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66 Good evening and welcome to the Prostate Cancer UK Stadium. Tonight's game here takes on extra special significance, as for the first time in our home's history, it takes on a new name for a very special cause. Prostate Cancer UK are the Football League's Official Charity Partner, and we have joined forces to help raise awareness of the disease by renaming Kenilworth Road for this evening's televised match. Inside tonight's commemorative programme, we have more information on how the idea came into being, important information on prostate cancer and the work Prostate Cancer UK are doing, as well as a complete history of Kenilworth Road. There's much more besides inside your 100-page issue of Talk of the Town, including your regular columns from John Still and Stephen McNulty. Enjoy tonight's game #COYH **99**

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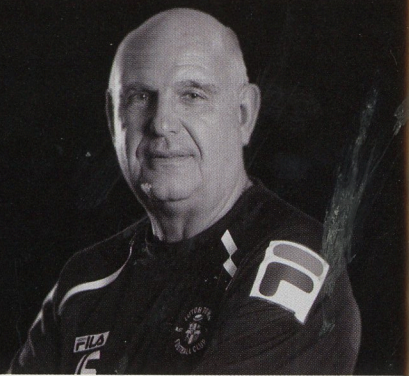
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JOHN STILL



Good evening and welcome to the Prostate Cancer UK Stadium. The renaming of Kenilworth Road for this one match is a magnificent initiative. I know how much work behind the scenes has gone into making this happen so a very well done to those involved.

It is unfortunate that cancer affects so many peoples' lives around the world, so the awareness of any sort of cancer is paramount. With the disease's association with men, football is a great medium of bringing to light the important issues of prostate cancer.

Prostate Cancer UK is doing an incredible job in the game by raising awareness and you will have seen me wearing their Man of Men badge throughout this season. With tonight's game on television I truly hope the profile of the charity and the awareness of the disease will lead to more lives being saved.

Performances

Since my last notes we have been unsuccessful in our matches on the road at Portsmouth and Newport. To say it's been a disappointment is an understatement.

In some cases, however, the performances haven't been too bad, but at this stage of the season winning is always more important than performances, as we showed last season. With that in mind we go into this evening's game with Wycombe knowing we need to start a run which will keep us in this top group to enable us to end this season on a high.

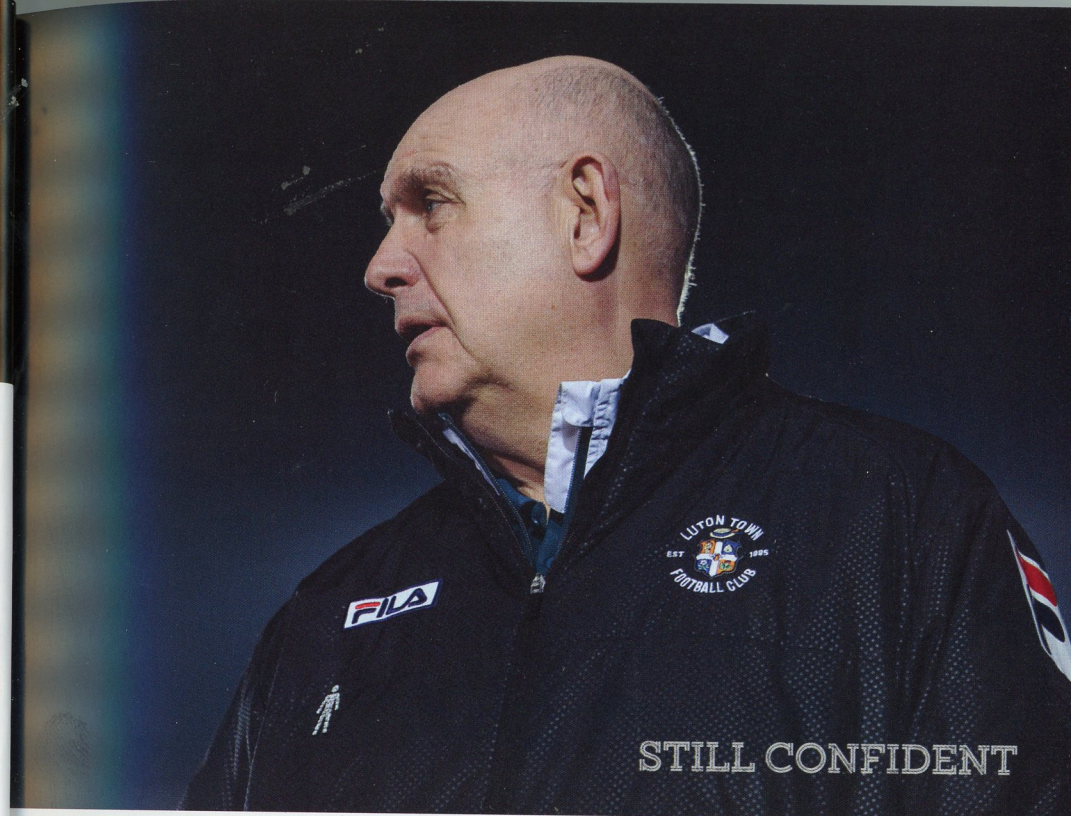
Looking back at the past few matches and the difficulty we have had in gaining positive results, I think it's relevant for me to mention Elliot Justham. Elliot has come into the team following an injury to Mark Tyler and the performances of Elliot have been really, really impressive.

To come into the side when the team is not at its best is a challenge for any player, yet the goalkeeper's role in any team is sometimes scrutinised the most, especially

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in a side struggling. Elliot joined us having been playing part-time for East Thurrock and I think he needs the recognition he deserves for the progress he has made.

Another plus in recent weeks has been our support home and away. Against Morecambe you helped us get back into the game when we trailed at 2-0, and at one stage it looked as though we would go on and win that game – but we all know how that game finished.



STILL CONFIDENT

At Portsmouth your backing was mindblowing. I've always eluded to my saying 'the stronger the team, the stronger the team' and I am delighted that your backing of the team has not wavered in spite of the recent results. To then take 350 supporters to Newport midweek given our run of form was a testament to your passion and loyalty and for that I thank you.

Tonight all I ask is that you continue to give the team the same level of extraordinary support. Strength comes from togetherness and if we all pull in the same direction tonight I am confident we can get the favourable result we have been missing in recent weeks.

Fitness

On the injury front I'm pleased to see Paul Benson closing in on full match fitness having been involved in the last two matches, Mark Tyler has upped his training, as has Nathan Doyle. Luke Rooney, meanwhile has had minutes in development squad matches of late and his fitness is improving. As for Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu, unfortunately he isn't quite as near as we'd all like him to be. With Pelly it's a case of watching this space. Jonathan Smith has missed the last couple of games but is back

in training too, and I hope this little resurgence on the fitness front can give us an extra boost going into the last nine matches of the campaign.

Achievement

Turning attentions to tonight, I must welcome Gareth Ainsworth and his staff and players here this evening. Gareth has done an unbelievable job at Adams Park; helping them avoid relegation to the Conference on the last day of last season was an achievement in itself but he and his team have gone on and eclipsed that by enjoying an excellent season so far. The game at Adams Park on Boxing Day was an exciting and competitive one and I am sure that will be the case once more tonight.

With the Sky Sports cameras here, though, I am expecting us to go out and play like Luton should and give you the performance your support deserves.

Get behind us and enjoy the game.

BOARDROOM

WITH DIRECTOR DAVID BLAKEMAN



Welcome to tonight's game against the Chairboys – as Wycombe Wanderers are known.

Our opponents remain third in the table, well placed to secure automatic promotion. From our perspective, victory tonight is crucial, if we are to

recommence our good form of earlier in the season and terminate the unfortunate run of results in the recent past.

Wycombe's form has, itself, been good, having been unbeaten since mid-February. Useful wins against Shrewsbury and Tranmere have boosted the position in recent weeks. We will need to be on our mettle, therefore, to produce the sort of performance necessary to achieve that much-needed victory.

From my own perspective, tonight's match is a somewhat bittersweet experience, as I have decided to step down from the Board. I have been thrilled to be associated with the Club for the last three- and-a-half years – an association which has been the fulfilment of a boyhood dream; and I have been involved with some marvellous moments associated with the Club.

Apart from the poor recent run of form, the Club has progressed, in almost every area, in the last few years and I feel our community projects, which I have been closely associated with, have also progressed significantly. I am also pleased to have contributed to our relocation plans, which are also progressing positively. Moving forwards, I do intend to remain involved with the Club, in the role of a general community ambassador – but my business interests prevent more active involvement.

On the subject of our poor recent form, all I would say is that it has not diminished my faith, one jot, in John Still – who I have had the privilege of meeting on multiple occasions. He is, in my opinion, an extraordinary man and we are very lucky he is our manager. This dip in form is, of course, a blip. If I have been asked, at the start of the season, whether I would be happy being in our current position I would have been utterly delighted.

As you will now be fully aware, we are also renaming the stadium for tonight's match as the Prostate Cancer UK Stadium. We were originally approached by Prostate Cancer UK several weeks ago, when the idea to rename the stadium first came about. Nick Owen alluded to the concept of renaming Kenilworth Road in his programme notes for our match with Morecambe, and as we hoped, this provoked a great deal of conversation among you, our supporters, as to what that would mean to the Club and its identity.

We made the decision to keep the full reason quiet to allow the conversation to grow in the hope that when our support for this important charity was announced, the impact would be as great as possible. On announcing the news last Wednesday morning, the story quickly gathered pace and before the end of the day it had been picked up by most local and national news agencies, including some even further afield helping to raise a great deal of awareness of prostate cancer and the important work of Prostate Cancer UK.

This is a true one-off in every sense. In making this move, we become the first Football League club to rename their stadium in aid of a charity, and it's just for one match, so there's all the more reason to make the most of this occasion and help raise much needed funds to help the #MenUnited campaign. In purchasing this programme, you have already made a donation and we would encourage fans to give whatever they can afford to show our solidarity today. I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank The Luton News and Trust in Luton for their support in getting this campaign moving.

This is another such initiative that makes me proud to be a Luton Town supporter, and on this note, I thought it might also be interesting to say what being a fan has meant to me over the years. I have mentioned, in previous notes, that my background, as a supporter, is slightly unusual. Despite being born in the town, I left the area at the age of four. With parents who had no football interest (and who were from Wales and Worcestershire respectively) and going to school on Merseyside, I should, logically, have ended up as a Liverpool or Everton fan. God forbid! The experience of following this marvellous Club has been an absolutely integral part of my life since the age of eight. From looking at newspaper clippings in the late 60s and early 70s (we lived far too far away to go

to matches, even if my dad had any interest in doing so!) I eventually found myself in the luxurious position of being able to go to unlimited games from the late 70s, when I commenced university in London. Living in London for the next 30 odd years meant that I could see very large numbers of matches. The position has improved further since I moved back to Bedfordshire three-and-a-half years ago – as my journey now takes only about half an hour compared with the one and half hours it used to take from London.

Heights

It strikes me that the difference in supporting Luton is that you simply never know what is going to happen next. We all know that the Club has had a ludicrously complex history. We have been promoted and relegated more than any other club in the Football League. We have scaled the heights and plumbed the depths. No football supporter has experiences like ours. Quite why anybody (unless, perhaps, they came from Trafford) would support Manchester United, defeats me. Their supporters are in the position of expecting victory every match, so that they can only suffer disappointment, on average. If they do win it doesn't mean very much. For us, results such as the win at Norwich in the FA Cup a few years ago, the Maine Road victory to keep us in the old Division One in 1982 and the extraordinary last day of the season victory at Derby under Jimmy Ryan were all deliriously exciting days. I was proud to be in attendance at all of them. Strangely, winning at Wembley in the Littlewoods Cup and the Johnstone's Paints Trophy didn't have the same allure for me, as did those backs against the wall victories. It's something, I think, about putting one over on the big clubs or winning against the odds that gets to me and which makes me feel quite emotional even as I write this.

Anyway, that's quite enough from me – thank you for your indulgence in reading this diatribe and my other ramblings in the past. I hope some of you enjoyed them. Join me in getting behind the team tonight.

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Littlewoods Challenge Cup:
Winners 1988, Runners-up 1989

FA Cup:
Runners-up 1959
Semi-finalists 1959, 1985, 1988, 1994

Johnstone's Paint Trophy:
Winners 2009

Simod Cup:
Runners-up 1988

Football League Division Two:
Champions 1981/82
Runners-up 1954/55, 1973/74

Football League Division Three (South):
Winners 1936/37
Runners-up 1935/36

Football League Division Three:
Runners-up 1969/70

League One:
Champions 2004/05

Football League Division Four:
Champions 1967/68

Football League Division Three:
Runners-up 2001/02

Skrill Premier Champions:
2013/14

Blue Square Premier:
Runners-up 2009/10

Southern League Division One:
Runners-up 1894/95, 1895/96

Southern League Division Two:
Runners-up 1913/14

United League:
Champions 1897/98
Runners-up 1896/97, 1900/01

Southern Alliance:
Runners-up 1913/14

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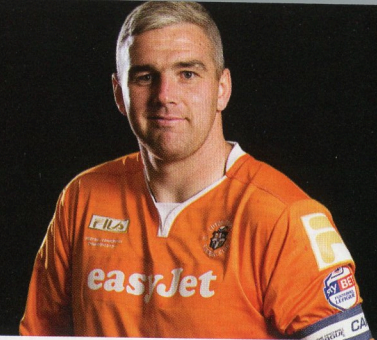
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**YOUR SUPPORT
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TOGETHER.**

After 18 months of success at this football club, including the glory of winning the title last season, our recent results and performances have been hugely disappointing.

Make no bones about it: we are not in good form. Too many players are not playing well enough. As a team we are failing – as our recent run of results underline.

It's easy to criticise but we have seen during this indifferent period just how fine the margins in football can be. We've lost six of our last seven games – five of those by the odd goal.

Against Morecambe we came back from two goals down to haul ourselves level and then 30 seconds after hitting the post which would have made it 3-2 in our favour, we conceded an own goal and lost.

At Newport last Tuesday we twice hit the woodwork. These are no excuses, they are facts, but the fact remains that we have been punished for starting games too slowly and for not taking our chances. Collectively we know we should be playing better.

Tough

Football is a funny old game, though. I say that because, in my eyes, what we are doing in terms of preparation, training and in matches, is nothing different to what we were doing earlier in the season when we were winning games and tough to beat. There is nothing more the management and coaching staff can do – at the end of the day what happens out on the pitch is down to us, the players.

For whatever reason we are out of form but there's no use feeling sorry for ourselves. I am confident that it will take one positive result to give us that momentum for the rest of the season. We have nine matches to go and a successful season is still within our grasp.

We are in charge of our own destiny so what should we have to worry about?

As players of course we talk about the loss of form. We are concerned after all and want to fix it. Individually we need to take a long good look in the mirror because once we cross that white line it is our responsibility to go out there and perform.

Together

As I've said, the last 18 months here have been full of highs. Now we

are going through a tricky patch now is the time for us all to pull together.

We have a squad with a number of young players and this kind of run is affecting their confidence. Even senior players who have enjoyed success here have not experienced a dip in form such as this so believe me when I say we need everyone together to get through it.

Tonight gives us a great opportunity to put things right and prove a few people wrong. We entertain a Wycombe side who have been up in the promotion places all season and have only lost once away on their travels.

Our home form has been superb this season and there's no better kind of game than this to turnaround our fortunes.

Your support can help us with one big push. We need to stick together and if we do I think we'll be fine.

Finally, I read with pride about the club's decision to rename Kenilworth Road the Prostate Cancer UK Stadium for tonight's match. Prostate cancer is a terrible disease which affects hundreds of thousands of men around the world and I trust that this initiative will help improve awareness of the disease.

Enjoy the game and get behind us.

PROSTATE CANCER UK

Welcome to a historical evening here as we welcome you all to the Prostate Cancer UK Stadium.

You may or may not have heard but we've changed the name of Kenilworth Road for tonight's game to raise awareness of a disease which effects up to 300,000 men every year. You will have read the thoughts of manager John Still and captain



PROSTATE
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Stephen McNulty in the opening few pages, but for more information about the project and who Prostate Cancer UK are, flick ahead to page 52 onwards for details and some poignant case studies.

Remember to donate to Prostate Cancer UK you can text Luton 70004 to donate £5.

Alternatively you can visit prostatecanceruk.org for more information.

WELCOME EINAR



As well as our guests from Prostate Cancer UK and Sky Sports tonight, we also have a special visitor in Norwegian football fanatic Einar Kvande.

Liverpool fan Einar hails from the west of Norway and this evening he will complete his challenge to visit all 92 league grounds in England with the Hatters his final stop.

Einar told Talk of the Town: "My very first trip to the UK was to London with three friends in the Easter of 1989. In fact I had the opportunity to visit Kenilworth Road during our week in London then, but none of my mates wanted to go, so I ended up not going. But 26 years later I finally get to visit Luton Town and complete the 92.

"The thing is I am doing all the grounds in the top four divisions in England, and Kenilworth Road is my 92nd and final ground. It has taken me 26 years to complete the 92 from my location in the North West of Norway. I am a Liverpool fan, and Liverpool's matches have always been my priority on my trips to the UK. That's probably why it has taken me so long to complete the 92."

DATE FIXED FOR AWARDS NIGHT

The 2014/15 Luton Town Supporters' Club and Trust in Luton Player of the Year awards night will take place on Sunday 26th April.

The event, which will see a host of prizes awarded to the Hatters playing staff, will be held at the Luton Rugby Club.

Doors will open at 7pm before the night kicks-off at 7.30pm. Full ticket details and prices will be released in due course so watch this space and keep the date in your diary.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

A very happy birthday to Hatters supporter Mike White who celebrated his 70th birthday on Saturday.



Mike has been a season ticket holder for 35 years and travels from Towcester to home games collecting son Nick and a varying numbers of grandchildren, Rory (16), Ewan (11) and youngest recruit Finlay (5) on his journey down the M1.

Now retired, outside of football Mike fills his time in the garden and also spends some time carrying out 'odd jobs' around Kenilworth Road. His obvious highlights of 35 long years are those winning days out at Wembley!

Mike and his family occupy seats in the Kenilworth Road lower tier since the seats in that end were installed in 1991, with many friendships formed down the years since. Happy birthday Mike!

GOLDEN GAMBLE

There was some comfort at least for Town fan Craig Godsworthy after our defeat to Morecambe at our last home match.

The Hatters supporter walked away with a cool £1,050 after scooping our Golden Gamble prize. Mr Godsworthy, from Luton, purchased his ticket for just £1 and he was in the money when we pulled his number 40760 out of the barrel at half-time. Remember to look out for sellers in and around the ground this evening for your chance to win another big prize.

Jim & Nat on the Transfer List!

Jim White and Natalie Sawyer have been officially placed on the 'Transfer List', and will be swapping the news room for a new day job at the home game of a club from each of the Football Leagues – and it could be us!

As part of the Sky Bet Transfer Fund, Sky Bet have 'transfer listed' the pair and are giving you the chance to sign them for us for a unique role, voted on by the fans.

They could be selling programmes, serving up match day pies or checking the pitch – and the winning fan

responsible for bringing them to the club will then be able to enjoy the game in the exclusive company of Jim and Nat! In addition to this unforgettable match day experience, Sky Bet will also deposit £250 into their Sky Bet account.

