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With chairman Nick Owen



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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

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## DIATES JONES

#### NOTES FROM THE MANAGER

GOOD EVENING AND WELCOME BACK TO KENILWORTH ROAD FOR TONIGHT'S IMPORTANT SKY BET LEAGUE 2 GAME AGAINST MORECAMBE.

A big hello to everyone associated with our visitors, including Jim Bentley, the players, staff and supporters of the Shrimps. In particular I'd like to welcome their goalkeeper coach Lee Jones, who I know from our very early days playing football in South Wales.

Since my last notes we have achieved two positive results following two great efforts from the players. The wins over Hartlepool and York were hard-fought and showed a tremendous amount of character considering we took the lead in both games before we were pegged back – twice of course at York.

The players have given me everything so far and our last two victories underline this. We have scored late goals in both matches and that really gives me heart because it shows the players have a real will to win. That attitude isn't easy to come by, so every credit must go to the players for standing up after the disappointment of conceding before going on and finding something extra to win and take all three points.

Of course that is not what we want. We want to be able to win

games without needing three goals to win football matches. I said after the game that the York performance was probably one of the most disappointing so far. Yes, we won the game but I need everyone to realise that our standards are high. At the moment we are making things difficult for ourselves because of a lack of concentration – and that needs to be rectified.

However, I think the players have responded extremely well to your vocal backing of the team and that was very noticeable at York on Saturday. It was immense support and I think it was a very important contribution to the day. It ultimately helped the players find that little bit extra to eke out all three points at the very death, so thank you.

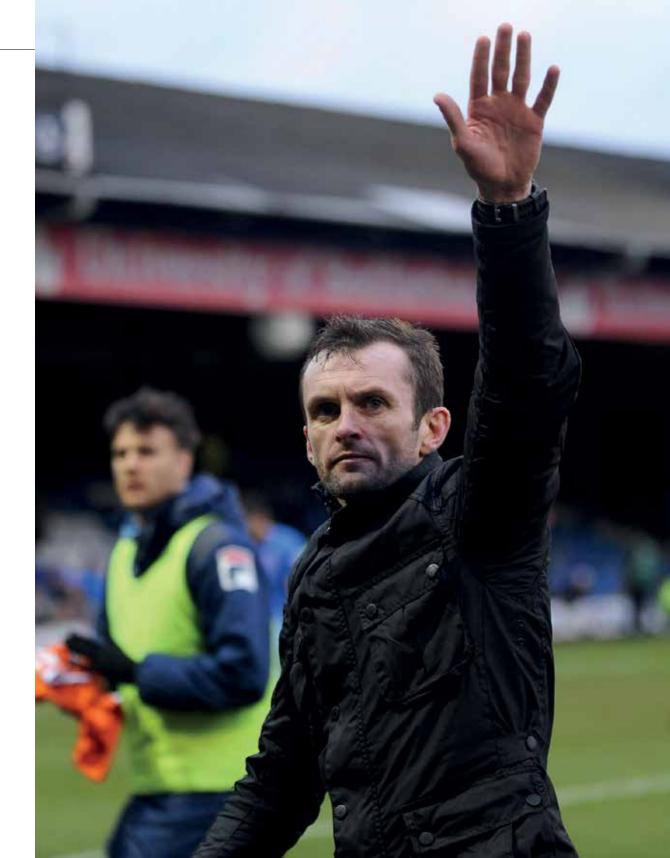
I said after the York game that it was important to have secured

back-to-back wins, and tonight now gives us an opportunity to go back-to-back in home games at Kenilworth Road. I've said many, many times that consistency is key so this evening's game will be a very good test for us.

Finally, we are now entering a crucial month of the campaign where games are coming thick and fast. We need the whole club to pull together as we aim to maintain that consistency and climb the table. Every individual plays their own part and that includes you, the supporters.

So please get behind the team once more. Thank you for your superb backing of the team, and enjoy the game tonight.

Della.



## From the BOARDROOM

#### WITH CHAIRMAN NICK OWEN

GOOD EVENING AND WELCOME BACK TO KENILWORTH ROAD FOR TONIGHT'S SKY BET LEAGUE 2 MATCH AGAINST MORECAMBE.

A special welcome to our visitors who've made the long Tuesday night trip from the Lancashire coast, a beautiful part of the world and birthplace, of course, of Luton Town's renowned and best known supporter, the late Eric Morecambe. I make no secret of the fact that he was a hero of mine.

