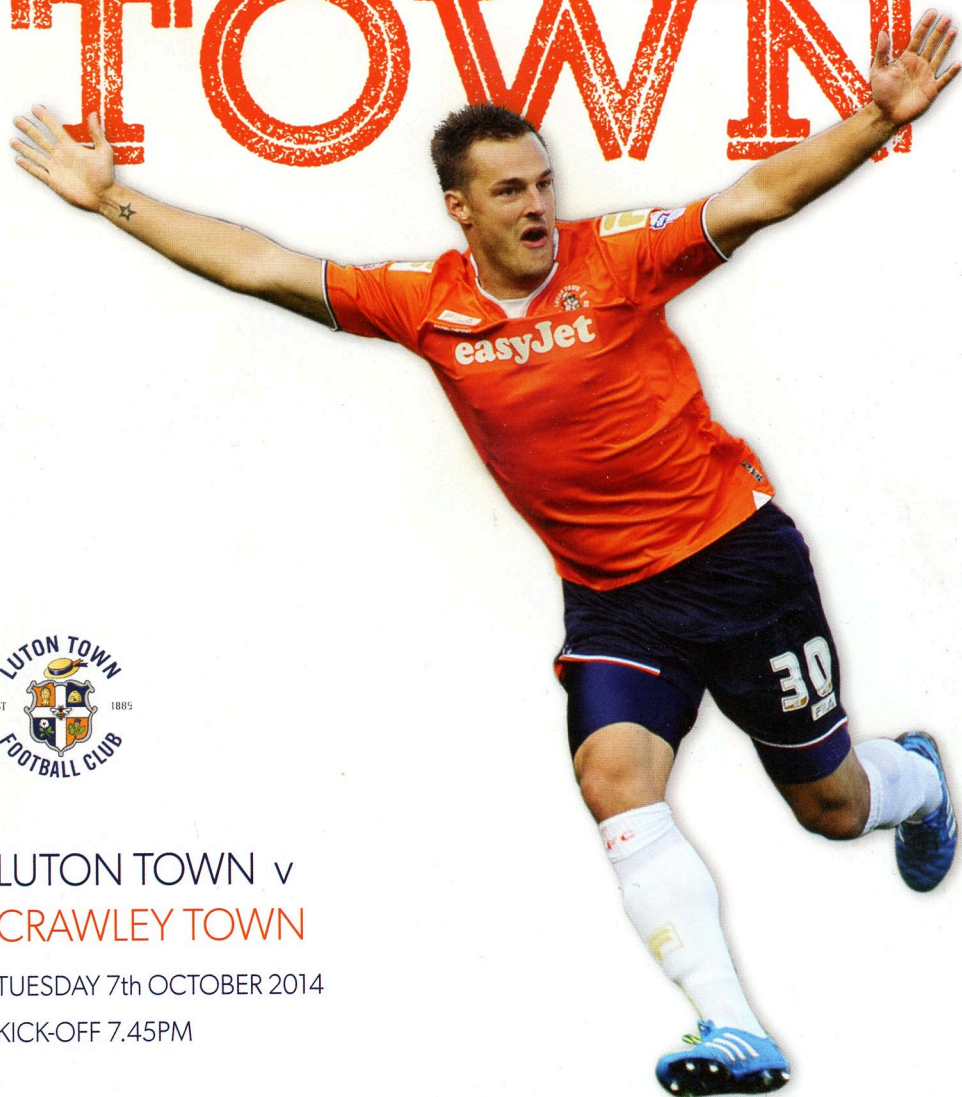


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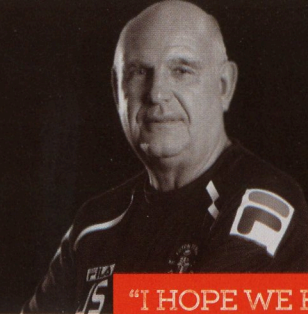
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# JOHN STILL



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Good evening and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for this evening's Johnstone's Paint Trophy tie against Crawley Town.

It is always good to pit your wits against a side from a higher division and Crawley arrive here tonight off the back of a 2-2 draw at Coventry in League 1 at the weekend.

John Gregory has done a very good job since taking over at the end of last year. I've seen them a number of times and their competitiveness is a big part of their game. Therefore we will have to make sure that we match that competitive streak this evening for us to stand any chance of progressing.

Looking back at our last home game we recorded a 2-0 win over Oxford with a strong start putting us in front. It was a committed, competitive and disciplined display and those attributes gave us the platform to give us the three points. Jake Howells' rebound from a penalty sealed a very good win in an all-round good performance.

I felt there were signs of improvement in that game with the main pleasing thing the contributions from every player involved.

It was nice to go another game without conceding. Our defence is looking very solid and that is down to a lot of hard work on the training ground.

On Saturday we triumphed in the local derby at Stevenage where once again we started really well thanks to another early goal from Luke Wilkinson, his second in as many games. Again that early goal gave us something to build on. I must say the first 30 minutes of football was excellent, our tempo was absolutely terrific and we felt we should have had a penalty when Andy Drury was fouled. We were in the ascendancy at that point but Stevenage came back into the game and levelled with a well-taken goal. Stevenage came on very strong to be fair, and the second half was a much closer affair.

However I always felt we had a goal in us as the game reached its climax. Charlie Walker came on and saw a shot we thought was over the line, but Alex Wall then did the honours with a fine strike just minutes later to win us the game in style.

**"I HOPE WE HAVE ANOTHER BIG CROWD BECAUSE ON SATURDAY AT STEVENAGE YOUR VAST BACKING OF THE TEAM REALLY GAVE US THAT LITTLE EXTRA LIFT. IT WAS INCREDIBLE. REMEMBER, STRONGER THE TEAM THE STRONGER THE TEAM."**

It was a first class performance and given our injury and illness issues over the past week it was great to see so many players now returning which is making us stronger. The squad is looking healthier with every passing game which is very positive going forward, and after collecting six points from the last two games we are looking strong.