To enter, all you have to do is reply to the competition tweets from Sky Bet and tweet the hashtag #transferlisted followed by #LutonTown. You can tweet as many times as you like, and the more hashtags our club has, the bigger the chance we and you have to win!

The first winner will be announced in one week so get tweeting!

REST IN PEACE ROY

Everyone at the Club was saddened to hear of the recent death of Roy McCrohan, who was head coach and assistant manager during Harry Haslam's time at the club.

Born in Reading in September 1930, Roy made his debut for his home town club in 1951 but after only four League appearances he was transferred to Norwich in an exchange deal.

At Carrow Road, Roy enjoyed a long and successful playing career and made 426 first team appearances turning out in just about every position on the pitch but he was mostly known as a defender and was ever present in the famous FA Cup run of 1958/59 when Norwich from the third tier fought their way through to the semi-final where they eventually lost to the Hatters.

He later stated that this was the most painful result in his playing career.

After helping Norwich lift the League Cup in 1962 he left Carrow Road and turned out for Colchester and Bristol Rovers before concentrating on coaching having attained full FA coaching qualifications.

He met Harry Haslam during a short spell at Fulham alongside Bobby Robson and when Haslam took over the hot seat at Kenilworth Road in 1972 he turned to Roy who was by then reserve team coach at Ipswich.

Roy became Harry's head coach and number two during a time at Kenilworth Road that saw the Hatters



rise to the top flight, suffer immediate and unlucky relegation and then try to balance the books as financial problems made life difficult at Kenilworth Road.

Roy's sudden departure to join Detroit Express in December 1977 came as a surprise as the financial problems had then abated, but with Haslam joining Sheffield United only a few weeks later he no doubt knew something the supporters did not.

He forged a further successful career in the States and as well as Detroit Express he coached at Minnesota Kicks as well as looking after boys' teams in Florida.

Our condolences go out to his family and friends on their sad loss.

PLAY-OFF DATES ANNOUNCED

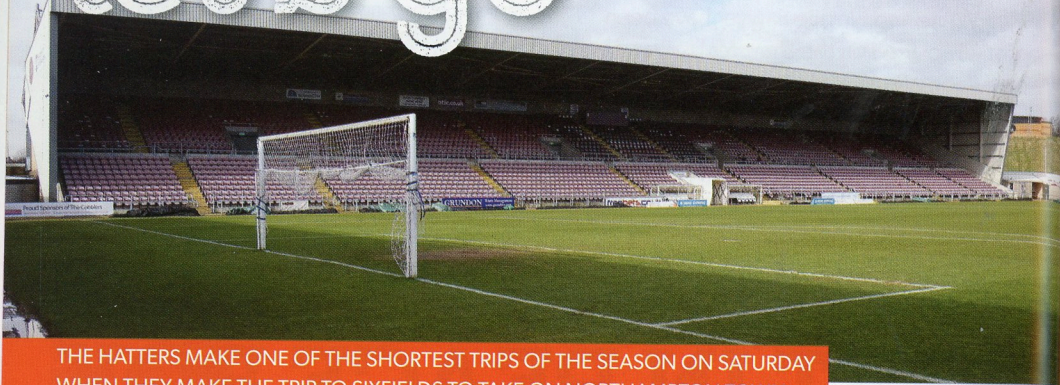
The Football League have announced the dates for the end-of-season Play-Offs.

The semi-final first leg fixtures in League 2 will take place on Saturday 9th May (kick-off 7.45pm) and Sunday 10th May (kick-off 6.35pm). Details of which teams will play on which day will be finalised in due course.

Both second leg matches, however, will kick-off at 7.45pm on Thursday 14th May.

The League 2 Play-Off final will take place at Wembley on Saturday 23rd May.

let's go



THE HATTERS MAKE ONE OF THE SHORTEST TRIPS OF THE SEASON ON SATURDAY WHEN THEY MAKE THE TRIP TO SIXFIELDS TO TAKE ON NORTHAMPTON TOWN

NORTHAMPTON TOWN



WHO? Northampton Town Football Club, aka the Cobblers. Founded in 1897, the club holds the record for the shortest time taken to be promoted from the bottom tier to the top and then be relegated all the way back down again. They are currently managed by former Oxford boss Chris Wilder

and have been playing at Sixfields since 1994. They are nicknamed the Cobblers – a reference to the town's historical shoe-making industry.

WHERE? Sixfields opened its doors in October 1994 when the Cobblers moved away from their County Ground home. The stadium will only be open on three sides for the Hatters' visit on Saturday with one side currently undergoing redevelopment. The Cobblers averaged just over 4,000 last season while Sixfields' record attendance was 7,557 for a game against Manchester City in 1998.

HOW TO GET THERE. The easiest, quickest trip of the season. Leave the M1 at Junction 15A and take the A43 towards Northampton and you will come to the ground on your right. Parking, though, isn't such a doddle. There is a fair sized car park located at the ground, which costs £4, but make sure that you arrive early as it fills up for the big old games (like this one). Parking in the nearby cinema and restaurant car parks is not allowed, and parking there will probably result in your car being given a ticket so steer clear and try and make sure that you only use the official football parking provided at the ground itself. If you've got a satnav, the postcode for the ground is NN5 5QA.

HOW THEY DOING? Not bad at all. Rewind a month and many Cobblers fans would have been happy with cementing their place in midtable. However, a fine run of form has carried the Cobblers to within four points of the Play-Offs. They've lost just three of their last 10 games and on Saturday they travelled to Bury.

TICKETS PLEASE! Unfortunately all tickets for Hatters fans have sold out with no more available on the day at Sixfields. Supporters without tickets are advised not to travel. And don't even think about watching the game from the hill which overlooks the pitch. Well, it's dangerous for a start and the local police may well move you on.

HOME COMFORTS. The Cobblers may have lost at Kenilworth Road earlier in the season but Wilder's men have taken comfort from a strong home record which has seen them win 11 of their 19 matches at Sixfields. Only Stevenage, Shrewsbury and Burton have won more matches at home than Northampton.

CLUB CONNECTIONS. Luke Guttridge reminded Cobblers fans of his time at Sixfields when scoring the late winner in the game between the two sides here in October. He is one of many players to have played for both clubs, with Steve Howard and Terry Branston two names to serve both with distinction in the past.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE? Saturday's meeting will be the 82nd between the two clubs with the Hatters holding sway in the head-to-head record with 39 wins to Northampton's 27. 15 have ended in draws. The Town, however, have a poor record at Sixfields, losing five of their six visits. The Hatters' only win came courtesy of a sole Stuart Douglas goal in February 2001 in Joe Kinneair's first game in charge.

tickets please



NORTHAMPTON TOWN v LUTON TOWN

SKY BET LEAGUE 2

SATURDAY 28th MARCH 2015, KICK-OFF 3PM

We have **SOLD OUT** of our allocation for this match with no more tickets available from Northampton. Supporters without tickets are advised not to travel to Sixfields.



LUTON TOWN v EXETER CITY

SKY BET LEAGUE 2

GOOD FRIDAY 3rd APRIL 2015, KICK-OFF 3PM

Please note the change in date for this match.

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.



TRANMERE ROVERS v LUTON TOWN

SKY BET LEAGUE 2

EASTER MONDAY 6th APRIL 2015, KICK-OFF 3PM

We have been given an initial allocation of 500 tickets for this match with unreserved seating in the Cowshed stand behind the goal. **Selling arrangements:** These tickets are now on sale to diamond (two per person) and regular season ticket holders (one per person) until Saturday 28th March at 12 noon. Any remaining tickets will go on general sale online from 1pm on Saturday 28th March, and from the Monday 30th March over the phone and in person. They will remain on sale, subject to availability, until close of business Friday 3rd April at 4pm.

Prices: £15 adults, £9 seniors over 65 and young persons aged 17-22, £6 under-17s, £5 accompanied under-12s, £4 accompanied under-7s. Disabled spectator tickets are £6 with a carer free of charge.

There is also a family offer of one adult and two under-17s for £20. This will be limited to the first 100 tickets.

The young person category will require ID on the day. Student cards will not be accepted.

If ID is not shown you will need to upgrade to an adult on the day.



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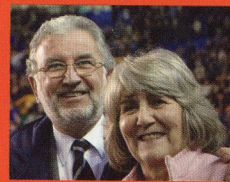
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Tonight, John and Ann welcome Derek Vere, the Managing Director of VERCO Office Furniture Limited, together with his guests from Wycombe, and hope they have an enjoyable time but leaving the three points behind at Kenilworth Road.

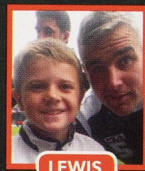
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WYCOMBE WANDERERS



It gives us great pleasure to welcome everyone associated with Wycombe Wanderers to the Prostate Cancer UK Stadium this evening.

What a season it has been so far for the Chairboys. The Wanderers faithful are probably used to their name being followed by the words "who survived relegation to the Conference on the final day of last season" by now – but their transformation from relegation favourites in the summer to title challengers has been nothing short of incredible.

Credit

Manager Gareth Ainsworth can take the credit for the Wanderers resurgence. The former QPR and Wimbledon winger was in at the deep end when he took over, but after a last-day-of-the-season escape act last term in which they started the day just 90 minutes from relegation to the Conference, he has guided the Chairboys to within nine games of winning promotion in League 1.

With low expectation at Adams Park, Ainsworth's side have enjoyed a superb season so far, so much so they have only lost five times in their 37 matches to date. The Hatters will need to be particularly wary this evening as the Wanderers have only lost once on their travels all season – and that – a 2-1 defeat at Exeter – came back on 21st October.

In recent weeks the Chairboys have maintained their place in League 2's top three and arrive here in Bedfordshire tonight six matches unbeaten having won three and drawn three in the past month.

Included in that run was an important 1-0 win over promotion rivals Shrewsbury at Adams Park. Last time out Ainsworth's side fought back from 2-1 down to draw 2-2 at home to Accrington. The Chairboys have, however, conceded two goals in six of their last eight matches.

Highly-rated

Ainsworth has put together a talented side combining youth and experience.

Goalkeeper Matt Ingham is one of the most highly-rated young stoppers in the Football League while on-loan Millwall attacker Fred Onyedinma has filled the void left by Paris Cowan-Hall who joined the Lions on a permanent deal in January.

With Matt Bloomfield, Sam Wood and captain Paul Hayes adding the necessary experience, tonight's visitors are sure to be a tough nut to crack.

The Wanderers faithful will be hoping their side can repeat the same result of their last visit to Bedfordshire, when in 2009 a John Akinde goal gave the Chairboys a 1-0 win on their way to winning promotion from League 2 – that's just one of two Wycombe wins against the Town – both of which have taken place here at Kenilworth Road.

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OUR AT-A-GLANCE GUIDE TO THE MEN FROM ADAMS PARK

► MANAGER

GARETH AINSWORTH. Former Preston, Port Vale, Wimbledon and QPR winger who joined the Wanderers before being named caretaker boss in November 2012. Took over permanently last term and helped the Chairboys beat the drop to the Conference on the final day of the campaign.

► GOALKEEPER

MATT INGRAM. Homegrown and highly-rated stopper who has made the number one spot his own since his debut in 2013. Was an ever-present last season and scooped the Player of the Year award.

► DEFENDERS

TOMMY FLETCHER. Young centre-half who signed following a successful trial in 2013 from Cheshunt. Has since spent time out on loan at Bishop's Stortford and Chesham.

JOE JACOBSON. Former Wales Under-21 captain who moved to Wycombe in the summer. Won promotion from League 2 with Shrewsbury and has also played for Bristol Rovers and Oldham.



SIDO JOMBATI. Portuguese full-back who came to the UK in 2005, starting at Exeter. After spells in non-league he joined Cheltenham before signing for the Chairboys in the summer.

ALFIE MAWSON. Centre-half on a season-long loan from Brentford.

The young defender spent a short time on-loan with the Hatters last season before picking an injury in the 5-0 win at Alfreton.

AARON PIERRE. Former Fulham trainee who joined the Chairboys from Brentford in January 2013. A fans favourite who has enjoyed a fine season so far at centre-half.

DANNY ROWE. Centre-back who re-joined the Blues from Rotherham after a successful spell at the end of last term in which he helped the Chairboys stave off relegation to the Conference.

► MIDFIELDERS

MARCUS BEAN. Experienced central midfielder who made his professional debut for QPR against Wycombe. Won League 2 with Brentford in 2009 and has also spent time at Colchester and Portsmouth.

MATT BLOOMFIELD. Fans favourite now in his 11th season at Adams Park. Joined from Ipswich in 2003 and has helped the club win two promotions. Enjoyed a testimonial against Chelsea in the summer.



MAX KRETZSCHMAR. A product of the Chairboys' academy, the midfielder made his debut in 2012 and picked up the Young Player of the Year award in his first full season at Adams Park.

PETER MURPHY. Liverpool-born midfielder who began his career as a teenager with Accrington. Moved to Adams Park in the summer and has already seven goals to his name so far this season.

SAM SAUNDERS. Creative midfielder and no stranger to John Still, having been a part of the successful Dagenham team of the mid-2000s. Joined Brentford in 2009 and is now on loan from the Griffin Park outfit.

SAM WOOD. Versatile midfielder, also capable of playing at left-back, who joined the Chairboys in 2012 from Bromley. Capable of wonder strikes from distance he penned a new deal last term.

NICO YENNARIS. Ball-playing midfielder on-loan from Brentford who originally came through the ranks at Arsenal. Represented England at youth level and moved to Griffin Park only last year.

► STRIKERS

STEVEN CRAIG. Frontman signed on a free transfer from Partick Thistle in the summer of 2013. Hard-working striker and penalty expert, he penned an extended deal in November last year.

HOGAN EPHRAIM. Highly-rated young forward who signed a contract until the end of this season having left QPR. An England youth international he has spent time out on loan with various clubs.

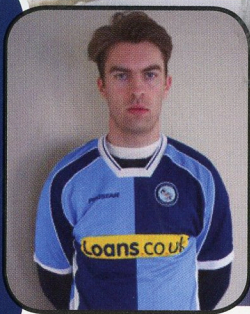
PAUL HAYES. Hugely experienced striker, with over 500 senior appearances, who signed this summer following his release from Scunthorpe. Enjoyed spells at Barnsley, Huddersfield, Brentford and Charlton.

MATT McCLURE. Academy graduate and last season's joint-top goalscorer who made the news recently after being red carded within seconds of coming on as a substitute at Tranmere.

FRED ONYEDINMA. Highly-rated winger or forward who joined the Chairboys on loan from Millwall. The speedy attacker has scored eight times in just 13 matches for the Blues.

FROM THE OAK ROAD

Having survived the drop into the Conference by mere goal difference last season, the Chairboys find themselves seated at right end of the table this time round. Wycombe fan **Will Vince** pays tribute to likeable boss Gareth Ainsworth, blues front pair Paul Hayes and Fred Onyedinda, and the 'quirkiness' of Kenilworth Road.



TALK OF THE TOWN: Is it a surprise to see the team in the promotion pack after narrowly avoiding relegation last year? Tell us about the job Gareth Ainsworth has done in turning results round on the pitch.

WILL: The last 12 months have obviously seen a remarkable turnaround in the club's fortunes on the pitch. When I saw the calibre of player Gareth Ainsworth was attracting to the club last summer I thought we would see an improvement on what had been an awful campaign last time around. The heights that the team have reached this season has surprised me and a lot of that has got to be attributed to the planning and lessons that Gareth learnt from a very tough season before. We are lucky to have him.



Gareth Ainsworth

TOTT: Wycombe's away form has been particularly good this season - what's the reason for this? How is the team set up to be so dangerous away from Adams Park? What's been your favourite away day this campaign?

WILL: I believe there are many factors as to why we are so good away from home. An obvious one would be the regular changing of ends before kick-off - though simple enough, I think these little things disrupt home teams and make them feel uncomfortable on their own turf. As well as this we have been a good counter attacking side this year and we are very good at generally frustrating home teams and fans alike.

My favourite away game so far this season would have to be the victory at Oxford United, a local derby and an entertaining game ending in glory for the Blues.

TOTT: Which of your players should Hatters fans be on the lookout for today and why? How much of a blow has it been to lose Paris Cowan-Hall to Millwall? Was this a wise move for him considering both clubs could be in the same division next season?

WILL: Paul Hayes is a very intelligent footballer who brings others into the game and can add that moment of class.

Initially the loss of Paris looked a big blow but part of the deal that saw him leave meant that we kept Millwall winger Fred Onyedinda for the rest of the season,

who, at the time of writing, has scored eight goals in 12 games. Paris is injured at the moment but as long as the new Millwall boss gives him the stage to develop his game it could well turn into a good move for him.

TOTT: Who is your favourite player of all time to have pulled on the sky blue and navy quarters - and why?

WILL: Sean Devine. 46 goals in 101 appearances says it all. Famous strikes against the likes of Manchester City, West Bromwich Albion and a hat-trick against Reading meant that he was a real fans favourite during his time at Adams Park. He was pivotal to our survival in League



Will's all-time favourite Wanderers player Sean Devine

DID YOU KNOW?

Wycombe striker Paul Hayes is brother - yes, brother - of Martin Hayes, who scored Arsenal's first goal in their defeat to Luton in the 1988 Littlewoods Cup Final. Paul is 17 years Martin's junior.

One in 1998/99, scoring eight goals in just 12 games - and all that for only £200,000.

TOTT: The clubs have met a number of times in the Football League - is there a game which stands out for you? Tell us about it. Did you feel the draw on Boxing Day was a fair result? Are Wycombe fans looking forward to returning to Kenilworth Road after a few years away?

WILL: The game between the sides that stands out for me is the 2-1 win for the Blues at Kenilworth Road in early 2001. My Dad worked at the time with former Town director Rob Stringer, so we watched the game from his box and witnessed an Andy Rammell double sealing our first ever win at the Hatters. The game on Boxing Day was a pulsating end-to-end affair, which could have gone either way. I think both sets of fans were content with the scoreline.

Kenilworth Road may be an old ground but it has bags of character and both sets of fans always provide a good atmosphere. The entrance to the away end via someone's garden is rather unique to say the least, but in an age where most stadiums are of the flat-pack variety, Kenilworth Road's quirkiness is much appreciated.

TOTT: Wycombe have tended to yo-yo between League 1 and 2 - do you think the club can establish itself at a higher level? What's the summit of the club's ambition?

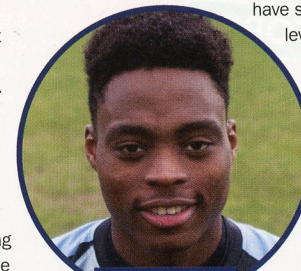
WILL: This season has exceeded all expectations on the pitch. Off the pitch there is a long way to go before the finances are in good order. The club needs to try and get back to becoming a stable League 1 side again. We have spent 10 consecutive seasons at that level previously, so it is possible.

TOTT: Who will win promotion from League 2 this season? And what's your prediction for today's game?

WILL: I think it will be ourselves, Burton and Shrewsbury, but in no particular order. Plymouth will win the Play-Offs. It will be an extremely tight game today and I wouldn't be surprised to see a 1-1 draw.

The Play-Offs are still possible but we need to put a run of wins together very quickly.

Luton will still be hurting from the loss at the Globe, so it is a hard game to predict. I will go for 1-1 - but if we lose, as long as the players have given 100 per cent, you can't ask any more of them.