Not only was he voted funniest man of the 20th century, he also massively elevated our club's profile and his still hugely popular shows continue to do so. It is a great source of pleasure to us here that his sons Gary and Stephen frequently come to matches at Kenilworth Road before going back to Harpenden to tell mum Joan all about it.

When we played the away fixture at Morecambe at the end of September, we were just beginning to motor after a dodgy start to the season. We beat the Shrimps 3-1, then won again at Hartlepool on the Saturday, which meant we'd

notched up four victories on the trot.

It looked as though our highly talented squad was about to explode on League 2, but it turned out to be a false dawn. We have never been above 10th in the table all season and we've never again put together a run like that.

Well, perhaps that is about to change. We steadied the ship with a win over Hartlepool here at Kenilworth Road on February 20th and managed to nick a nailbiter at York on Saturday.

It's agonising to reflect on how we twice let the lead slip away, but comforting to know we scored three goals away from home.

Delighted as I was by the result, I was even more taken by the words of our manager Nathan Jones. As you know, managers sometimes appear to see things differently from the fans, focusing on the 'positives', despite a thrashing, frustratingly so, but Nathan was superbly honest.

The performance was nowhere near good enough, he said, we looked a mediocre team and we are not going to be a mediocre team. How often do you hear a manager being so scathingly forthright in public, especially after an exciting away win? I applaud him for that and I am sure the fans



do too.

It is a sure indication of how passionate he is about getting things right at Luton Town and how he'll do everything in his power to get us back up the pyramid. And always with complete honesty.

Having said all that, I thought our goals at York were terrific, superbly created and excellently taken. And what a way to finish it all with that wonderful solo effort from Olly Lee. It was another welcome three points and payback for some of the games we deserved to win or draw earlier in this mystifying season, but lost due to some horrible bad luck, such as wicked rebounds or deflections.

Congratulations to our wonderful supporters too, as ever, for travelling in such numbers and making their presence felt so vocally. The players are forever grateful for that. I expect you noticed that the Flying Scotsman made its inaugural post-revamp journey north to York on Thursday – I did wonder why they couldn't have delayed it until Saturday for our fans!

This is our first home match since the Under-18s were cruelly edged out of the FA Youth Cup at Blackburn Rovers. It was a week ago tonight that they went out in the quarter-finals to an early free-kick that went in after a deflection.

big thank you to the 715 of you who backed us to victory at York o

I couldn't be there, but it's clear we dominated much of the game and were very unlucky not to equalise and get back into the game.

#### BANNER

Their coach, Billy Barr, said, "I think we underestimated Luton and they were a very good team...if I'm being totally honest, they were the better team on the night."

I know our young players were distraught afterwards – hardly surprising – but I hope by now they appreciate what a fantastic achievement it's been to get that far in the competition. Paul Driver is enormously proud of you all and so is everyone at the club.

Anyone who's watched our youth performances in league or cup this season has been blown away by the flair and talent on display. I hope it gives the youngsters an insight into how far they could go in the game and given them the appetite to really work for it.

I must say here how grateful we all continue to be to SoLYD, Supporters of Luton Youth Development, for their generous funding during the Youth Cup and indeed for all their help over recent years. Thank you very much – it is hugely appreciated.

A date for your diary, if you want to see for yourself just how good our youngsters are. They are at home on Thursday here at Kenilworth Road in their regional League Cup Final against Swindon. 7.30pm kick-off. Win that, and they are in the national League Cup Final in April. A big crowd would really help!

Back to this evening: we have 13 games to go, we are 13th in the table and eight points from the Play-Off positions. Is it possible to sneak in? Of course it is, but it will be quite an achievement to get there.

Despite an under par performance at York, we still managed to win – and that's great for confidence. There's palpably a greater sense of urgency and purpose these days under Nathan and there's simply no other option than to take each game as it comes (as they say!) and see where we finish up. There is no questioning the talent in the squad, we just need it all to come together more consistently....in every game, in fact, from hereon in.

As they said when the Flying Scotsman left King's Cross for York last week, it's full steam ahead. Bye for now,

Nich Drew

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#### THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

It's great to write these notes knowing we have taken six points from our last two matches following wins over Hartlepool and York.

The Hartlepool result was particularly pleasing as it finally enabled us to give you a longawaited home victory. A lot has been made of our form at Kenilworth Road this season and we all know as a group it hasn't been good enough. But there was a big sense of relief to get a win at home and it took a superb finish from Macca to win it in the closing stages. We were all thrilled for him because he works his absolute socks off for us day in day out in training and gives everything when he's on the pitch.

