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# welcome

## TO KENILWORTH ROAD



“ Happy Easter and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for this afternoon’s Good Friday meeting with our friends from Devon, Exeter City.

It seems a long time since our paths crossed back at St James Park at the start of November and today’s game takes on particular significance with just seven matches of the normal League 2 season remaining. Both clubs find themselves battling for a place in the top seven and a shot at extending their campaign in the Play-Offs.

Our last home match, against Wycombe, may have ended in disappointment on the pitch, but off it we were delighted with the response from our one-off renaming of Kenilworth Road as the Prostate Cancer UK Stadium. The reaction to the name change and the exposure Prostate Cancer UK received from the initiative was fantastic, with thousands of pounds raised for the charity. A big thank you to those people who volunteered, helped and donated on what was a very special occasion.

We’ll keep you up to date with our partnership with Prostate Cancer UK in due course – and don’t forget we have a special tournament in May here at Kenilworth Road which you can enter. Further details are explained elsewhere in today’s programme.

Happy reading and enjoy the game #COYH ”

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# JOHN STILL



Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road. I must start these notes by saying congratulations to all involved in the Prostate Cancer UK Stadium renaming for the Wycombe game and I trust the initiative helped raised awareness and money for such a great cause.

Today I'd like to welcome everyone associated with our visitors Exeter City, including manager Paul Tisdale and his staff and players.

Paul has done a terrific job down in Devon for many years and is the League's longest-serving manager. With limited resources he has worked wonders, taking advantage of the club's excellent academy to blood a number of talented young players in the first team.

They come here this afternoon aiming to build on an unbeaten run as they join us in the race to reach the Play-Offs.

## Improve

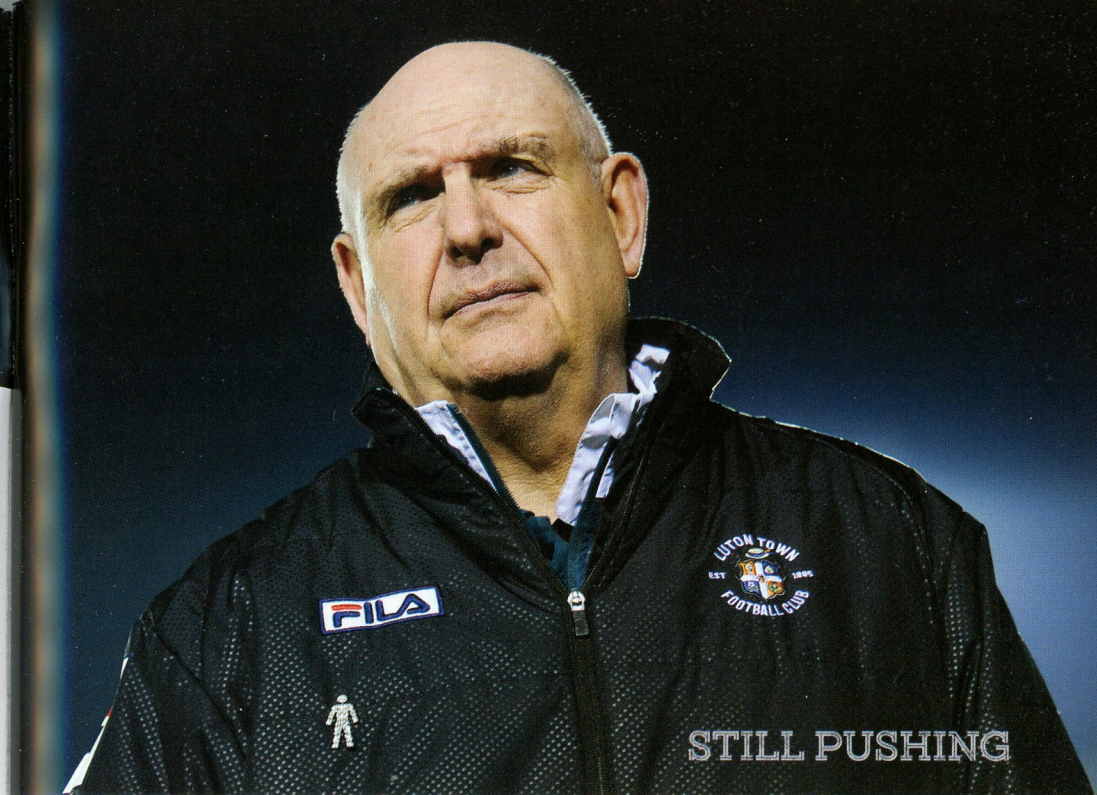
If we are to reach the Play-Offs then, it goes without saying, we need our form and results to improve.

Six defeats on the trot is not acceptable at any level, regardless of the mitigating circumstances. Five of those defeats were by the odd goal so we know we're not far off turning the corner.

I also know that our players have not turned into bad ones overnight. Only a month ago we were chasing automatic promotion but our attention has now turned to cementing a place in the top seven.

It won't be easy as we have to fight for one with a number of other clubs in good form. A victory today will go a big way to helping us achieve that goal. This afternoon's game is the first of seven huge matches between now and the end of the regular season. If you look at the fixtures and our opposition all I can say is if we do make it then we will go into the Play-Offs in excellent form.

**NO EXCUSES. WE HAVEN'T BEEN GOOD ENOUGH. THAT'S THE BOTTOM LINE. IT'S IMPORTANT, THOUGH, FOR US TO FOCUS FORWARDS, ON OUR REMAINING SEVEN MATCHES, BECAUSE THERE IS STILL SUCCESS FOR THIS FOOTBALL CLUB TO BE HAD BETWEEN NOW AND MAY.**



STILL PUSHING

In the last fortnight we have been able to call upon the services of a number of senior players back from injury who we have really missed in the past month. Nathan Doyle and Jonathan Smith made their returns in the defeat at Northampton while Paul Benson has now completed two lots of 90 minutes in the matches against Northampton and Wycombe.

## Stronger

Any team in this division would miss three players of their experience and with Mark Tyler close to a return the squad is getting stronger at an important time of the season.

The last six matches have been hugely disappointing, however, and there's simply no escaping that. No excuses. We haven't been good enough. That's the bottom line. It's important, though, for us to focus forwards on our remaining seven matches, because there is still success for this football club to be had between now and May.

This club has gone through its fair share of disappointment in the past and I would like to think those days are now behind it.

We have done well to be in the position we are in the league table, that there is no doubt. The frustrating thing is that we have hit a bad run of form at the wrong time. Now is the time for everyone to pull together.

## Opportunity

We accept that we haven't been good enough recently and now we have to stand up and be counted if we're to go on and achieve this success. After all, it's something everybody wants so, after the season we've had, why would we want to throw this opportunity away?

Throughout this difficult time, and indeed all season, your support has been magnificent.

Your noise levels at the last home match and at Northampton were unbelievable and we were all deeply disappointed we couldn't reward your backing with three points.

Today is an absolutely crucial game in which your support can play a leading role, so please get behind us and enjoy the game.

# BOARDROOM

WITH CHIEF EXECUTIVE GARY SWEET



Welcome everybody, back to Kenilworth Road on a Good Friday afternoon.

After a short and successful stadium name change in aid of the Prostate Cancer UK charity we hope to be entertained by our match with Paul Tisdale's Grecians today.

Welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Exeter City today who will be travelling some 420 miles to make the round trip. I hope you're all given a warm, hospitable welcome and enjoy your day – naturally, until the game kicks off when the remainder of the audience (including me) will be more than anxious to witness a much needed win for Luton Town!

Run by its Supporters' Trust, Exeter is a club that's trying to operate the right way. Knowing some of the people who are involved, I hold a respectable admiration for the way they stand by their sound principles of within their means, being inclusive with their fanbase and engaging the community; not too unlike our own objectives and accomplishments.

## Generosity

Indeed, since our last game, a lot has happened at Kenilworth Road in this regard. As well as creating a great deal of publicity for the charity, we raised an astonishing £4,000 for Prostate Cancer UK – thanks to your wonderful generosity – and this figure may indeed hit our target of £10,000.

Additionally, last week, we were also fully accredited by the Living Wage Foundation for complying with their audit. We now proudly pay all full-time, part-time and matchday staff the Living Wage – not just a promise to accomplish it a couple of years down the line – we do it and do it now.

With so much positivity around our community engagements, it was sad for the Board to see David Blakeman stand down. David was a fantastic ambassador representing Luton Town within the local community and, although we won't see him vanish completely, we wish him well in his business ventures.

So...back to matters on the pitch – and another loss! Ideally, this is a position I'd prefer not to be in – having to take account of our appalling recent form. We are all bitterly disappointed that this poor run has ultimately led to a missed opportunity for another automatic promotion.

Within the soul-searching over recent weeks (especially this one) it is reasonable and valid that we recognise that things

would have been different had we not have endured such a horrendous run of injuries. Not just in number but also to key, senior, vocal members of the first team and with clusters of absence in the same position. To have our entire first choice backbone whipped away, as we have had at times, was never going to be easy. Earlier in the season, if someone would have asked me how we'd fare without Tyler, McNulty, Doyle, Smith, Ruddock Mpanzu, Guttridge and Benson, I'd have been very nervous to say the least.

And, as we try our best as supporters to keep our emotions in check in the directors' box throughout each 90 minutes, we have shared your intense frustrations with a long series of bewildering refereeing decisions which have curiously gone against us this season. If you think of these things as eventually balancing out, I think it will need an extraordinary turnaround to even themselves out during the course of the season. Come August, we should hold a substantial credit and should see lots more going our way!

That said; it isn't my job to simply make excuses when things don't go well. It is my job to accept the responsibility, acknowledge that misjudgements have been made by the wider team as a unit and to correct the situation.

We, as a management team (and I include myself) have made a number of errors which could have been averted, in hindsight - which we'll all learn greatly from. But in business (and football), it's easy to make the correct decision in isolation but much more difficult to get them all right when hundreds have to be made and, this season, the management team have had more decisions to make than I've ever known.

## Stability

It's also my duty to shine the spotlight on some perspective.

As true supporters, we all get frustrated, downhearted and infuriated when we witness glory slip away. But, whilst the Team is having trouble finding its feet back in the Football League, the Club is slowly but surely blossoming.

When we took the reins in 2008 our primary aim was to establish stability. Now, we're moving towards sustainability – when the Club can stand on its own two feet without the necessity to draw on the benevolence of our wonderful investors and without the necessity to compromise our ambitions.

Regardless of recent results, this is an incredibly promising position we have engineered. We are building the permanent foundations for an ambitious Club; we are not just building a squad of players for 2015/16.

Every department – from retail via commercial to pitch maintenance – has improved this season and is achieving its financial targets.

More importantly, we can all be proud of the accomplishments we have all made in shaping Luton Town into a positively unique Club with numerous fresh initiatives (the Club's image rights held by Trust In Luton, the introduction of the Living Wage, the Foodbank donation initiative, the stadium being renamed to fight against Prostate Cancer, the ramping up of our community coaching schemes to cover more special needs, the growth of our retail operations to provide more touch points, to name a few) and with more to follow as every member of staff and many volunteer supporters are getting behind our building of an influential institution.

We have a pleasant and satisfying responsibility, as football club custodians, of embracing an opportunity to influence others - and it is our duty to ensure we don't waste it.

It is fair to say that whilst the Club that was finally 'released from hospital' last summer, we will continue to suffer from a few growing pains - along with the odd unrecognised weakness which may be exposed as we develop and mature.

Right now, however, we need to embrace the opportunity that remains ahead of us: to make a giant, firm step forward and start winning again - whilst, in parallel, we reshape our squad for League 1, regardless of this season's outcome.

We must re-establish and drill home our Luton footballing DNA – I, unquestionably, would rather miss out by giving it a go the 'Luton Way' than miss out by adopting an alien approach.

## Nuture

Steps have already been taken to reduce the size of our large squad both to assist to focus on our run-in and to begin the process of building a squad of the optimum number and maximum quality for next season. John and his team will continue to do their bit to nurture our footballing DNA and to help build and shape our Club for the future.

So, a win today will put us on a good footing and there's nothing wrong that a little confidence wouldn't cure. You can certainly be full of confidence in our future and can be 100 per cent sure that the right management are in place throughout the business to build your Club and your Team for the long term.

You can also be confident, as we are (subject to the standard set of caveats that will always be required at this time) that by the time you receive your 2016/17 season ticket – regardless of where we'll be – that a planning application for a new stadium should already have been submitted.

As I said frequently in those somewhat darker Conference years – we can promise promotion, we just can't promise when. As the stable infrastructure gets built around John Still, his coaching staff and his team, we will deliver, and I still believe we are more than capable of delivering this season.

Please get behind the lads positively today. You never know what might happen if you do!

Gary



## HONOURS

**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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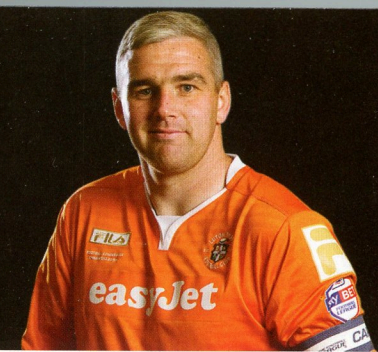
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# MACCA

THIS IS YOUR CAPTAIN SPEAKING

FROM THE DRESSING ROOM WITH STEPHEN McNULTY



It goes without saying that our run of results is not good enough. A sequence of six defeats on the spin and eight defeats in nine matches is relegation form.

One of the best things about football is that there is always the next game. That next match always gives you hope and expectation and we're confident that today is the day we end our horrible run and kick-on in the final month of the season.

As a group we all believe it is only a matter of time before we put an end to this run – starting this afternoon against Exeter. There's no doubt that today's game will be tough, like they all are, but the confidence and moral in the group has not wavered despite this bad run.

At difficult times like this managers and players often learn the most about their team-mates, and I think this recent period of disappointment will make us stronger as a team. It's easy to forget sometimes that our squad is a relatively young one, and even some of the more experienced lads have not endured such a run of results. I am sure that, although it might not seem it right now, we will all learn from this run. I believe it will make us stronger – as a group and as individuals.

We've enjoyed a lot of success over the past 18 months and we're keen as anyone to bring more good times to Kenilworth Road. It's important to take on board the criticisms we have faced recently as nobody is immune to it. We took the plaudits when we were playing well and now as players we must take the criticism we're now receiving on the chin, and make sure we come through it and end this bad run as soon as we can.

There's no getting away from the fact we've been unlucky but you make your own luck in games. It's true that of the last eight defeats seven have been by the odd goal. It does show how fine the margins are in football but we cannot use that, or injuries or suspensions, as an excuse.

We've set ourselves very high standards because we feel we have the squad good enough to challenge for promotion.

We have no excuses. Yes we've been hit by injuries and suspensions this season but the manager has pieced together a squad of players good enough to cope for such circumstances. The performances have not been up to standard and we need to up our game if we're to end this season on a high.

I know that many of you are disappointed but remember that we're just as disappointed. We've

set ourselves very high standards because we feel we have the squad good enough to challenge for promotion, and at the moment we're falling short. People are right to be frustrated with our recent results because they speak for themselves – they're not good enough – but I think we've been a victim of our own success in many ways because we enjoyed such a good middle part of the season which raised expectations.

### Testament

Despite all of this, if you had said to me before the start of the season that we would be two points off the Play-Offs with seven games to go having lost six successive matches I wouldn't have believed you. It's a testament to the lads for their early season form that we're still in with a shout of promotion despite such a horrendous sequence of results.

As a group we are confident, morale in the camp is high. If we were in the doldrums then what would be the point of carrying on? We may as well just pack our bags for our holidays if that was the case. But it's not the case, we have seven massive matches left and we need you to be with us every step of the way. We're in this together so please get behind us this afternoon. Enjoy the game.

# WEARING YELLOW... ALL FOR CHARITY!

What would it take for you to wear a Watford shirt? Go to a Hornets home game? How about running a lap of the pitch wearing a Watford shirt in front of a packed Vicarage Road? Or enduring 26.21 miles of road running in yellow and black?

Sounds like a Hatters worst nightmare. Well, at half-time today, Watford fan Terry Wesley will be running a lap of the pitch wearing a Luton Town shirt, prior to running the London Marathon in the same kit on the 26th April. All thanks to his friend, life-long Hatters fan, Nick Waldock. We caught up with Nick to find out why:

## WHAT IS THE STORY BEHIND TERRY'S DECISION TO FUNDRAISE IN THIS WAY?

Terry has a five-year-old son, Alec, with Cystic Fibrosis. He will be running the London Marathon to raise funds for the charity and asked for donations from friends and colleagues. I did the usual donation thing and then a few days later thought I'd make him an offer that I really didn't think he'd entertain. I offered to raise more money if he would run the full 26 miles in a Luton shirt. Being a long standing Watford fan I thought he would laugh in my face at the proposal! Amazingly he responded by offering to do it for £250. I thought he was massively underselling himself. If roles were reversed I don't think there would be enough money in the world to make me even consider pulling on one of their shirts! But I guess every penny counts when you're so committed to raising funds for such a good cause.

