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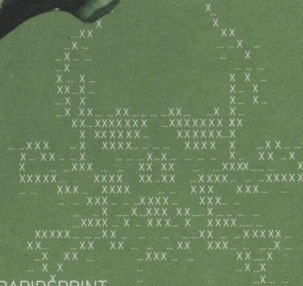
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WELCOME TO TODAY'S EDITION OF THIS IS OUR TOWN - THE FINAL ONE OF AN UNBELIEVABLE CAMPAIGN!

**It's been a season of two halves in
terms of management, with both
Nathan, Mick and their staff a
pleasure to work with, their players
an absolute dream to watch and
a group of honed, honest, hard-
working, humorous Hatters heroes
we should all be proud of.**

It's been a privilege as always to
interview them, film them, write about
them and watch them grow into a
formidable unit that looked unbeatable
– indeed was unbeatable – for six whole
months.

We all wondered what would happen
when Nathan, Joaquin and Jared
left. Friends and colleagues who did
a phenomenal job here. We got our
answer when the players ran to the away
supporters at the Stadium of Light and
that roar went up. Hairs stand on end
now thinking about that moment.

Mick, I know you haven't been
comfortable with doing all the interviews,
wanting the players to get all the credit.



But you deserve to be one of THE
stories of English football this season,
completing a personal ten-year
challenge, as well as the club's. You've
made everyone involved at Luton Town
feel your equal, and this picture from the
EFL Day of Action says everything.

As did the tour of The Brache you
undertook after having your photos taken

with the Manager of the Month award,
opening the door to each and every
room in which a player was changing,
eating, playing pool, doing their gym
work or receiving treatment – to tell them
it was their award.

Congratulations and thanks to you Mick,
and the team.

A few on behalf of This Is Our Town,
too. First to Charlie Hanson and Harry
Rogers, who have delivered most of the
fine words. Roger Wash has been on the
button with his LTFC history lessons as
usual, and Leigh Edwards' Deadly Duos
have been informative and gratefully
received.

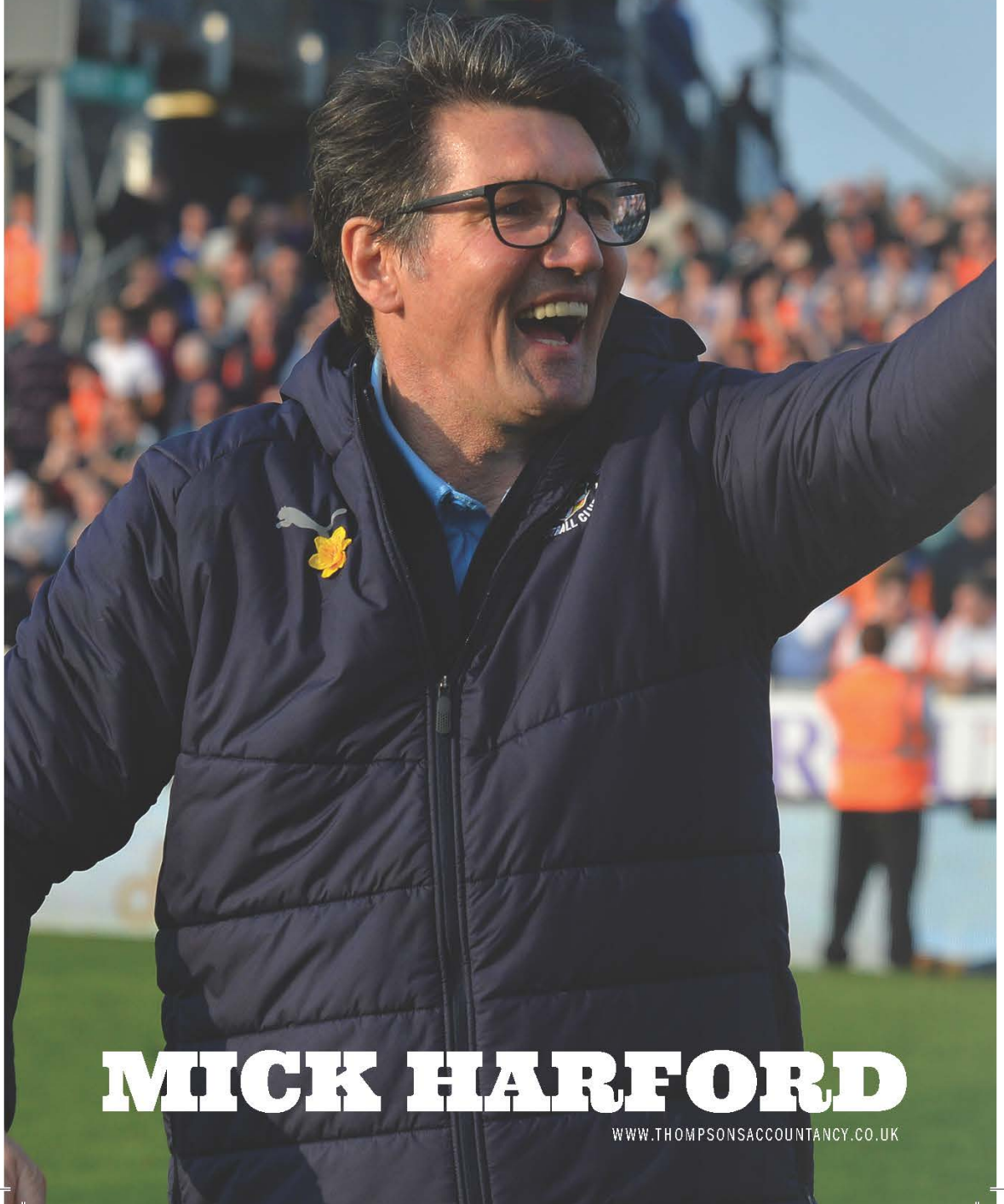
Regular columns from physio Simon
Parsell have brought many smiles, and I
thank Simon Pitts for his stats and Hold
The Back Page columns, along with a
roster of other members of the Hatters
Press corps, as well as Andy Awford
and his academy staff, Kevin Thoburn,
Nikki Baker, Daniel Tagg, Kevin Harper,
Viv Long, Hannah Prowle and the 2020
board of directors – not only for their
programme notes but for delivering such
a bright future for Luton.

Talking of which, thanks to Gareth Owen
for his fantastic photos bringing the
programme to life, while our brilliant
designer Heather Ellis makes the pages
sing. Marketing manager Ed Smith and
Bradley Dixon contribute valuably with
their skills on that front too, and thanks
to our first Community Ambassador Raj
Koyes for being available for Press duties
on a regular basis – not forgetting the
printing of these pages.

Finally, thank you for buying This Is Our
Town and for your unbelievable support
for the team and club throughout this
record-breaking campaign. Let's hope it
ends in champagne style this evening!
COYH!

**STUART HAMMONDS
EDITOR**

THE MANAGER



MICK HARFORD

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I can say without doubt that these will be my last programme notes as Luton Town manager - and what a time to write them!

It was an absolute honour to be asked by Gary Sweet, David Wilkinson and the magnificent 2020 board to take on the role in early January, and to be part of the process of recruiting the new manager.

They will show him the support that I and every other manager has had in their 11 years as custodians of this great football club, and I know that you will from the stands too.

That is for another day though, and what a season it's been. I've got to say, I've enjoyed every minute of working with this fantastic group of players. With the turmoil and unrest in the middle of the campaign, what's been achieved shows what a strong club we are coming out of it, and what a strong bond there is in the group of players. To lose their manager and come out of the situation and still gain promotion is remarkable.

Solidarity

For me it's all about the players and the solidarity among the group. That's what has got us through. I just tried to keep everyone together and with the help of the brilliant staff we have here at the club, we've managed to get over that line.

I don't just mean the football staff, who I thank wholeheartedly for their support. From the ticket office to the laundry, the car park to the Community Trust, the catering staff to the commercial team, the groundsmen to Gary and the development team who have got this club to the brink of a new stadium, you've all been amazing.

On the pitch we've been breathtaking at times, and that includes when Nathan was in charge. I had a great working relationship with him and he chose to move on to Stoke. That's his choice, but the players did not let it affect them.

They haven't taken their foot off the gas in training this week either since Peterborough helped us seal our success on Tuesday night. We have prepared properly to finish the season off as champions,

because that's what we want to be - just as Barnsley will too.

We know Oxford will pose a tough test and they've been on a fantastic run of late. I welcome Karl Robinson and everyone who has travelled with the U's, and wish them well for next season.

We won't have too many chances left to experience a fantastic carnival atmosphere at Kenilworth Road, and today I want you to show these players exactly what you think of them writing their names into the club's rich history this season.

Special

Twenty-eight games unbeaten will take some beating. Back-to-back promotions is phenomenal. Their attitude and work ethic has been second-to-none, their play has been scintillating and they deserve to be champions

And I'll finish by letting you know what I think of you, the best supporters in the land. I'm a proud Lutonian. I may not have been born here, but for over three decades you have made me feel a part of your town - our town - and I will never leave the area in which my son William was born.

This club is a truly special one. It's a relentless rollercoaster ride, we all know that, but on behalf of the players and staff I want to thank you for everything you have given myself and the club this season, both here at Kenilworth Road and on the road where you have travelled in great numbers.

I'm proud of every single Hatter here today - and some who can't be, others who have sadly passed on - so make the old place rock one last time this season, let's see the job through and then all enjoy the promotion party that follows! COYH!



...STOP PRESS...STOP PRESS...STOP PRESS...

GRAEME JONES WILL BE THE HATTERS NEW MANAGER

Luton Town Football Club are delighted to announce that Graeme Jones will become the Hatters' new manager from Tuesday, with Mick Harford having successfully led the team to promotion to the Sky Bet Championship.

Graeme has agreed a three-year contract to take charge at Kenilworth Road until 2022, the terms of which were satisfactorily agreed in February, whichever league we would have been playing in, after amicable consultation with his then club West Bromwich Albion.

The Hatters' board were insistent on not disrupting another club's season, and Graeme did not want to break the commitment he had made to both West Brom – as they bid to win promotion back to the Premier League – and his manager Darren Moore.

The Championship club parted company with their management team in March, but despite Graeme's early availability, we rightly continued to honour our commitment to Mick, just as he committed to the club.

There will be minimal disruption to players and staff in the summer, and Graeme – who in recent weeks, since the severance of his contract with West Brom, has been fulfilling Mick's usual role – has been fully respectful of Mick and his coaches being solely responsible for the team without interference.

The 49-year-old Geordie is a former striker who enjoyed a 15-year playing career with the likes of Doncaster Rovers, Wigan Athletic, Southend United, Boston United and Bury in the Football League, as well as St Johnstone, Clyde and Hamilton Academical in Scotland, after working his way up from Non-League football with North Shields and Bridlington Town.

It was at Wigan that he shone most brightly, his 33 goals in the 1996-97 Division Three (now League Two) title winning campaign earning him the league's Golden Boot, before winning the Auto Windscreens Shield with victory over Millwall at Wembley in 1999.

It was also at the north-west club that he first met Roberto Martinez, a team-mate with whom he would go on to build a glowing reputation as one of the most experienced assistant managers in the game.

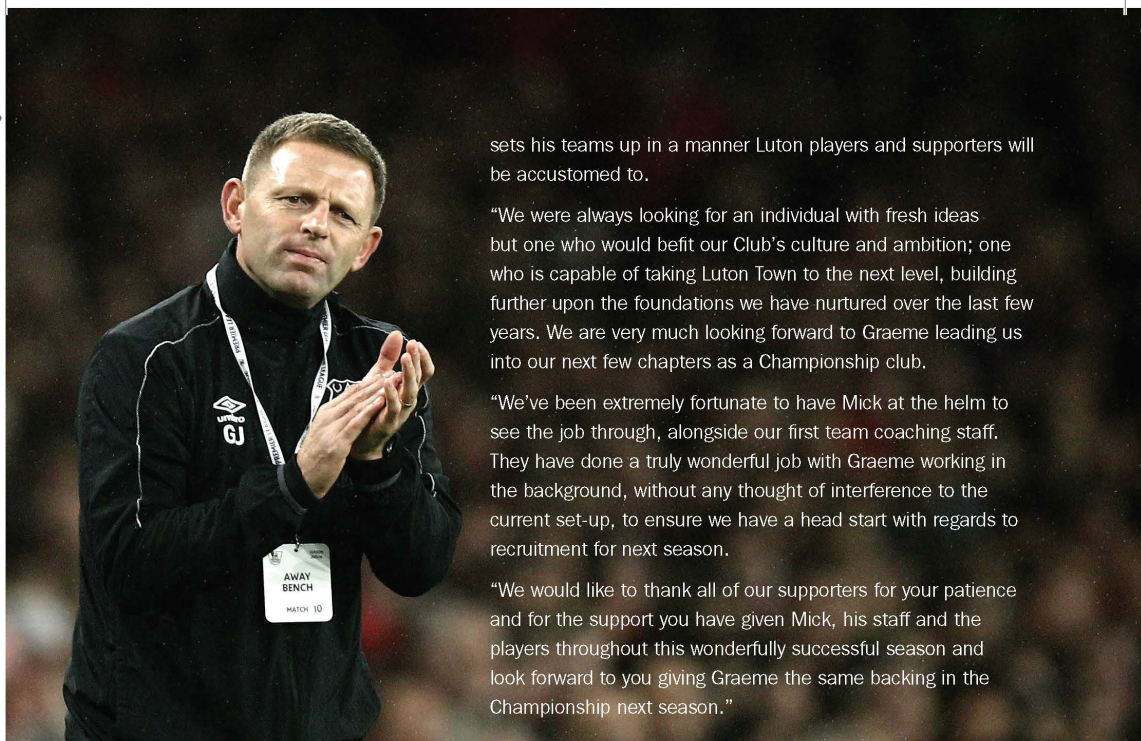
Graeme worked as the Spaniard's number two for 11 years, first winning League One at Swansea City and spending a season in the Championship, then for four seasons back at by-now Premier League Wigan, with whom he won the FA Cup against Manchester City in 2013.

He worked for another three in the top-flight with Martinez at Everton before moving into international football with the star-studded Belgian national team.

It was after spending two years helping Martinez and Thierry Henry leading the likes of Eden Hazard, Kevin De Bruyne and Romelu Lukaku to the World Cup, achieving the bronze medal as semi-finalists in Russia last summer, that he returned to English football to become assistant head coach to Moore at West Brom following their relegation from the top-flight.

With the Hatters having in recent years closely followed a career that has seen Graeme work at all levels of the game, with those who know him best maintaining that he has always remained grounded, the board quickly identified him as their number one target from the first moment the vacancy opened up.

Town CEO Gary Sweet said: "We're delighted to be the first club to secure the managerial services of Graeme Jones. Graeme is a very highly regarded coach and assistant amongst his peers and has caught our eye over the last few seasons as someone who is very hard working, very methodical and thorough in his approach, and a coach who



sets his teams up in a manner Luton players and supporters will be accustomed to.

"We were always looking for an individual with fresh ideas but one who would befit our Club's culture and ambition; one who is capable of taking Luton Town to the next level, building further upon the foundations we have nurtured over the last few years. We are very much looking forward to Graeme leading us into our next few chapters as a Championship club.

"We've been extremely fortunate to have Mick at the helm to see the job through, alongside our first team coaching staff. They have done a truly wonderful job with Graeme working in the background, without any thought of interference to the current set-up, to ensure we have a head start with regards to recruitment for next season.

"We would like to thank all of our supporters for your patience and for the support you have given Mick, his staff and the players throughout this wonderfully successful season and look forward to you giving Graeme the same backing in the Championship next season."

TOMORROW'S COUNCIL CELEBRATION!

The Mayor of Luton, Cllr Naseem Ayub, is inviting fans to a massive promotion party in St George's Square tomorrow.

Following pre-entertainment on the stage from a local band starting at 11am, the main party will kick off when Hatters players and officials arrive in St George's Square from Kenilworth Road in an open-top bus at around 12.15pm, before joining the Mayor onto a stage for short celebratory speeches hosted by BBC Three Counties Radio.

The team and officials will then make their way to a private reception in the Town Hall, with season highlights playing on large screens in the Square until 2pm.

The open-top bus tour will depart Kenilworth Road at around 12noon and proceed to St George's Square at walking pace via Dunstable Road, Telford Way, and Manchester Street.

In order to aid safe and smooth running of the event, the following roads will be closed from 9am-3pm: Guildford Street, Bridge Street, Gordon Street, Alma Street, Alma Link, Manchester Street, George Street, Upper George Street, Wellington Street,



Dunstable Place, New Bedford Road (jct. with Luton-Dunstable Busway) and Oak Road.

Motorists are advised to plan alternative routes around the area between those times.

The day's event is being funded by the council's airport company, London Luton Airport Limited, to acknowledge the support that the airport receives from the people of Luton.

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We're going up!

We are delighted to have been away sponsors of the club this season. It's been unforgettable for many reasons, and we cannot wait to help lift the team as they embark on a new season in the Championship!

