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Throughout the 2015/16 season our programme covers will be a nod to the covers of yesteryear. Today's cover is based on a Yeovil Town fixture from January 2008. To find out more, turn to page 22.



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NATHAN JONES

NOTES FROM THE MANAGER

GOOD EVENING AND WELCOME BACK TO KENILWORTH ROAD FOR ANOTHER IMPORTANT GAME IN LEAGUE 2 AS WE ENTERTAIN YEOVIL.

I would like to welcome everybody associated with the Glovers to Bedfordshire in particular manager Darren Way and his assistant Terry Skiverton, plus the directors, staff and supporters of the Glovers. I was honoured to have spent seven enjoyable years at Huish Park – a place where I really enjoyed playing and coaching.

Saturday's result against Notts County was hard to take after a very encouraging first 45 minutes. It was a pleasing performance but, put it simply, we need to be more clinical and professional in all areas of the pitch.

However, tonight's game gives the players an opportunity to get us back on track.

DETERMINED

I know that the players were frustrated by Saturday but they are determined to do well. But the one thing I know they appreciated the most was the backing of you from the stands on Saturday. It's that kind of support we need week in, week out if we are to be a success. The noise levels were outstanding and we will need that again tonight against a Yeovil side who earned a good result on their travels on Saturday.

I've spoken about taking small steps and that will continue to be the case as the players continue to take on board how we want them to play. The signs are there, there has been improvement and I'm looking forward to seeing how the players perform again tonight.

ACQUISITIONS

As we stand the transfer deadline closed on Monday night and I'm not expecting there to have been masses of business. We have already had a relatively busy January with players coming in and out, including the acquisitions of Alan Sheehan and Joe Pigott, both of whom made their home debuts against Notts County.

Last week I was also able to make my first appointment to my backroom staff and I'd like to welcome Kevin Nugent to the club as first team coach.

Kevin is somebody I have known for a long time and has an excellent reputation.

He can help us build on what we have here at Luton Town and I know he is excited at the opportunity of making a difference at Kenilworth Road.

After tonight we have two successive away matches so please get behind us like you have done so brilliantly in the three matches that I have been in charge for so far.

Enjoy the game.





From the BOARDROOM

WITH CHAIRMAN **NICK OWEN**

GOOD EVENING AND WELCOME BACK TO KENILWORTH ROAD FOR OUR LEAGUE 2 MATCH AGAINST YEOVIL. A WARM WELCOME TO ALL THE OFFICIALS, PLAYERS AND SUPPORTERS WHO'VE MADE THE LONG JOURNEY HERE FROM SOMERSET.

Like us, they've had a tough old season and it's still infuriating to think we gave up a two-goal lead to lose at Huish Park way back in August. Little did we know then how wretchedly inconsistent we would be this season.

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Nothing illustrated how frustrating this game can be than Saturday's match against Notts County. I think most people would agree we were excellent at times.

The signs are there of a significant improvement in our approach – far more positive and direct, full of purpose and intent. We could easily have been two up at half-time and there was nothing to indicate we wouldn't go on and

win in the second half.

We certainly weren't quite as good after the break but we still had plenty of the play – the stats bear that out – yet somehow we ended up conceding two horrible goals and losing at home for the eighth time this season. Inconceivable before the campaign got under way. What's more, we haven't scored at Kenilworth Road since 12th December and we're now in February.

It's sobering to think we haven't come from behind to win a match since our last home game in the Conference!

But, as I said earlier, we are starting to look a far sharper outfit and it seems to me all of us appreciate that. Anyone who went to Mansfield will know just what I mean. We were totally in control at Field Mill, scored an early superb goal through Paddy McCourt and never looked in trouble. Pelly's power and skill for the second was breathtaking.

I can assure you that, despite Saturday's defeat, there is a new buzz about the place, the players are fully committed to the new regime and confident in the



knowledge that performances are improving significantly. Results will surely follow in the coming weeks.

And while we're talking about the future, wasn't it thrilling to see our Under-18s on the pitch at half-time on Saturday to receive the South East Youth Alliance Trophy? What a phenomenal season they have had, and who knows what lies ahead in the FA Youth Cup after their dogged victory at Oldham in midweek in vile conditions. I'd like to think that many of those lads can go on to become the backbone of Luton Town for the next generation. The signs are extremely hopeful and already Nathan has made it very clear he is keen to promote our younger players at the earliest opportunity.

For those of us with rather long memories, Yeovil is closely linked with one of our former managers. The idiosyncratic Alec Stock! He was Yeovil's renowned player-manager when they were a non-league side shortly after the war and they went on a sensational FA



Congratulations to our Under-18s, who were presented with the championship trophy at the weekend

Cup run in 1949 which included beating the mighty Sunderland on the way to the fifth round where they were soundly thrashed by Manchester United in front of 81,000 spectators. Incidentally, Alec had been a tank commander in the Second World War and was blown up but survived at Caen in France.

Alec had a successful career as a manager, notably with QPR, but he was here at Kenilworth Road from 1968 to 1972 and took us to promotion into the second flight. Amongst others, he signed strikers Malcolm Macdonald and Don Givens. I see a lot of Don these days and he is always telling me stories about Alec. How he put notices up around the dressing room area with catchphrases or words of wisdom to inspire the troops!

"He was a really nice man," said Don. "Rather posh, enormously experienced, a man who knew so much about the game and commanded huge respect."

When he signed Don, he offered him a club house to rent at £1.50 a week (!), but advised him to 'do the best thing' and buy a house for himself. "Best bit of advice I ever had," said Don.

"I think my house in Luton cost me about £8,000 and the value doubled within eighteen months!"

It'll be good to welcome one of our own back tonight, Alex Lacey, who spent five years of his young career here at Kenilworth Road before moving to Somerset and became a highly popular figure with the fans. An interesting night too for Nathan Jones, who served seven years at Yeovil as player and coach.

So, could this be the night we sort out our bizarre home form and start on a run that could still see us squeeze into the Play-Offs? Football is a game that is positively marinated in hope and, as long as it is mathematically possible, I will always cling onto that hope. As ever, the sometimes deafening roar from the stands can play a major part, so do please keep up your tremendous backing for the team and perhaps we'll enjoy an exhilarating ride from now until May. Momentum's what we need - we certainly have the quality players.

Bye for now.

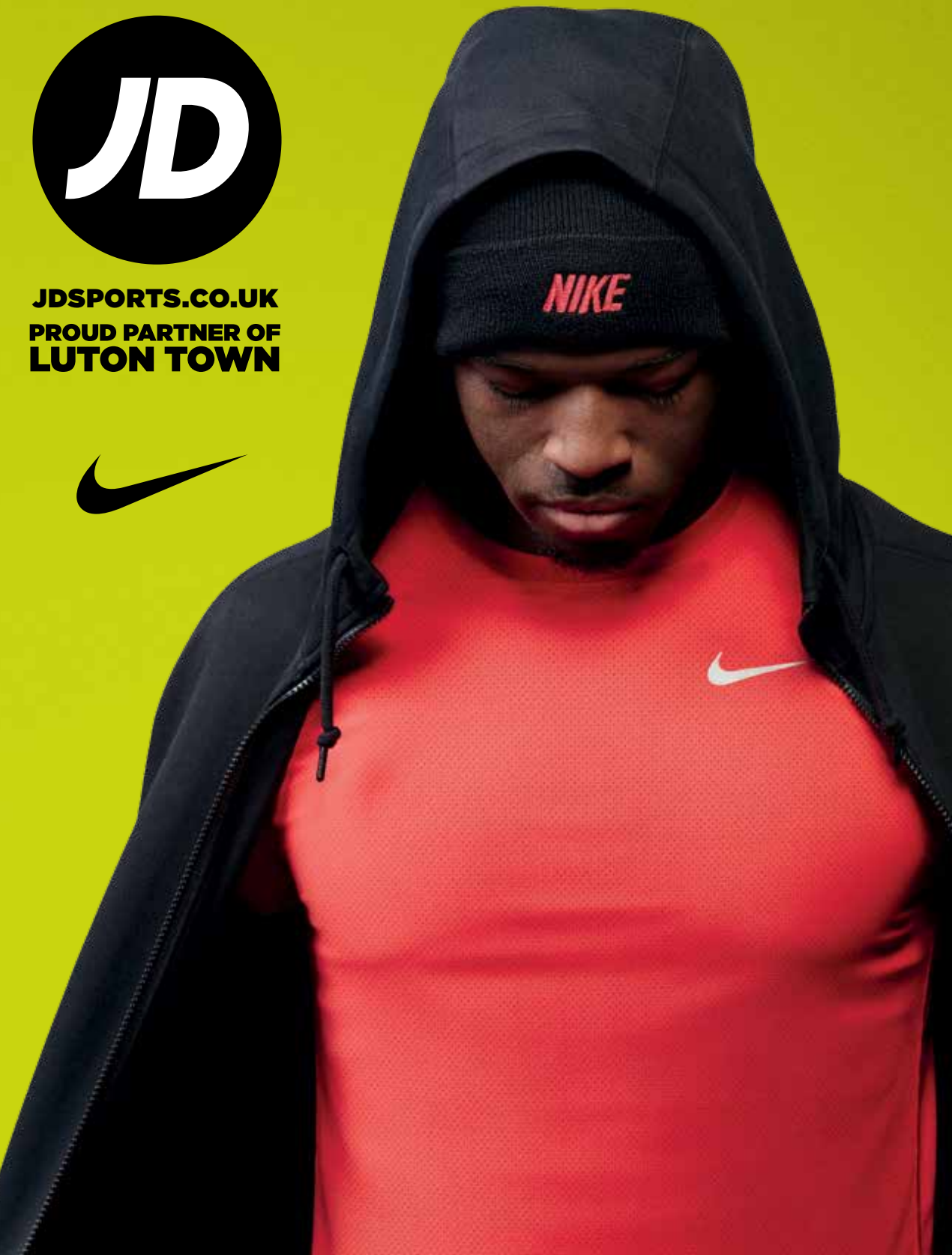
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THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

We went into Saturday's game with Notts County confident after the previous week's 2-0 win at Mansfield.

As I said in my last notes, we took a lot of encouragement from the first two games under the new manager. We had kept two clean sheets and taken four points and there were a lot of positive signs in both games.

We took that positivity into Saturday's match and I thought in the first half some of our attacking play was superb. Defensively we coped well against two dangerous strikers and at half-time we thought if we kept up the same levels of performance then it would be only a matter of time before we opened the scoring.

FRUSTRATING

Sadly, that wasn't to be and Notts County scored twice and that knocked the stuffing out of us and we were unable to wrestle back control of the game. Their first goal was hugely frustrating to see hit the back of the net with Alan Sheehan deflecting the ball home. As you'd expect he was gutted that his unfortunate touch gave his former club the initiative. The second goal, especially from my point of view, was disappointing but we kept plugging away and Joe, our newest team-mate, was unlucky to see a late shot cleared off the line.

Thankfully tonight gives us a chance to bounce back from Saturday's defeat as we welcome Yeovil to Kenilworth Road. Our form here on home soil has been, to put it mildly, awful. We're here in February with only three wins here

which, for a club of this size, the support and ambition, is just not good enough. I can't put my finger on why we have struggled to get results at home but the manager has said that he wants us to enjoy playing here at Kenilworth Road. We've got no reason not to like playing here because any player at this level would jump at the chance to play for this club in front of such big and passionate crowds.

All of the lads are absolutely desperate to give you something to shout out about at home and hopefully we can kick-start a positive final half of the season with three points tonight against Yeovil. Earlier in the season we went down to their place and lost a 2-0 lead. It's a result and performance that wasn't good enough and gives us extra incentive this evening.

PROUD

After tonight's game we've got two big away matches coming up against sides in the top half of the table, Wycombe and Wimbledon and we're not here at home again for a few weeks. We want to be able to give you a performance and result tonight that will leave you going home happy and proud. If we can recreate the kind of moments we saw in flashes on Saturday and take our chances then I'm confident we will.



Finally, I'd like to welcome Kevin Nugent to the club as first team coach. I know him well during my time at Leyton Orient. Kevin is a great person and a fine coach and I know that we will help improve us further.

Please get behind us tonight and enjoy the game.

PRESTON TRIP NEXT WEEK FOR YOUTH TEAM

The Town Under-18s' FA Youth Cup fifth round tie away to Preston North End has been scheduled for Wednesday 10th February, with a 7pm kick-off.

Paul Driver's side booked their place in the last 16 last week with a 1-0 win at Oldham to become the first Town youth side to reach

the fifth round since 2003.

Preston – also a category 3 academy side – beat Exeter in the last round and currently sit sixth in the Youth Alliance North West division.

The tie will be played at Deepdale and entry is on the turnstile in the Sir Tom Finney Stand. Admission is £2 for adults and 1 for concession.

Winners of the tie will be away to Aston Villa or Blackburn Rovers.

GRIFF'S LOAN SWITCH

Hatters defender Scott Griffiths has joined National League side Woking on a month's loan.

The 30-year-old has made 115 appearances for the Town since arriving in 2013, and joins up with midfielder Matthew Robinson at Kingfield.

Scott made his debut in Woking's 2-2 draw with Barrow, a game in which Andy Parry played for the Bluebirds.

Meanwhile, the Town have recalled striker Zane Banton from his loan at Hemel and was on the bench for the Hatters in Saturday's game with Notts County.

ALWYN MCGUFFIE

13th April 1937 – 13th December 2015

Everyone at Kenilworth Road was saddened to learn of the passing of Alwyn McGuffie who made 89 first team appearances, scoring ten goals, for the Town spread over nine seasons.

Spotted by ex-Hatter Charlie Watkins, Alwyn was enticed away from Queen of the South as a 16 year old and after initially playing on an amateur basis signed professional forms for the Town in September 1954.

A clever, ball playing wing-half of whom great things were expected he made a promising League debut in the top flight at Cardiff in 1956 but never quite fulfilled his early promise due to his perceived lack of defensive qualities.

After National Service in the Army and with the Town's fall from the top flight, Alwyn was picked more frequently and when given a place in the forward line showed an eye for goal. After leaving Kenilworth Road in 1964, Alwyn ran a sports/toy shop in the town for many years before returning to Scotland.

Our condolences go out to his family and friends.