After another solid week's training we went to York at the weekend and dug out another three points on our travels. We've found results easier to come by away from home this season which is strange but, roared on by another magnificent following, we improved in the second half and managed to score three very good goals.

The manager told us in no uncertain terms afterwards that despite the win the performance was not up to scratch. We know we need to get better but, on the positive side of things, scoring three goals away from home when not playing particularly well is a sign of a good team.

It was great to see three different goalscorers on target and congratulations to Cam, Jack and Olly, three young players of ours who really know where the back of the net is.

They are important members of the squad and sometimes it's easy to forget that they are all in their 20s. Jack has now joined Cam in double figures for the season and there's a little bit of competition between them for the top goalscorer so hopefully they can continue that tussle between now and the end of the season. Olly certainly knows where the back of the net is too, and what a special winner that was. It was great to see the away end so happy come the final whistle.

#### QUALITY

Defensively we know we need to improve and cut out individual mistakes. We have shown we have the quality in front of goal to win games but must focus our concentration more at the back if we are to be a success.

Saturday's win sets us up well for tonight's game with Morecambe as we aim to make it back-to-back home wins. The gaffer has spoken about how important it is to be consistent and winning games back-to-back is an important part of that.

We went and played some great football up at Morecambe earlier in the season and we'll be hoping of more of the same tonight. It isn't going to be easy, especially as they will be wanting to put things right after a poor run of form themselves.



Thank you again for your fantastic support, especially those who travelled in such numbers all the

way to York.
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#### HOMEGROUND PROJECT COMES TO TOWN

Last week we welcomed organisers and participants from the Homeground Project to Kenilworth Road for the official launch of the project in Luton.

The project, which has been organised by the Devon Guild of Craftsmen, celebrates the cultural heritage of six professional clubs that originated from a local crafts trade tradition.

The football clubs involved have long-established nicknames from the local craft industries that have shaped the community and locality. Macclesfield Town - The Silkmen, Walsall Town - The Saddlers, Crystal Palace - The Glaziers, Sheffield United – The Blades, from the city's worldwide reputation for steel production. Stoke City - The Potters, reflects one of England's greatest industries having been the centre for ceramics production since the 17th century and of course Luton Town - The Hatters.

As part of the project a small travelling exhibition will be in place in the Eric Morecambe Lounge featuring a short film demonstrating some of the trades associated with the clubs.

During the stay in Luton, which continues until the beginning of April, the project is also offering Hatters supporters and local people the opportunity to join in with some fantastic Hat Making workshops. The workshops will be led by Milliner Valerie Corona, who is based in the town.

Speaking at the launch, Erica Steer, chief executive of the Devon Guild of Craftsmen said: "We're delighted with the response to the project here in Luton, with lots of people coming forward to take part in the workshops, and lots of interest in the project in general.

"The aim of the project is to help people engage with some of the historical crafts which are associated with their local football clubs. Luton Town has a particularly strong link with the hat trade, so it's great to see people getting involved. We'd like to thank Luton Town for their support with the project."

held important positions here, and it's a great opportunity for us to remember our roots as a Club.

"Although the hat trade in Luton is much smaller than it once was, there are still several hat manufacturers and other artisan tradespeople operating within the town, and that's something we believe should be celebrated."

If you'd like to attend one of the workshops or find outmore





Hatters marketing manager Ed Smith said: "We're only too pleased to welcome Erica, Patricia and the Homeground participants here today.

"Looking back to the early days of the Hatters, many prominent people from Luton's hat trade about the Homeground project, call 07500 805235 or email homegroundproject@icloud.com.

If you would like to arrange to visit the exhibition in the Eric Morecambe lounge please email Ed Smith at the Club.

#### BACK THE YOUTH HERE ON THURSDAY!

After their fantastic run in the FA Youth Cup ended against Blackburn last week, we want as many supporters as possible to come along to Kenilworth Road and get behind the Town Under-18s in their quest to reach the national final of the Youth Alliance League Cup on Thursday.

Paul Driver's side, who have already won the Youth Alliance South East title this season, take on Swindon Town in the Southern Section final on Thursday 3rd March for the right for a place in April's overall final.

The Hatters have beaten Bristol Rovers, Dagenham, Orient and Bournemouth so far in the competition which features all 50 Category 3-rated academy sides in the country. Driver's youngsters have had a superb season, especially in the Youth Cup - but five of their six ties in the competition were away from home - so now's your chance to give the players the appreciation they deserve and back them against the Robins.

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#### McGEEHAN CONTRACT EXTENDED

The Hatters were delighted to announce the extension of midfielder Cameron McGeehan's contract until the summer of 2018 last week.