The news of Power Court has been a particular highlight and although we will miss Kenilworth Road, we can't wait to share this next stage of the LTFC journey with the club and you, the fans.

You have all been so welcoming to us as away sponsor and we feel privileged we've joined such a wonderful family. We can't wait to see you all again in August for another fantastic season in the Championship!



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FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH CHAIRMAN **DAVID WILKINSON**

A warm welcome to everyone here at Kenilworth Road today for what promises to be one of the most memorable afternoons in the club's history.

Firstly, I'd like to extend the welcome to our visitors from Oxford United. We have witnessed many exciting games between us over the years, but the one that sticks in my memory was the 2-1 victory in our first season in the Conference when Keith Keane scored direct from a corner in injury time. If late drama like that bring us the League One title today, what a fantastic end it would be to an unforgettable campaign!

I can't believe it's that time already. The season nearly over, but what a season! In my 60 years I can't remember a better one. Some incredible football, an amazing squad who richly deserve all the plaudits they have been getting, a Club in great shape off the field with approval for a new stadium to give us a sustainable future and enable us to compete at a higher level and be fit for purpose in the modern game.

We have an extraordinary history, and I am so glad that Peterborough's win on Tuesday night brought me back on level terms during my time supporting the Hatters – I have now seen nine relegations and nine promotions!

It's been said that "We have to accept that sometimes we're the pigeon and sometimes we're the statue."

Football is so much about reminiscing and remembering having witnessed special moments and wonderful players. When we look back this will be high on the list. Records have been broken and we have gasped at the quality of some of our football. It wasn't expected, which makes it all the more special.

Can I congratulate all those who have won awards for their outstanding achievements this year. Mick Harford became our person of the hour for standing in so gallantly and professionally when Nathan departed. The word legend is bandied about rather profusely these days, but Mick is one of the old school. He is a shining example of all that is great about football and I'm proud to know him, proud of him for the job he has done in overseeing this promotion.

Magnificent

Jack Stacey, Pelly, Shinnie, JJ and Moncur all deservedly picked up awards from the Luton Town Supporters' Trust on Sunday evening and Collo and JJ were in the League One team of the year at the PFA awards on the same night. Well done to all of them, but how often have we said this year that we couldn't pick a man of the match because it was a team effort. Everyone chipped in. Shea with record numbers of clean sheets, our two magnificent centre-halves, Elliot Lee and Harry Cornick providing power, pace and finish, fantastic cameos from Kaz and Cummings – and what a return from injury by Luke Berry!

Sadly, there are those who have missed out through injury, but they have all played their part in maintaining the squad togetherness and team spirit. Thanks to Sheehan, Macca, Glen Rea, Danny and Pottsy – and all those I haven't mentioned by name – for their patience and support. It is so easy for frustration and disappointment to infect a dressing room, particularly with the larger squads these days, that the character of that group is so important.

Next year we will be 135 years old; 135 years of drama, entertainment, despair, joy, courage, corruption and generosity. We have been all the way to the top (briefly) and below the bottom in Football League terms, but the club has made it this far and our job is to do all we can to put it in the right shape to not just survive, but prosper for the next 100 years and more.

The heart of the Club is you and our greatest motivation is to refresh and expand our supporter base within our community. "We are Luton Town we really are."

Before I finish, a word about our CEO. The other night at the LTST awards Gary won the Kevin Catlin (Tiddles) Memorial Trophy for Outstanding Contribution to LTFC. Gary, with help from others, fought many battles to wrest control of the club from people who mostly "didn't deserve to wear the shirt", and put us all together to create 2020 and sell us the vision. The mission was to have a new stadium and be in the Championship by 2020.

Gary's commitment, passion, imagination and sheer dogged hard-work and persistence make him a well-deserved recipient of this award.

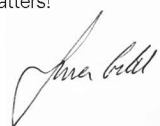
A lot has and will be said ahead of today's game. I know we are good enough to finish the job and win the league and believe we will. Even if we hadn't already sealed promotion, nothing would diminish my love and affection for this fantastic football club, which is on the up.

We have so much to look forward to over the next few years both on and off the pitch. I hope you enjoy it as much as I will.

"Success is how high you bounce when you hit rock bottom"

Enjoy the game and have a great Summer.

Come On You Hatters!




GARY SWEET CHIEF EXECUTIVE

They say a week is a long time in football. Last Saturday, we left the Brewers of Burton, dejected and regretful with faint fears of what was required of us against an in-form Oxford today. All this, not realising that, looking back to a momentous Tuesday night, we would be already promoted courtesy of a midweek Posh win at Pompey - leaving today's still important festivities to be a battle between ourselves and fellow promotion partners, Barnsley, for the title.

What a week! What a season!

Where do I start to sum it up? Our heroic manager who finished the job; the passionate manager who started it; our talented squad of players; our tirelessly diligent staff; you wonderful and loyal supporters; the electricity of Power Court or the innovative Newlands Park?

Just listing them all is exhausting, as our season has been! And who deserves the credit?

One thing is for certain, it isn't just the team of eleven, or the wider playing squad. Neither is it just the coaching staff or members of the board. It's not even just the whole workforce within club.





Our team spreads far and wide to include the entire positively energising support base, the families of those who go above and beyond, the council, sponsors, suppliers and business partners - right through to the town, county and outwards to all quarters. The whole community getting behind us, all having the faith, all believing, following our culture of doing it right, fairly, honestly and inclusively of all persuasions and diversities, united on the same journey with one, single aim. Promotion and a bright (orange!) new future.

Promotion campaigns are tough, demanding and draining. Back to back promotions simply can't be achieved without a strong belief and firm focus, operating on a strong foundation of a culture where no one individual takes the credit, or blame.

Everything we do – all the successes (and the failures) are not the work of one man or woman and no one person should be given sole credit for any of our achievements.

We have got to this stage by fulfilling a set of ethical principles we firmly believe in. We continue to pay the Real Living Wage to all employees. We continue our commitment to the progression of women and minorities in football, and aiding community cohesion in our ethnically and culturally diverse town - so that all Lutonians can live happily side by side regardless of race, religion or political beliefs. We avoid the promotion of gambling to minors while promoting Kenilworth Road as a family environment – as shown this week by our second successive Gold Award for EFL Family Excellence. To name but a few initiatives.

Becoming a Championship club will categorically not change who we are. We absolutely will not compromise these valuable moral cornerstones for sporting ambition - and we absolutely believe that our sporting ambition will not be compromised by adopting this ethical position.

This season has proved that we can still recruit the best players and play attractive, winning football in unison with our solid, sensible and sustainable foundation. Throughout the season we have played some breath-taking football, scored some fantastic team goals and gone on a record breaking 28 game unbeaten run. This was started back in October

admirably by Nathan and our highly professional team of staff and players, getting us to 13 games before he departed in January.

We thank Nathan for his tireless, committed and detailed work during his tenure. Mick then took the reins for the hard slog and led us to his hometown Club and into the first battle, at Sunderland. He kept the ship steady in the following months, which has enabled us to come into today's game, at Mick's adopted home, with excitement and a chance of being crowned champions of League One. So, whatever the result today, the credit must be shared among the entire, wider team.

Please start by patting yourselves on the back for your positive, constructive contribution and then loudly laud your heroes who've scored the goals and stopped the goals - just as it should be!

It is only with an even more united, more intensive spirit that we will be able to survive in the Championship, and this spirit will be our most lethal weapon. We go into next season with a new stadium in our sights, a new manager at the helm for us all to get behind and a new challenge in a league that will be tougher than anything we've faced since 2020 took custodianship of this wonderful Club.

But believe me when I say, we are ready. Preparation started years ago for this – and weeks ago in earnest. We now have another, steeper mountain to climb - with a new, even steeper, taller mountain ahead, which has become visible by reaching this peak.

On a personal note, I'm a deeply proud man to stand beside my fellow board members and deeply proud to stand linked in arms with our staff, players and you!

Let's build on these successes! Let's not fall back! Let's make our foundation a solid one so we can entertain you with even more skill and excitement next season and beyond.

Have as much fun as you can soak up today – you all deserve it!



PAUL BALLANTYNE DIRECTOR

We've created great memories this season. Southend, where Matty's magic hat took

us top, that first half against Argyle, that first half in the snow versus Pompey and then George's goal, the spirit at Sunderland, Pelly's smile at Fleetwood, a sunny day at Accy, a pub in Gillingham singing "Gary Sweet, he's One of our Own". Though I do regret not joining in that last one. Just that I have a bit of a problem with that song.

The real great thing about this season has been the collective spirit we have built. Everyone working their hardest to achieve our ambitions.

Everyone: Ali in the car park, Mike on the developments side, JJ on the left (or the right), Paul in the kitchen, Gary in the pub. From Kinshasa to Kinderdijk, Sunderland to sunny High Town Road, all ones of our own, if you see what I mean.

As TS Eliot might have said, the end is the beginning.

The end of this season marks the beginning of a bright future. This season we have created a platform for the long-term, sustained success of both our Club and the wider community. With moments of magic of course, but founded on a Club-wide base of sheer hard work.

We should be really proud of what we have collectively achieved.

And I promise to join in the Gary song if it ever sparks up again (though I prefer the one that goes "Gary Sweet is magic, he wears a magic hat. And if you throw a brick at him, he'll head it back with a 25% sell-on").

On a different tack, I think we should reflect on the debt of gratitude we owe Nathan. The break-up of an intense relationship always seems to overshadow what came before. Nathan worked his socks off for us for three years and massively contributed to building that platform I'm talking about. Despite the upsetting way the relationship ended, I think we owe him our thanks and respect.

Paul



STEPHEN BROWNE DIRECTOR

Well, what a season it has been! As we lost out on the League Two title last year we never

dreamt we would be in the position we are today. Everyone associated with the Club has done a fantastic job this season despite some events that could have thrown us off course, both on and off the pitch.

PROMOTED! It's a glorious word. So I'll say it again...PROMOTED!

Everyone – to a man, woman, and child – thoroughly deserves this.

Everyone – from the dressing room to the offices to the stands – thoroughly deserves this.

But it's not over and there's a job to do. One more game and the title is in our hands. Today we can be the 12th, 13th and 14th man on the pitch as we sing our hearts out to support the lads in the final push. They will give everything and so must we! We all want them to have the medal and the trophy they have worked so hard for.

The table doesn't lie and the lads are the best team in the division. Looking back at the season with so many records broken, so many awards for performances both on and off the pitch,



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planning application approvals, financial stability, destiny in our own hands – we are all delighted to be part of such a wonderful Club in such an amazing season.

As you know, as a board we never single anyone out because everyone plays their part, and all parts are vital. However, just this once I will make an exception. Last week the Supporters' Trust honoured our CEO with the Kevin Catlin Outstanding Achievement award. I would say that I was very pleased for Gary but I don't need to be – I see his work week in and week out, so I am fully aware of his success and I have always known he would give his best no matter what.

Instead, as he walked up to collect the award I felt overwhelming pride. Pride at what he has achieved and how he has achieved it. The culmination of many years of effort and a vision that was set down over ten years ago. We know his abilities but to have that recognised with such an award makes me extremely proud of him, and of course his family who support him so much. He's one of our own. I could not have applauded more and, barring his broken collar-bone, would have given him a huge slap on the shoulder.

Eric O would have revelled in Gary's success and I bet he's up there smiling. Tiddles was there at the

start so it is very fitting that Gary was the worthy recipient of the award that bears his name. Two very, very special people that are up there alongside names like Pleaty and Mick as proper legends of this Club, creating history and never to be forgotten.

I have said before that many legends and great people have graced our halls, terraces, and pitch over our 134 years. We are so lucky to have that now and so who knows what we can achieve? Our dreams are only limited by our imagination.

Finally, I'm (not) sorry to repeat...PROMOTED! Celebrate throughout the summer as you see fit...we are a Championship club now playing in one of the world's biggest leagues. It's been a very long journey – the rollercoaster we promised a decade ago – but WE ARE BACK!

Today it's down to us in the stands. Let's create a tsunami of noise. Sing for everyone who cannot be with us today and those Hatters listening in around the world. Let the sheer force of voices push that ball over the line and let's win some silverware!

WE ARE LUTON TOWN!



MIKE HERRICK DIRECTOR

What a difference a day makes! Leaving Burton on Saturday with things still up in

the air, we had to cope with the thought that the play-offs might possibly beckon. This would have been unfortunate and undeserved for a number of reasons but mostly, I feel, for our own gentle giant Mick Harford. Then Tuesday evening came!

It's only recently that I've become aware of the intense stress and pressure that he has lived with in recent weeks. Yes – we all feel it a little ourselves if any result is not perfect, but it in no way equates to the burden he has carried on his shoulders.

I still find it remarkable that he blames himself for our demise ten years ago as we dropped out of the Football League. We all know where the real blame lies for that chapter in our history.

He wasn't pushing himself forward for the job of leading us from the depths with a 30-point deficit (who would?) but by doing so he showed where his heart lay. At a time when we were in the darkest of places he battled through with an impossible job that he alone was man enough to take on.

By the same token it was far from his preferred option to take up the reins once more in January.





Could he have thought once more that he was on a hiding to nothing? And what would he have felt if promotion had ultimately eluded us?

But the calm assurance of his leadership has this time culminated in the explosion of joy that we see today. Ten years in which the man at the helm when we went down is the same man that has now taken us over the line and back into the Championship.

What a perfect symmetry. So perfect that surely it was meant to be. Some people I've spoken to said it would have been nice to get promoted on the field of play. For my part I wouldn't change a single thing. The euphoria we all felt on Tuesday night will live just as long in the memory. And as a bonus we still have something very big to play for today.

Our stay in League One may have been very short and sweet but what a season it has been with many momentous events that we'll remember long after the dust has settled on our game against Oxford United today – planning applications determined in Luton's favour and our record unbeaten run to name just a few.

In a way, absolutely everything will have been overshadowed by the planning decisions, and rightly so. Just as we know that form is temporary and class is permanent, so promotion could be thought of as temporary, but Power Court and Newlands Park will be permanent. We have an amazing

opportunity to transform not only Luton Town the football club, but the town of Luton as a whole. And this transformation will be evident irrespective of whatever league we may be gracing in the future.

Looking back on the 2018/19 campaign, however, what I shall remember most fondly is the exhilarating style of football that it has been our pleasure to watch. All those weeks where you just couldn't wait for Saturday to come round again; the atmosphere that a full house at the Kenny can create; away days savouring the camaraderie with hordes of fellow fans; these are the things that we'll take with us.

In boardrooms up and down the country we have received many compliments about our club and our brand of football. When all is said and done though, if we remain at the top of the table after 46 games it will have been not only by the season-long efforts of a closely-knit and exceptionally talented group of players and staff but, very importantly, the fans as well. You may not always be aware of the incredible impact your support has had, and the League One championship, if that is what it is to be, will be your achievement as much as anybody else's. Oh – and Mick Harford's.

Mike



BOB CURSON **DIRECTOR**

**We welcome the
Oxford directors,
management, players
and fans to Kenilworth**

**Road this afternoon trusting we can make them
feel as welcome as we felt last week at Burton
Albion. Although the will to win will be as strong in
both camps, the camaraderie between us should
always shine through to show that football is
always the winner.**

I am writing this piece on Monday so I am unaware of what our position will be today so here goes.

Well, who would have thought at the beginning of the season that we would be in this position on the last day of the campaign? After enjoying so much success last season, I think that we would have settled for a mid to upper table position with a possibility of reaching the play offs.

However, Nathan Jones had other thoughts and even after we had only achieved one point out of the first nine, he believed that we could get automatic promotion and said we were as good as the best and that if we applied ourselves, we could do it.

The team have been magnificent in every way,

striving together to achieve their ambition even when Nathan decided to part company with us in January, their strength came to the fore. Things could have been very different if the senior members of the squad had not have taken up the challenge to build on what they had already achieved and worked with Mick to overcome a very difficult situation.

Although Nathan's departure was a complete surprise which could have resulted in a loss of form, the foundation that he put in place, along with Mick's willingness to step in and to keep things the same, seemed to bring the team closer together and we carried on as if nothing had happened.

What a fantastic run of matches without a defeat, a wonderful achievement, one that will take a long time to equal, if ever?

The football played this year has been some of the best I have seen for over 60 years, it has been a pleasure to watch and I am so proud to be a small part of this tremendous football club. It would be absolutely fantastic for us all if we could convert this monumental effort into promotion to the Championship and complete a fitting tribute to everyone associated with the club.

We are a team from top to bottom, I take as much pleasure out of hearing lovely comments about our hospitality hosts, catering and bar staff, stewards and everyone representing the club as I do watching the football. Thank you and well done to you all.

The people of this town need success and having a successful football club goes a long way to improving the environment in which they live.

Off the field we are also striving to change the face of our town by involving our community in sporting activities that will change their lives, whilst completing major developments which will physically change the environment.