## WHAT IS THE STORY BEHIND YOUR FRIENDSHIP?

I met Terry about 20 years ago when we found ourselves working in the same office in Milton Keynes. We hit it off and found that we shared many similar interests such as beer and football! Unfortunately he supported the team down the road so there was a fierce rivalry which was magnified when we played against each other. Terry was an uncompromising defender who played in the style of the team he supported, attempting to kick lumps out of any more skilful 'Lutonesque' sort of players bearing down on goal. We continued working together for several years and have always kept in touch and met up for the occasional beer or two. This will be the first time we have actually attended a match together.

## HOW MUCH MONEY ARE YOU LOOKING TO RAISE?

Terry was originally looking to raise £250 but I think this is a massive commitment from him that should be worth

much more. It is not a decision he has taken lightly to wear the shirt of his fiercest rivals and to attend a Luton home game to publicise the fact. I believe that this is such a good cause and I'd hope that rivalries could be set aside just this once. I'm sure most Luton fans will agree and I'm confident they will donate generously.

## HOW CAN PEOPLE SHOW THEIR SUPPORT AND HOW CAN THEY DONATE?

It would be great if people could go to Terry's fundraising page to donate and leave messages of support. A Hornet running as a Hatter for the day has got to be worth a few quid!

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/TerryWesleyCF>

We welcome both Terry and Nick to today's game and wish Terry the best luck with his fundraising. #COYH (Hatters, not Hornets)

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

A very happy birthday to Hatters fan Dave Cairns who is celebrating his 50th birthday in an executive box this afternoon. Lots of love from his wife Kirsten, his family and friends and all of his football buddies!



We'd like to also wish a belated 16th birthday to ardent Town supporter Josh Duffy, who celebrated his birthday on 29th March. Lots of love from all your family and everyone at Luton Town.

# PROSTATE CANCER UK STADIUM

All at Luton Town would like to thank supporters for their generosity at our match at the renamed Prostate Cancer UK Stadium for our game with Wycombe Wanderers.

In the region of £1,500 was raised for Prostate Cancer UK on the night itself, through the sale of programmes and through bucket collections.

We would also like to pay tribute to the staff at Prostate Cancer UK for their hard work and enthusiasm in the lead up to the match; as well as the many volunteers who also helped on the night.

Further communication following last week's link-up with Prostate Cancer UK will be published in due course, including the total raised through their text-to-donate service.



In the meantime, if you and a group of friends or work colleagues fancy gracing the hallowed turf at Kenilworth Road, why not take part in our end-of-season corporate football tournament? The competition takes place on Friday 15th May between 1pm and 5pm with all the proceeds raised going to Prostate Cancer UK.

For more information contact our commercial manager David Hoskins on 01582 411622 or email [david.hoskins@lutontown.co.uk](mailto:david.hoskins@lutontown.co.uk).

# WELCOME, LEWIS!

Highly-rated Aston Villa left-back Lewis Kinsella joined the Hatters on loan for the rest of the season before our match with Northampton.

The 20-year-old is tipped for a bright future with the Premier League club and has already made a big impression with new Villa boss Tim Sherwood.

Kinsella was drafted into the Villans' squad last month for the Premier League fixtures against Swansea and Sunderland, as well as the FA Cup win over West Brom which sealed Villa's place in the semi-finals. With Scott Griffiths due to undergo a hernia operation, the Town are short of left-backs, and Kinsella fits the bill perfectly.

Manager John Still told Talk of the Town: "We are very lucky to have a player of Lewis' calibre – it speaks volumes that he has been on Villa's bench for their last two Premier League games.

"With Scott unavailable and needing an operation we are light of players in that area, and with that in mind, we're delighted to be able to do a deal to bring Lewis to Luton Town.

"He is very highly thought of at Villa Park and he has been training regularly with the first team. He's a young man but he's a tough and up-and-at-them defender, and whenever we've seen him play we've always been massively impressed."

Kinsella has been a regular for Villa's youth and development sides since arriving at Villa Park from

Arsenal, and helped their Under-19s win the NextGen Series – youth football's European Cup – in 2013.

In other news, striker Ross Lafayette has rejoined former club Welling United on loan until the end of the season and midfielder Ian Rees has extended his loan at Hitchin until the campaign's close.

The Hatters also mutually terminated the contract of midfielder Luke Rooney, who has since joined Conference South outfit Ebbsfleet United.

# EASTER SIGNING SESSIONS!

Stuck for plans over Easter half term? Don't worry - we've got it covered with not one, but two player signings.

The first took place yesterday when Jonathan Smith and Nathan Doyle met Hatters fans at the club shop in Kenilworth Road, and next Thursday, 9th April, Luke Wilkinson and Alex Lawless will be at the Store in the Mall between 2pm and 3pm.

So why not pop along on the day, pick up a shirt, a photo or any of our official club merchandise for the players to sign, Happy Harry will be making an appearance too.

Remember to check out [www.hattersworld.co.uk](http://www.hattersworld.co.uk), our online store for all your Town merchandise.

# let's go



THERE'S NO REST FOR THE HATTERS AS THE EASTER PROGRAMME CONTINUES ON MONDAY WHEN THE TOWN MAKE THE TRIP TO THE WIRRAL TO TAKE ON TRANMERE ROVERS AT PRENTON PARK

## TRANMERE ROVERS



**WHO?** Tranmere Rovers, aka the Whites, or Rovers, a club formed in 1884 – originally as Belmont FC before their name change a year later. Rovers are based in Birkenhead and were founder members of Division 3 (North) in 1921. They've remained

members of the League ever since...

**WHERE?** Rovers play their home games at the all-seater Prenton Park, an impressive 16,567 capacity stadium for League 2 standards. Opened in 1912 it was renovated in 1995 and it is also the venue in which the Liverpool reserves play their home fixtures. Prenton Park's record attendance is 24,424, which came when Rovers hosted Stoke in an FA Cup tie in 1972. In recent seasons, Rovers' average attendance has hovered around the 5,000 mark.

**HOW TO GET THERE.** M1 and M6 north. From M6/M56 join the M53 and exit at junction four and take the B5151 Mount Road from the fourth exit of the roundabout - the ground is signposted from here. After two-and-a-half miles when Mount Road becomes Storeton Road, turn right at the traffic lights into Prenton Road West and the ground is down this road on the right hand side. If you don't fancy driving, don't worry: the Bobbers are running a coach to Prenton Park. They leave at 9am with the fare £29 for adults and £26 for concessions.

**HOW THEY DOING?** Honestly? Not great. Rovers suffered relegation from League 1 last term and now face a fight to avoid the drop to the Conference this season. New boss Micky Adams guided the side away from the dropzone earlier in the campaign but now Rovers

find themselves in the bottom two after a run of seven defeats in their last 10 matches. They lie a point above bottom-of-the-table Cheltenham but a point below 22nd placed Hartlepool – managed by former boss Ronnie Moore. Their last home win came in a 2-1 victory over Shrewsbury.

**HOME COMFORTS.** Only York and Cheltenham have won less games at home this season than Tranmere with the Prenton Park faithful cheering just five victories this season from 20 matches. Rovers have drawn seven and lost eight, scoring 26 and conceding 29 on home soil.

**HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?** Monday's meeting will be the 30th meeting between the two clubs with the Town just holding the upper hand when it comes to the head-to-head records. The Hatters' 1-0 win over Rovers in November was the 14th win over Tranmere. Rovers have won 11 with four games ended all square. The Town have won just four of their 13 visits to Prenton Park, with the last coming back in November 2002 when goals from Matthew Spring, Ahmet Brkovic and Steve Howard secured a 3-1 win. The Town lost on their last visit to the Wirral in September 2007 in League 1 with Paul Furlong on target in a 2-1 defeat.

**CLUB CONNECTIONS.** A number of players have played for both the Town and Tranmere down the years, mostly notably Enoch Showunmi. Another player that served both with distinction was midfielder Paul McLaren. High-Wycombe born Paul joined the Town as a trainee before making his debut in a 2-2 draw at Stoke on the final day of the 1993/94 season. Other players to have played for both include three goalkeepers: Alec Chamberlain, Ian Feuer and Dino Seremet. Chamberlain and Seremet both spent time on loan at Prenton Park.

# tickets please



## 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:** Tickets are now on general sale 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.

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SKY BET LEAGUE 2

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SKY BET LEAGUE 2

TUESDAY 14th APRIL 2015, KICK-OFF 7.45PM

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**Prices in the Traditional Builders Stand:** £21 adults, £15 seniors over-65, £12 under-17s, free for under-10s with a full-paying adult

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## TONIGHT'S MASCOTS

This afternoon we welcome six mascots to Kenilworth Road. Please give a warm welcome to the following who will all get the opportunity to meet the management and players before the game and then lead the team out onto the pitch prior to kick-off.

**Harry Garner.** Age 7 today!

Favourite player: Mark Cullen

**Lochlan Newman.** Age 12.

Favourite player: Stephen McNulty

**Matthew Danes.** Age 10.

Favourite player: Jonathan Smith

**Daniel Danes.** Age 13.

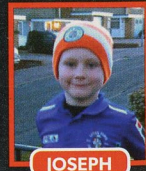
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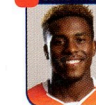
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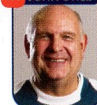
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# welcome

## EXETER CITY



It gives us great pleasure to welcome everyone associated with Exeter City to Kenilworth Road this afternoon.

Our visitors from Devon are enjoying an excellent season in League 2 and arrive in Bedfordshire today knowing three points will bring them level on points with the Hatters in the league table.

Paul Tisdale's side are on a six-match unbeaten run, winning three and drawing three during that time, to give the Grecians a chance of reaching the Play-Offs.

It is a position that many of the pundits thought would not be possible with many tipping the St James Park outfit for a season of struggle. Indeed, that prediction seemed accurate in the opening month of the campaign which saw Tisdale's side start the season with a seven-match winless run which saw them prop up the League 2 table.

But since that indifferent form the Grecians have steadily improved to rise up the table. In the past month Tisdale's men have won two and drawn one of their last three matches away from home. Their six-game unbeaten run began with a goalless draw at York before they won 3-1 at Carlisle and beat Wimbledon 3-2 at St James Park. Two of their last three games have been draws – against Stevenage and Morecambe at St James – while their last win came at Cheltenham two weeks ago.

The two sides drew 1-1 at St James Park in November but the Hatters will need to be wary this afternoon with the Grecians enjoying a better away record than home. Overall this term Tisdale's side have won six, drawn eight and lost six on home turf, but City have won eight, drawn five and lost six on their travels. The Grecians have a minus one goal difference, having scored 26 and conceded 27 at home and scored and conceded 26 on the road.

Tisdale's team is mostly made up of homegrown talent who have come through City's excellent youth academy. Goalkeeper Christy Pym is an England Under-20 international while top goalscorer Tom Nichols – who is suspended for this afternoon's game following a red card last weekend – has also come through the system.

However, Exeter are not a side reliant on youth: Tisdale has the experienced heads of Matt Oakley – the former Southampton midfielder – and Clinton Morrison – the ex-Crystal Palace and Birmingham forward – in their ranks, and that blend of youth and experience are making the Grecians a tough nut to crack.

Hopes are high down in Devon of the Grecians gategrashing the Play-Offs in the final month of the season and visiting the faithful in the Oak Road end today will anticipate a second successive win at Kenilworth Road after their last visit back in 2009.

# in opposition



## OUR AT-A-GLANCE GUIDE TO THE MEN FROM THE ST JAMES PARK

### ► MANAGER

**PAUL TISDALE.** Boss now in his ninth season in charge, making him the Football League's longest-serving manager. Took over in 2006 and has since guided the Grecians from the Conference to League 1.

### ► GOALKEEPERS

**CHRISTY PYM.** Highly-rated young goalkeeper who has come through the ranks at St James Park to become first choice. Was called up to the England Under-20 squad in August.

**JAMES HAMON.** Young Guernsey-born goalkeeper who made his senior bow this season and was first given a squad number in September 2013.

### ► DEFENDERS

**DANNY BUTTERFIELD.** Hugely-experienced versatile right-back who joined City in September 2013. Came through the ranks at Grimsby before going onto play for Crystal Palace and Southampton.

**CRAIG WOODMAN.** Devon-born left-back who arrived at St James Park in 2012. Started his career at Bristol City before a move to Wycombe, winning player of the year, before moving to Brentford.

**PAT BALDWIN.** Former Chelsea trainee who joined City in 2012 when making a loan move from Southend permanent. Made his name at Colchester, though, making over 240 appearances.

**CHRISTIAN RIBEIRO.** Welsh international defender who joined the Grecians this summer. Came through the Bristol City academy and has also played for Stockport, Colchester, Carlisle and Scunthorpe on loan.

**JORDAN MOORE-TAYLOR.** Young centre-half who came through the ranks with the club and has gone on to establish himself as a regular.

### ► MIDFIELDERS

**SCOT BENNETT.** Academy graduate at St James Park who established himself as a regular in the City side in 2012/13. A popular figure at the club he was named captain at the start of this season.

**LIAM SERCOMBE.** Midfielder Exeter born and bred who has come through the ranks at St James Park. Capable of playing on either flank he made his debut as a teenager and has played over 200 times.

**MATT OAKLEY.** Vastly experienced central midfielder who arrived at Exeter in 2011. Made his name at Southampton where he played over 300 times in the Premier League.

**JIMMY KEOHANE.** Irish midfielder who joined City from Bristol City after a successful trial. A regular scorer at reserve level he helped the Grecians avoid the drop at the end of last season.

**ARRON DAVIES.** Former Southampton midfielder who moved to City in 2013 after seasons on the books at Yeovil, Peterborough and Northampton.

**DAVID NOBLE.** A permanent addition to the ranks in 2015 after a successful loan spell from Oldham. A youth cup winner with Arsenal, he then moved to Boston, Bristol City and Yeovil.



**DAVID WHEELER.** Speedy winger who joined the Grecians the day before the start of last season. The right-sided midfielder began his career at hometown club Brighton before signing for Staines.

**RYAN HARLEY.** Bristol-born attacking midfielder who rejoined City on loan from Swindon. Started his career at Bristol City and then had four years at Exeter in his first spell.

**TOM MCCREADY.** February arrival who signed for the Grecians after being on the books at Morecambe – playing against his new employers earlier in the season.

### ► STRIKERS

**TOM NICHOLS.** Academy graduate and the Grecians' top goalscorer this term who is suspended for today's game. Joined the club as an under-11 and is highly-rated by the St James Park outfit.

**ALEX NICHOLLS.** September arrival from Northampton who penned a permanent deal after a short loan spell. Came through Walsall's academy and went onto make over 200 appearances for the Saddlers.

**GRAHAM CUMINS.** Striker whose move from Preston was funded by the Exeter supporters' 1931 Fund. Cork-born forward started at Cobh Ramblers before moves to Waterford and Cork.

**CLINTON MORRISON.** Experienced forward who joined on non-contract terms in November. Made his name at Crystal Palace, before spells in the Premier League with Birmingham, Coventry and Sheffield Wednesday.

# FROM THE OAK ROAD

**Ewan Gibb** may be 'exiled' in Yorkshire but he's not going to give up on the Grecians any time soon – not with memories of Play-Off victories, Wembley visits and a trip to Old Trafford still fresh in the memory...



**TALK OF THE TOWN:** Tell us about your season so far. What have been the high and low points? Marks out of 10 for your team?

**EWAN:** As a City fan exiled in West Yorkshire, my attendance at games has been a little poor this season. However, the 3-0 defeat at Home Park was a definite low. Or possibly that cup thing that we don't seem to bother too much about anymore - the less said on that one the better. The high point for me perhaps would be the 2-0 away win at Morecambe, as I seem to remember they were going pretty well at the time. Two of our home-grown players - Grimes and Pym – becoming England Under-20 first-team regulars was also pretty special. On our day, I'd suggest we could be around an 8/10. Then again, we could be a 3/10. Just depends which team turns up.

**TOTT:** Who is Exeter's dangerman the Hatters need to keep an eye out for today – and why?

**EWAN:** Can you guys not afford a proper scout? It's Tom Nichols – another youth product – who has 14 goals this season and has developed into an excellent striker. His work-rate is great and he has an eye for goal. I'm hopeful that he'll bag twenty this season. David Wheeler's pace is something to watch out for.

**TOTT:** Paul Tisdale is the league's second longest serving manager – behind Arsene Wenger - having been in charge since 2006. Tell us about the job he's done at St. James' Park. What's his relationship like with supporters? Are you surprised that a bigger club hasn't come knocking for his services?

**EWAN:** In his first three years at the club, Tisdale achieved some real successes – two Conference Play-Off finals, promotion back to the Football League and a successive promotion to League 1. The first season in League 1 was a struggle but we stayed up, and then surprised everyone with an eighth place finish the following year. Since then though, things have taken something of a downward turn, and, as far as I'm concerned, the jury is still out. Tisdale's relationship with supporters seems to vary from person-to-person and game-to-game. There are a number of fans who have become disillusioned with performances at home and attendances are becoming reflective of that. However, many fans still sing Tisdale's praises. I appreciated him making the time to come onto the terrace at Accrington to thank all the travelling fans for coming. It's rumoured that bigger clubs - namely Swansea, Southampton and Bristol City I believe – have, at times, been sniffing around Tisdale, but he has always maintained that he's got a job to do at City.

