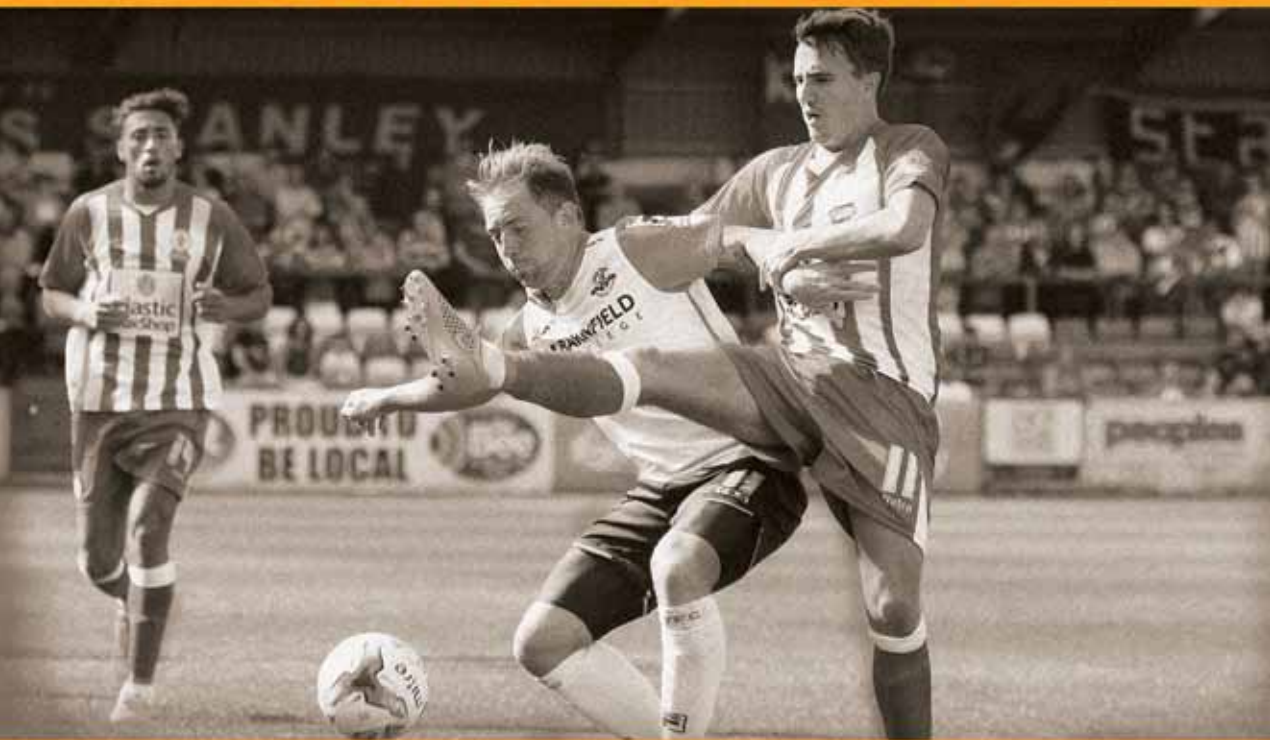




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JOHN STILL

NOTES FROM THE MANAGER

Good evening and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for what promises to be an exciting cup tie against Championship opposition in the shape of Bristol City.

I'd like to welcome Steve Cotterill and his staff and players, plus the directors and supporters of the Robins to Bedfordshire this evening. They enjoyed a superb season last year in League 1 and fully deserved to win the title. I saw them a few times and was thoroughly impressed with the football they played. Steve has done a wonderful job at Ashton Gate in such a small space of time and I am sure he is now hoping to consolidate their position in the Championship this year.

TESTED

Tonight's cup tie is ideal for us because our players will be tested against good opposition. It will give our players, especially our younger ones, the opportunity to pit their wits against better players. Tests like this at this stage of the season will also help us realise where we are in terms of our own play. At this stage of the competition 12 months ago we played Swindon and did well in that tie before losing narrowly. We learned a lot from that game and I hope we are able to do the same this evening.

We go into this match off the back of Saturday's 1-1 draw at Accrington. Naturally I was pleased

to leave with a point. I wasn't happy but by the same token I wasn't too disappointed. It was the first game of the season and it's a time of year when anything can happen. For our first competitive match of the campaign there were some very encouraging signs. It was always going to be a tough test anyway, especially away from home against an Accrington side who always make it hard for the opposition.

I said after the game that I was disappointed with Jonathan Smith's decision to dive in and concede a penalty that led to Accrington's goal, but if there's a player you want on your team it is Smudger and it was no surprise that he was claiming the equalising goal late on.

A number of players made their debuts for the club at the weekend and I was pleased with all of their contributions. The team that was picked was chosen in the knowledge that Accrington would play a long game. Obviously we needed to change the way we played during the course of it after we fell behind, but as the game wore on and Accrington tired, our fitness levels really did come to the fore. I hope that never-say-die, play-right-to-the-end attitude will continue throughout the rest of the campaign.

As well as the new faces, we were also delighted with a first competitive appearance since February for Pelly Ruddock. Pelly hasn't played 90 minutes since October so to have him back and nearing full fitness is a massive boost for us.

PASSIONATE

Talking of massive boosts, it was fantastic to see so many of you at Accrington on Saturday. I guess I shouldn't be surprised any more, but your support never fails to amaze myself, the staff or the players. It always makes a difference and we know we are extremely privileged to be involved at a club where the supporters are so passionate. To have almost half of the crowd is quite simply incredible, so thank you.

I know the ground won't be full to capacity tonight but please get behind us as you always do. It's our first home match of the season here at Kenilworth Road, so wouldn't it be great to mark it with a win? With important league matches here later this month a positive result and performance would be the perfect way to kick-off what we hope will be a season to remember.

Enjoy the game.

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From the BOARDROOM

WITH VICE CHAIRMAN **DAVID WILKINSON**



Good evening everyone and a very warm welcome to Kenilworth Road.

Today we welcome the officials, players and supporters from Bristol City, fresh from a fantastic season being only the second side to have won both the League 1 title and the Johnstone's Paint Trophy in the same year.

We last played the Robins in the 2004/05 season, winning 5-0 at home and 2-1 away with, if my memory serves me right, a late, rather fortunate goal from Enoch Showumni.

City have seen the high and lows, rather like ourselves, but hopefully for them, they are on the up and we wish them well back in the Championship.

Is it really only three months since the last season ended? It feels like so much more. John, Gary and

everyone at the Club will tell you that the close season is probably the busiest time of year behind the scenes and this year has been the busiest.

Everything culminates around May and June. It is the end of the accounting year, the time when sponsorships and other commercial agreements have to be renewed or replaced and when, with the benefit of the annual figures, budgets can be prepared and approved for the year ahead. It is also the time when most player contracts get renewed (or otherwise) after a period of deliberation and discussion.

ENCOURAGING

The management accounts versus budget are scrutinised by department in detail, looking for improvements to our financial position through an increase in income or a reduction in costs. It is encouraging that there have been few significant variances from our forecasts after implementing a number of annual changes since the early days of our custodianship. Naturally, there are sometimes areas that do not perform quite as well as expected, but we are comfortable that we see problems before they become serious and can make the necessary changes to correct the situation.

The first consideration once the season ends is to look at the most significant cost centre - the playing squad. Decisions are made as to

where it needs to be strengthened, who needs to be released and who need contract extensions. John likes to get this done well in advance of pre-season so that new players have more time to bond with the squad and those being released have plenty of opportunity to find themselves new clubs.

This year it was decided to improve the quality of the squad whilst also trying to reduce the numbers, and the process was almost entirely completed before pre-season began and everyone went to the training camp in Portugal.

You might think that this sounds a straightforward exercise, but it involves lengthy negotiations with players and their agents before committing to each other contractually and just as much effort is required in trying to help players find other clubs particularly when they are still under contract to us.

As this is the major part of the budget, the Board are updated regularly and approval is sought if necessary for any increases beyond that already sanctioned.