As Chairman of Football in the Community, I have held an active role in the progress that we have made over the past ten years. The charity was on its knees and looking to fold when we took over. Now it plays a major part in what we do for our community and is thriving in every way, so well done to all

concerned, we could not have achieved anything without you. I look back with personal pride on what we have achieved so happy tenth anniversary to the LTFC Community Trust.

As a Director of the club, I also look back in amazement at what Gary and Mike Moran and their team have achieved. A new football ground with entertainment and residential facilities along with bars and restaurants at Power Court, and offices, sports, specialist shopping and other support facilities at Newlands Park. Planning permission has been achieved and assuming we have no major setbacks over the coming months, we will achieve our goal during the early to mid-20s. When Gary showed me the plans, I thought it was pie in the sky and he was dreaming, my only hope now is that I will still be around to see that dream come true (there must be a song about this?). We will have to get Rob Stringer to look through the Sony archives??

I must admit however that watching the last ten games and going through the stresses and strains along with the highs and lows of football, I am not doing too much to help my personal goal.

Anyway, what will be will be and whatever happens today always remember that Luton Town FC will always be the spirit of the town.

My thanks go to YOU our wonderful fans for sharing my dream, please give it your all today and make the difference.

Good luck and Best Wishes. COYH!

*****STOP PRESS 9:43pm TUESDAY 30 APRIL
LUTON PROMOTED TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP*****

WHAT A DIFFERENCE A DAY MAKES!

Just managed to squeeze this in before printing. Fantastic news, congratulations to everyone at the club especially to Gary, my fellow Board Members and Mick, a great bunch of "BLOKES".

We have travelled a considerable way together, not always easy but long may it continue. And to the fans that give us such tremendous support, carry on dreaming the dream, thank you, one and all, enjoy the ride!! I am overjoyed!!!

Bob



AWARD WINNERS!

The Luton Town Supporters' Trust's annual presentation evening was held at Venue 360 last Sunday night, with more than 300 Hatters in attendance to see Jack Stacey collect a hat-trick of awards.

The Town right-back, who had already been named in the EFL League One Team of the Season, picked up a hat-trick of the club's player of the year awards, while James Justin – who was absent with James Collins at the PFA awards – was named Young Player of the Year, with that award selected by manager Mick Harford and his coaching staff.

Andrew Shinnie was deservedly selected by his team-mates as players' player, reward for his

brilliant campaign in the Town engine room, while the Scot and fellow midfielder Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu shared the Ian Pearce Memorial Trophy for the most man-of-the-match nominations in the Luton News, with Pelly voted as the Bobbers Travel Club's away player of the year.

Hatters CEO Gary Sweet was awarded the LTST's Kevin Catlin Memorial Trophy for his outstanding contribution to the football club, while George Moncur got the vote for Goal of the Season.

THE FULL HONOURS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

Goal of the Season: **GEORGE MONCUR** - vs Portsmouth (H) Tuesday 29th January 2019

Bobbers Travel Club Away Player of the Season: **PELLY-RUDDOCK MPANZU**

LTST Outstanding Contribution Award (Kevin Catlin Memorial): **GARY SWEET**

The Ian Pearce Memorial Trophy: **ANDREW SHINNIE & PELLY-RUDDOCK MPANZU**

Junior Supporters' Player of the Season: **JACK STACEY**

Young Luton Town Player of the Season: **JAMES JUSTIN**

Internet Player of the Season: **JACK STACEY**

Players' Player of the Season: **ANDREW SHINNIE**

LTST Player of the Season: **JACK STACEY**



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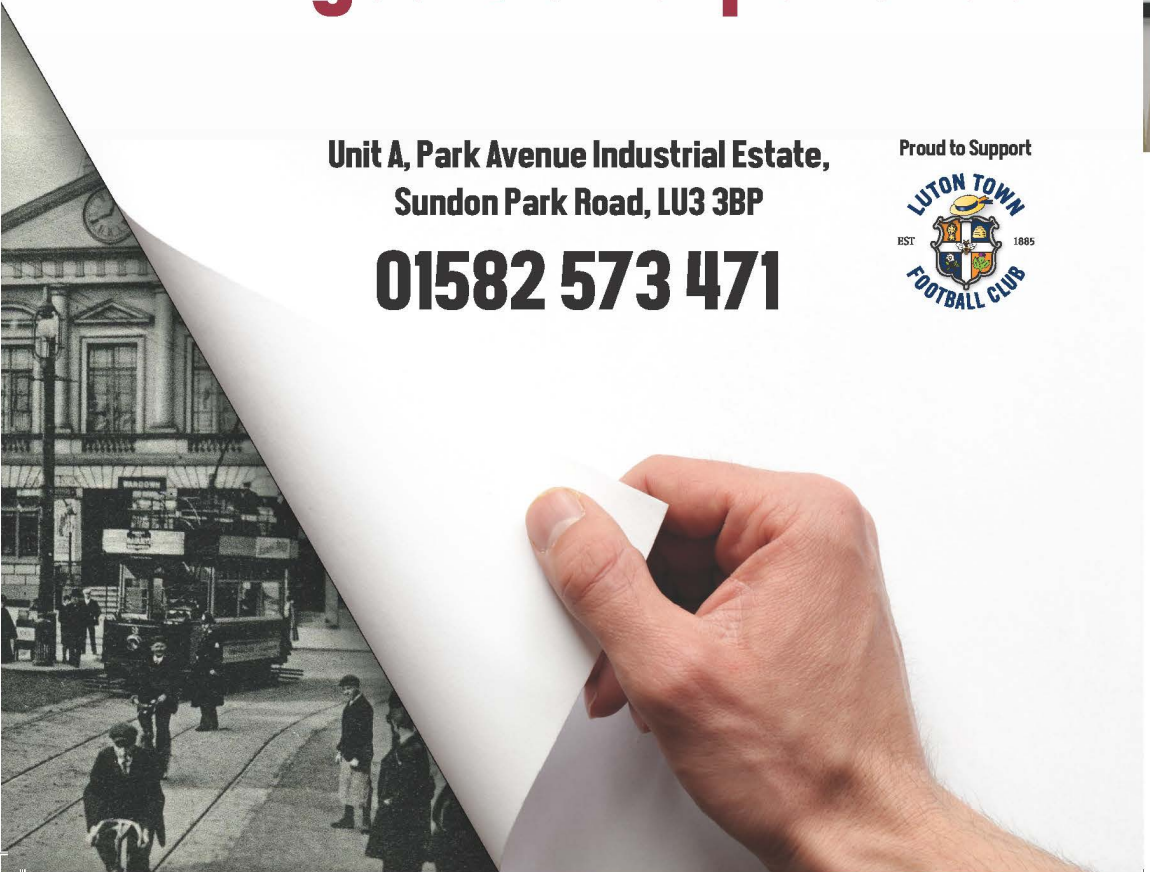
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AND ANOTHER GOLD FOR FAMILIES!

Last week the Hatters discovered that we were one of only nine EFL clubs to be given Gold Award for exemplary work in engaging with families on matchdays - the second season in a row we have been given such a prestigious status!



The Town are one of a record number of 63 EFL clubs to be given Family Excellence Status – up from 56 clubs in 2017-18 – after receiving two mystery family visits throughout the season.

Well done to all who have contributed behind the scenes to making a Kenilworth Road matchday so enjoyable for all supporters!

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STEVE RUTTER'S ALL-TIME XI

4-3-2-1

Town assistant manager Steve Rutter reveals the best XI he has ever coached on the FA courses. Big names in there.



David Seaman

GK

As a player he was the best of his generation by a long way, a great fella as well. He was a part of the best back five in the country during his time Arsenal. He is my second favourite goalkeeper ever after Gordon Banks.



Gary Neville

RB

The titles he won, he was Mr Reliable at Manchester United. He was world class at basics as a player. A consummate professional.



Tony Adams

CB

They set a new benchmark in what defending was about. The chant '1-0 to the Arsenal' came about because of that team. Top class player.



Martin Keown

CB

He was Arsenal. He overcame adversity from leaving the club and going to Villa, before returning and becoming a mainstay in the team.



Stuart Pearce

LB

Played at Wealdstone, Stuart left just before me. I followed what he was doing up from Non-League. I loved the passion he brought to the game and then there's that famous penalty. Embodiment of English football.



Bryan Robson

CDM

He was on the first A Licence course I ever worked on. A real gentleman. The goal he scored for England after 16 seconds is a record.



Roy Keane

CDM

His drive. His ability to drag a team up by its bootstraps and set a new level of intensity defined him as a player.



RAM

Peter Beardsley

The best English player of his generation for me. Was the foil for Gary Lineker when he won the Golden Boot at Mexico 1986. Peter was the man that made Gary tick.

CAM

Gianfranco Zola

Not surprisingly voted one of the best imports into the Premier League ever. He has coached in a lot of places. I worked with him when he was at West Ham.

LAM

Ryan Giggs

Him and Gary Neville both strived for perfection, even though at the time they were novice coaches. They were driven and so focused on detail. You can see why Ryan played for so long.

ST

Joe Jordan

What a player. Him and Mick Harford were on their B Licence course and had to attack crosses. Anybody want to be on the defending side? When you look at his playing career. He was a trailblazer going abroad.

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J Block, as the name suggests, is the name of the Enclosure Block at Kenilworth Road that most of the group who are the sponsors stand in. Passionate fans of the club through

the good times and not so good times, a strong friendship has grown over the years between the fans who stand in that area, young and old alike. Once a Hatter always a Hatter!

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Luton Away Days are a group of like minded fans who travel across the country following Luton as well as travelling to England games. They have supported the team

through the hard times and the good times. Being a Luton fan is like being on a rollercoaster ride and they have enjoyed the ride! COYH

TODAY'S MASCOTS



AGE 7

Callen Trevillion

School: Our Lady's Catholic School

Hobbies: Chess, football, reading

Favourite Player:

Kazenga LuaLua

Attends games with: Grandad, dad and some friends



AGE 11

Alfie Freeman

School: Breachwood Green

Hobbies: I love to play football and i love boxing. One day I am going to be a world champion... Remember the name!

Favourite Player:

Kazenga LuaLua

Attends games with: My dad



AGE 12

James McDonald

School: Putteridge High School

Hobbies: Gaming and Football

Favourite Player: All of them!

Attends games with: My dad

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[OUR VISITORS]

WELCOME OXFORD UNITED



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

After our last meeting back in October – when the Hatters defeated Karl Robinson's side 2-1 at Grenoble Road – Oxford found themselves in 23rd spot with five points from 11 games.

Their form picked up dramatically after that and apart from a blip over Christmas and New Year, the U's have been in at least play-off challenging form.

Whilst their season is all but over – unable to finish in the play-offs and safe from relegation – Robinson's team have found another gear and head into today's match having won eight out of their last 12. They have beaten Portsmouth and Charlton this season, but haven't managed to take three points away at a team in the top seven.

A First Division side in the 1980s, the U's have slowly filtered down the pyramid and found themselves out of the league altogether, spending four seasons in the Conference, before winning promotion back to League Two in 2010.

Six years in the fourth tier came to an end when a team that included the likes of Danny Hylton and Johnny Mullins won promotion in 2016. They also reached two consecutive Checktrade

Trophy finals – once at our expense – only to be beaten on both occasions at Wembley.

Their squad has changed drastically since then, with manager Chris Wilder moving onto boyhood club and now Premier League bound Sheffield United, whilst Kemar Roofe and Chey Dunkley are plying their trade in the Championship with Leeds United and Wigan Athletic.

Grenoble Road this season has been where Oxford have really found their form – winning just under half the games they have played there (11), and are generally involved in entertaining affairs, with at least three goals scored in nearly 60 per cent of their matches. They've actually suffered fewer defeats on the road than they have at home, but drawing has been what has stopped them pushing for a place in the top six, picking up a point in 11 games, winning on just four occasions. That said, three out of those four victories have come in their last three away games.

Second in the form table (last eight games), today's game will no doubt be one of the toughest the Hatters have faced this campaign.



FACTFILE:

NICKNAME:	THE U'S
GROUND:	GRENABLE ROAD
MANAGER:	KARL ROBINSON
LAST SEASON:	16TH IN LEAGUE ONE

HEAD-TO-HEAD

LUTON WINS:	18
DRAWN:	9
OXFORD WINS:	13
LAST MEETING:	OCTOBER 2018
	OXFORD 1-2 LUTON

MEET THE SQUAD

THE GAFFER

Karl Robinson | Age: 38

The U's boss never made an appearance in the EFL as a player, but has made several as a manager, securing his first managerial role at MK Dons in 2010. In his first two seasons with the club, he led the Dons to the League One Play-Offs in as many years, falling just short of Wembley with two semi-final defeats. In 2014-15, Robinson finally avoided the dreaded Play-Offs altogether and secured the second automatic promotion spot, guiding the club to the second tier of English football for the first time in their short history. The boss spent just over a year with Charlton Athletic before joining the U's towards the end of last season.



GOALKEEPER

JACK STEVENS

AGE: 21

The young goalkeeper came through the ranks with the U's and was handed his first ever start over the Easter period, coming in for the suspended Eastwood.

DEFENDERS

LUKE GARBUTT

AGE: 25

Currently on-loan from Everton, the full-back is capped for England from the U16s, all the way up to U21 level. Won the UEFA European Under-17 Championship for the Three Lions in 2010.

THE STOPPER

Simon Eastwood | Age: 29

Believe it or not, the stopper was born in Luton, but played his youth football at Huddersfield Town. When game-time became sparse with the Terriers after signing his first professional contract in Yorkshire, the U's acquired the 29-year-old, but again, first team football was hard to come by. The keeper worked hard though, plying his trade with Halifax Town in the Conference North until Portsmouth signed him in 2012. After one season on the south coast and three in Lancashire with Blackburn Rovers, Oxford resigned the keeper and he has been a regular between the sticks ever since.



DID YOU KNOW?

The £69,000 transfer fee that saw Oxford sign their second-highest goalscorer of all-time James Constable, the striker who helped fire them out of the Conference ahead of the Hatters in 2009-10, was paid to Shrewsbury Town by Stewart Donald, who is now the owner of the Town's League One promotion rivals Sunderland. Donald's company Bridle Insurance sponsored the U's.

[MEET THE SQUAD]

THE WALL

Curtis Nelson

Age: 25

The centre-half signed his first professional deal with Plymouth Argyle and went on to play more than 200 matches for the Pilgrims. In his first season as a senior player, Nelson won the Young Player of the Year award too. The 25-year-old spent seven years with Argyle, also skipping the side to the League Two Play-Off final against AFC Wimbledon, narrowly losing 2-0 on the day. That was to be the defender's last match on the south coast, signing for the U's in 2016. Nelson has scored four goals this season, including an important winner away at Coventry.



ROB DICKIE

AGE: 23

After failing to make an impact at Reading, Dickie signed for Oxford in January last year. Won the National League title in 2015-16 while on-loan at Cheltenham Town.

JOHN MOUSINHO

AGE: 33



Scored the only goal in the League Two Play-Off final for Stevenage against Torquay to send the club up to League One for the first time in their history.

SAM LONG

AGE: 24

A U's academy graduate, Long has spent time on-loan with Kidderminster Harriers and Hampton & Richmond. The versatile centre-half can also play on the left or right side of defence.

MIDFIELDERS

JAMIE HANSON

AGE: 23

Signed from Derby County at the start of this season. Capped for England U20s and has enjoyed a loan spell with Wigan Athletic.

CAMERON BRANNAGAN

AGE: 22

The midfielder had been with Liverpool since the age of five, making three senior appearances for the Reds. Put pen to paper with Oxford in January last year.

IN THE MIDDLE

Josh Ruffels | Age: 25



The local lad began his career with Coventry, eventually signing for his home town club in 2013. Since then, the midfielder has gone on to play more than 200 matches for the U's, making himself an integral part of the club. The 25-year-old was part of the Oxford side to win promotion from League Two in 2015-16 and has also appeared in two Checkatrade Trophy final defeats at Wembley. The ex-Coventry man netted his fourth goal of the season at the end of March, clinching a 90th minute winner for the U's over Wycombe.

MARCUS BROWNE
AGE: 21



On-loan from West Ham United. Browne has featured for the London club in the Europa League, coming on as a sub in 1-1 draw with Romanian club Astra Giurgiu.

SAMIR CARRUTHERS
AGE: 26

Celebrating his 26th birthday today, Carruthers is currently on-loan from Sheffield United. Hatters fans will be hoping that's

all he'll be celebrating at the full-time whistle.

JORDAN GRAHAM
AGE: 24

The midfielder joined on-loan from Wolverhampton Wanderers in January. Spent time with Fulham at the beginning of last season, assisting them in their promotion bid.

MARK SYKES
AGE: 21

Another January signing, Sykes signed a two-and-a-half-year deal from Northern Irish outfit Glenavon FC. Won Ulster Young Footballer of the Year in 2017-18.

AHMED KASHI
AGE: 30

On-loan from French side Troyes. Played in the Championship for Charlton Athletic and has one senior cap for Algeria. Won promotion to Ligue 1 in 2013-14 with Metz.