**TOTT:** Paul is known for his sartorial elegance and was once dubbed 'the best dressed manager in football'. What quirky outfits have you seen him wear over the years? On the subject of football fashion: what in your opinion are the best and worst kits you have seen grace the game?

## DID YOU KNOW?

Exeter City have played at St James Park since 1904 – by which time Newcastle United had already spent 12 years at their home of the same name (although technically it is St James' – if the apostrophe). 366 miles separate the two grounds, making it one of the longest trips in English football.

Exeter boss Paul Tisdale is renowned for his touchline fashion-sense

**EWAN:** I've always liked Tisdale's style of dress – he's a proper chap – but I don't tend to worry too much about what he wears as long as the team he puts out is doing a job on the pitch.

In terms of City kits, I really like the black and gold third kit that we had during the 2004/05 season, which we wore at Old Trafford.

I also really like a couple of our white shirts with red trim that we've had during the last few seasons – one that we wore at Wembley the second time, the other quite similar to a Man City away shirt. Our new home shirt has really grown on me.

As a fan of both Exeter City and Motherwell, anything in green and white is bin fodder! City's Jewson sponsored home shirt from 2002/03 is an ugly shirt with even uglier memories.

**TOTT:** What's the best Exeter City game you have ever seen and why? What made it special?

**EWAN:** There are a few really special games for obvious reasons – Everton, Charlton and then Manchester United in the FA Cup, two trips to Wembley and winning promotion at the Don Valley Stadium against Rotherham. However, I for one will never forget the feeling of seeing Richard Logan nod in the third goal against Torquay in the Conference Play-Off semi-final, to complete an aggregate comeback from two goals down and book a second trip to Wembley. The game finished

4-1 on the day, and I still get a tingle down my spine when I watch the last 20 minutes of that match. It was such a great day out!

**TOTT:** Will the Grecians make the Play-Offs this season? What are the club's ambitions for the next five years?



Tom Nichols

**EWAN:** I'm hopeful that we may manage it, although I reckon we will probably finish about 10th. Never say never though. Over the next five years, I would like to see us become a solid League 1 side. We had a recent windfall with the transfer fee from Matt Grimes to Swansea and I would like to see some of that money invested in the playing squad and in renovating parts of St James Park.

Adding a roof on the away end may encourage one or two more away fans each game!

**TOTT:** The clubs drew 1-1 in November – was a draw a fair result that day? Will it be close again? What's your score prediction?

**EWAN:** As I said, I don't get to many home games anymore – although I will be there against Morecambe – so it's hard to say. However, if I remember correctly, the words 'Luton survived a second half onslaught...' were used at the time to describe the game! I would happily take a point at Kenilworth Road for sure – 1-1 with Tom Nichols to score.

# A HATTER...

## AND A GRECIAN

A number of players have served both the Town and the Grecians, but three former Town managers all once played for Exeter City in their careers.

David Pleat played 69 Football League games for the Grecians between 1968 and 1970 and played 69 times – scoring 10 goals – during his time at Kenilworth Road.

Ray Harford, who guided the Town to the Littlewoods Cup in 1988, played 55 games for City between 1966 and 1967, while Paul Buckle had three spells as a player at St James Park before going onto manage the Hatters.

Other players to have represented both clubs include: Sam Parkin, Jamie Campbell, Steve Basham,

Ian Benjamin, Richard Dryden, Rowan Vine, Stuart Fleetwood, Adrian Whitbread, Jason Rees, Alan Kimble, Freddie Murray, Craig McAllister, George Pilkington, Forbes Phillipson-Masters, Steve Williams, John Sims, Graeme Tomlinson, Vince Hilaire and Jim McNichol.

The latter, a Scottish defender, spent two spells with the Grecians having originally started his career at Kenilworth Road.

The Town sold the Glaswegian to Brentford for a then Bees record of £33,000 in 1978 before moving to Exeter in 1984. After two years at St James Park he moved down the road to Torquay for three years and then moved back to Exeter for two seasons... and then back to Torquay once again in 1991!

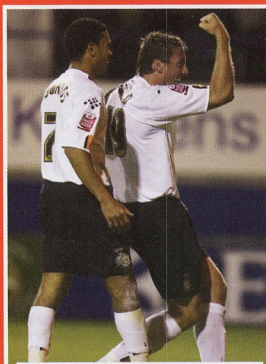
## HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

The Town hold a decent record against the Grecians overall, winning 31 of the 59 previous meetings, which includes 12 matches (won six, lost six) in the Southern League. The Hatters have drawn 13 and lost 16.

The Hatters don't have a bad record at St James Park, winning 12, losing 11 and drawing seven of their 31 previous trips to Exeter. The Town have won two and drawn two of their last four games away at Exeter, winning 5-0 in 1967, drawing 2-2 in 2001 and triumphing 1-0 thanks to a Sam Parkin goal in 2008. Between 1934 and 1960 the Hatters won on four successive trips to St James Park.

Here at Kenilworth Road the Town's record is much better, winning 19 of the 29 matches, with five draws and five Exeter victories.

The last time the Hatters hosted the Grecians on Bedfordshire



Steve Howard: A scorer against the Grecians in the Town's last home win over Exeter in 2002.

soil the visitors won all three points on their way to promotion from League 2 in March 2009. Adam Stansfield and Liam Sercombe had Exeter two goals to the good after half-an-hour, and although Tom Craddock halved the deficit but the Town could not force an equaliser. The win was the Grecians' first at Kenilworth Road since winning 2-1 in September 1964 in Division 3 (now League 1) in front of a crowd of 10,461.

The Hatters' last home win over today's visitors came back in the Division 3 (now League 2) promotion season of 2001/02 when two goals from Steve Howard and one from Matthew Taylor gave the Hatters a comfortable 3-0 win in March 2002.

You have to go back to November 1908 for the first meeting between the two clubs in the Southern League – a game which the Grecians came out on top 2-1.

Exeter were the opposition for the Hatters' 999th match in 1921 – a Division 3 (South) fixture that the Town won 1-0 at St James Park courtesy of a George Butcher goal.

# back to the future

## FOOTBALL HISTORIAN LEIGH EDWARDS TRACES WHAT HAPPENED TO TWO OF EXETER CITY'S GREATEST POST-WAR TEAMS

### ► 1976/77 PROMOTION WINNERS

**RICHARD KEY:** Young goalkeeper who later played for Cambridge United, Orient, Brentford, Sunderland, then Cambridge United and Brentford again. He has since run a care home on the Isle of Wight.

**JOHN TEMPLEMAN:** Versatile right-back who joined Swindon Town in July 1979, then played for Witney before coaching in Sweden and managing Arundel. He has worked in sports centre management.

**JOHN HORE:** Experienced defender who moved to Bideford as player-boss in December 1980. He returned to Plymouth Argyle as manager, then coached Exeter and ran a health and fitness club in Exeter.

**GRAHAM WEEKS:** Young midfielder who joined AFC Bournemouth in May 1978, then Taunton, Exmouth, Bideford, Dawlish and Crediton. He settled in Exeter and has since worked for British Telecom.

**BOBBY SAXTON:** Central defender who was Exeter's player-boss. He rejoined Plymouth Argyle as manager in January 1979, then managed Blackburn Rovers and York City before coaching at Sunderland.

**PETER HATCH:** Long-serving favourite who netted 18 goals in 346 League games before reuniting with John Hore at Bideford in July 1982. He has settled in Exeter and since worked as a postman.

**BOBBY HODGE:** Local-born winger who moved to Colchester United in September 1978. Later with Torquay United, Chelmsford City and Clacton Town's player-coach, he became a carpenter in Exeter.

**TONY KELLOW:** Striker who joined Blackpool in November 1978, then played for Exeter again, Plymouth, Swansea, Newport and Exeter again. Later commercial manager, he died in February 2011.

**LAMMIE ROBERTSON:** Versatile striker who joined Leicester City in September 1977, then Peterborough United, Bradford City, Northwich Victoria and Darwen. He has since been a financial adviser.

**ALAN BEER:** Leading marksman who netted 52 goals in 114 League games until a knee injury ended his career in September 1977. He has since worked for a Honda dealership in his native Swansea.

**NICK JENNINGS:** Experienced winger who became a county court welfare officer with Dorset Probation Service. Also coaching at various Wessex League clubs, he was Wimborne's general manager.

### ► 1989/90 FOURTH DIVISION CHAMPIONS

**KEVIN MILLER:** Goalkeeper who later played for Birmingham, Watford, Crystal Palace, Barnsley, Exeter again, Bristol Rovers, Southampton and Torquay. He is a goalkeeping coach at Truro College.

**SCOTT HILEY:** Right-back who joined Birmingham in March 1993, then Manchester City, Southampton, Portsmouth and Exeter again. He runs Eastcote Guest House with wife Tina in Clyst St Mary.

**CHRIS VINNICOMBE:** England Under-21 left-back who later played for Glasgow Rangers, Burnley, Wycombe Wanderers and Exeter again. He has managed Tiverton and runs Sukkerz Foot Spa in Exeter.

**JIM McNICHOL:** Former Scotland Under-21 international who netted 18 goals in 129 League games during two spells at St James' Park, then rejoined Torquay. He is licensee of The Exeter Inn in Ashburton.

**SHAUN TAYLOR:** Central defender and captain who netted 17 goals in 200 League games before moving to Bristol City in September 1996. He has since coached at Exeter and recently Torquay United.

**CLIVE WHITEHEAD:** Experienced midfielder who became Yeovil Town's player-boss, then rejoined Bristol City as reserve/youth coach. He has since been a financial adviser with the PFA and Openwork.

**DARRAN ROWBOTHAM:** Leading marksman who later played for Torquay United, Birmingham City, Crewe Alexandra, Shrewsbury Town, Exeter again and Weymouth. Now working for Leyland/DAF.

**DANNY BAILEY:** Midfielder who later had spells with Reading, Exeter again, Slough, Telford, Forest Green, Welling, Grays Athletic, Aylesbury and Waltham Forest. He has held Academy coaching posts.

**BRIAN McDERMOTT:** Ex-England Youth striker who netted four goals in 68 League games before moving to Yeovil Town in July 1990. He has since managed Slough, Woking, Reading and Leeds United.

**STEVE NEVILLE:** Much-travelled striker who later played for South China, Dorchester, Torrington and Clyst Rovers. He then coached Australian side Sorrento and is now a plasterer in Western Australia.

**RICHARD DRYDEN:** Favourite who later had spells at Notts County, Brighton, Bristol City, Southampton, Luton and Scarborough, then coach/manager at Tamworth, Worcester, Darlington and York.

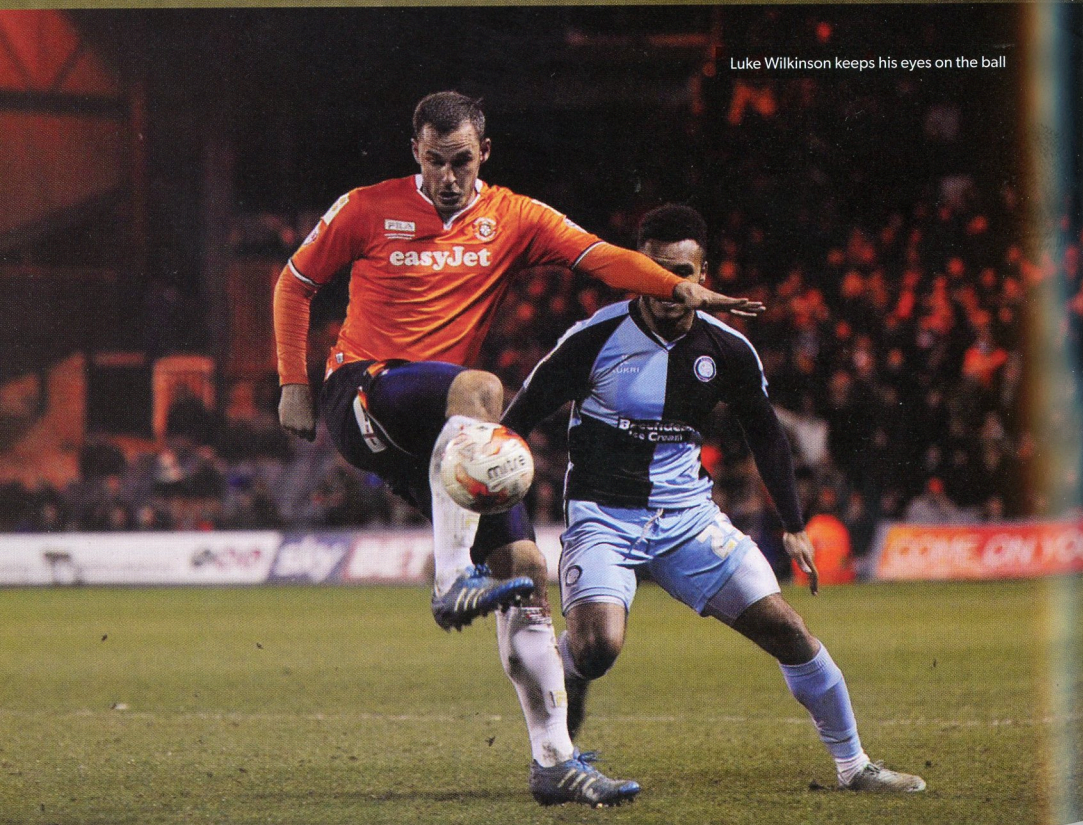
# TOWN 2-3 WYCOMBE

LEE 7, 38

SAUNDERS 3, HAYES 22 (PEN), MAWSON 31



Elliot Lee volleys home his second goal



Luke Wilkinson keeps his eyes on the ball

## WHAT'S THE STORY?

The Town fell to their fifth straight defeat in League 2 as their hoodoo in front of the television cameras continued.

But the Hatters did not help themselves as they conceded an early goal when Fraser Franks inadvertently deflected Sam Saunders' shot past Elliot Justham in the third minute.

Four minutes later, however, the Town were level when Elliot Lee pounced in the six-yard box after Wycombe keeper Matt Ingham had spilled Luke Guttridge's shot.

However the Chairboys retook the lead on 22 minutes when Luke Wilkinson fouled Matt Bloomfield in the penalty area and Paul Hayes fired low past Justham, who had guessed the right way.

The Town's work was made even tougher just after the half-hour when Alfie Mawson was allowed to play a one-two with Hayes before finishing expertly past the exposed Justham.

Two goals behind the Hatters needed a goal before the break to make a game of it and Lee came up trumps again seven minutes before the interval with his second of the night. Jake Howells' left-wing cross was met at the back post by Michael Harriman and his knock-down was volleyed home by Lee.

Franks came off injured at the break and was replaced by Matt Robinson at the start of the second half in which the Town dominated.

However despite their dominance the Hatters could not find an equaliser with Ingram tested seriously once when substitute Nathan Oduwa's shot from an acute angle was tipped over the crossbar.

As time ticked down the Town rallied in search of a late leveller but Wycombe held on to inflict yet another defeat on the luckless Hatters who have now tasted victory just once in their last 13 matches on live television.



The teams come out at the Prostate Cancer UK Stadium



Elliot Lee goes between two Wycombe defenders



Luke Guttridge about to show close control

**TOWN:** Justham; McNulty, Wilkinson, Franks (sub Robinson 46); Harriman, Howells; McGeehan (sub Oduwa 77), Drury, Guttridge; Benson, Lee (sub Cullen 80). **SUBS NOT USED:** Lawless, Stockley, King, Lacey.

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# reaction

## BENSON FRUSTRATED WITH LATEST HOME DEFEAT



An honest Paul Benson admitted that the Town must now concentrate on winning promotion through the Play-Offs after the defeat at home to Wycombe Wanderers put a huge dent in their automatic promotion hopes.

The 35-year-old completed his first 90 minutes since breaking his leg against Mansfield at the end of November but despite being satisfied to return from injury it was the performance of the Hatters that frustrated the forward the most with a place in the top three ebbing away.

"Personally, I think we've probably pushed it too far now," said the former Dagenham man. "What's the gap? Thirteen points from eight games – I think a top three place is probably beyond reach.

"I'm an optimist but even I'd be pushing it to say we can still get in there. If we win all our remaining games then you never know but it certainly looks a very hard feat now.

"You come out and say that we want to get automatic promotion, like I said after the Portsmouth game, and you lose two games running and you look a bit silly saying it.

"We had a great opportunity to get promoted this season in the automatic spots and at the moment we're

doing our best to throw it all away, whether that's through individual errors or just collectively as a team, it's not good enough.

"I can stand here and say we need to work harder in training or [in the] next game it's going to be all right, but they are just words and I reckon there are a lot of supporters getting bored of hearing people saying it.

"I know I'm getting bored of saying it myself. We've got to find a way out of it. We really need to get a win and take it from there."

For the second game running the Town lost at home 3-2, with Wycombe scoring three times in the first 45 minutes.

### Sharpen

And Benson believes the Hatters must sharpen up at the back if they are to end the season on a high and reach the Play-Offs.