Fred Onyedinda

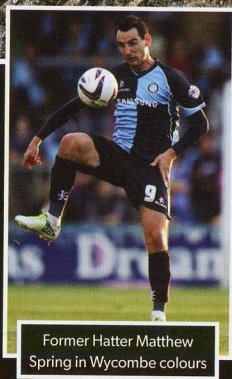
A HATTER...

AND A CHAIRBOY

A number of players have sported the colours of both clubs down the years with two former Hatters academy graduates Matthew Spring and Gary Doherty playing for the Town and the Chairboys.

Doherty only recently hung up his boots, calling time on a career which began at Kenilworth Road as a teenager and then took him to the Premier League with Tottenham. He left Kenilworth Road for Spurs in 2000 having made his name as a centre-half and an emergency centre-forward. After leaving Spurs in 2004 he spent six years at Norwich, making over 200 appearances before joining Wycombe via a short spell at Charlton.

Midfielder Spring, meanwhile, who is turning out for St Neots Town these days at the age of 35 as player/assistant manager, made over 300 appearances across two spells at Kenilworth Road. Spring joined Leeds in 2004 and then moved to Watford before



Former Hatter Matthew Spring in Wycombe colours

re-signing for the Hatters in 2007. He left the Town in 2009 before joining Charlton and Leyton Orient before signing for the Chairboys in 2012.

Tonight's visitors have former Town loanee Alfie Mawson in their ranks – although the defender was restricted to just 45 minutes in Luton colours – at Alfreton – last term before picking up an injury.

Hatters striker Lee Angol, who is currently out on loan at Boreham Wood, joined the Town this summer having been released by the Adams Park outfit, while first team coach Hakan Hayrettin was part of the Blues' squad which won the Conference and FA Trophy double in 1992/93.

Will Antwi, Dean Morgan, Scott Rendell, Viv Busby and Darren Currie have all represented both clubs in the past, while Gary Waddock – once a player with the Hatters in the mid-to-late 1990s – managed Wycombe between October 2009 and September 2012, during which time he helped the Chairboys win promotion from League 2.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

Wycombe were promoted to the Football League in 1993 and tonight's game will be the 19th meeting between the two clubs since the first took place in September 1996.

Overall the Hatters hold an excellent record against the Chairboys during the previous 18 meetings, winning eight to Wycombe's two. Eight games – including the Boxing Day clash this season – have ended in draws.

Wycombe supporters, however, will take heart from their decent record in the eight meetings at Kenilworth Road that has seen the Chairboys win twice. Their first ever win over the Town came in January 2001 in a game broadcast on Sky Sports in Division Two (now League 1). Adam Locke scored the Hatters' goal but two Andy Rammell strikes won it for the visitors. That

was Wycombe's first win over the Town at the 10th attempt. The Town have never lost at Adams Park, winning five and drawing five of the 10 meetings on Buckinghamshire soil, but the Town haven't beaten Wanderers in the League since a 3-1 win in October 2003. Two goals from loan star Gary McSheffrey and one from defender Russ Perrett were enough to see off the Chairboys.

Wycombe won on their last visit to Kenilworth Road in April 2009, a result which almost rubber-stamped their promotion to League 1. The Hatters had their fate of relegation to the Conference sealed by the time of that fixture but 6,553 still turned up at Kenilworth Road to see the Wanderers triumph 1-0 courtesy of John Akinde's second half goal.

In the last five meetings between the two clubs just six goals have been scored – half of which have been scored by the Hatters.

back to the future

FOOTBALL HISTORIAN LEIGH EDWARDS TRACES WHAT HAPPENED TO TWO OF WYCOMBE WANDERERS' GREATEST POST-WAR TEAMS

► 1993 FA TROPHY WINNERS

PAUL HYDE: Goalkeeper who reunited with Martin O'Neill at Leicester City in February 1996. He has since appeared for Leyton Orient, Dover Athletic, Welling United, Hythe Town and Canterbury City.

JASON COUSINS: Long-serving defender who netted six goals in 296 League games for the Chairboys before joining Aldershot Town in June 2002, then played for Windsor & Eton and Maidenhead United.

GEOFF COOPER: Left-back who provided experienced cover. He rejoined Barnet in August 1993 and became player/community officer, then returned to Bognor Regis, since working as an insurance agent.

ANDY KERR: Central defender and captain who moved to Enfield in June 1994. He was later a presenter with BSkyB and has since emigrated to Singapore, becoming a business management consultant.

MATT CROSSLEY: Central defender who netted five goals in 246 League games before joining Kingstonian in June 1997, then Aldershot and Andover. He has since worked as a trader in stocks and shares.

STEVE THOMPSON: England Semi-Pro midfielder who joined Woking in August 1996, then Yeovil Town, where coach and twice manager. Later managing Truro City, he is now Woking's assistant-boss.

DAVE CARROLL: Midfielder who netted 41 goals in 302 League games, moving to Aldershot in March 2002. Later Windsor & Eton's player-boss, he is now a manager for self storage firm Space Station.

KEITH RYAN: Midfielder who scored 29 times in 351 League games prior to joining Wycombe's coaching staff in July 2005. He reunited with John Gregory as QPR's youth coach and reserve team boss.

SIMON HUTCHINSON: Ex-England Schoolboy international who joined Macclesfield Town in December 1995, then Northwich Victoria and Witton Albion. He has since run his own flooring company.

KEITH SCOTT: Striker who later played for Swindon, Stoke, Norwich, Wycombe again, Reading, Colchester, Dover, Dagenham & Redbridge and Windsor & Eton. He has managed Leighton and Windsor.

STEVE GUPPY: Winger who later played for Newcastle, Port Vale, Leicester, Celtic, Leeds United, Stoke City and Wycombe again. The England international then coached at Martin O'Neill's Sunderland.

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MARTIN TAYLOR: Ever-present goalkeeper who made 238 League appearances prior to joining Telford United in July 2003. Later with Burton Albion, he is now Derby County's goalkeeping coach.

BEN TOWNSEND: Young right-back who moved to Woking initially on loan in January 2003. He later had spells with Farnborough Town, Maidenhead United, Farnborough again and Basingstoke Town.

CHRIS VINNICOMBE: Former England Under-21 left-back who joined Tiverton in June 2004, then Exeter City again. He managed Witheridge, Tiverton and Elmore, also running Sukkers Foot Spa in Exeter.

PAUL MCCARTHY: Republic of Ireland Under-21 central defender who moved to Oxford United in March 2003. He later appeared for Hornchurch, then Ebbsfleet United, becoming their assistant-manager.

JASON COUSINS: Long-serving defender who netted six goals in 296 League games for the Chairboys before joining Aldershot Town in June 2002, then played for Windsor & Eton and Maidenhead United.

JAMIE BATES: Experienced central defender who netted four goals in 80 League games before hanging his boots up in May 2001. He has since had a variety of jobs and recently sold his medals at auction.

DANNIE BULMAN: Young midfielder who scored 14 times in 202 League games before joining Stevenage Borough in June 2004, then Crawley Town, Oxford United, Crawley again and AFC Wimbledon.

MICHAEL SIMPSON: Midfielder who netted 16 goals in 285 League games prior to joining Leyton Orient in July 2004. He has since appeared for Burton Albion, Eastwood Town and Mickleover Sports.

ANDY RAMMELL: Experienced striker who was leading marksman in 2000-01 and netted 25 goals in 74 League games, moving to Bristol Rovers in March 2003. He became a postman in Bournemouth.

KEITH RYAN: Midfielder who scored 29 times in 351 League games prior to joining Wycombe's coaching staff in July 2005. He reunited with John Gregory as QPR's youth coach and reserve team boss.

STEVE BROWN: Long-serving midfielder who joined Wycombe's coaching staff in June 2004. He was QPR's youth team boss, then Everton's national Academy scout and now a talent recruiter for Adidas.

TOWN 2-3 MORECAMBE

MCGEEHAN 42, LAWLESS 76

REDSHAW 18, WILSON 29, WILKINSON (OG) 86



Penalty? Luke Guttridge goes to ground in the Morecambe area



Alex Lawless' header comes back off the post



WHAT'S THE STORY?

The Town fell agonisingly to their first home defeat in six months as a late Luke Wilkinson own goal handed Morecambe all three points on a dramatic afternoon at Kenilworth Road.

The Hatters were 2-0 down to goals from Jack Redshaw and Laurence Wilson inside a first half-hour that the Shrimps completely dominated.

But as half-time approached the Town halved the deficit when Cameron McGeehan headed home Michael Harriman's right-wing cross.

After the break the Hatters rallied, and after Lawless, Elliot Lee – who struck the post – and Wilkinson came close to levelling, Lawless did find an equaliser with a low shot with 14 minutes left to play.

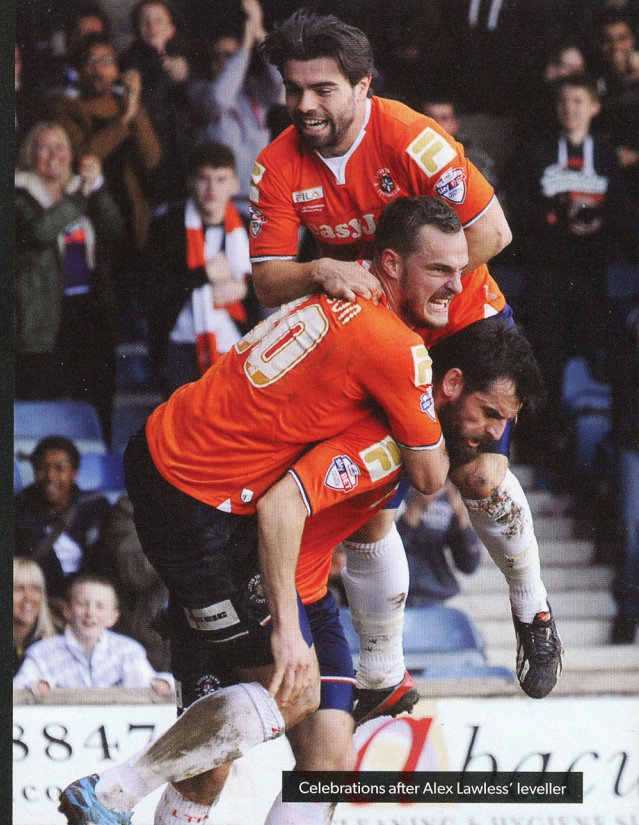
And there only looked like one winner when, with 10 minutes left, Morecambe's Ryan Edwards was sent-off for a second bookable offence.

However, as the Town went in search of a winner there was a late, cruel twist when Wilkinson diverted Kevin Ellison's cross past Elliot Justham to stun Kenilworth Road and hand the visitors all the points.

The Hatters, though, were ultimately left to pay for a poor first half showing that saw the Shrimps race into an uncontested two-goal advantage which saw Redshaw fire home and Wilson volley a stunning effort from the edge of the box.

Morecambe came close to going three goals ahead but the Town got back in it through McGeehan's header and after the break Lawless levelled, slamming home a right-foot finish after Stephen McNulty's header had come back off the crossbar.

But the Shrimps had the final word four minutes from time when Wilkinson put through his own net and that goal knocked the stuffing out of the Town who couldn't force a late, late equaliser.



Celebrations after Alex Lawless' leveller



Caption Cameron McGeehan heads home to make it 2-1

TOWN: Justham; Harriman, Griffiths (sub Lawless), McNulty, Wilkinson; Smith (sub Lee), McGeehan, Whalley (sub Oduwa), Howells, Guttridge, Cullen. **SUBS NOT USED:** King, Lee, Drury, Stockley.

PORTSMOUTH 2-0 TOWN

TUBBS 3, TAYLOR 62



Former Pompey man Luke Wilkinson clears

WHAT'S THE STORY?

The Town fell to their fourth successive defeat away from Kenilworth Road – despite a spirited showing at Portsmouth.

For the Town's first visit to Fratton Park in 10 years, the Hatters were backed by almost 3,000 travelling supporters but the Town faithful's noise was replaced by the cheers of the Portsmouth fans on three minutes when the hosts took the lead. Jed Wallace's right-wing cross found Matt Tubbs in the six yard box and the predatory striker struck an unerring volley into the top corner.

However it was the Hatters who enjoyed the majority of possession in the first half. Cameron McGeehan came closest to levelling when charging down goalkeeper Paul Jones' kick, only to see his block roll wide of the post.

Alex Lawless, making his first start in Luton colours since late October, was mighty close to scoring a stunning goal when his 35-yard drive flew inches over the crossbar.

The Hatters continued from where they left off at the beginning of the second period and came close when Mark Cullen, Lawless and Andy Drury all saw shots blocked in the space of 30 seconds in a move five minutes after the restart.

But Portsmouth upped the ante. Wallace saw a low shot strike the foot of the post but then, just after the hour, Pompey doubled their lead. Tubbs swung a boot the ball in the box but the loose ball fell kindly for Ryan Taylor who needed no invitation to lash home a fierce drive from 15 yards to make it 2-0.

Such was the Town's luck, when they did beat the Pompey keeper, the home side were still able to clear. Cullen's header was hacked off the line and then, with just two minutes left, Luke Wilkinson's towering header was also kicked off the line with the keeper beaten to deny the Hatters a consolation.



Paul Benson, on his return, goes for goal



Andy Drury wins this aerial duel



Mark Cullen challenges battles for possession

TOWN: Justham; Harriman, Howells, McNulty (sub Franks 46), Wilkinson; McGeehan, Drury, Guttridge, Whalley (sub Oduwa 63), Lawless, Cullen (sub Benson 75). **SUBS NOT USED:** King, Robinson, Stockley, Lee.

Travellers' TALES

TOWN FAN KEVIN HARPER CONTINUES TO WATCH THE HATTERS AWAY FROM HOME AND DOCUMENT HIS STORY IN TALK OF THE TOWN. HERE'S HOW HE SAW OUR TRIP TO PORTSMOUTH

THE JOURNEY

When the fixtures came out I'm sure the first one most Luton fans looked for was Portsmouth away and even though the Town have been out of form recently my anticipation for the game to come around was no less than when I finally located it when I looked at the fixture list way back in June.

Clearly I wasn't the only one eagerly awaiting the match as well over 2,600 Luton fans made the journey to Hampshire including three Bobbers coaches.

They left Luton train station just after 10.30am and after a smooth run down going past the coast and through the outskirts of Portsmouth we finally arrived a few yards from Fratton Park just before 2pm and from there it was a short walk to the ground.

THE GROUND

This was the first time I had ever been to Fratton Park and in many ways the away end reminded me of our beloved Kenilworth Road.

The ground is built in a residential estate and once you are through the turnstiles you have to go up a load

of steps where you can see down on people's gardens around the ground.

Fratton Park is an old ground but the facilities weren't too bad. The toilets were clean and big enough to avoid massive queues which helped given how many fans we took. The only issue was the hand dryers made your hands even wetter rather than dried them!

Luton fans had the Milton End behind the goal. Over 2,600 of us packed in and with a roof on the stand which is quite recent I understand, we were able to create a pretty decent atmosphere.

Portsmouth filled most of their end so there was a really good atmosphere and the game felt an awful lot bigger than a normal League 2 match. The view from our end was pretty good so all in all the Fratton Park experience away from the pitch was a good one.

THE FOOD

There were a number of burger bars around the ground and a KFC a short walk from the ground but I decided to eat inside the ground where the hot food options were pies, pasties, sausage rolls and hot dogs which were reasonably priced, as was the beer which was between £3-3.50 a pint depending on whether your tippie was lager or cider.

I went with a hot dog which wasn't too bad and having got through that it was into the stand for the game.

THE PROGRAMME

The programme was 84 pages and cost £3. The Portsmouth chairman, manager and captain all welcomed the Town in their pages and compared the two clubs having both fallen foul of punishments from the authorities.

There were around 10 pages dedicated to the Town and comparisons with Portsmouth.

A couple of the pages reminisced on the great moments in our history including our various promotions.



A magnificent 2,700 Hatters fans made for a crackling atmosphere

With Portsmouth a fan owned club there were plenty of social updates in there which kind of shows how far they've fallen.

THE MATCH

We were forced into a couple of changes with Andy Drury and Alex Lawless coming in for Scott Griffiths and Jonathan Smith, both of whom were injured.

A theme of our recent matches, particularly on the road, has been us making slow starts and that was yet again the case here as we fell behind inside three minutes when a cross came into our box and predictably Matt Tubbs expertly finished.

In fairness the Town dominated the rest of the match from there and we nearly levelled up before half-time when Alex Lawless let loose with a 35-yard thunderbolt which fizzed just over and Cameron McGeehan almost got lucky when the keeper smacked a clearance straight at him but it flew just wide of the post.

We started the second half on top and you felt like we were going to get the next goal but then in what was Portsmouth's first attack for ages a ball broke to Ryan Taylor in the box and he belted it home.

To say that was against the run of play would be an understatement.

Nathan Oduwa came off the bench and started to make things happen.

There was a scramble in the Portsmouth box which saw a shot hit the keeper and we had a header from Luke Wilkinson cleared off the line but despite all our efforts and possession we just couldn't break through and were

condemned to another disappointing result albeit with a much more positive performance.

I'd like to think if we repeat this performance promotion is still a possibility.

MAN-OF-THE-MATCH

Our best play came when Nathan Oduwa was on the pitch and all his play lacked was a killer final ball but we saw enough in his 30 minute cameo to know he can be an asset to us for the rest of the season.

His control is fantastic for this level and he has that burst of speed that can take him past any defender and almost instantly defenders are on the back foot. He is someone who has defences retreating and fans on the edge of their seats and hopefully we see more of him. I'm sure when he breaks his duck in terms of goals the floodgates will open too.

SUMMARY

Although there were things to be optimistic about, ultimately it was another disappointing result.

In fairness that was the only disappointment from the day because the day itself was a great away day reminiscent of the big matches we were involved in a few years ago and days we can look forward to again as we progress through the divisions in time.

In the end we travelled just under 200 miles there and back. We didn't get away from Portsmouth until around 5.30 but we were back in Luton just after 8 which gave plenty of time to chill out before Match of the Day came on later that night.



Michael Harriman attempts to dispossess Portsmouth's Ryan Taylor

NEWPORT 1-0 TOWN

O'CONNOR 22



Elliot Lee races away from his marker



Luke Guttridge shows close control

WHAT'S THE STORY?

The Hatters were twice denied by the woodwork as they fell to their sixth defeat in seven League 2 games with a narrow defeat at Newport.

Elliot Lee's shot and Luke Wilkinson's header came back off the post and bar respectively early in the second half as the Hatters came close to equalising former Town man Aaron O'Connor's first half effort.

O'Connor struck midway through the first half when the Hatters failed to clear Ryan Jackson's long throw and O'Connor's right-foot effort from the edge of the box flew into the top corner giving Elliot Justham no chance.

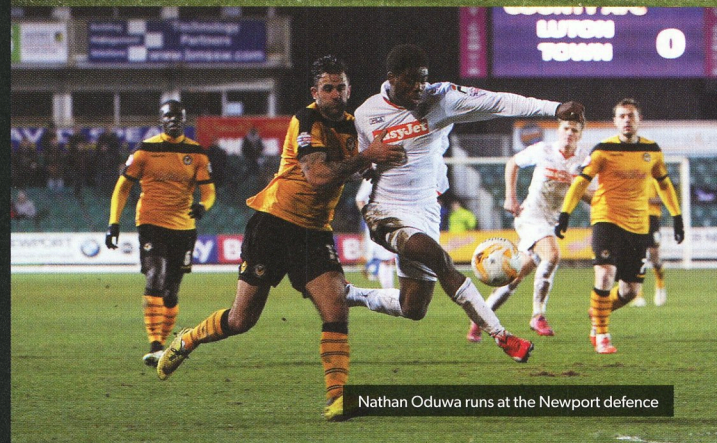
The Town's best chances of an equaliser came in the second period and the lively Lee was mighty unlucky shortly before the hour mark when his low shot from the edge of the penalty area came back off the inside of the post.

