Disabled Supporters' Association.



On page 58 of today's programme, you can also read about the

success of the Hatters Adult PAN Disability team who had a half-time kickabout on the Kenilworth Road pitch when we hosted Rochdale recently.

LTFC are pleased to support the Level Playing Field Weeks of Action 2019 by dedicating today's fixture with Gillingham to the wonderful campaign.

We are joining together with sports clubs, fans and organisations across England and Wales who are all taking part in #WeeksOfAction2019 and have chosen to share one common message – access and inclusion for all.

For more information about Level Playing Field (LPF) and this year's Weeks of Action, please visit [www.levelplayingfield.org.uk](http://www.levelplayingfield.org.uk) email [info@levelplayingfield.org.uk](mailto:info@levelplayingfield.org.uk) or call **01923 545 370**. Alternatively you may wish to send a message of support to [@lpftweets](https://twitter.com/lpftweets) using the hashtag **#WeeksOfAction**



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## TODAY'S MASCOTS



### WARRICK ADAMS

Age: 9

**School:** Bovingdon Primary Academy

**Hobbies:** Warrick plays American football

**Favourite Player:** Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu

**Who do you attend games with:** Mum



### JAMES FIELD

Age: 6

**School:** Brookfield Infant School, Larkfield, Kent

**Hobbies:** attending beavers, football

**Favourite Player:** James Collins

**Who do you attend games with:** Daddy



### JAMES MOON

Age: 12

**School:** Goodwin Academy, Deal, Kent

**Hobbies:** Football

**Favourite Player:** James Collins

**Who do you attend games with:** Parents



### SAM CALDWELL

Age: 12

**School:** Goodwin Academy, Deal, Kent

**Hobbies:** Football, playing the keyboard, drums.

**Favourite Player:** Andrew Shinnie

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[OUR VISITORS]

# WELCOME GILLINGHAM



**The Hatters would like to extend a warm welcome to today's visiting staff, players and supporters of Kent based side, Gillingham.**

A League One side since 2013, the Gills have generally finished mid-table and below, and with ten games to go, look as if a similar position come the end of the campaign might be on the cards.

Consecutive wins for their opening two games was the perfect start for Steve Lovell in his first full campaign as boss at Priestfield, having guided them away from danger last year. A difficult run followed though, and it would take them eight games before they would win again.

A side that are as good away from home as they are in front of their own crowd, they could still be dragged into a relegation scrap if they aren't careful. They do however face a number of teams around them including three sides in the bottom four, so should they carry on their decent run of late, they should be more than fine.

Lovell has put together a side with a decent 'never say die' attitude, with his team finding the net more regularly in the final 15 minutes of games than during any other period of matches. Fifteen goals this campaign in the latter stages have certainly helped in recent weeks, seven points were picked up in three games prior to Tuesday's game against Bristol Rovers by the Gills scoring late on.

It's difficult to talk about Gillingham's goals without mentioning Tom Eaves. Very much in the chase for the League One Golden Boot – for which there is some really strong competition at this stage – he is fighting it out with the likes of James Collins, John Marquis and Ian Henderson.

Defence is the concern for the Gills. Only Scunthorpe, Bradford and Rochdale have worse defensive records than them, with heavy defeats to the likes of Dale, Peterborough and Sunderland really hampering their goal difference.

Although they're yet to defeat a team in the top three this campaign, they very much have the capacity to upset high-flying teams, inflicting Portsmouth's first defeat of the league season back in October – that came at Fratton Park as well.

Founded in 1893, the Gills joined the EFL in 1920. After a spell out of it, they were voted back in in 1950, when the league expanded to 92 clubs from 88. A Championship club as recently as 2005, the Priestfield based outfit slipped down the pyramid and had a spell in League Two, before winning promotion as champions six years ago.

## FACTFILE:

NICKNAME: TTHE GILLS  
GROUND: PRIESTFIELD STADIUM  
MANAGER: STEVE LOVELL  
LAST SEASON: 17TH IN LEAGUE ONE

## HEAD-TO-HEAD

LUTON WINS: 38  
DRAWS: 13  
GILLINGHAM WINS: 19  
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# MEET THE SQUAD

## THE GAFFER

**Steve Lovell | Age: 58**

The Welshman signed his first ever playing contract at Crystal Palace. He played just under 100 matches at Selhurst Park before joining Millwall and then eventually Gillingham.

It was with the Gills that Lovell enjoyed his most successful spell as a player with more than 200 appearances. Although the gaffer has been a part of the coaching staff for several teams since he retired from playing, he has only ever managed Gillingham. He was in charge for a few months at the end of 2014 but was offered the role permanently a few years later in 2017 after a run of good form.



## THE STOPPER

**Tomas Holy**  
**Age: 27**

The Czech keeper has played every minute of every league match so far this season. Standing at 6ft 9in, Holy is a tough man to beat, keeping two of his ten clean sheets this season against promotion chasing Portsmouth.

The 27-year-old began his career at Sparta Prague in his home country and had spent his whole career in the Czech Republic until Gillingham bought him in 2017; providing competition to Stuart Nelson at the time. The following season Holy became the Gills' number one and helped the club in steering away from the drop zone.



## GOALKEEPER

**TOM HADLER**  
**AGE: 22**

Although Hadler is yet to make a first team appearance, the young stopper has spent a considerable amount of time on loan, most recently with Gloucester City.



## DID YOU KNOW?

Ex-Trinidad and Tobago international Brent Sancho is one of 13 former Gillingham players to make an international appearance for their country whilst at the club. Sancho though holds the accolade of being the only one to play at the World Cup, representing his country in Germany in 2006. He will, however, be remembered for Peter Crouch getting a great big handful of his dreadlocks so the striker could lift himself above the defender and nod in for England's opening goal. In 2015, Sancho became Minister of Sport in Trinidad & Tobago.



## THE WALL

**Max Ehmer | Age: 27**

Ehmer has been a Gills player since the summer of 2015 after an initial season-long loan in 2014-15 proved to be successful. The German is a product of Queens Park Rangers' academy but has played for a range of clubs in the Football League having only made one appearance for Rangers. Yeovil Town came first, where Ehmer played more than 50 matches for the Glovers. Then brief spells with Preston North End, Stevenage and Carlisle followed until the centre half turned up at Priestfield. The defender has managed to net twice this season, including a late goal against Doncaster to ensure the points were shared.

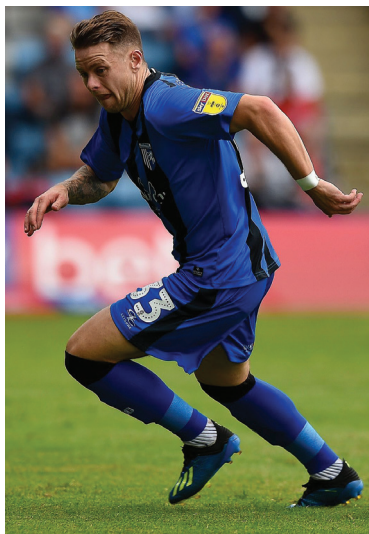
## IN THE MIDDLE

**Mark Byrne | Age: 30**

The experienced midfielder started his career at Nottingham Forest. After season-long loan stints with Burton Albion and Rushden & Diamonds, Byrne put pen to paper with Barnet after impressing the manager while on-loan there in 2010-11.

The Irishman clocked up more than a century of matches at the Hive across three seasons until Newport County purchased him in 2014.

A tremendous campaign in 2015-16 for County saw him scoop Player of the Season, Players' Player of the Season, Goal of the Season, Supporters Club Away Player of the Season and Supporters Club Player of the Season. Gillingham signed the talisman in 2016.



## DEFENDERS

**GABRIEL ZAKUANI  
AGE: 32**

The skipper owns a host of winner's medals, having been promoted to the Premier League with Stoke City, as well as League One promotion on two occasions with Peterborough United.

**LUKE O'NEILL  
AGE: 27**

Played against the Hatters as a Mansfield player in the Blue Square Premier. Capped for the England U17 national side.

**BRADLEY GARMSTON  
AGE: 25**

The Irishman joined the Gills on a one-month loan deal from West Brom in January 2015. This deal was made permanent in the summer following his release from the Hawthorns.

**BARRY FULLER  
AGE: 34**

Back for a second time at Priestfield, Fuller won League Two promotion through the play-offs with the Gills in 2009, something he did with AFC Wimbledon seven years later.

**CONNOR OGILVIE  
AGE: 23**

The Londoner signed his first professional contract with Spurs in 2014, although he has never earned a senior appearance. Currently on his second loan spell with the Gills.

**ALEX LACEY  
AGE: 25**

Local boy Lacey began his career with the Hatters, playing a part in John Still's squad that won promotion back to the Football League in 2013/14.



## MIDFIELDERS

### DEAN PARRETT AGE: 27

Another Tottenham graduate in the Gillingham squad. Parrett has a heap of EFL experience having played at the likes of Plymouth Argyle, Charlton, Yeovil Town and Swindon Town.

### CALLUM REILLY AGE: 25

Won promotion to the Championship with Burton Albion in 2015-16 for the first time in the club's history. Played a lot of his football in the Championship with Birmingham City across four seasons.