## Debut

To win a local derby away from home is always difficult so a big pat on the back to everyone involved. Charlie's Football League debut will live long in his memory and I am sure there will be more magical moments for him during his time with us.

Looking ahead to Saturday, we welcome Southend United here. They are a club relatively local to me and I know they've been on a decent run of late and have been in and around the top group of clubs. I hope that we have another big crowd for that because on Saturday at Stevenage your vast backing of the team really gave us that little extra lift. It was incredible. Remember, the stronger the team the stronger the team.

Turning attentions back to tonight, will there be a few changes? Yes there will. We'll be picking a team to win the game but it's important that we are able to build up the fitness of some of the squad, whilst also giving those players who have shown well a chance to do so again, which could push themselves into the forefront our minds for Saturday.

Enjoy the game.



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## Tonight's the night

Welcome to Kenilworth Road...isn't it good to be back in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy after five years away?

If you don't remember the rules at this stage of the competition, we don't blame you, it has been six years since the Town last played at this stage of the JPT. In the second round in 2008 the Hatters drew 2-2 with Brentford and won through on penalties...and if the scores are level this evening, then don't worry they'll be no extra-time, we'll go straight to the drama of spot-kicks!

## Disabled Supporters' Association Meeting

The newly-formed Luton Town Disabled Supporters' Association will be holding an open forum at the club tomorrow evening.

All supporters are welcome to attend the forum to discuss all matters relating to disability issues at Kenilworth Road.

The evening will also see the elections of officers for the association itself and starts at 7pm in the John Moore Lounge.

If any supporter has any queries or questions in the lead-up to the forum, please email the Disabled Supporters' Association direct on:  
[LTDSA@lutontown.co.uk](mailto:LTDSA@lutontown.co.uk).

## Calling diamond season ticket holders!

Voting is open for the September diamond season ticket holders' player of the month award.

Diamond holders have until Friday 12th October to email their votes to [diamond@lutontown.co.uk](mailto:diamond@lutontown.co.uk).

Those diamond holders who voted for the winner will be entered into the draw. The junior winner will receive a diamond mascot package, and the adult winner two tickets for hospitality. These will be for the Dagenham & Redbridge game on Tuesday 21st October, where the winners will present the winning player with their trophy after the game.

This is just one benefit of the Diamond Package, so please contact the ticket office for further details if you wish to upgrade at any time on 01582 416976 or by emailing [ticketoffice@lutontown.co.uk](mailto:ticketoffice@lutontown.co.uk).

## New shop opens on Saturday

Our new club shop in the Mall in Luton town centre will open its doors this coming Saturday, 11th October.

The outlet, positioned close to Marks & Spencer and Debenhams and next to the Body Shop, will enable customers to purchase Hatters merchandise and tickets from a central location in the town centre.

When the news was revealed last week, Hatters Chief Executive Gary Sweet said: "We're thrilled to be able to have a permanent presence in the Mall.

"Over the past few years we have, on an ad-hoc basis, enjoyed great success when using one of the Mall's stalls, especially during busy periods of the year.

"The overwhelming success of these stalls, together with a large amount of supporter feedback, has helped us recognise that there was a significant demand for a permanent outlet in the centre of Luton.

"The new store enjoys a prominent position in the Mall and will be completely kitted out in Town colours, complete with an AstroTurf floor.

"We are looking forward to seeing this venture become a big success and look forward to welcoming all supporters throughout the year.

"However, it goes without saying that the new shop's opening will not have any impact on the existing club shop situated in Kenilworth Road, which will remain open at its usual times."

More details on the launch will be released on [lutontown.co.uk](http://lutontown.co.uk) throughout this week.

## Beds senior cup draw

The Hatters have been drawn away to Dunstable Town in the first round of the Bedfordshire Senior Cup.

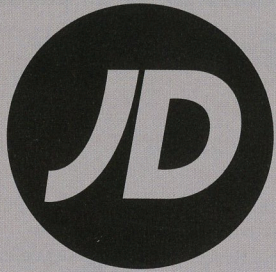
The tie will take place at Creasey Park week commencing Monday 10th November. The winners of the tie face a trip to Stotfold in the second round.

## Oxford golden gamble

Town fan Mark Stubbs had a weekend to remember after scooping £900 in our Golden Gamble half-time draw against Oxford.

Mr Stubbs, of Milton Keynes, walked home with the bumper prize after his ticket 09484 was plucked from the barrel at half-time.

Remember tickets only cost £1 so look out for the sellers in and around the ground this evening for your chance to win.



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**LUTON TOWN v SOUTHBEND UNITED**

SKY BET LEAGUE 2

**SATURDAY 11th OCTOBER 2014, KICK-OFF 3PM**

Tickets for this match are now on sale at normal matchday prices. £20 adults, £15 seniors and young adults, £12 golden seniors, £8 youths, £5 juniors.



**HARTLEPOOL UNITED v LUTON TOWN**

SKY BET LEAGUE 2

**SATURDAY 18th OCTOBER 2014, KICK-OFF 3PM**

This game is not all-ticket for Luton Town supporters but savings can be made by purchasing in advance from the Luton Town ticket office.

We have received an initial allocation of 536 tickets in the Smith and Graham Away Stand. Tickets are now available to diamond and season ticket holders at two per person until close of business on Saturday 11th October 2014. Any remaining tickets will be available on general sale on line from 6pm Saturday 11th October and from the ticket office from Monday 13th October until 3pm on Friday 17th October.

**Prices if purchased in advance:** Adults £20, concessions (over-60s, under-16s, under-19s, students) £10.

Ambulant and wheelchair disabled tickets are available to any supporter with Higher Rate

Disability Living Allowance (proof of this will be required at the turnstiles).