Lee and strike-partner Mark Cullen were then denied by home goalkeeper Joe Day but the Hatters were cursing the woodwork once again when, from Luke Guttridge's left-wing corner, Luke Wilkinson's thumping header struck the angle of post and bar.

The Town continued to search for a late leveller with Lee again thwarted by Day but Newport – themselves out of form – held onto record victory.



The Town await a second half corner



Nathan Oduwa runs at the Newport defence



Jake Howells hurdles a County challenge

TOWN: Justham; Harriman (sub Franks 52), Howells, McNulty, Wilkinson; McGeehan, Drury, Guttridge, Lawless (sub Oduwa 72); Cullen (sub Benson 61), Lee. **SUBS NOT USED:** Robinson, Stockley, Hall, King.

Travellers' TALES

TOWN FAN KEVIN HARPER HAS CLOCKED UP THE MILES IN RECENT WEEKS. HERE'S THE STORY OF HIS TRIP TO NEWPORT COUNTY

THE JOURNEY

Three days after the big game at Portsmouth it was back to normality in many ways with a trip across the Severn Bridge to Wales for our away game at Newport. Despite past results not being the best, a full Bobbers coach made the journey down with the coach leaving Luton train station just after 2.30pm.

Even though we had to use the M25, M4 and M5 we had a fairly decent journey down with amazingly the only traffic we hit was queuing up to get through the toll to get into Wales. With it being £6.50 to get in and free to get out I'd have thought it would have been the other way around!

We had a 30 minute stop at Leigh Delamare services on the way but there were no signs of Gavin, Stacey or indeed Smithy! There were plenty of Bourmemouth fans there though on their way to Cardiff.

After an unplanned mini tour of Newport, which included going to the wrong ground(!), we finally arrived at the right ground around 7pm.

After a walk around to the away end we were finally inside Rodney Parade just after 7.10pm with the players already well into their warm ups.

THE GROUND

This was the second time I had been to Rodney Parade. Thankfully it was an awful lot better than my last visit when we lost 5-2 on one of the coldest nights I can remember! Although it wasn't tropical on this night it wasn't cold either which helped.

Town fans had seats down the side of the pitch and also an area behind the goal. I was down the side in what was

a fairly modern stand once you got into it although the turnstile in and the walkway to the stand were both like something from the old ages.

When inside the ground the view was pretty decent from our area and the facilities were as you would expect from such a new stand.

THE FOOD

Having taken in a Burger King on the way down, I didn't eat inside the ground. There was a refreshment kiosk as you got inside the turnstile but the fact they were giving items away for £1 after the match I'm not convinced they did a roaring trade!

From what I could make out though the things that were sold were reasonably priced, unlike the programme.

THE PROGRAMME

The programme for this match cost £3.50. The one bonus to it was that it was at least in English!

It was 100 pages in total with a few pages about the Town in there.

There is one page which seemed to be obsessed with a Luton message board, picking apart comments posted on there after our two previous wins over Newport this season – very weird!

There was also an interview with one of their strikers who claims the best player he has played alongside was Danny Crow and that Jeremy Kyle was his favourite TV programme! I'm guessing he hasn't been out much!

There was another section on connections between the two sides which was basically half their current squad! All in all this one was a waste of £3.50.



Striker Elliot Lee: Kevin's man-of-the-match

THE MATCH

But for the teams in different colours and the stadiums being completely the opposite of each other this match may as well have been an exact replica of the Portsmouth game.

We completely dominated this match, conceded a poor sloppy goal from a long throw in and as hard as we tried we couldn't get the goal back.

The ironic thing was for once we started okay. Elliot Lee had replaced Shaun Whalley in the starting line-up and he looked lively from the off and almost created a chance for himself and was in the open had Guttridge cut the ball back to him in the box. He didn't sadly.

Halfway through the first half with us looking comfortable, a long throw came into our box and wasn't dealt with and Aaron O'Connor (who else?) turned it in.

A strong penalty appeal for handball came and went (don't they all?) and that was it for the first half.

We didn't do a lot wrong in the first half but we were much more on it in the second period and hit the post twice. Lee pinged a 20 yard shot against it and a Luke Wilkinson header thudded off the crossbar from a corner. Lee, Marl Cullen and Wilkinson all forced good saves out of the keeper as we threw the kitchen sink at Newport but it just wasn't our night.

Elliot Justham had to save us a couple of times as we threw men forward, but ultimately it was another

frustrating defeat for us against a side who celebrated the final whistle like they had just won the Six Nations!

MAN-OF-THE-MATCH

This one wasn't too hard to pick! Elliot Lee was excellent on the night and on another evening he'd have bagged himself at least a brace.

He got into some excellent areas and his movement and quick feet coupled with his ball control and balance makes him a very good player. The only thing his performance lacked was a bit of luck. Had his shot gone in off the post early in the second half only one side would've won the match and that was us. Hopefully we get to see more performances like this from the West Ham loanee.

SUMMARY

Even now writing this a couple of days after the match I'm unsure how we lost the game. We definitely didn't deserve to and that was disappointing.

I spent the journey home reading Ian Poulter's autobiography which I'd downloaded earlier in the day which made the time pass quickly and we were back in Luton just after 1.15am after a 300-mile round-trip. Sadly it has been two bad results back-to-back but two encouraging performances as we seek that elusive win to get us going again.



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BUCK STOPS WITH US SAYS SKIPPER



The skipper passes forward against the Shrimps

Skipper Stephen McNulty held his hand up on behalf of the players after the 3-2 home defeat to Morecambe in our last match here at Kenilworth Road.

The Hatters captain's honest assessment came after the Town had let the Shrimps race into a 2-0 lead.

And although the Town fought back to level, Luke Wilkinson's late own goal gave the visitors all three points to inflict a first home league defeat on the Hatters since early September.

"The buck stops with the lads and with me and we need to pull together now and crack on. We've got 11 games left to push for this automatic promotion place," McNulty told Hatters Player after the defeat.

"The management can stand there and talk until they're blue in the face but the buck stops with me and the players and we need to have a long, hard look at ourselves to get back to what we were doing at the start of the season. It's just not like us and we need to get back to winning ways."

The Hatters have conceded the first goal in five of their last seven matches and the captain knows, with the

season's finish on the horizon, that the side need to rectify the issue as soon as they can.

"It's poor and we can't put our fingers on it at the minute," said McNulty. "We're not starting the games well, like we used to. It's nothing to do with preparation, it's just to do with people's mindsets, I think.

"They're just not starting well, they're starting slow. We're preparing in exactly the same way as the first game of the season. Nothing has changed, the training has not changed.

"We can't put our finger on it but we're working hard to try to put this right. At this stage of the season we need everyone to be pulling together and pulling in the right direction, which most of us are.

"We need everyone to pull together. We need everyone behind us. The mood in the camp is still good and we all need to pull together."

After romping to the Conference title last term and having enjoyed a successful start to life back in the Football League, the bad patch in form is not something the Town are accustomed to.

Consistent

"People go through slumps in form and the lads aren't playing as well as they were at the start of the season. That's just the way football is," admitted the captain.

"You aren't going to be playing well every week. If that was the case you wouldn't be playing at this level, you'd be playing in the Premier League. That's why we're playing down at this level, because maybe you're not as consistent as other people.

"The higher up you go, the more consistent you've got to be so there's no point in saying that we're all playing well because we're not. You've got to be honest with yourself. We've got to go back and have a long look at ourselves and, individually, we've got to do lot better."

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BENSON UPBEAT AFTER POMPEY RETURN

Returning Town striker Paul Benson believes the Hatters can still end the campaign in glory despite a fifth defeat in six matches at Portsmouth.

The 35-year-old made his first appearance in Luton colours since breaking his leg in the 3-0 win over Mansfield on 29th November at Fratton Park but the centre-forward could not help the Hatters over-turn a 2-0 deficit.

Benson has won promotion from League 2 before – through the Play-Offs with Dagenham & Redbridge under John Still – and the experienced frontman says the Hatters will continue to eye a place in the top three until it's mathematically impossible not to reach them.

Achievable

"We've got to keep our eyes on the top three, first and foremost," Benson told Hatters Player. "That's still achievable so let's set our sights on that and if we fall short we fall into the Play-Offs.

"It's no good setting our sights on the Play-Offs and falling short because then we've got nothing to fall back on, so let's try to go for the top three and give it a real go.

"We've got 10 games left, a lot to play for but we've certainly got to start improving individually and collectively."

The Hatters dominated possession at Fratton Park but could not find a goal to show for their efforts and Benson knows the Town will need to improve their results quickly if they are to overhaul any other clubs above them in the League 2 table.

"We're seven points behind third and it's seven points more than we'd like it to be," said Benson. "The gap is getting bigger every week, which is a worry, but there are 10 games to play. That's 30 points. We've still got to play Wycombe at home and that could be a big game.

"If we can beat Newport and Wycombe, that seven points could turn into one point. It can turn around quickly. It has gone against us for the last few weeks but in the space of two games that can turn around."

The Town fell behind early against Pompey and could never recover with Ryan Taylor adding to Matt Tubbs' third-minute strike to give Portsmouth – a side he once played on loan for – the points.



"I'm disappointed with the result, not so much the performance," admitted Benson. "Certainly in the second half I thought we were the better side.

"The worst thing that could have happened was to concede an early goal after what has happened in the last few weeks.

"I thought we recovered quite well and in the second half I thought we were a better team but we've lost another game of football and it's hard to say you were the better side when you've lost a game.

"Sometimes you've got to hold your hands up and say you've got to be better."

Benson's introduction on 75 minutes was his first taste of action since breaking his leg against the Stags four months ago.

"That's great for me. It's not the overriding emotion I've got at the moment, that's disappointment, but it's great to be back," he said on his return.

"I've got to force my way back into the side and try to help this side get promoted."

DID YOU KNOW?

Benson scored the first of three goals for Dagenham in their 3-2 win over Rotherham in the 2010 Play-Off final. Portsmouth's Ryan Taylor, who netted against the Hatters, scored both of Rotherham's goals against the Daggers.

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OUR LUCK WILL TURN - LEE



Lee saw this shot come back off the post at Rodney Parade

On-loan striker Elliot Lee believes the Town's luck will turn sooner rather than later after last Tuesday's 1-0 defeat at Newport County.

The loss was the Hatters' fourth in a row in League 2 but Lee, who joined the Town from West Ham last month, is confident the squad can turn around their bad run of form – starting against Wycombe Wanderers this evening at the Prostate Cancer UK Stadium.

"It's not a great result, but all the lads are sticking together," said the 20-year-old forward.

"It was another result we didn't want and I don't think we deserved, but that's the way it's going at the minute.

"The gaffer said after the game we can't just keep putting in great second half performances, it's not good enough.

"We need to really come out the blocks sharp as we all know we're good enough, we're just not playing to the best of our ability.

"I'm sure it will change very soon as we're all working hard to change it. They know they're good enough to go up, know they're good enough to get promoted and we're going to turn it around and going to get those wins back.

"The team is very optimistic, very ambitious.

"We know if we get one win, they'll all come like dominoes, so we just need to get that one win."

The Hatters created plenty of chances last time out but were left frustrated in South Wales with Lee striking the post with a low shot and Luke Wilkinson hitting the crossbar with a thumping header. When your luck's out...

"One thing I've learned as a striker over my few years of playing football, sometimes you get nights like that," said Lee.

Fortunes

"I've hit the post, had one cleared off the line, Wilko's hit the post. I just think it's the way it's going for us and hopefully our fortunes will change soon. Another night that hits the post and goes in, another night the keeper doesn't pull off that great save, but as a striker I'll keep confident in my ability and I know I'll score goals."

Despite the result Lee was reasonably happy with his own performance – especially given it was the forward's first 90 minutes in league action since November 2013.

"It was great to be back in the starting 11 and my first 90 minutes since injury. On a personal level I'm very happy with how I played," said Lee.

"It would have been nice to top it off with a goal, but team performance is all that matters."



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LAWLESS ON MORECAMBE DEFEAT

Midfielder Alex Lawless can understand the Town fans' frustration of late but has called for everyone to stick together for the final nine matches of the League 2 campaign.

The Hatters have lost six of their last seven matches but remain well in the hunt for a Play-Off place.

But a small group of supporters lost patience with the side after the last home match with Morecambe which led to manager John Still and captain Stephen McNulty confronting the frustrated fans.

"It's not a majority and the way the game went, it was there to make people highly frustrated," said Lawless.

"Macca, he's our leader, he's going to stick up for us and the only way we're going to get through it is when we all support each other.

"The way it all changed so quickly, equalising, missing chances and conceding, that's how things boil up.

"You see how frustrated the fans can get, so are we, it's highly, highly frustrating but week in, week out the fans have been phenomenal.

"But we've got to be professional about it and now it's up to us to bounce back as we're in the position to do something about it."

Frustration

It was all the more galling for the Town against the Shrimps as goals from Cameron McGeehan and Lawless got the Hatters back on levels terms – only for the visitors to pinch all three points following Luke Wilkinson's late own goal.

"The frustration doesn't surprise me because when we've had such a good run of home wins over the last 18 months, and we had promotion, the expectation is there to keep that up," said Lawless.

"So when it doesn't happen, it's human nature for it to feel new again.

"That's where the frustration is coming from, but we'll work hard to make sure those people are happy."

Lawless came on as a first half substitute, playing over an hour, before then playing his first 90 minutes since October in the 2-0 win at Portsmouth.

And the Welshman is hoping he can play an important role in the final two months of the campaign as the Hatters eye back-to-back promotions.



Lawless celebrates his equaliser against Morecambe

"I'm chomping at the bit to get involved and help the lads out and I'll do all I can," said Lawless.

"I'm delighted to be back and I'll most definitely be working as hard as I can to help the team out because we want this promotion a lot.

"Because we had it last year, it makes it want us more this year."

On the defeat against the Shrimps, Lawless added: "We came out and were determined to get the result back in our favour and once we got the equaliser.

"I felt the momentum was in our favour and it felt like there was only one team who was going to go and win it, not draw.

"It was a killer blow at the end to concede like that and then have a few agonising chances was very, very mixed emotions in a short space of time.

"We had our chances though and if we go on and keep making them, we will put it right."

PICTURE THE PAST

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



George Stephenson nets for the Town against Brighton at Kenilworth Road in February 1937. With both the Hatters and Brighton fighting for the one automatic promotion spot from Division Three (South) the clash, watched by a crowd of 19,488, was a feisty affair which we won 2-1 on the way to the title.

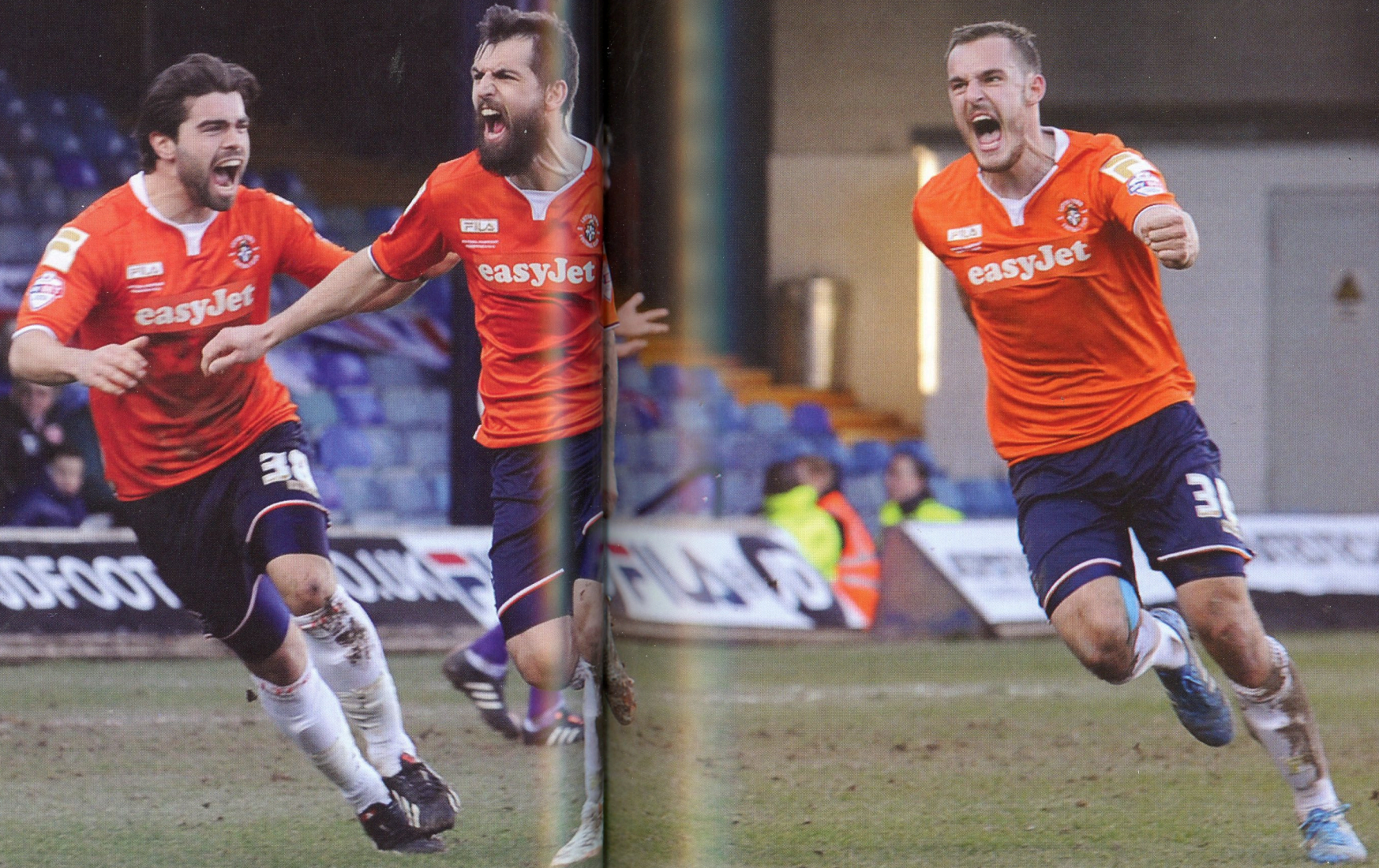
Camera Never Lies

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

Luton manager Allan Brown puts the players through their pre-season paces in the summer of 1968. Graham French (far left) has no doubt returned two stone overweight as normal and needs to wear a full tracksuit with probably bin liners underneath!



centre spot



Alex Lawless celebrates his equaliser against Morecambe in our last match here at the Prostate Cancer UK Stadium



Welcome to the

PROSTATE CANCER UK STADIUM

LUTON TOWN AND PROSTATE CANCER UK

WELCOME TO THE PROSTATE CANCER UK STADIUM

History is being made today as the Hatters rename Kenilworth Road to raise awareness for the Football League's Official Charity Partner.