## WATCH OUT

### Tom Eaves | Age: 27

The forward notched 18 goals in all competitions for the Gills last season and is looking to beat that this term. With 10 matches to go, Eaves already has 18 under his belt, two behind James Collins who leads the chart on 20. The Liverpoolian has been prolific ever since he signed at Priestfield in 2017, with two hat-tricks and a string of remarkable performances. Eaves began his career at Oldham Athletic and signed for the Gills when he was released from Yeovil Town. The 27-year-old has already scored once against the Hatters this campaign and will be looking to grab his 19th this afternoon.

### ELLIOT LIST AGE: 21

Came through the youth system at Priestfield in 2015 and has remained a Gills player ever since. Spent time with Braintree Town in 2015-16 although he never made an appearance.

### LEONARDO DA SILVA LOPES AGE: 20

Joined the Gills on-loan from Wigan Athletic in January after struggling to find first team football at the DW Stadium. Capped for the Portuguese U20 national side.

### REGAN CHARLES-COOK AGE: 22

Played youth football for Arsenal and Charlton Athletic. Notched a late winner in the Gills' last outing against Wycombe, his second of the season.

## STRIKERS

### GRAHAM BURKE AGE: 25

Burke has started every match so far since his deadline-day loan move from Preston North End. Capped twice for the Republic of Ireland senior team.

### BRANDON HANLAN AGE: 21

Reached the FA Trophy final with Bromley last season while on-loan from Gillingham. Forced his way into the first team this campaign, scoring five along the way.

### JOSH REES AGE: 25

Played alongside Hanlan in the FA Trophy final with Bromley. Came through the Arsenal academy in 2012 and was capped for England U16, U17 and the C team in 2017.



## IN NUMBERS...

<b>Stadium capacity:</b>	<b>11,440</b>
<b>Miles from Kenilworth Road:</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>Year opened:</b>	<b>1893</b>
<b>Average crowd this season:</b>	<b>5,057</b>
<b>Seasons in League One:</b>	<b>6</b>

[ROGER WASH]

# CLASSIC CLASH WITH THE GILLS

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

**16TH OCTOBER 1999 • LUTON TOWN 3 GILLINGHAM 1**

**The Town had finished the 1998/99 campaign in receivership, and throughout the summer manager Lennie Lawrence was left to fend off the advances of clubs out to pick up some of his promising youngsters for a song, as well as having no money to spend.**

Lawrence was eventually forced to sell central defender Chris Willmott and goalkeeper Kelvin Davis to Premiership club Wimbledon, while behind the scenes majority shareholder Cliff Bassett was involved in long discussions with ex-chairman David Kohler as he attempted to buy Kohler's shareholding.

The Football League got so fed up with the wranglings that they imposed a deadline of midnight on Friday 6th August 1999, the day before the new season started, for an agreement to be signed otherwise the Hatters would have been consigned to history.

Mercifully, documents were signed with moments to spare and the Town were therefore allowed to start the new season with a dull 0-0 draw at Notts County. The performance was immaterial – the Town were still alive although most supporters realised that it would be some time before the club could exit receivership.

Despite losing Willmott and Davis, as well as the experienced Mitchell Thomas, the Hatters started the season rather better than most people thought they would.

Seventeen-year-old Matthew Taylor, who made the jump from youth to first team football on the opening day, looked like he had been in the team for years while other starlets off the Kenilworth Road production line – Michael McIndoe, Matthew Spring, Liam George, Emmerson Boyce and Gary Doherty – all played their part.

Impressive home wins over Blackpool, Cardiff, Wrexham and Oxford were wrapped around the club's first, and so far only, win at the Madejski Stadium in Reading, where goals from George and Andrew Fotiadis sealed all three points.

The Town were then unlucky to lose in their first ever trip to the JJB Stadium at Wigan before a last minute goal, scored by Oldham at Boundary Park the following week, pushed the team down to tenth after they had hit the heady heights of second in late August.

Next up was Gillingham at home and the biggest news leading up to the clash was the announcement that the club was finally out of receivership. Bizarrely, the Gills were the first club to be on the receiving end of a defeat after the Town entered administration the previous March.

Manager Lawrence decided to stick with his youngsters after the defeat at Oldham but as he welcomed back Liam George – an Eire international Under-21 call-up in Macedonia had kept him out the previous week – he learned that he was to be without the experienced Phil Gray, sidelined with a bad back.

The Gills were on a good run of form which was to see them eventually win promotion via the play-offs at the season's end and had beaten Wrexham 5-1 at Priestfield the previous week.

All did not seem to be going well when the Gills led 1-0 at the interval courtesy of a 17th minute strike





Liam George rounds Vince Bartram before netting goal number three

from Junior Lewis, who played a neat one-two with Andy Thomson before drilling a low shot past Luton goalkeeper Tanny Abbey.

Whatever was said at half-time seemed to work as the Town certainly stepped up the pace after the interval, and were rewarded when a neat passing move on 52 minutes involving Paul McLaren and Ipswich loanee Neil Midgley released George, who encouraged a foul from ex-Watford midfielder, and pantomime villain, Andy Hessenthaler inside the area.

George calmly stroked home the subsequent spot-kick and from then on, there was only one team in it as Gills previously strong and resolute defence was undone by the fleet-footed Luton youngsters.

Stuart Douglas netted his first goal in 19 games when he turned in Midgley's low cross at the near post on 65 minutes, before George brought the house down with the Town's third goal nine minutes later.

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JOHNSON	HESSENTHALER
GEORGE	OMOYINMI
McLAREN (McINDOE)	SAUNDERS
DOUGLAS	PENNOCK
SPRING	LEWIS
MIDGLEY (LOCKE)	THOMSON
TAYLOR	McGLINCHEY

The 20-year-old danced past two Gillingham challenges before rounding goalkeeper Vince Bartram and slotting the ball into an empty net.

Lennie Lawrence was doubly pleased afterwards, as not only had his team overcome one of the meanest and most experienced defences in the League, but they had come from behind to win for the first time that season.

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Sam Parkin in goalmouth action against the Gills, watched by Chris Martin (right) at a muddy Kenilworth Road

# THE LAST TIME GILLINGHAM CAME TO TOWN

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

**3RD MARCH 2009 • LUTON TOWN 0 GILLINGHAM 0**  
**LEAGUE TWO**

Thankfully this will be the final time this season that our opponents last visited Kenilworth Road during the fateful 2008/09 season, where the Hatters were deducted 30 points and with it, a realistic chance of avoiding the drop out of the Football League.

By the time of the visit of promotion-chasing Gillingham in early March there were 14 games left to play with the Town 14 points from safety.

Not impossible odds but with opposing teams knowing that the Town needed to win, tactics were adjusted accordingly especially at Kenilworth Road. There was also added pressure, of course, on the Town players to take three points from every game.

The Hatters had gone three games unbeaten which included a home win over high-flying Shrewsbury and a victory at Port Vale, and perhaps there was a slight glimmer of hope amongst the Luton faithful should the Town win three more points against the Gills. Sadly, as so often that season, the away side set out to frustrate the Town and on a miserable, wet

evening, Gillingham were happy to contain the Luton attack and perhaps pinch a goal on the break.

The Town showed attacking intent, but the closest they came to a goal was a shot from Tom Craddock just before the interval that cannoned off a post. Sam Parkin, back in the side after illness and looking to replicate his performance at Priestfield earlier in the season when his goal won all three points, was a thorn in the Gillingham defence, but wasteful shooting by him and Craddock meant that the Gills achieved their goal of a point.

It could have been worse on a frustrating evening as, deep in stoppage time, Dean Brill had to save sharply as Gills' Adam Miller was left free in a rare breakaway.

**Luton Town:** Brill, Asafu-Adjaye, Davis, Bower, Keane, Henderson (Howells), Hall, Parkin, Craddock, Martin, Gallen.

**Gillingham:** Royce, Nutter, Fuller, King, Bentley, Jackson (Mulligan), Southall, Miller, Oli (Richards), Weston (Lewis), McCammon.

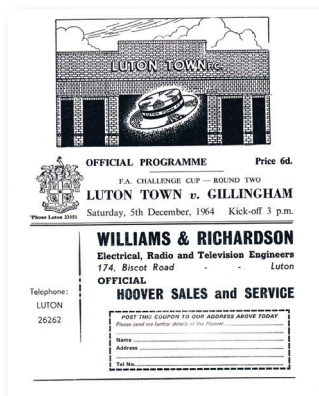
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[ROGER WASH]

# COVERED!

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

## December 1964



A solitary goal from Gordon Riddick, later to play for the Gills, seals a 1-0 victory in an FA Cup second round tie at Kenilworth Road. The win sets up another home tie, this time against Sunderland.

## December 1968



Riddick is on the other side in another second round FA Cup tie at Kenilworth Road. The Town win 3-1 in a feisty encounter with the reward being a clash with League Champions Manchester City at Maine Road.



## August 1969

New Luton signings Matt Tees and Chris Nicholl make their Luton debuts at Priestfield in another rough contest, and probably wonder what they were letting themselves in for! A penalty from new terrace hero Malcolm Macdonald puts the Hatters on their way to an eventual 2-0 victory.

## December 1996

A Boxing Day encounter at Priestfield finishes in a 2-1 win for the Town with Tony Thorpe bagging both Luton goals. Hatters goalkeeper Ian Feuer saves a last-minute penalty taken by Gills' Andy Hessenthaler





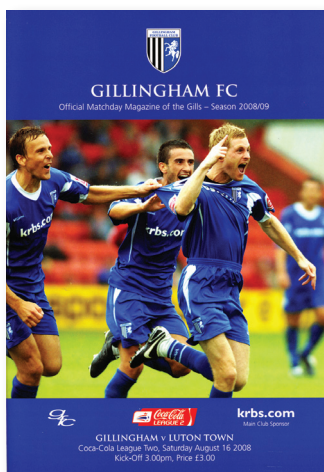
### ▲ March 1999

The Town are in administration and have needed to sell Graham Alexander and Sean Evers, but are allowed to bring Sean Dyche in on loan. Dyche both shores up the Luton defence and scores the only goal of the game to see off the Gills.