If purchased in advance these are available at the above prices with a carer free of charge. Tickets will be available on the day, however, they increase by £5 for adults and £3 concessions.

Away season ticket holders' tickets will be reserved and sent out on Friday 3rd October if no notification has been received advising they are not required.

This information can be given via phone or email to [ticketoffice@lutontown.co.uk](mailto:ticketoffice@lutontown.co.uk).



**LUTON TOWN v DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE**

SKY BET LEAGUE 2

**TUESDAY 21st OCTOBER 2014, KICK-OFF 7.45PM**

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**LUTON TOWN v NORTHAMPTON TOWN**

SKY BET LEAGUE 2

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# welcome



## CRAWLEY TOWN



It is with great pleasure we welcome everybody associated with Crawley Town to Kenilworth Road for this Johnstone's Paint Trophy second round match.

It has been three years since the two clubs' paths have crossed, the 2010/11 season that saw the Red Devils storm to the Conference title under Steve Evans' reign.

Since their record-breaking run towards the Football League, tonight's visitors have gone from strength to strength. It took the West Sussex club just one season to win promotion to League 1 following their third place finish in their maiden campaign in the Football League.

The Red Devils have more than held their own in their past two seasons in the third tier – not bad for club whose average attendance is 2,500 in a division which has seen some very big clubs compete in during that time.

At the helm for Crawley this term is former Aston Villa boss John Gregory, who took over at the Broadfield Stadium (or Checkatrade.com Stadium as it is known as these days), last December. The Red Devils suffered a big fixture pile-up due to the inclement weather last season but Gregory guided the side to finish in a hugely respectable 14th place in League 1.

Gregory's side arrive at Kenilworth Road this afternoon full of confidence having earned an excellent point from a 2-2 draw against Coventry at the Ricoh Arena on Saturday. The Red Devils had trailed 2-0 before goals

from Gwion Edwards and Izale McLeod rescued a point. The result leaves Gregory's men 14th in the League 1 table having taken 14 points from their 11 matches so far. The Red Devils have only lost once in their last five matches. On the road tonight's visitors have won just once (on the opening day of the season at Barnsley), drawn two and lost three. Gregory's men booked their place in the second round of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy with a 2-0 home win over another side promoted from the Conference last season, Cambridge.

Crawley were victorious on their last visit to Kenilworth Road in October 2010. Andy Drury – who rejoined the Town this summer from Crawley – put the Town in front from the penalty spot with 25 minutes to go but the visitors fought back to secure the points with Richard Brodie equalising 10 minutes from time before Craig McAllister – who would go on to play for the Town in 2012 – scoring the winner in the last minute. In the head-to-head record between the sides, the Hatters have won once, Crawley twice, whilst one match has ended all square (the last meeting in April 2011 at the Broadfield).

Drury is one of two former Crawley men in the Town ranks, the other being Paul Connolly who joined the Hatters this summer. However, there is one familiar face in the Crawley squad these days in the shape of Keith Keane, who is currently with the Red Devils on-loan from Preston North End. Keane, now 27, played 285 times for the Hatters across four divisions before departing for Deepdale in 2012.

To find out more about **Crawley Town** visit: [www.crawleytownfc.com](http://www.crawleytownfc.com)



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### ► HEAD COACH

**JOHN GREGORY.** Former England international midfielder who played over 600 Football League games. Managed Portsmouth, Wycombe, Aston Villa, Derby and QPR before spells in Asia. Took over at Crawley in December last year.

### ► GOALKEEPERS

**BRIAN JENSEN.** Hugely experienced Danish stopper who signed this summer after leaving Bury. Enjoyed great success at West Brom and then Burnley, playing for the Clarets in the Premier League.

**JAMIE ASHDOWN.** Former Reading, Portsmouth, Bournemouth and Leeds keeper who penned a four-month deal in August this year having left Elland Road.

### ► DEFENDERS

**LANRE OYEBANJO.** Attacking right-back who helped York beat the Hatters in the Conference Play-Off final in 2012. Signed for Crawley this summer but started his career as a youngster at West Ham.

**JOE WALSH.** Versatile young defender who can play left-back or at centre-half. Joined the Red Devils in 2012 after being released by Swansea City.

**DEAN LEACOCK.** Centre-half with a wealth of experience having played in the Premier League whilst at Derby. Began on Fulham's books before spells at Orient and Notts County. Signed for Crawley this summer.

**RYAN DICKSON.** Former Plymouth, Brentford, Southampton, Bradford and Colchester defender who signed joined the Red Devils this summer.

**SONNY BRADLEY.** Summer arrival from Portsmouth, the Hull-born defender has experience of playing in Sweden and Harrogate. Made 34 appearances for Pompey last term before joining Crawley.

**MAT SADLER.** Full-back in his second spell at the Broadfield Stadium who rejoined the club on a one-month loan from Rotherham. Played in the Premier League with Birmingham and has played for Watford and Walsall.

### ► MIDFIELDERS

**JOSH SIMPSON.** The longest-serving member of the Crawley squad. The central midfielder helped the Red Devils clinch back-to-back promotions having joined from Peterborough in January 2011.

**GWION EDWARDS.** Welsh Under-21 international who penned a permanent deal with Crawley this summer after a successful loan spell from Swansea last term.

**JIMMY SMITH.** Summer arrival from Stevenage who came through the youth ranks at Chelsea. Worked under Gregory at QPR, he spent four years with Leyton Orient.

**CONOR HENDERSON.** Former Arsenal academy graduate who joined the Red Devils this summer. Joined Hull after his release from the Gunners and spent last season on-loan at Stevenage.

**MARVIN ELLIOTT.** Experienced midfielder who penned a short-term deal this summer. The Londoner has racked up over 400 appearances with spells at Millwall and Bristol City.