Last week we were proud to announce that for tonight's game with Wycombe Wanderers, Kenilworth Road will be renamed the Prostate Cancer UK Stadium.

In an unprecedented move, the Hatters have joined forces with the Football League's Official Charity Partner, Prostate Cancer UK, to rename our home of 110 years. It will also be the first time a Football League club's stadium will have been renamed in support of a charity.

Prostate Cancer UK – the Official Charity Partner of The Football League since 2012 – aims to reach millions of football supporters through engagement activity across football grounds to raise awareness of a disease that kills one man every hour in the UK. The charity are calling on Football League fans to join Men United and get together with their mates to help beat prostate cancer.

What's more, this season every Football League footballer's shirt number carries their Man of Men logo, the first time ever that a charity's logo has been included by a domestic league on every player's strip.

10,000 men die from prostate cancer every year.

This is the capacity of Kenilworth Road. One in eight men in the UK are diagnosed with the disease at some point in their lives, and prostate cancer also affects one in four black men. 300,000 men are affected by prostate cancer each year.

Proud

The renaming Kenilworth Road was first alluded to in the Morecambe matchday programme, in Chairman Nick Owen's notes.

"We are extremely proud to be the first club to partner with a charity such as Prostate Cancer UK by renaming our stadium, albeit temporarily," said Hatters chief executive Gary Sweet.

"When we first hinted at the idea we were met with a mixed reaction – which is understandable given the history

ABOUT MEN UNITED AND PROSTATE CANCER UK

Since it was launched 12 months ago, Men United has caught the imagination, and a new zeal for change in men's health - with more than 200,000 people signing up to pledge support. Men from all walks of life, from footballers to lawyers and politicians to plumbers, have formed a growing army, raising funds to find the answers for the future through research and supporting men now.

People can search for Men United, or join the ever-growing movement of men by visiting prostatecanceruk.org/menunited.

- Men United is Prostate Cancer UK's movement for everyone who believes that men are worth fighting for, to help us beat prostate cancer and keep friendships alive. Over 200,000 people engaged with Men United in 2014.

- Search Men United, or visit prostatecanceruk.org/menunited
- Prostate Cancer UK works to get men in all areas of the country the early detection, effective diagnosis and better treatments that will beat this disease.
- Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men. More than 10,000 men die every year from this male-only disease, and 300,000 men are living with prostate cancer in the UK.
- Anyone with concerns about prostate cancer can contact Prostate Cancer UK's Specialist Nurses in confidence on 0800 074 8383 or via the online Live chat, instant messaging service: www.prostatecanceruk.org. The Specialist Nurse phone service is free to landlines and open from 9am to 6pm Monday to Friday with late opening until 8pm on Wednesdays.

of the ground, and the amount of affection our supporters hold for Kenilworth Road.

"We felt sure that once the full story emerged about our supporting Prostate Cancer UK, our supporters would understand and fully support the move. The aim was not to mislead people as to our intentions, but to get people talking about the renaming of the stadium and to raise as much interest as possible ahead of this announcement.

Awareness

"Given the statistics, there's every chance that by helping to increase the awareness of this disease and the charity, that someone's son, father or grandfather could be helped by spotting the signs early and seeking help.

"This is a first for Luton Town and a first in football and we are delighted to be teaming up with a charity which has supported the game, in particular supporters and players past and present, so well."

Prostate Cancer UK Director of Fundraising Mark Bishop said: "Men United is about men joining together to fight

a common opponent – prostate cancer. By teaming up with our friends from Luton Town for what we believe to be an unprecedented opportunity to reach men, we are continuing to spread the message about a disease that kills one man every hour in the UK.

Iconic

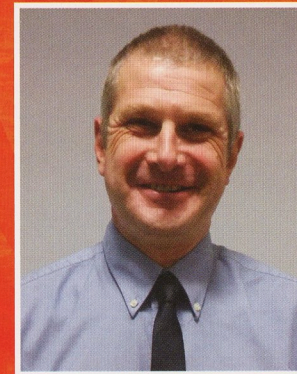
"Renaming one of the country's most iconic grounds, Kenilworth Road, offers us a wonderful and innovative opportunity to continue our ground-breaking work within the beautiful game standing side by side with a club that have never been afraid to push the boundaries throughout their history.

"The power of sport – and in this case football – has helped us reach out to men and their friends and families, and by wearing our Man of Men on their numbers this season, Luton's players have already started to play their part. We thank the club's players, staff and supporters on behalf of the 300,000 men living with prostate cancer in the UK."



Dave's Story

We have been overwhelmed by the positive response to the initiative of renaming Kenilworth Road as the Prostate Cancer UK Stadium, not just from our loyal fans, but from football fans from around the country and many other people who have been affected by Prostate Cancer in some way.



friendship strand of Men United, Dave shared that moment with his best friend. "I'll never forget that day," he said. "The funny thing was I was there with my best mate – who was an Arsenal fan! "He later became my best man, so clearly didn't hold it against me." On the subject of friendship, eagle-eyed viewers of Prostate Cancer UK's new Men United advert might have spotted Dave, an operational controller from Leighton Buzzard, pop up in the background of the live music scene in the working men's club.

During the past few weeks, we have alluded to the possibility of renaming the stadium in programme notes, and online with many supporters taking part in an online poll which gave us a valuable insight into how supporters feel about stadium naming rights.

To try and build up as much conversation as possible about the renaming, we decided not to reveal that Prostate Cancer UK were involved until today in the hope that more people would talk about the charity and this condition once we made the announcement. We hope that supporters understand that the decision was not to mislead people, but to help raise awareness and interest in the story.

And here's why. Imagine the Prostate Cancer UK Stadium full to capacity. If you removed one person from the ground for every life taken by Prostate Cancer the stadium would be empty by the beginning of the following season. That's how many lives are lost every year – a tragically shocking statistic.

If this initiative helps just one of our supporters to seek advice early from Prostate Cancer UK, then we feel it was worth doing.

THIS IS DAVE CHAMBERLAIN'S STORY, A HATTERS FAN FROM LEIGHTON BUZZARD.

Dave Chamberlain, 51, lost both his father and uncle to prostate cancer, and he will join a selection of Hatters fans who will accompany the teams onto the pitch ahead of the live-on-Sky game.

Hatters fans will always look at the dramatic Littlewoods Cup Final win against Arsenal as one of the greatest days in the club's history, and, fitting with the theme of the new

anything like this before. It was interesting and fun to meet other people, talk and share our experiences. From what I know this is what Men United is all about – men spending time together and keeping friendships alive."

Prior to filming, the Prostate Cancer UK team had no idea just how many men at the club had a link to the disease. This just showed how prevalent the disease is – and highlights that prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men.

"Having lost my father and uncle to prostate cancer it was nice to be able to give something back to the charity trying to save more men's lives, and support those who are living with the disease. I hope people will watch the TV advert and sign for Men United – the team trying to beat prostate cancer," Dave added.

"It's better for people to get things out into the open and talk about male issues, and as a long-time supporter I'm proud to see Luton changing their name to reflect something very close to my heart. I'll be at The Prostate Cancer UK Stadium on Tuesday cheering on the lads and hoping for a positive result – on and off the pitch.

"It's amazing to see the charity working so proactively to tackle an issue that affects so many men. I was delighted to play a small part in the new advertising campaign and now Luton are becoming instrumental in raising awareness – and money."

People are being urged to search Men United, and do something great with their mates via www.prostatecanceruk.org/menunited.

1 IN 8 MEN WILL GET PROSTATE CANCER



#MenUnited



Our iconic 'Man of Men' features in the squad numbers of every Luton Town player's shirt this season and next representing a united front against prostate cancer.

JOIN MEN UNITED. SEE YOUR MATES MORE AND HELP BEAT PROSTATE CANCER.

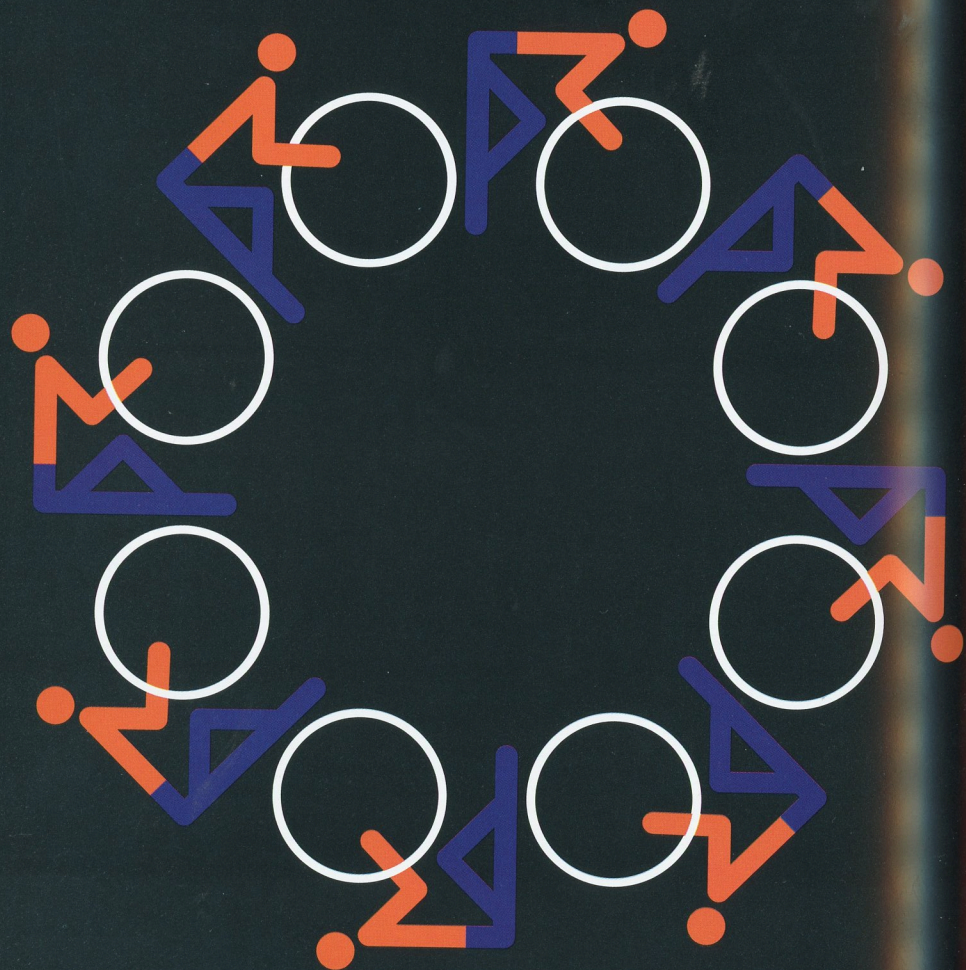


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Men United

KEEPING FRIENDSHIPS ALIVE BY IAN RIDLEY

I didn't really take in what it meant when my father told me he had prostate cancer. Didn't really know what it was or understand his treatment. I just knew I was worried for him. Worst word in the English language cancer, isn't it?

But even if cancer is as likely to be random as much as hereditary, I knew too that I was probably a candidate. And so it came to pass. I did develop prostate cancer.

What I also knew, thankfully, from Dad's case was that in many cases it is treatable, especially if caught early. People recover.

The prostate gland is peculiar to men and is about the size of a walnut. It is located internally beneath the bladder, its function to help in the production of sperm.

After Dad's diagnosis, and as I entered my 50s, I began to get myself checked. It's not nice, no pretending it is, and easy to joke about. In one test, a doctor inserts a finger up the rectum to the prostate to check for signs of the roughness symptomatic of cancer. It is, however, uncomfortable rather than painful.

Symptoms

In my mid-50s, I began to get symptoms that I knew about from Dad: up to urinate in the night more frequently, my flow getting weaker. My PSA level - an indicator of potential for the disease taken via a blood test - had risen. A doctor reckoned I needed a biopsy.

That procedure involved a needle taking samples from the prostate, again through the rectum. Again it wasn't nice. But again, it was manageable.

It shook me when I knew I had the disease. But curiously, my shock didn't last. I don't know how or why but I was given the strength to cope. Cancer didn't actually seem the worst word in the language.

Treatments, after all, had improved and I elected for 35 days of radiotherapy - seven weeks of five days.



All short bursts and painless, though it was tiring. Still, I managed to keep working.

I have to be honest and say I was more worried when it came back two years later, spreading to a few lymph nodes in my pelvis. Now there is more treatment, in the form of six-monthly hormone injections, that helps keep it under control.

More than 40,000 men a year are diagnosed with prostate cancer and one in eight of us will be diagnosed with it.

Troubles

Some will die because they left it too late. One dear old friend, Bob Lucas, who was my beloved club president was I was chairman of Weymouth FC, ignored his symptoms, putting them down to "old man's troubles" and I miss him dreadfully.

But it need not be that way. If this fearful, squeamish soul can go through it all and even laugh about some of it now, then so, I believe, can all men.

Please join the Men United campaign at www.prostatecanceruk.org/menunited. And please talk to your doctor if you have any concerns.

Ian Ridley is a sports writer and author. He is a former Sports Journalist of the Year and was also chairman of Weymouth FC and St Albans City. A resident of Flamstead, his prostate cancer was first signalled at the Luton and Dunstable Hospital.



View of the ground in 1961



Edwardian Kenilworth Road

The History of Kenilworth Road

WITH KENILWORTH ROAD RENAMED THE PROSTATE CANCER UK STADIUM FOR THIS EVENING'S VERY SPECIAL GAME, CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH GIVES US THE COMPLETE HISTORY OF OUR MUCH-LOVED HOME.



View of the ground looking towards the Oak Road end in 1912

The Town were forced to leave their Dunstable Road ground in 1905 following the decision by the club's landlords to develop the site. After looking at several locations, the Board decided to buy a plot of land only a goal kick away from their previous home which, even then, seemed far from ideal.

The new ground, at the end of the newly built Ivy Road, was smaller than their previous one, had a part sliced off by the Luton to Dunstable railway line and sloped from one corner to the other.

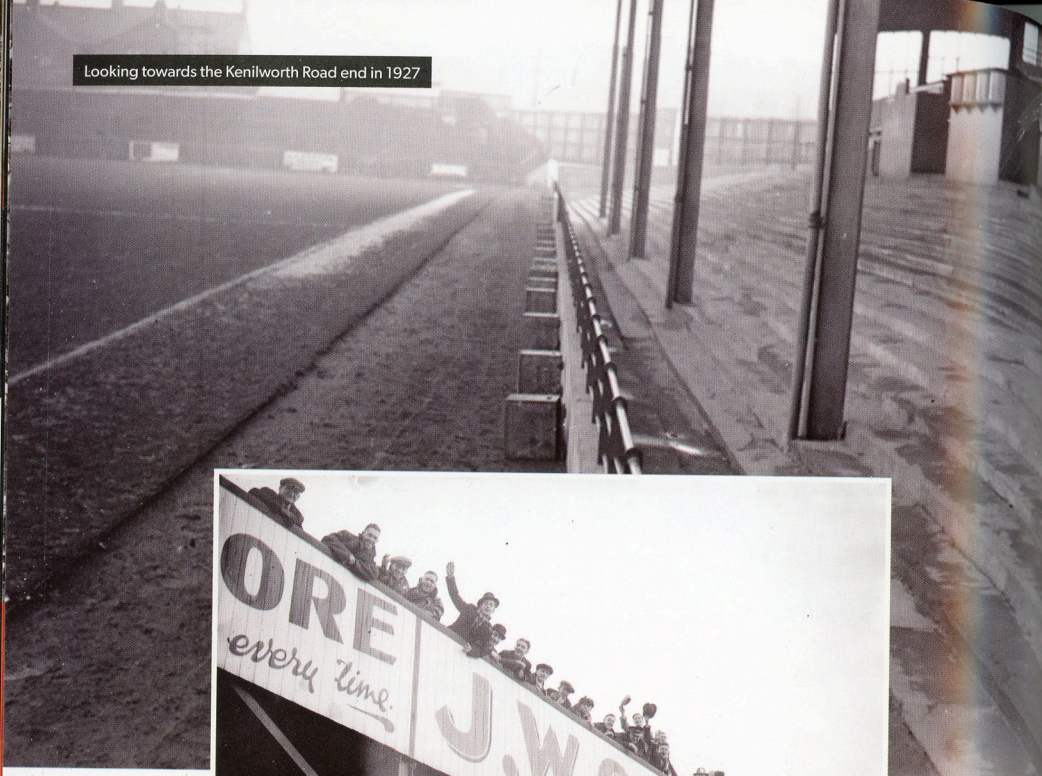
Awkward

Cost was the obvious motive behind buying such an awkward plot when so many better sites were available at the time, but even so the purchasers could have little realised that the Hatters would still be using the ground 110 years later.



Oak Road in the 1920s

Looking towards the Kenilworth Road end in 1927



Any vantage point will do as supporters watch from the Bobbers Stand roof with Chelsea the visitors in 1935



The first spectators on the newly raised Kenilworth Road end in 1937



The old wooden main stand which had seen service at both Dallow Lane and Dunstable Road, the club's previous grounds, was re-erected at the new enclosure and a cinder bank was built up behind the town (Kenilworth Road) end. The other two sides of the ground consisted of planking on wooden scaffolding which would certainly not pass Health and Safety scrutiny today.

Crushing

With the growth of the town came increased crowds and after several high profile FA Cup games culminating in severe crushing when Preston were the visitors in 1921 it was decided that the main stand was not large enough and tenders were invited for a new structure. The idea was quickly shelved when the tenders came back but a year later a mysterious fire completely destroyed the 30 year old main stand and with the insurance money, the club erected the present stand although it then finished level with the Oak Road end penalty area.

The next major change came about in 1933 when money raised by the Supporters Club enabled the Beech Hill Path side of the ground to be roofed and the terracing underneath concreted. This was soon christened the 'Bob Stand' later changed to 'Bobbars' as it cost a bob (5p) to stand there.

At the time neither end of the ground had been developed and one can only wonder how uncomfortable it must have been when Chelsea were the visitors for an FA Cup replay in 1935. Somehow, 23,041 were squashed in and that did not include the many hundreds who gained illegal entry after a gate at the Kenilworth Road end was forced.



The mysterious fire in 1922

All this changed when the Hatters were promoted to Division Two (now the Championship) at the end of a momentous 1936/37 season with £30,000 being earmarked for ground improvements. This was regarded as a huge sum at the time and supporters watched amazed as houses were bought up in Kenilworth Road in order that part of the gardens could be utilised in extending the terrace behind the goal.