HELLO NOAH!

Pictured here is five-month-old Hatters fan Noah Clarke in his Luton kit.



His mum Amy says Noah is already a big Town fan, just like his grandad Graham Gaylor and his great grandad.

We hope to see you at Kenilworth Road soon, Noah!



WELCOME KEVIN!

Nathan Jones has installed Kevin Nugent as first team coach in his first backroom staff appointment since taking over as manager.

Nugent, 46, arrives at Kenilworth Road having previously been assistant manager at fellow League 2 side Leyton Orient.

He was a striker in his playing days, scoring 143 goals in a career spanning 20 years with spells at Orient, Plymouth, Bristol City, Cardiff, and Swansea.

He started his coaching career as assistant to Kenny Jackett at Swansea and briefly took over as caretaker boss in February 2007. During his time in South Wales the Swans won promotion from League 1.

In the summer of 2007 Nugent returned to Leyton Orient and remained at Brisbane Road until this year. In his time with the O's the club reached the League 1 Play-Off final in 2013/14.

With a wealth of coaching experience, Jones was delighted to welcome Nugent to Kenilworth Road.

He said: "Kevin is a good coach who knows the level. He's somebody I have been very keen to get on board and add to the staff here.

"He's a great character and wants to get better. He has a good reputation in the game and I'm looking forward to working with him."

Nugent admitted he is excited at the prospect of working alongside Jones in a bid to revive the Town's fortunes.

He said: "There's a very good squad of players here which I'm really looking forward to working with day in, day out.

"The quality is certainly there. The challenge is to now to get that out of the players on a consistent basis. There's a good spirit among the group, which is often half of the battle, so I'm confident that we can have a positive effect.

"Luton is a great club and Nathan is a young, hungry manager. We share a similar football philosophy and I'm flattered that Nathan wanted me here."

As a result of Kevin's appointment, Andy Awford has reverted to his full-time role of academy and development manager but will continue to assist the first team.

The Club would like to place on record its thanks to Andy for his assistance in these first few weeks of Nathan's tenure.



OAK ROAD BAR OPEN

We are pleased to inform supporters that a new external area which is accessible from the Oak Road end will again be available to use by home supporters for tonight's game.

The area, which opened on Saturday, is situated towards the top of the ramp leading down to the Oak Road seating will be available to supporters who wish to smoke once inside the ground. We have also been granted a temporary license to sell alcohol within this area, so a limited range of bottled / canned beers will

also be on sale from a temporary gazebo.

Under licencing regulations a maximum of 60 supporters will be allowed access to the bar area at any one time on a match day, with room for some extra smokers just outside the licensed area – we would ask that in the event that the areas is full, supporters co-operate with stewards.

While this is a temporary arrangement for now, we're hoping to that we will be able to make the outdoor area a permanent fixture moving forwards, with improved bar facilities. We trust that supporters will respect our neighbours, and play their part in making this initiative a success.

LET'S GO



MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR KENILWORTH ROAD FIX TONIGHT AS THE HATTERS DON'T PLAY ON HOME SOIL FOR ALMOST THREE WEEKS WITH TRIPS TO WYCOMBE AND WIMBLEDON NEXT UP IN LEAGUE 2

WYCOMBE WANDERERS

WHO? Wycombe Wanderers, aka the Chairboys (never the Choirboys that you may have previously thought), from Adams Park, Buckinghamshire. Boss Gareth Ainsworth guided Wanderers to the Play-Off final last season but they lost to Southend on penalties. They won 1-0 at Plymouth on Saturday and lie one point and one place outside the top seven.

WHERE? Adams Park has been the Chairboys' home since 1990 having moved from Loakes Park. Over the years the ground has been redeveloped and seats just over 10,000. Hatters fans have been allocated the all-seated, covered away end which seats 1,800.

HOW TO GET THERE The stadium is located on the outskirts of Wycombe on the Sands Industrial Estate. Leave the M40 at Junction 4 and take the A4010 towards Aylesbury. Turn left at the fourth roundabout into Lane End Road and then continue straight down this road. Cross another roundabout and into Hillbottom Road. The ground is down at the very bottom of this road. The Adams Park postcode is HP12 4HJ.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

Saturday's meeting will be the 21st between the two clubs since Wycombe came into the Football League and the 11th at Adams Park. The Town will be protecting an unbeaten record at the Buckinghamshire venue which reads five wins and five draws from the previous 10 visits. The Hatters were last successful there in an FA Cup second round tie in 2004. Wycombe have, however, won three of the last four meetings in total – all of which have come at Kenilworth Road.

AFC WIMBLEDON

WHO? AFC Wimbledon, aka the Dons, aka the Wombles, the club that was reborn following another club's decision to relocate. AFC rose right the way through the football pyramid and won promotion to the Football League in 2011 after beating the Town in the Conference Play-Off. Boss Neal Ardley has turned the Dons into Play-Off chasers – they sit in 10th place, two points off the top seven.

WHERE? Officially the Cherry Red Records Stadium, aka Kingsmeadow, the ground opened in 1989 but has been the Dons' home since 2003. With a capacity of 4,850 it is the smallest ground

in the Football League. The game is all-ticket for Hatters fans with only 900 tickets available.

HOW TO GET THERE

From the Kenny to the Kingsmeadow it's about 50 miles. M25 Junction 10, take the A3 northbound into London. At the exit for New Malden/Worcester Park, turn off and take the left into Malden Road (A2043) towards Kingston. Follow this to the next roundabout. Take the first exit into Kingston Road (A2043 still) and Kingsmeadow is one mile on the left. The stadium postcode is KT1 3PB.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

In the Dons' AFC Wimbledon guise, the two clubs have met a total of eight times so far with the Dons enjoying the overall head-to-head record, winning three to the Town's two. Three games have officially ended draws – but one of those included the Dons' Conference Play-Off final penalty shootout win at the Etihad Stadium in 2011. The Hatters haven't won at Kingsmeadow in three attempts. The first saw our first Conference fixture, a 1-1 draw in August 2009. Last season the Dons triumphed 3-2 with a late, late David Connolly winner.

TICKET OFFICE

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WYCOMBE WANDERERS



Saturday 6th February 2016, 3pm

This match is all-ticket for Luton Town supporters with none available on the day at Adams Park.

The Luton Town ticket office has received an initial allocation of 1,000 reserved seats in the Panache Stand for this fixture. If required the full allocation of 1,800 will be made available.

Tickets are now on general sale online and from the Ticket Office in person or via phone. They will remain on sale until 2pm Friday 5th February.

Prices: £20 adults (26-59), £17 seniors (60 and over), £15 young adults (19-25), £11 juniors (8-18), children under 8 free.

Wheelchair tickets are available in the Panache Stand. These need to be ordered directly from Wycombe. Please call them on 01494 441118.

Ambulant disabled tickets are available through the Luton Town ticket office with a Carer free of charge with proof of medium rate disability or above. f of medium rate disability or above.

Due to the limited number of tickets available it may be necessary to revise the sales plan before tickets go on general sale to include an additional sales period for supporters that have previously attended a certain amount of away fixtures this season.

Prices: John Green Stand seats: £20 adults, £13 seniors over 65 and students with ID, £9 under-18s. Terrace: £16 adults, £10 seniors over 65 and students with ID, £4 under-18s. Two pairs of wheelchair tickets are available and can be purchased from Luton Town ticket office. Ambulant Disabled pay their age related price with a Carer free of charge.



HARTLEPOOL UNITED



Saturday 20th February 2016, 3pm

Tickets for this match are now available from the ticket office and online at category C prices.

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AFC WIMBLEDON



Saturday 13th February 2016, 3pm

We have received a full allocation of 750 terrace spaces and 152 seats in the John Green Stand for the fixture.

Sales plan: Tickets are on sale to diamond and regular season ticket holders at one per person until close of business on Monday 8th February.

Any remaining tickets will be available on general sale from Tuesday 9th February online and from the Ticket Office in person or via phone. They will remain on sale until 2pm Friday 12th February.

TICKETS FOR HOME MATCHES

You can buy tickets for games here at Kenilworth Road in three simple ways. You can either pop into our ticket office in Kenilworth Road, or alternatively at our club shop in the Mall; telephone our ticket office on 01582 416976; or purchase tickets online at our online ticket website www.eticketing.co.uk/lutontown. Matchday tickets vary slightly depending on categorisation of matches this season. Each match will be assigned a category A, B or C and are outlined on this page and on our websites.

Home ticket prices for the 2015/16 season

	Cat A	Cat B	Cat C
Adult	£22	£20	£18
Young Adult (18-21)	£17	£15	£13
Senior (65+)	£17	£15	£13
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Youth (10-17)	£10	£8	£6
Acc. Junior (U10)	£7	£5	£3

COMMERCIAL TALK...

WITH COMMERCIAL MANAGER **DAVID HOSKINS**

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MATCHBALL SPONSOR

JASON NORRIS & FRIENDS



We are a group of friends who all met about 25 five years ago standing at the back of the Kenilworth Road end.

We have travelled the emotional roller coaster of being a Hatters fan over the

years, from numerous Wembley trips, to freezing Tuesday nights in Braintree! The unforgettable and those we try to forget! We would like to give our support to Nathan Jones and 2020, and raise a glass to an improving team, new stadium to come and exciting times ahead. #COYH.

TODAY'S MASCOT



We are thrilled to welcome Callum Wells as our mascot at Kenilworth Road this evening.

Callum is seven years old and attends Stopsley Community Primary School. He attends matches here with his dad, sister Chloe and sometimes his mum. His favourite player is striker Jack Marriott. This evening Callum will get to meet Jack and all of the Town players before the game and then lead the team out onto the pitch prior to kick-off.

We hope you have a fantastic evening with us Callum!



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Welcome to Kenilworth Road YEOVIL TOWN



TEAM PROFILE YEOVIL TOWN

Nickname: The Glovers
Ground: Huish Park
Last season: 24th League 1
Manager: Darren Way
Last match: Wimbledon 2-3 Yeovil

It gives us great pleasure to welcome everyone associated with Yeovil Town to Kenilworth Road this evening.

Similar to ourselves, Yeovil are getting used to life under a new manager, with Darren Way arriving at Huish Park, taking over from Paul Sturrock.

It's a first managerial post for Way, who Hatters fans may remember as a hard-hitting midfielder, who played against the Hatters back on New Year's Day 2008 when both sides were in League 1. Way also featured in the Hatters' 4-1 demolition of the same opposition in the Carling Cup, way back in 2003.

Back to more modern times, Way's tenure at the Huish Park helm began positively, progressing in the Emirates FA Cup with victory over Stevenage to reach the third round.

But the Glovers didn't win for five matches following, although three of those were draws to keep the side battling from relegation, with the New Year win over York in a pinnacle three points in their bid to remain in the Football League.

Yeovil continued to have FA Cup fever on the brain, and were unfortunate to bow out to Carlisle 5-4 on penalties, but recovered with a second successive home victory, this time over Crawley. A 3-2 win over AFC Wimbledon on Saturday has kept the Glovers 22nd in League 2.

But the season didn't start too brightly for the newly-relegated side then looked after by Paul Sturrock, losing the first four games in all competitions before gaining a 3-2 league win in late August – against the Hatters.

You sensed Yeovil's season may have lifted off on 19th September, but alas it wasn't to be. The Glovers went to Crawley with 10 players out through injury, while Sturrock was forced to sit out with a touchline ban, but his side managed to eke out a 1-0 victory on the road, just their second league success of the campaign. Since then, Sturrock has found himself out of his job, failing to win any of his final 12 League 2 matches before leaving his post at the start of December.

And it seems the switch in manager could prove dividends with that excellent comeback win against the Dons on Saturday. AFC Wimbledon led the game on two occasions, but Jack Compton,

who had previously not scored for two years in the league, netted a remarkable hat-trick to keep his side floating just above the drop zone ahead of tonight's trip to Kenilworth Road.

The Hatters and Yeovil have an extremely limited history of competitive fixtures, playing against each other just four times in their history including those Carling Cup and league victories in which Darren Way featured.

The West Country outfit were in League 1 last season, so the meeting between the two back in August was the first for over seven years. The Hatters led 2-0 in that game at Huish Park thanks to Craig Mackail-Smith and Paul Benson, but Ryan Bird – the Glovers' top-scorer – came off the bench to net two goals in 13 minutes as Yeovil snatched the game 3-2.

But that's the only setback the Town have faced, drawing the only other meeting between the two sides in a 0-0 stalemate, all the way back in October 2007.

HATTERS v YEOVIL

Luton wins: 2
Draws: 1
Yeovil wins: 1

LAST MEETING

Yeovil 3-2 Town 22/8/15

Meet the VISITORS

OUR GUIDE TO THE MEN FROM HUISH PARK



THE BOSS

DARREN WAY

Way entered the dugout in December 2015, his first step on the management ladder, having enjoyed a long playing career with Yeovil as well as Swansea.

BETWEEN THE STICKS

ARTUR KRYSIAK

Polish goalkeeper Artur joined Birmingham City from his hometown club for £60,000 in 2008, but has spent most of his time with Exeter City. Krysiak made 142 appearances for Exeter before switching to Yeovil this summer.

IN DEFENCE

BEN TOZER

Defender Ben began his career for Swindon having been spotted while playing for the youth team at a Plymouth college. That earned a move to Newcastle, but he spent four years at Northampton.

NATHAN SMITH

Signed from non-league Potters' Bar, left-back Nathan became a fans favourite at Huish Park, making 114 appearances and scoring once

– from 30 yards. Went on to play for Chesterfield from 2011, but rejoined Yeovil in 2014.



JAKUB SOKOLIK

Czech-born defender Jakub was previously on Liverpool's books. The 22-year-old did feature for Southend on loan, though he chose a permanent move to Yeovil ahead of the Roots Hall outfit in 2014.

RYAN DICKSON

Ryan was the ninth signing of a busy summer for then-manager Paul Sturrock in 2015, playing 19 times in the league so far this season having previously played for the likes of Brentford and Southampton.

ALEX LACEY

Milton Keynes-born Alex will be familiar to Hatters fans as part of the Youth Team from 2007, making 40 appearances in his five senior years at the club. Joined Yeovil this summer.