The 20-year-old, who scored his 12th goal of the season in Saturday's 3-2 win over York,

originally put pen to paper on a permanent deal this summer following two separate loan spells.

McGeehan won a Conference title winners' medal with the Town in his first stint at Kenilworth Road in 2013/14, and has now featured 66 times in for the Hatters and scored 18 goals.

And boss Nathan Jones was thrilled to be able to secure the services of the former Norwich youngster for another 12 months.

"We believe in Cameron, we believe he's a fabulous young player," said Jones. "He's fit, hungry and wants to do well and that type of return is fantastic for a midfield player. He's had to play in a few different positions, which shows his quality. We're delighted that he's happy here, he's a great player, one we really want to take forward for the future."



#### THE TOWN HIT THE ROAD THIS SATURDAY WHEN THEY MAKE THE JOURNEY TO LONDON TO TAKE ON LEYTON ORIENT AT BRISBANE ROAD

WHO? Leyton Orient, aka the O's, from Leyton, East London – officially in the London Borough of Waltham Forest. They started out as Clapton Orient, renamed themselves Leyton Orient, then dropped the 'Leyton' bit before adding that back again in 1987. The club have spent the majority of their most recent history in the bottom two divisions – not since the early 1980s were the O's in the second tier. Orient spent just one season in the top-flight – in 1962/63

WHERE? Brisbane Road has been Orient's home since 1937 when it was opened. Its current all-seated capacity is 9,271. The ground's attendance record was set in a 1964 FA Cup tie against West Ham when 34,345 squeezed in. Hatters fans have been allocated just under 1,400 seats in the East Stand – previously the Main Stand – which is the oldest part of Brisbane Road following the redevelopments of three stands.

#### **HOW TO GET THERE.**

Luton to Leyton is an hour's drive by road, covering some 45 miles, depending which way you travel. Your best bet is to take the M25 clockwise, leaving at junction M27 and taking the M11 south towards London. From that point on the directions alone would fill this page so it's best to plan your journey online or use your satnav. The postcode is E10 5NF. The Bobbers are also running a coach to York. Their fare is £29 adults, £26 concessions. Call 01234 856542 to book your seat. And of course you can also take the tube. Leyton station (Central Line) is a quarter-of-a-mile walk away.

#### **HAVEN'T WE MET**

meetings between the Town and Orient in their various guises down the years, with the Hatters leading 30-17 in the head-to-head with 16 ending draws. At Brisbane Road the Hatters have won on five of their last seven visits. The Town lost on previous trip in 2008 in League 1 in Mick Harford's first game in charge. Our last win in the Football League at the East London venue came on a Tuesday night in September 2001 when over 2,000 Town fans witnessed a 3-1 win thanks to goals

from Matt Taylor, Jean Louis Valois and Steve Howard.

#### THIS TIME ROUND.

Orient, relegated from League 1 last term, go into their game tonight away at Carlisle in the final Play-Off spot in the League 2 table. New player/boss Kevin Nolan has seen his side win five of their last seven games, including Saturday's comfortable 2-0 win over Crawley. At home the 0's have won eight of their 17 matches this season and in Jay Simpson they have the division's top goalscorer who has 22 of their 49 goals this term.

#### ORIENT FACTFILE

Formed: 1881
Nickname: The O's
Last season: 23rd League 1
Follow them on Twitter:
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Colours: Red and white
Ground: Brisbane Road
Player/manager:
Kevin Nolan

## TICKEI OFFICE





#### Saturday 5th March 2016, 3pm.

We have received a full allocation of 1,385 seats for the fixture. Tickets are now available on general sale online and from the Ticket Office by phone or in person until 3pm on Friday 4th March. **Prices:** Popular Stand seats: £22 adults, £14 over-65s, students, armed forces unemployed, £5 under-18s Wheelchair Disabled/ Carer, Ambulant Disabled / Carer Free of Charge with Middle / Higher rate Disability. Subject to availability, tickets will be available on the day at Brisbane Road but prices will increase £2 adults and £1 concessions.







#### Saturday 12th March 2016, 3pm

Tickets are now on sale at category B prices. Our kids for a quid offer is in force for this match. See further details below.

Know a young Hatters fan who hasn't been to a game yet at Kenilworth Road? Or want to take them along again? Well now's your chance:

For our home game against Crawley Town on 12th March all adults purchasing full-priced tickets can bring an under-18 into the ground for just  $\pounds 1$ .

Season ticket holders can also take advantage of this offer and all you have to do is contact the ticket office in the same way.