### ▲ August 2007

Relegated Luton secure all three points against Gillingham to maintain a 100% home record. Goals from David Bell and Paul Furlong followed by a penalty converted by Matthew Spring confirm a 3-1 victory.



### ▲ August 2008

The Hatters win their first three points of the season which means they are now on minus 27! Sam Parkin scores with a textbook header early on but it is backs to the wall after that with goalkeeper Dean Brill outstanding.



### ▲ August 2016

The Town put out a very young team in this Checkatrade tie at Gillingham, including Connor Tomlinson at 15 years and 199 days. Goals from Frankie Musonda and Jonathan Smith earn a surprising and gratifying 2-1 win.



# DEADLY DUOS

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

## **BRIAN GIBBS & BRIAN YEO**

Inside-forward Brian Gibbs was leading goalscorer in Gillingham's 1963-64 Fourth Division title triumph. A former Portsmouth junior, he had a spell with Gosport Borough before joining Bournemouth in October 1957, featuring in their 1961-62 promotion near-miss.

He reunited with Freddie Cox at Gillingham in October 1964 and was top scorer in five successive seasons, netting 101 goals in 259 League games prior to joining Colchester United in September 1968. Appearing in their 1970-71 FA Cup run, he was Bletchley's player-boss and spent 23 years in meat industry management. He died in Silverstone in January 2014.

Long-serving striker Brian Yeo holds Gillingham's all-time goalscoring record. Signing professional for Portsmouth in May 1961, he moved to Priestfield Stadium in July 1963 and scored on his League debut in Gillingham's 2-0 win at home to Torquay United three months later. He helped Gills to win the Fourth Division title in 1963-64 and was the Football League's leading marksman with 31 goals when they won promotion in 1973-74. Netting 136 times in 355 League outings for Gillingham, he retired in May 1975 to run a newsagents in Gillingham and later had spells as manager of Folkestone and Canterbury City.

## **KEN PRICE & DANNY WESTWOOD**

Bustling striker Ken Price topped Gillingham's goalscoring charts on four occasions. Initially with Highgate United, he helped win the FA Sunday Cup in 1973 and was a prolific scorer for Dudley Town before joining Southend United in May 1976. He moved to Gillingham seven months later and became the perfect foil for Damien Richardson's guile and Danny Westwood's pace.

Starring in consecutive promotion near-misses, he netted 78 goals in 255 League outings prior to joining Reading in January 1983. He helped win promotion in 1983-84 but suffered a recurring knee injury and finished his career with Basingstoke.

Fast striker Danny Westwood was leading marksman in Gillingham's 1978-79 promotion near-miss. A former Fulham junior, he was a prolific scorer with Billericay Town before joining QPR in July 1974 and scored on his First Division debut in their 4-2 win at home to Leicester City five months later. He moved to Gillingham for a then club record £17,500 in November 1975 and was noted for his expertise at lobbing goalkeepers.

Scoring 74 goals in 211 League games while at Priestfield Stadium, he joined Barnet in December 1981 and later appeared for Billericay again, Grays Athletic, Canterbury City and Aveley.



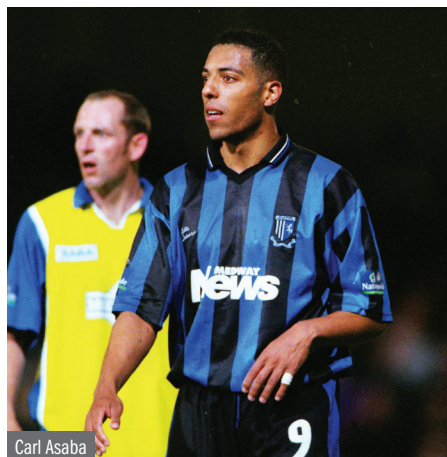
### STEVE LOVELL & DAVID CROWN

Welsh international striker Steve Lovell was Gillingham's top scorer in four successive seasons. Initially with Crystal Palace, he reunited with George Graham at Millwall in March 1983 and was leading marksman in their 1984-85 promotion success. He joined Gillingham in February 1987 and equalled the club record of scoring in seven consecutive League games in 1990.

Netting 94 goals in 233 League outings for Gills, he joined AFC Bournemouth in November 1992, then assisted various Kent non-League clubs including Sittingbourne and Deal Town. He has been Gillingham's community officer, coach and manager.

Striker David Crown was Gillingham's top scorer in 1991-92. He played for Grays Athletic, Walthamstow and Brentford prior to joining Portsmouth in October 1981 and featured in their 1982-83 Third Division title campaign. Moving to Reading in August 1983, he was a promotion winner in 1983-84 and joined Cambridge United in July 1985.

He moved to Southend United in November 1987 and was top scorer three times, starring in their 1989-90 promotion success before joining Gillingham in June 1990. Scoring 38 goals in 86 League games, he then played for Dagenham & Redbridge and Purfleet. He is now an accountant.



### CARL ASABA & ROBERT TAYLOR

Striker Carl Asaba was top scorer as Gillingham reached the Second Division play-off final in 1998-99. Initially with Dulwich Hamlet, he joined Brentford in August 1994 and starred as they reached the Second Division play-offs in 1996-97. He moved to Reading for £800,000 in August 1997, then Gillingham for a club record £590,000 in August 1998. Overcoming injury to help clinch promotion via the play-offs in 1999-2000, he netted 36 goals in 77 League games before joining Sheffield United for £92,500 in March 2001.

Later with Stoke City and Millwall, he has since worked for DuoCalls communications in Sheffield.

Striker Robert Taylor scored for Gillingham in the 1998-99 Second Division play-off final. Initially with Norwich City, he moved via Birmingham City to Leyton Orient in October 1991 and was leading marksman in 1992-93.

He joined Brentford in March 1994 and was top scorer in 1997-98, moving to Gillingham in August 1998. Netting 31 goals in 58 League games, including five at Burnley in February 1999, he joined Manchester City for £1.5m in November 1999 and helped to clinch promotion to the Premier League that season. He then played for QPR, Gillingham on loan, Grimsby and Scunthorpe United.



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# HAT'S LIFE



### Apple or Android?

Apple.

### Last person you called?

Mum.

### Most famous person in your phone?

Craig David.

### Favourite food?

Sunday Dinner.

### Apple or rhubarb crumble?

Neither, just crumble with custard.

### Food you can't stand?

Brussel sprouts and quiche.

### Pet hate?

Arrogance.

### Cat or dog?

Dog.

### Xbox or PlayStation?

PlayStation.

### Karaoke song?

Wild Rover.

### Favourite artist?

Tory Lanez.

### Top of your playlist?

Aja Nakamura - Djadja.

### Last holiday?

Ibiza.

### Can't miss on TV?

Game Of Thrones.

### Love Island or Peaky Blinders?

Peaky Blinders.

### Club you support?

Mansfield Town.

### Favourite away ground?

Old Trafford.

### Best moment in football?

Promotion to the Premier League with Blackpool via the play-off final.

### Best player played with?

Adama Traore.

### Room-mate?

Cummings and Kaz.

### Instagram or Twitter?

Instagram.



Alex's favourite away ground

# LUTON TOWN 2 ROCHDALE 0

TOWN GOALS: HYLTON 59, COLLINS 90+1



Danny Hylton stoops to head the Town in front



SHEA  
STACEY  
PEARSON  
BRADLEY  
JUSTIN  
McCORMACK  
MPANZU (POTTS 75)  
SHINNIE  
LEE (LUALUA 81)  
HYLTON (BERRY 89)  
COLLINS

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SHEEHAN  
ISTED

#### YELLOW CARDS:

MPANZU  
SHINNIE



LONERGAN  
McNULTY  
DELANEY  
DOOLEY  
MJ WILLIAMS  
CAMPS  
DONE (ANDREW 63)  
INMAN  
HAMILTON  
BUNNEY (J WILLIAMS 63)  
HENDERSON (CLOUGH 71)

#### SUBS NOT USED:

HOLDEN  
ADSHEAD  
WADE  
MATHESON

#### YELLOW CARDS:

HAMILTON  
LONERGAN  
MJ WILLIAMS

RED CARD:  
HAMILTON



## STORY OF THE MATCH

The Hatters notched their 22nd win of their Sky Bet League One campaign as goals from Danny Hylton and James Collins wrapped up a 2-0 victory against Rochdale.

Dale should have gone a goal up early on when Matt Done rounded James Shea and would have had an empty to net to fire at, but slipped at the vital moment and Sonny Bradley sprinted across to clear.

Hylton grabbed his first goal since October when he headed over the line from close range, having seen an effort just moments earlier well saved by Andy Lonergan. Collins then secured the result – in front of Republic of Ireland boss Mick McCarthy, who would go onto call-up the striker to his senior squad for the first-time last week – firing in from Kazenga LuaLua's pull back, having tricked his way from the corner flag and into the box in majestic fashion.