This summer we lost easyJet as our main shirt sponsor who we sincerely thank for their support over our Conference years just as we gratefully and eagerly welcome Barnfield College as our new sponsor. We have been surprised at the reaction of some to their replacement.



Of course, we understand that our last sponsor would always be a hard act to follow, but we believe that this will be a very positive tie-up for both Barnfield College and Luton Town at this stage of our mutual developments. Establishing closer links with the local community is at the heart of our culture and the further development and expansion of our youth academy are at the heart of this strategy. With the benefits of an educational programme commencing in September, both parties should be better off, financially, than before and we believe that our association will raise our profiles to mutual benefit.

VALUABLE

Shirt sponsorship at any Club will always be a commercial arrangement but we want to use our valuable position to grow the Club and, where we can, to make Luton a better place. We are not necessarily interested in associating ourselves with higher profile brands purely for egotistical reasons- that is simply not who we are. The new Barnfield College deserve our support just as we hope that our influence can help raise their awareness over the coming season.

On a lighter note, we on the Board are so excited about our prospects this season. As is obvious we have approved an

increase in the playing budget, which has enabled us to bring in players with experience at higher levels.

Some of us have witnessed pre-season training and are encouraged by what we have seen and believe that once everyone has settled in (which will require some patience from us all) we have a squad that can take us where we want to go. On behalf of all the Board can I take this opportunity to welcome all our new players and hope that their dreams can come true playing for our beloved Luton Town.

We spent a lot of time talking about our amazing support to incoming players - as indeed they do to us. We had half the crowd at Accrington on Saturday despite the distance, which was absolutely incredible. Thank you all so much.

Sadly we are not often able to join you in the away end as we would frequently like to do, but it was a pleasure to bump into some of you in the Crown pub on Saturday and it is not just me that had tears in his eyes watching and hearing you cheer on our team.

Enjoy the game
Come on you Hatters!



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THIS IS YOUR CAPTAIN SPEAKING...

First of all I'd like to welcome you all back to Kenilworth Road for the first time this season. A big thanks to those fans who came out to watch us in our pre-season preparations at our home friendlies.

It would have been nice to have opened the league season on home turf at the weekend but we can't influence that and instead we went to Accrington in good spirits where we were backed by your great support.

It must have been a real eye opener to the new lads of just how incredible your backing is.

I said before the game that I expected it to be a tough one. I think a lot of people expected us to go there and just turn Accrington over. They are a hugely underestimated team; they work really hard for each other and make it difficult for other teams – and that's what happened to us on Saturday.

CHANCES

I thought we were comfortable before they scored and at half-time we were saying in the dressing room that we should fancy our chances in the final third of the game if we kept the score blank. But we gave away a penalty and that meant we had to chase the game and fortunately we got a late, late goal to earn us a point.

In the final few minutes we really poured on the pressure and eventually Accrington buckled and Smudger made up for the penalty by getting in the way of Macca's shot. It wasn't the prettiest goal but a crucial one nonetheless and I think you could feel the relief when it went in.

The opening game of the season is always a tricky one and you really shouldn't read too much into them at this stage. I remember – not too fondly – losing the first match a couple of seasons back at Southport...and then we went and won the title. Having said all that, though, we were content with a point afterwards. I still don't think many teams will get much from their trips to Accrington this season.

EXCITING

Tonight we begin the first of three really exciting home games on the spin here at Kenilworth Road and we welcome those from Bristol City this evening. They had an unbelievable season last year and walked away with the League 1 title. It means we take on a confident Championship side and that kind of test is always welcome early in the campaign.

We had it last year with Swindon as well. They got to the League 1 Play-Off final and we ran them close this time 12 months ago so I hope we are able to give it a right good go tonight.

As players you always want to test yourselves against better players and, as the manager often says, it is these kinds of games that make you better players.



“AS PLAYERS YOU ALWAYS WANT TO TEST YOURSELVES AGAINST BETTER PLAYERS AND, AS THE MANAGER OFTEN SAYS, IT IS THESE KINDS OF GAMES THAT MAKE YOU BETTER PLAYERS”

With it being our first competitive home game of the season it would be great to get off to a winning start here at Kenilworth Road tonight. All successful teams are built on strong home records and if we can start making this place a fortress again then who knows what we can achieve between now and May.

Get behind us in our quest to cause a little scalp tonight and thank you to those who backed us so vocally at Accrington on Saturday. Honestly, it really does make a difference. Enjoy the game and see you all again Saturday.

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DIVERSE END TOWN COVERAGE

It was with surprise and disappointment last week that we learned that Diverse FM have decided to cease broadcasting Hatters matches for the forthcoming season.

Diverse FM, the community led station who have been covering the games as part their Luton Town Show since 2009/10, cited financial reasons for their decision to withdraw this service following a Trustees meeting.

Simon Pitts will be commenting on tonight's match and we'd like to reassure supporters that match commentary via Hatters Player will not be affected, and details of the commentary team for the new season will be announced in due course.

The Club would like to thank the Diverse FM team for their support, and wish them every success for the future.

TOWN HOST ORIENT IN JPT

The Hatters have been drawn at home to fellow League 2 side Leyton Orient in the first round of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy.

The tie against the O's will take place at Kenilworth Road week commencing 31st August.

Only once before have the two sides met in the competition. The Town beat Orient 2-1 at Kenilworth Road in the Auto Windscreens Shield in December 1996. Steve Davis and Kim Grant scored the Hatters' goals that night.

We will publish details of ticket prices in due course.

TOWN LIFT BEDS PREMIER CUP

Striker Jack Marriott hit four goals as the Hatters beat Barton Rovers 6-1 in the Bedfordshire Premier Cup at Sharpenhoe Road last week.

The summer signing opened the scoring on the quarter-hour mark with a deft finish when sent through on goal. Two minutes later the Town doubled their lead when Jake Howells and Luke Trotman combined to set-up Zane Banton to fire home.

Moments after the break the hosts reduced the deficit when Jason Blackett sped clear of the Hatters defence to slot past Mark Tyler in the Hatters goal.

Marriott spurned a good chance when sent clear once more shortly after Barton's goal, but the forward didn't have to wait long for his

second when he curled home to make it 3-1 following good work between Howells and Ryan Hall.

Five minutes later Marriott secured the matchball when he took Banton's pass and thumped home an expert left-foot finish to complete his hat-trick.

Before Barton could recover from that goal, the Town made it 5-1 a minute later when Hall dinked over a delicious finish having been sent clear of the Rovers defence.

But it was Marriott who had the last word five minutes from time when he scored his fourth and the Town's sixth goal of the night when finding the bottom corner.

A full round-up of pre-season, as well as all the ins and outs – on and off the pitch, will be included in a special 100-page issue of the programme on Saturday so make sure you get hold of your copy.

NEW SEASON, NEW PROGRAMME

We hope you like our new-look programme for the forthcoming season, the covers of which take inspiration from covers of old issues in the past as we celebrate our 130th anniversary this year.

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H **OXFORD UNITED**



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Tickets for this match are now available from the ticket office and online at category A match prices. £22 adults, £17 young adults and seniors, £14 golden seniors, £10 youths, £7 accompanied youth.

YEOVIL TOWN



Saturday 22nd August 2015, 3pm

We are yet to receive ticket information from Yeovil for this match. Details, once received, will be published in future programmes and online.

PORTSMOUTH



Saturday 29th August 2015, 3pm

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H **BRISTOL ROVERS**



Tuesday 18th August 2015, 7.45pm

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MANAGER **DAVID HOSKINS**

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As usual, it has been a hectic summer at Kenilworth Road, with the phones busy with interest in executive boxes, hospitality packages and the various sponsorship deals available, including programmes, stadium and player sponsorships.

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TEAM PROFILE BRISTOL CITY

Nickname: Robins
Ground: Ashton Gate
Last season:
League 1 champions
Manager: Steve Cotterill
Last match:
Sheffield Wednesday (a) 1-0-2

It gives us great pleasure to welcome everyone associated with Bristol City to Bedfordshire tonight as our first visitors to Kenilworth Road of the new season.