ACROSS THE MIDDLE

MATT DOLAN

Centre midfielder Matt primarily occupies the centre of the park, but is also comfortable in defence, with his stint back at Yeovil his second at Huish Park having been on loan with the Glovers in 2013.

JACK COMPTON

Jack was not known for his goals, not netting in the league for two years before scoring a scintillating hat-trick in the 3-2 victory over AFC Wimbledon on Saturday. Signed from Hartlepool last summer.

LIAM WALSH

Youngster Liam is just 18 years, plying his trade at Yeovil on loan from Everton, where he has yet to

make an appearance. Walsh has made just three appearances, but already has an assist under his belt in League 2.

KEVIN DAWSON

Yeovil marks the first foray into English football for Kevin, previously playing for Sporting Fingal and Shelbourne prior to joining the Glovers in 2013, where he's played 74 times so far.

UP FRONT

RYAN BIRD

Ryan is the top scorer at Huish Park this term, netting eight times for his side in League 2, joining the club after nine years at Burnham, as well as stints with Portsmouth and Cambridge United.

SHAUN JEFFERS

Bedford-born Shaun joined Yeovil after impressing in a trial game in 2015, spending last year with Newport County after previously been part of Peterborough's squad.

TAHVON CAMPBELL

The trip to Kenilworth Road looks set to be the last game for the Glovers for Tahvon, a West Brom player who went to the West Country on a one-month loan at the start of January.

FRANCOIS ZOKO

Ivorian Francois has had his fair share of clubs, featuring in France and the Netherlands before joining Carlisle in 2010. The 32-year-old has also played for Notts County, Stevenage, Bradford and Blackpool prior to playing for Yeovil.



From the OAK ROAD

AFTER TWO SUCCESSIVE RELEGATIONS, WHICH HAS SEEN THEM DROP FROM THE CHAMPIONSHIP TO LEAGUE 2, THE GLOVERS FAITHFUL ARE DREADING A DROP BACK TO THE CONFERENCE. BUT, WITH DARREN WAY IN CHARGE, YEOVIL COULD YET SURVIVE. WE TALK TO HUISH PARK REGULAR **BEN BARRETT**

THE SEASON AHEAD...

After relegation last season what were expectations at Huish Park at the start of the season?

Honestly, we as fans wanted to be challenging at the top end of the league, double relegation is really tough to get your head around and the whole club felt that we had a chance to change the attitude and rid the club of the habit of losing.

What did you think of Paul Sturrock? Were you happy with the job he did with Yeovil and were you surprised by the board's decision to let him go?

As a bloke, I can't knock him, he spoke very well and desperately wanted to do right by the club. As I've said he came in and cleaned house with players just too used to losing, sadly he brought in a number of players either just not good enough or fit enough. He did have to go, I possibly would have acted sooner but it was the right decision.

Like Luton, you've hired a first-time boss in Darren Way. What have you made of Darren so far and what is the expectation between now and the end of the season? As a Yeovil legend will he be afforded more time?

Darren Way is exactly, that, a legend. It takes a certain type of person to represent Yeovil Town, you really have to live and breathe Yeovil – Darren certainly does that and his passion for the job and the fans cannot be underestimated. His tactical nous isn't quite there yet, a couple of times I've wanted to see changes earlier or a switch to a 'plan B' when the game gets away from us. Having said that, I love his bold 4-3-3 formation and his changes in the game against Crawley won us the match so it's clear he's learning and willing to make big calls with the responsibility on his head. He will get time, help and a board who know they are dealing with a man (or men, with Terry Skiverton as his number two) who bleed green and white.

What's it like being back in the basement division? Have you been surprised by the quality of it?

Honestly, it is rubbish being back in League 2. For a decade we were a solid League 1 side and we've had one crack at the Championship, so to be back here is really rather naff. That naff-ness is made even worse by the fact everyone else is so good. We're at the wrong end of the table but throughout the league there are big and small clubs really trying to make



strides to do what has become 'a Yeovil'. Look at Accrington, Mansfield and Wimbledon, sides with ambitions to mix it with the likes of Plymouth, Portsmouth and Leyton Orient – teams you'd expect to see higher. It makes for a more competitive division and certainly higher quality.

While it's fair to say it's been a disappointing season so far for you, what has been the bright spot and who in the squad has impressed you?

The bright spot has undoubtedly been the recent spell under Darren Way, he's got the side playing well and the fans back on side. He has managed to get the best from players who never really blossomed under Sturrock. Watch out for Jack Compton on the wing and it'll take something to get past Jakub Sokolik at the back. He's



Yeovil celebrate winning promotion to the Championship

brought in Liam Walsh from Everton who is a star in the making. He'll play at international level, I'm making that call right now.

SEASONS PAST...

Tell us about you. Why do you support Yeovil? When did it all start? What was your first game? What do you remember about it?

I am a good old fashioned glory hunter. As a very young football fan, I was an Aston Villa fan for absolutely no reason whatsoever. However, that all changed around the turn of the Millennium, Yeovil became more of my life as I went with school and family to support my local side. The 2002 FA Trophy final cemented myself as a permanent Glovers fans and here I am, 14 years later (and 300 miles further away) a loud and proud Yeovil Town fan.

What do you love so much about Huish Park?

I won't lie, seeing away fans get wet on the open terrace is quite fun, but I do think Huish Park is a proper, old school ground. The noise from the home fans reverberates around the metal home terrace and when it really gets going it has a fantastic atmosphere.

From the Conference up to the Championship and back down to League 2. Life surely can't be dull for Glovers fans. Sum up the past decade following the club.

It's not boring, that's for sure. Don't get me wrong, I'd swap a

little mid-table mediocrity for any of the last two seasons, but at least we have a fair few 'we were there' moments.

Which is your favourite season following the Glovers and why?

It may seem obvious, but the season in the Championship was brilliant. Yes, we got beat – a lot – and yes, we probably haven't recovered since then, but Yeovil Town were up against some of the biggest clubs on a weekly basis and you can't take away days like beating Watford on their own patch or epic draws against Leicester or Wigan. Yes, we got relegated, but it was brilliant to watch Yeovil reap the rewards of the season before.

LUTON AND NOTTS

Games between the two clubs are few and far between, but what are your best and worst memories of Yeovil v Luton clashes? Do any games in particular stick out?

We don't have many clashes, we've only met a few times, but getting a win earlier this season is probably the best. We haven't won an awful lot this season, but a comeback from 2-0 down is always a positive way to kick a season off.

What do you expect from today's game? What's your prediction? Are you looking forward to the lack of leg room in the away end?

I'm expecting an exciting game, I've made no secret of my desire for Nathan Jones to join

Yeovil when the job became available and part of that was because of his natural attacking style. However, Darren Way has shown his pattern is similar with three front men home and away, we're having a go at sides and that is something fans are really getting behind. I fancy us to score, which is not something I've been able to say an awful lot of times this season, I expect Jonesy to get a great reception – but a reception matched by that for the one Darren Way gets.

QUICKFIRE

Terrace or Seats? Terrace

Who are your rivals? Bristol Rovers.

Favourite all-time manager? Gary Johnson.

Favourite promotion season? 2013/14 League One to Championship

Guess your player of the season Artur Krysiak

If you could bring one player from the past back in the Yeovil team who would it be? In a cruel twist, Nathan Jones.

Most treasured Yeovil piece of memorabilia? I have a number of signed shirts and books, but I may also have the captain's armband Nathan Jones wore during the 2007 Play-Off final.

What league will Yeovil be in next season? League 2

Who will win promotion from League 2? Plymouth, Oxford, Northampton and Leyton Orient (via the Play-Offs)

COVER STORY

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

LUTON TOWN 1 YEOVIL TOWN 0

1st January 2008

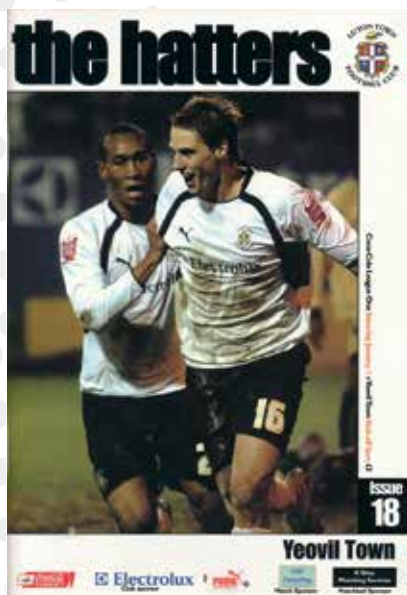
The Town's relegation from the Championship at the end of the 2006/07 season came as a blow, but the recruitment policy over the summer that followed had supporters scratching their heads in disbelief.

Manager Kevin Blackwell, who had replaced Mike Newell the previous March, was not out to recruit young and hungry talent in a bid for an immediate return but instead brought in players at the other end of their careers. Most of the players signed were into their 30s with Paul Furlong the oldest at 39, although Don Hutchison and Paul Peschisolido were not far off that age. This could go one of two ways!

The recruiting of 'mature' players meant that some more of the family jewellery could be sold with Kevin Foley and Leon Barnett departing to Wolves and West Brom respectively for a combined £4 million which meant that north of £12 million had flowed into the club over the previous three years never to be seen again.

The season started brightly with nine new players making their Luton debuts in a 2-1 home win over Hartlepool at a sunny Kenilworth Road where 'youngster' Darren Currie, aged 32, scored a peach of a goal which brought about hopes for the future.

Sadly, this early promise failed to continue and the team was inconsistency personified although a run of



injuries did not help coupled with a poor away record.

The Town bumbled on in mid-table until November when the FA issued the club with 55 charges following a long investigation into historical financial irregularities. This was quickly followed by the resignation of two directors and then a few days later with the news that the club had entered into administration.

Much has been said since about this sorry episode in the club's history and the ramifications were to reverberate for many months to come, but in the here and now we were immediately docked 10 points which sent us to the foot of the League 1 table.

Calvin Andrew is sandwiched by three Yeovil defenders



The immediate response from the players was good with a 1-0 home win over Southend taking us off the bottom straight away, followed by a 1-1 draw at Oldham, an unlucky defeat at Cheltenham and another 1-0 home victory, this time against Tranmere.

Considering that the players had their wages deferred in the week leading up to Christmas, the Boxing Day game at Bristol Rovers showed that the team would not roll over and die.

The game finished 1-1 which is unremarkable but the Town ended the game with eight players on the pitch after three dismissals for various offences.

The Town followed up this battling performance with a 2-1 win at Port Vale for the first victory on the road that season but by now the vultures were beginning to gather as other clubs could see easy pickings from a club in administration.

The next game, at home to Yeovil on New Year's Day, was likely to be

the last we would see of skipper Chris Coyne and midfielder Dave Edwards, who were on the radar of Colchester and Wolves respectively. We already knew that defender Jaroslav Fojut, who had proved an inspiration and terrace hero in his short time with the club on loan, would be going back to Bolton.

A crowd of 6,811 turned up to see if the Town could try and escape the relegation positions against a Yeovil side who were just outside the Play-Offs and who included a certain Nathan Jones at full-back.

The Town started on the front foot with Calvin Andrew going close in the second minute before Edwards saw two efforts blocked with the goalkeeper beaten.

The deadlock was almost broken in the 12th minute when Currie's whipped in corner found Matthew Spring who saw his shot cleared off the line by Glovers defender Gary Dempsey.

Yeovil threatened briefly when veteran Marcus Stewart scuffed

a shot into the grateful hands of Luton goalkeeper Dean Brill and Paul Warne had a decent effort deflected behind for a corner.

As half-time approached the Hatters put heavy pressure on the Yeovil goal with Drew Talbot hitting the bar, Andrew missing a sitter and Currie seeing his snap shot well saved by Steve Mildenhall in the Glovers goal.

The Town started the second period as they finished the first and after three minutes had taken a deserved lead when Andrew threw himself at a David Bell cross to head home.

Although the introduction of future Hatter Lloyd Owusu off the bench gave Yeovil a little more punch up front it was the Glovers goal which led a charmed life with the Hatters threatening to extend their lead several times.

At the final whistle the departing Fojut was given a standing ovation while we all looked forward to the visit of Liverpool in the FA Cup the following week.

THE PROGRAMME

The Town produced a 72-page programme for the visit of Yeovil priced at £3.

There is no mention of the club's financial plight anywhere in the issue with Kevin Blackwell, in his manager's notes, praising the team for their amazing rearguard performance at Bristol Rovers. He mentioned that the club were to appeal Chris Coyne's dismissal but being a Luton Town player he was given an extra match ban for being 'frivolous'. In a 'League 1 Round Up' column it is noted that former Hatter Paul Telfer had ripped up his contract at Bournemouth following surgery on his foot in order to help the club in its present financial position. Warren Feeney was likely to return to action for Swansea earlier than expected, while Walsall manager Richard Money was looking for promotion for his highly fancied side.





DEFINING MOMENTS

FOOTBALL HISTORIAN **LEIGH EDWARDS** SELECTS EIGHT KEY MATCHES AND EVENTS THAT HAVE SHAPED NYEOVIL TOWN'S POST-WAR ERA

1949 FA CUP GIANTKILLERS

Yeovil Town made headlines as they reached the FA Cup fifth round in 1948/49. The Glovers made a poor start but defeated Lovells Athletic 3-2, Romford 4-0, Weymouth 4-0 and Bury 3-1 in the FA Cup before goals by player-boss Alec Stock and Eric Bryant clinched an epic 2-1 fourth round victory at home to top-flight Sunderland: Dickie Dyke, Arthur Hickman, Ralph Davis, Bob Keeton, Les Blizzard, Nick Collins, Bobby Hamilton, Alec Stock, Eric Bryant, Ray Wright, Jack Hargreaves. Yeovil lost 8-0 at Manchester United in the fifth round watched by 81,565 but beat Colchester 3-0 in the Southern League Cup final.

1964 SOUTHERN LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

The Glovers won the Southern League championship in 1963/64. Ace marksman Dave Taylor netted five goals as Yeovil hammered Hinckley 8-1 in the opening home match, storming to the top of the table with 12 wins in 13 games. The Glovers defeated Cowes 1-0, Southend United 1-0 and Crystal Palace 3-1 in the FA Cup before losing 2-0 at home to Bury in the third round. They lost 2-0 at title rivals Romford but beat Bexley 6-1 shortly before Glyn Davies replaced Basil Hayward as manager. Six straight wins, followed by a 2-0 victory over rivals Chelmsford, enabled Yeovil to clinch the title with a 1-0 win at home to Nuneaton.