"We want to get promoted this season and if you let in three goals in the first half you're never going to get promoted doing that," he

said. "They are cheap goals and it makes it very hard to win games of football when you've got to score four goals to win the game.

"It's ridiculous to think that we're going to be doing that every game and, at the moment, it seems like we're having to come back from a goal down to win a game, if not two or three. It's just asking too much for players to do that. We need to try and nip it in the bud and stop giving away stupid goals."

The Town's success earlier in the campaign was built on a strong defence but since injuries and suspensions to key players kicked in the Hatters have struggled to keep a clean sheet in recent games.

"It's about getting that balance right, because there was a point in the season where we were so defensively solid but didn't look like we could score a goal," explained Benson, who has won promotion from League 2 Play-Offs while under John Still at Dagenham.

"I thought our attacking play was good...it's just sod's law that it coincided with a poor defensive performance. Thank god I'm not a manager because the gaffer will have to sort it out and get us going for the remaining games of the season.

"We just need to start winning games."

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# reaction

## LEE DEDICATES DOUBLE TO DYLAN

On a poignant night at the Prostate Cancer UK Stadium, Town striker Elliot Lee used his goal celebration against Wycombe to pay tribute to friend and former West Ham team-mate Dylan Tombides.

Tombides died aged 20 in April last year after a battle with testicular cancer, and Lee has worn the number 38 – Tombides' Hammers squad number – since moving on loan from Upton Park to Kenilworth Road.

And on a night in which the Hatters renamed Kenilworth Road to help raise awareness of another form of the disease, it turned out to be a bitter-sweet evening for the on-loan striker as the Town went down 3-2 despite Lee's brace, with Lee revealing a t-shirt with a message that read: 'For you Dyl. Gone but never forgotten.'

"I was delighted to do that for Dyl," said Lee. "Being on the Sky Sports cameras I thought it was a great stage to honour my good mate who sadly passed away nearly a year to the day, so I'm really happy I could have done that for him.

"On a personal level, my granddad had prostate cancer. He had surgery to get it removed and I did Movenber for him. He's fully recovered now.

"It hit the family hard but the family stuck together and it's great to see him fighting fit again. My granddad is always in high spirits and the surgery was brilliant and he's brilliant again now.

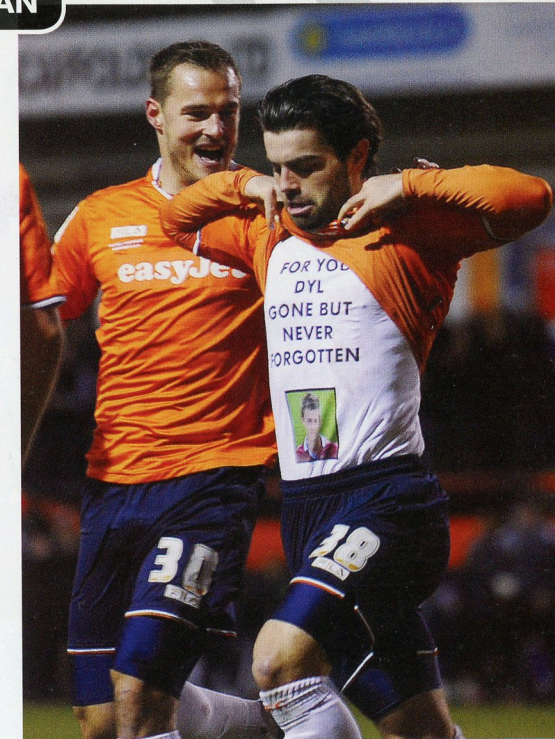
"He knew about the stadium name change and he was really proud I think. It was a great thing for the club to do.

"I got him two goals, so I think he'll be happy and it's great for everyone to get involved. We should be aware of the cause and I think it was really good to name the stadium what it was and I think it went down well with everyone.

"It's a brilliant cause and it should be highlighted. There is no better stage than on TV and a big game like Luton against Wycombe. I think it was a really good gesture."

Lee's two goals gave the Hatters hope of earning a point against the promotion-chasing Chairboys but defeat left the Town well short of the final automatic promotion place.

"The automatic spots might be out of reach now but as long as we steal that Play-Off spot then we're more than good enough to go up through the Play-Offs," said Lee.



"On a personal level, it's good to keep performing to a high level and score goals, but on a team level, I'm here to get Luton promoted and we're not doing that at the minute. We're not on the right course and hopefully that will change soon.

"It's not nice to lose five in a row but we'll keep the confidence high. Once we get the first victory I think we'll see them all come."

On his goals, Lee added: "With the first one I knew Luke Guttridge would get a shot off so I was doing what I think I do best, getting in the right area should the goalkeeper spill it and that's what happened. I've made my career out of being in the right place at the right time so that was nice.

"For the second, Michael Harriman's done really well to get up at the back post and head the ball across goal and my instinct was to just volley it home. It's disappointing I couldn't go on and grab another because I think we definitely deserved something from the game."



# NORTHAMPTON 2-1 TOWN

HOLMES 64 (PEN), GRAY 86

LAWLESS 46



Elliot Justham keeps Northampton at bay



Celebrations after Alex Lawless' opener

## WHAT'S THE STORY?

The Town slipped to their sixth defeat on the spin as they surrendered the lead at Sixfields to drop out of the Play-Off places.

Alex Lawless curled the Hatters in front just 36 seconds into the second half but, the home side – themselves chasing a place in the top seven – levelled when Ricky Holmes converted a 64th-minute penalty after Michael Harriman was unfairly adjudged to have handled in the area.

And although the Town tried to get a winner, it was the Cobblers that took all three points when James Gray struck four minutes from time to condemn the Hatters to yet another defeat.

John Still made five changes to the side that lost to Wycombe with Nathan Doyle and Jonathan Smith returning to the line-up following injury and Aston Villa loanee Lewis Kinsella given his senior debut.

Northampton bossed the first half with Elliot Justham called upon to make a number of saves but it was the Town that flew out of the traps after the restart when Lawless curled home from the edge of the area for his third goal in just five starts this term.

With the Town seemingly in control of the game, Northampton were awarded a penalty on 64 minutes when Harriman unwittingly handled and Holmes lashed the spot-kick home.

While the Hatters thought they were hard done by, Still's side were now under the cosh with the Cobblers hunting a winning goal only for Justham to be equal to the home side's efforts.

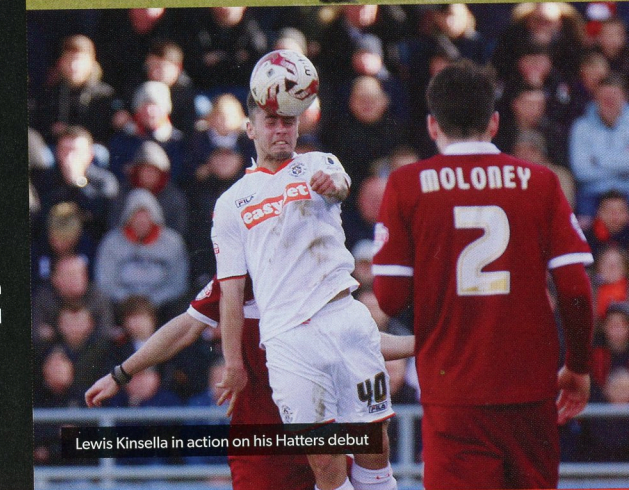
However, with four minutes to go the Town's hopes of a point were dashed when a speculative shot from distance took a wicked deflection which Justham parried. But after the keeper blocked the first follow-up shot Gray was first to the next loose ball and his low drive found the target to leave the Hatters defeated again.



Mark Cullen goes for goal



Luke Wilkinson heads clear



Lewis Kinsella in action on his Hatters debut

**TOWN:** Justham; Harriman, Kinsella, McNulty (sub Lacey 57), Wilkinson; Smith, Doyle, Drury, Lawless (sub McGeehan 82); Cullen (sub Miller 70), Benson. **SUBS NOT USED:** Guttridge, Stockley, Hall, Gooch.

# Travellers' TALES

HATTERS FAN KEVIN HARPER CONTINUES TO WRITE ABOUT FOLLOWING THE TOWN ON THEIR TRAVELS THIS SEASON. THIS WEEK WE LOOK BACK ON THE SHORT TRIP UP THE M1 TO NORTHAMPTON

## THE JOURNEY

Although the trip to Northampton was one of the shorter ones of the season for those of us on the Bobbers coach it was still an eventful one!

There were no fewer than four incidents along the way starting shortly after we set off from Ampthill when right in front of us a motorbike rode straight into the back of a car. Normally incidents like that pass me by but I thought it summed up today's world when the chap in the car was more concerned about his car boot than the poor fellow who had accidentally hit him!

Incident number two happened just as we pulled into Luton when a white van pulled alongside the coach at a roundabout only he was a bit close and lost his wing mirror, a mirror which soon after was flattened into a

million pieces by the coach much to the frustrated van driver's dislike!

As if that wasn't enough there were two accidents on the opposite side of the motorway so the journey certainly wasn't uneventful!

Despite the incident-filled journey, we arrived at Sixfields just before 1.30 on what was a sunny but windy day. The turnstiles were yet to open but by the time the coach was parked up they were just opening.

## THE GROUND

Sixfields is a pretty small ground made even smaller from an attendance point of view by the fact one entire side stand is under reconstruction. During the game there were three men manning the empty stand fielding balls going that way. Hopefully for Northampton's sake more people work on it during the week else that will never see seats again!

The Town had the South Stand behind the goal with the concrete block to the right and the Main Stand to the left. The first thing that hits you in the stand is the wind. Sixfields is cut into a bowl and the wind swirls above the ground but with the corners not filled in you really feel it in the stands. As for facilities they were fairly basic despite the ground being relatively new still.

## THE FOOD

We went into the stand on the left hand side where there was a hot dog stall which in truth wasn't the best but with the away end starting to fill up it seemed a lot easier to get a hot dog rather than work our way down the other end to explore what was there.

The hot dog wasn't too bad but at £3.80 I wasn't rushing back for seconds!

## THE PROGRAMME

The programme had a welcome to the Town from Cobblers boss Chris Wilder and with it being Northampton's Men United day there was lots of reference to the Prostate Cancer UK charity that the Town supported so well in our previous home game.



A big thank you to the 913 of you who backed the team at Northampton last week

Six pages were dedicated to the Town highlighting the manager's achievements, the squad and some former players from our past but that aside there wasn't a great deal in it for Town fans.

## THE MATCH

It was all change for the Town with five changes, one of which saw recent loanee Lewis Kinsella starting at left back. There were also returns for Mark Cullen, Alex Lawless and perhaps more importantly Nathan Doyle and Jonathan Smith.

After five defeats on the bounce, falling behind early in most of them the one thing the 900 Town fans desperately wanted was a good start and despite going into the wind we got that.

Elliot Justham was called to save a couple of pot shots but we had a couple of half chances of our own in what was a largely quiet first half.

I sensed our gameplan was to get to half-time in tact when we could use the wind to our advantage and it took less than 40 seconds for us to do that.

A ball broke to Alex Lawless on the edge of the box and he curled a ball with the wind into the top corner past a surprised keeper.

At this point we looked comfortable but then Stephen McNulty went off with an injury. Even then I thought we were comfortable and then the officials got involved. A cross from the left landed at the back post where Michael Harriman was getting pulled everywhere by a Northampton player.

The whistle went. I assumed for a Town free kick but amazingly despite not a single appeal from the home side

a penalty was given seemingly for a handball. That was dispatched to leave us hanging on a bit.

A few excellent saves from Justham gave us hope of hanging on, but then four minutes from time the officials got involved again.

There was a fairground in operation on top of the hill. If it had been a circus I've have known where the officials had come from!

Paul Benson closed down a clearance. The ball clearly went out for a throw only for a goal kick to be given. That was punted up the field and after a deflected shot was well saved by Justham and the follow up saved the third strike sent the Town to another defeat.

## MAN-OF-THE-MATCH

Easy one this one. Although we were comfortable for much of the match until Stephen McNulty went off and the penalty was given it was all hands on deck after that and Elliot Justham kept us in the game with a string of fine saves.

He certainly didn't deserve to be on the losing side but if there was one positive to take it was the knowledge that we have a more than capable deputy for whenever Mark Tyler is unavailable.

## SUMMARY

After raised hopes having gone ahead ultimately this was to be another disappointing day, made all the more so with us dropping out of the Play-Off places.

The coach home was a fairly sombre one but at least it was back in Luton before 6pm so we didn't have long to dwell on the day.



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# reaction

## LAWLESS LAMENTS LATEST TOWN DEFEAT



A visibly disappointed Alex Lawless admitted his fine strike against Northampton meant nothing to him after the Town sunk to their sixth successive defeat last weekend.

The Welshman, who celebrated his 30th birthday in the lead-up to the game, struck his third goal of the season against the Cobblers – all of which have come from outside the box following efforts against Southend and Morecambe.

His goal at Sixfields put the Town ahead just 36 seconds into the second half but the home side stormed back – somewhat fortuitously – to condemn the Hatters to another defeat to leave them outside of the Play-Off places for the first time since late September.

"It's nice to score but it means nothing when you don't win. It's just disappointing," said Lawless after his fifth start of an injury-hit campaign.

"To score first, which we haven't done for a bit, we felt like we could go on and at least get a point out of it but it wasn't to be. The lads are absolutely gutted."

But the third-longest serving player on the Town's books would have traded his goal – his fifth in just five starts this term – for three points.

"They're nice stats but I'd rather pass them in for wins," the Welshman admitted. "Hopefully I can do a few more and we'll end up winning games and then you'll have a better conversation with me."

The Town's luck in both penalty areas has been thin on the ground in recent weeks and Lawless was just as confused as any of his team-mates when the Cobblers were awarded a penalty on 64 minutes which led to their equaliser when Michael Harriman was adjudged to handled in the box.

And Lawless explained his disappointment of yet another decision going against the Hatters.

"I thought we were getting a free-kick when the whistle went," admitted the midfielder. "The reason I thought it was more of a free-kick to us was because no-one even seemed to claim a penalty. That just adds to the frustration of the defeat.

"They are key decisions but there are decisions all over the pitch that are key for getting us up the pitch and seeing a few of them going against us is frustrating because, at this moment, you want as much to go for you as possible. Hard work is going to turn that around."

Town will now welcome Exeter to Kenilworth Road aiming to end the division's worst run of defeats and reignite their hope of extending their season in the Play-Offs come May.

"There are games left," said Lawless. "We've dropped out of the top seven but our aim from the start of the season was to get promotion. That's always there but the next thing is to get a win and change the form. That's the most important thing at the minute.

"We're most definitely not going to give up."

### DID YOU KNOW?

Alex Lawless' goal at Northampton was his 21st in Luton colours in what was his 169th appearance. All three of his goals this season have been outside of the penalty area.

# centre spot



Cameron McGeehan and Paul Benson celebrate as Elliot Lee (obscured) gets the Town back into the lead against Wycombe in our last match here

# PICTURE THE PAST

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

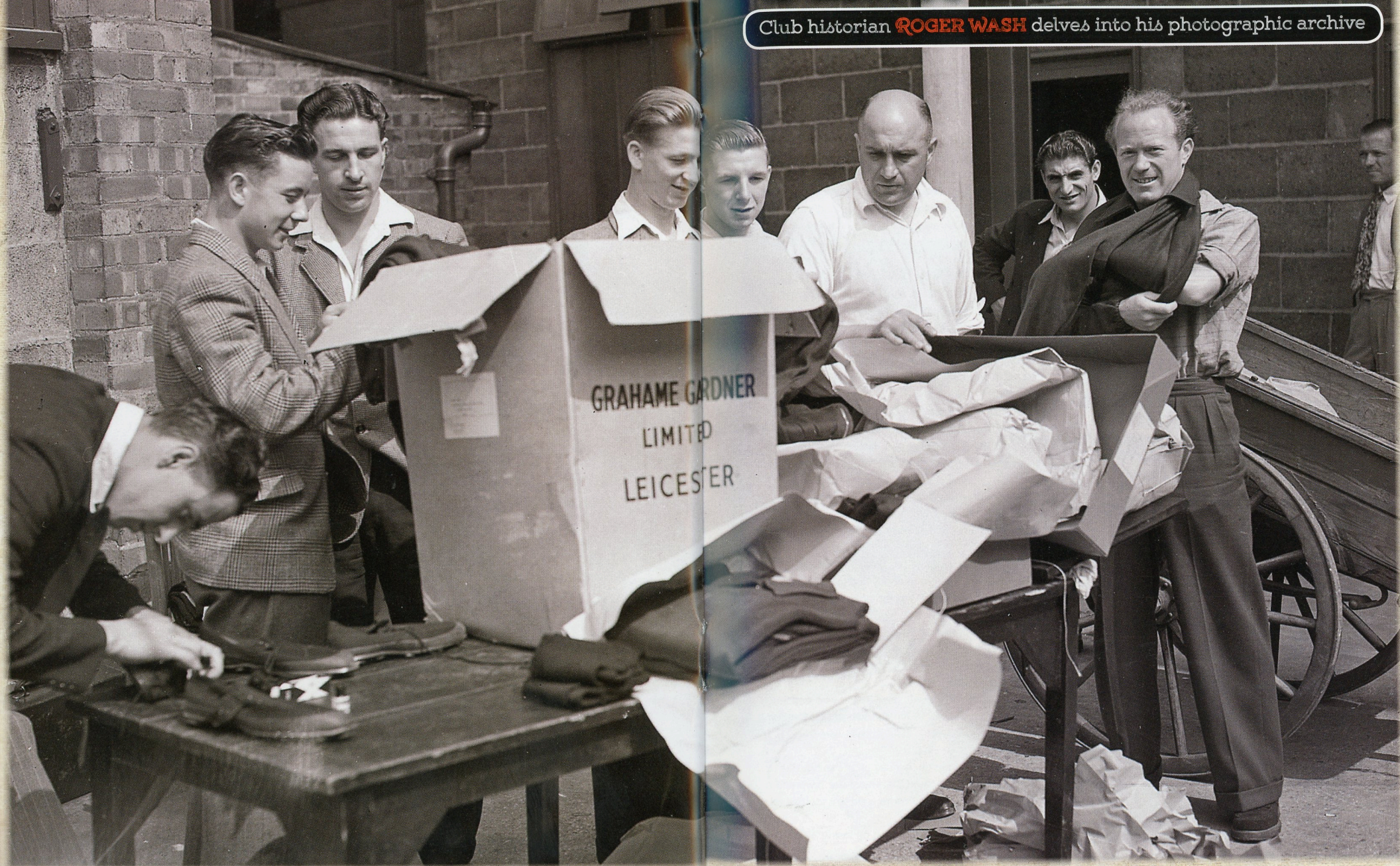


Billy Bingham shoots for goal during the top flight clash with Tottenham at Kenilworth Road in November 1958. Bingham scored the Luton goal in a 2-1 defeat, watched by a crowd of 23,592.