Steve Cotterill's side arrive at Kenilworth Road having lost their opening fixture in the Championship 2-0 to Sheffield Wednesday – their first match in the second tier in two years.

Cotterill has worked wonders at Ashton Gate since taking over in December 2013 with the Robins bottom of League 1 and five points from safety. Having guided the team to survival that season, Cotterill's side then swept all before them last season as they romped away with the title and won the Johnstone's Paint Trophy.

City's consistent performances last season came from a solid, almost unchanged line-up each week – no club used less players than Cotterill last season, and that squad of 24 proved decisive come the business end of the campaign.

Little has changed personnel wise for the Robins this summer,

with Frank Fielding still in goal and a defence containing the likes of Aden Flint (who scored 15 times last season) and Luke Ayling, while Luke Freeman is the creative maestro in midfield who racked up more assists than any other player in League 1. In attack, however, striker Jay Emmanuel-Thomas has departed for QPR but Cotterill has splashed the cash on Ivory Coast frontman Jonathan Kodjia from French outfit Angers.

With the bulk of the squad of last season's success story, hopes, therefore, are high in Bristol that the Robins can continue the same sort of consistency now back in the Championship.

Turning attention to this evening, and City supporters in the Oak Road end will be hoping that tonight's meeting – the first, for the record, in the League Cup – is a better one than their last visit to Kenilworth

Road in 2004/05 where the Town cruised to a 5-0 win over the Robins.

City have a better a better overall head-to-head record against the Hatters – winning 24 to the Town's 19, but you have to go back seven games and 14 years for the last time the Robins recorded a victory over the Town. The Hatters have won their last three games against City, who last tasted success on Bedfordshire soil back in November 2000 when goals from Scott Murray, Lee Peacock and Mickey Bell secured a 3-0 win for ex-Hatter Danny Wilson's side.

HATTERS v ROBINS

Luton wins 19
Draws 17
Bristol City wins 24

LAST MEETING

Luton Town 5-0 Bristol City
5th March 2005 – League 1

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OUR GUIDE TO THE MEN FROM ASHTON GATE

THE BOSS

STEVE COTTERILL

Cotterill was appointed City's manager in December 2013. In his first full season in charge at Ashton Gate he led the Robins to the League 1 title. Last campaign's success was his fifth promotion as a manager.

BETWEEN THE STICKS

FRANK FIELDING

Former England Under-21 international who was called up to the full squad under Fabio Capello. Played in every minute of every game last season, and was part of the PFA League One Team of the Year.

IN DEFENCE

MARK LITTLE

Came through the youth ranks at Wolves, and signed for Peterborough United in 2010 after a successful loan move. Moved to City last summer on a free transfer.

JOE BRYAN

Academy graduate who had loan spells with Bath City and Plymouth Argyle before establishing himself as a first team regular at Ashton Gate.

ADEN FLINT

Fans' favourite who scored 15 goals from centre-back in the 2014/15 season, including a hat-trick in the 8-2 win against Walsall. He signed a new four-year deal in June.

DERRICK WILLIAMS

German-born defender who made his professional debut for Aston

Villa against QPR in the Premier League in 2012. Signed for City in 2013 after turning down a contract at Villa Park.

LUKE AYLING

A product of the Arsenal academy, who was part of the youth team's Premier Academy League and FA Youth Cup double-winning side.

ADAM EL-ABD

Made over 300 appearances for Brighton & Hove Albion before signing in January 2013. Was loaned out to Bury last season, and helped them to promotion from League 2.

RYAN FREDERICKS

Signed a three-year contract with City, joining from Spurs for an undisclosed fee last week. The 22-year-old played four times for Tottenham in the Europa League.

THE MEN IN THE MIDDLE

BOBBY REID

Academy graduate who made his debut in a 3-0 win over Hull City in 2011. Spent the majority of last season on loan at Plymouth Argyle.

LUKE FREEMAN



Top of League 1's assist charts last season. Another former Arsenal youth player, Freeman switched to Ashton Gate last summer.

MARLON PACK

Former Portsmouth man who arrived from Cheltenham in 2013, and extended his stay for another two seasons in the summer.

KOREY SMITH

Rose through the ranks at Norwich but then moved to Oldham permanently in 2013 before signing for City a year later.

SCOTT WAGSTAFF

The 2013 move to Ashton Gate provided a fresh start for Wagstaff, who had been with Charlton since the age of eight. He won the League 1 title with the Addicks in 2011/12.

UP FRONT

AARON WILBRAHAM

Veteran striker who scored 21 goals in all competitions last season. He has experienced promotion five times in his career with Stockport, MK Dons, Norwich, Palace and City.

KIERAN AGARD

Won promotion from League 1 with Rotherham, but moved back to the division to sign for City in August 2014. Formerly of Everton, Peterborough, Kilmarnock and Yeovil.

JONATHAN KODJIA

New summer signing who joined for £2.1m from SCO Angers. The Frenchman scored 15 goals in Ligue 2 last campaign, winning the division's player of the year.

CALLUM ROBINSON

England Under-20 international forward who joined on a season-long loan from Aston Villa. The talented youngster spent last year on loan at Preston North End.



DEFINING MOMENTS

FOOTBALL HISTORIAN **LEIGH EDWARDS** SELECTS EIGHT KEY MATCHES AND MOMENTS THAT HAVE SHAPED BRISTOL CITY'S POST-WAR ERA

1955 CHAMPIONSHIP HAT-TRICK

Bristol City won the Third Division (South) title for a record third time in 1954/55. Pat Beasley's team started with an unbeaten run of 13 League games and went top of the table with a 4-0 win at home to Colchester United in mid-September. They suffered three successive defeats in the New Year, including a 4-1 hammering at rivals Leyton Orient, but regained pole position with a 3-2 victory over Southend United in late February. England international Arthur Milton was signed from Arsenal and played alongside top scorer John Atyeo as Bristol City finished with an 18 match unbeaten run to win the title with 70 points.

Gate on 20th April 1976. Ray Cashley, Gerry Gow, Geoff Merrick, Trevor Tainton and leading scorer Tom Ritchie were ever-present as Bristol City finished Second Division runners-up with 53 points.

1982 ASHTON GATE EIGHT

By the end of January 1982, Bristol City's financial situation was so bad that closure seemed imminent and a new company Bristol City (1982) Plc was formed to rescue the club. This takeover initially depended on

1965 PROMOTION WINNERS

Fred Ford guided Bristol City to promotion in 1964/65. After losing their opening match 5-2 at Scunthorpe United, they scored 25 goals in their next six matches and went top of the Third Division after a 4-0 win at Southend United in mid-September. A slump in form saw City slip to ninth place by the time leaders Bristol Rovers visited Ashton Gate in mid-February. City beat their rivals 2-1 and lost just one of their last 15 matches to clinch the second promotion spot on goal average from Mansfield Town. Four players were ever-present including leading marksman Brian Clark who formed a lethal partnership with John Atyeo.

1976 FIRST CLASS RETURN

Bristol City won promotion back to the top-flight in 1975/76 after an absence of 65 years. A twice taken penalty by Gerry Sweeney gave Alan Dicks' side an important 1-0 win at home to Bolton Wanderers on the opening day and another crucial match was a 1-0 victory at rivals West Brom in mid-March. Promotion was clinched when Clive Whitehead's goal gave City a 1-0 win over Portsmouth watched by 27,394 at Ashton

A young Joe Jordan was in charge as City won promotion in 1990



Gary Johnson guided City to promotion in 2006/07

the acceptance of redundancy by eight leading players – Peter Aitken, Chris Garland, Jimmy Mann, Julian Marshall, Geoff Merrick, David Rodgers, Gerry Sweeney and Trevor Tainton – who were on high wages and lengthy contracts. The 'Ashton Gate Eight' eventually accepted a redundancy offer an hour before the noon deadline on 2nd February 1982 and shared £82,500 including the proceeds of a fund-raising match.