1971 CHAMPIONS AGAIN

Player-boss Mike Hughes guided Yeovil Town to the Southern League title in 1970/71. Brian Grey arrived from Swansea and the Glovers won five of their opening six games before top scorer Dick Plumb moved to Charlton. They defeated Poole 2-1, Aveyly

1-0 and Bournemouth 1-0 in the FA Cup before losing 3-0 at home to 'double' winners Arsenal in the third round. Yeovil kept up the pressure at the top with ten wins in 12 matches including a 5-0 demolition of Kettering. They overcame a 3-1 defeat by Telford United in the FA Trophy semi-finals to gain six straight wins, clinching the title with a 4-0 victory at home to Hillingdon.

1988 ISTHMIAN LEAGUE DOUBLE

Yeovil won the Isthmian League 'double' under Brian Hall in 1987/88. Alan Pardew was sold to Crystal Palace but newcomers included Bob Iles and Jeff Sherwood, with Yeovil winning their first three games. The Glovers maintained their title challenge and triumphed 1-0 at Cambridge United in the FA Cup before losing 3-0 in a televised third round tie at home to QPR. Mick Doherty returned from Maidstone and grabbed a hat-trick in the 3-0 victory over rivals Bromley, with Yeovil clinching the title as top scorer Paul Randall netted twice in a 2-1 win at Tooting. The Glovers then beat Hayes 3-1 in the AC Delco Cup final.



The Glovers lift the League 2 title in 2005



Yeovil celebrate winning the League 1 Play-Offs in 2013

1997 ISTHMIAN LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

The Glovers stormed to the Isthmian League championship with 101 points in 1996/97. Warren Patmore scored twice as the Glovers began with a 3-2 victory at Grays and Graham Roberts' side opened up a gap at the top by October. A seven-match unbeaten run ended with a 3-0 defeat at rivals Enfield the following month but Yeovil bounced back to win 3-2 at home to Sutton United. Ace marksman Howard Forinton arrived from Oxford City in January and Enfield briefly displaced Yeovil as leaders. The two sides drew 2-2 in front of 8,007 at Huish Park in March and the Glovers eventually won the title by a six-point margin.

2003 CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

Yeovil scored 100 goals as they swept to the Conference title in 2002/03. Gary Johnson's side failed to win their first two games but Howard Forinton returned and the Glovers surged to the top with a thrilling 14 match unbeaten run, trouncing Southport 6-0 and Telford 5-0. Kirk Jackson arrived from Stevenage in November and finished leading marksman. Yeovil won 18 times in 23 Conference games, slamming four goals past Gravesend, Kettering, Farnborough, Hereford, Doncaster and Dagenham as well as trouncing Burton 6-1. They won the title by 17 points, finishing with a 1-1 draw against Chester watched by 8,111.

2005 LEAGUE 2 CHAMPIONS

Phil Jevons scored 27 goals as Yeovil won the League Two championship in 2004/05. Other summer signings included Scott Guyett, Michael Rose and Bartosz Tarachulski, with Yeovil hammering Oxford United 6-1 and going top of the table after a 2-1 win at Shrewsbury in late September. They regained pole position with 10 victories in 11 games, also beating Darlington 1-0, Histon 3-1 and Rotherham United 3-0 in the FA Cup before losing 3-2 at Charlton Athletic in the fourth round. Phil Jevons grabbed a hat-trick in a 4-2 win over Bristol Rovers and the Glovers clinched the title with a 3-0 victory at home to Lincoln.

2013 LEAGUE 1 PLAY-OFF WINNERS

Gary Johnson plotted the Glovers' League 1 Play-Off final success in 2012/13. The Glovers dropped just two points in their first four games before plummeting with a club record six successive defeats. After a period of inconsistent results they soared back into the promotion frame with a club record eight straight wins. Leading scorer Patrick Madden and James Hayter netted 36 League goals between them as Yeovil qualified for the Play-Offs in fourth position. They defeated Sheffield United 2-1 on aggregate in the semi-finals, then Brentford 2-1 in the Wembley final to reach the second tier for the first time in their history.

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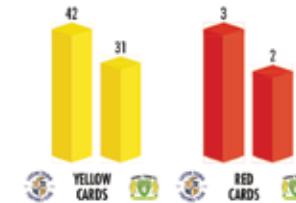
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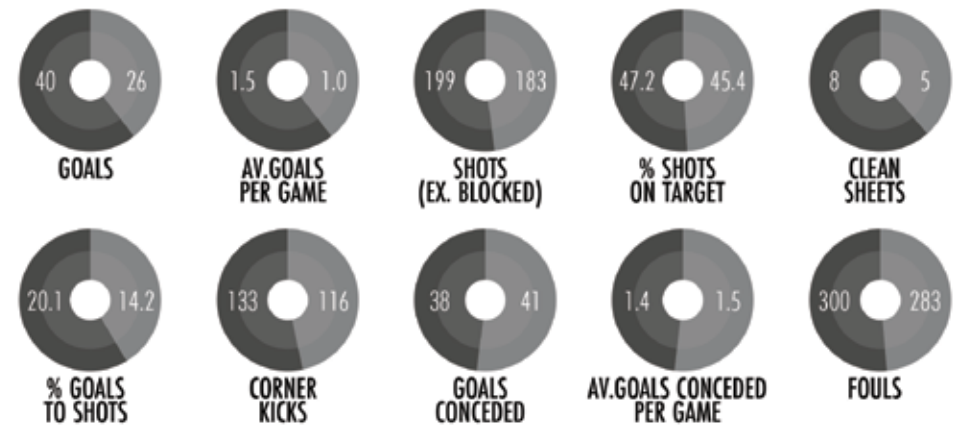
MATCH FACTS

Luton have faced Yeovil twice in all competitions at Kenilworth Road, winning in both the league in 2007 and the League Cup in 2003 against them.

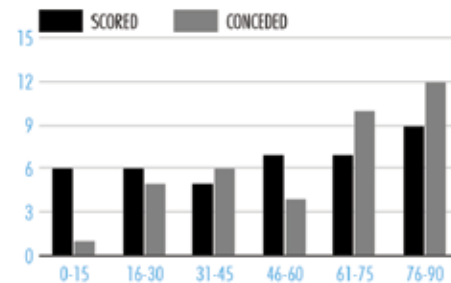


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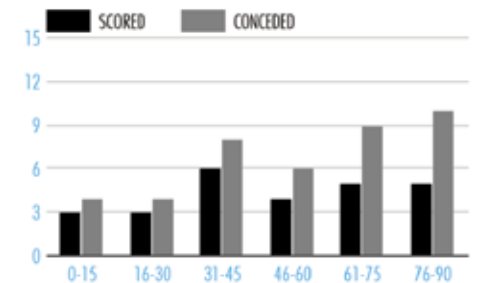
Luton and Yeovil have met once already this season, with the Glovers coming from two goals behind to beat the Hatters 3-2.



GOAL TIMES



GOAL TIMES



* Does not include data for games played on January 30





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2 NOTTS COUNTY

WHAT'S THE STORY?

The Hatters slipped to their first defeat under new manager Nathan Jones, going down 2-0 to Notts County to slip to 16th in Sky Bet League 2.

Alan Sheehan put through his own net before Jon Stead doubled the advantage in a 12-minute second-half period that took the game from the Town.

The hosts had numerous chances in the first half but went in goalless despite some excellent play on the ball at Kenilworth Road.

Pelly Ruddock was among those to spurn opportunities before the break but after Stead had doubled County's lead the Hatters' threat was nullified by the visitors.

And just when it seemed the Town had pulled one back late on, when debutant Joe Pigott spun and shot from Benson's knockdown, Haydn Hollis was lurking on the line to head away to keep the Town off the scoresheet once again - meaning the Hatters have now gone goalless at home in their last three outings.



JONES SAID:

"I thought some of our play in the first half was excellent, but our lack of conversion of the chances we created lost us the game.

"It's about winning games as well as the style of play. We may have played pleasing football to watch, but if we don't win the game then it's all for nothing.

"I don't envisage anything being done transfer-wise now at this time in the window, but the loan market is still there for us if we need it. We are looking now at making sure we are a good side and have a strong number of principles that we stick to."



ATTENDANCE 8,147
390 NOTTS COUNTY

Alan Sheehan rises highest to head away the danger



SATURDAY 30TH JANUARY 2016

JUSTHAM	CARROLL (C)
O'DONNELL	ADAMS
SHEEHAN	BENNETT
HOWELLS	HOLLIS
CUTHBERT (C)	THOMPSON
SMITH	NOBLE
LAWLESS	HEWITT
McGEEHAN	CAMPBELL
McCOURT	ATKINSON
RUDDOCK	STEAD
MPANZU	McLEOD
MACKAIL-SMITH	

SUBSTITUTES

TYLER, BENSOK, MARRIOTT,	SMITH, MURRAY, LOACH
OKONKHAL, LEE,	SHARPE, BURKE,
BANTON, PIGOTT	AJEL, ABDOH



Joe Pigott in action on his Town debut



Team	Stat	Value
Luton Town	CORNERS	8
Notts Town	CORNERS	3
Luton Town	SHOTS ON TARGET	6
Notts Town	SHOTS ON TARGET	3
Luton Town	SHOTS WIDE	6
Notts Town	SHOTS WIDE	3
Luton Town	FOULS	10
Notts Town	FOULS	10
Luton Town	OFFSIDES	6
Notts Town	OFFSIDES	2



HOW IT HAPPENED

Breaking Town team news: It's unchanged from last weekend's 2-0 win at Mansfield **#COYH**

20' Chance for the Town. Mackail-Smith's finds McCourt free on the left, a lovely shimmy into the box and shot blocked by Notts. Unlucky.

20' Town fans encouraged by that. Up goes the noise. Another half-chance. Super scooped pass by Paddy finds McGeehan, his shot saved. 0-0.

28' Big chance for County, Town dispossessed, Stead feeds his strike partner but from 16 yards McLeod shanks over left-footed. 0-0

29' Chance for the Town. Pelly goes alone, somehow stays on his feet after being barged around, but blasts a shot that Carroll parried away.

30' Ball in the Notts net, another CMS finish that won't count this season. McGeehan handled the ball into his path. Yellow card for Cam.

35' Amazing piece of individual play from Mackail-Smith, up-jumps a defender, beats another before 30-yard effort saved by Carroll. Unlucky!

43' Another big chance for Notts. Cuthbert heads away with Justham ready to catch, ball drops to Stead who rolls a shot wide of the post.

43' Should have been 1-0 at one end, and then could have been 1-0 at the other. Pelly through on goal but makes a mess of the finish. Wide.

HT 0-0. Promising half from the Town who have had decent chances. Pelly blew the best opportunity while CMS had a goal ruled out **#COYH**

58' GOAL Town 0-1 Notts Town behind. Notts get in down the Hatters right, Atkinson's shot takes a hefty deflection off of Sheehan and the ball drops in. **0-1.**

65' Oh, chance for Piggot, lines up a shot from just inside the box, well-blocked by County's Hollis and Carroll claims

70' GOAL Town 0-2 Notts (Stead) Disaster for the Town. Stead drives through the Hatters defence, Justham comes out but the striker slides the ball home. 2-0 County.

90' Off the line! Almost one back for the Town, Benson's knock-down finds Piggott 10 yards out, his shot on the turn headed off the line.

FT 0-2. Promise from the Town but no points or goals as County take all three points. Sheehan og and Stead for the visitors **#COYH**





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REACTION

RIGHT-BACK OPTIMISTIC DESPITE DEFEAT

Town defender Stephen O'Donnell believes there are still plenty of positives to take from Saturday's 2-0 defeat to Notts County.

The Hatters were undone by two second half goals, consigning new manager Nathan Jones to his first defeat at the Kenilworth Road helm.

But O'Donnell feels the signs are there for his side to transform the performances on the pitch into all-important League 2 points.

He told Hatters Player: "I've certainly felt encouraged by the performances.

"The gaffer will agree that there are positives, but we've conceded two goals and lost the game and that's not good enough.

"We've done plenty of good things, and that's encouraging. Just need to make sure we build on it. We need to make sure we get to winning, and then winning in style once we've done the ugly side."

The Town demonstrated some strong, positive play in the first half, but an own goal from Alan Sheehan and a Jon Stead run took the game away from the side.

And O'Donnell feels the nature of the goals was a disappointing factor in the Town's defeat, yet he remains optimistic about where the side can finish the season.

"It's frustrating. The manner in which we conceded made it very difficult for us. I think we maybe started to rush it from there," he said.

"I just hope we keep continuing to listen to the manager, take it in and keep trying to improve. If we can do that, then I'm confident the Play-Offs are the minimum we can achieve."

Despite going goalless for the third home game in succession, the hosts created plenty of chances, with Pelly Ruddock, Paddy McCourt and Cameron McGeehan all coming close in the first period.

"We were controlled, they had a couple of chances, but it was going to be difficult to nullify the whole game," continued O'Donnell.

"We play as a team, and that's been emphasised more and more. We have to attack and defend as a team.

"The first half had a couple of chances for them, but we could have been three or four up."

Tonight's game gives the Hatters a chance to put right the mistakes of Saturday, looking to get just a fourth victory of the campaign at Kenilworth Road, although



O'Donnell insists the players can get past any anxiety playing at the ground.

"The defeat kills some momentum, we've got Tuesday night to put on the same display but hopefully get the goals," said the Scot. "I felt it was a much more positive, attacking brand of football and hopefully we can carry that on.

"It's up to us as players to rise above any anxieties of playing at home. Against Cambridge we were organised, but now we just need to put the two dimensions together and I'm sure we can make Kenilworth Road a fortress. We need to give them something to cheer positively."

From his own viewpoint, the 23-year-old hopes to add to his run of five games in the team having not started a Hatters game since September prior to this set of fixtures.

He added: "We need to focus on performing and being able to handle the pressure, and at the same time I need to keep my performances up and keep myself in that team."