**KEITH KEANE.** No stranger to Kenilworth Road, Keane spent nine years with the Hatters making 285 appearances. Left the Town for Preston in 2012 and is currently on-loan from the Deepdale club.

**JOSH WRIGHT.** Midfielder currently in the middle of a three-month loan deal from Millwall. Began his career at Charlton before joining Scunthorpe and then Millwall.

**MITCHELL ROSE.** Midfielder currently on loan from Rotherham. The brother of Tottenham's Danny, he spent last season on loan at Stamford in the Northern Premier League.

### ► STRIKERS

**IZALE McLEOD.** Prolific goalscorer who signed for Crawley this summer. Began his career at Derby before joining MK Dons. Then moved to Charlton, Barnet and Portsmouth and penned a one-year deal with the Red Devils this summer.

**MATT HARROLD.** Experienced frontman who signed from Bristol Rovers last month. Has started over 250 senior games during spells at Dagenham, Grimsby, Yeovil, Southend and Wycombe.

**GAVIN TOMLIN.** Striker who started his career with Staines, but got his break in League football in 2006 with Yeovil. Has also played for Dagenham, Port Vale, Gillingham and Southend.

**CHARLES BANYA.** Young forward who joined Crawley on a short-term deal this summer after being released from Fulham last term.

# PICTURE THE PAST

Club historian **ROGER WASH** delves into his photographic archive

Our last fixture in this competition saw 40,000 Luton fans roar the team on to a famous 3-2 victory over Scunthorpe United at Wembley



# YESTERDAY'S PAGES

With club historian **ROGER WASH**

Luton Town 3-2 Scunthorpe United.  
Johnstone's Paint Trophy final. 5th April 2009.

There was no great outpourings of relief in the streets of Luton when the Town received a first round bye in the 2008/09 Johnstone's Paint Trophy as we had more important things to think about, namely the preservation of our Football League status.

A 30-point deduction at the start of that campaign has been well-documented and by the time of the visit of Brentford, for a second round tie in the competition, the Town were still on minus 18.

It is, therefore, not surprising that the tie was not greeted with much enthusiasm but the 'stay aways' missed an entertaining contest with the Bees going into a two-goal lead against the run of play before the Town pulled the game back level.

At 90 minutes the score remained the same with on-loan goalkeeper Conrad Logan then saving twice in the penalty shootout leaving Rossi Jarvis to net the decisive winner. Jarvis was also on target in the next round when his fierce shot in the 88th minute brought about a narrow 1-0 victory at League 1 Walsall to set up a southern area semi-final home tie with Colchester.

## Scores

In truth, Colchester should have been out of sight by half-time but a series of amazing misses and the woodwork kept the score level until Claude Gnakpa deflected a Wayne Andrews shot into the net for a fortuitous Town lead. Despite many more scares the Hatters managed to hang on with the reward a two legged southern area final against Brighton.

In front of a 6,127 Witheadan crowd, the Town battled to a 0-0 draw and it was back to Kenilworth Road where, with only one step left to a Wembley final, the competition had finally caught the minds and imagination of the Luton fans.

A crowd of 8,711 gathered under the Kenilworth Road lights to see Tom Craddock take advantage of a Brighton defensive error to stroke the ball into an empty net in the second minute before Nicky Forster levelled for the Seagulls 18 minutes later. Although Albion's Dave Livermore was dismissed for a late challenge on Michael

Spillane before the interval the Town could turn their subsequent possession and dominance into goals leaving the crowd to endure another penalty shoot-out.

## Challenging

This time it was another loanee goalkeeper, Lewis Price, who became a hero saving twice to send the Town through to the new Wembley where their opponents would be Scunthorpe who were challenging for an eventually successful promotion to the Championship.

The Hatters were as good as relegated by this time, so the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final was seen as a welcome relief from the problems in the League and was seen as a final hurrah for at least a season. An amazing 42,000 tickets were sold which could have been more had an ill thought out segregation policy not been in place at Wembley.

Scunthorpe were obvious favourites and bossed the opening 20 minutes, taking the lead during that period when the clever front duo of Paul Hayes and Gary Hooper combined to good effect leaving the latter to slot the ball home.

Stung by this goal, the Town fought back and the game developed into an end to end thriller with several close shaves in both goalmouths. We did, however, level the tie on 32 minutes when Craddock cleverly set up Chris Martin to roll the ball into the net.

## Onslaught

Craddock then put the Hatters into the lead mid-way through the second half which left us needing to endure a Scunthorpe onslaught which we thought had been seen off until two minutes from time when Grant McCann hit home an unstoppable shot from 25 yards.

Rather than going straight to a penalty shoot-out again the final catered for extra-time and when Gnakpa failed to score two minutes in after being put through by skipper Kevin Nicholls we all thought that the miss could come back and bite us. Three minutes later though Gnakpa was put through again but this time he made no mistake cleverly lobbing the onrushing goalkeeper.

The Town managed to hold on to the lead until the end this time though to cue mass celebrations in the midst of a season of gloom.



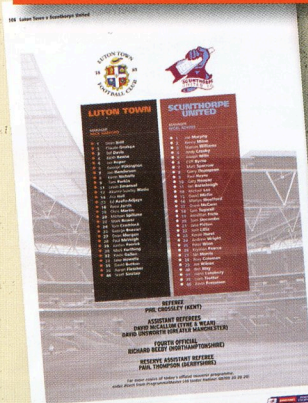
Happy Hatters with the trophy



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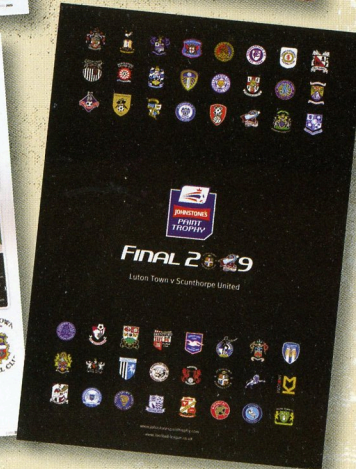
Wembley produced an impressive 108-page issue for £5 which was certainly far better value than the subsequent Play-Off final efforts which were the same price.