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.



#### PLYMOUTH ARGYLE



#### Saturday 19th March 2016, 3pm

We have received an initial allocation of 1,116 standard tickets and 112 family tickets for this fixture. Tickets are on sale now to Diamond and Regular Season Ticket holders at two per person until close of business on Monday 7th March. Any remaining tickets will be available on general sale online and via phone or in person from the Ticket Office on Tuesday 8th March. They will remain on sale until 2pm Friday 18th March.

Away Season Ticket holders' tickets will be reserved and processed on Tuesday 1st March. One standard ticket will be allocated unless you advise otherwise. Please advise to ticketoffice@lutontown.co.uk before this date.

**Prices:** Standard tickets: £20 adults, £15 over-65s and students, £7 under-18s. Family Zone (families or Adults accompanying children only): £20 adults, £15 over-65s and students, £5 under-18s. Ambulant Disabled tickets are available from Luton Town Ticket Office at the above prices with a Carer free of charge. Wheelchair Disabled tickets should be purchased directly from Plymouth Argyle on 0845 872 3335.



### DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE

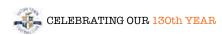
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#### Good Friday 25th March 2016, 3pm

Tickets are now on sale at category B prices and are available online and from the Ticket Office.

Home ticket prices for the 2015/16 season
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	Cat A	Cat B	Cat C
Adult	£22	£20	£18
Young Adult (18-21)	£17	£15	£13
Senior (65+)	£17	£15	£13
Golden Senior( 75+)	£14	£12	£10
Youth (10-17)	£10	£8	£6
Acc. Junior (U10)	£7	£5	£3



## COMMERCIAL

WITH COMMERCIAL MANAGER **DAVID HOSKINS** 

#### **MATCH SPONSOR**

#### **HAPPY 40TH JO MENTIPLY**

Hatters fan Jo celebrated her 40th yesterday. She attended her first match accompanied by her father and brother on the 19th August 1978, the first match of the season, a 6-1 victory against Oldham Athletic.

Jo has gone on to see many more games since then, both home and away and although she usually goes to matches with her father these days, in the past she has made trips to places such as Plymouth and Carlisle on her own to see the mighty Hatters play.

She has held a season ticket for the Kenilworth Upper Tier since it became a seated stand and is looking forward to see the Town play in their new stadium.

Being from Aylesbury, Jo's favourite Hatters players down the years have been Marvin Johnson and Emmerson Boyce.

Happy birthday Jo, here's hoping for a good result tonight, from Dave, DJ and Dad, guests and family, COYH!



#### MATCHBALL SPONSOR

for the Hatters supporters and good Lutonians living here, are proud to be sponsoring tonight's matchball.

snacks and lighter bites.

months but in the mean time we have heated outside areas.



Not for the first time has today's mascot turned out in his kit on the hallowed turf of Kenilworth Road! Nearly 40 years ago Adrian Gotch ran out with his favourite players and tonight 'Nobby' will return to ater this year to Carla Holmes. the past include Ricky Hill, Brian

squad Pelly Ruddock and Jack Marriott are his favourites. We hope you enjoy your surprise tonight Nobby!

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You can follow all live sport from Sky and BT Sports, the Brewery tap also boasts a large garden for those warmer



#### **ADRIAN 'NOBBY' GOTCH**



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## Welcome to Kenilworth Road MORECAMBE

It gives us great pleasure to welcome everyone associated with Morecambe to Kenilworth Road this evening – especially those supporters in the away end who have made the long trip down on this Tuesday evening.

The Shrimps come to Bedfordshire on a bad run of form, winless in their last eight games in run stretching back to the middle of January, taking just one point from that time to slip to 18th in the League 2 table.

Morecambe's most recent defeat came on Saturday against Carlisle, with Kevin Ellison's first-half opener cancelled out by Charlie Wyke and Derek Asamoah, scoring within a minute of each other in the closing stages at the Globe Arena.

In Jim Bentley, the Lancashire outfit have the third longest-serving manager in the Football League, having taken over from Sammy McIlroy at the end of the 2010/11 season, guiding the team to 15th in the League 2 in his maiden

And Bentley has done a sterling job at Morecambe, comfortably keeping his side in the division while leading them to their highest-placed finish under his tenure last year, ending up 11th and just eight points off the Play-Off positions.

But it will take a mammoth effort over the remaining months for that to be repeated. The Shrimps had had a solid enough start to



the season, winning and losing two in the opening month prior to an excellent run which saw them win four successive games in all competitions, including away victories at Yeovil and Newport County.