STRIKERS

JEROME SINCLAIR
AGE: 22

A second connection to Liverpool in the U's squad, Sinclair joined on-loan from Anfield in January. He's played 14 times and has managed to bag one goal.

GAVIN WHYTE
AGE: 23

Scored an impressive hat-trick over Shrewsbury Town last Monday, taking his tally up to ten for this season. Also capped for Northern Ireland.

JAMES HENRY
AGE: 29

Played more than a century of matches for Millwall, gaining promotion to the Championship with the Lions in 2010 – a feat he managed with Wolves four years later.

WATCH OUT

Jamie Mackie | Age: 33

The veteran forward has played the majority of his career in the Championship, turning out for the likes of Nottingham Forest, Plymouth Argyle and Reading. Mackie enjoyed his most successful spell with



QPR, scoring six in four matches at the start of the 2010-11 campaign to help the club to the Championship title. He played two seasons in the Premier League under Neil Warnock, Mark Hughes and Harry Redknapp, scoring nine in total. The 33-year-old has also represented Scotland on nine occasions, scoring twice. The striker signed for Oxford in 2018 and has scored five this season.

IN NUMBERS...

Stadium capacity:	12,573
Miles from Kenilworth Road:	46
Year opened:	2001
Average crowd this season:	7,238
Seasons in League One:	3

[ROGER WASH]

CLASSIC CLASH WITH UNITED

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

1ST SEPTEMBER 1970 • LUTON TOWN 4 OXFORD UNITED 0

After the Town scraped through to win promotion back to the old Division Two at the end of the 1969/70 season, deficiencies in the squad were quickly identified and efforts were made to attract top name players to Kenilworth Road.

One of the major plus points of being a relatively successful side on the back of a promotion is the ability to attract players that the supporters have actually heard of. This was certainly true over the summer of 1970 as Jim Ryan and Don Givens were signed from Manchester United, Roger Hoy from Crystal Palace and David Court from Arsenal.

All the new signings, with the exception of Court, made their debuts on the opening day of the new season, away at Bolton. For this, the Town's first game in Division Two (now the Championship) since 1963, Viv Busby, Alan Starling and Terry Branstons were preferred to Court, Tony Read and Chris Nicholl, which seemed strange to the many supporters who made the trip to Burnden Park on two special trains.

The supporters' fears were vindicated as the Town went down 4-2 to a team that was to finish rock bottom at the end of the season. With tiny wingers Gordon Taylor and Terry Wharton running rings around the Luton defence, the latter helping himself to a hat-trick, it was a shell-shocked Hatters manager, Alec Stock, who faced the press at the end of the game.

"I didn't feel very good about that one," said Stock. "The goals we gave away were scandalous."

It was therefore back to the drawing board in preparation for the visit of Norwich to Kenilworth Road the following Saturday.

Unsurprisingly, the three players missing on the

opening day were back in the side but the Canaries, fearing a newly promoted side in their first game in front of their own fans, decided to shut up shop with 0-0 the only likely outcome.

Norwich manager, Ron Saunders, admitted that he had come for a point and warned that most sides would visit Kenilworth Road with a similar game plan, adding that it was down to the home side to force the play.

Alec Stock was reasonably pleased with the point and could see that his players were quickly learning about life in Division Two, but next up was a difficult trip to one of the pre-season promotion favourites, Birmingham City.

A crowd of 30,141 were present at St Andrew's to see a strong Blues side attempt to intimidate the Hatters, but the players were now, only two weeks into the season, made of stronger stuff.

Although Birmingham took an early lead through Geoff Vowden, the Town were always in the game and for the first time we looked like a Division Two side with fast and incisive football worrying the Blues' defence.

The deserved equaliser came with seven minutes left when Malcolm Macdonald was upended in the box, just as he was about to slot the ball into the net. The ball ran through to Hoy, who fired home but the referee had already pointed to the spot.

In front of the fiercely partisan crowd, Macdonald kept his cool and calmly slotted the ball into the



Happy Hatters support Malcolm Macdonald after the Oxford game. Left to right: John Ryan, Don Givens, Chris Nicholl, Tony Read and Roger Hoy

LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB	OXFORD UNITED
READ	KEARNS
JOHN RYAN	LUCAS
SLOUGH	SHUKER
HOY (JIM RYAN)	SMITHSON
NICHOLL	CLARKE
MOORE	THOMPSON
MACDONALD	SLOAN
COURT	GRAHAM ATKINSON
TEES	SKEEN
KEEN	CLAYTON
GIVENS	RON ATKINSON

back of the net. The Hatters were now ready to be taken more seriously.

With newfound confidence the Town were ready to take on Oxford at Kenilworth Road on the following Tuesday evening. Oxford were, at that stage, unbeaten and had won both of their away games at Middlesbrough and Millwall, so arrived at Kenilworth Road as confident as the Town.

If supporters felt that the display at Birmingham proved there was little to fear in Division Two, then the subsequent hammering of Oxford showed that the Town were now truly ready for the big time. The crowd of 16,173 were treated to bold, attacking football played with speed; the Town two up early on and three up by the interval.

Oxford had showed their hand before the game by announcing that they were about to attack the Town right from the start, but as they started shipping goals they seemed unable to alter their formation which gave the Hatters ample opportunity to improve their goal average.

Matt Tees, recalled at Birmingham to replace the injured Jim Ryan, had probably his best game in a Luton shirt and thumped home two of the goals with his head following precision crosses from Court and John Ryan.

The other two goals in the eventual 4-0 victory came from the trusty left peg of Macdonald, who was now showing that he was fully capable of scoring at this level and would soon bring the scouts flocking to Kenilworth Road.

'Radiant Luton come to boil' shouted out the headline in the Evening Post, with the reporter saying, 'With one of the most entertaining displays of powerful, high speed football that I have ever seen them give, Luton demolished Oxford. They pounded them into the turf with as good a performance as you are ever likely to see.' The reporter's only criticism of the evening was the size of the crowd!

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Danny Hylton nets the Town's second goal against his old club

THE LAST TIME OXFORD CAME TO TOWN

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

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CHECKATRADE TROPHY SOUTHERN AREA FINAL.

After fighting their way through the group stages of the Checkatrade Trophy, the Town had seen off Swindon and Chesterfield from the League above before beating Yeovil to earn a place in the Area Final.

Their opponents were to be Oxford, again from a league higher, and being only one step from Wembley, the competition took on greater interest with 6,901 turning up at Kenilworth Road.

The game turned out to be a thriller with the Town's Jake Gray missing an early opportunity before United took the lead on ten minutes through Phil Edwards. The Hatters responded well but could not force the ball home despite several decent chances.

The second goal that Oxford had been threatening sporadically came early in the second half when a Marvin Johnson cross took a wicked deflection off Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu to loop over Matt Macey in the Luton goal.

The Town got a lifeline on 73 minutes when Isaac Vassell slammed home before a combination of

poor finishing and Macey prevented Oxford from putting the game to bed.

Back came the Hatters and Danny Hylton, against his old club, nodded home from close range seemingly to take the game to a penalty shoot-out. Oxford had other ideas though, and following a short corner routine, Johnson thrashed the ball into the top corner from distance.

There was still time for substitute Jack Marriott to force a brilliant save from Simon Eastwood in the Oxford goal, but with everyone camped in the Oxford half, including Macey, United managed to hold on for the referee to blow time on a breathless cup-tie.

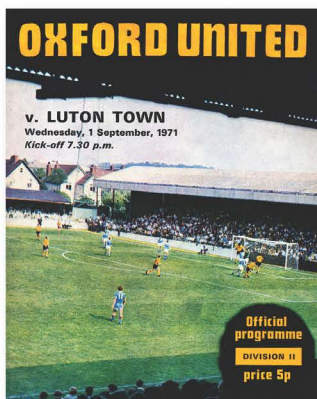
Luton Town: Macey, Justin (Cuthbert), Mullins, Sheehan, Senior (Gambin), Rea, Gray (Marriott), Mpanzu, Cook, Hylton, Vassell.

Oxford United: Eastwood, Edwards, Nelson, Dunkley, Skarz, Johnson, Lundstram, Ledson, Sercombe, Maguire (Rothwell), Hemmings.

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

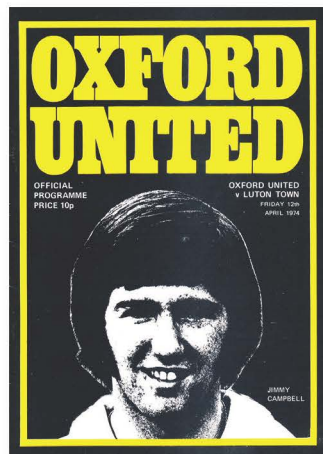


September 1971

The Town's third draw in four games since the start of the season sees a 1-1 stalemate at the Manor Ground. Don Givens' early opener for the Hatters is levelled by Derek Clarke soon after.

April 1974

On course for promotion to the top flight, thousands of Luton supporters swell the Manor crowd to 13,714. A tense game finishes 1-1 with Jim Ryan's leveller for the Town, a 40-yard free-kick misjudged by Oxford's Roy Burton, regarded as a fluke.

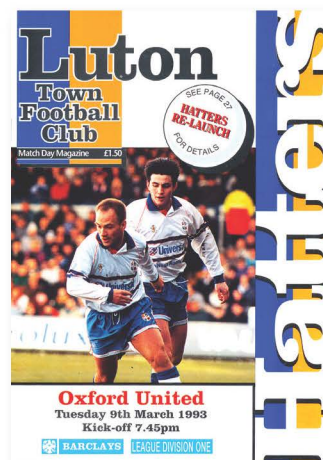


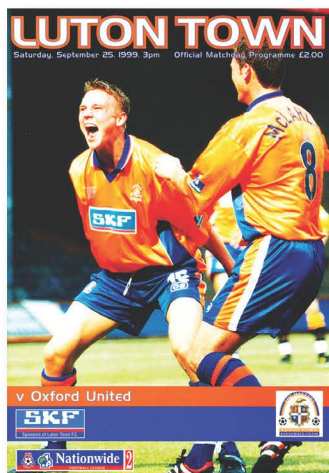
February 1988

A crazy top-flight game at Kenilworth Road finishes 7-4 to the Town. Mark Stein nets a hat-trick as both defences are all over the place

March 1993

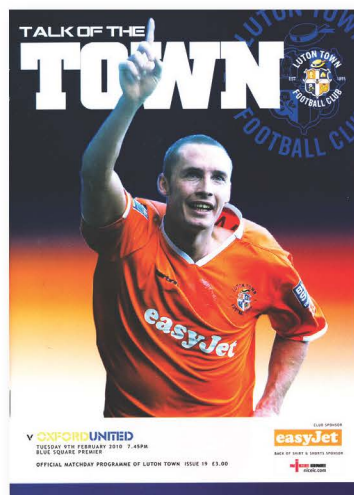
The Town earn a flattering 3-1 win in their bid to avoid relegation from League Division One (now the Championship). David Preece, Phil Gray and Scott Oakes are all on the scoresheet.





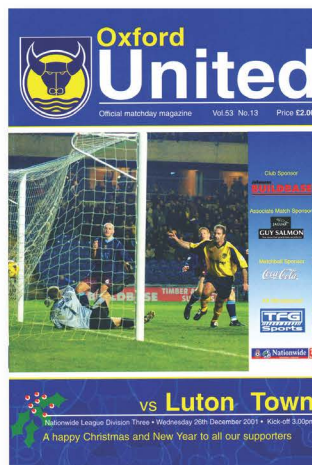
▲ September 1999

The Hatters move up to third in Division Two (now League One) with a 4-2 win over Oxford. Leading 3-0 at the interval and coasting, the Town are stung by two quick Oxford goals leaving Adam Locke to net the clincher from 40 yards in the final minute.



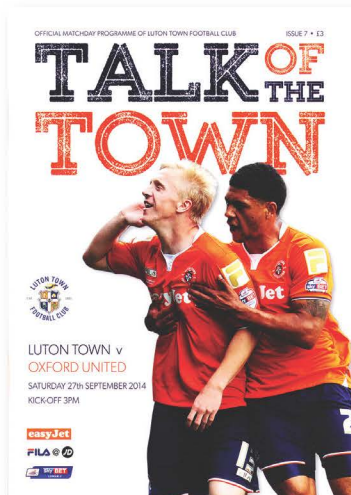
▲ February 2010

A goal from Keith Keane direct from a corner deep in stoppage time lifts the roof and clinches an unlikely 2-1 victory in a promotion six pointer.



▲ December 2001

In their first visit to the Kassam the Town go a goal down only to bounce back and win 2-1 through goals from Dean Crowe and Matthew Spring. The Hatters maintain second spot in Division Three (now League Two).



▲ September 2014

After a mediocre start to life back in the Football League the Town make it two wins on the bounce following a 2-0 victory over Oxford at Kenilworth Road. Luke Wilkinson and Jake Howells net the important goals.

DEADLY DUOS

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

NIGEL CASSIDY & HUGH CURRAN

Striker Nigel Cassidy was Oxford United's leading marksman in 1971-72. He was an important figure in Lowestoft Town's 1966-67 Eastern Counties League and Cup 'treble' success, moving to Norwich City in July 1967.

Moving to Scunthorpe United in December 1968, he starred alongside Kevin Keegan as they reached the FA Cup fifth round in 1969-70 and joined Oxford United for £20,000 in November 1970. Scoring 33 times in 116 League games, he moved to Cambridge United March 1974, then managed Bicester and Banbury. He ran the Molesworth Arms hotel in Wadebridge until his death in May 2008.

Former Scotland international striker Hugh Curran was Oxford United's top scorer in two consecutive seasons. He had spells with Manchester United, Shamrock Rovers, Third Lanark and Corby before moving to Millwall in March 1964. Top scorer in their 1964-65 promotion success, he played for Norwich City and Wolves prior to joining Oxford United in September 1972. He starred as they attained their then-highest position in 1972-73, moving to Bolton in September 1974.

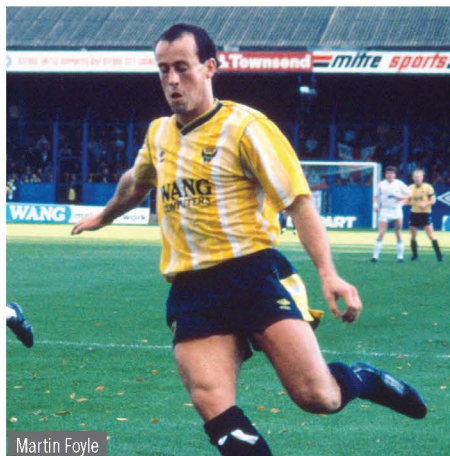
Rejoining Oxford United in July 1977, he netted 39 goals in 105 League games overall, then managed Banbury United and Thame, becoming a publican.

JOHN ALDRIDGE & BILLY HAMILTON

Republic of Ireland international striker John Aldridge gained the first seven of his 69 caps while at Oxford United. Initially with South Liverpool, he joined Newport County in May 1979 and starred as they won promotion in 1979-80 and were ECWC quarter-finalists in 1980-81. He moved to the Manor Ground for £70,000 in March 1984 and was leading marksman as Oxford won the Second Division title in 1984-85 and Milk Cup in 1985-86.

Scoring 72 times in 114 League games for United, he joined Liverpool for £775,000 in January 1987 and later starred for Real Sociedad and Tranmere Rovers where he was player-manager.

Northern Ireland international striker Billy Hamilton was capped six times while at Oxford United. Initially with Linfield, he featured in their 1977-78 'double' success and moved to QPR in April 1978. He joined Burnley in November 1979 and was leading marksman as they won the Third Division title in 1981-82, then were League Cup semi-finalists in 1982-83. Moving to the Manor Ground for £95,000 in August 1984, he starred in Oxford's 1984-85 Second Division title campaign and netted 12 times in 32 League games until injury ended his career. He managed Limerick and Distillery, then ran a sports shop in Bangor.



Martin Foyle

DEAN SAUNDERS & MARTIN FOYLE

Welsh international striker Dean Saunders was top scorer as Oxford United were League Cup semi-finalists in 1987-88. Initially with Swansea City, he moved to Brighton in August 1985 and joined Oxford in March 1987.

He netted 22 goals in 59 League games while at the Manor Ground before being sold to Derby County for £1m in October 1988. Joining Liverpool for £2.9m in July 1991, he featured in their 1992 FA Cup final triumph and later played for Aston Villa, Galatasaray, Nottingham Forest, Sheffield United, Benfica, Bradford City and Blackburn Rovers. He has since held various managerial posts.

Striker Martin Foyle was Oxford United's leading scorer in 1988-89. Signing professional for Southampton in August 1980, he joined Aldershot in July 1984, starring in their 1986-87 promotion success and FA Cup run. He moved to Oxford United for £140,000 in March 1987, having starred against them in that season's FA Cup upset. Helping Oxford to reach the League Cup semi-finals in 1987-88, he netted 36 goals in 126 League games before sold to Port Vale for a record £375,000 in June 1991. He was later Vale's manager and has since had spells in charge of York City, Northwich Victoria, Hereford United and Southport.