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A lack of KILLER EDGE

BOSS FRUSTRATED WITH FIRST DEFEAT IN CHARGE

Hatters manager Nathan Jones admitted the lack of a cutting edge in front of goal cost the Town dear in their 2-0 defeat to Notts County at Kenilworth Road.

Town had numerous opportunities in the first half, but were unable to convert as they went into the break goalless before an Alan Sheehan own goal and a Jon Stead strike sealed a defeat.

But in spite of Jones' first defeat at the Hatters helm, Jones feels the overall performance was not deserving of a third successive home shutout.

He told our official YouTube channel: "Overall I'm disappointed. At times we were very good and dominated in possession.

"We tried to do things we've implemented and created a lot of chances, but that lack of killer edge has cost us. But defensively we've got to be better, because we were excellent in the last two matches. They probably had four chances and took two of them and we've got to be better than that."

The Town were fluid in their first-half display, with the midfield trio of Cameron McGeehan, Pelly Ruddock and Paddy McCourt all forming opportunities in support of Craig Mackail-Smith.

Yet despite the 14 shots in the match, the Hatters weren't able to convert having dominated large parts of the match.

"There were some real good chances first half. Paddy had one, Pelly also had a couple, and there were some other half-chances too," Jones added.



"There was one off the line second half too and plenty of balls in the box, but today they were far more clinical than we were.

"At times I thought we were excellent. Some of our approach play and what we did was very, very good. We moved the ball well."

Jones was also left disappointed at the nature of the two goals conceded, feeling that Stead was allowed to do too much while to earn his place on the scoresheet.

"It wasn't lack of concentration, just people doing their jobs. There were fundamentals there that we put in place, but it was too easy for them to get the ball in our box," he said.

"The ball comes across and he [Alan] has to defend and it just comes off him unluckily, but things happened in the build-up that shouldn't have happened, and that's why we've lost the game.

"The second goal was a poor goal to give away, bad decisions have been made, but that happens. Overall though I was unhappy that we couldn't see out the game and go on and win.

"They were reasonably direct and lived on the knock downs, and having that game-plan so they were always liable to get something. As it was, they scored from areas I wouldn't expect us to concede from but that's football."



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WELL DONE BOYS!

Our brilliant Under-18s booked their place in the last 16 of the FA Youth Cup last week by beating Oldham 1-0.

The players took to Twitter to express their delight and our first congratulatory tweet, left, was retweeted over 200 times as Hatters fans paid tribute to the boys' efforts. Next stop Preston a week tomorrow! Good luck, lads.

Luton Town FC @LutonTown

IT'S OVER! Our Under-18s are through to the fifth round of the FA Youth Cup! RT and show them the love!

🐦 Paul Driver @PDrives

Not pretty but the boys showed they can win ugly games too - great effort. Thanks for all the positive messages - we all appreciate it!

🐦 Paul Driver @PDrives

Big thanks to @officialoafc for their work to get the game on and the great hospitality from their coaching staff-great club, lovely people.

🐦 Liam Gooch @limiegooch

Good win tonight, the boys grafted well, through to the last 16 #COYH geocraig... @GeoLCraig Yeah my guys got that quick win! Through to the 5th round.

🐦 T'98 @Tyreeq_Bakinson

Absolutely buzzing #FAYouthCup

🐦 Harry Bean

@beano_77447
What a win! Buzzing, tough game but we stuck together as we always do and got the win.

🐦 Frankie Musonda

@frankiemusonda
Massive win tonight, great effort from all the boys. Through to the 5th round of the FA Youth Cup #LTFC

🐦 Cam @cameronmcj

What a night!! Absolutely buzzing to score the winner and get to the last 16 of the cup love it #LTFC #camoon

🐦 James Verney @JAVernJ

OMD What a win tonight from the boys, a screamer from my man @cameronmcj 1-0 and on to the 5th round so much love for ma familia

🐦 Zane Banton @ZBanton

@LutonTown the youth team just keep doing it, well done to the boys again

🐦 Snelùs @JackSnelus1 Jan 27

buzzing to get through in the FA Youth Cup tonight with a 1-0 win vs Oldham! Into the last 16 #COYH @LutonTown

🐦 KavanCotter @CotterKavan

Love it fellas! 1-0 win against Oldham, knew the boys would do the business, round 5 against Preston north end #COYH

🐦 GM @Georgee_Murray

What a victory in the 4th round at Oldham tonight! Boys dug in deep and deserve it! Roll on Preston in the last 16 #COYH @LutonTown

🐦 JJ @JamesJustin7

Boys dug deep to grind out a 1-0 win in the Youth Cup 4th Round! Roll on Preston in the next round! #LTFC

🐦 Danny green @dannygreen_7

@cameronmcj shock my boy scored!!!! Buzzing for you lad! Congrats boys massive result!

🐦 Nick Owen @nickowentv

Epic effort by Luton U18s tonight to win at Oldham in FA Youth Cup. Congrats all. Onto Round Five. Brilliant!

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WELCOME JOE

TOWN MOVE A NO-BRAINER FOR NEW BOY PIGOTT

New Hatters loanee Joe Pigott conceded that the decision to come to Kenilworth Road was a “no-brainer” for him.

The Charlton striker became the first attacking signing for new manager Nathan Jones until the end of the season.

The two are not strangers to each other, with Jones the former under-21 coach at the Valley, which Pigott hopes can lead to strong links between the two.

He said: “It was a no-brainer, with Jones being here and with Luton being the club and the size it is.

“Having him as a coach helped me massively, and brought me through and hopefully he can do it again.

“Hopefully everyone can see what he’s about in the coming months. He knows me well, knows what he gets from me, and let’s hope he can get that best from me here.”

PRESENCE

Despite standing tall at six foot, Pigott insists there is more to his game than just being a towering presence in the penalty area, and that Town fans may have some technical ability to watch out for.

“I always try and get in the right positions to finish them off. I probably do a bit of everything, I can be a target man when needed but I’m best inside the box, looking to get the ball,” he said.

“I just want to play football, and as many games as I can. I had a good experience at Charlton, played a few games, and hopefully I can crack on here.”

The 22-year-old is also no stranger to League 2 football, plying his trade with Southend last year, scoring the last-gasp winner that gave the Roots Hall outfit victory in the Play-Off final.

“I’ve had a few decent moments in career, hopefully I can have a few more,” he said.

“It [the goal] feels strange thinking about it now. It was in the 129th minute or something ridiculous like that, and to get promotion was great.

“I played in this division last year, and showed a bit of form as well as that goal at Wembley.

“I look to shoot whenever I can, try and be that constant threat. The atmosphere here seems really good so I’m looking forward to it.”



Pigott made his Hatters debut in the 2-0 defeat against Notts County, coming on for Jonathan Smith as the Town looked to chase the game, but the dream debut wasn’t to be for the forward.

“I came on at 1-0 and thought we had a few chances to get in the game, then we had another setback. We also had the effort cleared off the line which sums the game up really,” said the striker.

ENJOYING

“There were a couple of times where it didn’t just quite sit up for me, but if those balls keep coming in the box then I’m sure I can stick some of them away.

“But for now I’m really enjoying being in training, getting to know the lads. It was my first time at Kenilworth Road too. I enjoyed the atmosphere, and hope I can continue playing in front of the crowd.”

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The £1 tickets* need to be purchased directly from the ticket office before the game with the Red Devils, but there are no restrictions on where you can sit – the offer is available anywhere inside Kenilworth Road - excluding hospitality areas, of course!

If you're interested in this offer, or a season ticket holder who would like to change seats to sit with additional children as part of the deal, all you need to do is contact the ticket office or drop in for further information.

*A maximum of three £1 tickets can be purchased per full-priced ticket.

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The offer saves up to £28 on usual ticket prices and must be purchased together at the same time from the ticket office before 2pm on 1st March*.

Town fans in the Oak Road end will also be able to use a newly-installed bar area. More details of this will be revealed in the lead-up to Saturday's game with Notts County.

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THE RECORD

The Hatters' record on this day isn't a great one. The Town have only won four of the 15 matches played on 2nd February down the years.

At Kenilworth Road the record doesn't improve much: the Hatters have won just two of the nine games played on this day.

Overall it's four wins, four draws and seven defeats from the 15 games on this day with a total of 42 goals scored. Only 18 of these have been scored by the Hatters.

THE LAST TIME

It was 2nd February 2013 that the Town last played on this day and it was a case of 'after the Lord Mayor's show' as the Hatters, seven days after creating history by knocking out Norwich of the FA Cup, lost 1-0 at Barrow.

Manager Paul Buckle gave defender Stephen McNulty his debut in central defence but McNulty, despite impressing, couldn't help the Town to victory. Buckle was scathing of his side in the post-match interview, in particular full-back Greg Taylor. Lathaniel Rowe-Turner was also sent-off late on.

THE LAST WIN

You have to go back 14 years for the last time the Hatters recorded a win on 2nd February and it came at a packed Kenilworth Road in 2002.

In 2001/02 the Town and Plymouth Argyle battled it out at the top of Division 3 (now League 2) and the sides met at a sell-out Kenilworth Road on this day 14 years ago.

The Hatters struggled to break down the resolute Pilgrims, until Matthew Taylor was fouled in the penalty area 10 minutes from time and Kevin Nicholls slammed home the spot-kick to break the deadlock. Then, two minutes from time, the Hatters made the three points safe when Steve Howard headed home.

The defeat did not put Argyle off their stride as, despite a superb end-of-season run of form from the Hatters, they won the title and Joe Kinnear's Town finished runners-up.

TOP FLIGHT TOWN

The Hatters have played three games in the top flight on this day, drawing one and losing twice.

In 1957 the Town were beaten 3-1 at home by Tottenham Hotspur in front of 22,586 at Kenilworth Road. Gordon Turner scored the Hatters' goal but they couldn't see off a Spurs side who went onto finish second in the First Division that season.

It wasn't until 1985 that the Hatters were then next in action on this day in the top flight – and Spurs were again the opponents at Kenilworth Road. This time the Town earned a point from a 2-2 draw thanks to goals from Brian Stein and Emeka Nwajobi.

Six years later, in 1991, the Town were at home again but despite a goal from Kingsley Black, Jim Ryan's side were beaten 2-1 by Queens Park Rangers.



Record goalscorer Gordon Turner: on target on this day in 1957

RANGERS BEATEN

The Town have played QPR three times on this day, including the meeting in 1991. The Hatters beat the West London club 2-0 in 1924 in Division 3 (South) but 11 years later Rangers won 3-0 in the same division.

VILLA PARK TRIUMPH

The Hatters were on their way to promotion in 1973/74 in the Second Division and a fine 1-0 win at Villa Park against Aston Villa further cemented their place among the promotion places.

Jim Ryan netted the Hatters' winner in front of 26,180 at Villa Park. The Town finished runners-up behind champions Middlesbrough while Carlisle finished in third to also win promotion.

The other victory the Town recorded on this day came in 1980. Notts County were beaten 2-1 at Kenilworth Road thanks to goals from Mike Saxby and Bob Hatton.

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



Jimmy Husband challenges for the ball during the 0-2 home defeat at the hands of Fulham in September 1976. A crowd of 19,929 had turned up to see the Fulham 'circus' which included George Best, Rodney Marsh and Bobby Moore. Also in the Fulham side was ex-Hatter Alan Slough who is pictured here second left. In case you were wondering whether the Luton player on the left looks nothing like a footballer, you would be right. Ex-Celtic and Scotland striker Dixie Deans was, however, highly effective during his short Luton career.

THE CAMERA never LIES

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



Horace Gager leads out the Town before the home clash with Newcastle in August 1947. A crowd of 24,570 saw the Hatters win through 2-1 with goals from Allen Driver (behind Gager) and Eddie Connelly (behind Driver).



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Our very own Happy Harry helped SpongeBob SquarePants lead a team of 10 mascots from Football League clubs to a new Guinness World Records title this week.

The Guinness World Record was attempted as part of filming for Nick Kicks, Nickelodeon's new family football show covering The Football League.

The new Nick Kicks show premieres at 8am on Saturday 6th February on Nicktoons. It will be broadcast every Saturday morning for the rest of this season until after the Play-Off Finals, before returning for the entirety of Season's 2016/17 and 2017/18.

Setting the Guinness World Records title for 'the highest number of football (soccer) penalty kicks scored by a team of mascots in one minute' with 16 shots scored, Happy Harry and SpongeBob was joined by Billy the Badger (Fulham), Captain Blade (Sheffield United), Digger the Dog (Dagenham & Redbridge), Haydon



the Womble (AFC Wimbledon), Nelson the Dog (Portsmouth), Rammie (Derby County), Robyn the Robin (Charlton Athletic) and Wolfie & Wendy (Wolverhampton Wanderers).

Charlton Athletic's Sir Valiant served as ball boy for the event with Peter Burrow (Peterborough United), Gully (Brighton & Hove Albion), Ewie (Derby County) and Clarence the Dragon (Northampton Town) cheering the team onto victory.

Presented by Rachel Stringer and Roman Kemp, Nick Kicks is a brand new live-action football programme covering all 72 clubs of The Football League.

The series features highlights across each week's Football League

matches, as well as the more humorous moments from the week and a look ahead to upcoming games.

Nick Kicks also takes viewers behind the scenes of The Football League with exclusive visits to local clubs that see managers and players taking part in a range of fun and entertaining features! SpongeBob SquarePants himself will feature in the series as he takes on various club mascots in weekly challenges.

The series is produced by Nickelodeon UK and launches on Saturday 6th February at 8am on Nicktoons.

For more information about Nick Kicks, visit the show's website at www.nicktoons.co.uk/nickkicks.

Luton Town in the COMMUNITY

BY KEVIN THOBURN, HEAD OF THE HATTERS COMMUNITY TRUST

Hatters Football Youth Mentoring Project

The Community Trust has recently teamed up with the Avenue Centre for Education (ACE) in Luton to begin a seven-week intervention programme for high school boys and girls who are either at risk of, or are already, excluded from mainstream schooling and at risk of further being involved in anti-social behaviour.

The mentoring programme comprises six three-hour sessions that uses the power of football and Luton Town to try and effect behaviour and discipline sufficiently enough to allow ex pupils the possibility of re-admission into mainstream education.