## HARTFORD

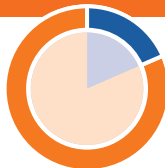
"It was very, very tough in all fairness. We knew what they were all about, the manager can be different and he played a different shape and he made it difficult for us to have a go.

"They pressed us really, really high, put us under pressure. They played quite a high line

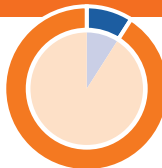
and in the first half, maybe if we had a bit more quality we could have got in behind and allowed more spaces behind. But the space was so condensed today that it was difficult to get any fluency in our game. Overall though, we are absolutely thrilled with the performance and the result."



**POSSESSION**  
59% | 41%



**SHOTS ON TARGET**  
8 | 2



**SHOTS OFF TARGET**  
8 | 1



**CORNERS**  
7 | 4



**FOULS**  
10 | 21



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# PLYMOUTH LUTON TOWN

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## HARFORD

"We're very disappointed we haven't come away with the three points.

Over the 90 minutes, we more or less

dominated the game in terms of possession, the way we played. With respect there was only one team who wanted to try and win the game, and that was us.

"Once we settled down, especially in the second half, we created numerous chances and with a bit of luck, we would have won the game comfortably. Their goalkeeper will obviously get man of the match, Matt Macey and well played to him – he pulled off some great saves. We know Matt very well, he's got Plymouth a point basically in terms of the saves he has made."



SHEA  
STACEY  
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BRADLEY  
JUSTIN (POTTS 82)  
McCORMACK  
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YELLOW CARDS:

HYLTON  
SHINNIE



MACEY  
RILEY  
SAWYER  
SONGO'O  
EDWARDS  
FOX  
CAREY  
LAMEIRAS  
(ANDERSON 90+2)  
CANAVAN  
LADAPO (TAYLOR 69)  
THRELKELD (NESS 69)

SUBS NOT USED:

SMITH-BROWN  
WOOTTON  
FLETCHER  
COOPER

YELLOW CARDS:

CAREY  
EDWARDS  
CANAVAN  
FOX







## STORY OF THE MATCH

The Hatters were denied a victory at Home Park last Saturday as an impressive display from former keeper Matt Macey kept the Town at bay, as they made it 23 league games unbeaten.

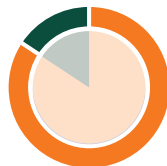
The hosts started the better on the afternoon, moving it about nicely, with Ruben lameiras seeing a low effort drift narrowly wide of James Shea's post – the former Wimbledon man keeping the 25th clean sheet of his 51-game Hatters career.

Elliot Lee then saw an effort cleared off the line as the Town grew into it, before Lameiras nearly broke the deadlock early on in the second half but his strike from the edge of the box was a comfortable one for Shea.

Macey would then make two inspired saves – somehow tipping a James Collins header onto the crossbar, before he then got the slightest touch on Lee's low effort to send it around the post.



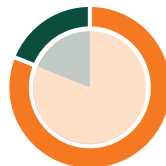
**POSSESSION**  
50% | 50%



**SHOTS ON TARGET**  
1 | 5



**SHOTS OFF TARGET**  
4 | 5



**CORNERS**  
2 | 11



**FOULS**  
18 | 12



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BY HARRY ROGERS

# SHIN THE MOOD FOR MORE!

**Andrew wants the record-breaking unbeaten run to run and run...**

**Andrew Shinnie is hoping that the Hatters can push on and remain unbeaten for the rest of the campaign after claiming another important point against Plymouth last Saturday, a result that stretched the Town's record-breaking run to half a season.**

The Scot has been in tremendous form this term and cemented his place as a key player in Mick Harford's starting XI, helping propel the team to the top of the table in January – a position they haven't relinquished since.

Speaking after Saturday's match at Home Park, Shinnie said: "It feels great (to remain unbeaten for half a season). Mick said we've equalled the club record for the number of away matches unbeaten, so that's another thing to be proud of.

"It's great to be that hard to beat. It's great to be a part of a team that's hard to play against because that's what we work hard on, on the training field. Our shape, the way we play, the way we press. It's great to be involved in a run like this and hopefully we'll be remembered in years to come.

"We don't want it to come to an end. We don't want to get beaten this season, that's what we're aiming for. Obviously, it's going to be a difficult run-in, it's a hard time in the season. Plymouth are fighting for their lives to get away from the relegation zone and teams will make it difficult.

"We want to make it as hard for them as well, but we feel we give everyone a hard game. We want to keep this run going until the end of the season."

The midfielder was also extremely pleased for James Collins on his recent call-up to the Republic of Ireland national team. Shinnie has experienced this feeling on one occasion when he was named in the Scotland squad in 2012.



With some great performances recently and his brother already among the ranks, the ex-Birmingham player remains well-grounded with his expectations of a recall, although a second chance on the international stage would be a brilliant opportunity.

Shinnie added: "I'm happy for Collo, he deserves it so much. I'm buzzing for him, he's a hard worker and a great player. Credit to him, he'll go away and enjoy that and hopefully he gets in the final squad and gets on the pitch.

"I'd always hope for that (a Scotland recall) if it came available, or if the club keep progressing and I go with them as well, then I could maybe force my way in.

"But as of now, I'm just concentrating on Luton. It's not on my mind. They're doing well, they've got a good squad, my brother's getting in, so I'm happy with that."

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# TRAVELLER'S TALES

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

## THE JOURNEY

The alarm went off incredibly early for the trip to Plymouth. Inevitably it was a long journey but at least it was a sunny day to enjoy some of it with. After a lengthy stop on the way we made it to Home Park just after 1pm.

**RATING: (OUT OF 5)** ⚽

## THE GROUND

It has been a couple of seasons since we last played Plymouth away and the first thing to notice was the old main stand to our left had been demolished and was out of use. That means everyone was squeezed into three sides, but that made for a decent atmosphere. The facilities were decent enough for a relatively new stand.

**RATING:** ⚽⚽⚽

## THE FOOD

There were food options inside the ground and burgers vans and bars just outside the entrance, but having picked up a breakfast at the services on the way down and a sausage roll before the game, I left it alone. My trusted sources told me food in the ground was acceptable.

**RATING:** ⚽⚽⚽

## THE PROGRAMME

A much better programme than the one for the Fleetwood game was produced. This was a full programme worth £3, and wasn't actually too bad. There were a few pages of interest for a Town fan. It made the journey home pass slightly quicker.

**RATING:** ⚽⚽⚽

## THE MATCH

It was a frustrating afternoon on the pitch as the Town dominated the match from start to finish, but former Town loanee Matt Macey turned into a brick wall and nothing would go past him. We played some really good football throughout the match, and after a quiet first half in terms of chances we came alive in the second period.

Macey made numerous good saves from Elliot Lee in particular, and pushed a James Collins header onto the crossbar, but try as we might the ball just wouldn't go into the back of the net and we were forced to make do with a 0-0 draw which maintained the gap on third place.

**RATING:** ⚽⚽

## MAN OF THE MATCH

I thought Elliot Lee was back to his best in this match. He is back in the fold now after his injury and looks to be getting better with every game that he plays. He created chances and forced two or three excellent saves out of Macey himself. He was my man of the match.

## SUMMARY

I guess you could say it was a long way for a 0-0 draw, but I was delighted with the Town's performance. Another ten of those and we'll be where we want to be. It was gone 11pm when I got in, but we're top of the league so who cares!

**OVERALL RATING: 12**

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# BRADFORD LUTON TOWN

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TOWN GOAL: STACEY 16



Jack Stacey nets the Hatters' winning goal



SHEA  
STACEY  
PEARSON  
BRADLEY  
JUSTIN  
McCORMACK (BERRY 32)  
SHINNIE  
MPANZU  
LEE (POTTS 74)  
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O'DONNELL  
CADDIS  
CHICKSEN  
O'CONNOR  
KNIGHT-PERCIVAL  
BUTTERFIELD  
ANDERSON  
AKPAN  
O'BRIEN  
DOYLE (PATRICK 85)  
BALL (CLARKE 78)

SUBS NOT USED:

WILSON  
O'CONNOR  
PAYNE  
MALTBY  
WRIGHT

YELLOW CARDS:

KNIGHT-PERCIVAL  
ANDERSON



## STORY OF THE MATCH

Town secured a huge three points on Tuesday as a Jack Stacey strike early on saw off a spirited Bradford City side at Valley Parade.

Gary Bowyer's team looked the Hatters' equals in the early exchanges, moving the ball around well and certainly not having the appearance of a side threatened by relegation.

It came as a sucker punch for the hosts when Jack Stacey found the back of the net after 16 minutes in what was an impressively slick move.

Andrew Shinnie played a lovely one-two with Elliot Lee in the middle of the park before taking a touch and playing Stacey down the right of the box, who slotted it past Richard O'Donnell and into the bottom left corner.

Bradford threatened in the second half and James Shea made an incredibly important save as he denied David Ball one-against-one, but from then on Town regained their defensive solidity and weren't to be opened up again.





## HARFORD

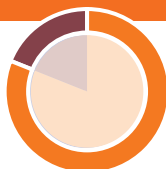
"It wasn't easy – the conditions, the wind, the rain. Obviously the pitch isn't in great condition, but when you look at the first half some of the football was absolutely scintillating. I thought we carved them open at every opportunity, my only criticism is we could have been a bit more clinical in the final third,

because in all fairness and no disrespect, the game should have been out of sight.

"The way we played, the way we moved the ball, we got in advanced positions. We got bodies in the box. I am not sure how many attempts we had on target in the first half, but it was total domination."