Joey Beauchamp

PAUL MOODY & JOEY BEAUCHAMP

Striker Paul Moody was leading marksman in Oxford United's 1995-96 promotion campaign. He starred in Fareham Town's 1986-87 FA Trophy run, joining Waterlooville in July 1988 and twice finishing top scorer. Moving to Southampton for £50,000 in July 1991, he joined Oxford United for £60,000 in February 1994 and netted 49 goals in 136 League games before sold to Fulham for £200,000 in July 1997. He was a promotion winner again in 1998-99, then joined Millwall in July 1999 and repeated the feat in 2000-01. Briefly rejoining Oxford in September 2001, he later played for Aldershot Town and Gosport Borough.

Widely regarded as one of Oxford United's finest discoveries, flying winger Joey Beauchamp starred in the 1995-96 promotion success. Signing professional at the Manor Ground in May 1989, he helped Oxford triumph at top-flight Leeds United in the 1993-94 FA Cup fourth round replay and moved to West Ham for £1m in June 1994. He failed to settle at Upton Park and moved to Swindon Town two months later, rejoining Oxford for £75,000 in October 1995.

A favourite with his spectacular goals and dazzling runs, he scored 63 times in 362 League games overall before joining Abingdon in August 2002, then Didcot Town.



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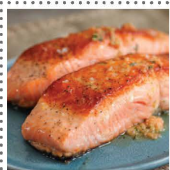
Apple.

Last person you called?

Missus.

Most famous person in your phone?

Harry Kane.



Favourite food?

Black pepper

Apple or rhubarb crumble?

Apple.



Food you can't stand?

Salmon.

Pet hate?

Bad manners.

Cat or dog?

Dog.

Xbox or PlayStation?

Xbox.



Karaoke song?

Neil Diamond – Sweet

Caroline.

Favourite artist?

Drake.

Top of your playlist?

Skeptak - Energy.

Last holiday?

Los Angeles.

Love Island or Peaky Blinders?

Love Island.

Can't miss on TV?

Game of Thrones.

Favourite away ground?

Old Trafford.

Club you support?

West Ham United.

Best moment in football?

Promotion to League One.

Best player played with?

Ravel Morrison.

Room-mate?

Andrew Shinnie.

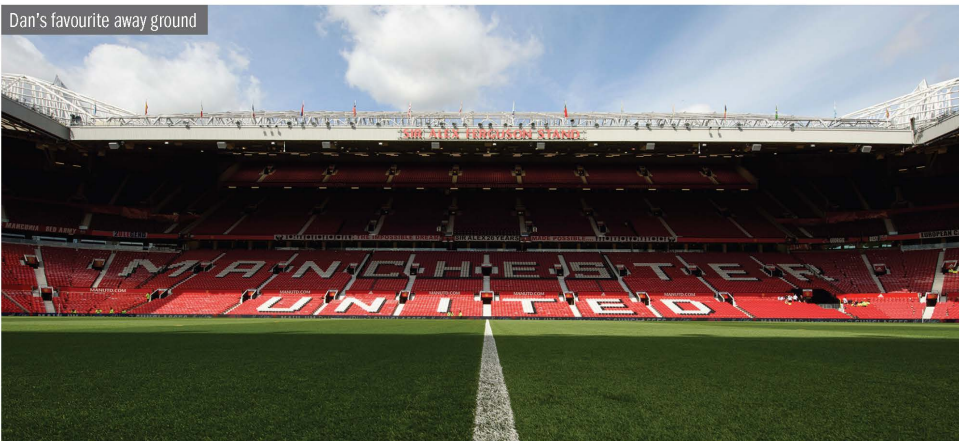
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Dan's favourite away ground





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But things didn't stop there, records were broken and the boys scooped up PFA plus EFL awards. Opportunities don't just happen, you have to create them. What an exciting time to be a Hatter.

There are one or two people I would like to thank. Firstly, Bobbers Travel for their continued support of the medical department. They have enabled us to invest in equipment that helped us treat and recover players. Thank you.

To Doctor Paul Deeley, Chiropractor David Leu and our Paramedic team of the two Daves and Colin, who help me pick the bones out of the situations. Maggie the cook at the training ground. She uses the smoke detector as a kitchen timer but looks after us.

Thanks to the newest member of the medical team Chris Phillips. He has been great and fitted into the Luton ethos. The Sports Science boys who had to step into the breach – Elliott and Luke have been top drawer.

Well done the analysis boys, led by Pete Booker, who has been on a season-long diet but can't remember what his starting weight was. Finally congratulations to Darren Cook who not only has another promotion to his name, but a new arrival Joshua Cook weighing in at a fine 9lbs 1oz. Without all these cogs, the wheels don't turn.



A final thanks to the lads for providing me with the material for my programme notes. The latest was my old friend Luke Berry, who scared the life out of his room-mate Harry Isted as he started sleep walking. Harry said the pillow over his head was quite scary, but the sight of Bez in his pants was far more so. Quote of the year definitely belongs to Glen: "Do they put plasters on before or after surgery?"

Once more thanks for your support and enjoy the day.

COME ON YOU HATTERS

ACCRINGTON 0 LUTON TOWN 3

TOWN GOALS: COLLINS (PEN) 25, MPANZU 68, 87

STORY OF THE MATCH

Town midfielder Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu netted a brilliant brace as the Hatters cruised to a 3-0 win at Accrington Stanley a fortnight ago.

Goalkeeper Dimitar Evtimov cleaned out James Collins after the striker pinched the ball off the stopper, giving away a penalty, but made amends for his error as he saved the resulting spot-kick.

The yellow card he received for his actions in the process though would come back to haunt him not long after, as Kazenga LuaLua beat him to a loose ball in the box, with Carl Boyeson dismissing the keeper.

Collins beat Jonny Maxted from the spot this time, before Mpanzu acrobatically fired in from close range with 20 minutes to go.

Pelly rounded off the scoring with an outrageous bending effort from the edge of the box, finding the top right corner.



STECH
STACEY
PEARSON
BRADLEY
SHEEHAN
(MONCUR 52)
MPANZU
BERRY
JUSTIN
LEE (CORNICK 72)
COLLINS
LUALUA (BAPTISTE 84)
SUBS NOT USED:
CUMMINGS
READ
PANTER
ISTED
YELLOW CARDS:
BERRY



EVTIMOV
JOHNSON
HUGHES
DONACIEN
CLARK
BROWN (MAXTED 25)
MCCONVILLE
SYKES
BARLASER
CONNELLY
KEE (ARMSTRONG 63)
SUBS NOT USED:
RICHARDS-EVERTON
NOLAN
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Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu scores the second goal

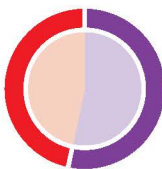


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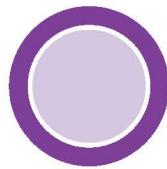
"We started the game very well, and might have scored, but the keeper brings James down and we miss the penalty. Then we got another penalty and the referee sent the boy off and that had a bearing on the game.

"But Accrington Stanley with the 10 men, I thought they made it very difficult for us,

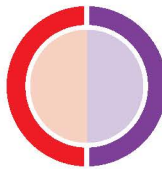
especially in the first half. Up until half time, the shape of their team was good, they got on to second balls and that's commendable for John Coleman and his coaching staff. Overall, we're absolutely thrilled with the result and we did a real professional job today in terms of we had to scrap, we had to fight and Accrington Stanley made it very, very hard for us."



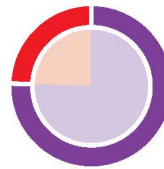
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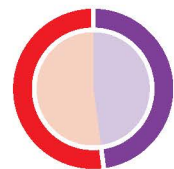
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LUTON TOWN SUPPORTERS' TRUST MEDIA OFFICER **KEVIN HARPER'S** TRIP TO ACCRINGTON

THE JOURNEY

The most glorious Easter Saturday I can remember greeted our trip to Accrington for the televised late afternoon kick off. The roads were every bit as kind as the weather and we arrived at the Wham Stadium in the Lancashire sunshine in very good time.

RATING: (OUT OF 5) ⚽⚽⚽⚽

THE GROUND

We have been frequent visitors to Accrington in recent times, but to be fair to them they have done the away end up well. There is a new stand for the seats which is a million times better than the previous one with a bar and gathering area behind which was perfect for the hot day. The facilities are still average, but you'd expect that.

RATING: ⚽⚽⚽

THE FOOD

One of the best things about the new stand was the food and drink, and with it being happy hour and £2 per pint from 3.30pm, there were plenty of reasons to go straight into the ground and get stuck in. That's exactly what I did! Good food, good beer and great prices. Perfect!

RATING: ⚽⚽⚽⚽⚽

THE PROGRAMME

The programme was decent enough too! There were four pages on the current squad in it, as well as an interview with Matty Pearson on his return to Accrington and a Q&A with former Town player Andy Burgess, who works with the academy there. A good read!

RATING: ⚽⚽⚽⚽

THE MATCH

A brilliant performance from the Town in front of the cameras. After an early penalty miss, we took control when the home keeper was sent off for giving a second penalty away. James Collins wasn't going to miss twice! Chances came and went on a really tough surface but the longer the game went on the more comfortable we looked.

The match was wrapped up in style in the second half. Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu swivelled on a knockdown from a corner and scored, and then curled a beauty home into the far corner to guarantee the win. It would have been a lot more than 3-0 but for the keeper, but three was plenty!

RATING: ⚽⚽⚽⚽⚽

MAN OF THE MATCH

Pelly secured the win, but the work rate and driving force of Kazenga LuaLua really shone in the first 75 minutes. He was fouled for the second penalty which really turned the game and drove us forward throughout. He was my man of the match although Pelly was excellent too.

SUMMARY

I wasn't sure what to expect when I left the house but this was one of the best away days of the season. The Town were excellent, the weather was brilliant and the result superb! Even the late arrival back home didn't take the gloss off the day.

OVERALL RATING: 21

{TOWN v OXFORD UNITED | SATURDAY 4TH MAY 2019} **47**

LUTON TOWN 2 WIMBLEDON 2

TOWN GOALS: LEE 8, COLLINS 39

WIMBLEDON GOALS: PIGOTT 28, SEDDON 90+3



STECH
STACEY
PEARSON
BRADLEY
JUSTIN
MPANZU
SHINNIE
BERRY (BAPTISTE 89)
LEE (MONCUR 81)
COLLINS
LUALUA (CORNICK 81)

SUBS NOT USED:

CONNOLLY
CUMMINGS
PANTER
SHEA

YELLOW CARD:

LUALUA
BERRY



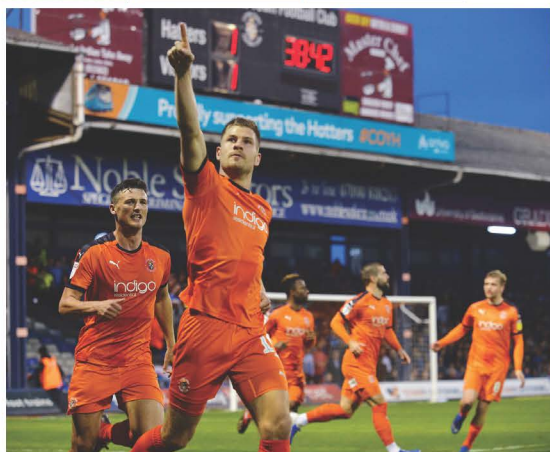
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NIGHTINGALE
WAGSTAFF (CONNOLLY 63)
HARTIGAN (PINNOCK 76)
SEDDON
HANSON
SIBBICK
MCDONALD (THOMAS 46)
KALAMBAYI
PIGOTT
WORDSWORTH

SUBS NOT USED:

SOARES
McLOUGHLIN
FOLIVI
McDONNELL

YELLOW CARDS:

PIGOTT
SEDDON



HARFORD

"They defend manfully as a back four, as a midfield, we work on defensive strategies and they don't let many goals in. It's a bitterly disappointed dressing room in there in terms of letting that late goal in.

"When you look at it, maybe we could have managed the game a bit better in the last five to 10 minutes, not flooded people forward on the attack, just sat in there and taken it on the chin a little bit. But we didn't, we wanted to try and finish them off, so we'll take it on the chin and move on."



STORY OF THE MATCH

The Hatters were pegged back by a stoppage-time equaliser after a more-than dominant display over struggling AFC Wimbledon, with Elliot Lee and James Collins' first-half goals cancelled out by former Town loanee Joe Pigott and Steve Seddon.

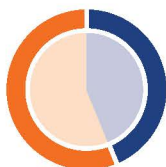
Town controlled the game and deservedly took the lead when Lee bundled in from Jack Stacey's low cross.

Piggott got the visitors back on level terms as he converted from close range just before the half-

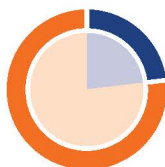
hour, before the Hatters regained the lead through James Collins who headed in from James Justin's cross five minutes before half-time.

Aaron Ramsdale somehow denied Andrew Shinnie when the Scotsman's effort from the edge of the box took a big deflection, with Stacey then crashing an effort off the crossbar.

The Dons got their equaliser in the dying moments when Marek Stech saved Piggott's effort, but it bounced up kindly for Seddon who headed in.



POSSESSION
57% | 43%



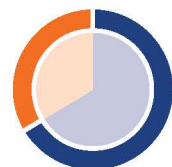
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STORY OF THE MATCH

The Hatters suffered a frustrating defeat at Burton Albion last Saturday as they didn't capitalise on the opportunity to seal automatic promotion.

The hosts were the better for a majority of the game, but the Hatters took the lead when Elliot Lee majestically beat John Brayford before darting into the box, seeing his shot palmed away by Stephen Bywater, but only into the path of James Collins who fired in.

Nigel Clough's side got back on level terms just after the hour mark when Lucas Akins nodded in from Brayford's knock down, before the pair combined again as Akins prodded in from the defender's cross to seal the three points for the Pirelli Stadium based outfit.



HARFORD

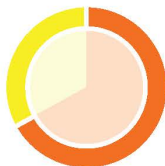
"I've said to the players in there, we've got a chance, one last chance next week

against Oxford. We didn't perform today, ever since I was given the opportunity to manage the football club, that was probably our worst performance in terms of the way we played.

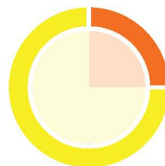
"I think Burton thoroughly deserved the victory, I thought they played very well, with their movement they were very good and we

couldn't contain them at times. So you've got to give them a little bit of credit, but overall we're very, very disappointed.

"We move on and I will not accept the way we played today. We went too long at times, we went too direct and it's not what we're about. Maybe the players, maybe ourselves, the staff, maybe we were a bit edgy. But we felt we didn't really have any control in the game today and that's the most disappointing factor."



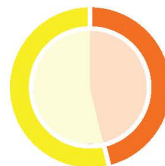
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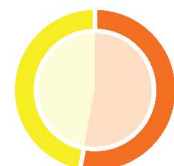
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LUTON TOWN SUPPORTERS' TRUST MEDIA OFFICER **KEVIN HARPER'S** TRIP TO BURTON

THE JOURNEY

In a complete contrast to the previous Saturday, our journey to Burton started off in rubbish weather and about 20 degrees cooler in temperature! The roads were much kinder than the weather though, and we were at the Pirelli Stadium in good time.

RATING: (OUT OF 5) ⚽⚽⚽

THE GROUND

The Pirelli Stadium serves its purpose. It isn't the biggest or the best stadium in the world but it does the job. Town fans had the terrace behind the goal and some seats down the side. The view was decent enough as were the facilities, so there were worse places to try and seal promotion!

RATING: ⚽⚽⚽

THE FOOD

With the heavens about to open as we got to the ground I went straight inside with the gang for a pie and a pint. As with last week it was priced well and hit the spot! Once it was consumed it was into the seats for the big game.

RATING: ⚽⚽⚽⚽

THE PROGRAMME

Last away game programmes rarely live up to expectation. As you would expect with it being the last home one of the season the majority of it was targeted at home fans. There were a few bits about the Town, but this one wasn't one for us really.

RATING: ⚽⚽

THE MATCH

With a howling wind blowing into the away end, conditions were among the trickiest of the season. That led to a tough first half, but apart from a couple of saves from distance, James Shea was barely tested. The Town went in 1-0 up after great work from Elliot Lee left James Collins with a tap in after a save from the keeper. It all changed in the second half though and Burton turned the game around with two goals from crosses. The first came from a free kick we didn't clear, and the second from close range from a cross. We threw a number of attackers on but couldn't find the equaliser and fell to an annoying defeat.

RATING: ⚽

MAN OF THE MATCH

It wasn't a day where many stood out in a white shirt but Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu had as good a game as anyone. Once again he always wanted the ball, carried it forward and tried to make it happen but it just wasn't our day.