That start has been the defining feature of Morecambe's season, as they then went on to lose three of their next four – including a 3-1 home defeat to the Hatters – before going on yet another impressive run in all tournaments, winning four out of four, with the exceptional performance coming from a 5-2 victory at AFC Wimbledon.

That victory extended
Morecambe's unbeaten run away
from home to seven games, and
their then-seventh-placed position
led some to wonder whether
promotion to League 1 was on
the cards for the first time in their
history.

But, with just three league wins since those successes in October, Bentley's side are now looking dangerously over their shoulder.

The Shrimps will be looking for top-scorer Shaun Miller to find the net once again. The majority of his 11 goals came in those early-season victories, netting seven

times in five games before scoring in four successive games starting from 28th December, but he was a game-changer for all the wrong reasons in his last outing back on 13th February.

Miller was sent-off on the 70th minute against Oxford with the score tied at 1-1, only for the U's to strike three goals in the following 10 minutes to snatch the game away.

As mentioned, the Hatters got the better of the two sides in their early-season meeting when Luke Wilkinson, Cameron McGeehan and Jonathan Smith were all on target in the 3-1 victory at the Globe Arena.

The Hatters, however, have yet to overcome the Shrimps at Kenilworth Road, although tonight's meeting will be just the third between the two in Bedfordshire.

Last season, goals form
McGeehan and Alex Lawless helped
the Town fight back from being 2-0
down, only for Wilkinson's own goal
to snatch all three points for the
visitors, while the sides shared the
spoils with a 1-1 draw in December
2009.

HATTERS v SHRIMPS Luton wins: 2 Draws: 1 Morecambe wins: 2

## Meet the VISITORS

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#### THE BOSS

#### JIM BENTLEY

Morecambe appointed Jim in May 2011 having previously been in charge of the club's reserves. A centre-half as a player, he made over 300 appearances for the Shrimps, captaining the side to the Conference Play-Off final win.

#### BETWEEN THE STICKS

#### BARRY ROCHE

Goalscoring goalkeeper Barry netted an equaliser against Portsmouth last month. The Dublin-born stopper is now in his eighth season with the club having joined from Chesterfield in 2008.

#### IN DEFENCE

#### ANDY PARRISH

Versatile and popular long-serving defender Andy joined the Shrimps from Bury in 2009. Able to play at centre-half or right-back he made his 200th appearance for the club last season.

#### RYAN EDWARDS

Young central defender Ryan arrived at the Globe Arena in 2014. The Liverpool-born youngster captained the Blackburn Under-18s where he also spent time out on loan at Rochdale and Chesterfield.

#### LAURENCE WILSON

Left-back Laurence re-signed for his second spell at the club in 2014 having left Accrington. Originally joined from Rotherham, he made over 100 appearances in his first spell between 2009 and 2012.

#### SHAUN BEELEY

Right-back Shaun joined the Shrimps on a two-year deal at the start of last season having enjoyed success on-loan from Fleetwood. Won three promotions during his time with the Cod Army.

#### ADAM DUGDALE

Liverpool-born defender Adam is a product of the Crewe academy. After spells in non-league he re-signed for Alex, made 100 appearances and then left to join Tranmere – and then signed for the Shrimps.

#### ACROSS THE MIDFIELD

#### ALAN GOODALL

Former Town man who spent a season at Kenilworth Road in 2007/08. Able to play in defence or midfield Alan has played for a host of clubs including Rochdale, Chesterfield, Stockport and Fleetwood.

#### JAMIE DEVITT

Talented and skilful midfielder Jamie joined the Shrimps at the start of last season from Chesterfield. The former Ireland Under-21 international has also played for Hull, Bradford, Grimsby and Accrington.

#### ANDY FLEMING

Promising young midfielder Andy joined from Wrexham three years ago. Signed a new deal in the summer of 2014 after winning the player of the year award in 2013/14.

#### AARON WILDIG

Former Cardiff youngster Aaron joined the Shrimps following a successful loan spell last season.

Made over 50 appearances for former club Shrewsbury before making a permanent move.

#### PETER MURPHY

Former Accrington midfielder Peter signed after leaving Wycombe. Made 47 appearances for the Chairboys as they reached the Play-Off final but signed a two-year deal with the Shrimps in the summer.

#### **UP FRONT**

#### TOM BARKHUIZEN

Young striker or winger Tom joined the Shrimps in the summer following his release from Blackpool. Played in the Championship for the Tangerines in the summer. Scored against the Town in September's meeting.