**POSSESSION**  
49% | 51%



**SHOTS ON TARGET**  
1 | 5



**SHOTS OFF TARGET**  
3 | 5



**CORNERS**  
7 | 7



**FOULS**  
14 | 15

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# WHATEVER THE WEATHER, SKIPPER SONNY SHINES!

**Hatters centre-half Sonny Bradley praised the Town's ability to win in all conditions after he captained the side to a 1-0 win at Bradford on a difficult pitch in atrocious weather.**

Storm Gareth very much took a hold of Valley Parade on Tuesday, but Town were still able to work the ball around with their usual tempo, although were at times tested by the Bantams.

Bradley helped the Town keep another clean sheet – the Hatters' 18th of the league season so far and their third in a row, having kept out both Rochdale and Plymouth.

"I know we talk about the weather, the pitch and the factors that come into it, but I don't mind that,"

Sonny explained. "Matty doesn't mind that, Stace, JJ and Sheasy don't mind about conditions, the pitch.

"I have said it before and I will say it again, we can mix it up. In the circumstances and the conditions, we had to go a bit more direct, as did Bradford. But we were strong, we limited their chances and I think we deserved to win."

Sonny revealed that the bar was set just as high as usual by Mick Harford for how he wanted the Hatters to play, given the fact they have been able to play some excellent football in worse conditions.

Bradley said: "The play was exceptional in the first half. I am not involved in it a lot of the time – it's happening in front of me! It's a pleasure to watch.

## Clinical

"Mick before the game said 'look, some of the best football we have played this season was against Portsmouth at home in the worst conditions we have played in all season, so we're not going to use that as an excuse to change our style'.

"The goal was a great bit of play, a couple of switches, Shins played a one-two with Elliot and puts Stacey in and in that position as a full-back, Stace is clinical. He's put it away and we won 1-0, it's the perfect result."

At the full-time whistle it was clear how much the entire squad and staff enjoyed the victory, as they ran over to the away supporters to celebrate in front of them.

"I think all season it has been a team effort, a squad effort and that's a key factor as to why we have had success. All season we haven't had a bad player, a bad egg at the club. And that's important. It means we can protect our environment and that has helped us achieve success so far this season."



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# JACK ON THE ATTACK!

**Full-back buries Bantams with his third goal of the season**

**Town defender Jack Stacey hailed the 1-0 win over Bradford City as a huge victory as the Hatters look to close in on automatic promotion to the Championship.**

The former Reading man grabbed his third goal of the campaign when he was picked out exquisitely by Andrew Shinnie and the full back made no mistake as he fired across goal into the bottom left corner – the victory breaking the Town's record of unbeaten away games, which now stands at 12.

With the rain pouring and the wind howling, the Hatters played some excellent stuff in really testing conditions and Jack felt that getting the result was a massive credit to the Town team.

He said: "We said it before the game – this is where championships are won, away at Bradford in these conditions. It's a massive three points. We obviously knew that Barnsley and Sunderland were playing each other and at least one of them were going to gain points there, so 1-0 is the perfect away result.

"We knew there was a lot of space out wide for me and JJ when teams match us up with the diamond, so we tried to switch it as much as we could. We were quite good at that in the first half. Shins, he always seems to find me. When he's on the ball you know you can make the run and the ball will find you. He's been amazing this season.

"Sonny and Matty will say the most important thing is to keep clean sheets. Me and JJ we get forward, but we have to do our bit defensively as well. To have as many clean sheets as we do now, that's the sort of rock that a team that has hopes of winning championships is built on."

Just over 1,000 supporters made the journey to Valley Parade, just three days after 1,200 had



cheered on the Hatters when they picked up a draw at Home Park.

Stacey insists that the fans' support throughout tough encounters like the one at Bradford have been key to good results on the road, with the Hatters returning to Kenilworth Road today and next Saturday for two hugely important fixtures.

"The fans have to travel a lot," he added. "Plymouth away and now Bradford away midweek, they're brilliant. It helps spur the team on and we want to give back to them for supporting us. We've got two home games in a row now and we know how good we have been at Kenilworth Road this season. We look forward to them now."

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# KEVIN DEARDEN'S ALL-TIME XI 4-3-3

**Town goalkeeper coach Kevin Dearden has basically named a good Tottenham team and throw in someone he played with at Brentford... decent team though!**



## Ray Clemence



**Played with at: Tottenham Hotspur**

He was my hero as a kid. When I went to Tottenham it was a dream come true. He was England's goalkeeper.



## Chris Hughton



**Played with at: Tottenham Hotspur**

He played a lot at left back as well. A consummate professional, steady as you like and was 100 per cent reliable.



## Richard Gough



**Played with at: Tottenham Hotspur**

He came down from Rangers. Was a colossus of a guy and could do everything. He could head it, he could kick it, he could play. A leader, a brilliant defender.



## Gary Mabbutt



**Played with at: Tottenham Hotspur**

He's one of the nicest fellas you're ever likely to meet. With his diabetes and all the issues he had, to play at the level he did – nothing but admiration for him.



## Martin Grainger



**Played with at: Brentford**

Went onto play for Birmingham at the top level. Hard as nails, would kick his granny. Had a left foot to die for.



## Ossie Ardiles



**Played with at: Tottenham Hotspur**

A World Cup winner. He never gave the ball away. Everything just seemed so easy to him. What a player.



## Paul Gascoigne



**Played with at: Tottenham Hotspur**

I can't add anything to what has already been said about Gazza. The year Spurs won the FA Cup, he more or less won that on his own. He was brilliant, day-in, day-out.



## Chris Waddle



**Played with at: Tottenham Hotspur**

Wide, coming inside, left footed.

Unbelievable ability and an unbelievable team player. I don't think he got the credit he deserved in this country, when he went to Marseille, everyone realised what a top player he was.



## Gary Lineker



**Played with at: Tottenham Hotspur**

It was towards the end of his career, before he went to Japan. He didn't train, when he did he didn't move and he was hopeless. But three o'clock on a Saturday, he scored goals.



## Clive Allen



**Played with at: Tottenham Hotspur**

I was there in the year he scored 49 goals in one season, playing up front on his own. He was the best finisher I have ever seen. He used to take me off every Thursday to do a finishing drill and I don't think I saved a shot in a year.



## Teddy Sheringham



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# ACADEMY UPDATE

WITH LEAD U16S COACH DAN WALDER

## YOUNG HATTERS FLYING THE FLAG FOR THE CLUB!

**With the end of the season just seven weeks away, fixtures away from the first team pitch are coming thick and fast!**

The Under 18s team were successful in attaining a place in the Merit League after finishing fifth in the South East Youth Alliance League, meaning that they would be placed in the top division for the Southern Merit League.

This ensured a competitive games programme until the end of the season, with many of the Under-18s players also playing in the Under-23s Central League every Tuesday. No shortage of game time for the boys now trying to make the jump from academy football to first team competitive Hatters football!

The hectic games schedule has meant many opportunities for our young players to play against older opposition, most notably a team comprising of first and second year apprentices (plus Marek Stech and Jack James) competing against a full team of professional players at Southend United.

Adam Wedd, an Under-15 centre-back, also played 90 minutes in this game, making his Under-23s debut at the age of 15 years and 126 days!

The boys showed fantastic heart during the game, defending tirelessly when needed and showing immense passion to prevent us from conceding a goal. They even had several of their own chances to win the game and forced a goal-line clearance late on as the game headed for a 0-0 score line at the final whistle.

The boys were heavily praised by senior staff after the match for the effort and professionalism they showed in what proved to be a tough test of a game

the Shrimpers' Boots & Laces training ground.

Last week the Hatters fielded an older team against Peterborough United, with a lot of the fringe players involved. We were very pleased to see Josh Neufville and Jake Peck make the starting XI, with Jonas Kalonda appearing late on in the game.

Josh and Jonas both threatened the opponents box in the second half to try and grab a winner, but the game unfortunately still ended goalless.

Testing times for the young Hatters at the moment, but some good performances against tough opposition. Who will be the next young player to ascend the Luton Town academy ranks? The future's bright... #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	L 0-4
Sat 9	Southend United	H	W 4-1
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

## HATTERS ADULT PAN DISABILITY TEAM THROUGH TO FA PEOPLE'S CUP REGIONALS

The Hatters Adult PAN Disability players have made the regional knockouts of the FA People's Cup once again this season.

Ahead of Level Playing Field's 2019 Weeks of Action, which celebrate disabled supporters accessibility and inclusion, the boys had a kick-about on the pitch during the half-time break at the Coventry City match – when they were enthusiastically welcomed by another sell-out crowd who appreciated some decent skills on show!

Qualifying against lots of other disability teams from both Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire, the boys are now looking forward to matching the success from two seasons ago and making the national finals at FA headquarters St George's Park on the last weekend in April.

The regional semi-finals are local this year with AFC Kempston and Bedfordshire FA hosting the competition which will need to see the boys winning through four rounds of competitive football to make the national finals.

Luke Hyde, Hatters Disability Officer who runs our #everyplayercounts project for both children and adults with PAN disability, said: "The boys are well up for the games and determined to make the finals at St George's Park. We

did it two years ago and it was a great day out for everyone and a real thrill for the players who took part. We made the semis that year and will be going all out to try and make it all the way to the final this year."