1986 WEMBLEY WINNERS

Two goals by Glyn Riley plus another from Howard Pritchard gave Bristol City a 3-0 victory over Third Division rivals Bolton Wanderers in the Freight Rover Trophy final watched by 54,502 at Wembley Stadium on 24th May 1986. Terry Cooper's team was: Keith Waugh, Rob Newman, Brian Williams, Keith Curle, David Moyes, Glyn Riley, Howard Pritchard, Bobby Hutchinson, David Harle, Alan Walsh, Steve Neville. Bristol City had defeated Walsall, Northampton Town, Gillingham and Hereford United en route to their first Wembley final. They were finalists again the following year, losing on penalties to Mansfield.

1990 RECORD POINTS TOTAL

Joe Jordan guided Bristol City to promotion with a club record 91 points in 1989/90. Newcomers included David Rennie from Leeds United, Gary Shelton from Oxford United and Dave Smith from Gillingham. City were among the early pace-setters and went top of the Third Division with a 2-0 win at Walsall at the start of November. They regained pole position with a 4-0 win at Birmingham two months later and beat Chelsea 3-1

in the FA Cup fourth round. Only one win in the final five games allowed Bristol Rovers to pip City to the title after a 3-0 win in the 'decider' at Twerton Park. Bob Taylor was top scorer with 27 goals.

1998 CITY PIPPED TO TITLE

John Ward managed Bristol City to promotion in 1997/98 after a thrilling title race with his former club Watford. After winning just three of their opening nine Second Division games, City lost only one of the next 21 League matches including a run of eight successive victories. They went top of the table after a 4-1 win at home to Grimsby Town in mid-January but a sequence of six games without a win enabled Watford to regain pole position and they pipped City to the title on the last day of the season. Shaun Goater was leading marksman with 17 goals and other key players were Keith Welch, Shaun Taylor and Brian Tinnion.

2007 HIGH-FLYING ROBINS

Gary Johnson managed Bristol City to promotion in 2006/07. City won their opening match at home to eventual champions Scunthorpe United but then lost three successive games before just two defeats in 21 matches lifted them up to second place in January. They also took top-flight Middlesbrough to an FA Cup fourth round replay. Phil Jevons was leading marksman as City finished League One runners-up with 85 points, clinching promotion with a 3-1 victory at home to Rotherham United on the final day. City also reached the Johnstone's Paint Trophy southern final but lost 1-0 on aggregate to local rivals Bristol Rovers.

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FOOTBALL ON 5

New time, new place for highlights this season

Luton Town match highlights will be on a new channel in a new prime time slot this season. 'Football League Tonight' started at 9pm on Saturday on Channel 5 and the new programme will show every goal from the Sky Bet Football League every Saturday this season.

Hosted by Kelly Cates and George Riley, the new Channel 5 show will feature extended coverage of that weekend's best matches across the three divisions.

Players, managers and fans will also be encouraged to join the presenters in the studio each week, or take part in the conversation via Skype and Facetime. As the programme is broadcast live, viewers can use the handles @football5 on Facebook and Twitter or use the hashtag #football5 to interact with the show.

Fans who miss the 9pm Saturday evening show will be able to catch up with 'Football League Tonight' on Demand 5 on multiple platforms, while it will be repeated at 10am on Sunday morning on Channel 5 and shown on Spike TV at 11.40pm on Saturday evening.

It has also been confirmed that 'Football League Tonight' will continue in weeks where there is no Sky Bet Championship programme and will provide a special focus on the very best games in Sky Bet League 1 and Sky Bet League 2.

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MEET THE PRESENTERS

KELLY CATES was part of the Sky Sports News launch team, went on to report on the 2010 FIFA World Cup for ITV, the London 2012 Paralympics for Channel 4 and now presents 606 on Radio 5 Live with pundit Ian Wright. She brings a wealth of knowledge and passion for the game to Channel 5's new Football League highlights show.

If you cut **GEORGE RILEY** in half, British sports runs through the core of him. From trialling Olympic Games bids to World Championship Snooker, refereeing for the FA for a day to Rugby League, George has earned his stripes at the coal face of sports broadcasting. A regular on BBC Breakfast, the BBC sports news team and Radio 5 Live George has passion for the local face of British sports and getting down to the details the fans need to know.

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CENTRE SPOT

Celebrations after Jonathan Smith's injury-time equaliser at Accrington on Saturday



PICTURE the PAST

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



Peter Anderson head home the only goal of the game against Bristol City at Kenilworth Road in December 1973. Another two points on the way to promotion back to the top flight at the season's end.

THE CAMERA never LIES

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



Pre-season training 1940s style. And not an isotonic drinks bottle in sight!



COVER STORY

Club historian ROGER WASH tells the story behind today's programme cover.

LUTON TOWN 3 BRISTOL CITY 0

3rd OCTOBER 1970

After a glorious 1969/70 season, at the end of which the Town won promotion back to Division Two (now the Championship), reality set in as far as manager Alec Stock was concerned. Would the team be good enough at the higher level?

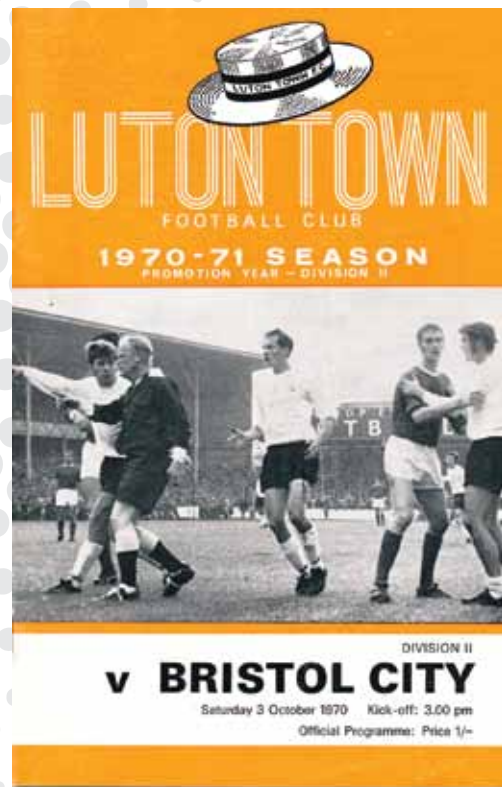
Stock then made a decision to boost his squad for the new campaign and carried out a lot of his shopping at Old Trafford bringing in four player, Don Givens, Jim Ryan, Peter Woods and Ken Goodeve for a total fee of £35,000. The same sum was spent on David Court from Arsenal while another £20,000 was invested in hard man midfielder Roger Hoy from Crystal Palace.

Sadly, one of the heroes of the past five seasons, Graham French, would not be taking part in this new

adventure having been arrested for a shooting incident and subsequently serving time at Her Majesty's Pleasure. Initially showing loyalty to the players who won promotion, Stock saw his side get heavily beaten at Bolton on the opening day before forcing draws against Norwich and Birmingham.

Casting sentiment aside, Stock now knew his best eleven and with it came his first win – a 4-0 home thumping of Oxford. This victory kick-started the season and the Town gradually rose up the table with supporters beginning to think that a third promotion in four years was on the cards.

By the time of the visit of Bristol City to Kenilworth Road on 3rd October we were up to fifth spot in the division two points behind leaders Leicester. The programme notes proudly state that the Hatters had yet to concede a goal at



home which was normally the kiss of death!

Surprisingly, 'only' 15,992 turned up on a sunny, blustery afternoon to see this latest instalment with the Town taking an immediate stranglehold on the game. The mounting pressure on the Robins



Don Givens beats Steve Stacey to the ball.

rearguard was certain to end in a Luton goal which eventually came in the 18th minute when Malcolm Macdonald was quickest to react to a loose ball after City goalkeeper Mike Gibson could not hold a powerful shot from skipper Mike Keen.

After 33 minutes I casually remarked to my friend that I did not think much to Macdonald's ability in the air. A second later a fierce cross from Jim Ryan was headed home spectacularly by Macdonald much to my friend's amusement and which he regularly brings up 45 years later. Good job I stayed a fan rather than chance my arm as a scout. From then on the match was one-way traffic with the Luton defence totally dominant leaving goalkeeper Tony Read with little to do apart from making a diving save to a shot from City's Gerry Gow.