Several well-researched articles and interviews with players past and present from both sides was included with good pictorial content. Apart from, that is, a photograph of Billy Bingham which had been reversed to make it fit properly on the page – but it would only take a clever dick to spot that!



## ELSEWHERE IN FOOTBALL

- Lewes avoid a record 19th straight defeat by beating Altrincham in the Conference.
- Sven Goran Eriksson is dismissed by Mexico after they lose to Honduras.
- Roy Keane takes over the hot seat at Ipswich.
- Crawley beat Burton 4-0 at home in the Conference in front of a crowd of 1,131.





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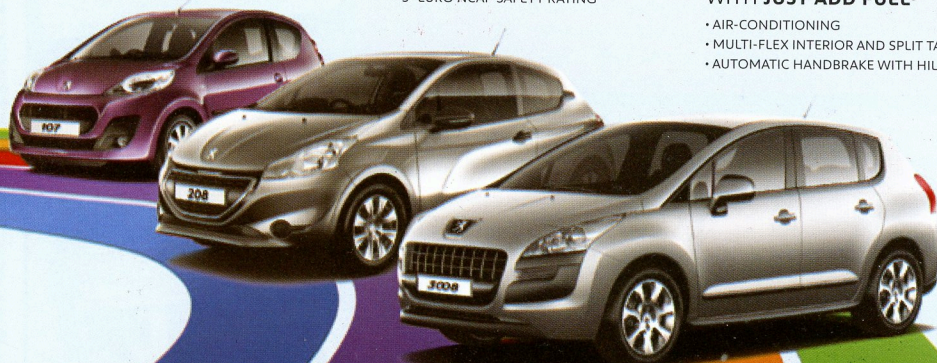
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This Saturday sees the opening of the new club shop in the mall in Luton and it promises to be a great occasion!

Not only will the first team players be popping in but you'll also get chance to get your hands on this Hatters gnome. This cute and colourful character is yours for just £17.99!

The shop opens at 9am so why not head down and take a look at the new shop for yourself.

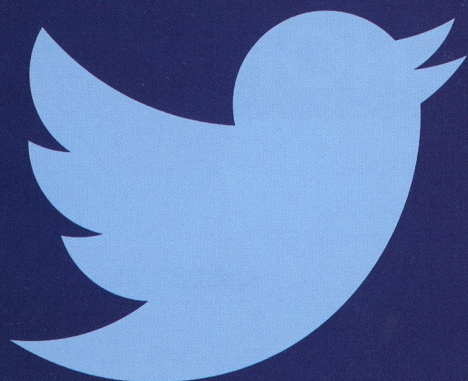
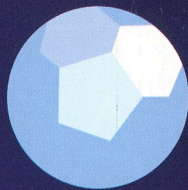
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# SINCE WE'VE BEEN GONE...

## THE JOHNSTONE'S PAINT TROPHY

**It's unusual for clubs to wait five years to defend a trophy they've won. Liverpool got the chance to defend the Champions League the season after the Reds triumphed in their epic comeback in Istanbul against AC Milan in 2005 despite finishing out of the European places in the Premier League.**

The Town, though, were denied their opportunity to defend the Johnstone's Paint Trophy despite lifting it at Wembley in April 2009 following the 3-2 victory over

Scunthorpe and the relegation to the Conference which followed almost a week later.

Back in the Football League after last season's title, the Town are back in the JPT. With last season's winners Peterborough knocked out in the previous round last month, the Hatters can claim to be the sole holders left in the competition...even if tonight's fixture is the first in the JPT since that day at Wembley five years ago.

The competition has continued to flourish during the Town's time in the Conference. Here's what's happened in each of those final seasons since the Hatters last tasted success in the JPT...

### 2009/10

The Town were, of course, holders but could not defend their title in 2009/10. The competition, however, was tough with the southern section of the draw including League 1 Southampton and Norwich, and the northern section containing Leeds. The Saints and Canaries would meet in the area semi-finals at St Marys which saw the hosts progress. Southampton beat MK Dons in the area final whilst Carlisle overcame Leeds in the northern section. 73,476 watched the final at Wembley that saw Southampton thump Carlisle 4-1.

### 2010/11

Competing clubs in 2010/11 felt they stood a greater chance of success with Leeds and Norwich promoted the previous campaign from League 1 to the Championship. Southampton would go onto be promoted come the end of 2010/11 but exited the competition in the very first round. Carlisle, though, enjoyed their run once more, winning through to the final where they saw off Brentford at Wembley. It was the Cumbrians' second title.

### 2011/12

Holders Carlisle fell at the first hurdle, losing to Accrington in the opening round of the competition. Swindon saw off struggling League 2 side Barnet in

the southern area final, whilst Chesterfield overcame Oldham. The Spireites would go on and lift the trophy in front of 49,602 at Wembley.

### 2012/13

Chesterfield bowed out in the second round as their defence of the trophy came to an end with defeat to Doncaster, but it was Coventry City that took the early rounds by storm, go onto reach the northern area final with Crewe which saw a record attendance for a non-final match with over 31,000 witnessing their first leg to Crewe. Unfortunately for the Sky Blues, the Alex won 3-2 on aggregate. Southend saw off Leyton Orient in the southern final but the northern section would have a third successive winner as Crewe triumphed 2-0 at Wembley against the Shrimpers.