In the meantime, the squads are training regularly up at Inspire Sports Village in Stopsley every Friday 12.00 midday to 2.00 pm and these sessions are open to everyone. After Easter the sessions move to our Ely Way Training Ground for the summer and autumn.

If you want further information on our disability sessions, please call Luke Hyde at the community office on **01582 561622** or email **everyplayercounts@lutontown.co.uk**





## **THE SHARED LEARNING TRUST SIXTH FORM BTEC SPORT IN ASSOCIATION WITH LUTON TOWN FC COMMUNITY TRUST**

Based at Chalk Hills Academy in Lewsey Farm and Stockwood Park Academy in Farley Hill, our two new Luton Sixth Form Centres will open from September 2019.

They will offer an unrivalled opportunity in the Town for young players aged 15 to 17 years to experience professional coaching from the Trust's coaching staff, and achieve academic excellence through combining daily football training and full-time study with BTEC & CTEC Level 3 qualifications in Sports & Physical Activity.

The Shared Learning Trust Football Academy will also provide budding young footballers with the opportunity to represent Luton Town FC in the national EFL Community and Education Alliance

regional leagues, made up of both Premier League and EFL clubs, whilst gaining a Level 3 qualification in sport offering pathways to university or USA scholarships or full-time employment in sports coaching or leisure management in the state of the art brand new Sixth Form buildings on both campuses.

We've had a great response to our first round of trials and local High School visits and have decided to hold another round of trials at Easter on Saturday 6th April at our Stockwood Park Centre in Farley Hill. To register a place boys or parents can email [footballacademy@thesharedlearningtrust.org.uk](mailto:footballacademy@thesharedlearningtrust.org.uk) – there will be a parent presentation alongside the actual football trials.

## **FREE SPORTS QUALIFICATIONS FOR UNEMPLOYED ADULTS IN LUTON**

The Trust have again teamed up with Luton Adult Learning to provide more free opportunities for local unemployed adults aged over 19 to learn coaching and sports teaching skills through completing of our coaching mentoring and learning programme.

Successful applicants will then be able to deliver sports activities to their local communities making a real contribution at local level to the sports provision in Luton.

The course will include First Aid and Child Safeguarding training, and aims to provide training to new coaches to enable them to deliver football and multi-sport activities which will improve their health and activity levels, as well as offering them genuine future work opportunities with the Trust

through formal sport qualifications gained on the project.

To achieve this aim, the overall project is looking to increase awareness of the benefits of sporting activity together with the benefits of increased physical fitness and healthy lifestyle choices, while teaching skills allowing candidates to develop leadership skills and the ability to lead sports sessions.

So, If you are unemployed or in receipt of benefits and are reading this and reckon you could become a 'community champion' and want to know more about our community coaching opportunities and would like to get involved, then why not give the community office a ring on **01582 561622** for a chat or email us at [learning@lutontown.co.uk](mailto:learning@lutontown.co.uk)



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# HATTERS LADIES

BY DANIEL TAGG

## Luton Town 0-1 Stevenage

### Narrow defeat leaves Town disappointed, but not disheartened

After picking up their first three points of the New Year last weekend away at AFC Wimbledon, the Hatters were aiming to further their hopes of escaping the drop zone against a Stevenage side just two places above them.

It was a cagey opening 15 minutes, with both sides knocking it around nicely, but neither creating any clear-cut chances. It wasn't until just before the 20-minute mark that Luton had the opportunity to break the deadlock: skipper Zara Carroll tried her luck from distance, and the Stevenage stopper parried the ball into the path of Amy Summerfield, who hooked the ball over the bar with the goal at her mercy.

The game continued in a tight fashion for the remainder of the half, with Jess McKay the primary source of Luton's pressure. The only other proper chance of the half once again fell to Amy Summerfield after Erica Byron's cross was nicely knocked down by Remi Bains, and Summerfield's well-hit strike required an impressive block to keep the game goalless.

The second half was a very hotly contested, open affair. Aurora Ryan built on a good first half performance by running rings around the visitors' defence and coming inches away from giving Town the lead, with her shot trickling just wide within two minutes of the restart.

Some excellent defending from Millie Guest then allowed McKay to burst down the wing and skin the Stevenage full-back, before her cross was put behind for a corner, from which a scramble in the six-yard box saw the ball rebound off the post!

Tackles were flying in, though Zara Carroll and Lisa Nixon controlled the midfield effectively, with some tough tackling and a tenacious attitude. Rachel Kosky was also having a great game, and between them the Luton back line were depriving Stevenage of any real chances.

The Hatters were attacking well too, with Ryan and McKay forcing the keeper to make some good saves, and Carroll coming incredibly close with a free-kick that came back off the bar with the keeper rooted to the spot.

The final quarter of the game was end-to-end, and Hassall was called into action on a few occasions to keep her clean sheet intact. However, with 15 minutes left on the clock, the away side scored against the run of play with a header from a corner, a soft goal to concede in the context of a good overall performance from the home side.

Luton did, of course, press for a late equaliser, but unfortunately no one was able to convert any of several decent deliveries into the box, so Stevenage came out on top.

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

<b>Sun Aug 19</b>	<b>Leyton Orient</b>	<b>L 0-1</b>	<b>Sun Nov 11</b>	<b>Kent (FACupR1)</b>	<b>W 1-1*</b>
<b>Sun Aug 26</b>	<b>AFC Wimbledon</b>	<b>L 1-3</b>	<b>Sun Dec 2</b>	<b>Billericay (FACupR2)</b>	<b>L 1-3</b>
<b>Sun Sep 2</b>	<b>Cheltenham (Cup)</b>	<b>L 1-3</b>	<b>Sun Dec 9</b>	<b>Norwich City</b>	<b>L 1-4</b>
<b>Sun Sep 9</b>	<b>Actonians</b>	<b>L 0-3</b>	<b>Sun Jan 6</b>	<b>Sharnbrook (BCC)</b>	<b>W 9-0</b>
<b>Sun Sep 16</b>	<b>Billericay Town</b>	<b>L 1-2</b>	<b>Sun Jan 13</b>	<b>Leyton Orient</b>	<b>L 0-3</b>
<b>Sun Sep 23</b>	<b>Dunstable (Cup)</b>	<b>W 7-0</b>	<b>Wed Feb 20</b>	<b>Enfield Town</b>	<b>D 0-0</b>
<b>Sun Sep 30</b>	<b>Ipswich Town</b>	<b>W 3-1</b>	<b>Sun Feb 24</b>	<b>AFC Wimbledon</b>	<b>W 4-1</b>
<b>Wed Oct 3</b>	<b>Denham United</b>	<b>D 0-0</b>	<b>Sun Mar 3</b>	<b>Stevenage</b>	<b>L 0-1</b>
<b>Sun Oct 7</b>	<b>Oxford City</b>	<b>W 5-2</b>	<i>(Home games at Stockwood Park Athletics Stadium)</i>		
<b>Sun Oct 14</b>	<b>Gillingham (plate)</b>	<b>L 4-5</b>	<i>*W 3-1 on penalties</i>		
<b>Sun Nov 4</b>	<b>Cambridge Utd</b>	<b>L 0-1</b>			



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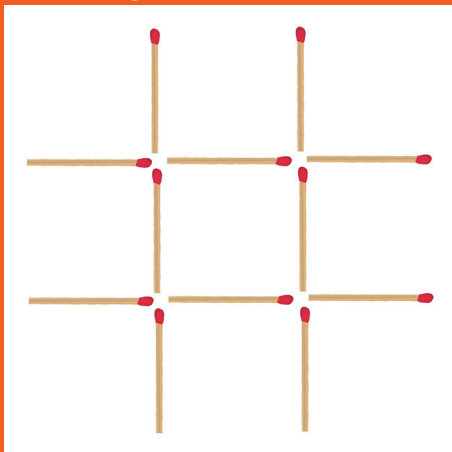
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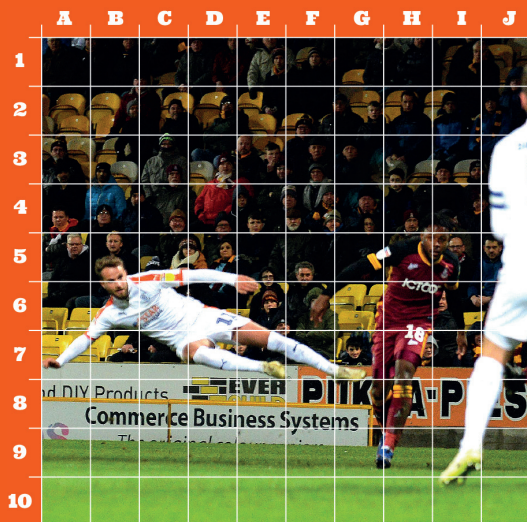
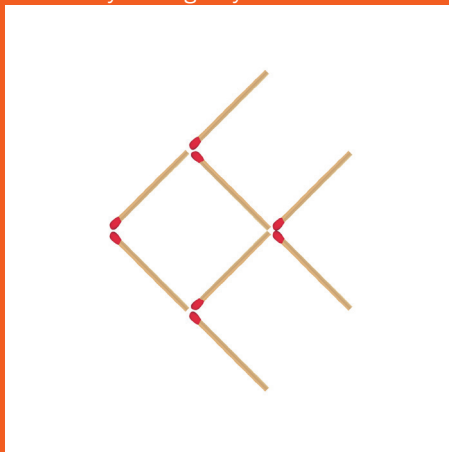