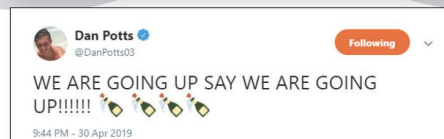
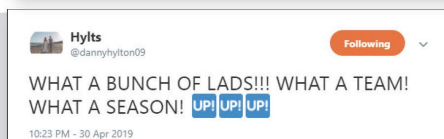
SUMMARY

Not the day we wanted at the outset, but things are still in our hands for a cup final against Oxford. We all felt a bit down in the dumps but this team have been brilliant this season and one bad day at the office doesn't change that. We go again against Oxford on what will hopefully be a monumental day!

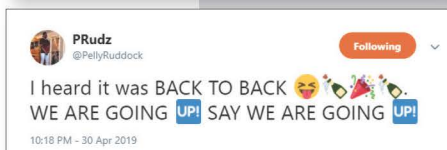
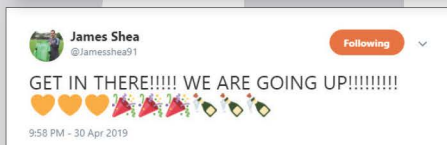
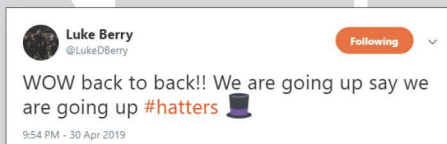
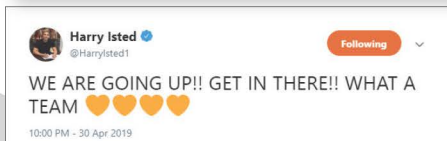
OVERALL RATING: 13

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THE SEASON IN REVIEW

CHARLIE HANSON LOOKS BACK ON THE 2018-19 CAMPAIGN

SUMMER

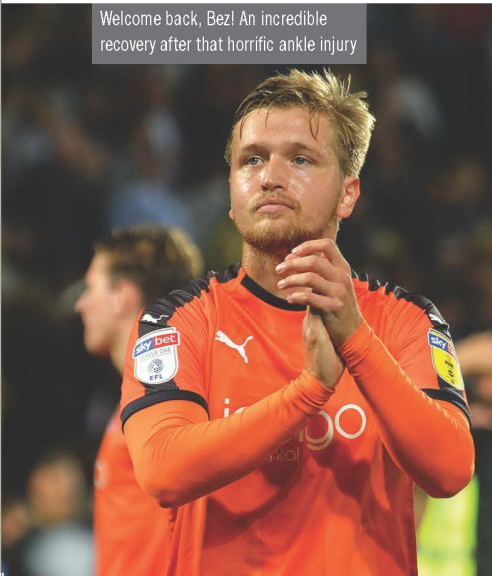
For a promoted side, the Hatters were seemingly uninterested in blowing the budget on dozens of players. Quality over quantity this campaign was going to be the way for manager Nathan Jones, and the recruitment of Sonny Bradley, Matty

Pearson and Jorge Grant were naturally met with a nod of approval from all, as well tying down Andrew Shinnie permanently proved to be a tremendous piece of business after his release from Birmingham.



Matty opens his account for the campaign against the Black Cats

Welcome back, Bez! An incredible recovery after that horrific ankle injury



AUGUST

Defeat. Draw. Defeat. Welcome back to League One, Luton. We were better than Pompey on the opening day, but we were punished for one error, before Magic Hat boy fired in against Sunderland for our first point of the campaign against the league big-boys Sunderland. Steve Evans went big in the summer and it certainly proved to be fruitful as his new signings Jason Cummings and Sriki Dembele found the back of the net in a comfortable 3-1 win for the Posh. Sandwiched in there was a round one knockout of the Carabao Cup by West Brom, but we did get a glimpse of Luke Berry with his new ankle. A modern-day miracle, having taken just four-and-a-half months to recover. Wins against Southend and Shrewsbury got the wheels moving as we settled into a decent groove.

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A hard-earned point at Adams Park

SEPTEMBER

Aches and pains from craning necks watching hoof ball at Adams Park as we drew with Wycombe, big Matty P delivering the goods again as he quickly became a popular figure amongst supporters. The partnership between him and Sonny was growing quickly – but a frustrating 2-1 defeat at Doncaster was soon put behind us as a draw at Blackpool was followed up by a decent point against Charlton. James Collins, who simply wasn't fit for League One, (according to some) getting his first of the campaign in that one.



Another good performance, but another difficult away defeat

Back to winning ways against the Pirates, Andrew Shinnie receives the plaudits – something we'd get used to





Carnage. Wrongly denied a winner earlier, Pottsy leaps like a salmon in the last minute to secure all three points

OCTOBER

POTTSY!!! Was something we'd got used to bellowing from the stands last season, but nowhere near as loud as when he powered home a winning header in the last minute at Oxford. Goosebumps. Scunthorpe were dealt with at Kenilworth Road before a trip to the real show-ponies of the league. Incredible structure, brilliant players. Barnsley weren't just good, they were excellent and we felt somewhat lucky to have got two goals in a 3-2 defeat – some will be surprised not to have seen them runaway with the league title this year. We learned our lesson and won three on the spin, notably Danny Hylton banging in a hat-trick against Accy as we romped to a 4-1 win.



Danny Hylton claims another match ball with a hat-trick against Accrington

A tough game at Barnsley as the Hatters are narrowly beaten



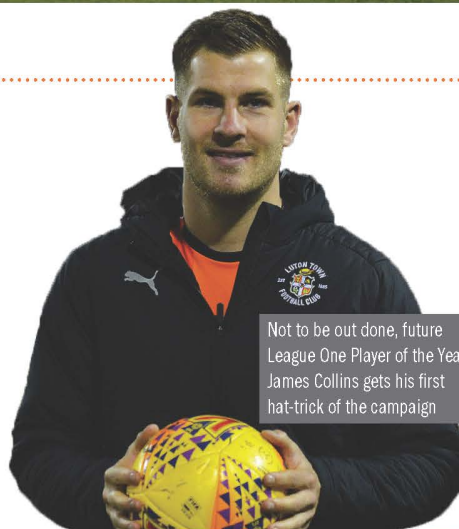
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An unreal run from the Corndog helps us on our way to three points at Priestfield

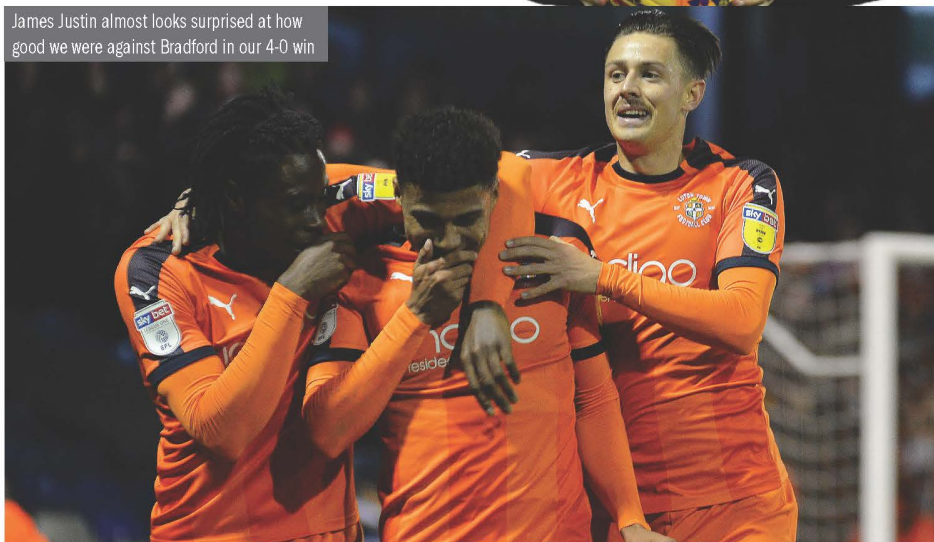
NOVEMBER

Momentum was building, but you might not have known it as we grabbed a somewhat fortuitous point at Rochdale, mainly thanks to the outstanding James Shea. Wycombe were dispatched in the first round of the FA Cup before Plymouth came to Town and they were simply torn apart in an outrageous performance in front of the Hatters faithful. Collo moving up to seven for the campaign as he bagged a hat-trick. Harry Cornick unleashed his inner Gareth Bale as we beat Gillingham 3-1 on their own patch, with Bradford seen off in similar style to the win over the Pilgrims to round off the month. We weren't just winning, we were absolutely flying.



Not to be out done, future League One Player of the Year James Collins gets his first hat-trick of the campaign

James Justin almost looks surprised at how good we were against Bradford in our 4-0 win





Kaz was as cool as a cucumber – we weren't though as the Banks's Stadium erupted with noise

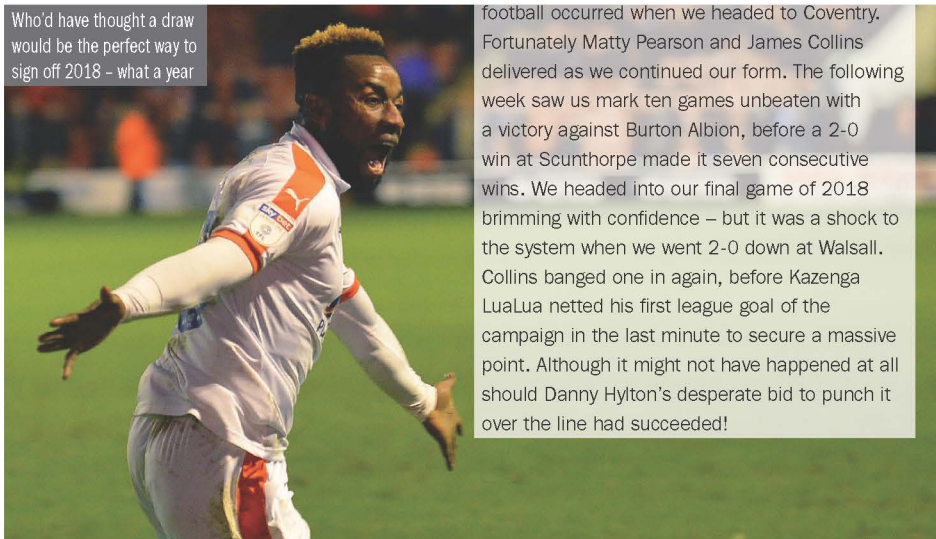


Matty made the Coventry cold bearable as he struck again in front of goal

DECEMBER

The third round of the FA Cup was reached with a win over Bury, before victory over Fleetwood moved us into the automatic promotion spots for the first time this campaign. Maybe the coldest and most wet day ever in the history of

Who'd have thought a draw would be the perfect way to sign off 2018 – what a year



football occurred when we headed to Coventry. Fortunately Matty Pearson and James Collins delivered as we continued our form. The following week saw us mark ten games unbeaten with a victory against Burton Albion, before a 2-0 win at Scunthorpe made it seven consecutive wins. We headed into our final game of 2018 brimming with confidence – but it was a shock to the system when we went 2-0 down at Walsall. Collins banged one in again, before Kazenga LuaLua netted his first league goal of the campaign in the last minute to secure a massive point. Although it might not have happened at all should Danny Hylton's desperate bid to punch it over the line had succeeded!



Tell me how good does it feel, with Micky Harford at the wheel? Mick's first press conference as interim boss

JANUARY

Where to start? Big Mick? Top of the league? We've got George... Moncur! A lot happened in January. A lot. A draw against Barnsley seemed big news at the time and so did a 0-0 draw at Sheffield Wednesday. But by the time we played Sunderland the following week, Nathan had gone and big Mick was at the wheel. The footballing world seemed ready for the wheels to fall off, but the tears in Mick's eyes as over 3,000 of you roared his name after a 1-1 draw at the Stadium of Light proved that

the chaotic week we'd had was going to be nothing more than a little bump in the road. Wednesday would knock us out of the FA Cup, but Peterborough took a hiding at Kenilworth Road, before Matty Pearson headed in for another valuable three points at Southend. Then came the moment that Simon Pitts deafened most of our iFollow Hatters subscribers, as George Moncur wrote his name into Hatters' folklore with a free-kick that opened up a five-point gap at the top of the league as we dispatched Portsmouth in somewhat surreal conditions.



Entertainment, quality of goals and levels of cold? All 10/10



A shiner under his right eye for his efforts as Matty and the Town secure another win and a clean sheet

FEBRUARY

The arrival of Jason Cummings and Alex Baptiste was confirmed on transfer deadline day, as well as Aaron Connolly who would join from Brighton when fit. Shrewsbury and Wycombe were on the wrong end of 3-0 defeats before Moncur decided it was free-kick time again as he bent in an outrageous effort from 25 yards against Fleetwood, helping us on our way to breaking our EFL unbeaten run with a 20th game at Highbury. The run of six consecutive victories came to a halt as we drew here with Coventry City though, but it was another point in the bank.



Moncs making a habit of becoming the perfect impact sub



Off the field, our town was being saved. On the field, the Hatters were held to a draw by Coventry



Big night at Bradford as the Town bag a massive three points as Stacey grabbed the goal

MARCH

March had been our bogey month for a number of seasons. Difficult defeats and one horrendous injury sustained by Luke Berry is all that we need as a reminder. But it wasn't to be that way this year. Six games, four wins and the unbeaten Conference run of 2013/14 matched as we saw off sides fighting at the wrong end of the table. The big test on paper came in the form of Doncaster Rovers, but in a scintillating display at Kenilworth Road, Grant



Donny dispatched, Kazenga LuaLua flips out. In a good way, though

McCann's side were put to the sword in emphatic fashion. March was rounded off on a beautiful day at Bristol Rovers as Berry marked a year to the day of his injury with what proved to be the winning goal that afternoon. The Town's form saw big Mick pick up the Manager of the Month award.



A year on to the day since Luke Berry was injured, he grabbed what would prove to be the winner against Bristol Rovers



The perfect way to net your first goal in a Luton shirt, as demonstrated by Jason Cummings



The unbeaten run comes to an end at Charlton, but what a run

APRIL

Maybe it was the Manager of the Month curse, but if anything, the squad had been performing at such a level, it was inevitable a slight lull would happen. Jason Cummings got his first goal in a Town shirt at the perfect moment, when he curled in an effort late on against Blackpool to secure a point after being a goal and down to ten men, before our unbeaten record of 28 games came to an end with a 3-1 defeat at Charlton. We got back on the horse with a comfortable 3-0 win at Accrington, with a victory looking likely late on against Wimbledon, only for Wally Downes' team to nick a point. We then headed to in-form Burton, and after taking the lead a brace from Lucas Akins meant that until Peterborough beat Pompey on Tuesday night, it was all to play for today... It still is, but for title knowing that WE ARE GOING UP!