Community Trust staff deliver lessons divided equally between PE and classroom based workshops and participants take part in football coaching, learn about Luton Town as a community club and explore factors effecting community participation. The boys and girls involved also explore the factors associated with anti-social behaviour, school exclusion and benefit of staying in school, their aspirations, their life experiences, the importance of role models and also linking this into the importance of education in later life. The need to stay away from crime and the consequences of becoming involved in anti-social behaviour activities is also explored.

We also offer the boys and girls the opportunity to visit the stadium, participate in a tour, speak with staff



who have roles within football other than the players. Meet current first team players and discuss important factors of being a football player, including; behaviour, discipline, team work, skills and respecting opponents. The project will allow young people to learn from role models in our first team and encourage them to consider the possibility of making positive life choices.

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Football League Trust Kinder+Sport U15/16 Boys Futsal Cup – Lewsey boys into the last eight!

There were more winners from Luton as Chalk Hill Academy boys from Lewsey Farm won the regional Football League Trust Kinder+Sport Futsal Cup last month.

The boys will now go through to represent the Hatters in the last eight to compete in the national regional Semi-Finals.

Futsal is growing in popularity and is an exciting, fast-paced small-sided football game that is widely played across the world and is now officially recognised by both UEFA and FIFA. The game places a large emphasis on technical skill and ability in situations of high pressure, and is subsequently an excellent breeding ground for technically minded footballers that can be translated into the 11-a-side format of the game – it forms a large part of our youth academy's technical syllabus.

The tournament is similar to the Football League Trust Kids Cup with all 72 Football League clubs taking part with a local tournament and then regional qualifiers.



The only difference is that four teams will ultimately progress to a National Finals Festival, following the Regional Semi Finals stage. Last year the finals were televised by Sky TV at the Copperbox Arena at the Olympic Park. So having disposed of Barnet, Cambridge, Colchester, Ipswich Town, MK Dons, Northampton Town and Stevenage in our regional finals, Lewsey boys from Chalk Hill Academy will need to be on their best game with only eight teams remaining.

Good luck boys – we'll keep everyone posted on your progress!

Luton Airport Ltd Community Youth Fund

We are delighted to report on great and continued progress on our Community Youth Fund project to establish a sustainable youth football structure for boys and girls on Marsh Farm and Farley Hill.

At the start of the season neither the Marsh Farm or Farley Hill parts of the town had any organised youth football teams, and this has been the situation for many years. Our community project aimed to set up teams on each estate to compete in local leagues this season, as well as establish a volunteer community Youth Club structure to administer the teams. We're thrilled to report great success in Marsh Farm with the formation of four teams with Luton Nations Youth FC at Under-8 through to Under-15 age groups now playing every week and also the establishment of a successful coaching centre in Farley Hill that will look to feed teams into the new 2016/17 season after the summer.

Luton Borough Council and London Luton Airport Ltd (LLAL) are working in partnership to improve the quality of life of the people of Luton through their Community Youth Fund and in particular to provide positive activities for children and young people and reduce anti-social

behaviour, strengthen community cohesion and improve health and promote health equality. Phase 1 of the project saw weekly coaching centres in Marsh Farm and Farley Hill. Phase 2 established of a volunteer club structure with trained and qualified coaches and committees and Phase 3 started in Marsh Farm with organised fixtures being played in local youth leagues.

Our ambitious project targeted two socially disadvantaged areas of the Town and, while we acknowledge there are other parts of Luton equally disadvantaged such as High Town and South Luton, we have proved our project can work in Marsh Farm and Farley Hill – and we can potentially look to take this template and use it elsewhere.

If you want to start up a youth football club in Luton it may be worth giving our Community Office a call on 01582 737568 for a chat or emailing us on community@lutontown.co.uk for advice.

Soccer camps February half-term Monday to Friday 15th to 19th February 2016

Half-term is almost here! If you are one of the hundreds of youngsters who regularly attend our soccer camps during the half-term holidays then you will already know the format and how to book and you will also probably have received all of the details of our soccer camps.

However, if you've not tried a soccer camp before then why not come along during the half-term holiday?

They are great fun, open to all abilities and run from 10am to 3pm each day. They are very competitively priced with some courses from as little as £5 per day, which represents great value.

There is a lot of skills training and mini world cup tournaments and of course, everyone receives the legendary LTFC free medal and a great match ticket deal!

Our courses run throughout the county from Bedford down to Luton and you can download our leaflet from either the main club website or by giving us a call at the community office on 01582 737568, text 07725 172345 or email soccerschool@lutontown.co.uk for further information or to book a place. We look forward to seeing you during the holidays.





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ACADEMY UPDATE

WITH DEVELOPMENT & ACADEMY
MANAGER ANDY AWFORD

Welcome to tonight's game versus Yeovil Town.

Thank you to the supporters who applauded, cheered and chanted after seeing the Under-18s awarded with the Youth Alliance League trophy at half-time on Saturday at the Notts County game.

It was greatly received by us all at the Academy and the lads really enjoyed their deserved lap of honour and were all pretty emotional at the response that you rightly gave them. It will certainly stay with them for a long time. Thank you!

The Under-18s concluded their league programme on Saturday as we hosted Northampton Town on the new 4G astro pitch at local school Lea Manor. After the huge effort in Wednesday night's victorious FA Youth Cup game away at Oldham Athletic, we decide to give the apprentices a breather and play a much younger side than normal, giving vital experience to all our under-16 players and a couple of under-15s as well.

The boys gave a very good account of themselves and although going down 3-0, we were pleased to expose our young players to a much older team and the experience they gained from this will only stand them in good stead for the future.

This approach is something we will look to impose quite regularly between now and the end of the

season. Obviously our full-time apprentices will still feature heavily in the FA Youth Cup at Preston North End in the fifth round - now confirmed for Wednesday 10th February - and the Southern Area League Cup Final (date to be confirmed).

They will also be involved in the stronger Merit League fixtures, but we will certainly offer our young under-16s and under-15s an opportunity to play in a lot of Under-18 fixtures this season as this will only improve them for the better in the long run.

May I take this opportunity to thank some friends of the club and the Academy. First of all, another huge thank you to SoLYD, who have again offered to pay for the Under-18s travel costs for the upcoming FA Youth Cup fixture away at Preston. SoLYD covered all travel costs for the previous round away at Oldham Athletic and have again come up trumps with this gesture. The Luton Bobbers Travel Club have also offered to chip in with meeting part of these costs and I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to them also.

As explained before, this financial support helps the team prepare as professionally as possible, whilst allowing them to experience travelling to an away game as the first team would, which obviously enlightens their overall education. Thank you - and hopefully we can get through and take our place in the quarter-finals.

YOUTH ALLIANCE FIXTURES

AUGUST

- Sat 8 Barnet H W 4-0
- Sat 15 Peterborough United A W 3-1
- Tue 18 A.F.C. Wimbledon H W 5-0
- Sat 22 Milton Keynes Dons A W 8-2
- Sat 29 Gillingham H D 1-1

SEPTEMBER

- Tue 1 Bristol Rovers (Cup) A W 2-0
- Sat 5 Cambridge United A W 2-0
- Sat 12 Leyton Orient H W 3-0
- Sat 19 Dag & Red H W 4-0
- Sat 26 Northampton Town A W 1-0

OCTOBER

- Sat 3 Dag & Red (Cup) W 2-0
- Sat 10 Southend United A W 2-1
- Sat 17 Peterborough United H W 4-1
- Fri 23 Barnet A W 5-0
- Fri 30 Leyton Orient (Cup) H W 4-3 pens

NOVEMBER

- Mon 2 Colchester Utd H (FAYC1) W 3-1
- Sat 7 A.F.C. Wimbledon A W 4-1
- Mon 16 Leyton Orient A (FAYC2) W 1-0
- Sat 21 Gillingham A D 1-1
- Tue 24 Milton Keynes Dons H W 2-0

DECEMBER

- Sat 5 Cambridge United H W 3-0
- Tue 15 Notts County A (FAYC3) W 3-1
- Sat 19 Dagenham & Redbridge A L 1-3

JANUARY

- Sat 2 Leyton Orient A W 1-0
- Tue 12 Stevenage A W 2-0
- Sat 16 Bournemouth A (Cup) W 4-2
- Wed 20 Southend United H W 1-0
- Sat 23 Stevenage H L 0-1
- Wed 27 Oldham Athletic A (FAYC4) W 1-0
- Sat 30 Northampton Town H L 0-3

FEBRUARY

- Wed 10 Preston North End A (FAYC5)

Enjoy the game, give the lads your full backing and fingers crossed for three points.
COYH!

Andy

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Youth PROFILE



AKIN FAMEWO

Name: **Akin Famewo**
Date of birth: **9/11/1998**
Birthplace: **Lewisham**
Position:
Central defender
Year joined Luton:
As an Under-11

WHY DID YOU JOIN LUTON TOWN?

To give myself the best opportunity to chase my dream and become a pro.

WHAT WAS THE BEST BIT OF ADVICE WHEN GROWING UP?

You can do anything in life with hard work and god's help.

WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR BEST MOMENT IN FOOTBALL SO FAR?

Being signed as a scholar to the youth team.

WHICH TEAM DID YOU SUPPORT AS A KID?

Manchester United.

WHICH PLAYER DID YOU PRETEND TO BE IN THE PLAYGROUND?

Wayne Rooney.

WHAT OTHER SPORTS ARE YOU GOOD AT?

Basketball, athletics, tennis.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVOURITE SCHOOL SUBJECT?

PE.

WHO IS YOUR MOST TALENTED TEAM-MATE?

Jack Snelus.

WHICH MEMBER OF THE FIRST TEAM DO YOU LOOK UP TO THE MOST?

Jake Howells.

WHAT IS YOUR DREAM JOB APART FROM BEING A FOOTBALLER?

Sports analyst.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE TYPE OF MUSIC?

Hip-hop.

WHAT'S YOUR AMBITION FOR THIS SEASON?

To play for the first team.

WHAT THE COACH SAYS

Under-18s boss Paul Driver on Tyreeq:

"I first met Akin when he was an under-13 at the Cordial Cup and he whinged for the whole tour! He was always complaining and moaning but two years later I went to watch the under-15s at Baldock against Notts County and he was outstanding as a left-sided centre-half.

"As a result of that performance we invited him to train with the Under-18s and he was chuffed. He was smiling and so happy that he had been given the opportunity. That's been the case ever since.

"Last year, as an under-16, he was brought into the youth team and he played a lot of games. He's learned a lot and grown up quickly. So quickly in fact people think we're joking when we tell him he's a first year.

"He is quick and powerful and you can clearly see he has benefited from so many games last season. It's almost as if he's already completed his scholarship because of the amount of games he's played already.

"Akin has a desire to do well and is a committed defender."



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YOUTH UPDATE

A Town Under-18 side including four under-15s were beaten by a full-strength Northampton at Lea Manor on Saturday morning.

Hatters boss Paul Driver only fielded two of his full-time scholars – first years Josh Brown and James Verney – and the rest of the side was made-up of under-16s and under-15s from the Town’s academy.

The Town trailed to a controversial free-kick in the first half before Verney and Scott Belgrove both had half-chances.

After the break the Michael Shamola had the Hatters’ best chance of an equaliser when

hitting the post, but the young Hatters ran out of puff as the Cobblers scored twice more to run out 3-0 winners.

However, Driver was encouraged by the youngsters’ performance against players two or three years older than them.

“This week was about winning and development,” said the youth boss.

“Winning at Oldham on Wednesday and then introducing a young group to under-18 football today.

“It was a good test for the boys and they did really well. Some of the passing was tremendous at times.



90 minutes for Josh Brown

“We battled well and overall it was a good exercise. It was a learning curve for them all and I came away thinking to myself there’s a lot of potential there.”

The game was the Hatters’ final game in the Youth Alliance South East division and only their third defeat of the campaign.

The Merit Division – which will combine the top teams from the South West and South East – will begin in February. Fixture details to follow in due course.

Town U18s: Gordon-Stearn; Mead, Jones, Panter (sub Tomlinson 77); Brown, Peck, Shamola, Read, Sorunke; Belgrove (sub Neufville 60), Verney.

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Luton LADIES



With the weather intervening with first team action, the Ladies development squad travelled to Tower Hamlets for an important league game.

Lucy Tape opened the scoring for the Town after 15 minutes with a long range dipping shot to register her first goal for the Town.

Luton continued to grow in confidence and play some good football but were unable to build on their lead conceding an equaliser. The reprieve was short-lived though as Hatters leading scorer Morgan Patterson smashed a 25-yard shot into the roof of the net to restore the lead but in an end to end encounter the hosts again equalised.

ASSAULT

With the vital points at stake both team were looking for the winner when a disputed penalty was awarded to Tower Hamlets. Despite protests the penalty decision was upheld and converted leaving Town trailing for the first time.

An all-out assault on the hosts' goal in search of the equaliser saw Tape, Lucy Higgs, Phoebe Brown and Tamera Bayne all come close to the leveller but the pressure eventually paid dividends in the 85th minute when Patterson prodded the ball home through a crowded area to make it 3-3.



Jodie Bellinger celebrates her goal for the development squad

Meanwhile the Under-16s' title challenge continues but they made hard work of it at home to Enfield Town. A defensive error gifted Enfield the lead before Rebecca Ferris equalised. A penalty to Enfield allowed them to take a 2-1 lead at the break.

The second half saw the young Hatters fight back to equalise via a long range strike from Chloe Fitzsimmons.

A resilient Enfield team held out until late in the game but were unable to stop leading scorer Jodie Bellinger seizing on her chance to net the winner with her 20th goal of the season.

The first team are back in action next week travelling to unbeaten promotion favourites Crystal Palace where it is hoped we can pull back the five point deficit at the top.

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PLAYER PROFILE

JOE PIGOTT

DATE OF BIRTH: 24TH NOV 1993
FROM: MAIDSTONE
HEIGHT: 5ft 10
POSITION: FORWARD

HATTERS NEW BOY JOE PIGOTT MADE HIS FIRST APPEARANCE IN LUTON COLOURS AGAINST NOTTS COUNTY ON SATURDAY AFTER SIGNING ON LOAN FROM CHARLTON ATHLETIC. MANAGER NATHAN JONES HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN PIGOTT'S YOUTH TEAM COACH AT CHARLTON, AND RATES THE YOUNG STRIKER HIGHLY. WELCOME JOE!