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	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS				
1 Luton Town	37	23	10	4	70	29	41	79				
2 Barnsley	37	21	11	5	64	28	36	74				
3 Sunderland	36	18	16	2	62	33	29	70				
4 Portsmouth	37	19	11	7	64	41	23	68				
5 Charlton Athletic	37	19	9	9	55	37	18	66				
6 Doncaster Rovers	36	15	11	10	61	46	15	56				
7 Peterborough United	37	15	10	12	57	52	5	55				
8 Blackpool	37	13	14	10	39	37	2	53				
9 Coventry City	37	15	8	14	41	41	0	53				
10 Fleetwood Town	37	13	10	14	47	41	6	49				
11 Burton Albion	37	12	11	14	45	44	1	47				
12 Plymouth Argyle	37	12	9	16	47	57	-10	45				
13 Wycombe Wanderers	37	11	11	15	46	56	-10	44				
14 Accrington Stanley	36	11	11	14	38	49	-11	44				
15 Scunthorpe United	37	12	8	17	46	62	-16	44				
16 Bristol Rovers	36	11	10	15	37	37	0	43				
17 Gillingham	37	12	7	18	47	59	-12	43				
18 Southend United	37	12	6	19	47	54	-7	42				
19 Walsall	37	11	9	17	41	58	-17	42				
20 Shrewsbury Town	37	9	13	15	40	49	-9	40				
21 Oxford United	37	9	13	15	43	54	-11	40				
22 Rochdale	37	10	8	19	44	75	-31	38				
23 Bradford City	37	10	6	21	42	62	-20	36				
24 AFC Wimbledon	37	10	6	21	31	53	-22	36				

PLAYER STATS 2018/19													
	THIS SEASON										LFTC		
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		DISIP		CAREER TOT				
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	Y	R	APPS	GLS			
Luke Berry	5	(7)	1	2	(1)	0	7	(8)	1	0	0	54	9
Sonny Bradley	35	(1)	0	5	(0)	0	40	(1)	0	4	0	41	0
James Collins	35	(2)	20	4	(0)	0	39	(2)	20	9	0	86	40
Harry Cornick	13	(10)	5	5	(0)	2	18	(10)	7	0	0	69	12
Jason Cummings	0	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0
Luke Gambin	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	38	3
Jorge Grant	13	(4)	2	4	(1)	2	17	(5)	4	2	0	22	4
Danny Hylton	16	(7)	6	2	(1)	0	18	(8)	6	4	2	116	56
Harry Isted	0	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	0	0	2	0
Jack James	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	2	0
Aaron Jarvis	0	(4)	0	4	(2)	1	4	(6)	1	0	0	14	2
Jake Jarvis	0	(2)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(2)	0	0	0	13	0
Lloyd Jones	0	(1)	0	3	(1)	0	3	(2)	0	1	0	6	0
James Justin	26	(8)	3	7	(2)	0	33	(10)	3	1	0	105	6
Elliot Lee	27	(2)	10	4	(1)	0	31	(3)	10	4	0	83	25
Kazenga LuaLua	4	(11)	1	4	(2)	1	8	(13)	2	2	0	21	2
Alan McCormack	16	(2)	0	4	(0)	0	20	(2)	0	9	0	38	1
George Moncur	2	(5)	4	0	(0)	0	2	(5)	4	1	0	7	4
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	37	(0)	2	4	(2)	0	41	(2)	2	5	0	197	11
Frankie Musonda	0	(0)	0	1	(1)	0	1	(1)	0	0	0	14	1
Josh Neufville	0	(0)	0	0	(3)	0	0	(3)	0	0	0	3	0
Eunan O'Kane	0	(3)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(3)	0	0	0	4	0
Matty Pearson	37	(0)	6	6	(0)	0	43	(0)	6	1	0	43	6
Jake Peck	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0
Dan Potts	14	(8)	1	1	(2)	0	15	(10)	1	5	0	114	9
Glen Rea	20	(2)	1	4	(1)	0	24	(3)	1	5	0	136	5
Arthur Read	0	(0)	0	4	(0)	1	4	(0)	1	0	0	7	1
Jack Senior	0	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	1	0	24	0
James Shea	34	(0)	0	5	(0)	0	39	(0)	0	0	0	52	0
Alan Sheehan	3	(12)	0	4	(0)	1	7	(12)	1	1	0	126	8
Andrew Shinnie	31	(2)	4	6	(0)	1	37	(2)	5	8	0	73	8
Jack Stacey	36	(0)	3	5	(0)	0	41	(0)	3	3	0	86	4
Marek Stech	3	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	5	(0)	0	0	0	47	0
George Thorne	0	(2)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(2)	0	0	0	2	0
Connor Tomlinson	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	2	0

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DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS	STARTING XI											
AUGUST																			
Sat 4	3.00pm	A	Portsmouth	L 0-1	19,018	2,392	21	Stech	Justin	Pearson	Sheehan	Potts	McCormack ●						
Sat 11	3.00pm	H	Sunderland	D 1-1	10,059	1,047	19	Stech	Stacey	Pearson 1	Sheehan	Potts	McCormack						
Tue 14	8.00pm	A	West Bromwich Albion (CC R1)	L 0-1	10,404	1,175	-	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	Rea ●						
Sat 18	3.00pm	A	Peterborough United	L 1-3	8,016	2,209	22	Stech	Stacey	Pearson ●	Bradley	Sheehan	McCormack ●						
Tue 21	7.45pm	H	Southend United	W 2-0	9,086	916	15	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Potts	Rea						
Sat 25	3.00pm	H	Shrewsbury Town	W 3-2	8,518	379	10	Shea	Stacey 1	Pearson	Bradley	Potts	Rea						
SEPTEMBER																			
Sat 1	3.00pm	A	Wycombe Wanderers	D 1-1	6,072	1,702	9	Shea	Stacey	Pearson 1	Bradley	Potts	Rea						
Tue 4	7.45pm	H	Brighton & Hove Albion U21 (CT)	W 2-1	1,318	44	-	Isted	Justin	Jones	Sheehan	Senior	McCormack ●						
Sat 8	3.00pm	A	Doncaster Rovers	L 1-2	7,526	1,013	11	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Potts	Rea						
Sat 15	3.00pm	H	Bristol Rovers	W 3-0	8,912	519	11	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Potts	Rea						
Sat 22	3.00pm	A	Blackpool	D 0-0	4,124	1,382	12	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Potts	Rea						
Sat 29	3.00pm	H	Charlton Athletic	D 2-2	9,502	1,032	12	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Potts	Rea						
OCTOBER																			
Tue 2	7.45pm	A	Oxford United	W 2-1	6,769	1,171	10	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Potts 1	Rea ●						
Sat 6	3.00pm	H	Scunthorpe United	W 3-2	8,682	432	8	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Potts ●	Rea						
Tue 9	7.45pm	H	MK Dons (CT)	W 3-0	875	208	-	Isted	Justin	Rea	Sheehan 1	Senior	McCormack						
Sat 13	12.00pm	A	Barnsley	L 2-3	12,688	807	10	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Potts	Rea ●						
Sat 20	3.00pm	H	Walsall	W 2-0	8,953	504	7	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Potts ●	Rea 1						
Tue 23	7.45pm	H	Accrington Stanley	W 4-1	8,454	64	6	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Potts	Rea						
Sat 27	3.00pm	A	AFC Wimbledon	W 2-0	4,202	751	5	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	Rea						
NOVEMBER																			
Sat 3	3.00pm	A	Rochdale	D 0-0	3,689	858	5	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	Rea						
Sat 10	3.00pm	H	Wycombe Wanderers (FACR1)	W 2-0	5,343	786	-	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	Rea						
Tue 13	7.45pm	A	Peterborough United (CT)	L 1-2	2,017	254	-	Stech	James	Pearson	Jones	Sheehan	McCormack						
Sat 17	3.00pm	H	Plymouth Argyle	W 5-1	10,004	871	5	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin 1	Rea						
Sat 24	3.00pm	A	Gillingham	W 3-1	5,671	1,282	4	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	Rea						
Tue 27	7.45pm	H	Bradford City	W 4-0	8,568	298	3	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin 1	Rea						
DECEMBER																			
Sun 2	2.00pm	A	Bury (FACR2)	W 1-0	2,977	549	-	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	Rea						
Wed 5	7.45pm	H	Southend United (CT2)	D 1-1*	1,545	121	-	Stech	Musonda	Jones	Potts	Senior ●	Sheehan						
Sat 8	3.00pm	H	Fleetwood Town	W 2-0	8,528	81	2	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	Rea						
Sat 15	3.00pm	A	Coventry City	W 2-1	12,559	2,598	2	Shea	Stacey	Pearson 1	Bradley	Justin	Rea						
Sat 22	3.00pm	H	Burton Albion	W 2-0	9,538	173	2	Shea	Stacey 1	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	Rea ●						
Wed 26	3.00pm	A	Scunthorpe United	W 2-0	4,050	766	2	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	Grant ●						
Sat 29	3.00pm	A	Walsall	D 2-2	5,739	1,956	2	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	McCormack						
JANUARY																			
Tue 1	3.00pm	H	Barnsley	D 0-0	9,926	845	2	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	McCormack						
Sat 5	12.30pm	A	Sheffield Wednesday (FACR3)	D 0-0	16,974	4,219	-	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	McCormack						
Sat 12	3.00pm	A	Sunderland	D 1-1	37,791	3,081	2	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	McCormack						
Tue 15	7.45pm	H	Sheffield Wednesday (FACR3R)	L 0-1	9,259	1,473	-	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	Lua Lua						
Sat 19	3.00pm	H	Peterborough United	W 4-0	10,055	1,031	2	Shea	Stacey	Pearson ●	Bradley	Justin	McCormack ●						
Sat 26	3.00pm	A	Southend United	W 1-0	8,460	2,037	1	Shea	Stacey	Pearson 1	Bradley	Justin	McCormack						
Tue 29	7.45pm	H	Portsmouth	W 3-2	10,078	1,033	1	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	McCormack						
FEBRUARY																			
Sat 2	3.00pm	A	Shrewsbury Town	W 3-0	6,859	1,334	1	Shea	Stacey	Pearson 1	Bradley	Justin	McCormack ●						
Sat 9	3.00pm	H	Wycombe Wanderers	W 3-0	10,072	751	1	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	McCormack						
Sat 16	3.00pm	A	Fleetwood Town	W 2-1	3,651	1,048	1	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	McCormack ●						
Sun 24	12.00pm	H	Coventry City	D 1-1	9,801	819	1	Shea	Stacey	Pearson 1	Bradley	Justin	McCormack						
MARCH																			
Sat 2	3.00pm	H	Rochdale	W 2-0	9,905	199	1	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	McCormack						
Sat 9	3.00pm	A	Plymouth Argyle	D 0-0	11,081	1,215	1	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin ●	McCormack						
Tue 12	7.45pm	A	Bradford City	W 1-0	15,992	1,044	1	Shea	Stacey 1	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	McCormack ●						
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Sat 4	5.30pm	H	Oxford United																