Luton players eagerly unpack their new tracksuits, the first since the War, in this 1940s shot. Manager Dally Duncan watches on keeping a discrete distance.

# Camera Never Lies

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



# YESTERDAY'S PAGES

Club historian **ROGER WASH** looks back to a clash with Derby which confirmed Division One (now the Premier League) safety on the final day of the season.

Luton Town 2-0 Derby County. 11th May 1991.

On 9th March 1991, the Town won away at Aston Villa to record their third victory in four games and, with 10 games to go, were in a comfortable 13th position in the top flight.

As we came away from Villa Park a fight against relegation was far from our minds and thoughts of a possible top 10 position were fixed in our sights. Unfortunately, the remainder of the season turned into a nightmare.

From the next seven games only two points were salvaged as we slipped nearer and nearer to the relegation zone with a young side lacking any real striking power; Lars Elstrup with his mind now set on a return to Denmark and Iain Dowie having been sold to West Ham.

Only two teams were to go down that season as the division was re-structured, and immediately below the Hatters were Derby and Sunderland, who had both suffered equally poor runs, and as the fixture list had panned out our last two home games were against these sides.

With three games to go, Sunderland were the visitors to Kenilworth Road and a Luton victory would have gone a long way to easing our fears of a return to Division Two.

Sunderland had won only one away game that season but they seemed to have more of a will to win that season and took the lead through Gordon Armstrong after 22 minutes, only for the Town's best attacker, centre-half Graham Rodger, to level the score 10 minutes later.

In the second half there was only likely to be one winner and Colin Pascoe duly obliged for the visitors on the hour, catching the Luton defence on the break.

Manager Jim Ryan kept the players locked in the changing room for 80 minutes after the game and emerged a bitterly disappointed man due to the fact that the Town had blown their chances of avoiding a last match of the season showdown once again.

The penultimate game of the campaign was away at Everton and the Hatters put on an ultra-defensive performance but still lost out to a second-half strike from Tony Cottee.

Injury problems and suspensions had meant that no recognised central attacker was included in the line-up, while Ryan was forced to call up and use the previously untried Paul Telfer as substitute.

Since beating the Town, Sunderland had drawn two home games and were now level on points with us, with the same goal difference, although we had scored more goals. The situation was now simple. We had to beat already relegated Derby at Kenilworth Road and hope that Sunderland did not run up a cricket score in their final game at Manchester City.

All very well, but we had got out of the habit of winning and it was over two months since we had last picked up three points. Also, although Derby were already relegated, we could not expect them to roll over, especially with the likes of Peter Shilton, Mark Wright, Dean Saunders and old Town favourite Mick Harford in their side.

A best of the season crowd of 12,889 turned up to see if another 'great escape' could be engineered and they were delighted to see that nerves were not a part of the Town's make-up that afternoon as good football flowed.

A great roar went up when it was learned that Sunderland had gone behind then the euphoria died when news came through that the Wearsiders were now 2-1 ahead.

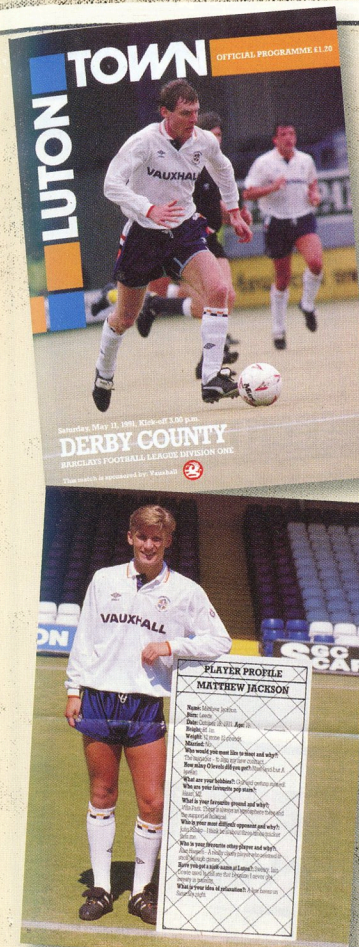
A win was now vital and the breakthrough came just before half-time when a perfectly flighted free-kick from Jason Rees skimmed off the top of Harford's head into the net.

What turned out to be the deciding goal came almost immediately after the start of the second half when a clever passing movement ended with a corner which was taken by David Preece.

His accurate cross found John Dreyer who headed the ball across the box to Kingsley Black who headed it back the opposite way to Elstrup who scored with Shilton wrong-footed.

Derby had a couple of chances after this but the clearer opportunities came the way of the Town and a 2-0 win was sufficient to ensure top-flight football for another season.

Sunderland, incidentally, ended up losing 3-2!



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6 Graham Rodger	6 Gordon Armstrong
5 Ian McEneaney	5 Ian McEneaney
4 Richard Harvey	4 Richard Harvey
3 Derwin McCannagh	3 Derwin McCannagh
2 Alan Chambers	2 Alan Chambers
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### THE PROGRAMME

After nine games without a win, manager Jim Ryan was putting on a brave face in his column, asking for one final push.

This was to be the final game on the artificial pitch, the final game where away supporters were not officially allowed in, and the final game where supporters could watch from the Maple Road 'triangle' with the New (now David Preece) Stand to be erected. All these milestones were given due recognition.

The Player of the Year awards had been handed out with Alec Chamberlain winning the top prize. Ceri Hughes and Mark Pembridge shared the Young Player of the Year award.

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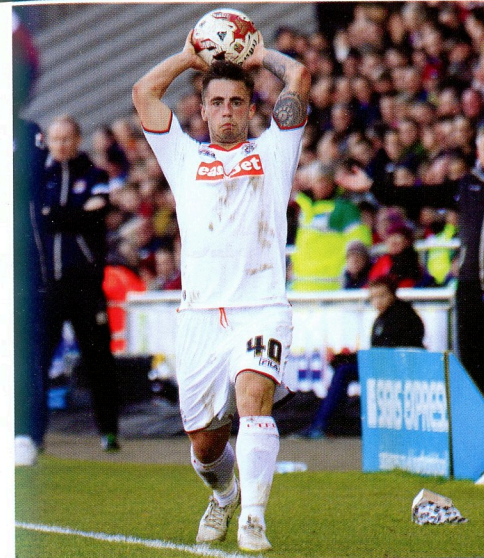
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# reaction

KINSELLA LOOKING TO IMPROVE AFTER DEBUT



The Hatters' latest recruit Lewis Kinsella is looking to build on his debut this afternoon after making his bow in last weekend's 2-1 defeat at Northampton.

The young left-back was drafted into the Town squad on loan from Premier League Aston Villa after injuries to Scott Griffiths and Jake Howells.

And despite the Hatters' set-back at Sixfields, Kinsella believes the 90 minutes was a real eye-opener, especially having to acclimatise to League 2 football just 24 hours and one training session since arriving from Villa Park.

## WHO IS LEWIS KINSELLA?

Firstly, he's no relation to the former Villa and Charlton midfielder Mark Kinsella. However, Kinsella, 20, spent his formative years on the books as a youngster at Arsenal before moving to Villa aged 15. Two years ago he helped Villa win the NextGen Series – the youth team equivalent of the Champions League.

"I only had one day to get used to it as I'm not used to playing the way Luton play. Everyone plays differently so it's just getting used to it," explained the defender who has been on Villa's first team bench.

"It's hard to adapt because of the way Northampton played with a lot of long balls. It's just getting used in position to defend long throws, the way I had to drop on the centre forward, there were a lot of things I was getting used to but I'm sure I'll fit in and hopefully I will.

"If I'm still in the team next week I'll adapt more and play better than I did."

And the debutant's first senior appearance was made much tougher when he received a harsh booking in just the 11th minute against the Cobblers.

"I didn't really think it was a booking either so I had to play more sensible as the game wore on," admitted Kinsella.

But despite that caution the defender grew in stature and Kinsella paid tribute to captain Stephen McNulty for helping him through the early stages on his debut.

"Steve is quality, he talks to you, he's a good footballer as well," said Kinsella. "I don't think people see it but in training he shows he's not just a big strong player, he's a technically very good one. I think people should look at the more rather than his physicality because he's very good."

Kinsella hails from a certain town just the down the M1. But the Villa academy graduate revealed that was one of the main reasons why he agreed to signing on loan at Kenilworth Road.

"As soon as I heard it was Luton Town I wanted to get it done because – and I won't say it too loudly – but I'm from Watford, which is close to home," he admitted.

"I haven't been with my family for the last four years so it's good to be at home with my mum and dad and playing regular football.

"I was on the bench for the last three Villa games which has been a good experience, but the gaffer [Villa's Tim Sherwood] and I came to the decision that I need to get some experience and get out playing some games.

"I've only been playing 21s football and it's not really been benefiting me as I've been playing that the last four years. So I've come here to play some football and especially at Luton Town who are challenging for promotion."



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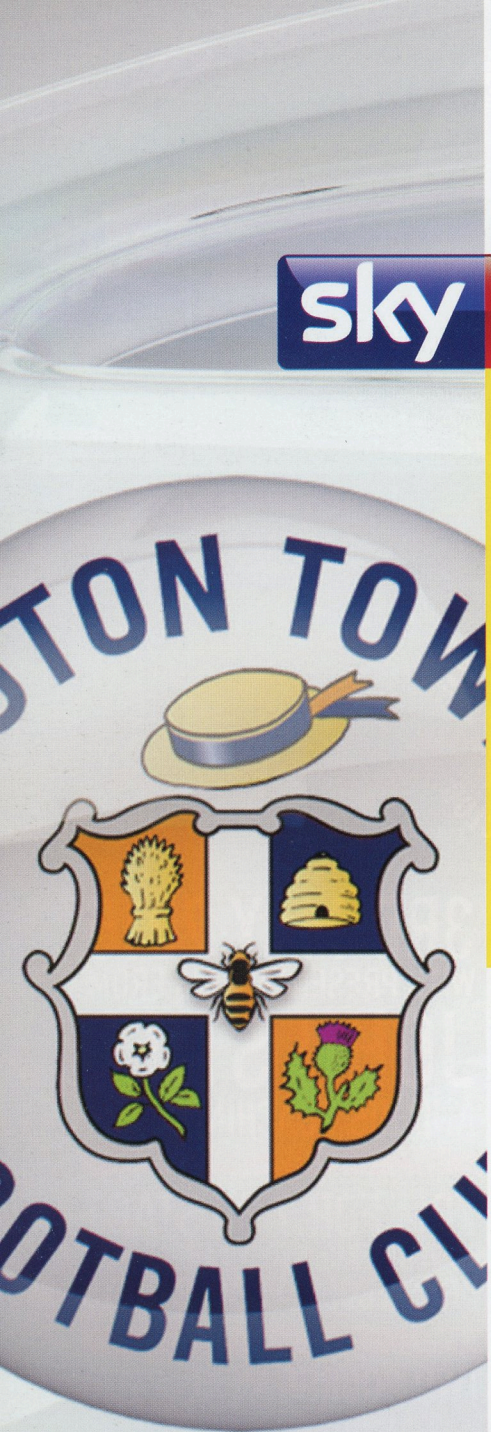
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YOUTH

DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	STARTING XI	Subs
<b>AUGUST</b>						
Sat 2	11.00am	H	Milton Keynes Dons	W 3-1	King <b>TROTMAN 1</b>	Hawkes Magarause
Tue 12	12 noon	A	AFC Bournemouth (LC)	W 2-1	King Justin	Tamplin Musonda McGhan-George
Sat 16	11.00am	H	Stevenage	D 1-1	King Trotman	Hawkes Magarause
Wed 20	11.00am	H	Cambridge United	W 2-0	King Trotman	Tamplin Musonda ATKINSON 1
Sat 23	10.30am	A	Dagenham & Redbridge	W 5-0	King Trotman	Perry Justin Tamplin Musonda
Sat 30	11.00am	H	Watford	W 3-0	King <b>TROTMAN 1</b>	Perry
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>						
Tue 2	12 noon	A	Dagenham & Redbridge (LC)	L 1-3	King Trotman	Perry Magarause
Sat 6	10.30am	A	Barnet	L 2-4	King Trotman	Hawkes Magarause
Sat 20	11.00am	H	Northampton Town	D 1-1	King <b>MAGURAUŠE 1</b>	Parry McJannett
Sat 27	10.30am	A	AFC Wimbledon	D 1-1	King Trotman	Magarause
<b>OCTOBER</b>						
Sat 4	11.00am	H	Southend United	D 1-1	King Magarause	<b>PERRY 1</b>
Sat 11	10.30am	A	Leyton Orient	W 2-0	Gooch Magarause	Hankins Justin
Sat 18	11.00am	H	Gillingham	W 4-0	King Hankins	McJannett Musonda
Sat 25	11.00am	H	Dagenham & Redbridge	W 4-2	Gooch Justin	Fanowo Musonda
<b>NOVEMBER</b>						
Sat 1	11.00am	A	Cambridge United	W 4-3	King Magarause	Perry Hawkes
Tue 4	7.30pm	H	Didcot Town (FAYC1)	W 4-1	King Perry	Musonda Justin
Sat 8	11.00am	H	Barnet	L 0-5	Gooch Magarause	Hawkes Justin
Sat 15	10.30am	A	Watford	D 3-3	King Trotman	Hawkes Musonda
Tue 18	7.30pm	A	Oxford City (FAYC2)	L 1-2	King Justin	Hawkes McJannett
Sat 22	11.00am	A	Northampton Town	D 1-1	Gooch Hawkes	Fanowo McJannett
Sat 29	11.00am	H	Peterborough United	D 0-0	Gooch Justin	Perry McJannett
<b>DECEMBER</b>						
Sat 6	11.00am	A	Southend United	W 1-0	Gooch Justin	Perry Magarause
Sat 13	11.00am	H	AFC Wimbledon	W 4-0	Gooch Musonda	<b>MCGHAN-GEORGE 1</b>
Tue 16	1.00pm	A	Peterborough United	D 1-1	King Musonda	McGhan-George Gillingham
Sat 20	11.00am	A	Gillingham	W 2-0	King Trotman	Fanowo McJannett
<b>JANUARY</b>						
Tue 6	11.00am	H	Leyton Orient	W 4-1	Gooch Justin	<b>MUSONDA 1</b>
Sat 10	11.00am	A	Milton Keynes Dons	L 1-3	Gooch Justin	Hawkes Musonda
Sat 24	11.00am	A	Stevenage	L 0-1	Gooch Justin	McGhan-George
<b>FEBRUARY</b>						
Sat 7	11.00am	A	Milton Keynes Dons	D 1-1	King Trotman	Perry Musonda
Sat 21	11.00am	A	Peterborough	W 3-2	King Trotman	Harker Perry
Sat 28	1.00pm	H	Plymouth Argyle	L 1-2	Gooch Trotman	McGhan-George Musonda
<b>MARCH</b>						
Sat 7	11.00am	A	Southend United	W 2-1	Gooch Trotman	McJannett Musonda
Sat 14	11.30am	H	Portsmouth	W 2-0	Gooch Trotman	McJannett Musonda
Sat 21	11.00am	A	Swindon Town	W 2-0	King Trotman	McJannett Musonda
Tue 24	1.00pm	H	Exeter City	W 2-0	Gooch Cotter	Fanowo McGhan-George
Sat 28	11.00am	H	Watford	D 2-2	King Cotter	Fanowo McGhan-George
<b>APRIL</b>						
Sat 4	11.00am	A	AFC Bournemouth	W 2-1	Gooch Trotman	McJannett Musonda
Sat 11	11.00am	H	Barnet	W 2-0	Gooch Trotman	McJannett Musonda
Sat 18	11.00am	A	Stevenage	W 2-0	Gooch Trotman	McJannett Musonda