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P-Rudz delivers on a really peculiarly perfect afternoon at Accrington



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LEAGUE TABLE 2018/19

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
P	Luton Town	45	26	13	6	87	41	46 91
P	Barnsley	45	26	13	6	79	37	42 91
3	Portsmouth	45	25	12	8	82	50	32 87
4	Sunderland	45	22	19	4	79	45	34 85
5	Charlton Athletic	45	25	10	10	69	40	29 85
6	Doncaster Rovers	45	19	13	13	74	58	16 70
7	Peterborough United	45	19	12	14	68	61	7 69
8	Coventry City	45	18	11	16	54	52	2 65
9	Burton Albion	45	17	12	16	65	54	11 63
10	Blackpool	45	15	17	13	50	49	1 62
11	Fleetwood Town	45	16	13	16	58	51	7 61
12	Oxford United	45	15	15	15	57	61	-4 60
13	Accrington Stanley	45	14	12	19	50	66	-16 54
14	Rochdale	45	15	9	21	54	83	-29 54
15	Gillingham	45	14	10	21	58	72	-14 52
16	Bristol Rovers	45	12	15	18	45	49	-4 51
17	Shrewsbury Town	45	12	15	18	45	59	-8 51
18	Wycombe Wanderers	45	13	11	21	54	67	-13 50
19	AFC Wimbledon	45	13	10	22	42	63	-21 49
20	Southend United	45	13	8	24	53	67	-14 47
21	Plymouth Argyle	45	12	11	22	53	78	-25 47
22	Walsall	45	12	10	23	49	71	-22 46
23	Scunthorpe United	45	12	10	23	51	80	-29 46
R	Bradford City	45	11	7	27	49	77	-28 40

PLAYER STATS 2018/19

	THIS SEASON										LTC		
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		DISIP		CAREER TOT		APPS	GLS	
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	Y	R	APPS	GLS			
Luke Berry	12	(8)	3	2	(1)	0	14	(9)	3	3	0	62	11
Sonny Bradley	43	(1)	0	5	(0)	0	48	(1)	0	4	0	49	0
James Collins	41	(2)	25	4	(0)	0	45	(2)	25	9	1	92	45
Aaron Connolly	0	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0
Harry Cornick	14	(17)	6	5	(0)	2	19	(17)	8	0	0	77	13
Jason Cummings	0	(5)	1	0	(0)	0	0	(5)	1	0	0	5	1
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	18	(7)	8	2	(1)	0	20	(8)	8	4	2	118	58
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	34	(8)	3	7	(2)	0	41	(10)	3	1	0	113	6
Elliot Lee	35	(2)	11	4	(1)	0	39	(3)	11	4	0	91	26
Kazenga LuaLua	10	(12)	2	4	(2)	1	14	(14)	3	3	0	28	3
Alan McCormack	16	(2)	0	4	(0)	0	20	(2)	0	9	0	38	1
George Moncur	3	(10)	4	0	(0)	0	3	(10)	4	1	0	13	4
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	45	(0)	5	4	(2)	0	49	(2)	5	6	0	205	14
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	45	(0)	6	6	(0)	0	51	(0)	6	1	0	51	6
Jake Peck	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0
Dan Potts	15	(9)	1	1	(2)	0	16	(11)	1	5	0	116	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	40	(0)	0	5	(0)	0	45	(0)	0	1	0	58	0
Alan Sheehan	4	(13)	0	4	(0)	1	8	(13)	1	2	0	128	8
Andrew Shinnie	38	(2)	4	6	(0)	1	44	(2)	5	8	1	80	8
Jack Stacey	44	(0)	4	5	(0)	0	49	(0)	4	3	0	94	5
Marek Stech	5	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	7	(0)	0	0	0	49	0
George Thorne	0	(3)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(3)	0	0	0	3	0
Connor Tomlinson	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	2	0

TODAY'S SKY BET LEAGUE ONE FIXTURES

Blackpool v Gillingham
Bradford City v AFC Wimbledon
Bristol Rovers v Barnsley
Charlton Athletic v Rochdale

Doncaster Rovers v Coventry City
Luton Town v Oxford United
Peterborough United v Burton Albion
Plymouth Argyle v Scunthorpe United

Portsmouth v Accrington Stanley
Shrewsbury Town v Walsall
Southend United v Sunderland
Wycombe Wanderers v Fleetwood Town

TOP SCORERS

James Collins (Luton)	25	Ched Evans (Fleetwood)	17
Lyle Taylor (Charlton)	20	Freddie Ladapo (Plymouth)	17
Ian Henderson (Rochdale)	20	Kieffer Moore (Barnsley)	16
John Marquis (Doncaster)	20	Cauley Woodrow (Barnsley)	16
Tom Eaves (Gillingham)	19	Jonson Clarke-Harris (Bristol)	16

ATTENDANCES

Sunderland	32,156	Charlton	11,787
Portsmouth	18,213	Plymouth	9,758
Bradford	16,061	Luton	9,490
Barnsley	12,526	Bristol	8,310
Coventry	12,362	Doncaster	7,884

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LUTON TOWN SUPPORTERS' TRUST

Chairman's Message

Another season is almost over and what a fantastic one it has been. The club have been breaking records throughout the campaign by playing outstanding football and building up amazing runs of results. The players have been a credit to themselves and everyone involved behind the scenes, with one last push to come this afternoon.

I was asked to provide my highlight of the year but how can you pick just one? On the pitch we had that amazing night here against Portsmouth, as well as creditable displays around the turn of the year against Barnsley and at Sheffield Wednesday and Sunderland, but the highlight has to be what took place off the pitch, with planning permission granted for both our future at Power Court and the huge lift our town will receive with the development up at Newlands Park.

There have been many highlights for the Trust in that time too, culminating in our Presentation Evening at Venue 360 last Sunday, where many deserved awards were handed out. Congratulations to Jack Stacey for his three awards including the Player of the Season.

Well done also to Andrew Shinnie, Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu, George Moncur and James Justin for their honours too.

As Trust chairman, it is always my privilege to hand out our Outstanding Contribution Award, recently renamed in honour of Kevin Catlin, and it was my pleasure to present this to Gary Sweet, a man who was essential in the early formation of the Trust, and who has delivered on a promise to provide a bright future for our town and our football club. I've known Gary for many years now and I can think of no more deserving winner of our prize.

Back on to today and what an afternoon we are set for. A sold out Kenilworth Road always gets the hairs on the neck standing to attention, but with the prize at the end of today's game I'm sure it will be even more special today.

I urge everyone here today to sing your hearts out. Get right behind the boys by making as much noise for them as you possibly can, and together we can all be celebrating a truly fantastic achievement come 7.30pm this evening. Enjoy the day. Have a great summer.

Tony



Secretary

As you will have seen either through your email if you are a member, or on our website if not, we are looking for a new secretary. One of our big focuses over the next 12 months and more is enhancing both our membership number and the benefits that being a Trust member carries. In light of this our current secretary Brian Thompson has taken up the role of Membership Secretary, leaving the vacancy.

If you would like to apply for this position, or would like more details as to what it entails, either go to our website or email admin@lutontownsupporterstrust.com for further information.

Presentation Evening

We held our annual Presentation Evening at Venue 360 last Sunday. The Town squad and coaching staff were all in attendance apart from James Justin and James Collins, who were away at the PFA Awards night, and Aaron Connolly, who picked up the Young Player of the Year with his parent club Brighton and Hove Albion – well done Aaron and congratulations JJ and Collo on your selection in the PFA League One Team of the Year. Full deserved!

It was another great night, at a venue packed with Luton fans, to celebrate the wonderful campaign we have all enjoyed so far. For a full rundown of all the winners on the evening, as well as pictures from a great night, head to our website or turn back to pages 18-21 of today's programme. You can also catch the immediate thoughts of many of the award winners on our YouTube and social media channels.

NICU

At the Presentation Evening, our fundraising officer June Adamson presented a cheque to NICU, the supporters' charity of the year, for £3,225.35, the money raised by Luton Town fans throughout the season. This is another phenomenal amount. Our thanks go to everyone who contributed towards such an amazing total.



Podcast

Thousands of you are listening to our podcasts, with our March special edition with Mick Harford our most downloaded episode to date. Our thanks go to Mick for being so open and honest with us during that podcast, and for giving us his time during a busy period of the season. We would also like to thank all the players we have featured on a podcast this year. They don't have to give us their time but we very much appreciate them doing so. Keep an eye out for our end of season podcast in the coming days, where we will reflect on this fine season.

Your feedback has been appreciated and valued. Please keep it coming either on the facility you listen to the podcast on, or via our website or social media to allow Kev, James and Tony the chance to make them even better moving forward.

Membership

If you are a season ticket holder, you will have seen a leaflet included in your renewal brochure detailing the current benefits of being a Trust member. We have put together a dedicated group of people who are working hard behind the scenes to enhance these rewards, making a Trust membership a must have item.

As we build on the package available, we will provide regular updates via email and on our website, keeping you up to date at all times. If you would like to become a member of the Trust, and give us an even stronger voice, you can do so by logging on to our website. Membership is £10 for adults, £5 for concessions. The membership year currently begins on July 1, but if you join before then we will ensure your membership commences immediately.

Gabby Logan

TV presenter best known for her groundbreaking roles with BBC Sport and ITV.

Eniola Aluko

England forward and first female footballer pundit on Match of the Day.

Sian Massey

Football referee, performing the role of assistant referee in the Premier League and the Football League.



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You can also report abuse to The FA footballforall@thefa.com or Kick It Out info@kickitout.org

LUTON FOODBANK THANKS CLUB AND INDIGO FOR SUPPORT

Our Charity of the Year Luton Foodbank has thanked the Club for their support over the season.

As part of our season-long official partnership with the charity, the Club have supported the foodbank on a number of fundraising initiatives.

Shirt sponsor Indigo Residential too did their part, running food drives in their offices around the region, as well as supporting on a number of the charity's campaigns.

"We are proud of the support that we received from the Football Club and Indigo Residential," said Salma Khan, Project Manager of the Luton Foodbank. "It shows what can be achieved by people from our town when we come together to support a cause.

"The support we have received from the Club's supporters has been immense. Their efforts have made a real difference to the lives of people in our town."

Indigo allowed the Club to replace their company logo with that of the Luton Foodbank for the League One match against Fleetwood Town in December.

The shirts worn on the day by the players were auctioned by the Club, raising £4,500 for the charity.

Scott Lynn, Director of Indigo Residential, said: "We are delighted to sponsor Luton Town Football Club. In addition, we have also sought to make sure we support fantastic community projects, such as Luton Foodbank.

"With the permission of the Football Club we were able to give Foodbank the opportunity to become the home shirt sponsor for the day for the match against Fleetwood.

"This provided them with some great exposure, helped promote their incredible work and importantly raise money."



The charity helps people in our town through times of crisis, helping provide food parcels which are supplied free of charge, are nutritionally balanced and appropriate to their needs.

Many Luton Foodbank service users will use the services of the charity once or twice before resolving their issues.

Scott added: "We visited Foodbank in order to get a better understanding of what they do, how they do it and saw for ourselves what an amazing and selfless job they do for our community. All with such limited resources.

"Indigo is proud to have been involved with and raised money for a great cause."

In addition, the charity supports healthy eating initiatives in local schools as well as running programmes to help children that go hungry during school holidays.

If you would like to learn more about supporting the Luton Foodbank, please contact Salma on info@lutonfoodbank.org.uk or 01582 725 838.

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ACADEMY UPDATE

WITH ACADEMY & DEVELOPMENT MANAGER ANDY AWFORD

Welcome everyone to our last home game of the 2018-19 season and what a season it has been.....BOOM!!

CONGRATULATIONS

On behalf of everyone at the academy I would like to pass on my huge congratulations to Mick, the first team coaching staff, whole backroom team and of course the players on achieving promotion to the Championship. They have done an amazing job and deserve it so much.

We at the academy, from our privileged position at The Brache, are able to witness the dedication, desire and drive they have as individuals and as a team. Every day, every hour, every minute is meticulously planned. Staff and players make big sacrifices to ensure that nothing is left to chance and it is no surprise to us that the goal has been achieved as we see this on a daily basis. We are all absolutely made up for you all and cannot wait to support you further in the Championship next season.

Congratulations also to Gary Sweet and the 2020 board. All huge fans of the club, it is just fantastic to see their hard work pay off (both on and off the pitch) and the club will only continue to go in one direction in the future.

Finally, and most importantly, a huge well done to you, the fans. The miles travelled to support the away games in such big numbers, the vocal support at home games that provides such a special atmosphere at the Kenny and the all-round togetherness that is so evident is amazing. The heartbeat of the club! Massive well done to everyone!

ACADEMY

May I also take this opportunity to thank all the Academy staff for their efforts this season. I would also like to extend this to the players and parents who have again enjoyed a whole host of

experiences from within The Academy this season. There have been some stand-out moments, one of which will be celebrated before's today's games with our Under-8s being presented with the trophy after returning victorious from The International Cup in Germany after defeating European giants Juventus 6-1 in the final. Well done lads, enjoy your lap of honour!

I would also like to sincerely thank all Academy sponsors and partners who have helped us achieve this season and we look forward to enhancing those relationships next season and further.

ONE LAST EFFORT

I will finish by asking you, the fans, for one last big effort in roaring the players on today, which will deservedly see us crowned as Champions with a win! See you all next season in The Championship – sounds good doesn't it?!

COYH!!

Andy

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	D 1-1
Sat 23	Portsmouth	H	L 1-3
Sat 30	Oxford United	A	D 1-1

APRIL

Sat 6	Peterborough United	A	D 3-3
Sat 13	Exeter City	H	D 2-2
Sat 27	Yeovil Town	H	L 0-1

MAY

Sat 4	Stevenage	A	10:30am
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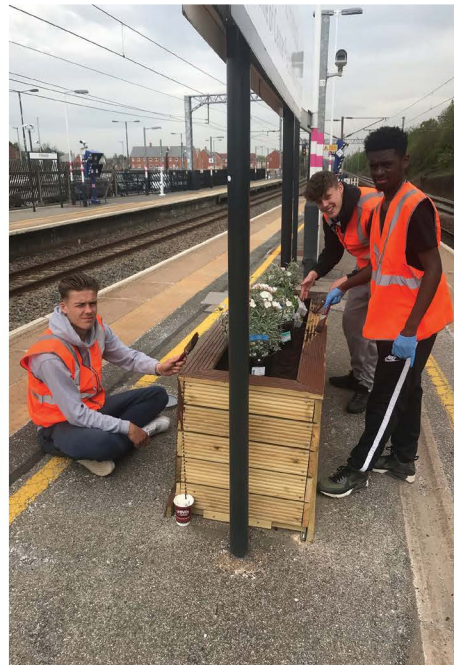


ACADEMY ON RIGHT TRACK

The Hatters youth team were helping spruce up Flitwick train station last week as a thank you to Govia Thameslink Railway for supplying them with free train passes to get to and from training and matches.

Supervised by the Hatters head of Education and Welfare Dale Brunton, the boys painted fences, as well as planting flowers and sweeping up around the station alongside volunteers.

Dale said: "We are delighted for the players to be involved and to give something back to the local community. This is a great opportunity for us to show these young men are well rounded individuals."



LUTON TOWN IN THE COMMUNITY

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME PRE-ACADEMY U9 TO U16'S HOLLAND TOUR 2019

Our Pre-Academy squads travelled out to Holland again this Easter and enjoyed our most successful tour for some years with four outright wins from the U9s up to U12s, and three third place finishes from the U14s, U15s and U16s who were all playing up an age group.

Our first day results were the best they could have been with all age groups qualifying in the top two placings to qualify for the main competition on Day 2 – that's a magnificent 10 teams all qualifying and guaranteeing Day 2 would be both exciting but extremely challenging.

Our two U16 squads thundered their way through the first day's U17 groups with five wins and a draw between them and only one goal conceded all day. Impressive performances against Dutch, Belgium, Danish and German opponents. Fate then drew them together in the first game of Day 2 in an all British group meaning only one team could progress to the final and a 1-0 win for our North 16s looked



decisive, but a last minute penalty miss in the last group game denied them a place in the final, although they recovered to win the play-off 1-0 and claim third place. A great effort.

We also entered two U15 teams in the U16 section; one from the pre-academy and one from our centre of excellence (COFEX) and while our COFEX boys got off to a great start with a 2-0 win, the competition proved tough after that with only one further win, but a couple of good draws in their six games.

Our U15 pre-academy boys also got a couple of good draws and a 2-0 win on Day 1 to make the top four group, where two wins and a draw meant a second place finish in the group and a 3/4th play-off which they won 3-2 to clinch a third place finish.

On to the U14s, where a 2-0 win in game one proved decisive and followed with two 1-1 draws, was enough to



secure top spot and a place in the top four group placings. Same again on Day 2 with two 1-1 draws and a 3-0 win meaning a runner-up spot in the group and a third place finish.

Our u13 squad battled through to a 2-2 draw in their final Day 1 group game to again qualify for the finals, but one win and two defeats proved a tough final day. Both our U14 and U13 squads deserve great credit as these age groups present the biggest physical challenge in playing up a year on full size pitches and both squads showed the capacity to compete physically and come back from set-backs.

Day 1 for our U9 to U12 squads did bode well with 14 wins out of 15 games, and 79 goals scored with only seven conceded – leaving quite a few English EFL Clubs development squads chasing shadows and a few opposition parents lost for words! Day 2 followed pretty much the same with the U9s not conceding a goal and clinching the cup with a 0-0 final game v Nottingham Forest; U10s didn't concede until the final where a 3-2 over Danish



opponents AFC Alkmaar clinched victory; U11s also only conceded once all day and a 1-0 victory v Forest (not you lot again!) in the final sealed victory, and to complete the quartet of winning cup finals, the U12s put West Brom to the sword on their way to the final where Dutch side SV Hooten

where the only team to score against them in all seven games, but conceding four from the Luton boys meant another Cup on the way back to Bedfordshire.

Overall, a very successful weekend saw seven trophies return among our ten touring squads, and a great experience for the boys and a testament to the underlying strength among our shadow academy squad boys who are striving to achieve a full schoolboy academy place.





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"This year we wanted to do something extra special as it's her 10th birthday, and also we wanted to top our last event which was playing football for 79 hours. So, from the 13th-17th May, we will be running the length of The Grand Union Canal (145 miles) in five days, which is an average of 29 miles per day. We are doing this to raise money for SANDS which is a stillbirth charity."



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CHRISTINE - 65 TODAY!



Janet Cowley wrote: "I have a sister, Christine Baldwin, who has been supporting Luton Town since she was 15 years old and will be celebrating her 65th birthday here today.

"Nothing will stop her watching her beloved club, she is now living

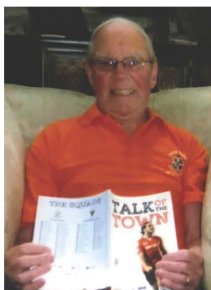
in Colchester and still holds a season ticket and travels to every single home game and a handful of away games every season."

J BLOCK CHARITY AWAY DAY

This year the J Block annual charity away day saw the guys support the SSAFA and the ABF The Soldiers' Charity. A boat trip was organised for 240 supporters from Westminster Pier to North Greenwich ahead of the Charlton game, and they managed to raise over £900 for both charities.