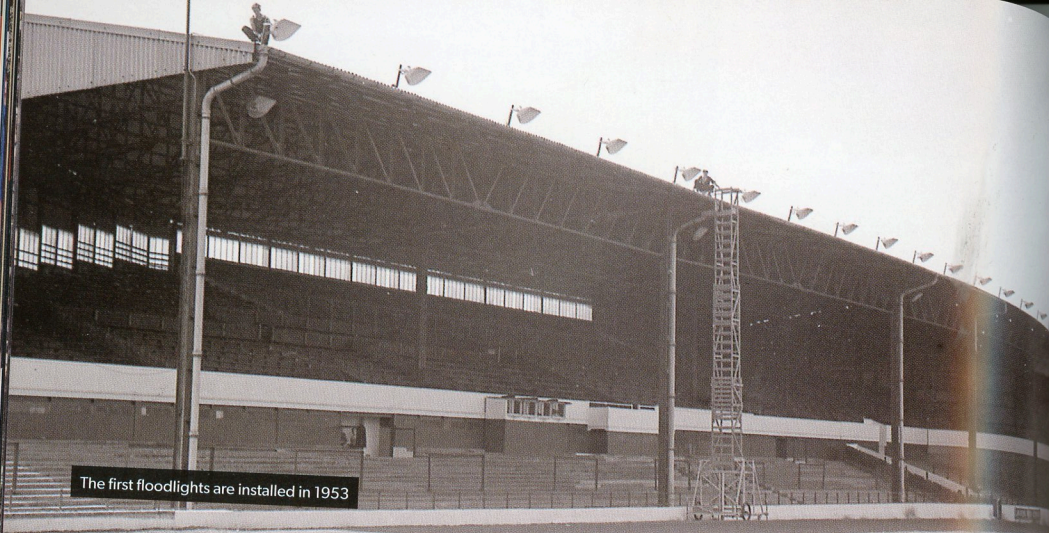
The new Kenilworth Road terrace was regarded locally as one of the wonders of the modern world as it was higher than the Clock End at Arsenal's Highbury Stadium. Also at this time the main stand was extended to the Maple Road corner to leave the structure essentially as it is today.

It was reported that the ground now had a capacity of 34,000 but although the club thought that this figure had been severely tested when Aston Villa were the visitors for the opening home game of the following campaign the turnstiles stopped clicking at a figure of 25,349, although contemporary commentators could not envisage another 9,000 squeezing in.



The ground in 1927





The first floodlights are installed in 1953



Allan Brown nets in front of a record Kenilworth Road crowd of 30,069 in 1959



Laying the new pitch in 1985



Houses in Kenilworth Road being demolished in 1986



In the following close season more Supporters Club money was raised to finally roof and concrete the terraces of the Oak Road end meaning that three sides of the ground were now under cover.

Although over the next 40 years various plans were put forward to make drastic alterations to Kenilworth Road, including completely replacing the 'past its useful life' main stand in 1955, and erecting a double decker stand over the Kenilworth Road terrace there were only two modifications made.

The Oak Road end was extended to its current height in 1956, when this writer's earliest footballing memory is of seeing cranes lifting concrete terracing slabs over the Bobbers Stand at the end of Ivy Road, and then seats being installed in the Bobbers Stand in 1973.

Changes

Major changes at Kenilworth Road were forced on the club when the Safety of Sports Grounds Act hit the statute books in 1980 and £380,000, which was ill-afforded at the time, needed to be spent on the stadium with fences erected on and in front of the Oak Road and Kenilworth Road ends and additional exits made in the main stand to ensure that the ground could be evacuated in two and a half minutes.

Further far reaching changes were made in the mid-1980s when the Bobbers Stand was converted to

executive boxes, the Kenilworth Road end covered, seats installed in the main stand enclosure and the Oak Road end and, most controversially, an artificial surface was laid. The ground could now be used at all hours of the day and night and many thousands have boasted of playing at a top flight football ground which far outweighed the negative comments made by a vocal minority in the football world.

Artificial

Following increasing pressure put on the club by the footballing authorities the artificial surface was finally rolled up in 1991 and at the same time seats were placed in the lower section of the Kenilworth Road end and the New (now David Preece) stand was built on the Maple triangle. The ground became completely all-seater at the end of the 1993/94 campaign.

With the placing of seats at the very rear of the Kenilworth road end the capacity of the ground is now around 10,700 although allowances have to be made for segregation. This is a far cry from the 30,069 who were shoe-horned in for the FA Cup quarter-final clash against Blackpool in 1959.

Never before has a Football League ground been sponsored by a charity, so this evening's game takes on particular historical significance in our long and rich history.

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WHEN KENILWORTH ROAD CHANGED ITS NAME

#MENUNITED



We've taken over pubs, now we are taking over stadiums. At Men United we leave no stone unturned in our efforts to get football fans to join our movement for men's health.

Last week we were delighted to reveal that for tonight's game, Kenilworth Road, the home of Luton Town, will become the Prostate Cancer UK stadium for one match only.

Kenilworth Road is sacrosanct to Luton Town fans and rightly so considering the history of the club and the ground. 66 per cent of Hatters were not in favour of changing the name of their ground as a concept following an online survey on Bedfordshire News. However, the poll did not provide information on what the ground name would be changed to. The outcome would have been entirely different if fans had been voting on the change to support the cause.

For tonight's clash with local rivals and fellow promotion chasers Wycombe Wanderers, Kenilworth Road becomes the Prostate Cancer UK Stadium in a match being screened live on Sky Sports.

And this is how it came about: In an unprecedented move, the Hatters joined forces with us to rename their home of 110 years. We believe it's also the first time a Football League club's stadium will have been renamed in support of a charity.

A Men United match day usually consists of information in the programme, a collection outside the ground and a Guest of Honour on the pitch before the game.

In our experience for a night match fans generally want to get to their seats minutes before kick-off straight from work. So how could we attract the attention of Hatters' fans for our match?

Impact

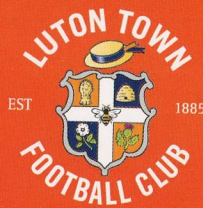
Sat in the bowels of Kenilworth Road with Luton Town staff discussing ideas around how we could maximise impact for our Men United match day at Kenilworth Road an idea started to brew.

What if we worked with the local newspaper and the Luton Town Supporters Trust to talk about a possible stadium name change, seed it in Town's programme notes and see how the fans responded?

Well we did, kind of, and in the build up to the game we'll be sending out messages to Hatters fans about Men United, the cause and what we do to support the 300,000 men living with prostate cancer in the UK.

It's also pertinent in relation to the number of men dying of the disease every year. 10,000. This is the capacity of Kenilworth Road.

With hope Hatters fans and football fans from across the land will join Men United, our movement for men's health, to help beat prostate cancer. And if they do we definitely promise to give Kenilworth Road back.



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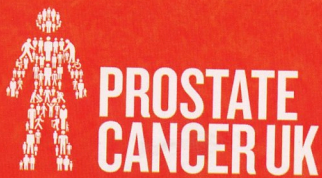
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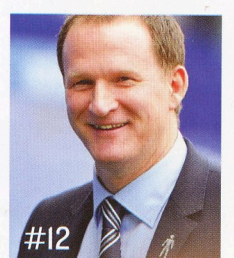
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MEN UNITED MANAGER GUESS WHO?

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PROSTATE CANCER UK

Men United. Keeping friendships alive.

See your friends more. Join Men United.



Prostate Cancer UK will be represented on the pitch before kick-off by proud Luton Town supporters with great memories of friendships formed at Kenilworth Road and beyond.

We asked you for stories about how you and your mates celebrate your friendship at the football.

Unsurprisingly, the 1988 Littlewoods Cup Final when the Hatters beat the Gunners 3-2 comes up top.

Great memories of Wembley '88?

"When the final whistle went we cried and laughed at the same time."

Terence Worrell

"With my brother and friends. We had a fantastic day and went back to my house and celebrated. Awesome memory!"

Ken McAleer

"Sensational game. I was with my best mate at the time who was an Arsenal fan. He later became my best man."

David Chamberlain



Luton in the blood

"I now live in the North so only get down to Kenilworth Road a few times a season but watch more of the away games. Have been watching Luton since 1959, it's in my blood so to speak. Always remember beating Arsenal at Wembley. In contrast remember that awful day we went out of the Football League."

Tony Fox

Keeping friendships alive

"I was a serving cop in the 1980s and after the Littlewoods Cup Final most the member of our force firearms unit had a massive PU. We celebrated that win again 7 months ago, when 30 plus middle-aged men met up in Bedfordshire and had another massive party. Proving you never forget and proving that once a fan, always a fan."

Steve Garner

We're helping Prostate Cancer UK build a nationwide movement for men, that is why Men United starts with friendship.

Search **Men United** now or visit prostatecanceruk.org/menunited

Men United.
Keeping friendships alive.

What is my risk of prostate cancer?



1 in 8

In the UK, about one in eight men will get prostate cancer at some point in their lives.



Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men in the UK



Over the age of 50

Prostate cancer mainly affects men over the age of 50 and **your risk increases with age**. The average age for men to be diagnosed with prostate cancer is between 70 and 74 years.

Family history and genetics

2.5x

You are **two and a half times more likely** to get prostate cancer if your father or brother has been diagnosed with it, compared with a man who has no affected relatives.



Your risk of prostate cancer might be increased if you have close relatives with breast cancer – if their breast cancer is linked to faults in the genes BRCA1 or BRCA2.

Ethnicity



Black men are more likely to get prostate cancer than other men. In the UK, about 1 in 4 Black men will get prostate cancer at some point in their lives.



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WHAT'S IN STORE ONLINE AT THE HATTERS OFFICIAL WEBSITE

Hatters Player has been busy already this season with exclusive interviews, match highlights and exclusive live online commentary on the channel, which complements our official YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/lutontown.

Player really is the best way to keep up-to-date with everything at Kenilworth Road with the biggest change from previous seasons in the Conference being exclusive online match

commentary. Player is the only way that you'll be able to listen to commentary online through your computer or mobile device this season with the Hatters back in the Football League.

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, provides in addition to the official website, www.lutontown.co.uk, on a matchday, we have provided a taster below.

TEAMSHEETS

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As soon as the full-time whistle blows, a match report is available to read on www.lutontown.co.uk. Complemented by all the statistics that matter, as supplied to us by Opta, as well as our breakdown of the key incidents as the match unfolded.

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MOBILE INTERNET

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HATTERS ONLINE

FEBRUARY FAN OF THE MONTH

TOM BEESON



Portsmouth fan Tom Beeson has been named the Sky Bet League 2 Fan of the Month for February. After Portsmouth came from 2-0 down to beat Tranmere 3-2 in February, Tom was a happy Pompey fan. But when he realised the result meant his 50p 10-fold accumulator had come in and won him £6,600 he was over the moon!

Tom's acca included seven Sky Bet Football League clubs - Portsmouth, Norwich, Sheffield United and Wednesday, Middlesbrough, Derby and Brentford.

Tom said: "It was a mad last 10 minutes with Pompey scoring three late on, Norwich and Bristol Rovers scoring late and Millwall's last-minute winner.

"I am delighted to receive the Sky Bet Fan of the Month Award and be Pompey's first winner. I have supported the club since my dad first took me in 1991. I got the bug and had a season ticket for 10 years before children brought an end to that."

Portsmouth manager Andy Awford said: "Congratulations to Tom on winning this Award and I'm glad our result won him a lot of money.

"It has completed a successful few weeks for us - Manager of the Month, Player of the Month and now Fan of the Month!"

To Nominate a Mate you think deserves to be March's Sky Bet Fan of the Month visit - www.skybet.com/fan

Tom's scorecast prediction:

AFC WIMBLEDON.....2
PORTSMOUTH.....2

WITH MATT TUBBS
TO SCORE FIRST - 80/1*

*subject to change

If Tom won the £250,000 Sky Bet Transfer Fund for Portsmouth, he would buy Marc Richards from Northampton Town!

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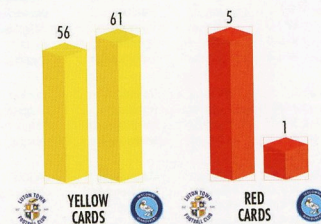
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WYCOMBE WANDERERS

MATCH FACTS

Luton are winless in four against Wycombe in league competition (D3 L1), failing to score in three of these games.

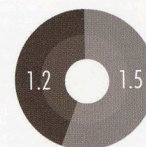


MATCH FACTS

This will be the 1000th Football League match for Wycombe Wanderers since they made their debut back in August 1993 at Carlisle United.



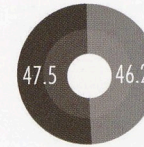
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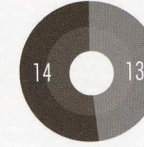
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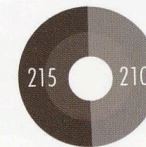
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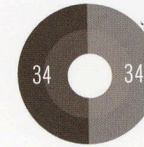
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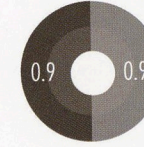
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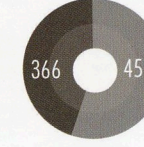
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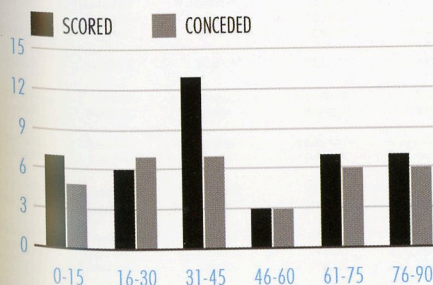


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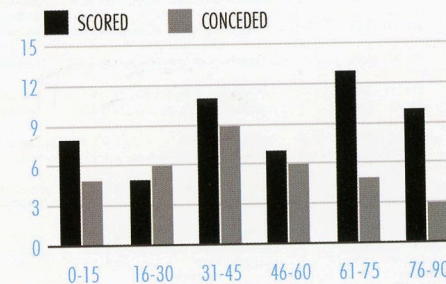


FOULS

GOAL TIMES



GOAL TIMES



*Data does not include games played on March 21st



community trust

WITH HEAD OF COMMUNITY TRUST KEVIN THOBURN

SOCIAL INTEGRATION PROJECTS

Last week the Hatters Community Trust attended the Head Offices of Sport England, the body tasked by the government to increase sports participation particularly among 14 to 25 year olds, to report on our Community Integration through Sport (KiTS) scheme delivered on behalf of Active Luton and funded by the Department of Communities and Local Government.

Over the last 15 months the Club's Community Trust, along with Active Luton, have continued delivering football coaching sessions using sport to engage and improve the lives of disadvantaged young men in the Marsh Farm, Lewsey Farm and Farley Hill areas of Luton. We reported to Sport England on the many objectives we set ourselves including:

- Deliver fun sporting activities and games in the identified areas as an anti-social diversionary tactic
- Educate and raise awareness of the dangers of anti-social behaviour, gang and gun crime
- Work alongside local sports clubs to attract members and identify talent
- Identify young leaders for coaching, training, mentoring and employment opportunities
- Give young men an opportunity to experience sport in a safe environment
- Open communication channels between the Police, Public Health, Education and the local community
- Bring together the many disparate groups with the community
- Participate in festivals, competitions and education events alongside young men from different communities



- Leave a sustainable legacy by equipping community members with the skills to teach and deliver sporting activities

Last May over 180 boys visited the stadium for the KiTS football tournament from the three areas of the town and played each other on the pitch in a fantastic tournament - Lewsey won! The boys also attended various workshops in the Eric Morecombe suite from the Council Police and Princes Trust as well as meeting former ex-offenders who spoke about their experiences with the boys. This year we plan to repeat the tournament at the Stadium proving that sport has the power, like nothing else, to bring communities together. Overall, a good impression was given to Sport England and hopefully their funding will continue to allow us to keep the sessions going.

The integration project runs every Thursday at Lea Manor Recreation Centre in Marsh Farm from 8.00 pm and on Fridays at Barnfield West in Lewsey Farm at 6.00 pm and at Barnfield South in Farley Hill from 6.30 pm and boys aged 14-19 can simply turn up and join in for £1 each.

JUST TURN UP & PLAY AND STREETGAMES

Following on from the success of KiTS, the Community Trust are now running two other community projects for 14-19 year olds in Bedford and Dunstable/Houghton Regis. The 'just turn up and play' project in Bedford is funded by Bedford Borough Council and runs every Thursday evening indoors from 9.30pm at the Bunyan Centre and costs £1 each week and is open to all abilities while the Streetgames project in Houghton and Dunstable

runs at a number of centres including Houghton Leisure Centre every Tuesday evening at 9pm and Dunstable Leisure Centre astro pitch every Monday at 9pm. All of the sessions are open to all abilities and cost £1 per week.

You can find out more about all of our social integration community projects by contacting the Community Office on 01582 737568.

KINDER+SPORT U11 KIDS SIX A SIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP

It was a case of 'nearly' for the year 6 boys from Arnold Academy in Barton-le-Clay who won through to the regional finals at Portsmouth last week. Having won four games out of six in the qualifying league, they missed out on the final by one goal's difference! Rather than facing hosts Portsmouth in the final they were left AFC Wimbledon in the third and four place Play-Offs only to lose narrowly 3-2.



It was a great effort from the boys to finish fourth out of 14 the qualifiers who included teams representing AFC Wimbledon, Cambridge United, Cheltenham Town, Dagenham & Redbridge, Exeter City, Newport County, Northampton Town, Oxford United, Plymouth Argyle, Southend United, Stevenage, Wycombe Wanderers and the hosts Portsmouth.

Although the boys were disappointed not to make Wembley they all cheered up when Portsmouth first team manager Andy Awford turned up to present the medals to the four qualifying teams. The boys all wished him good luck for the first team game the following day - and probably wished they hadn't!

EASTER SOCCER CAMPS

In a week or so, hundreds of youngsters across Luton and Bedfordshire will be joining our soccer camps as they look to improve their skills and have a great time with their mates!

We have centres running in Luton and all across Bedfordshire as well as Harpenden and Hitchin. If you've not tried a soccer camp before, they are great fun, open to all abilities and run from 10am to 3pm each day and great value at £15 each day you attend - and of course everyone receives the legendary LTFC medal as well as a great ticket offer to a home match. You can book direct with our Community Office on either 01582 737568 or 07725 172345 or ask for further information via the dedicated email at soccerschool@lutontown.co.uk.

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WITH ACADEMY HEAD OF FOUNDATION (6-10S) ROSS O'KANE

ACADEMY FOUNDATION PHASE UNDER-6S-10S

It's that time of the year where we look to sign are newest batch of Under-9s for next year. The process for some started a few years ago when identified in community projects run through the Trust and others have been recruited through local football.

During their early years we work predominantly on their ball mastery and giving them the freedom to express themselves and be creative when in possession. The current Under-8s have been placed in lots of different fixtures and formats to date playing 8 versus 8 against Southampton and then playing four against four against Ipswich Town. In May we will be travelling up to the north west to play Liverpool and Manchester United which is always a great experience for all involved and hopefully will give them a taste of life in academy football. This year's under-9s and 10s are currently getting ready to go on tour in July. Hopefully more great fixtures to be had against some of Europe's finest.

Luton Town and Central Bedfordshire College are recruiting for a development programme for people who want a career in the game.

It's based at Creasey Park, Dunstable, and The Arena, Baldock. If you're at least 16 and love football, this could be the perfect choice - whether you want to be a player, work in football generally, in sport more widely, or just have great fun.

KEY FEATURES

- Academic Success: rates as high as 90%
- Higher than average progression to employment and university
- Football success - we've won a range of different leagues 5 times; runners up twice
- 5 learners achieving professional trials, with many others trialing for England
- State-of-the-art facilities, training environment and learning venues.

To join you will need take part in a trial as part of the selection process.

Wayne Turner, Luton Town's head of youth, said: "Our education schemes allow us to keep a much larger pool of local talent where we can monitor progress and offer genuine future pathways into the professional game."

David Burns, Head of Sport at Central Bedfordshire College said: "This is another great development for the sports department at Central Bedfordshire College which keeps moving us even more to the forefront of sport and education in the region."

Central Bedfordshire College was recently rated "Good" by Ofsted for its sports work.