FACT FILE

YEOVIL TOWN

Our visitors Yeovil Town are the only team in the football league who are based in the county of Somerset. The Glovers, were in the Championship as recently as the 2012/13 season, before consecutive relegations saw them return to League 2. Yeovil's biggest victory in the league was 6 - 1 against Oxford back in September 2004.



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FROM LEFT MIDFIELD

WITH KEVIN CROWE

THE RETURN OF PELLY RUDDOCK MPANZU

Where did it all go, the flowing football that defined Luton's goodbye kiss to non-league football? The swagger. The goals. Was it really all down to Andre Gray? Were we that much of a one man team? Maybe. Or maybe, part of the answer at least, was just a week away...

When Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu arrived on loan from West Ham in late 2013 it was hard to know what he was doing here.

The 20-year-old had a good reputation as a centre-half at Upton Park and the Hammers first team were short on defenders. It appeared as though Ruddock was being sent to the Conference to recover from an injury in the safe hands of Irons supporter and all-round Turbo Cockney John Still. Once he'd got some game time under his belt, the defender would be returned safely to Newham to continue with his life, as would we.

It soon became clear however that Still had other ideas, and before Pelly had the chance to control his first controllable he'd been converted into a skilful, powerful box-to-box midfielder.

Mpanzu had three names. Three names of the sort that Championship Manager 1 may have thrown together for a West Ham youth player in the distant future season of 2013/14 when it first came out. Three wonderful disparate names that made about as much sense together as Paul Daniels and Debbie McGee.

But once young Pelly took to the Luton midfield, just as it no doubt did the night the millionaire Paul Daniels first romanced Debbie, he was barely seconds into it before the magic began to flow.

Once Pelly returned to Town on a permanent deal, the like of which perhaps only Still could have pulled off, he picked up where he left off flying through defences like they were mere children. The Town were flying too. This was the year.

Cut to 2015. Many of the players remained, but the magic had all but gone.

Perhaps an obvious conclusion to draw was that 30-goal striker Andre Gray had packed up the team's mojo and taken it to West London. But if you looked past his goals, Andre was far from the finished article that season. One of the striking differences in the football from then to now is that passing moves used to flow out of defence on the deck and through the midfield before they reached Andre's feet. Willing runners flooded boxes like Yorkshire rivers. We chalked up 102 goals in all. There had to have been more to it.

When Pelly plucked Paddy McCourt's speculative cross out of the air last week before shifting it in one movement and breaking a Mansfield hoodoo as old as time itself, I'm sure I wasn't the only one who felt the nostalgic tingle of Mpanzu magic that we'd forgotten we'd missed, or feared we might never see again.

Unlike Andre in 2014, Pelly's game has the power to drag others along with it. His directness, skill and energy bubble throughout the midfield.

For the past year, Pelly's recovery had been reportedly, repeatedly, "a week away". Each week that passed saw *the actual week* move on a week more; nudged tantalisingly out of reach, ever further into the distance until eventually we resigned ourselves to a life of run of the mill two-named players once more. Or boring three-named ones with mundane "Craigs" or "Smiths" in them.

Whether Pelly has finally banished his injury curse remains to be seen, but if he can stay fit he could be a one man remedy to cure this Town malaise.



A WORD FROM The Football League Paper

BY CHRIS DUNLAVY

Jamie Ward's dramatic winner for Nottingham Forest last weekend was the first goal Middlesbrough had conceded on home turf for an incredible 921 minutes.

Brentford's Lasse Vibe was the last player to achieve the feat, way back on 15th September. To put it another way, that's just over 15 and a half hours of impenetrability.

Along the way, the Teessiders have notched a club record nine home clean sheets and - prior to a 1-0 defeat at Bristol City on 16th January - had gone nine games without shipping a goal either home or away, another 912 minutes.

Having scribbled a running tally on his arm before matches, Boro keeper Dimi Konstantopoulos can finally put the markers away - and take his place among some fine company.

Danny Verlinden (Club Brugge) 1990

Nicknamed 'The Wall', Verlinden was a Belgian keeper who, in 2003, became the oldest person ever to play in the Champions League at 40 years and 116 days.

That mark was subsequently beaten by Milan's Alessandro Costacurta, yet 13 years earlier Verlinden had set a European record that may never be vanquished.

From 3rd March to 26th September 1990, the stopper - capped just once by his country - went a mammoth 16 matches without conceding, finally stopping the clock at 1,390 minutes.

Edwin Van der Sar (Ajax & Manchester United) 1995 & 2009

Manchester United fans may be bored rigid but, once upon a time, Louis van Gaal could construct a side to keep clean sheets and score goals.

Having capped an unbeaten 1994/95 campaign with victory in the European Cup, an Ajax side featuring the likes of Patrick Kluivert, Marc Overmars and Edgar Davids began the following season by demolishing all and sundry.

Wins over Utrecht (4-0), NEC (6-0), Sparta (4-0), Go Ahead Eagles (4-0), Fortuna Sittard (4-0), NAC (1-0), Heerenveen (4-0), Vitesse (3-0) and FC Twente (3-0) left Ajax with a goal difference of +33 after just nine matches.

By the time he was finally breached two minutes into a game against Feyenoord, van der Sar had gone 910 minutes unbeaten. Fourteen years later, the Dutchman's 14 straight shutouts for Man United set a British record of 1,311 minutes - an agonising 79 minutes short of Verlinden's mark.

Steve Death (Reading) 1978-79

Until van der Sar turned up, Death was the man to beat. At just 5ft 7ins, the East Londoner was officially the smallest keeper in the Football League but a lack of inches



'Unbeatable' Edwin van der Sar

didn't stop him winning four player of the year awards in a 13-year stay at Elm Park.

And never was his value better illustrated than in 1978-79, as Death's 1,074-minute shutout helped the Royals go 11 games unbeaten - equalling the still-unbeaten record set by Millwall and York.

Spare a thought, too, for poor Joe Lansdale. Millwall's keeper in their 1925-26 campaign played all but one of his side's record-setting 11 games!

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They might not have played but it was a good weekend for leaders Northampton who remained top of the table as their promotion rivals dropped points.

Plymouth missed the opportunity to rise to the summit after they were beaten 1-0 at home to Wycombe. The main story was Wanderers' 46-year-old goalkeeper Barry Richardson who came on as a first-half substitute and kept a clean sheet to help his lift side up to eighth in the table.

Bristol Rovers, in fourth, couldn't take advantage of Oxford's FA Cup exploits as they were beaten 1-0 at fellow promotion chasers Accrington at the Crown Ground. Stanley move up to fifth, six points behind third place but with two games in hand.

Mansfield, who the Hatters beat last week, jumped up into the final Play-Off place after a 1-0 win at Crawley. The Stags are 10 points ahead of the Town in the table.

At the other end of the table, York got a much-needed victory as a last-gasp goal earned the Minstermen only their fourth win of the season. They stay bottom but are now level on points with Dagenham & Redbridge who sit one place above York.

It was a good day for our visitors tonight, Yeovil, as they twice came from behind to win 3-2 at AFC Wimbledon with Jack Compton scoring a hat-trick. The defeat knocked the Dons out of the top seven and lifted the Glovers three points clear of the bottom two.

There's only one other game in League 2 tonight at Portsmouth make the long trip to Morecambe.

UPCOMING FIXTURES

Bristol Rovers v Wimbledon

Cambridge v Dagenham

Carlisle v Accrington

Exeter v Oxford

Mansfield v Morecambe

Newport v Barnet

Northampton v York

Notts County v Hartlepool

Portsmouth v Leyton Orient

Stevenage v Crawley

Wycombe v Luton

Yeovil v Plymouth

LEAGUE TABLE 2015/16

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Northampton Town	27	18	4	5	49	31	18	58
2 Plymouth Argyle	29	17	5	7	43	26	17	56
3 Oxford United	27	14	9	4	42	23	19	51
4 Bristol Rovers	29	14	5	10	39	29	10	47
5 Accrington Stanley	25	13	6	6	43	29	14	45
6 Portsmouth	26	11	11	4	44	23	21	44
7 Mansfield Town	29	12	8	9	39	31	8	44
8 Wycombe Wanderers	27	12	7	8	33	27	6	43
9 Leyton Orient	29	11	10	8	45	41	4	43
10 AFC Wimbledon	28	11	9	8	42	35	7	42
11 Cambridge United	29	11	8	10	43	41	2	41
12 Exeter City	28	11	7	10	39	40	-1	40
13 Carlisle United	25	10	9	6	43	40	3	39
14 Notts County	27	10	6	11	40	46	-6	36
15 Morecambe	28	10	5	13	48	50	-2	35
16 LUTON TOWN	28	9	7	12	40	40	0	34
17 Crawley Town	29	10	4	15	34	48	-14	34
18 Barnet	28	9	6	13	36	44	-8	33
19 Stevenage	29	6	10	13	38	52	-14	28
20 Newport County AFC	28	6	9	13	32	43	-11	27
21 Hartlepool United	25	7	3	15	23	41	-18	24
22 Yeovil Town	28	5	8	15	29	43	-14	23
23 Dagenham & Redbridge	27	4	8	15	29	49	-20	20
24 York City	27	4	8	15	29	50	-21	20

PLAYER STATS 2015/16

	THIS SEASON								LIFC				
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		DISP						
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	Y	R					
Zane Banton	0	(0)	0	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	6	0		
Paul Benson	11	(2)	4	1	(2)	1	12	(4)	5	1	1	78	25
Scott Cuthbert	25	(0)	0	4	0	0	29	(0)	0	1	1	29	0
Nathan Doyle	6	(5)	0	2	(1)	0	8	(6)	0	2	0	45	0
Danny Green	12	(1)	5	2	(3)	1	14	(4)	6	6	0	18	6
Scott Griffiths	17	(1)	0	3	(3)	0	20	(4)	0	1	0	115	3
Luke Guttridge	6	(2)	2	3	(0)	0	9	(2)	2	1	0	74	19
Ryan Hall	5	(4)	0	0	(3)	0	5	(7)	0	1	1	18	0
Jake Howells	7	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	7	(0)	0	1	0	324	31
Elliot Justham	4	(1)	0	2	(0)	0	6	(1)	0	0	0	30	0
Alex Lawless	13	(6)	1	3	(0)	0	16	(6)	1	5	0	194	22
Oilly Lee	16	(3)	1	5	(0)	0	21	(3)	1	4	0	24	1
Sean Long	7	(2)	0	2	(0)	0	9	(2)	0	2	0	11	0
Craig Mackail-Smith	20	(4)	3	1	(0)	0	21	(4)	3	0	0	25	3
Jack Marriott	8	(15)	6	4	(0)	2	12	(15)	8	1	1	27	8
Paddy McCourt	9	(7)	1	1	(0)	0	10	(7)	1	3	0	17	1
Cameron McGeehan	21	(3)	7	2	(2)	2	23	(5)	9	3	0	61	15
Steve McNulty	9	(1)	0	2	(0)	0	11	(1)	0	3	0	125	2
Josh McQuoid	15	(7)	2	4	(2)	2	19	(9)	4	1	0	28	4
Frankie Musonda	0	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0
Mark O'Brien	2	(4)	0	3	(0)	0	5	(4)	0	1	0	9	0
Stephen O'Donnell	12	(0)	0	3	(0)	1	15	(0)	1	2	0	15	1
Magnus Okuonghae	6	(0)	0	2	(1)	0	8	(1)	0	2	0	9	0
Joe Pigott	0	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0
Dan Potts	4	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	6	(0)	0	0	0	6	0
Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu	3	(4)	1	3	(0)	0	6	(4)	1	0	0	52	4
Alan Sheehan	2	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	1	0	2	0
Jonathan Smith	24	(2)	4	4	(0)	0	28	(2)	4	5	0	130	9
Mark Tyler	24	(0)	4	4	(0)	0	28	(0)	0	0	0	294	0
Luke Wilkinson	20	(0)	3	4	(0)	0	24	(0)	3	3	0	72	7