At the other end overlapping full-back Alan Slough lashed home the third on 55 minutes after taking a clever through pass from Givens



Malcolm Macdonald is challenged to the ball by City's Gordon Parr.

in his stride before it became a personal duel between Gibson and Macdonald. The City goalkeeper was magnificent in keeping out three efforts from Mac that on another day would have ended in goals.

"I could not see that Macdonald did anything wrong on any of the three occasions," said Stock afterwards as the Town moved up to third spot.

This was an exciting time to be a

Luton supporter as on the following Tuesday the Town went down 1-0 to double chasing Arsenal in front of 27,023 at Kenilworth Road in the League Cup and four days later Macdonald netted a hat-trick in a 5-1 thumping of Sheffield Wednesday at Hillsborough in front of the TV cameras to finally announce his arrival on the national stage.

I must say though that all three goals were scored with his feet!

THE PROGRAMME

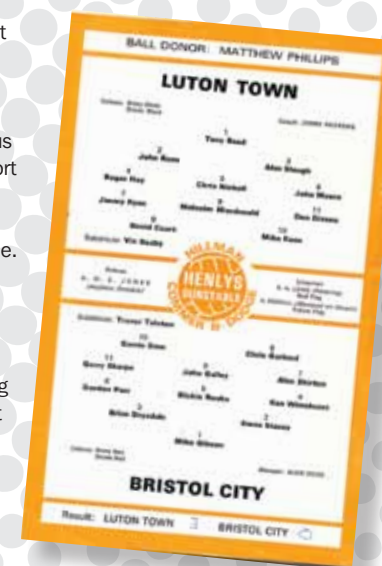
The Town produced a 20-page programme for the visit of the Robins which included a 20 page insert 'Football League Review - The Official Journal of the Football League'.

The programme was a vast improvement on the embarrassing efforts produced by the Hatters in the period prior to 1969 and included everything you needed to know about the goings on at Kenilworth Road in those pre-internet days.

Naturally, the various contributors were looking forward to the visit of Arsenal in the League Cup which was

not all-ticket for the terraces and it was reckoned there were 25,000 places available. The large Luton following that had gone to see the Town's 1-0 win at QPR the previous week were thanked for their support and it was hoped that a similar number would travel to Sheffield Wednesday for the next away game. Chartered train price 25 shillings (£1.25).

Elsewhere in the programme an advert from Vauxhall Motors catches the eye. They were looking for unskilled production workers at a wage of £25/3/4 (£25.17) for a 40 hour week which was good money relative to the 6 shillings (30p) that it cost to stand on the Kenilworth Road terrace.





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FACT

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35,742

Excluding the two finals the largest attendance to watch a Luton League Cup tie was a quarter-final defeat at Sunderland's Stadium of Light in December 1998.



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In a two-legged second round tie against Mansfield in 1989 the Hatters came out on top 11-5 on aggregate in two goal-crazy games. The Town won the first leg 4-3 at Field Mill before the Stags were seen off 7-2 at Kenilworth Road in the return fixture.

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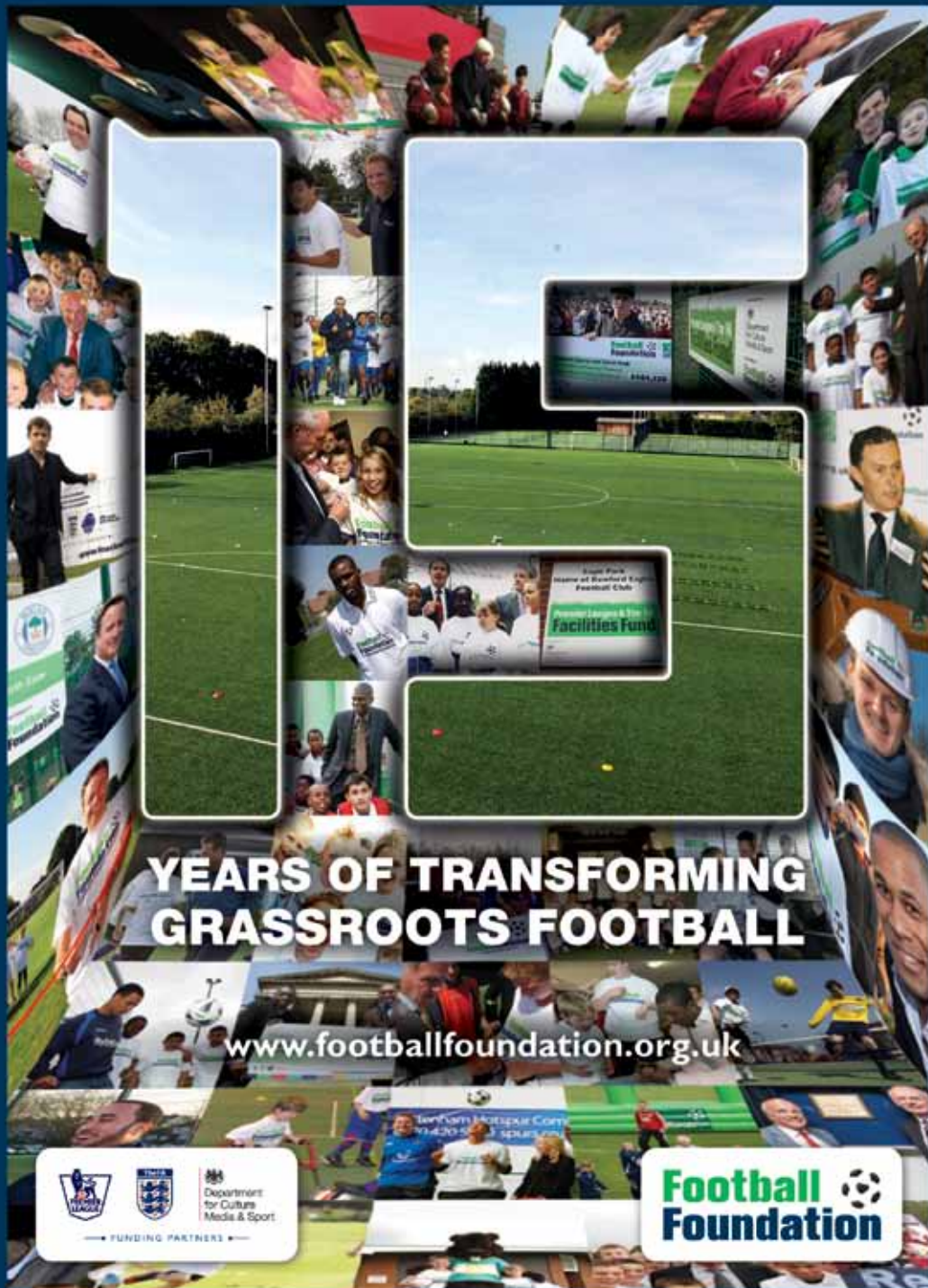
Strikers Mick Harford and Lars Elstrup are the only two Town players to score hat-tricks in League Cup ties. Harford notched three in 4-2 win over Wigan in 1987, while Elstrup helped himself to a treble in that win over Mansfield.

GOT YOUR NUMBER

- 1** Number of times we've lifted the League Cup
- 2** Number of appearances in finals
- 145** Games played
- 58** Matches won
- 36** Draws
- 51** Defeats
- 224** Goals scored
- 212** Goals conceded
- 1** Seasons banned from the competition
- 16** Longest sequence of matches unbeaten
- 0** Tonight is the first meeting between the Town and Bristol City in the League Cup.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Hatters' last away win in the League Cup came against John Still. In what was Dagenham & Redbridge's first League Cup tie following their promotion to the Football League, the Town won 2-1 at Victoria Road in August 2007. Scott Griffiths played for Dagenham that night while Magnus Okuonghae was an unused substitute. Matt Spring and Drew Talbot scored the Town goals.



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JUNIOR HATTERS



John Still has been very busy over the summer, bringing 11 new players into the Luton Town squad. Can you find all of their names in the word search below?