### 2013/14

Last season's competition was the 30th season of the Football League Trophy. Holders Crewe were dumped out in the second round, losing 4-0 at Fleetwood. Northern winners of 2012, Chesterfield, would go on and reach the final once more, this time beating Fleetwood in the area final. In the southern half, Peterborough progressed by beating Swindon. 35,663 watched the final at Wembley which saw Posh lift the trophy thanks to a 3-1 win – their first ever success in the competition.



# The FOOTBALL LEAGUE Paper

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By Chris Dunlavy

I love a quiz, me. Online, offline, in the pub – show me a pointless trivia question and I'll show you a noble way to waste an hour.

This week, I was tackling the 100 most populated towns and cities in the (still) United Kingdom. I got 71, which given an abundance of cheaty answers (Salford is technically in Manchester, right?) isn't too bad.

Anyway, stat glutton that I am, this got me thinking about football clubs and how they are performing relative to the size of their location.

Now, before anyone pipes up, I know many factors influence a club's fortunes. Big-money backers, a crack academy system, financial disaster, supporter-drain to nearby giants or an alchemistic manager – success has more layers than a Bake Off showstopper.

What's more, some cities have more than two clubs. Though crude, the only way to allow for this – without a statistician and a complicated algorithm – is to divide population by the number of clubs.

London, for instance, has 8.2m people, eight times more than second-placed Birmingham. This gives the capital's 13 professional sides 630,769 potential fans each, whilst the second city's three clubs get to share just 361,700. Leyton Orient, living in the vast shadow of West Ham and Spurs, would quite rightly challenge such an assertion but, well, I've got limited time and mathematical ability.

So who are the overachievers and underachievers? Here are the results of a distinctly unscientific study.

## OVERACHIEVERS

### BURNLEY

Population: 75,057 (110th)

The Clarets aren't even in the top 100 – below the likes of Crawley, Nuneaton and Bedford – yet ply their trade in the Premier League.

### FLEETWOOD

Population: 25,359 (341st)

OK, so it wouldn't be possible without the cash of chairman Andy Pilley. But Fleetwood lie 341st in the population rankings (beneath Melton Mowbray) and are, by a distance, the smallest town represented in the Football League.

## YEovil

Population: 40,270 (228th)

Imagine Swadlincote or Cleethorpes fielding a team in the Championship? That's the scale of Yeovil's achievement reaching the second tier last season.

## UNDERACHIEVERS

### BRISTOL CITY/BRISTOL ROVERS

Population: 535,907 (fifth)

Fans of Rovers and City must be sick of hearing how they live in the biggest city never to have boasted a top-flight club. But it bears repeating – even divided by two, they both have a fanbase the size of Newcastle to call on.

### BRADFORD CITY

Population: 349,561 (11th)

Hamstrung by severe financial problems for years, the Bantams aren't called sleeping giants for no reason. If they ever wake up, the League 1 side could wreak havoc.

### NORTHAMPTON

Population: 215,173 (25th)

Chris Wilder seems to have got things moving but with a home the size of Aberdeen, the Cobblers aren't doing much to pull in the punters.

How the Premier League would look based purely on catchment area:

- 1 Arsenal
- 2 Brentford
- 3 Charlton
- 4 Chelsea
- 5 Crystal Palace
- 6 Dagenham & Redbridge
- 7 Fulham
- 8 Leyton Orient
- 9 Millwall
- 10 QPR
- 11 Tottenham
- 12 West Ham
- 13 AFC Wimbledon
- 14 Leeds
- 15 Leicester
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- 17 Cardiff
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A number of previous subscribers have returned to the new improved video service and if you are wondering what complementary services the video subscription site, [www.player.lutontown.co.uk](http://www.player.lutontown.co.uk), provides in addition to the official website, [www.lutontown.co.uk](http://www.lutontown.co.uk), on a matchday, we have provided a taster below.

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# reaction

**MORE TO COME SAYS DOYLE**



Nathan Doyle believes there is more to come from him and the Hatters this season after the midfielder enjoyed a winning debut against Oxford in the Town's last home game at Kenilworth Road.

The 27-year-old, who signed a one-year deal at Kenilworth Road earlier this month, played over an hour as the Town ran out 2-0 winners to make it four games unbeaten in Sky Bet League 2.

And the former Bradford and Barnsley man was pleased with the display on his first appearance for the Hatters.

"I'm happy we got the winner and I'm happy to get through 65 minutes," Doyle told Hatters Player after the win over the U's.

"My fitness is okay. I played in the development squad for 70 minutes against Portsmouth and I've been training with the lads for three weeks.

"It's been intense, I've been doing extra work with the fitness coach [Dave Richardson], and all I'm lacking is game-time, but it won't be long before I'm full ahead of steam."

Doyle was part of the Bradford side that won the League 2 Play-Offs two seasons ago, and the midfielder thinks the Town have got what it takes to mount a promotion challenge this season.

"The team are doing well, we're 10 games in and we know what we've got to do to get where we want to be," continued Doyle.

"We just need to focus on one game at a time. It was a great result against Oxford, and to keep another clean sheet was excellent.

"Clean sheets are important, especially in this league. It stands you in good stead and gives you something to build on.

"We'll keep listening to the gaffer and if we give him what he wants we can't go far wrong."