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\*Lost 2-4 on penalties

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# >> UP NEXT

> **DONCASTER ROVERS**  
> **23.03.19 > KO: 3pm**

**FORMED: 1879 | NICKNAME: DONNY | LAST SEASON: 15TH IN LEAGUE ONE | FOLLOW THEM ON TWITTER: @DRFC\_OFFICIAL | COLOURS: RED & WHITE STRIPE | GROUND: KEEPMOAT STADIUM**  
**MANAGER: GRANT MCCANN**

## WHO?

A side fancied to finish quite a way down the pile, Doncaster have been superb this campaign. Grant McCann came in over the summer having lost his job at Peterborough earlier on in 2018 and has kept the qualities he inherited and mixed in his own vision of how to play. John Marquis is still scoring goals and James Coppinger, as he has for almost 15 years now, is running the Donny midfield. Strong home form and decent second half performances in games have helped maintain their push for a play-off place – they will pose a real threat to the Hatters next weekend without doubt.

## STADIUM - KEEPMOAT STADIUM

Opened in 2007, the Keepmoat replaced Donny's then home Belle Vue, and has a capacity of just over 15,000. A capacity crowd squeezed in for Donny's game against Leeds United in April 2008 which they lost 1-0 – but they would go onto beat later on that year in the League One play-off final.

## HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

The Hatters were defeated at the Keepmoat earlier on this season, with Matty Blair opening the scoring before Elliot Lee equalised. Ben Whiteman netted

immediately after the restart though to secure a 2-1 win for McCann's side. That was the 25th match between the sides, with Town winning on 11 occasions, drawing six and losing eight.

## RESULTS SO FAR

Donny have come off the boil in recent weeks and as a result the teams below them have started chasing their spot in the play-off places. Without a win in five and with just two in their last ten, it's not the most ideal time for Grant McCann's side to be taking their foot off the gas. They drew 1-1 with Blackpool on Tuesday night, having lost 2-0 at Wimbledon last Saturday.

## KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU

Kerry Dixon made appearances for both sides in the 90s, playing 88 times for the Hatters, scoring 20 goals. Winger Michael McIndoe represented the club between 1998-2000, making 49 appearances in total for the Town before going onto have three very successful seasons with Doncaster. Former Hatters striker and manager Mike Newell (pictured above with Mick Hartford) also had a spell at Belle Vue around the turn of the century.



# TICKETS

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



## DONCASTER ROVERS

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

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



## BLACKPOOL

SKY BET LEAGUE ONE | 3PM | SATURDAY 6TH APRIL

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



## BRISTOL ROVERS

SKY BET LEAGUE ONE | 3PM | SATURDAY 30TH MARCH



## CHARLTON ATHLETIC

SKY BET LEAGUE ONE | 3PM | SATURDAY 13TH APRIL

**Luton Town Football Club** \*\*\*  
Posted by Charlie Hanson  
Yesterday at 13:10 · 🌐

🔴 **SECOND SELL OUT OF THE DAY!** The Hatters Ticket Office have now sold out of tickets for our game at Bristol Rovers!

👉 <http://bit.ly/2VQ4Otc> #COYH

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🔴 **SOLD OUT!** The Hatters' full ticket allocation of 3,146 for our trip to Charlton Athletic has now sold out!

Tickets for our game at Bristol Rovers are now on sale to season ticket holders!

👉 [bit.ly/2TFmcDy](http://bit.ly/2TFmcDy) #COYH

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[SIMON SAYS...]

# TRICK OR TREATMENT

A HUMOROUS INSIGHT TO PHYSIO SIMON PARSELL'S WORK



**When I joined Luton nearly ten years ago, I met Gary Sweet at the Ibis Hotel and he spoke passionately about Luton Town and the dream he had together with the board.**

Well, as they say, some people lay in bed and dream, others stay awake and make them happen. So congratulations to the board, Gary and his team for making this dream happen for so many people.

The buzz around the Town and the football club is sensational. Whilst this is great news, we shouldn't forget other projects that have been undertaken such as the training ground development at The Brache, a fantastic facility for us to work every day.

Having spent more than 20 hours on coaches in the last few days and travelled over 800 miles, the news of Newlands Park brightened the journey.

The boys have put in a real shift and four points from the two games puts us in a good position, the only down side being an injury for Alan McCormack. We are currently assessing it and getting rehab underway. Macca has been outstanding for us and we want to get back to a full deck as soon as we can for the last nine games.

Injury is always a worry, so when Matty Pearson took a knock to the head we are always concerned about concussion. The Doc will implement various tests and he asked Matty to read part of a medical poster in the treatment room. Matty immediately said: "It says Vertebral and Skeletal."

We were very concerned at this point because there is no way he could say them normally. Also poor old Jack James was in the wars, having to have 15 stitches in a head wound picked up playing for Havant & Waterlooville. Bless him he did ask if the mirror was cracked, but unfortunately they were the cuts.

My old mate Bez is always good for some entertainment. If he is not making comments like "Donald Trump is our Prime Minister", or "Look at those three twins", we get a situation like in the Rochdale game when he was ready to come on... still wearing his tracksuit bottoms! It's a situation that you see and think 'Do I tell him or not?'

A big thank you to lovely lady called Pamela Hutton who thought that I looked cold sat next to the dugout whilst others enjoyed the shelter of it. Pamela knitted me two splendid woolly hats, of course in the traditional orange (see picture). Thank you very much.



Well, there are nine games to go and as usual, your support has been nothing short of sensational. Both home and away it's been unreal. Let's push on together. COYH

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# TEAMS



Manager: MICK HARFORD

- 1 Marek STECH
- 2 James JUSTIN
- 3 Dan POTTS
- 4 Alan McCORMACK
- 5 Sonny BRADLEY
- 6 Matty PEARSON
- 7 Jack STACEY
- 8 Luke BERRY
- 9 Danny HYLTON
- 10 Elliot LEE
- 11 Andrew SHINNIE
- 12 Alex BAPTISTE
- 14 Harry CORNICK
- 16 Glen REA
- 17 Pelly-Ruddock MPANZU
- 19 James COLLINS
- 20 George MONCUR
- 23 Jason CUMMINGS
- 24 George THORNE
- 25 Kazenga LUALUA
- 35 Arthur READ
- 36 James SHEA
- 40 Harry ISTD
- 44 Alan SHEEHAN
- Aaron CONNOLLY

Manager: STEVE LOVELL

- 1 Tomas HOLY
- 2 Luke O'NEILL
- 3 Bradley GARMSTON
- 4 Alex LACEY
- 5 Max EHMER
- 6 Gabriel ZAKUANI
- 7 Brandon HANLAN
- 8 Dean PARRETT
- 9 Tom EAVES
- 10 Graham BURKE
- 11 Regan CHARLES-COOK
- 12 Barry FULLER
- 13 Callum REILLY
- 14 Tahvon CAMPBELL
- 15 Elliott LIST
- 16 Billy BINGHAM
- 17 Leonardo Da Silva LOPES
- 19 Aaron SIMPSON
- 20 Darren OLDAKER
- 21 Billy KING
- 22 Ben CHAPMAN
- 24 Josh REES
- 25 Bradley STEVENSON
- 26 Jack TUCKER
- 27 Ryan HUCKLE
- 28 Henry WOODS
- 29 Ricky HOLMES
- 30 Tom HADLER
- 31 Danny DIVINE
- 32 Louie CATHERALL
- 33 Mark BYRNE
- 34 Connor OGILVIE
- 35 Miquel SCARLETT
- 36 Roman CAMPBELL

## MATCH OFFICIALS



ANDY HAINES



MARK SCHOLES



PAUL LISTER



ROB SMITH

## NEXT HOME GAME:

**DONCASTER ROVERS**

(SKY BET LEAGUE ONE)

Sat 23rd March 2019 | KO: 3pm