- MCGEEHAN**
- MCCOURT**
- O'BRIEN**
- POTTS**
- GREEN**
- OKUONGHAE**
- MACKAIL SMITH**
- MCQUOID**
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BRISTOL CITY FC

Bristol City now play their league football in the Championship after their promotion from League 1 last season. Luton have played Bristol City SIXTY times! Last time we met was in 2005 when the Hatters THRASHED the Robins 5 - 0 at Kenilworth Road. #COYH

FACT FILE



Luton Town in the COMMUNITY

BY KEVIN THOBURN, HEAD OF THE HATTERS COMMUNITY TRUST

Welcome to the new season – I think! It's easy to mark the end of one season and the start of another at first team level as the last fixture marks the end of one season and new ones mark the start of a new one. Here at the Community Trust, however, they just merge into one as the close season marks our busiest time of year!

In fact looking back over the last 16 weeks and the amount of activities we are now engaged in as a Trust it's nice to just sit down on a Saturday afternoon and watch a game of football – and isn't the pitch looking great? – all the more remarkable when you take into account the amount of use the 'old girl' gets once the first team have finished with it in May.

Hatters Cup 2015

Sponsored by County Kitchens and K2GO

The Club always extend the season by donating the

stadium to the Community Trust for three days, during which over 2,000 boys, girls and adults enjoy the experience of a lifetime by stepping onto the hallowed turf down the 'Kenny'. So well done groundsmen Richard and Roger for giving us a fantastic pitch in no time at all and thanks for letting us 'batter' it before you dig it up at the end of May!

So how do you get 2,000 people playing football on the pitch in three days? Well 1,500 are the boys and

girls who take part in the annual Hatters Cup competition this year sponsored by County Kitchens and K2Go, who are big fans of the club. The Hatters Cup is in its eighth year now and is established as the largest stadium youth football tournament in the south of England – in fact six separate tournaments ranging from under-6s to under-12s play over two days – we start early and finish late!

I'm sure there are lots of you reading this who have been involved in committees at grass root level and have organised tournaments so you will know how much work goes into the event before it takes place. To give you an idea how popular this tournament is we have already had several enquiries for next May! – which is great and the

tournament is always full by January – but we are not quite ready to start yet as we work out with the club end of season dates and possible Wembley Play-Offs.

The tournament involves all of the Community Trust staff who run the tournament, man the car parks and turnstiles as well as catering who run the food outlets and stewards who patrol the stadium, and our ground and stadium maintenance staff.



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It's then down to the serious business of the competition itself and that is when our academy recruitment staff perk up and show an interest! Yes the Hatters Cup is a great community event for everyone but it is also a great recruitment tool for the Academy, especially with the younger age groups. Of course under-6, under-7 and under-8 age groups are non-competitive (try telling that to a seven-year-old!) and so results are not recorded but everyone goes home with a medal, while the under-9s to under-12s play to a knockout quarter-final then semi-final before we arrive at our final with a tournament winner and runner-up.

The competition is keen and very often is decided by penalty shoot outs at the knockout stage, such is the competitive nature of the games. This year's finalists in the respective age groups were:

Under 9

Knebworth Oranges v St Albans Youth 2
St Albans won 2-0

Under 10

Luton Allstars Trojans v Bedford Town Youth
Luton Allstars won on Penalties

Under 11

Stevenage Schools Whites v Breachwood Tigers
Stevenage schools won 4-0

Under 12

Flitwick Eagles v Bushmead Rovers
Flitwick Eagles won 2-0

Well done to all of the teams who made the final and good luck to 30-plus boys who were scouted over the weekend and are currently going through their trial period with the academy. Let's hope we have unearthed a diamond in there! Watch this space for details of next year's competition.

Summer Holiday Camps 2015

While we look back at all of the Community Trust summer activities in the first couple of programmes of the season, don't forget we have our very popular summer soccer camps running across Luton and Bedfordshire for the next month. Next week in Luton

some of the courses cost only £5 per day which is unbeatable value for football-mad youngsters.

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A WORD FROM The Football League Paper

BY CHRIS DUNLAVY

If it's the hope that kills you then August is springtime for every football fan - the birthplace of a million pipe dreams.

Your best striker hasn't yet been lured away to the cash-splashing league leaders. Your young starlet hasn't yet vanished into the black hole of Chelsea's academy after ten half-decent performances. Even your threadbare squad hasn't started to creak.

All of these things will come to pass of course but, for now, you can dare to imagine something other than a season of mid-table drudgery. So in the spirit of spring, here are a few young bucks who look set to blossom this season...

**ZAC CLOUGH
BOLTON**

Bolton fans haven't had much to shout about this summer. A butchered budget and a trickle of new arrivals has prompted the bookies to offer odds of just 7-2 on the Trotters being relegated from the Championship - worse than newly-promoted Bristol City.

But if there is one beaming ray of light at the Macron it comes in the miniature form of Zac Clough, a man barely big enough to be allowed on a rollercoaster.

Famously born on the same day that strike partner Emile Heskey made his pro debut, the 20-year-old took the division by storm last term, making his debut in January and scoring six goals in ten games



Bolton starlet Zac Clough

before injury ended his campaign. Quick, nimble and ruthless in the box, Clough is being scouted by Manchester United so catch him while you still can.

**CHE ADAMS
SHEFFIELD UNITED**

Like Clough, Adams came from nowhere last season. Signed from Non-League Ilkeston Town, the then 18-year-old climbed off the bench to net two goals in two minutes against Tottenham, very nearly sending the Blades to the League Cup final in the process.

He followed that up with a last-minute leveller in last season's crazy 5-5 draw with Swindon in the League One play-offs.

"He's a young lad with a great future," said Blades boss Nigel Adkins, who appears to have beaten off interest from Cardiff City. "He can finish and he has got the strength to manipulate situations but he still has lots to learn."

Prolific in pre-season - and now with an experienced mentor in Billy Sharp - this could be the year Adams turns potential into points.

**LUKE GARBUTT
FULHAM**

Signed on a season-long loan from Everton, this was a signing that slipped under the radar - but could transform the Cottagers.

At 22, the time has come for Garbutt to show he is the real deal. Capped 11 times by England Under-21s and hyped to the rafters by Toffees fans, the left-back has made just five Premier League appearances and arrives at Craven Cottage in need of a big season.

Great going forward and a set-piece specialist, Garbutt is fighting for his future and that is good news for a Fulham side that leaked alarmingly last season.



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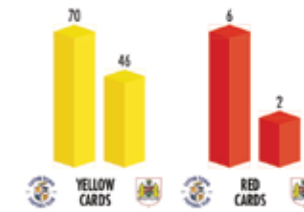
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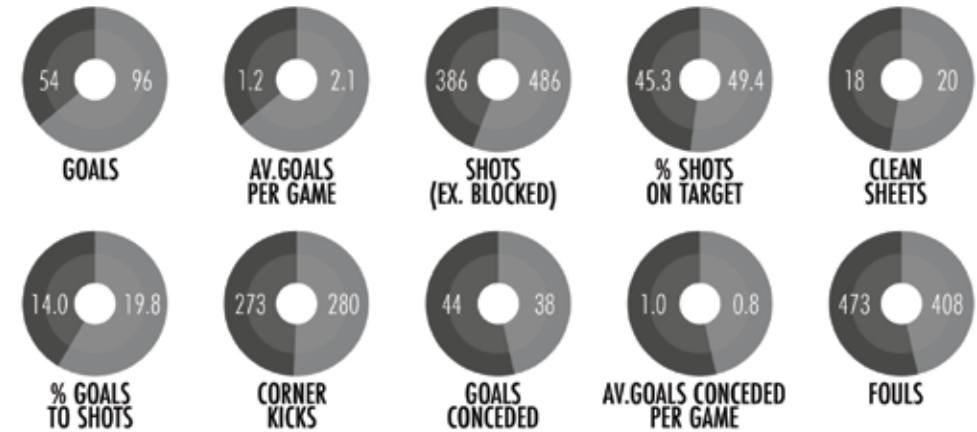
MATCH FACTS

Luton have won their last three meetings with Bristol City and are unbeaten in their last six against them.