LESLIE NORMAN



Tim Norman wrote: "My Dad, who was an ardent Luton supporter and season ticket holder before he moved away to live in Co Kerry Ireland, passed away on 16th April.

"Besides being a great Father, he introduced me

to LTFC in 1973 so I have much to be thankful for.

"The love for the Hatters has been handed down the generations to my daughter Emily and sons Rob and Josh who are season ticket holders. All of the family send their love and thanks to friends and other Luton Town fans for their support since his passing."

Rest in peace, Leslie.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS!

- Happy birthday to Clive Williams, Love from granddaughters Ellie and Poppy.
- Happy Birthday Wayne have a great day love from Charlotte, Ben and Joshua.
- Happy 51st birthday to Clare Chapman, who travels in from Cambridge to most home matches, where her season ticket is in the Kenilworth Lower tier!



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BY DANIEL TAGG

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Hatters let two goal lead slip in penultimate game

Luton headed into this game knowing that their final two matches this season would be vital in their fight for survival. After some encouraging performances in recent weeks, the general feeling around the team was one of optimism with the season finale approaching.

The Hatters made a promising start to this encounter with mid-table Ipswich Town, Jess McKay and Remi Bains looking sharp in the early stages. After 20 minutes, it was Bains who gave Luton a deserved lead in rather bizarre circumstances, as she tenaciously chased down a through ball, and the Ipswich keeper's clearance ricocheted back off the forward and looped into the net.

Just three minutes later, the visitors doubled their advantage, this time through McKay, who carried the ball past the Tractor Girls' defence with pace and power before finishing coolly.

Any Ipswich threat was quickly eliminated by Rachel Carter and Rachel Kosky, backed up by a solid showing from stand-in keeper Amy Butler.

The game reached the halfway mark with Luton two goals ahead, and just 45 minutes away from a huge three points in their battle against relegation. Ipswich, however, used the break to make a triple substitution in what seemed like a desperate roll of the dice.

The gamble paid off pretty quickly: 15 minutes after the restart, the hosts got a goal back with an intelligent finish from close range.

Within minutes they were back on terms with a stunning bicycle kick from outside the box, and then almost took the lead when they struck the bar with a long-range effort.

With 20 minutes left on the clock, Ipswich completed their comeback with a scrappy goal after some pinball inside the six-yard box. The impressive Suffolk side didn't let up after their third, and added two more in the closing stages, as by this time Hatters' confidence had visibly drained away.

As has often been the case in this frustrating season, possession was surrendered too easily and opportunities to strike back weren't taken.

Overall, it was a very disappointing afternoon for Luton, missing out on a potentially massive three points with a limp second half performance after what had been such a positive first 45.

Town boss Nikki Baker said of the defeat: "It has been a tough season. Anyone who loses two top goal scorers through injury will struggle, and we have missed out in lots of games where we are unable to finish them off or hold onto leads. We are devastated that it looks like relegation but will work hard to come back to where we should be."

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

Sun Aug 19	Leyton Orient	L 0-1	Sun Jan 13	Leyton Orient	L 0-3
Sun Aug 26	AFC Wimbledon	L 1-3	Wed Feb 20	Enfield Town	D 0-0
Sun Sep 2	Cheltenham (Cup)	L 1-3	Sun Feb 24	AFC Wimbledon	W 4-1
Sun Sep 9	Actonians	L 0-3	Sun Mar 3	Stevenage	L 0-1
Sun Sep 16	Billericay Town	L 1-2	Tue Mar 12	Denham	D 1-1
Sun Sep 23	Dunstable (Cup)	W 7-0	Sun Mar 17	Bedford Town	L 0-1
Sun Sep 30	Ipswich Town	W 3-1	<i>(Beds FA Ladies Cup Final)</i>		
Wed Oct 3	Denham United	D 0-0	Sun Mar 24	Crawley Wasps	L 0-3
Sun Oct 7	Oxford City	W 5-2	Sun Mar 31	Cambridge Utd	L 2-4
Sun Oct 14	Gillingham (plate)	L 4-5	Sun Apr 7	Actonians	L 0-3
Sun Nov 4	Cambridge Utd	L 0-1	Sun Apr 14	Norwich City	W 2-1
Sun Nov 11	Kent (FACupR1)	W 1-1*	Sun Apr 21	Billericay Town	L 2-4
Sun Dec 2	Billericay (FACupR2)	L 1-3	Sun Apr 28	Ipswich Town	L 2-5
Sun Dec 9	Norwich City	L 1-4	Sun May 5	Stevenage	A
Sun Jan 6	Sharnbrook (BCC)	W 9-0	<i>*W 3-1 on penalties</i>		



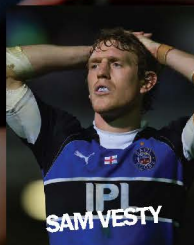
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HATTERS' HERITAGE

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A website is being created for the history of the club - we need YOUR help to input the data (training will be given). See the application form at thestrapplayers.com or email the Secretary, Phil Hucklesby at philippe.hucklesby@gmail.com

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THE TOWN ARE GOING UP...and today a sell-out crowd will attend the final game of the Sky Bet League One season against Oxford United, after which a presentation is planned by the EFL whether we finish first or second in the table.

Following our promotion being confirmed on Tuesday night, it gives us the chance to celebrate and to offer our thanks to Mick Harford, his staff and the team as they receive their accolades. So, to make sure our celebrations go smoothly and to allow everyone to be part of what will be a memorable occasion, we would like to explain how events will unfold.

After the game a presentation area will be arranged immediately after the full-time whistle. The players will leave the pitch and head up the tunnel, before returning to receive their medals individually followed by a lap of honour. We ask you to respect this occasion, to allow the players to receive the recognition their efforts deserve, by remaining in your seats for the presentation.

With these preparations in mind, it goes without saying that this occasion will be a memorable one for everyone. There's no getting away from the huge outpouring of emotion which will flow come the end of this particular fixture, as it did last year following the Forest Green match, but we would like to remind supporters that we wish everyone inside

Kenilworth Road to embrace and be a part of the party, too.

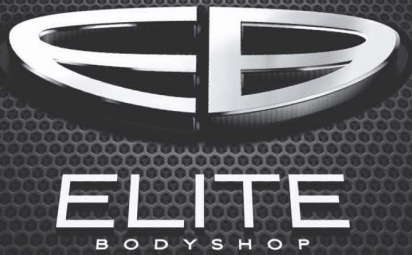
Please respect those supporters younger or older than you in the crowd and make sure that everyone is able to enjoy it with you, by keeping off the pitch before and during the presentation and lap of honour.

We want you to be an enormous part of the celebration, so please allow the players to receive the recognition they deserve from each and every one of our supporters in all corners of the stadium – the players will come to you, wherever you are watching from!

Please also respect the fact that the players may have their families, including small children, with them and allow them to leave the pitch for a second time to make their way up to the Directors' Box to acknowledge your wonderful support and continue the celebrations. At that point you will be allowed to enter the pitch to congregate in front of the Directors' Box to continue the celebrations.

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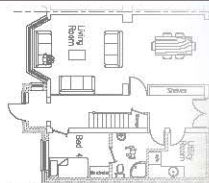
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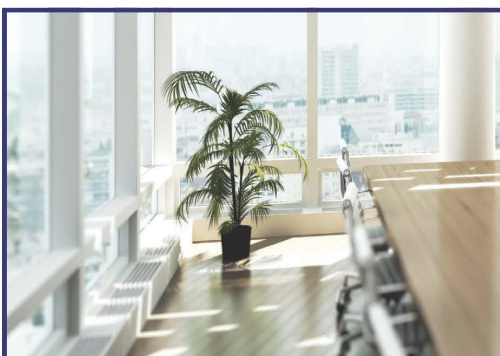
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-   Distinctive leather season ticket wallet.
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-   Free admittance to a Training Day at Kenilworth Road

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-  Five complimentary junior/youth vouchers for any category B or category C home league game.
-  FREE admittance to the first home cup game played in the season.
-  Junior / youth match day experience. The opportunity to take part in a penalty shoot-out on the Kenilworth Road pitch at half-time of a home league game.
-  Distinctive leather season ticket wallet.
-  Training Day – your chance to watch a training day free-of-charge at Kenilworth Road for you and an adult, with the opportunity to meet players and management. Refreshments provided.
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[SIMON PITTS]

STATTO

SIMON PITTS REVIEWS THE NUMBERS FROM A REMARKABLE SEASON



I wrote an article for the final home game against Forest Green Rovers last season. In my opening line I used the words “when you realise that you’re limited to the number of words that fit onto the page, it suddenly becomes a challenge to cover everything that this season deserves.” I have to say a year on, I’ve got exactly the same challenge.

Where do you start to try and summarise this season that, both on and off the pitch, has been beyond all expectations?

Going into the final game of the season, knowing that we are already promoted and that a win would secure the League One Championship is certainly not a position that I think anyone was expecting at the start of the season!

When you add in the 28 game Club record unbeaten League run, the 13 away League games without defeat (another Club record), the League’s Player of the Season and current top scorer James Collins and both planning applications accepted, it really has been an amazing 2018/19 season.

Firstly congratulations to those players who have picked up awards from the EFL, PFA and of course from the Supporters Trust Presentation Evening that I was honoured to be the host for last Sunday.

Winners

We were grateful that triple award winner, including Player of the Season, Jack Stacey wasn’t at the PFA dinner although he and a few others certainly had a case for being there!

James Justin and Collins were there so missed the Supporters Trust evening, and all three had been at the EFL dinner a few weeks earlier, as had Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu due to a goal being nominated for the best of 2018. Pelly was also amongst the winners on Sunday as he joined Andrew Shinnie with two awards on the night.

George Moncur was honoured with goal of the season for his free-kick against Portsmouth, which led to wild celebrations not only on the pitch and from the stands, but also in the press box where it was a pleasure to have Harry Cornick alongside me on iFollow co-commentary duties.

James Collins has become the first Luton player to score 25 League goals in a season since Tony Thorpe in 1996/97 and he’s almost assured of the Golden Boot for League One given his five-goal lead over the chasing pack.

Pelly and Matty Pearson are looking to be ever-present starters in the League campaign; you have to go back to the 2013/14 Conference Promotion winning team for a player to have started every League match in the season. In that campaign there were three, Scott Griffiths, Steve McNulty and Mark Tyler.

The incredible away support is up 12 per cent on last season with an average of 1,564 going to an away game, including trips to Sunderland and Charlton with over 3,000 travelling fans. There has also been an eight per cent increase in Luton fans at Kenilworth Road this season with an average of 8,889 at each home game prior to today.

It has already been a record-breaking season to remember, but there is a chance for it to be an absolutely fantastic season so get behind the team for the final time this season and let’s see if we can cheer them lifting the silverware at 7.30pm tonight!

Enjoy the match - COYH!

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FIXTURES PILE-UP

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 RL)	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	LuaLuo						
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 ♦						
Sat 16	3.00pm	H	Gillingham	D 2-2	9,963	601	1	Shea	Stacey 1	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	Berry ♦						
Sat 23	3.00pm	H	Doncaster Rovers	W 4-0	10,071	544	1	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	Potts ♦						
Sat 30	3.00pm	A	Bristol Rovers	W 2-1	9,037	1,145	1	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	Berry 1 ♦						
APRIL																			
Sat 6	3.00pm	H	Blackpool	D 2-2	10,028	346	1	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	Berry ♦						
Sat 13	3.00pm	A	Charlton Athletic	L 1-3	16,449	3,144	1	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	Berry ♦						
Sat 20	5.30pm	A	Accrington Stanley	W 3-0	3,271	1,319	1	Stech	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	Berry						
Tue 23	7.45pm	H	AFC Wimbledon	D 2-2	10,070	733	1	Stech	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	Berry ♦						
Sat 27	3.00pm	A	Burton Albion	L 1-2	4,903	1,721	1	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	Berry ♦						
MAY																			
Sat 4	5.30pm	H	Oxford United																

*Lost 2-4 on penalties

WHO, WHEN AND WHERE THE HATTERS ARE PLAYING THIS SEASON

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

SUBS											
Mpanzu	Grant	Lee	Cornick ●	Collins	Shinnie ●	Jervis ●	Bradley	Stacey	Rea	Gambin	Shea
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Mpanzu	Gambin ●	Shinnie ●	Cornick	Jervis	Jones ●	Lee ●	Berry	Collins	Senior	Read	Stech
Mpanzu	Potts	Lee	Hylton 1	Collins	Rea ●	Shinnie ●	Grant ●	Justin	Cornick	Jervis	Shea
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Mpanzu	Lee ●	Berry ●	Shinnie	Collins	Potts ●	Jarvis ●	McCormack	Jones	Sheehan	Newville	Isted
Mpanzu	Berry 1	LuaLua	Shinnie ●	Collins 3	Thorne ●	Moncur ●	Sheehan ●	Potts	Jarvis	Jones	Isted
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BY **SIMON OXLEY**,
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What was the favourite phrase in your place of celebration on Tuesday night? “I didn’t see that coming” or “I’ve always liked Peterborough” or Mrs Oxley’s favourite “Thank goodness that’s over” – or words to that effect.

Three-two has been a favourite scoreline in Luton Town history – Wembley 1988 and the 1994 FA Cup quarter-final replay spring immediately to mind – and now in years to come I can see future Hatters fans gathering in the museum section at Power Court to view the special Ivan Toney display. The Peterborough striker wouldn’t have expected that when he trooped off following a 4-0 defeat here back in January.

But don’t you have just a smidgen of disappointment we can’t have another last day decider? No, me neither. The potential for heartbreak and the unpredictability of the play-offs far outweighed the chance of a glorious finale this evening. And of course there is the title to be decided today. When I first took my seat in the Kenilworth Road pressbox, last day deciders were the norm – but from 1989 to 1993 it was at the other end of the table.

There are so many great memories from this season. The late goals at Oxford and Walsall; the thrashings of Plymouth and Doncaster here; the win over Portsmouth in the snow; but my stand out moment was the pre-match walk by the players to the fans at Sunderland in the immediate aftermath of “Jonesgate”. That told me all I needed to know about this group. Not forgetting of course two council planning meetings which have greater significance long-term than anything on the pitch.

I think it’s only fair to recognise the contribution of Nathan Jones at this point, but this is Mick Harford’s promotion. Shall we order the statue now?

There have been some nerves lately, but this club has not been alone in feeling the pressure in the final weeks. World-renowned players are falling over themselves not to qualify for the Champions League; Leeds have seen automatic promotion hopes in the Championship melt away; and in League Two, despite a combined three wins from their last 10 games, one of MK Dons and Mansfield will be promoted today.

A year ago we were basking in the sun at Meadow Lane, already promoted and fully expecting Notts County to join us via the play-offs. Now, 12 months on, we are heading to the Championship and they are one game away from the National League – and without a minus 30 point handicap.

You never know what football can spring on you, so soak it up this evening. I tend to get a bit emotional on these occasions. I’m sure many of you will be enjoying today but thinking of those here only in spirit. I know Brian Swain would have thoroughly enjoyed reporting on this season, and Ian Pearce likewise. Mick Harford came to Pearcey’s funeral. Family aside, amidst all the friends and colleagues and members of the wider Luton community, I think Mick’s attendance would have meant the most to Ian. He certainly went up even higher in my estimations. Legend as a player, legend as a manager, and legend as a man.

The new season starts on August the 3rd, and the fixtures are out on June the 20th. Stoke at home on the opening day, anyone?



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- 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
- 18 Aaron CONNOLLY
- 19 James COLLINS
- 20 George MONCUR
- 23 Jason CUMMINGS
- 24 George THORNE
- 25 Kazenga LUALUA
- 34 Jack JAMES
- 35 Arthur READ
- 36 James SHEA
- 37 Frankie MUSONDA
- 40 Harry ISTED
- 44 Alan SHEEHAN

Manager: KARL ROBINSON

- 1 Simon EASTWOOD
- 3 Luke GARBUTT
- 4 Rob DICKIE
- 5 Curtis NELSON
- 6 Jamie HANSON
- 7 Rob HALL
- 8 Cameron BRANNAGAN
- 9 Jerome SINCLAIR
- 10 Marcus BROWNE
- 13 Scott SHEARER
- 14 Josh RUFFELS
- 15 John MOUSINHO
- 16 Gavin WHYTE
- 17 James HENRY
- 19 Jamie MACKIE
- 20 Jon OBIKA
- 21 Malachi NAPA
- 22 Charlie RAGLAN
- 23 Sam LONG
- 24 Mark SYKES
- 26 Shandon BAPTISTE
- 27 Jack STEVENS
- 29 Tony MCMAHON
- 30 Armani LITTLE
- 32 Aaron HEAP
- 38 Jonté SMITH
- 42 Owen JAMES
- 43 Fabio LOPES
- 44 Slavi SPASOV
- 45 Harvey BRADBURY

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