#### KEVIN ELLISON

Hugely experienced forward and Shrimps fans' favourite, Kevin has over 500 appearances under his belt – 200 of which have come in Morecambe colours. Has netted 58 times for the Shrimps including eight this season. Not bad for a 37-year-old.

#### JACK KELLEHER

Young forward Jack was awarded with a first professional contract in the summer. Impressed enough to earn the deal last term following a short spell on loan at Kendal.

#### SHAUN MILLER

Another former Crewe academy graduate, striker Shaun signed for the Shrimps in the summer from Coventry. His career has also taken him to Sheffield United, Coventry, Shrewsbury and York.

## From the OALD

IT'S FAIR TO SAY IT'S BEEN A FUNNY OLD SEASON SO FAR FOR MORECAMBE. THE TEAM CAN SCORE GOALS FOR FUN BUT CONCEDE JUST AS MANY AT THE BACK. ALTHOUGH IN LEAGUE 2 FOR 11 STRAIGHT SEASONS, IT'S NEVER DULL FOLLOWING THE SHRIMPS, AS FAN **DAVE FREEAR** EXPLAINS

#### THE SEASON AHEAD...

This season is
Morecambe's ninth in
succession in the Football
League – what was the
expectation at the start of the
season?

Expectations were of another season of consolidation in this division. We are a small fish in a big sea, and consequently survival is always the first goal.

How much of a good job has Jim Bentley done at the Globe Arena?

Jim and his assistant Ken McKenna have had to work with falling budgets year on year, and so to be persistently lower mid-table, though not to some fans liking, realistically rather are working wonders!

Scoring goals hasn't been a problem, but conceding goals has been a big issue. I guess supporting the Shrimps this season has been exciting and frustrating in equal measure?

We have looked dangerous and potent in most games, however the inability to keep the back door shut has seen us perform well in many games but emerge with nothing to show for it. Frustrating

and infuriating in equal. If we managed to convert even half the chances we created, we could be higher up!

is there a long-term vision of Morecambe going forward? Do you think the Board is happy to see the club in League 2 for another nine seasons?

We are probably at a crossroads as a club both on and off the field. Without new investment we will find it hard to progress as a business and a team. Hanging on to our best performers and building a squad to compete at the top end would be difficult without it. However, we must always look to better ourselves and look to League 1, otherwise we will stagnate and inevitably interest will nale.

What do you think the target is for the rest of the season? With League 2 such a strange division, do you think you could be sucked into a relegation dogfight?
Conversely, could a string of wins get you in the Play-Offs?

This season I believe we have seen a host of clubs really strengthen and have a punt at the Play-Offs. Hence the table



fluctuating weekly, teams got from 11th to fourth with a couple of wins. For us, after one point from 24, that particular bus has gone, however when the weather and pitches dry up, we usually finish well!

How has been your stand-out performer so far this season and why should Luton be wary of him tonight?

Shaun Miller has scored the goals but is suspended tonight so look out for Tom Barkhuizen, who has pace to burn!

#### SEASONS PAST...

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

I was born in a house around 100 yards from Christie Park

and my older brother was a fan.
The first game I remember was a
6-2 win over Fleetwood in 1970, in
the Northern Premier League.
Bizarre but the crowd was probably
large then than now!

Morecambe's old Christie Park, aka The Crusty Pie

RB AND RB Thornwellow

Were you sad to leave Christie Park? What did you love so much about it? And were Morecambe right to move to a new stadium?

It was very sad to leave Crusty Pie [Christie Park as it was known] but the time was right. I used to stand on the North Stand which was a great terrace with good humour and some superb singing, we really do miss that!

What's been your best memory as a Pools fan?

I have many great memories but in recent years, beating Exeter in the Conference Play-Off at Wembley in 2007 has got to be the highlight!

#### LUTON AND HARTLEPOOL

What are your best and worst memories of Morecambe and Luton clashes? Do any games in particular stick out?

My best memory against Luton is obviously the first time we met and there was much publicity regarding Eric, and the welcome we got at Kenilworth Road, and we snatched a point! The worst is this season, we were woeful in the 3-1 defeat at the Globe. We just didn't turn up!

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

We have played pretty well despite losing seven out of eight, but after this awful run I would take a point now! As for sitting, I would always prefer to stand, it's better for atmosphere!

Luton and Morecambe share one famous son in Eric Morecambe. Do you have any interesting or funny stories about the man himself?

Eric as teenager lived in a council house that backed on to what became the away end of Crusty Pie. And he attended Lancaster Road Primary school, as did I, however he was funny and famous, I'm neither!