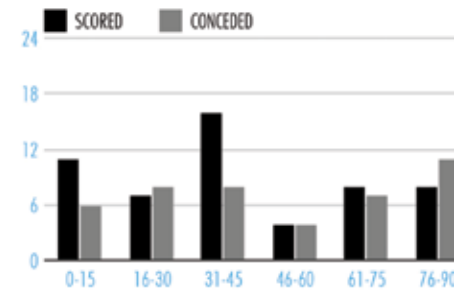


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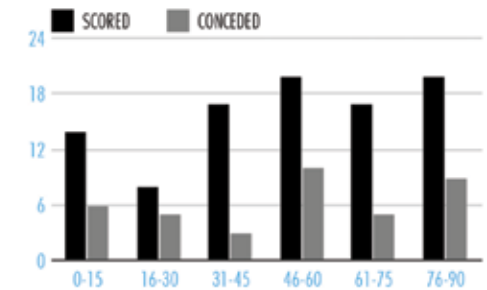
Bristol City have lost four of their last five League Cup Round 1 ties.



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2015-16 STAT PACK



2014-15 LEAGUE TOP FIVES

GOALS

1		MURPHY	27
2		AGÜERO	26
3		GARNER	26
4		DOYLE	26
5		AFOBE	23

ASSISTS

1		FREEMAN	18
2		FABREGAS	18
3		GALLAGHER	17
4		RITCHIE	17
5		HOURIHANE	13

SHOTS ON TARGET

1		GARNER	74
2		SEARS	73
3		MURPHY	66
4		COLLINS	64
5		AGÜERO	62

MINUTES PER GOAL

1		IGHALO	97
2		AGÜERO	98
3		BECKFORD	102
4		DIEGO COSTA	104
5		CISSE	105

% OF GOALS INVOLVED IN

1		AUSTIN	55
2		INGS	54
3		BENTEKE	48
4		CURETON	45
5		MURPHY	45

MINUTES PER CHANCE CREATED

1		OZIL	27
2		HOOLAHAN	28
3		REDMOND	28
4		NAVAS	28
5		SILVA	29

FOULS

1		AKINFENWA	134
2		CORR	103
3		WILSON	96
4		MCLEOD	94
5		REUBEN REID	94

MINUTES PER GOAL CONCEDED

1		LEWIS	48
2		GREEN	49
3		PRICE	49
4		JENSEN	50
5		GARRATT	54

LEAGUE CUP SPOTLIGHT

Only three teams have played in the League Cup first round and gone on to win the trophy that season, the latest being Swindon Town in 1969.

LEAGUE CUP SPOTLIGHT

Leeds United have won all 12 of their previous first round ties in the history of the League Cup.

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TONIGHT IS JUST THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG AS FAR AS HOME GAMES ARE CONCERNED IN AUGUST AS ON SATURDAY THE TOWN ARE IN ACTION AT KENILWORTH ROAD ONCE MORE WHEN WE WELCOME OXFORD UNITED AS OUR FIRST VISITORS OF THE LEAGUE CAMPAIGN.

WHO? Oxford United, aka the Yellows, aka the U's, from Oxford, Oxfordshire. They hail more precisely from the Kassam Stadium – a ground built as recently as 2001 which is probably most famous – or infamous – for its three sides and bizarre light blue seats. They were formed 122 years ago in 1893 as Headington United and their biggest day in the limelight came when they lifted the League Cup in 1986.

IN CHARGE. Michael Appleton begins his second season in charge of the Yellows, having taken over in July last year. A midfielder during his playing days, he began in the youth ranks at Manchester United but made his name at Preston.

The job at the Kassam is his fourth, having also led Portsmouth, Blackpool and Blackburn. Although he was only in office at Ewood Park for 76 days before he was sacked.

THIS SEASON. If you believe the bookies then expect Saturday's visitors to be celebrating promotion come the end of the

campaign. United's close season transfer activity has really caught the Oxford public's imagination and hopes are high that United can challenge for a promotion. The Yellows haven't played in the third tier since the very early 2000s, and, like the Hatters, they spent their fair share of time in the Conference until promotion via the Play-Offs in 2010.

NEW BOYS. So why all the confidence behind a successful season for the U's we hear you ask?

Well Appleton's side ended the campaign on an eight-match unbeaten run, winning five and drawing three of those games. Among those results was a fine 3-2 win at Wycombe.

One of the stars of the Oxford side that did so well at the end of the season was Kemar Roofe, an exciting winger who scored six goals in 16 games while on-loan from West Brom.

Over the summer he put pen to paper on a permanent deal at the Kassam and big things are expected of him this term.

PREVIOUS FORM. The two clubs have met a total of 36 times down the years, not bad considering the first meeting took place as recently as 1970. The Hatters hold the advantage in the head-to-head record, winning 16 times to Oxford's 12. Eight of the matches have ended in draws. A total of 117 goals have been scored, with the Town notching 65 of those. Last season the Town won the fixture here 2-0 thanks to goals from Luke Wilkinson and Jake Howells, while the clash at the Kassam ended 1-1 with Jayden Stockley scoring for the Town.

TICKETS. Fancying coming the game? Well, tickets for the match against Oxford are now on sale at the ticket office at category A prices. Turn to page 13 for more information and prices.

OXFORD UNITED FACTFILE

Formed: 1893
Nicknames:
U's, Yellows, United
Last season: 13th, League 2
Follow them on Twitter:
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Colours: Yellow and Blue
Ground: Kassam Stadium
Manager: Michael Appleton

OUR 130TH YEAR

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

Sat 8	3.00pm	A	Accrington Stanley	D 1-1	2,359	1,175	13	Justham Cuthbert Griffiths McNulty Wilkinson Doyle SMITH 1 Green ▲ McCourt ● McQuoid● Mackail-Smith Tyler Potts McGeehan Benson● Marriott▲ Ruddock● Guttridge
Tue 11	7.45pm	H	Bristol City (Capital One Cup 1)					
Sat 15	3.00pm	H	Oxford United					
Tue 18	7.45pm	H	Bristol Rovers					
Sat 22	3.00pm	A	Yeovil Town					
Sat 29	3.00pm	H	Portsmouth					

SEPTEMBER

Sat 5	3.00pm	A	Cambridge United
Sat 12	3.00pm	A	Notts County
Sat 19	3.00pm	H	Mansfield Town
Sat 26	3.00pm	H	AFC Wimbledon
Tue 29	7.45pm	A	Morecambe

OCTOBER

Sat 3	3.00pm	A	Hartlepool United
Sat 10	3.00pm	H	York City
Sat 17	3.00pm	A	Crawley Town
Tue 20	7.45pm	H	Leyton Orient
Sat 24	3.00pm	H	Plymouth Argyle
Sat 31	3.00pm	A	Dagenham & Redbridge

NOVEMBER

Sat 14	3.00pm	H	Barnet
Sat 21	3.00pm	A	Stevenage
Tue 24	7.45pm	H	Carlisle United
Sat 28	3.00pm	A	Newport County

DECEMBER

Sat 12	3.00pm	H	Northampton Town
Sat 19	3.00pm	A	Exeter City
Sat 26	3.00pm	H	Wycombe Wanderers
Mon 28	3.00pm	A	Portsmouth

JANUARY

Sat 16	3.00pm	H	Cambridge United
Sat 23	3.00pm	A	Mansfield Town
Sat 30	3.00pm	H	Notts County

FEBRUARY

Sat 6	3.00pm	A	Wycombe Wanderers
Sat 13	3.00pm	A	AFC Wimbledon
Sat 20	3.00pm	H	Hartlepool United
Sat 27	3.00pm	A	York City

MARCH

Tue 1	7.45pm	H	Morecambe
Sat 5	3.00pm	A	Leyton Orient
Sat 12	3.00pm	H	Crawley Town
Sat 19	3.00pm	A	Plymouth Argyle
Fri 25	3.00pm	H	Dagenham & Redbridge
Mon 28	3.00pm	A	Barnet

APRIL

Sat 2	3.00pm	H	Stevenage
Sat 9	3.00pm	H	Accrington Stanley
Sat 16	3.00pm	A	Oxford United
Tue 19	7.45pm	A	Carlisle United
Sat 23	3.00pm	H	Newport County
Sat 30	3.00pm	A	Northampton Town

MAY

Sat 7	3.00pm	H	Exeter City
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Accrington get to grips with Josh McQuoid at the Wham Stadium on Saturday
More photographs of this game will be in Saturday's programme

MEET THE REF

JAMES LININGTON

Newport-based James makes his first return to Kenilworth Road since Valentine's Day last season, in which he sent-off Luke Wilkinson in the Town's 1-0 win. Last term he showed 107 yellow cards and 10 reds in 38 games. His first game of this season took place on Saturday when he oversaw a 2-2 draw between Blackpool and Colchester in League 1. Give a warm welcome to James and his assistants this evening.