DEVELOPMENT

DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	STARTING XI	Subs
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>						
Tue 9	1pm	H	AFC Bournemouth	W 5-0	Justham McNeil	Brown Justin
Tue 23	2pm	A	Portsmouth	D 2-2	Justham Justin	Brown Robinson
Tue 30	1pm	H	Gillingham (Cup)	W 5-2	Justham Robinson	Tamplin Lacey
<b>OCTOBER</b>						
Tue 28	1pm	H	Peterborough United	W 4-0	Justham Williams	Howells Lacey
<b>NOVEMBER</b>						
Tue 18	1pm	A	Cambridge United	W 4-1	Justham Ruddock	Williams Franks
Tue 25	1pm	H	Leyton Orient	W 2-0	Justham Williams	Connolly Lacey
<b>DECEMBER</b>						
Tue 2	1pm	H	AFC Wimbledon	D 1-1	Justham Robinson	Fitzsimons Lacey
Tue 9	7pm	A	AFC Wimbledon (Cup)	L 0-1	Justham Longden	Fitzsimons Connolly
<b>JANUARY</b>						
Tue 6	1pm	A	AFC Bournemouth	W 2-1	Justham Collins	Connolly Lacey
Mon 12	1pm	H	Brighton (Cup)	D 0-0	Justham Collins	Connolly Franks
<b>FEBRUARY</b>						
Wed 11	1pm	A	Peterborough United	L 0-2	Justham Robinson	Griffiths Lacey
Tue 17	1pm	H	Milton Keynes Dons (Cup)	L 2-3	Justham Connolly	Perry Howells 1
Tue 24	1pm	A	Leyton Orient	W 3-2	Justham Gooch	Connolly Howells 1
<b>MARCH</b>						
Tue 10	1pm	H	Cambridge United	L 1-2	King Trotman	Connolly Galliford
Wed 18	1pm	A	Cambridge United (Cup)	L 1-3	King Trotman	Justin Parry
Mon 23	7pm	A	AFC Wimbledon	W 3-0	Gooch Justin	Connolly Williams
Tue 31	1pm	H	Portsmouth	W 5-2	King King	Griffiths 1 Onyemah
<b>APRIL</b>						
Tue 7	1pm	A	Gillingham	W 3-0	King Gillingham	Griffiths 1 Onyemah
Thu 23	1pm	H	Gillingham	W 3-0	King Gillingham	Griffiths 1 Onyemah

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# community trust

WITH HEAD OF COMMUNITY TRUST KEVIN THOBURN

This week the Community Trust were delighted to receive a cheque for £2,000 from the Football Association from the proceeds of the 2014 FA Community Shield.



The money is Luton Town's share of the proceeds which the Club have generously donated to the Trust towards a good cause.

The process for distributing funds raised by the 2014 FA Community Shield for community based initiatives

features the following components:

The funds available for distribution include the general admission ticket income net of match expenses and all profits from the sale of the match programme which amounted to 44 per cent of the total matchday income.

## Initiatives

A section of the fund is then allocated to the 124 eligible clubs (those clubs that participated from the first round proper of The FA Cup last season) to nominate up to three local charities or community based initiatives to receive its share of the fund. Each competing club is then allocated an equal section of the fund to donate to community initiatives of its choice and in our case the Club have donated the £2,000 to the Trust.

The remainder of the fund is donated to the FA Charity Partners and as well as the World War I Centenary commemorations, Breast Cancer Care was chosen by the FA Community Shield Distribution Committee and FA Group staff following a robust selection process and they will be the FA's Official Charity Partner until July 2016.

Additional FA charity partners who have received donations from the fund have been the Bobby Moore Fund, the Bobby Robson Foundation and Homeless Football Association.

## Privileged

Here at the Community Trust we have decided to put this donation towards the cost of supporting our official Luton Town Men's Disability Teams. Our community coaches deliver weekly sessions with the squads and then manage the teams at the weekly Disability League held at the Bedfordshire FA in Skimpot Lane. The squads are made up of a group of fantastic guys who really take their football seriously and as a Trust we feel really privileged to be part of the project. The Club's donation of their share of the Community Shield Fund will help the Trust with the cost of supporting the teams during the rest of the year.

## DEVELOPMENT SQUADS

We are missing today's game as early this morning most of our full-time staff set off for Holland with around 140 boys in our Under-9-Under-16 pre-academy squads



to take part in the annual Holland Easter Open. It's the biggest tournament this time of the year with over 400 teams taking part. Last year we enjoyed a big success with our Under-14s winning the tournament outright – a massive achievement when you take into consideration UK teams have to play up a year because of the different ways they do age groups in Europe. So it's a tall order for all of the boys to try and match last year's achievements – but we are sure they will give it a real go and we will report on their progress in the next programme.

## Opportunity

We arrive back on Monday night and then we have a quick turnaround as on Tuesday morning we are paying our annual week long residential trip to Stowe School in Buckingham with over 300 of our centre of excellence squads. During the week both the full youth academy and pre-academy squads join the centre of excellence boys for games and gives all of the youth and community coaches the opportunity of casting an eye over all of the future talent we have in the pipeline – that is over 600 boys from Under-8 to Under-16 and all of our coaching staff are looking forward to trying to spot future potential professionals.

We will also be playing external games against Brentford and MK Dons during the week and will also update everyone on these in the next bulletin.

## EASTER SOCCER CAMPS WEEK TWO

Of course we can't forget our popular holiday soccer camps which will be running next week as well.

Last week, hundreds of youngsters across Luton and Bedfordshire braved the gale force winds and joined us on our soccer camps to improve their skills and have a great time with their mates.

We have centres running in Luton and Dunstable and all across Bedfordshire, as well as in 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 (£5 per day next week in Luton!) - and of course everyone receives the legendary LTFC medal as well as a great ticket offer to a home match.

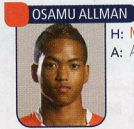
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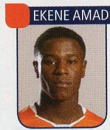
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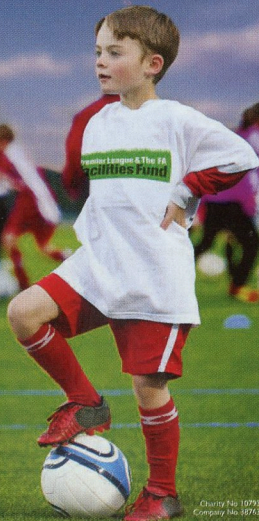


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## CRAIG HILL ON HIS WORK EXPERIENCE ROLE WITHIN THE ACADEMY THIS SEASON

As part of my university degree I have been given the opportunity to undertake a seven-week work placement coaching within the Luton Town Academy.

Straight away I noticed how the coaches create a positive environment for the players' which allows them to be expressive and creative with unconditional support to help develop their footballing careers. Research has shown how important the role of 'Play and Practice' activities have on an individual's development, with elite athletes developing their skill acquisition through the influence of game play rather than step-by-step coaching drills. The sessions I have observed and coached have all been very player-centred with lots of small sided games to allow the players' to have as many touches with the ball whilst working within the 4 coaching corners (technical, social, physical, psychological).

As the coaches' styles are democratic, this allows the players to make their own decisions and gives them responsibility through asking questions rather than telling

the players 'what to do' which again will massively help their development. The players are continuously trying new things that may lead to mistakes being made – however, due to the coaching styles of the coaches, there is never a telling off or anything said, which allows the players to experiment and continue learning and trying new things. There is a heavy focus within the Academy to produce creative players who can play in multiple positions and this is even more enhanced with the inclusion of Futsal



every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday that allows the players to play in compact areas which requires clever movement and quick feet.

To help with the development of the players and to stretch them both technically and physically, they often play in older age groups during training and match days. This is excellent for their long term development as it enables the players to experience playing against older and more developed boys whilst displaying their own technical ability and being able to withstand the demands of playing up. The key thing I have noticed whilst working within the Academy is the fun and enjoyment the boys have during every session.

Again, I believe this is down to the environment the coaches have created and the practice designs that enable the boys to express and enjoy themselves.

Hopefully the positive environment and player-centre coaching will give you players to cheer on at Kenilworth Road for years to come.

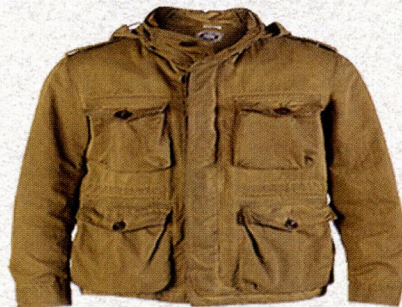
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# Luton Ladies

## LADIES HOLD ON TO BEAT CANARIES

At the third time of asking Town finally hosted Norwich City as the Ladies chased a top four finish with five games remaining.

The Hatters started the game brightly, playing some of their best football of the season with sweeping moves the length of the field but the lack of a final ball and clinical finish was again evident. Rachel Carter's header from a corner was the closest the Town came to taking the lead but a Norwich defender was on hand to clear the ball off of the line.

In a half dominated by the Hatters it was Norwich who had the best opportunity with the breaking midfielder smashing the ball over the bar from close in. The visitors did take the lead just before the break, however, when a relatively harmless shot took a ridiculous course having struck a divot spun into the goal.

### Determination

The Hatters came out with a renewed determination second half and after just two minutes Rebecca Kane was hauled to the ground in the penalty area and up stepped Zara Carroll to score and equalise. Chances came and went with Kane and Erica Byron both missing the target, with Kane having the better chance having been set free by a first time pass from Michelle Byrne.

Norwich began to show more attacking intent and during a period of domination forced Town goalkeeper Hollie Staples into a series of fine saves.

Luton continued to create and waste chances but with seven minutes left a Rachel Kosky free-kick was headed out only to be met with an acrobatic volley from Kane which screamed into the roof of the net.

### Chance

A further chance saw her again break clear of the defence and her shot from a tight angle was pushed onto the bar and away by the Canaries keeper.

Having worked hard to gain the lead Town were in no mood to surrender it easily and saw out the remaining few minutes well.

### Pleasing

A delighted manager Nikki Baker told Talk of the Town: "Once again we successfully fought back from behind to win which is pleasing but we must take our opportunities and avoid being behind in the first place.

"Our finishing needs improvement but there's been real progress this season on and off the field and we're aiming to finish the season strongly with a view to really competing for promotion next season."

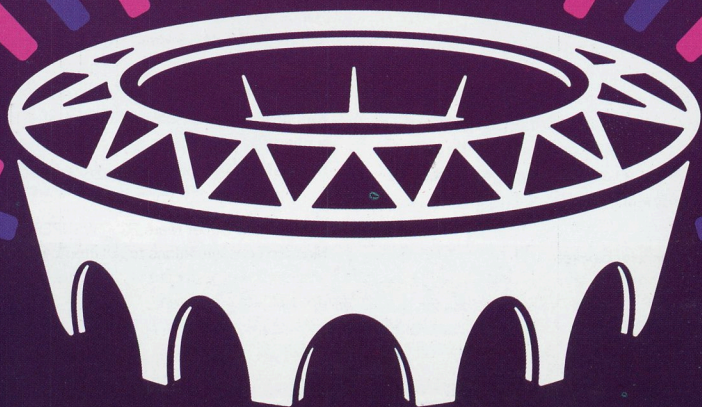


Rebecca Kane scores the winning goal against Norwich

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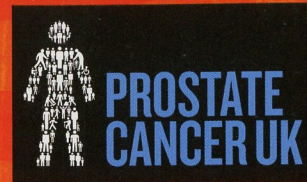


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We were heartened to receive so much positive feedback and support from fans of clubs around the country as well as non-football supporting people following the name change of Kenilworth Road to the Prostate Cancer UK for our last home match against Wycombe Wanderers. Here are some of the best tweets.

🐦 **Steve Feekins** @SteveFeekins

Wherever @LutonTown finish in L2, I'm proud of the club. Fans in charge of club's image rights, 1st w/living wage & now @ProstateUK Stadium

🐦 **Pete Lowe** @petelowe3

Nice to see @LutonTown's ground re-named tonight #prostatecanceruk

🐦 **Sarah Wagstaff** @SJWagstaff

I'm meant to "hate" @LutonTown but I will applaud them tonight for changing the stadium's name to raise funds for Prostate Cancer! #WatfordFan

🐦 **Lee Moore** @LEEM1512

@football\_league @LutonTown @wwfcofficial Prostate Cancer UK Stadium. Credit to all involved towards a good cause.

🐦 **Kevin Harper** @kevshat

Off to the game. So proud to be a @LutonTown fan tonight. Football doesn't seem so important tonight but 3pts would still be nice! #COYH

🐦 **Darren Brockett** @pocketbrockett

Really proud of @LutonTown having renamed the stadium for one night only to raise awareness for prostate cancer. Thoroughly top job. #COYH

🐦 **Wycombe Wanderers FC** @wwfcofficial

Credit to @LutonTown for their excellent @ProstateUK initiative and a brilliant 100-page programme for tonight's game. #LUTWYC

🐦 **Jade Kirby** @JadeK093

No matter what the result is tonight, let's just be proud of the awareness and money raised for a worthy cause @LutonTown #prostatecancer

🐦 **Richard Armstrong** @habbyhatter

So proud of my club!! @LutonTown #MenUnited

🐦 **Andy Jones** @Andy\_Jones23

Massively proud of my club, @LutonTown teaming up with @ProstateUK for tonight's initiative. Let's have 3 points too eh! #LTFC #COYH

🐦 **Work The Channels** @workthechannels

All the best for later @LutonTown and @wwfcofficial hope it's a great game. #ProstateCancerUKStadium

🐦 **Tom** @thomasg92

Proud of @LutonTown and their ethics this season. Agreed to pay the living wage and now renaming the stadium to support @ProstateUK.

🐦 **Leanne Hugglestone** @huggzy

Massive shout out to @LutonTown FC tonight.. amazing story about change of name of stadium. @Ballstocancer @redsockcampaign @SianGunney

🐦 **Ian** @2465Ian

Haven't said anything regarding it yet, but outstanding by @LutonTown renaming the stadium for the live game #prostatecancer #menunited

🐦 **Peter Cox** @peterempower

@LutonTown Will be there Tuesday @ProstateUK Stadium with my dad who has #ProstateCancer thanks for raising awareness. #MenUnited #LTFC

🐦 **Victor Ashworth** @RussoBCF

Gran gesto del @LutonTown cambiando el nombre de su estadio para ayudar en la lucha contra el cáncer (@WanderersFut) <http://wanderersfutbol.com>

🐦 **Daniel McIntosh** @Daniel18461253

Huge respect to @LutonTown for the stadium name change.

🐦 **Weston Super Mare FC** @WSUPERMAREFC

Massive congratulations to @LutonTown in renaming their stadium for a great cause. @ProstateUK Humbling stuff well done all at Luton Town.

🐦 **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.

🐦 **Karen Jack** @karentjack

@LutonTown @wwfcofficial Fantastic, so proud of the club I love and supported for 50 years

🐦 **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

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# Youth & Development SQUAD UPDATE

## DEV SQUAD COMEBACK TO BEAT POMPEY

The Town development squad came from two goals down to win 5-2 against Portsmouth at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday.

Goatkeeper Craig King's clearance rebounded off Paul McCallum in the third minute to give Pompey an unfortunate lead, and the visitors' doubled their tally when Craig Westcarr finished well.

But the Town were a different animal after the break and Alex Wall reduced arrears when he placed home an accurate free-kick from inside the six-yard box after Portsmouth were penalised for a back-pass.

And three minutes later the Hatters were level when Ricky Miller teed up Ryan Hall who rode one challenge before burying a superb low shot into the bottom corner.

With their tales up the Town went in search of more goals and they took the lead just after the hour mark when Hall's right-wing corner was met by the head of Scott Griffiths and his downward effort beat the Pompey goalkeeper.

In front heading into the final five minutes, the Hatters upped the ante and added two further goals in the closing stages. Firstly Wall made it 4-2 when tucking home after



Miller was denied by the bar and the Portsmouth keeper, and a minute later the Hatters made it five when Wall turned creator – racing away down the left to slide a pass across for Shaun Whalley to slide home in the six-yard box.

The result keeps the Town top of the Final Third Development League with just two fixtures left to play – both against Gillingham.

**TOWN:** King, Griffiths, Onyemah, Williams (sub Justin 85), Whalley, Doyle (sub Trotman 46), Miller, Wall, Hall, Robinson, Galliford. **SUBS NOT USED:** Gooch, Craig, Smith.

## LATE GOAL DENIES TOWN WIN OVER HORNETS

The Town Under-18s suffered injury-time heartbreak as local rivals Watford scored a 90th-minute equaliser to deny the Hatters a 2-1 win in the Youth Alliance last weekend.