HOW TO APPLY

The football development application process consists of two parts: A college interview and a football trial. Once a student applies they will be invited in to participate in a training session followed by an interview with a Tutor. We offer the programme at two levels, depending on your current qualifications. If you have any doubts about which level is right for you, just apply at either level and we can assess things when we see you.

NEXT TRIAL DATES:

WEDNESDAY 1st APRIL

10.00 - 12.00 at Creasey Park, Dunstable - arrival at 9.30 to register

10.00 - 12.00 at Baldock Arena, Hitchin - arrival at 9.30 to register

For further information contact dburns@centralbeds.ac.uk

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2014-15 STAT PACK



LEAGUE TWO TOP FIVES

GOALS

1	TUBBS	18
2	RICHARDS	17
3	REUBEN REID	15
4	COLLINS	14
5	CURETON	14

SHOTS ON TARGET

1	COLLINS	55
2	REUBEN REID	39
3	TUBBS	39
4	ELLISON	37
5	HYLTON	36

% OF GOALS INVOLVED IN

1	REUBEN REID	48
2	CURETON	44
3	HYLTON	39
4	COULSON	37
5	WALLACE	36

FOULS

1	AKINFENWA	106
2	REUBEN REID	78
3	CORR	73
4	PIERRE	67
5	ETUHU	62

LEAGUE TWO SPOTLIGHT

Wycombe are set to play their 1000th Football League game; they are the first team to reach this milestone since Wimbledon in April 2001.

ASSISTS

1	FRANCOMB	10
2	BEAVON	9
3	COULSON	9
4	WOOD	9
5	DEMPSEY	8

MINUTES PER GOAL

1	RICHARDS	135
2	NICHOLS	144
3	ONYEDINMA	146
4	NARDIELLO	156
5	ROSE	167

MINUTES PER CHANCE CREATED

1	FRANCOMB	232
2	DONALDSON	239
3	WORRALL	240
4	PALMER	265
5	COMPTON	272

MINUTES PER GOAL CONCEDED

1	GILLESPIE	48
2	ARCHER	55
3	FLINDERS	58
4	CARSON	63
5	HANFORD	63

LEAGUE TWO SPOTLIGHT

Luton Town have lost their last four league games as well as six of their last seven (W1).

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Shadow Squad Update

LONDON MIDLAND CONTINUE SPONSORSHIP OF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME



The players and staff of the Luton Town Cedars Football Development Programme were delighted to show their thanks to London Midland for their continued support and sponsorship through an on pitch presentation at our last home game against Morecambe.

Cedars Head Coach Stuart Smith invited the rail company's head of communications Francis Thomas, and fans Dale Warren and Alan Frost, to Kenilworth Road to watch the game and meet Luton Town Cedars players Cody Gray and Louie Burn. As shown in our picture Cody and Louis presented London Midland with a shirt signed by all the staff and players.

Community

London Midland provides free rail travel for a number of the Cedars squad, who train at the School in Leighton Buzzard, as part of their community support programme.

Francis Thomas, Head of Communications at London Midland said: "We are passionate about supporting

communities in the areas we serve, and I am delighted that we are able to help local youngsters realise their dream."

Head Coach Stuart Smith added: "The support and sponsorship of London Midland for this programme is vital, it allows us to bring lads on to the programme from further afield. Meaning we get the best players possible in to the club and not just the best players in our immediate catchment area.

Opportunity

"This programme is one of a very small number in the country that offers a joint Football / A-Level Programme giving players the opportunity to study for a minimum of three A-Levels whilst training for eight hours a week under the guidance of Luton Town 'A' Licence Coaches.

"At Luton Town we are breaking the stereotypical vision of a footballer by developing intelligent young players who are also technically excellent. Benji Crilley, Gabriel Oakley, Sean McMonagle, Callum Gregory and Luke Dunstan have been afforded the privilege of day release from Cedars over the last year to allow them to train with the Clubs Pro Scholar Under-18 squad. Proof that genuine exit routes back into the Professional Game exist at Cedars."

Stockwood Country Fair

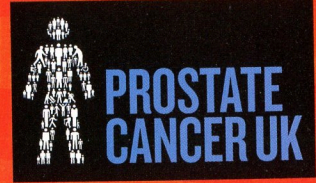
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THE SOCIAL NETWORK



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We were heartened to receive so much positive feedback and support from fans of clubs around the country as well as non-football supporting people, after we broke the news about the stadium name change for tonight's game. Among the many hundreds of tweets and Facebook messages, here are some of the best. Thank you.

🐦 Manda Matthews @Petrova_x

Could not be more proud of @LutonTown for renaming their stadium in the name of awareness of Prostate Cancer for one game.

🐦 matt air @mattjair

@ProstateUK @LutonTown my dad survived prostate cancer. He was lucky! I think this is brilliant. Keep up the good work.

🐦 Jezfrombez @Jezfrombez

@LutonTown lost my dad to this awful disease a year ago. He took me to my 1st game at KR in early 70's. Brilliant idea to rename

🐦 Mummy Vs Work @MummyVsWork

This is why I'm proud to be a @LutonTown supporter! Showing their support for @ProstateUK in a big way!

🐦 Adrian Hollands @adiehollands3

@LutonTown Absolute amazing idea from all involved in renaming your stadium on Tuesday night and a cause close to my heart #ProstateCancer

🐦 Nick McKenna-Klein @NMckennaKlein

Fantastic idea! @LutonTown rename stadium for 1 game to raise #ProstateCancer awareness #respect #cancerresearch

🐦 Jill Stratton @jillstratton

@BBCSport well done @LutonTown a great gesture & chance to raise awareness. Hope other clubs will follow your example

🐦 Danny B-D @dannybd85

Great touch by @LutonTown renaming Kenilworth road the prostate cancer UK stadium for Tuesday's game with Wycombe! Love my club

🐦 Rob Palmer @abers1

Well done @LutonTown for once again staying ahead of the pack with @ProstateUK link up. Some things are more important than bad results.

🐦 WATFORD @LordHeineken

@LutonTown Quality idea about the naming rights. Impressed, maybe you lot ain't so bad.

🐦 Wycombe Wanderers FC @wwfcofficial

@LutonTown superb initiative - well done to all involved. Look forward to playing at the Prostate Cancer UK Stadium next week! #MenUnited

🐦 Colin Turner Well Done LTFC. Better than selling out to Corporates. Look and Learn big money greed premiership clubs.

🐦 Daniel Mcleod Great idea. Nice touch. Class effort from all involved

🐦 Gary McPheat Now that's a great reason to rename the stadium. Well done.

🐦 Mark Hargreaves LTFC and proud... first the living wage now this...big clubs take note... it's not all about the MONEY

🐦 James Martin I was against the change but seeing the name makes me change my mind, good on you 2020.

🐦 Caroline Rannamets A brave, brilliant and ahead of your time decision LTFC. Good on you.... And to all you blokes worrying about rectal exams - time to grow a pair and get over it!!!!

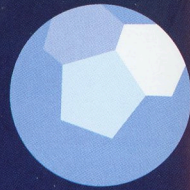
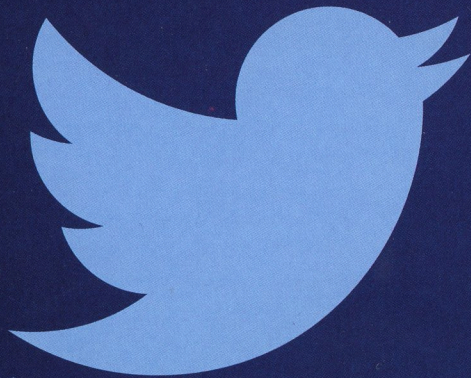
🐦 John Sidwell Lost my dad to prostate cancer in 2008, he would be very proud, LTFC ahead of the times it's fantastic to see our great club doing this, just shows there is more to football than greed and TV deals worth billions.

🐦 Nathan Vallory Not a Luton fan but a lot of respect for this! Well done!

🐦 Paul Stewart Makes me proud to be a hatter. First and only club to introduce living wage, give rights of the club to the fans, now offer the name of the stadium to a very worthwhile charity. How many premiership clubs would do this? They'd rather line their pockets by naming their ground after some foreign multi million pound making business. Takes away the disappointment on the pitch. Well done to the board, very proud of you!

🐦 Louise Winter It's brilliant, men should not be dying of embarrassment get yourself checked, well done LTFC

🐦 Jonathan Petty As a Luton Town supporter for over 50 years now and having advanced prostate cancer this means so much to me. A very proud Hatters fan.



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JUNIOR HATTERS

WORD SEARCH

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WHERE'S HARRY?

Cheeky Happy Harry is hiding somewhere in this programme! Can you find him?

DID YOU KNOW...

The Lucky Wycombe Comanche was the lucky mascot for Wycombe Wanderers Football Club for a number of years in the early 2000s. On the final game of the 1999-2000 the team has been destined to be relegated. However, back to back wins against Manchester City and Wigan Athletic meant a win at Lincoln would ensure an unlikely survival in Division 2.

On the way to the ground the team coach passed a second hand shop and in the window was a 5 ft wooden statue of a Red Indian. The team decided that if they won the game and survived relegation they would go back and purchase the figure. Thanks to an 83rd minute winner from Paul Emblen, and roared on by 3000 travelling fans (using 50 coaches laid on by the club) the team won 1-0 and stayed up.

Wycombe's mascot today is 'Bodger', shown in the picture on the right.



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24th MARCH

ON THIS DAY

► THE RECORD

The Hatters' record on this day reads nine wins from the 19 matches played, three draws and seven defeats. The Town have scored 29 times and conceded 22 on matches on 24th March. The Town hold a decent record when playing at home on this day: all nine wins have come on home turf, with two draws and two defeats. The Hatters have never won an away fixture on 24th March, losing five of the six matches and only scoring three goals in the process. Thank heavens we're at home tonight!

► SEVEN FROM SEVEN

Looking back in the history books shows that the Town's record on 24th March was a very good one... to begin with. The Hatters won all seven of their first seven matches played on this day. The first of these seven victories came back in 1900 with a 4-0 win over Loughborough in Division 2.

Six years later the Hatters beat Tottenham 2-0 at Kenilworth Road in the Southern League and it wasn't for another seven years that the Town would be in action once more when Aberdare were beaten 3-1 in the Southern League second division.

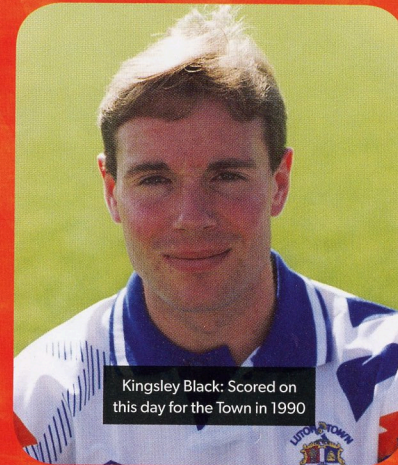
10 years later the winning thread on 24th March continued with a 2-1 win over Merthyr Town in Division Three (South) in 1923 and five years later win number five was achieved with a 3-1 win over Coventry.

In 1930 Bristol Rovers were seen off 3-0 at Kenilworth Road before Southend United were beaten 3-1 four years later to make it seven wins out of seven on this day.

The run of wins came to end with a 3-1 defeat at Leicester in the Second Division (now Championship) in 1951

► TOP FLIGHT TOWN

On four occasions the Town have played in the top flight on 24th March. The Hatters' record in what was Division One was won two, drawn one and lost one.



Kingsley Black: Scored on this day for the Town in 1990

The Hatters beat Aston Villa 2-1 at Kenilworth Road in 1956. 17,126 witnessed Reg Pearce score twice.

It wasn't until 1984 that the Town were in action in the top flight on the day when Leicester City held the Hatters to a goalless draw.

Three years later the Town went down 3-0 to Southampton at the Dell in 1987, but three years later the Hatters secured a vital three points in their bid to avoid the drop in 1990 when beating Millwall 2-1 at Kenilworth Road. A Mick McCarthy own goal and one from Kingsley Black gave the Town victory.

► LUTON AND THE LIONS

Oddly enough that meeting with Millwall was the first of three successive matches against the Lions on 24th March.

The win over the London club in 1990 helped the Hatters stave off relegation to what is now the Championship, but the Lions weren't so lucky as they were relegated that season.

But the two clubs met again in the 'new' Division One (now the Championship) in March 1993 with the Lions coming out on top 1-0 in what was the Hatters' first visit to the New Den. A first half goal from Jamie Moralee proved to be the difference.

The Hatters' next game on 24th March came in 2008 and again, it came against the Lions, again at the New Den. This time the points were shared in a drab League 1 encounter which finished goalless.

► BEST OF THE REST

The Town last played on this day in 2012 when Andre Gray scored on his Luton debut in a 1-1 draw with Grimsby in the Conference... Between the 1956 win over Villa and the 1990 victory over Millwall the Hatters went six games without a win on matches on 24th March. The Hatters could only draw one of those games – that goalless draw with Leicester – and lost the other five.

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BY KEVIN CROWE

WHAT'S IN A NAME? LUTON'S HOME AND POMPEY AWAY

On a good day, the sound accompanying that first step onto an away terrace can drag hairs you forgot you had to their feet. When you're a long way from home looking out onto unfamiliar turf, hearing thousands of accents you know, already in celebratory chorus, feels like a victory before the game's even begun; as if the terrace was newly claimed Lutonian ground.

On other away days that first step can deflate even the most inflated four-pint optimists as you realise there's only 250 of us and there's no roof. The soundtrack can be less a choir of thousands, more a lone Piper...

At Pompey away, stepping onto the packed Milton End a few minutes late due to an unplanned lap of Fratton Park, I was immediately punched in the stomach by the sound of 14,000 celebrating from the south coast, while all around me assorted farmer/cockney/rudeboy accents mumbled in staggered unison: "kin Tubbs..."

Not much of a welcome.

Built in 1898, Fratton Park is now a lovely big mess of modern football and mock Tudor cobbled onto a mini Milton Keynes. The turnstile operator was a robot but to get to it you had to negotiate alleys between backstreets that looked as if Johnny Briggs might have done the graffiti. Turn the corner and you were jarringly back in the out-of-town Peter Winkelmania whence you came. Inside, while Hatters begged for three goals among the seagulls, Fratton Park continued to confuse.

Each time Pompey made a change, a bizarre accompanying announcement went something like: "The Pompey Supersub brought to you by official substitutions partner Royal Navy Reserves!"

Official Substitutions Partner? Had they sold the sponsorship rights to their substitutions? IS. NOTHING. SACRED?

Well not quite, it turns out. This was in fact part of a partnership between the Navy Reserves and several football clubs, including Fulham, Cardiff, Sunderland and Rangers, to boost recruitment and awareness about the need for Navy Reservists.

If you've visited these pages before you might imagine my discontent, having enjoyed a morning of away day festivities and probably not really listening or thinking properly, upon learning that such a thing as an Official Substitutions Partner dared to exist. On a day when not only were my football team getting cleared off the line more regularly than my mum's washing on a windy weekend in Westoning, but when there had been serious talk of selling the naming rights at our beloved Kenilworth Road.

Debate had raged all week as to whether we'd rather watch our beloved team at the Zobra Auto Parts Arena or The Aerial Shop Stadium. Were we to become just another identikit modern football business after all? Just like all the others?

Well no, as it turned out, we weren't. Not for the moment anyway.

I remember the great respect many used to have for Barcelona when they eschewed shirt sponsorship in favour of supporting UNICEF, and I was proud (and relieved like you, mate) that our club was instead making a similar gesture in renaming Kenilworth Road in support of Prostate Cancer UK for one game only – tonight's.

The identity of weird old grounds like Pompey's and ours, just like the club crest and the nickname, should be the property of the people who drag themselves, their kids and grandkids back to it year after year, just as they were once dragged themselves. It's their home and its naming shouldn't be dictated by corporate contract.

Sponsors, like our current form on the pitch, are temporary. The name of our home should span the generations.



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BY CHRIS DUNLAVY

You have to feel for Matt Smith. The big striker scored all five of Bristol City's goals as the Robins beat Gillingham 5-3 on aggregate to reach the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final.

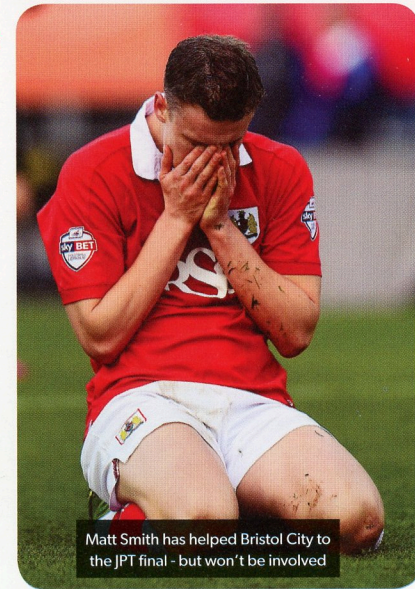
But after his 93-day loan from Fulham expired and couldn't be extended, the 25-year-old won't be on the pitch to face Walsall at Wembley.

"I'm a bit gutted but I knew all along that if we got there I wouldn't be involved," said the former Oldham man, who has been invited to travel with the squad by City boss Steve Cotterill. "I'll just have to be the 12th man in the stand."

It's a heartbreak for Smith, who has never played at Wembley. But at least he can take comfort in not being the first player cruelly robbed of his moment of glory.

GLENN MURRAY - CRYSTAL PALACE

Murray was unstoppable in the 2012/13 season, netting an incredible 31 goals in 45 games to turn Palace from pre-season relegation favourites into Play-Off contenders. Though aided and abetted by Yannick Bolasie and Wilfried Zaha (sound familiar?) nobody contributed more to Palace's cause than the former Rochdale striker, who started his career with Non-League Barrow. Alas, there would be no fairytale finish for the Cumbrian. During the first leg of a Play-Off semi-final against former club Brighton, Murray was stretched off with ruptured knee ligaments and was forced to watch from the sidelines as his team-mates powered through to Wembley, a ground he'd never graced. Worse still, they then beat Watford thanks to a late penalty from Kevin Phillips - the man who replaced Murray on spot-kick duty.



Matt Smith has helped Bristol City to the JPT final - but won't be involved

MICHAEL BALLACK - GERMANY

Ballack probably thought 2002 couldn't get much bleaker. His Bayer Leverkusen side had reached the final of the Champions League, the German Cup and led the Bundesliga on the final matchday only to end the season empty-handed.

Unfortunately, the worst was yet to come. Having single-handedly dragged a god-awful Germany side to the semi-finals of the World Cup, Ballack's scything tactical foul on the escaping Lee Chun-Soo prompted his second yellow card of the tournament.

Two minutes later, he scored the winner, his celebrations tempered by the knowledge that he'd be in the stands for the final.

JIMMY GREAVES - ENGLAND

Those who remember Greaves in his pomp reckon the Spurs and Chelsea striker was the most natural finisher these isles have ever produced.

And with 43 goals in 54 games for England heading into the 1966 World Cup - including four against Norway a week before the tournament began - it's no surprise he started each of the first three games.

Unfortunately for Greaves, his World Cup would end there. A savage tackle by France's Joseph Bonnell in the final group game left the striker needing 14 stitches and forced him to sit out the quarter final - where his replacement Geoff Hurst hit the winner.

Unwilling to change a winning side, manager Alf Ramsey left Greaves out and Hurst... well, you know the rest. Greaves watched the final "in his civvies from the back of the stand" and, back in the days of no subs, didn't even receive a medal.

league look

For the first time this season a five-point gap at the top of League 2 opened up following Burton's 2-1 victory over Southend last Wednesday.

Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink's Brewers were trailing 1-0 at half-time and had a man sent-off in first half stoppage time against the Shrimpers. But two second half goals, including a 89th-minute winner, extended Albion's advantage. The Staffordshire outfit are now nine points clear of fourth place with nine games to go.

In the matches played a week ago tonight, Shrewsbury kept up their promotion charge with a 4-1 win at Morecambe, coming from behind to cruise to a comfortable victory and ensure the Shrews enjoy the best goal difference in the division.

Lead

Micky Mellon's side leapfrogged Wycombe in the table after tonight's visitors were held to a 2-2 draw at home to Accrington Stanley. Gareth Ainsworth's side had the lead at 1-0 but then Stanley went in front, but Alfie Mawson grabbed the Buckinghamshire outfit a point.

Bury's fine form continued with a 1-0 win away at struggling York. The Shakers now sit in fourth place and, as we went to press before Saturday's games, just four points behind our visitors tonight.

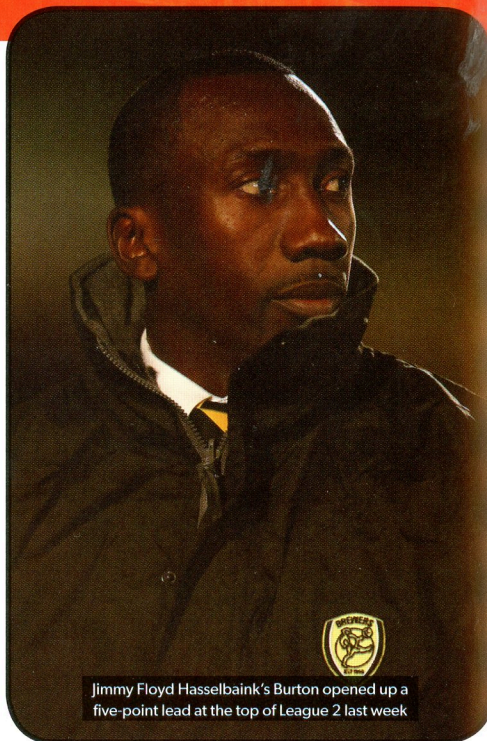
Southend stay fifth after their defeat at Burton, while the Town remain well in the hunt for a Play-Off spot despite losing six of the last seven matches. However, a number of sides are chasing a place in the top seven as the season nears its climax.

One of those are Stevenage who drew 0-0 at Exeter to jump into seventh spot and Newport, who beat the Hatters last Tuesday thanks to Aaron O'Connor's goal.

Before Saturday's matches Plymouth were just a point shy of a top seven berth, dropping two places after losing 2-0 at Dagenham & Redbridge last Tuesday.

Northampton's charge towards the top seven was halted by relegation-threatened Carlisle. The Cobblers are four points off a Play-Off place despite that defeat which did wonders for the Cumbrians.

The race to avoid relegation is well and truly on with bottom-of-the-table Hartlepool now just four points from safety – and three other clubs – after Ronnie Moore's side



Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink's Burton opened up a five-point lead at the top of League 2 last week

won back-to-back matches for the first time this season when winning 2-0 at Oxford United.

Cheltenham slipped into the bottom two despite a decent 2-2 draw at Portsmouth with Tranmere the beneficiaries of an excellent 2-1 win at Cambridge United.

Only six points separate Cambridge and Oxford in 18th and 19th respectively and Hartlepool who sit bottom of the table.

Predict

We don't have a crystal ball to predict Saturday's results as we went to press for this programme on Friday, but Hartlepool may have cut the gap to just one point if they were successful at home to Mansfield and other results went their way.

In the games that matter this coming weekend, Bury and Southend meet at Gigg Lane, Plymouth go to Cheltenham, Shrewsbury head to Portsmouth while on the Monday Burton entertain Stevenage.



League 2 news in brief

WEEKEND'S FIXTURES

Accrington v Newport (Friday)
Bury v Southend
Cheltenham v Plymouth
Dag & Red v Wycombe
Exeter v Morecambe
Hartlepool v Cambridge
Mansfield v York
Northampton v Luton
Oxford v Carlisle
Portsmouth v Shrewsbury
Tranmere v AFC Wimbledon
Burton v Stevenage (Monday)

TOP GOALSCORERS

Tubbs (Portsmouth) 18
Richards (Northampton) 17
Reid (Plymouth) 15
Collins (Shrewsbury) 14
Cureton (Dag & Red) 14
Hylton (Oxford) 13
Nichols (Exeter) 13
Akinfenwa (Wimbledon) 12
Corr (Southend) 12
Cullen (Luton) 11

AVERAGE ATTENDANCES

Portsmouth 15,126	Exeter 3,862
Luton 8,670	York 3,467
Plymouth 7,316	Hartlepool 3,456
Oxford 6,096	Bury 3,445
Southend 5,742	Newport 3,169
Shrewsbury 5,037	Stevenage 3,146
Cambridge 4,984	Burton 3,027
Tranmere 4,950	Mansfield 2,998
Northampton 4,437	Cheltenham 2,710
Carlisle 4,147	Dag & Red 1,986
Wimbledon 3,966	Morecambe 1,877
Wycombe 3,884	Accrington 1,439

LEAGUE TABLE 2014/15

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Burton Albion	36	21	7	8	50	30	20	70
2 Shrewsbury Town	37	20	8	9	54	28	26	68
3 Wycombe Wanderers	37	18	14	5	54	34	20	68
4 Bury	37	19	7	11	48	36	12	64
5 Southend United	36	17	11	8	43	33	10	62
6 LUTON TOWN	37	16	10	11	43	34	9	58
7 Stevenage	37	16	9	12	52	45	7	57
8 Newport County AFC	37	16	9	12	43	42	1	57
9 Plymouth Argyle	37	16	8	13	42	28	14	56
10 Northampton Town	37	16	5	16	55	47	8	53
11 Exeter City	37	13	12	12	49	51	-2	51
12 Portsmouth	37	12	13	12	44	41	3	49
13 AFC Wimbledon	37	13	10	14	48	49	-1	49
14 Morecambe	37	13	9	15	39	42	-3	48
15 Dagenham & Redbridge	37	13	7	17	45	51	-6	46
16 Mansfield Town	37	12	9	16	32	45	-13	45
17 Accrington Stanley	37	13	6	18	45	61	-16	45
18 Cambridge United	37	11	10	16	51	51	0	43
19 Oxford United	37	10	13	14	38	43	-5	43
20 Carlisle United	37	12	4	21	44	61	-17	40
21 York City	37	7	16	14	35	43	-8	37
22 Tranmere Rovers	37	9	10	18	39	50	-11	37
23 Cheltenham Town	37	8	13	16	34	53	-19	37
24 Hartlepool United	37	9	6	22	28	57	-29	33

PLAYER STATS 2014/15

	LEAGUE		CUP		THIS SEASON		TOTAL		DISCIP		CAREER TOTAL	
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	Y	R	APPS	GLS	Y	GLS
Zane Banton	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
Paul Benson	10	(5)	1	(3)	0	(1)	13	(5)	2	(4)	0	(6)
Paul Connolly	4	(0)	0	(2)	0	(0)	6	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
Mark Cullen	27	(6)	11	(5)	0	(0)	32	(6)	12	(3)	0	(74)
Nathan Doyle	20	(0)	0	(4)	0	(0)	24	(0)	0	(5)	0	(24)
Andy Drury	28	(5)	2	(4)	0	(0)	32	(5)	2	(2)	0	(63)
Fraser Franks	9	(3)	0	(4)	0	(0)	13	(3)	0	(2)	0	(33)
Scott Griffiths	29	(0)	1	(4)	0	(0)	33	(0)	1	(2)	0	(85)
Luke Guttridge	15	(5)	2	(2)	1	(1)	17	(6)	3	(1)	0	(56)
Ryan Hall	2	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	2	(0)	0	(0)	0	(2)
Michael Harriman	26	(0)	0	(4)	0	(1)	30	(0)	1	(1)	0	(30)
Jake Howells	23	(7)	3	(2)	1	(2)	26	(9)	4	(1)	0	(31)
Elliot Justham	6	(0)	0	(1)	0	(0)	7	(0)	0	(0)	0	(14)
Alex Lacey	10	(6)	0	(2)	0	(0)	12	(6)	0	(0)	0	(49)
Ross Lafayette	1	(10)	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(13)	0	(2)	0	(14)
Alex Lawless	4	(7)	2	(0)	1	(1)	4	(8)	2	(1)	0	(168)
Elliot Lee	3	(2)	1	(0)	0	(0)	3	(2)	1	(3)	0	(5)
Cameron McGeehan	6	(0)	1	(0)	0	(0)	6	(0)	1	(2)	0	(24)
Steve McNulty	32	(0)	0	(4)	0	(0)	36	(0)	0	(5)	2	(104)
Ricky Miller	2	(8)	1	(2)	1	(2)	3	(10)	2	(1)	0	(13)
Nathan Oduva	3	(6)	0	(0)	0	(0)	3	(6)	0	(0)	0	(9)
Andrew Parry	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(26)
Ian Rees	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(4)
Matt Robinson	7	(1)	0	(1)	2	(0)	8	(3)	0	(0)	0	(156)
Luke Rooney	8	(3)	3	(2)	0	(2)	10	(3)	5	(2)	1	(19)
Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu	10	(6)	1	(0)	2	(0)	10	(8)	1	(1)	0	(42)
Charlie Smith	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(3)
Jonathan Smith	28	(0)	2	(5)	0	(0)	33	(0)	2	(5)	0	(93)
Jim Stevenson	2	(9)	1	(1)	0	(0)	3	(9)	1	(1)	0	(18)
Jayden Stockley	11	(0)	3	(0)	0	(0)	11	(0)	3	(3)	0	(11)
Mark Tyler	31	(0)	0	(5)	0	(0)	36	(0)	0	(2)	0	(266)
Charlie Walker	0	(3)	0	(1)	2	(0)	1	(5)	0	(0)	0	(6)
Alex Wall	1	(5)	1	(1)	0	(0)	2	(5)	1	(3)	0	(34)
Shaun Whalley	13	(3)	1	(0)	0	(0)	14	(3)	3	(2)	0	(39)
Luke Wilkinson	33	(0)	4	(6)	0	(0)	39	(0)	4	(6)	2	(39)
Curtley Williams	3	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	3	(0)	0	(0)	0	(3)

THE SEASON

Fixtures & Results

DATE TIME H/A OPPOSITION SCORE ATT AWAY POS STARTING XI SUBS

AUGUST

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 (C1C1)	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	HOWELLS 1	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

SEPTEMBER

TV 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	Lacey	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	WILKINSON 1	Smith	Doyle

OCTOBER

Sat 4	3.00pm	A	Stevenage	W 2-1	5,236	1,897	7	Tyler	Lacey	Griffiths	McNulty	WILKINSON 1	Smith	Doyle
Tue 7	7.45pm	H	Crawley Town (UPT2)	L 0-1	2,186	125	-	Justham	Lacey	Griffiths	McNulty	Wilkinson	Smith	Doyle
Sat 11	3.00pm	H	Southend United	W 2-0	9,238	1,033	4	Tyler	Harriman	Griffiths	McNulty	Wilkinson	Smith	Doyle
Sat 18	3.00pm	A	Hartlepool United	W 2-1	4,225	525	4	Tyler	Harriman	Griffiths	McNulty	Wilkinson	Smith	Doyle
Tue 21	7.45pm	H	Dagenham & Redbridge	W 3-1	7,746	166	3	Tyler	Harriman	Griffiths	McNulty	Wilkinson	Smith	Doyle
Sat 25	3.00pm	H	Northampton Town	W 1-0	10,040	1,018	1	Tyler	Harriman	Griffiths	McNulty	Wilkinson	Smith	Doyle

NOVEMBER

Sat 1	3.00pm	A	Exeter City	D 1-1	5,400	1,043	2	Tyler	Harriman	GRIFFITHS 1	McNulty	Wilkinson	Smith	Doyle
Sat 8	3.00pm	H	Newport County (FAC1)	W 4-2	3,656	334	-	Tyler	Harriman	HOWELLS 1	McNulty	Wilkinson	Lacey	Doyle
Sat 15	3.00pm	H	Tranmere Rovers	W 1-0	9,061	378	1	Tyler	Harriman	Howells	McNulty	Wilkinson	Franks	Doyle
Sat 22	3.00pm	A	Burton Albion	L 0-1	4,772	1,998	3	Tyler	Harriman	Griffiths	McNulty	Wilkinson	Smith	Doyle
Sat 29	3.00pm	H	Mansfield Town	W 3-0	8,418	294	2	Tyler	Harriman	Griffiths	McNulty	Franks	Smith	Doyle

DECEMBER

Sat 6	3.00pm	A	Bury (FAC2)	D 1-1	2,790	434	-	Tyler	Harriman	Griffiths	McNulty	Wilkinson	Franks	Doyle
Sat 13	3.00pm	A	Morecambe	L 0-3	2,263	731	4	Tyler	Harriman	Howells	McNulty	Wilkinson	Franks	Doyle
Tue 16	7.45pm	H	Bury (FAC2R)	W 1-0	2,923	182	-	Tyler	Harriman	Griffiths	Franks	Wilkinson	Smith	Doyle
Sat 20	3.00pm	H	Newport County	W 3-0	8,383	317	3	Tyler	Harriman	Griffiths	McNulty	WILKINSON 1	Smith	Doyle
Fri 26	3.00pm	A	Wycombe Wanderers	D 1-1	7,539	2,566	4	Tyler	Harriman	Griffiths	McNulty	Whalley	SMITH 1	Doyle
Sun 28	3.00pm	H	Portsmouth	D 1-1	10,071	1,021	4	Tyler	Harriman	Griffiths	McNulty	Wilkinson	Smith	Doyle

JANUARY

Sat 3	3.00pm	A	Cambridge United (FAC3)	L 1-2	7,063	1,380	-	Tyler	HARRIMAN 1	Howells	Franks	Wilkinson	Connolly	Smith
TV Thu 8	7.45pm	H	Shrewsbury Town	D 0-0	7,666	177	4	Tyler	Harriman	Griffiths	McNulty	Wilkinson	Smith	Doyle
Sat 17	3.00pm	A	Plymouth Argyle	W 1-0	8,420	802	4	Tyler	Harriman	Griffiths	McNulty	Wilkinson	Smith	Doyle
Sat 24	3.00pm	A	Cheltenham Town	D 1-1	3,611	1,282	4	Tyler	Harriman	Griffiths	McNulty	Wilkinson	Smith	Doyle
Sat 31	3.00pm	H	Cambridge United	W 3-2	10,054	939	4	Tyler	Harriman	Griffiths	McNulty	WILKINSON 1	SMITH 1	Doyle

FEBRUARY

Sat 7	3.00pm	A	Oxford United	D 1-1	7,541	2,264	4	Tyler	Harriman	Howells	McNulty	Wilkinson	Smith	Doyle
Tue 10	7.45pm	H	York City	D 2-2	7,763	173	5	Tyler	Harriman	Howells	McNulty	Wilkinson	Smith	Doyle
Sat 14	3.00pm	H	Carlisle United	W 1-0	8,502	276	4	Tyler	Harriman	Griffiths	Franks	Wilkinson	Smith	Robinson
Tue 17	7.45pm	A	Mansfield Town	L 0-1	2,998	801	4	Tyler	Harriman	Griffiths	Franks	Lacey	Smith	Robinson
Sat 21	3.00pm	A	AFC Wimbledon	L 2-3	4,050	829	4	Justham	Harriman	Griffiths	Franks	Lacey	Smith	McGeehan
Sat 28	3.00pm	H	Accrington Stanley	W 2-0	8,700	87	4	Justham	Harriman	Griffiths	Franks	Wilkinson	Smith	McGeehan

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Tue 3	7.45pm	A	Bury	L 0-1	2,915	328	4	Justham	Harriman	Griffiths	McNulty	Wilkinson	Smith	McGeehan
Sat 7	3.00pm	H	Morecambe	L 2-3	8,667	94	5	Justham	Harriman	Griffiths	McNulty	Wilkinson	Smith	MCGEEHAN 1
Sat 14	3.00pm	A	Portsmouth	L 0-2	17,149	2,680	6	Justham	Harriman	Howells	McNulty	Wilkinson	Drury	McGeehan
Tue 17	7.45pm	A	Newport County	L 0-1	2,526	349	6	Justham	Harriman	Howells	McNulty	Wilkinson	Drury	McGeehan

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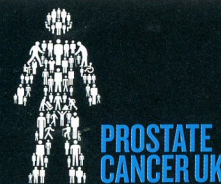
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Sat 18	3.00pm	H	Hartlepool United											
Sat 25	3.00pm	A	Southend United											

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Sat 2	3.00pm	H	Stevenage											
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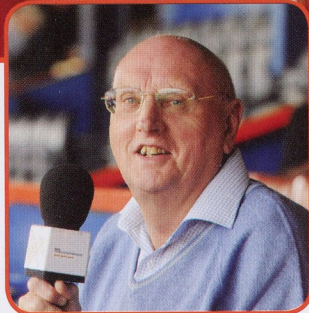
WITH BILL COLE

I am not usually in the habit of quoting Tory Prime Ministers, but it was John Major who said "summer afternoons will never be the same again", when BBC cricket commentator Brian Johnson died.

It will be four years next Monday since my great friend Ian Pearce, another much loved BBC broadcaster, passed away quite suddenly on the day of a midweek home match - and the Saturdays of Town's away games have never been the same again for me since.

Together

We travelled the length and breadth of the country together following the Hatters for many years, sometimes we did the game together, sometimes with Simon Oxley, sometimes with Simon Pitts and sometimes with Geoff Doyle but Pearcy, and I always left the radio station with plenty of time to spare for a meal and pint or two of Real Ale (or maybe three for Pearcy) when we got to our destination.



And so it was on this weekend four years ago I drove him back at breakneck speed from Southport because he had to host the BBC Three Counties Radio's Faith Programme at five o'clock next morning and would lose an hour's sleep when the clocks went forward that night. We made good time.

On the Monday he phoned me to say that Richard Money had been

sacked and Gary Brabin appointed. There is a lovely photograph pinned up on the wall of the 3CR newsroom of Gary being interviewed by Ian, both of them smiling, at that day's press conference. It was the last time we saw him. The alarm was raised when he did not show up for that Tuesday evening game against Barrow.

I wonder what Pearcy would make of the terrible run of away defeats Luton are suffering. Not best pleased I suspect, like the rest of us but.....

Look where Town were when we lost him. No chance of automatic promotion, only the lottery of the Play-Offs on the cards and a subsequent three years in the Conference wilderness after losing out to AFC Wimbledon at the Etihad.

Barrow, on the other hand have since been relegated and are rubbing shoulders with the likes of Solihull Moors, North Ferriby United, Brackley, and Colwyn Bay.

So perhaps sixth in League 2 isn't so bad after all, with three to go up automatically just about within reach and another four places up for grabs to go up to League 1 next season through the Play-Offs. Fourth time lucky there?

I think we might have taken that with nine games to go, at the start of the campaign. Much better than this time four years ago.

Tonight I'll raise a glass to Ian's memory and give his memorial plaque on the press room door, so generously donated by Hatters fans, a little polish.



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- 16 Tommy Fletcher
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