LUTON TOWN

1885-PRESENT DAY
THE FULL RECORD



PLAYED: **5263**

WON: **2100**

DRAWN: **1280**

LOST: **1883**

GOALS SCORED: **8356**

GOALS CONCEDED: **7576**

LEAGUE TABLE 2015/16

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Cambridge United	1	1	0	0	3	0	3	3
2 Portsmouth	1	1	0	0	3	0	3	3
3 Wycombe Wanderers	1	1	0	0	3	0	3	3
4 Hartlepool United	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	3
5 Leyton Orient	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	3
6 Notts County	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	3
7 Plymouth Argyle	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	3
8 Exeter City	1	1	0	0	3	2	1	3
9 Northampton Town	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
10 Accrington Stanley	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
11 Carlisle United	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
12 Crawley Town	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
13 LUTON TOWN	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
14 Mansfield Town	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
15 Oxford United	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
16 Yeovil Town	1	0	0	1	2	3	-1	0
17 Bristol Rovers	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
18 AFC Wimbledon	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0
19 Barnet	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0
20 Morecambe	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0
21 Stevenage	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0
22 Dagenham & Redbridge	1	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0
23 Newport County AFC	1	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0
24 York City	1	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0

PLAYER STATS 2015/16

	LEAGUE		THIS SEASON				DISIP		LUTFC CAREER TOT		
			CUP		TOTAL		Y	R	APPS		
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS			APPS	GLS	
Zane Banton	0	(0)	0	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	6	0
Paul Benson	0	(1)	0	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	63	20
Scott Cuthbert	1	(0)	0	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	1	0
Nathan Doyle	1	(0)	0	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	32	0
Danny Green	1	(0)	0	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	1	0
Scott Griffiths	1	(0)	0	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	92	3
Luke Guttridge	0	(0)	0	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	63	17
Ryan Hall	0	(0)	0	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	6	0
Elliot Justham	1	(0)	0	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	24	0
Alex Lawless	0	(0)	0	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	172	21
Craig Mackail-Smith	1	(0)	0	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	1	0
Jack Marriott	0	(1)	0	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	1	0
Paddy McCourt	1	(0)	0	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	1	0
Cameron McGeehan	0	(0)	0	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	33	6
Steve McNulty	1	(0)	0	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	114	2
Josh McQuoid	1	(0)	0	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	1	0
Mark O'Brien	0	(0)	0	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	0
Stephen O'Donnell	0	(0)	0	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	0
Magnus Okuonghae	0	(0)	0	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	0
Dan Potts	0	(0)	0	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	0
Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu	0	(1)	0	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	43	3
Jonathan Smith	1	(0)	1	0	0	(0)	1	0	0	101	6
Mark Tyler	0	(0)	0	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	266	0
Luke Wilkinson	1	(0)	0	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	49	4



HOLD THE BACK PAGE

WITH BILL COLE

In the warm, bright light of a summer's day, last season's eighth place doesn't seem too bad a result for a newly promoted club.

But those of us who hold the Hatters dear realise that it could, perhaps should, have been much better. The riches of a three team automatic promotion zone (after a singleton in the Conference) seemed to definitely beckon promotion-wise for a good deal of last winter, especially with another four available for a Play-Off shootout as a back-up.

John Still is convinced (rightly, in my view) that injuries, needless suspensions, loss of form and the relative inexperience of squad replacements in central defence was the major cause of the disastrous spell that condemned the Town to another season in League 2. They had no luck either.

CHANGE

He has moved massively to change that with firstly Scott Cuthbert coming in from Leyton Orient, Magnus Okuonghae from Colchester and Mark O'Brien from Derby recruited, to add to stalwarts Steve McNulty and Luke Wilkinson (who have both played really well in pre-season) at the expense of Alex Lacey and Fraser Franks, gone to Yeovil and Stevenage respectively.

The last time there were changes of this scale was at the start of the

2008/09 season when the likes of George Pilkington, Ian Roper, Asa Hall, Rossi Jarvis, Chris Martin, Tom Craddock, Kevin Watson, Michael Spillane and Claude Gnakpa came in and Chris Coyne, Ahmet Berkovic, Matthew Spring, Darren Currie, Paul Furlong amongst others went for various reasons after a relegation season in 2007/08. That took the Hatters down to League 2, the second of three consecutive relegations that doomed us to the Conference for five years.

HIGH REGARD

To add to the central defenders the manager has signed are full-backs Dan Potts from West Ham and Stephen O'Donnell from Partick Thistle, wide midfielders Danny Green and former Celtic player lately at Brighton & Hove Albion, Paddy McCourt. Cameron McGeehan, a midfielder of high regard we know well has been secured from Norwich City on a permanent contract now after his two loan spells with the club, to add to strikers Josh McQuoid from Bournemouth and Jack Marriott who has risen through the ranks at Ipswich Town.

The last piece of John Still's close season jigsaw puzzle was put in



place this month with the capture from Brighton of front man Craig Mackail-Smith. Mackail-Smith, made his name by scoring freely for Peterborough United in the Championship only a couple of years ago and has impressed in an orange shirt in recent weeks.

EXPECTATION

The manager's picks this time around are a potentially classy blend of relative youth and experience, mainly of senior professionals and a couple of relative youngsters with a number of games at a higher level already under their belt. But unlike last year's intake, an incoming eleven all with a realistic expectation of a starting place in Luton's line-up.

John Still's problem will probably be a nice one. Deciding on his best eleven to hopefully take the Hatters onward and upward.

Bill is a former local sports journalist and currently works as a press steward on matchdays at Kenilworth Road

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TEAMSHEET



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- 1 Mark Tyler
- 2 Stephen O'Donnell
- 3 Dan Potts
- 4 Jonathan Smith
- 5 Stephen McNulty
- 6 Scott Cuthbert
- 7 Alex Lawless
- 8 Cameron McGeehan
- 9 Paul Benson
- 10 Ryan Hall
- 11 Danny Green
- 12 Scott Griffiths
- 14 Jack Marriott
- 15 Paddy McCourt
- 16 Elliot Justham
- 17 Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu
- 18 Magnus Okuonghae
- 21 Luke Guttridge
- 22 Craig Mackail-Smith
- 23 Josh McQuoid
- 24 Curtley Williams
- 25 Mark O'Brien
- 26 Nathan Doyle
- 30 Luke Wilkinson
- 31 Craig King
- 32 Luke Trotman
- 33 Mark Onyemah
- 34 Isaac Galliford
- 35 Zane Banton



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- 1 Frank Fielding
- 2 Mark Little
- 3 Derrick Williams
- 4 Aden Flint
- 5 Luke Ayling
- 6 Adam El-Abd
- 7 Korey Smith
- 8 Callum Robinson
- 11 Scott Wagstaff
- 12 Ryan Fredericks
- 14 Bobby Reid
- 15 Luke Freeman
- 18 Aaron Wilbraham
- 19 Kieran Agard
- 20 Wes Burns
- 21 Marlon Pack
- 22 Jonathan Kodjia
- 23 Joe Bryan

TODAY'S OFFICIALS

-  James Linington
-  Robert Massey-Ellis
-  Andrew Hendley
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