With the Town top and the Hornets second in the Merit Division table, it was the Hornets that took the lead in the 15th minute.

But the Hatters came close to levelling with Daril Ngwala, Luke Trotman and Alex Atkinson all going close.

However, the Town were rewarded for their persistence after the break when Geo Craig's left foot shot from outside the box flew home five minutes after the restart.

And the Hatters youngsters completed the turnaround on the hour when Isaac Galliford's 70-yard run was halted when he was upended in the penalty box and Ngwala tucked home the resultant spot-kick to give the Town the

lead. The Town hung onto their lead as time ticked down only for the Hornets to break through in the final minute and claim a point.

"We fielded a side including just three second years and the fact a young side did so well against more experienced opposition gives us great satisfaction," said youth boss Paul Driver. "But like in any game in which you concede late on, it is disappointing. We looked as though we were seeing the game out comfortably – but we haven't, and that will just have to be something the boys will learn. A draw was probably a fair reflection, but we can't help but think what might have been. All things considered though, despite the late kick in the teeth, I'm happy."

**TOWN:** Harker, Cotter, Fanewo (sub McJannet 20), McGhan-George (sub Maguraushe 40), Musonda, Justin, Trotman, Galliford, Atkinson, Craig (sub Hines 85), Ngwala. **SUB NOT USED:** Bakinson.



# ON THIS DAY

## ► THE RECORD

The Hatters have a good record on 3rd April over the years, losing just three of the 20 matches played on this day. The Town have won nine of these and eight have ended in draws, with a total of 47 goals scored – 29 for the Hatters and 18 for the opposition.

This afternoon the Town's class of 2015 will be aiming to protect an unbeaten home record when playing on 3rd April. The Hatters' teams of the past have not been beaten in 12 matches on this day, with eight wins and four draws. All but two of these 12 matches have taken place at Kenilworth Road. The Town have scored 21 times on this day and conceded just five in matches played on home turf.

## ► THE LAST TIME

It has been five years since the Hatters were last in action on this day when, in 2010, a second half goal from Matthew Barnes-Homer gave the Town a crucial win over Stevenage in the Conference. The Hatters were in red hot form going into the match at Broadhall Way and closed the gap on Stevenage at the top to just two points with their eighth straight win. However, the Hatters could not overhaul Graham Westley's side who sealed the Conference title, and the Town lost to York in the Play-Off semi-final.

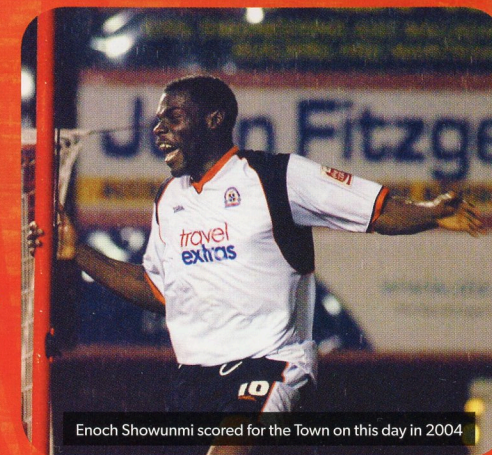
## ► FIVE UNBEATEN

You have to go back almost 40 years for the last time the Town tasted defeat on 3rd April. The Hatters were in Division 2 (now the Championship) in 1976 when they were defeated 3-0 by Blackburn Rovers at Ewood Park.

Since that loss the Town have remained unbeaten in the subsequent five games on this day, with two wins and three draws. The Hatters' first win actually came against Blackburn, six years after Rovers had inflicted the previous defeat. On that particular day in 1982 the Town ran out 2-0 winners in front of 10,721 thanks to goals from Brian Stein and Steve White.

Hatters fans had to wait 11 years for their next action on this day and the opposition that afternoon were local rivals Watford at Vicarage Road. Just 10,656 witnessed a goalless draw in Division One (now Championship) in 1993.

Two 1-1 draws followed, both at Kenilworth Road, in 2001 – against Reading – and 2004 – against Oldham.



Enoch Showunmi scored for the Town on this day in 2004

The scorer of the Hatters' goal against Oldham that afternoon was cult hero Enoch Showunmi.

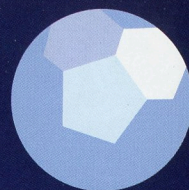
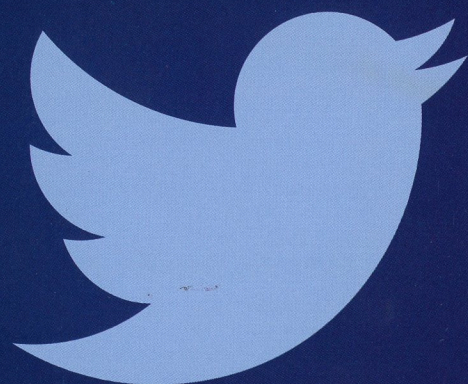
## ► THE EARLY YEARS

The Hatters went on an eight-game unbeaten run when first playing on 3rd April, which began in what is tier six of English football with a 1-0 win over Loughborough in the United League in 1897. Burton Swifts were seen off two years later 3-0 and 10 years later, in 1909, New Brompton were also beaten 3-0.

Draws with Millwall (3-3) and Norwich (1-1) followed in 1915 and 1920 before the Town then beat Southend 2-0 at Kenilworth Road in 1926. The eight-game unbeaten streak on this day continued with draws against Swindon and West Ham until Bury inflicted their first defeat on the Town on 3rd April when winning 1-0 at Gigg Lane in 1953.

## ► BEST OF THE REST

The Town won 2-0 against Doncaster in Division 2 (now Championship) in 1954 at Kenilworth Road with Gordon Turner on target...Reading were seen off in Division 3 (now League 1) in 1965...and in 1971 the Hatters beat Birmingham 3-2 in a thriller, watched by 25,172 at Kenilworth Road. The Blues arrived on a 14-match unbeaten run, inspired by 16-year-old wonderkid Trevor Francis. Birmingham raced into a two-goal lead before two from Matt Busby and one from Alan Slough won it for the Town.



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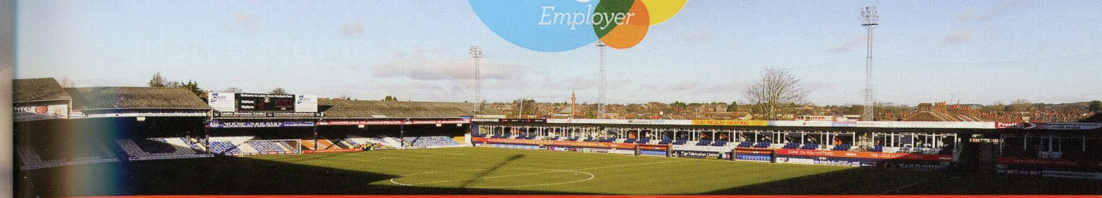
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The Living Wage commitment will see everyone working at Luton Town Football Club, regardless of whether they are permanent employees or third-party contractors and suppliers; receive a minimum hourly wage of £7.85 - significantly higher than the national minimum wage of £6.50. The Hatters were the first team in the English League to commit to paying the Living Wage when they made their announcement last December, shortly followed by Chelsea in the Premier League.

The Living Wage is an hourly rate set independently and updated annually. It is calculated according to the basic cost of living using the 'Minimum Income Standard' for the UK. Decisions about what to include in this standard are set by the public; it is a social consensus about what people need to make ends meet.

Town chief executive Gary Sweet told Talk of the Town: "When we made our announcement in December that we had committed to paying the living wage, we were extremely proud to become the first professional Club in the Football League to make this step. All contracted members of staff have been paid the living wage since then.

"We're delighted to have been given full accreditation which will help ensure a fair level of pay enabling a better work-life balance to all our staff. We hope that in making this commitment, other teams, especially those further up the football pyramid with far bigger budgets than ours will follow suit. This announcement, along with our support for

the Luton Foodbank and our recent initiative to rename Kenilworth Road as the Prostate Cancer UK Stadium for our match against Wycombe helps to demonstrate that as a Club, we understand the important part we play in the local community."

Employers choose to pay the Living Wage on a voluntary basis. The Living Wage enjoys cross party support, with public backing from the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition.

Gavin Shuker, Labour and Cooperative MP for Luton South, said: "I'd like to congratulate Luton Town Football Club on their full accreditation by the Living Wage Foundation. Once again the Club are showing their commitment to the community of Luton, and by leading the way in professional football by paying a fair rate of pay to all of their staff. I would encourage any business to follow their lead in adopting the living wage - a move which can make a real difference to their employees."

Rhys Moore, director, Living Wage Foundation, said: "We are delighted to welcome Luton Town to the Living Wage movement as an accredited Living Wage employer. It has been a pleasure working with Luton Town to reach this stage. Their commitment to the Living Wage is clear, and I'm sure they will be a champion of the Living Wage across the football and sports sector, as well as in their local community.

"At a time when over half of those living in poverty are also working, the Living Wage is one way leading employers are helping to tackle in-work poverty. The Living Wage is a robust calculation that reflects the real cost of living, rewarding a hard day's work with a fair day's pay."

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BY CHRIS DUNLAVY

International weeks are grim old affairs. No Premier League. No Championship. You wait days for a game, reading papers filled with dull stories from dull press conferences.

Dull players with glassy eyes insist there are no easy games in football, then Lithuania pitch up at Wembley and you realise that, actually, they'd struggle to stay in League 1.

But loyalty compels you to watch anyway, all the while wishing it was Match of the Day and counting the hours until 'proper' football returns.

International week (or fortnight in this case) is a lifeless void in the football calendar - and it is one I wish the Football League would do more to fill.

Every week, an average of 36,670 people attend EACH Premier League match. A further 16,610 file through the gates of EACH Championship game.

Overall, that's an average of 366,700 fans watching Premier League football and 199,320 in the second tier.

Which means that every time England play, a grand total of 566,020 people are condemned to spend their Saturday afternoons watching cycling on Eurosport, wandering around B&Q or visiting relatives.

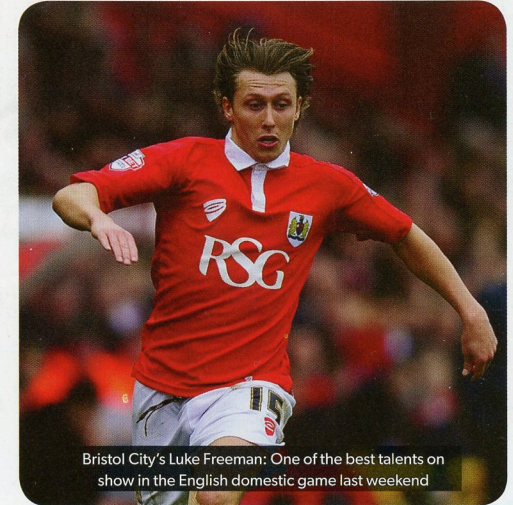
Surely a handful would - with just a little persuasion - prefer to watch their local League One or Two side in action?

Last Saturday, Bristol City, Preston MK Dons were the best domestic sides in the country. Forget Wayne Rooney and Harry Kane. For one weekend only, the likes of Luke Freeman and Joe Garner were the best players in the land.

But did folk flock to see these superstars? Not really. Leyton Orient enjoyed their biggest gate of the season as 5,623 punters swelled Brisbane Road for their game against Port Vale.

Northampton also topped out, though that was largely due to the arrival of Luton Town, whose travelling contingent tend to pack any League 2 ground to the rafters.

But elsewhere, there was little change. Oxford and Portsmouth were below average. Sheffield United were dead level, as were Bradford City.



Bristol City's Luke Freeman: One of the best talents on show in the English domestic game last weekend

Of course, it must be said that football is a deeply tribal sport. Very few fans would contemplate supporting a different team, even for a week.

Geographically it is also easier for sides like Orient and Dagenham - who are both based in central London and a stone's throw from West Ham and Spurs - to attract fans of nearby clubs than outposts like Carlisle or one-city outfits like Oxford.

But even those places are home to thousands of armchair punters who sit at home and watch Sky on a Saturday instead of supporting lower league football.

It is worth at least a small marketing push. During the first international break, attendances in grassroots football were boosted by a PR campaign called Non-League Day, which encouraged matchless punters to visit their local club.

It was all over TV and radio programmes, with plugs on the likes of Sky Sports News and Radio 5 Live.

At a time when supporters are complaining bitterly about being fleeced and taken for granted by top flight clubs, it would appear the perfect opportunity to reduce ticket prices and remind them what real football looks like. So come on - let's have Football League Day this time next year.



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## LEAGUE 2 NEWS IN BRIEF

Despite a run of six successive defeats the Town still remain in the hunt for a Play-Off place in League 2 with seven matches of the season to go.

The Hatters lie two points behind Plymouth in seventh and three points behind Newport in eighth as the race for a top seven berth goes down the wire.

Burton Albion remain top of the table and set for promotion to League 1 for the first time in their history. Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink's Brewers sit three points clear and 10 points of Bury in fourth. Shrewsbury and Wycombe, second and third respectively on 74 points, have a seven-point buffer over the Shakers and both seem set to be playing in League 1 next term.

Bury and Southend's meeting last week was abandoned after just six minutes due to heavy rain and both clubs are well-placed to keep their places in the Play-Offs. The race to join them is on, though, with the Hatters one of six clubs realistically chasing the two remaining spots.

One of those clubs are today's visitors Exeter, who can draw level on points with the Town with three points today. Northampton and Stevenage also remain well in the hunt to gatecrash the top seven.

At the other end of the table Hartlepool are on course to stave off relegation after a run of four straight wins. Ronnie Moore's side, who visit Kenilworth Road in two weeks' time, are now a point clear of the relegation zone which is now occupied by Cheltenham and Tranmere. Carlisle, York and Cambridge are also in trouble as the five clubs aim to avoid relegation to the Conference.

## TODAY'S FIXTURES

AFC Wimbledon v Northampton • Cambridge v Bury  
Carlisle v Portsmouth • Morecambe v Accrington  
Newport v Hartlepool • Plymouth v Burton  
Shrewsbury v Dagenham • Southend v Mansfield  
Stevenage v Tranmere • Wycombe v Oxford  
York v Cheltenham

## LEAGUE TABLE 2014/15

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Burton Albion	39	23	8	8	57	33	24	77
2 Shrewsbury Town	39	22	8	9	58	28	30	74
3 Wycombe Wanderers	39	20	14	5	58	36	22	74
4 Bury	38	20	7	11	50	37	13	67
5 Southend United	38	17	12	9	44	35	9	63
6 Newport County AFC	39	17	10	12	45	42	3	61
7 Plymouth Argyle	39	17	9	13	45	28	17	60
<b>8 Luton Town</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>58</b>
9 Stevenage	39	16	10	13	53	47	6	58
10 Northampton Town	39	17	5	17	58	50	8	56
11 Exeter City	39	14	13	12	52	53	-1	55
12 AFC Wimbledon	39	14	11	14	50	50	0	53
13 Morecambe	39	13	11	15	41	44	-3	50
14 Portsmouth	39	12	13	14	44	44	0	49
15 Dagenham & Redbridge	39	14	7	18	46	52	-6	49
16 Oxford United	39	11	13	15	40	46	-6	46
17 Accrington Stanley	39	13	7	19	47	65	-18	46
18 Mansfield Town	39	12	9	18	33	50	-17	45
19 Cambridge United	39	11	11	17	52	53	-1	44
20 York City	39	8	17	14	41	46	-5	41
21 Carlisle United	39	12	5	22	46	64	-18	41
22 Hartlepool United	39	11	6	22	31	58	-27	39
23 Tranmere Rovers	39	9	11	19	41	55	-14	38
24 Cheltenham Town	39	8	13	18	35	58	-23	37