OUR 130TH YEAR

DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS	STARTING XI	SUBS
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 (Cap One Cup 1)	W 3-1	3,948	427	-	Tyler Cuthbert McNulty Wilkinson Potts O'Donnell ● O'Brien ●	Ruddock ● McGeehan ● BENSON 1 MARRIOTT 2 ▲ Justham Lawless Hall Griffiths ● Potts McQuoid ● Guttridge ● Doyle ● Marriott ●
Sat 15	3.00pm	H	Oxford United	D 2-2	8,877	781	15	Tyler Cuthbert McNulty WILKINSON 1 Griffiths O'Donnell ● Doyle	McCourt ▲ McGEEHAN 1 Benson Mackail-Smith ● Justham Lawless Smith ● Ruddock ● Marriott ▲ McQuoid ● O'Brien ● Justham
Tue 18	7.45pm	H	Bristol Rovers	L 0-1	8,061	553	18	Tyler Cuthbert McNulty Wilkinson Griffiths O'Donnell Doyle ●	McCourt McGeehan ● Benson Mackail-Smith ▲ Potts Smith ● Lawless ● Ruddock ● Marriott ▲ McQuoid ● O'Brien ● Justham
Sat 22	3.00pm	A	Yeovil Town	L 2-3	3,830	820	22	Tyler Cuthbert Griffiths McNulty ● Wilkinson Smith McGeehan	Green ▲ Hall ● BENSON 1 MACKAIL-SMITH 1 O'Donnell Lawless ● McCourt ▲ Ruddock ● McQuoid ▲ McNulty
Tue 25	7.45pm	H	Stoke City (Cap One Cup 2)	D 1-1*	6,099	823	-	Justham O'Donnell Griffiths Wilkinson Cuthbert O'Brien Smith	Lee ● Green ● Ruddock ● McQuoid ▲ McNulty McGeehan Hall ▲ McQuoid MACKAIL-SMITH 1 ● Tyler
Sat 29	3.00pm	H	Portsmouth	L 1-2	9,083	1,032	22	Justham O'Donnell Griffiths Wilkinson Cuthbert O'Brien ● Smith	McGeehan Hall ▲ McQuoid MACKAIL-SMITH 1 ● Tyler
SEPTEMBER									
Tue 1	7.15pm	H	Leyton Orient (JPT1)	W 2-1	1,953	300	-	Tyler O'DONNELL 1 Griffiths McNulty Cuthbert ● Lee Smith	Ruddock ● GREEN 1 ▲ Guttridge Marriott ■ Hall ● Justham Okuonghae ● Mackail-Smith McQuoid ▲
Sat 5	3.00pm	A	Cambridge United	W 3-1	6,298	1,425	19	Tyler O'Donnell Griffiths WILKINSON 1 Cuthbert Lee Smith	Ruddock ● GREEN 1 McQuoid GUTTRIDGE 1 Mackail-Smith McNulty Hall Justham Ruddock Okuonghae Williams O'Brien
Sat 12	3.00pm	A	Notts County	L 2-3	5,820	1,689	20	Tyler O'Donnell Griffiths Wilkinson Cuthbert ■ Lee SMITH 1	Green ● McQuoid Guttridge ● Mackail-Smith McNulty ▲ McGEEHAN 1 ● Hall ●● McCourt Ruddock Williams King
Sat 19	3.00pm	H	Mansfield Town	W 1-0	7,939	262	18	Tyler O'Donnell Griffiths Wilkinson McNulty Lee Smith	McCourt ▲ McQuoid ● McGeehan ● MACKAIL-SMITH 1 Lawless ▲ Hall Green ● Marriott Williams O'Brien ● Justham
Sat 26	3.00pm	H	AFC Wimbledon	W 2-0	8,415	588	16	Tyler O'Donnell ● Griffiths ● Wilkinson McNulty Lee Smith	McCourt Guttridge ● McGeehan Mackail-Smith Potts Lawless ● Hall ▲ Green MARRIOTT 2 ● O'Brien Justham
Tue 29	7.45pm	A	Morecambe	W 3-1	1,388	295	11	Tyler Cuthbert ● Griffiths WILKINSON 1 McNulty Lee SMITH 1	McCourt ● McQuoid McGEEHAN 1 Mackail-Smith ▲ Potts Lawless ● Green Marriott ▲ Guttridge Doyle ● Justham
OCTOBER									
Sat 3	3.00pm	A	Hartlepool United	W 4-1	3,876	406	19	Tyler Cuthbert Griffiths Wilkinson McNulty LEE 1 SMITH 1	Guttridge McQuoid ● McGeehan Mackail-Smith ● Potts Lawless Hall Green MARRIOTT 2 ● Doyle ● Justham
Tue 6	7.45pm	A	Gillingham (JPT2)	L 1-2	3,428	193	-	Tyler Lawless Potts O'Brien Okuonghae Lee ● Doyle	Guttridge ● Guttridge ▲ McQuoid McGEEHAN 1 ▲ Marriott Hall Lawless ● Hall Green ● Marriott ● Ruddock Doyle ▲ Justham
Sat 10	3.00pm	H	York City	D 1-1	8,612	222	10	Tyler Cuthbert Potts Wilkinson McNulty Lee Smith	Guttridge ▲ McQuoid McGEEHAN 1 Mackail-Smith ● Lawless ● Hall Green ● Marriott ● Ruddock O'Brien ● Justham
Sat 17	3.00pm	A	Crawley Town	L 1-2	3,335	1,412	12	Tyler Long Potts Wilkinson Cuthbert Doyle Smith	Lee ● McGEEHAN 1 Marriott ● Mackail-Smith Lawless Hall McCourt ● Ruddock McQuoid ● O'Brien Justham
Tue 20	7.45pm	H	Leyton Orient	D 1-1	8,022	638	12	Tyler Long Potts Wilkinson Cuthbert Lee ● Smith	McCourt ● McGeehan MARRIOTT 1 Mackail-Smith ▲ Lawless Ruddock ● Guttridge ● McQuoid ▲ O'Brien ● Justham
Sat 24	3.00pm	H	Plymouth Argyle	L 1-2	8,703	745	15	Tyler Long ● Potts ● Wilkinson Cuthbert Doyle Smith	McGeehan Ruddock ▲ Guttridge Marriott Lawless ● Hall ● ■ McCourt McKail-Smith ● Williams Doyle ● Justham
NOVEMBER									
Sun 1	2.00pm	A	Dagenham & Redbridge	W 2-0	2,773	1,083	13	Tyler Long Griffiths Wilkinson Cuthbert Doyle Smith	LAWLESS 1 ● McQuoid GUTTRIDGE 1 Marriott ● Potts McGeehan ● Green ● McCourt Lee McKail-Smith ● Justham
Sat 7	3.00pm	A	Crawley Town (FAC1)	W 2-1	1,929	487	-	Justham Long Griffiths Wilkinson Cuthbert Lee Smith	Lawless ● McQUOID 2 Guttridge Marriott ● Potts McHeehan Benson ● Green ● McCourt O'Brien Tyler
Sat 14	3.00pm	H	Barnet	W 2-0	8,497	612	10	Tyler Lawless Griffiths Wilkinson Cuthbert Lee Smith	MCGEEHAN 1 GREEN 1 ● McQuoid ▲ Benson ● Potts Marriott ● McCourt ▲ Long Guttridge O'Brien ● Justham
Sat 21	3.00pm	A	Stevenage	D 0-0	4,782	1,892	10	Tyler Lawless Griffiths Wilkinson Cuthbert Lee ▲ Smith	McGeehan ● Green ● McQuoid Benson ■ McCourt ● Green ● Marriott ● Long ● Guttridge McKail-Smith Musonda O'Brien ▲ Justham
Tue 24	7.45pm	H	Carlisle United	L 3-4	7,298	169	12	Tyler Lawless Griffiths O'Brien Cuthbert Lee Smith	McGeehan ● GREEN 1 MCQUOID 1 MARRIOTT 1 ● Hall McCourt ● Long Mackail-Smith ● Williams Doyle ● Justham
Sat 28	3.00pm	A	Newport County	L 0-3	2,551	451	13	Tyler Lawless Griffiths Wilkinson Cuthbert Lee ● Smith	McGeehan ● Green McQuoid ● Marriott McCourt ● Mackail-Smith ● Doyle ● Okuonghae Long Hall Justham
DECEMBER									
Sun 6	2.00pm	A	Peterborough United (FAC2)	L 0-2	8,379	1,740	-	Tyler Long Lawless ▲ Wilkinson Okuonghae Lee ● Smith	Doyle McCourt ● McQuoid Mackail-Smith Hall Guttridge Williams McGeehan ● Green ● Griffiths ▲ Justham
Sat 12	3.00pm	H	Northampton Town	L 3-4	8,792	1,032	17	Tyler Long ● Griffiths Wilkinson Okuonghae Lee Smith	Lawless ● GREEN 1 BENSON 2 Mackail-Smith O'Donnell McGeehan Hall ● Marriott ● McQuoid Musonda Justham
Sat 19	3.00pm	A	Exeter City	W 3-2	3,777	416	13	Tyler Long Howells ● Cuthbert Okuonghae Lee Lawless	MCGEEHAN 1 GREEN 1 ▲ Mackail-Smith ● BENSON 1 Griffiths ● Marriott ▲ Smith Griffiths Marriott ▲ Guttridge ● McQuoid ● Musonda Justham
Sat 26	3.00pm	H	Wycombe Wanderers	L 0-2	9,676	829	15	Tyler Long Howells ● Cuthbert Okuonghae Lee Lawless ●	McGeehan Green ● Mackail-Smith Benson ▲ Smith Griffiths Marriott ▲ Guttridge ● McQuoid ● Musonda Justham
Mon 28	3.00pm	A	Portsmouth	D 0-0	17,688	1,556	14	Tyler O'Donnell Howells Cuthbert Okuonghae Smith Lawless ▲	Hall McQuoid ● Marriott ● Benson ● McCourt ● Long ● Guttridge Mackail-Smith ● Wilkinson Justham
JANUARY									
Sat 2	3.00pm	A	Bristol Rovers	L 0-2	9,131	707	15	Tyler O'Donnell Howells ● Cuthbert Okuonghae Smith Lawless ▲	McGeehan Hall Mackail-Smith ▲ Benson ● Marriott ▲ McCourt ● Lee Long McQuoid ● Wilkinson Justham
Sat 16	3.00pm	H	Cambridge United	D 0-0	9,227	1,022	18	Tyler ● O'Donnell Howells Cuthbert Okuonghae Smith Lawless	Green ● Hall ▲ Marriott Benson Potts McCourt ▲ Lee McCourt ● Long Mackail-Smith McQuoid ● O'Brien ● Justham ●
Sat 23	3.00pm	A	Mansfield Town	W 2-0	4,245	739	15	Justham O'Donnell Howells Cuthbert Sheehan Smith Lawless	MCGEEHAN 1 ● RUDDOCK 1 ▲ McGeehan Mackail-Smith ● Potts Benson Marriott ● Lee ● McCourt ● Musonda King
Sat 30	3.00pm	H	Notts County	L 0-2	8,147	390	16	Justham O'Donnell Howells Cuthbert Sheehan Smith Lawless	McCourt Ruddock McGeehan Mackail-Smith Benson Marriott Okuonghae Lee Banton Piggott Tyler
FEBRUARY									
Tue 2	7.45pm	H	Yeovil Town						
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						

LAMP QUIZ WINNERS! Congratulations to Please Take Me Out, the quiz team which won the Trust in Luton quiz evening held at the club recently. Many thanks to those who attended to help raise money for LAMP - our supporters' charity.



LUTON TOWN

1885-PRESENT DAY

THE FULL RECORD

PLAYED: **5296**

WON: **2112**

DRAWN: **1287**

LOST: **1897**

GOALS SCORED : **8405**

GOALS CONCEDED: **7622**

MEET THE REF

NIGEL MILLER

Experienced County Durham whistler Nigel is making his first visit to Kenilworth Road since the final game of last season when we beat Stevenage.

He oversaw three games involving the Hatters last term, including our first game back in the Football League - the 1-0 win at Carlisle.

Nigel officiated in our 2-0 FA Cup defeat at Peterborough in December - one of 20 matches he has taken charge of this season in which he has shown 53 yellow cards and three reds.

Please give all of our officials a warm welcome tonight.

*Lost 8-7 on penalties



HOLD THE BACK PAGE

WITH GRAHAM MILLER

IT'S THE CIRCLE OF FOOTBALL FORTUNE. AND IT MOVES US ALL

It's a small world. Mind you, you wouldn't want to paint it. But planet football is even smaller and the connections somewhat spooky at times.

The back pages can slip into hyperbole at the drop of a corner kick. Do you remember a 'keeper called Jimmy Glass? The papers went ballistic when Jimmy, on loan at Carlisle, sprinted up field five minutes into stoppage time and headed a winning goal against Plymouth. It was the last game of the 1998/99 season and it meant the Cumbrians held onto their Football League status with just one second to spare. And it sent Scarborough into that void that we Hatters fans had to endure for so long.

The link? None other than Nathan Jones. Our new manager was playing for Scarborough that day. And despite a draw with Peterborough it wasn't enough. The Seadogs' changing room would have been a mixture of salty tears and language.

Players never forget those days. It moulds them. Jimmy Glass saved Carlisle but not himself. He fell out with football and now runs a taxi company in Dorset. Nathan Jones went on to spend seven years at tonight's visitors Yeovil turning out nearly 200 times for the Glovers.

It's like an episode from The Twilight Zone. Younger readers - ask your grandparents to explain. I guarantee the first thing they'll do is sing something like "do do do do, do do do do" in a very strange way.

What impact being relegated from the Football League may have made on Nathan's football philosophy perhaps we'll discover in the coming weeks. The headline I'm sure is that football, like life itself, is seldom fair.

The emotions of winning and losing are familiar to everyone in football. The back pages and sports media rightly concentrate on what it feels like from a player's point of view. The fact that we're generally known as 'long suffering' Luton fans tells its own story from a supporter's perspective.

Take Saturday for example. The result was a big disappointment. It took some time for manager Jones to arrive in the press box after the game. His body language suggested the Town's changing room may have been scorched by



Grainy footage of Jimmy Glass's famous goal for Carlisle is on YouTube. It had an affect on our own Nathan Jones

some fiery words from the young Welsh dragon.

"We must do better," summed up his post match thoughts to we scribes and commentators. The football flowed well enough but Luton weren't sufficiently ruthless in front of goal is how this Backpage correspondent viewed it.

Regular observers told me it was an improved performance overall despite the scoreline. But as Luton legend John Moore mused in his media role "you have to put your chances away or you pay the price".

But that's football. Never predictable. Logic defying. Opinion forming.

The question now is: is there enough time left in the season for a resurgent Luton Town to become the comeback story of the season?

It's possible. Because anything is possible in football. Look at Leicester. It's a small world after all.

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LUTON TOWN





- 1 Mark Tyler
- 2 Stephen O'Donnell
- 3 Dan Potts
- 4 Jonathan Smith
- 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
- 19 Ollie Lee
- 22 Craig Mackail-Smith
- 23 Josh McQuoid
- 24 Curtley Williams
- 25 Mark O'Brien
- 26 Nathan Doyle
- 31 Craig King
- 32 Luke Trotman
- 33 Mark Onyemah
- 34 Isaac Galliford
- 35 Zane Banton
- 36 James Justin
- 37 Frankie Musonda
- 40 Jake Howells
- 44 Alan Sheehan
- 45 Joe Pigott



YEOVIL TOWN

- 1 Artur Krysiak
- 2 Ben Tozer
- 3 Nathan Smith
- 4 Matthew Dolan
- 5 Stephen Arthurworrey
- 6 Jakub Sokolik
- 7 Kevin Dawson
- 8 Marc Laird
- 9 Ryan Bird
- 10 Shaun Jeffers
- 11 Ryan Dickson
- 12 Christopher Weale
- 14 Jack Compton
- 15 Jordan Gibbons
- 16 Tahvon Campbell
- 17 Omar Sowunmi
- 18 Simon Gillett
- 19 Iffy Allen
- 20 Wesley Fogden
- 21 Alex Lacey
- 22 Mark Beck
- 23 Harry Cornick
- 24 Connor Roberts
- 25 Liam Walsh
- 26 Darren Ward
- 28 Ollie Bassett

TONIGHT'S OFFICIALS

-  Niger Miller
-  Ryan Atkin
-  Dave Bushell
-  4 John Busby

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