# THE SEASON

# Fixtures & Results

DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS	STARTING XI
<b>AUGUST</b>								
Sat 9	3.00pm	A	Carlisle United	W 1-0	6,760	1,088	6	Tyler Connolly Griffiths McNulty Wilkinson Lacey Robinson
Tue 12	7.45pm	H	Swindon Town (C1C 1)	L 1-2	4,410	436	-	Tyler Connolly Griffiths McNulty Wilkinson Franks Robinson
Sat 16	3.00pm	H	AFC Wimbledon	L 0-1	9,101	690	14	Tyler Franks Griffiths McNulty Wilkinson Robinson Drury
Tue 19	7.45pm	H	Bury	D 1-1	7,890	289	14	Tyler Franks Griffiths McNulty Wilkinson Robinson Drury
Sat 23	3.00pm	A	Accrington Stanley	D 2-2	1,562	586	12	Tyler Connolly <b>HOWELLS 1</b> McNulty Wilkinson Lacey Robinson
Sat 30	3.00pm	A	Shrewsbury Town	L 0-2	5,888	1,037	18	Tyler Connolly Howells McNulty Wilkinson Robinson Stevenson
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>								
<b>TV</b> Sat 6	12.15pm	H	Plymouth Argyle	L 0-1	7,864	527	19	Tyler Connolly Griffiths McNulty Lacey Ruddock Drury
Sat 13	3.00pm	H	Cheltenham Town	W 1-0	7,793	221	18	Tyler Williams Griffiths McNulty Wilkinson Lacey Smith
Tue 16	7.45pm	A	York City	D 0-0	3,649	445	18	Tyler Williams Griffiths McNulty Wilkinson Smith Ruddock
Sat 20	3.00pm	A	Cambridge United	W 1-0	6,533	2,050	13	Tyler Williams Griffiths McNulty Wilkinson Lacey Ruddock
Sat 27	3.00pm	H	Oxford United	W 2-0	9,101	868	10	Tyler Lacey Griffiths McNulty <b>WILKINSON 1</b> Smith Doyle
<b>OCTOBER</b>								
Sat 4	3.00pm	A	Stevenage	W 2-1	5,236	1,897	7	Tyler Lacey Griffiths McNulty <b>WILKINSON 1</b> Smith Doyle
Tue 7	7.45pm	H	Crawley Town (JPT2)					
Sat 11	3.00pm	H	Southend United					
Sat 18	3.00pm	A	Hartlepool United					
Tue 21	7.45pm	H	Dagenham & Redbridge					
Sat 25	3.00pm	H	Northampton Town					
<b>NOVEMBER</b>								
Sat 1	3.00pm	A	Exeter City					
Sat 15	3.00pm	H	Tranmere Rovers					
Sat 22	3.00pm	A	Burton Albion					
Sat 29	3.00pm	H	Mansfield Town					
<b>DECEMBER</b>								
Sat 13	3.00pm	A	Morecambe					
Sat 20	3.00pm	H	Newport County					
Fri 26	3.00pm	A	Wycombe Wanderers					
Sun 28	3.00pm	H	Portsmouth					
<b>JANUARY</b>								
Sat 3	3.00pm	A	Mansfield Town					
Sat 10	3.00pm	H	Shrewsbury Town					
Sat 17	3.00pm	A	Plymouth Argyle					
Sat 24	3.00pm	A	Cheltenham Town					
Sat 31	3.00pm	H	Cambridge United					
<b>FEBRUARY</b>								
Sat 7	3.00pm	A	Oxford United					
Tue 10	7.45pm	H	York City					
Sat 14	3.00pm	H	Carlisle United					
Sat 21	3.00pm	A	A.F.C. Wimbledon					
Sat 28	3.00pm	H	Accrington Stanley					
<b>MARCH</b>								
Tue 3	7.45pm	A	Bury					
Sat 7	3.00pm	H	Morecambe					
Sat 14	3.00pm	A	Portsmouth					
Tue 17	7.45pm	A	Newport County					
Sat 21	3.00pm	H	Wycombe Wanderers					
Sat 28	3.00pm	A	Northampton Town					
<b>APRIL</b>								
Fri 3	3.00pm	H	Exeter City					
Mon 6	7.45pm	A	Tranmere Rovers					
Sat 11	3.00pm	H	Burton Albion					
Tue 14	7.45pm	A	Dagenham & Redbridge					
Sat 18	3.00pm	H	Hartlepool United					
Sat 25	3.00pm	A	Southend United					
<b>MAY</b>								
Sat 2	3.00pm	H	Stevenage					

## LEAGUE TABLE 2014/15

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	
1	Bury	11	7	2	2	18	8	10	23
2	Wycombe Wanderers	11	6	4	1	14	7	7	22
3	Burton Albion	11	7	1	3	14	12	2	22
4	Southend United	11	6	2	3	12	8	4	20
5	Morecambe	11	6	1	4	13	9	4	19
6	Northampton Town	11	5	3	3	19	14	5	18
<b>7</b>	<b>Luton Town</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>18</b>
8	Plymouth Argyle	11	5	1	5	12	8	4	16
9	Portsmouth	11	4	4	3	10	8	2	16
10	Cheltenham Town	11	4	4	3	9	8	1	16
11	Accrington Stanley	11	5	1	5	16	20	-4	16
12	Shrewsbury Town	11	4	3	4	12	9	3	15
13	AFC Wimbledon	11	4	3	4	17	17	0	15
14	Exeter City	11	4	3	4	12	14	-2	15
15	Mansfield Town	11	5	0	6	11	15	-4	15
16	Cambridge United	11	4	2	5	18	14	4	14
17	Stevenage	11	4	2	5	14	15	-1	14
18	Newport County AFC	11	3	4	4	12	12	0	13
19	Dagenham & Redbridge	11	3	2	6	14	19	-5	11
20	Oxford United	11	2	4	5	10	13	-3	10
21	York City	11	1	7	3	10	14	-4	10
22	Tranmere Rovers	11	2	3	6	11	15	-4	9
23	Carlisle United	11	2	3	6	12	21	-9	9
24	Hartlepool United	11	2	2	7	5	17	-12	8