## PLAYER STATS 2014/15

	LEAGUE		THIS SEASON				LIFECAREER TOTAL						
	APPS	GLS	CUP	APPS	GLS	DISCIP	APPS	GLS					
Zane Banton	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	6	0			
Paul Benson	12	(5)	1	3	(0)	1	15	(5)	2	5	0	58	20
Paul Connolly	4	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	6	(0)	0	3	0	6	0
Mark Cullen	28	(7)	11	5	(0)	1	33	(7)	12	3	0	76	22
Nathan Doyle	21	(0)	0	4	(0)	0	25	(0)	0	6	0	25	0
Andy Drury	30	(5)	2	4	(0)	0	34	(5)	2	2	0	65	10
Fraser Franks	10	(3)	0	4	(0)	0	14	(3)	0	2	0	34	0
Scott Griffiths	29	(0)	1	4	(0)	0	33	(0)	1	2	0	85	2
Luke Guttridge	16	(5)	2	2	(1)	1	18	(6)	3	1	0	57	16
Ryan Hall	2	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	0	0	2	0
Michael Harriman	28	(0)	0	4	(0)	1	32	(0)	1	2	0	32	1
Jake Howells	24	(7)	3	3	(2)	1	27	(9)	4	1	0	312	30
Elliot Jusham	8	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	9	(0)	0	0	0	16	0
Lewis Kinsella	1	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	0	1	0
Alex Lacey	10	(7)	0	2	(0)	0	12	(7)	0	0	0	50	1
Ross Lafayette	1	(10)	0	0	(3)	0	1	(13)	0	2	0	14	0
Alex Lawless	5	(7)	3	0	(1)	0	5	(8)	3	1	0	169	21
Elliot Lee	4	(2)	3	0	(0)	0	4	(2)	3	3	0	6	3
Cameron McGeehan	7	(1)	1	0	(0)	0	7	(1)	1	2	0	26	4
Steve McNulty	34	(0)	0	4	(0)	0	38	(0)	0	5	2	106	2
Ricky Miller	2	(9)	1	1	(2)	1	3	(11)	2	1	0	14	2
Nathan Odawa	3	(7)	0	0	(0)	0	3	(7)	0	1	0	10	0
Andrew Parry	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	26	4
Ian Rees	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	4	0
Matt Robinson	7	(2)	0	1	(2)	0	8	(4)	0	0	0	157	3
Luke Rooney	8	(3)	3	2	(0)	2	10	(3)	5	2	1	19	5
Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu	10	(6)	1	0	(2)	0	10	(8)	1	1	0	42	3
Charlie Smith	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	3	0
Jonathan Smith	29	(0)	2	5	(0)	0	34	(0)	2	5	0	94	5
Jim Stevenson	2	(9)	1	1	(0)	0	3	(9)	1	1	0	18	1
Jayden Stockley	11	(0)	3	0	(0)	0	11	(0)	3	3	0	11	3
Mark Tyler	31	(0)	0	5	(0)	0	36	(0)	0	2	0	266	0
Charlie Walker	0	(3)	0	1	(2)	0	1	(5)	0	0	0	6	0
Alex Wall	1	(5)	1	1	(0)	0	2	(5)	1	3	0	34	7
Shaun Whalley	13	(3)	3	1	(0)	0	14	(3)	3	2	0	39	5
Luke Wilkinson	35	(0)	4	6	(0)	0	41	(0)	4	6	2	41	4
Curtley Williams	3	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	0	0	3	0

# THE SEASON

# Fixtures & Results

DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS	STARTING XI	SUBS
<b>AUGUST</b>									
Sat 9	3.00pm	A	Carlisle United	W 1-0	6,760	1,088	6	Tyler	Connolly Griffiths McNulty Wilkinson Lacey Robinson
Tue 12	7.45pm	H	Swindon Town (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 Griffiths McNulty Wilkinson Lacey Robinson
Sat 30	3.00pm	A	Shrewsbury Town	L 0-2	5,888	1,037	18	Tyler	Connolly Griffiths McNulty Wilkinson Robinson Stevenson
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>									
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
Sat 20	3.00pm	A	Cambridge United	W 1-0	6,533	2,050	13	Tyler	Williams Griffiths McNulty Wilkinson Lacey
Sat 27	3.00pm	H	Oxford United	W 2-0	9,101	868	10	Tyler	Lacey Griffiths McNulty Wilkinson Lacey Doyle
<b>OCTOBER</b>									
Sat 4	3.00pm	A	Stevenage	W 2-1	5,236	1,897	7	Tyler	Lacey Griffiths McNulty Wilkinson Smith Doyle
Tue 7	7.45pm	H	Crawley Town (JPT2)	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
<b>NOVEMBER</b>									
Sat 1	3.00pm	A	Exeter City	D 1-1	5,400	1,043	2	Tyler	Harriman Griffiths McNulty Wilkinson Smith Doyle
Sat 8	3.00pm	H	Newport County (FAC1)	W 4-2	3,656	334	-	Tyler	Harriman Griffiths McNulty Wilkinson Smith Doyle
Sat 15	3.00pm	H	Tranmere Rovers	W 1-0	9,061	378	1	Tyler	Harriman Griffiths 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
<b>DECEMBER</b>									
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 Griffiths McNulty Wilkinson Franks Doyle
Tue 16	7.45pm	H	Bury (FAC2R)	W 1-0	2,923	182	-	Tyler	Harriman Griffiths McNulty Wilkinson Smith Doyle
Sat 20	3.00pm	H	Newport County	W 3-0	8,383	317	3	Tyler	Harriman Griffiths McNulty Wilkinson Smith Doyle
Fri 26	3.00pm	A	Wycombe Wanderers	D 1-1	7,539	2,566	4	Tyler	Harriman Griffiths McNulty Wilkinson SMITH 1 Doyle
Sun 28	3.00pm	H	Portsmouth	D 1-1	10,071	1,021	4	Tyler	Harriman Griffiths McNulty Wilkinson Smith Doyle
<b>JANUARY</b>									
Sat 3	3.00pm	A	Cambridge United (FAC3)	L 1-2	7,063	1,380	-	Tyler	HARRIMAN 1 Griffiths 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
<b>FEBRUARY</b>									
Sat 7	3.00pm	A	Oxford United	D 1-1	7,541	2,264	4	Tyler	Harriman Griffiths McNulty Wilkinson Smith Doyle
Tue 10	7.45pm	H	York City	D 2-2	7,763	173	5	Tyler	Harriman Griffiths 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 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
<b>MARCH</b>									
Tue 3	7.45pm	A	Bury	L 0-1	2,915	328	4	Justham	Harriman Griffiths McNulty Wilkinson Smith McGEEHAN 1
Sat 7	3.00pm	H	Morecambe	L 2-3	8,667	94	5	Justham	Harriman Griffiths McNulty Wilkinson Smith McGeehan
Sat 14	3.00pm	A	Portsmouth	L 0-2	17,149	2,680	6	Justham	Harriman Griffiths McNulty Wilkinson Smith McGeehan
Tue 17	7.45pm	A	Newport County	L 0-1	2,526	349	6	Justham	Harriman Griffiths McNulty Wilkinson Smith McGeehan
TV Tue 24	7.45pm	H	Wycombe Wanderers	L 2-3	8,379	555	6	Justham	Harriman Griffiths McNulty Wilkinson Franks Drury
Sat 28	3.00pm	A	Northampton Town	L 1-2	5,668	913	8	Justham	Harriman Kinsella McNulty Wilkinson Smith Doyle
<b>APRIL</b>									
Fri 3	3.00pm	H	Exeter City						
Mon 6	3.00pm	A	Tranmere Rovers						
Sat 11	3.00pm	H	Burton Albion						
Tue 14	7.45pm	A	Dagenham & Redbridge						
Sat 18	3.00pm	H	Hartlepool United						
Sat 25	3.00pm	A	Southend United						
<b>MAY</b>									
Sat 2	3.00pm	H	Stevenage						

Drury	Howells	CULLEN 1	Benson	Franks	Wall	Rooney	Ruddock	Guttridge	Stevenson	Justham
Drury	ROONEY 1	Cullen	Benson	Lacey	Wall	Howells	Ruddock	Guttridge	Lafayette	Justham
Guttridge	Howells	Cullen	Benson	Lacey	Wall	Williams	Ruddock	Stevenson	Lafayette	Justham
Guttridge	Rooney	Cullen	Benson	Lacey	Wall	Howells	RUDDOCK 1	Stevenson	Lafayette	Justham
Drury	ROONEY 1	Cullen	Benson	Franks	Wall	Guttridge	Ruddock	Stevenson	Lafayette	Justham
Guttridge	Rooney	Cullen	Benson	Lacey	Wall	Williams	Ruddock	Miller	Lafayette	Justham
Guttridge	Howells	Rooney	Cullen	Smith	Lawless	Wall	Lafayette	Stevenson	Wilkinson	Justham
Ruddock	Guttridge	CULLEN 1	Cullen	Drury	Rooney	Howells	Rooney	Stevenson	Walker	Justham
Drury	Guttridge	Howells	Cullen	Drury	Lafayette	Whalley	Robinson	Doyle	Walker	Justham
Stevenson	Guttridge	CULLEN 1	Wall	Drury	Lafayette	Whalley	Robinson	Doyle	Walker	Justham
Ruddock	Whalley	HOWELLS 1	Cullen	Drury	Lafayette	Stevenson	Robinson	Guttridge	Walker	Justham
Ruddock	Drury	Cullen	Benson	Howells	WALL 1	Stevenson	Robinson	Guttridge	Walker	Justham
Guttridge	Howells	Wall	Benson	Walker	Robinson	Stevenson	Lawless	Tyler	Walker	Justham
Drury	Ruddock	LAWLESS 1	CULLEN 1	Lacey	Benson	Wall	Guttridge	Walker	Justham	Justham
Drury	Ruddock	Miller	CULLEN 1	Lacey	Benson	Wall	Guttridge	STEVENS 1	Walker	Justham
Drury	Ruddock	Miller	CULLEN 3	Lacey	Benson	Wall	Guttridge	Stevenson	Walker	Justham
Drury	Ruddock	Lawless	Cullen	Lacey	Benson	Wall	GUTTRIDGE 1	Stevenson	Walker	Justham
Drury	Howells	Cullen	Benson	Lacey	Miller	Rooney	Guttridge	Stevenson	Whalley	Justham
Smith	GUTTRIDGE 1	BENSON 1	Cullen	Franks	Griffiths	MILLER 1	Whalley	Rooney	Walker	Justham
Smith	Guttridge	Benson	Cullen	Lacey	Drury	Griffiths	Rooney	Ruddock	MILLER 1	Justham
Howells	Whalley	Guttridge	Benson	Franks	Drury	Cullen	Rooney	Ruddock	Miller	Justham
Drury	WHALLEY 2	BENSON 1	Cullen	Lacey	Howells	Rooney	Ruddock	Miller	Walker	Justham
Smith	Drury	Walker	CULLEN 1	Robinson	Howells	Miller	Stevenson	Rooney	Lacey	Justham
Smith	Drury	Wilkinson	Cullen	Lafayette	Griffiths	Miller	Stevenson	Rooney	Lacey	Justham
Drury	ROONEY 1	Whalley	Cullen	Lacey	Howells	Lafayette	Miller	Robinson	Stevenson	Justham
Drury	ROONEY 1	Whalley	Cullen	Franks	HOWELLS 1	Lafayette	Miller	Connolly	Stevenson	Justham
Drury	ROONEY 1	Whalley	Cullen	Franks	Connolly	Stevenson	Howells	Miller	Lafayette	Justham
Stevenson	Drury	Miller	Cullen	Lacey	Rooney	Robinson	Ruddock	Lafayette	Walker	Justham
Drury	Howells	Rooney	Stockley	Franks	Cullen	Miller	Whalley	Robinson	Walker	Justham
DRURY 1	Howells	Whalley	Stockley	Lacey	Wall	Cullen	Robinson	Walker	Connolly	Justham
Drury	Howells	WHALLEY 1	Stockley	Lacey	Lawless	Wall	Cullen	Miller	Robinson	Justham
DRURY 1	Howells	Whalley	Stockley	Franks	Lawless	Wall	Cullen	Guttridge	Robinson	Justham
Drury	Hall	Whalley	STOCKLEY 1	Lacey	Wall	Cullen	Guttridge	Robinson	Oduwa	Justham
Drury	Hall	Oduwa	Stockley	Lacey	Wall	CULLEN 2	Guttridge	Robinson	Whalley	Justham
Drury	Oduwa	CULLEN 1	Stockley	Lacey	Howells	Ruddock	Whalley	Guttridge	Hall	Justham
Drury	Howells	Cullen	Stockley	Parry	Lafayette	Whalley	Guttridge	Oduwa	Hall	Justham
Guttridge	Drury	Oduwa	STOCKLEY 1	Lawless	Wall	Howells	Parry	Whalley	LEE 1	Gooch
Howells	GUTTRIDGE 1	Lee	STOCKLEY 1	Lawless	Drury	Howells	Parry	Whalley	Oduwa	King
Howells	Guttridge	Lee	Stockley	Franks	Lawless	Drury	Cullen	Whalley	Oduwa	King
Franks	Whalley	Guttridge	Cullen	Franks	LAWLESS 1	Drury	Stockley	Oduwa	Lee	King
Lawless	Whalley	Guttridge	Cullen	Franks	Benson	Robinson	Stockley	Oduwa	Lee	King
Lawless	Guttridge	Lee	Cullen	Franks	Benson	Robinson	Stockley	Oduwa	Lee	King
McGeehan	Guttridge	LEE 2	Benson	Lacey	Robinson	Lawless	Oduwa	Stockley	Cullen	King
LAWLESS 1	Drury	Cullen	Benson	Lacey	Miller	Guttridge	McGeehan	Hall	Stockley	Gooch

# HOLD THE Back Page

WITH LUTON NEWS SPORTS EDITOR MIKE SIMMONDS

The main question on Hatters fans lips ahead of today's clash with Exeter City? Will Town make the Play-Offs this season?

If I was writing this column a month ago, I'd have said definitely. Now, the best I can come up with is definitely maybe.

With just seven games to go, Luton find themselves on the outside looking in for the first time since 11th October.

A truly dreadful run of form has seen the Town plummet down to eighth place, now trailing Plymouth Argyle by two points.

## Target

With the top three long gone, as are Bury in fourth, and most probably Southend in fifth, then Hatters and a handful of others, can still realistically target the sixth and seventh spots.

The Hatters' run-in won't do them any favours though as after today's clash against a Grecians side still in with a shout themselves, they travel to relegation-threatened Tranmere Rovers, who will be absolutely desperate for a win, on Easter Monday.

Then added into the mix are home games against Burton Albion, a resurgent Hartlepool and what could be a winner takes-all clash with Stevenage, plus tricky trips to Dagenham and Southend.

Looking at the two incumbents of the last two Play-Off berths, Newport have it tough, travelling to the likes of Southend and Exeter plus entertaining Bury, while



Plymouth can't be counting their chickens either, hosting Burton before a final day encounter at Shrewsbury.

With Town currently on 58 points, just how many will they need to assume the place in the Play-Offs?

The average from the last five years is just over the 70 point mark, so definitely remains within Luton's grasp with 21 left to play for.

History would appear on their side too, if they could put some wins on the board and sneak into seventh.

Three of those seasons the team ending seventh has indeed gone up, with John Still's Dagenham doing just that in the 2009/10 campaign.

## Clearer

So although the outlook is a bit bleak right now, all is definitely not lost yet, although the picture will become far clearer at 4.45pm on Monday afternoon.

Speaking to Still in the week too, although not taking his eye off the ball regarding this term, he is now casting a cursory glance over next season, admitting the squad needs rebuilding again for future challenges, whatever division the club find themselves in.

One early casualty is Luke Rooney, released last week and now joining the Ebbsfleet revolution, with more to come shortly.

With the squad numbering at a hefty 41, all included, then changes definitely are needed as the manager will hopefully put his emphasis firmly on quality over quantity going forward.



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## LUTON TOWN

- |    |                      |    |                  |
|----|----------------------|----|------------------|
| 1  | Mark Tyler           | 22 | Michael Harriman |
| 2  | Fraser Franks        | 23 | Matthew Robinson |
| 3  | Danny Fitzsimons     | 24 | Curtley Williams |
| 4  | Jonathan Smith       | 25 | Jayden Stockley  |
| 5  | Stephen McNulty      | 26 | Nathan Doyle     |
| 6  | Alex Lacey           | 27 | Ryan Hall        |
| 7  | Alex Lawless         | 28 | Jim Stevenson    |
| 8  | Andy Drury           | 29 | Paul Connolly    |
| 9  | Paul Benson          | 30 | Luke Wilkinson   |
| 10 | Alex Wall            | 31 | Nathan Oduwa     |
| 11 | Jake Howells         | 32 | Brett Longden    |
| 12 | Scott Griffiths      | 33 | Mark Onyemah     |
| 13 | Mark Cullen          | 34 | Zane Banton      |
| 14 | Andy Parry           | 35 | Charlie Walker   |
| 16 | Elliot Justham       | 36 | Charlie Smith    |
| 17 | Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu | 37 | Kynan Isaac      |
| 18 | Ross Lafayette       | 38 | Elliot Lee       |
| 19 | Ricky Miller         | 39 | Ian Rees         |
| 20 | Shaun Whalley        | 40 | Lewis Kinsella   |
| 21 | Luke Guttridge       | 50 | Cameron McGeehan |

## EXETER CITY

- |    |                     |    |                   |
|----|---------------------|----|-------------------|
| 2  | Danny Butterfield   | 20 | Tom Nichols       |
| 3  | Craig Woodman       | 21 | James Hamon       |
| 4  | Scot Bennett        | 22 | David Wheeler     |
| 5  | Pat Baldwin         | 23 | Alex Nicholls     |
| 6  | Christian Ribeiro   | 25 | Connor Riley-Lowe |
| 7  | Liam Sercombe       | 26 | Jordan Tillson    |
| 8  | Matt Oakley         | 27 | Matt Jay          |
| 10 | Jimmy Keohane       | 28 | Jason Pope        |
| 11 | Arron Davies        | 29 | Ollie Watkins     |
| 14 | Jamie McAllister    | 30 | Christy Pym       |
| 15 | Jordan Moore-Taylor | 31 | Graham Cummins    |
| 16 | Lee Holmes          | 33 | Ryan Harley       |
| 18 | Jamie Reid          | 34 | Clinton Morrison  |
| 19 | David Noble         | 35 | Tom McCready      |

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