## SUBS

Drury	Howells	<b>CULLEN 1</b>	Benson	Franks	Wall	Rooney	Ruddock	Guttridge	Stevenson	Justham
Drury	<b>ROONEY 1</b>	Cullen	Benson	Lacey	Wall	Howells	Ruddock	Guttridge	Lafayette	Justham
Guttridge	Howells	Cullen	Benson	Lacey	Wall	Williams	Ruddock	Stevenson	Lafayette	Justham
Guttridge	Rooney	Cullen	Benson	Lacey	Wall	Howells	<b>RUDDOCK 1</b>	Stevenson	Lafayette	Justham
Drury	<b>ROONEY 1</b>	Cullen	Benson	Franks	Wall	Guttridge	Ruddock	Stevenson	Lafayette	Justham
Guttridge	Rooney	Cullen	Benson	Lacey	Wall	Williams	Ruddock	Miller	Lafayette	Justham
Guttridge	Howells	Rooney	Cullen	Smith	Lawless	Wall	Lafayette	Stevenson	Wilkinson	Justham
Ruddock	Guttridge	<b>CULLEN 1</b>	Lafayette	Drury	Wall	Howells	Rooney	Stevenson	Walker	Justham
Drury	Guttridge	Howells	Cullen	Wall	Rooney	Lafayette	Whalley	Stevenson	Connolly	Justham
Stevenson	Guttridge	<b>CULLEN 1</b>	Wall	Drury	Lafayette	Whalley	Robinson	Doyle	Walker	Justham
Ruddock	Whalley	<b>HOWELLS 1</b>	Cullen	Drury	Lafayette	Stevenson	Robinson	Guttridge	Walker	Justham
Ruddock	Drury	Cullen	Benson	Howells	<b>WALL 1</b>	Stevenson	Robinson	Guttridge	Walker	Justham

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# HOLD THE Back Page

WITH BILL COLE

How good it was to see the Kenny full to bursting for the last home game with Oxford United?

Promotion certainly has fulfilled expectations of a more vibrant atmosphere here this term and I for one loved the banter between opposing fans that was largely absent, or at least one-sided, during our wilderness years in the Conference.

A decent number of visiting fans not only adds to the atmosphere, but of course adds income to the club, which is much appreciated.

Instead of low double digit attendances in the Oak Road, Oxford brought 868 to follow them, despite struggling on the pitch this season up to then. Perhaps the old niggles between the clubs contributed to the occasion. It was caused of course by Joe Kinnear abandoning a proposed position at the Kassam to take up the manager's role here around the turn of the millennium and subsequently running down United.

## Support

In our Conference days, Gateshead were one of the visitors to bring a paucity of support. A couple of years back their match at Kenilworth Road was an evening fixture which made things even more difficult for their potential followers. In conversation with their press officer, he remarked on how well the seats were being taken up quite a while before kick-off. When I explained that we had 4,000 season ticket holders at that time, he responded with the fact that they had 90.

It's a long journey to and from the North East, but that did not put a whole lot of determined Hatters fans off



for the reverse fixture. The same man told me then that Gateshead were hoping that Luton's away army would swell their gate into four figures, which happened, just.

The numbers of that fantastic travelling support seem to be raising quite a few eyebrows in the footballing world this season. I saw a statistic somewhere that rated the Hatters' seventh or eighth in that regard - including the Premier League clubs. Quite remarkable!

I noticed that unbeaten Bristol City, top of League 1, at lowly Walsall on Saturday where they expected to get another good result, took around a thousand with them and

Sheffield Wednesday, for a massive Yorkshire derby at Leeds in the Championship, boasted an away support of 1,300. Both pale into insignificance when compared to the 1,900 Hatters' fans at Stevenage, and it could have been many more if they had found themselves able to organise an increased away presence.

Boro Manager Graham Westley, thought to be a deep thinker about the game by those very close to him, remarked in his pre-match interview last week that Luton's vociferous support influenced referees to the extent that Town have been awarded more than their fair share of penalty kicks.

Perhaps, if Saturday's referee had seen those comments, it may have explained why that clear foul on Andy Drury in the box was turned down. And, not wishing to be swayed, the officials saw fit to deny Charlie Walker a debut goal when his effort clearly crossed the line late on.

Perhaps...but Town won anyway and the run continues...

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| 1 Mark Tyler            | 18 Ross Lafayette   |
| 2 Fraser Franks         | 19 Ricky Miller     |
| 3 Danny Fitzsimons      | 20 Shaun Whalley    |
| 4 Jonathan Smith        | 21 Luke Guttridge   |
| 5 Stephen McNulty       | 23 Matthew Robinson |
| 6 Alex Lacey            | 24 Curtley Williams |
| 7 Alex Lawless          | 26 Nathan Doyle     |
| 8 Andy Drury            | 28 Jim Stevenson    |
| 9 Paul Benson           | 29 Paul Connolly    |
| 10 Alex Wall            | 30 Luke Wilkinson   |
| 11 Jake Howells         | 32 Brett Longden    |
| 12 Scott Griffiths      | 33 Mark Onyemah     |
| 13 Mark Cullen          | 34 Zane Banton      |
| 14 Andy Parry           | 35 Charlie Walker   |
| 15 Luke Rooney          | 36 Charlie Smith    |
| 16 Elliot Justham       | 37 Kynan Isaac      |
| 17 Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu | 39 Ian Rees         |



## CRAWLEY TOWN

- |                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Brian Jensen    | 14 Lewis Young     |
| 2 Lanre Oyejajo   | 15 Charles Banya   |
| 3 Ryan Dickson    | 16 Keith Keane     |
| 4 Conor Henderson | 17 Mitchell Rose   |
| 5 Dean Leacock    | 18 Matt Harrold    |
| 6 Sonny Bradley   | 20 Bobson Bawling  |
| 7 Gwion Edwards   | 21 Gavin Tomlin    |
| 8 Jimmy Smith     | 22 Emmett O'connor |
| 9 Izale Mcleod    | 23 Ryan Richefond  |
| 10 Josh Wright    | 24 Bradley Isaacs  |
| 11 Josh Simpson   | 25 Jamie Ashdown   |
| 12 Joe Walsh      | 33 Marvin Elliott  |

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