#### **QUICKFIRE**

Terrace or Seats?

Terrace

Who are your rivals?
Accrington Stanley

Favourite all-time manager?

Jim Harvey – he brought Jim Bentley to the club

Favourite promotion season? 2006/07

Guess your player of the season Aaron Wildig

If you could bring back one player from the past back in the Morecambe team who would it has

Garry Thompson, now at Wycombe.

Most treasured piece of Shrimps memorabilia?

A turnstile sign from Christie Park

What league will Morecambe be in next season?

League 2

Who will win promotion from League 2?

Northampton, Plymouth, Oxford and any one of 10 in the Play-Offs.

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## COVER

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

## LUTON TOWN 1 SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY 0

1st March 1986

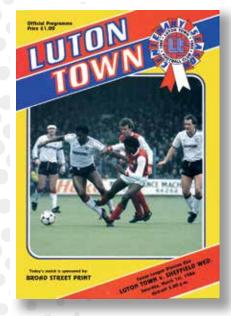


In an unprecedented loosening of the purse strings big money, by Luton standards, was spent on David Preece from Walsall, Steve Foster from Aston Villa, Mick Harford from Birmingham and Peter Nicholas from Crystal Palace. The four signings galvanised a thin Hatters squad which had looked like it was in for another relegation scrap and in the end safety was assured relatively comfortably.

Pleat's main worry over the summer was to ensure that the bigger clubs did not try to entice away the likes of Ricky Hill and Brian Stein who were out of contract but thankfully both decided to put pen to paper and remain at Kenilworth Road. Pleat was now looking forward to a season where we could be looking at the top end of the table rather than struggling at the bottom.

We all wanted to get to 50 points, which was regarded as the safety point, as quickly as possible and then see where it took us.

The season opened relatively gently with a 1-1 draw at home against Nottingham Forest on our new artificial surface and our early form was quite patchy until the visit of Manchester United in early October which kick – started our campaign. United had won their first 10 games of the season and came to Kenilworth Road attempting to equal the record set by the Tottenham double winning team of 1960/61.



In truth, United were fortunate to escape with a point as we battered them and an open goal miss by centre half Paul Elliott towards the end could have meant them returning to Old Trafford with nothing.

Suddenly we were watching a different Luton side with Southampton thrashed 7-0 in our next home game, a victory at Tottenham for the first time since 1948 and comfortable victories over the likes of Manchester City, Newcastle, Leicester and Aston Villa which sent us surging up the table.

The Town had reached the FA Cup semi-final in 1984/85 where we lost narrowly and sickeningly to Everton at Villa Park and another long cup run had



already started by the time Sheffield Wednesday visited Kenilworth Road on 1st March 1986.

With 12 games to go us pessimists knew that a win over the Owls would see us breach the 50-point mark.

On a freezing cold day, a shivering crowd of 10,206 turned up to watch sixth place Town take on a Wednesday side two points and three places below them. The Owls lined up with three players up front but it soon became obvious that the job of the two wide attackers was to nullify the Town's overlapping

full-backs Mitchell Thomas and Rob Johnson.

As such, we were likely to be in for a war of attrition with Wednesday out to stop us at all costs. Fortunately their tactics were undone in the 16th minute when Harford rose above two giant Wednesday defenders to head home a Preece corner in textbook fashion.

The Owls, though, failed to change their method of play and it was the Hatters who came close to adding a second goal with a Mike Newell effort ruled out for offside and the same player bringing out fantastic

saves from visiting goalkeeper Martin Hodge with two rasping efforts.

We could now look forward to our FA Cup fifth round replay against Arsenal at Highbury the following Monday. As those supporters around at the time will recall, the game ended scoreless at the end of 120 minutes with the game coming back to Kenilworth Road for a second replay 48 hours later which we won 3-0 to set up a quarter-final tie against Everton three days later!

It was a good, if expensive, time to be a Luton supporter.

### THE PROGRAMME



The Town produced a colourful 32-page programme for the visit of Wednesday.

The Directors had received a certain amount of criticism when becoming the first club to charge £1 for a programme but it was not long before everyone joined us!

David Pleat, in his column, was having a dig at the press who had turned out in force to witness the recent 1-1 draw at QPR in a game dubbed 'The Battle on Plastic'. Rangers having installed an artificial surface in 1981.

Pleat suggested that "all the gentlemen of the press" put on kit and appropriate footwear and try it out for themselves to find out what they were fussing so much about.

Elsewhere it was reported that Garry Parker had departed to Hull for £72,000 where he would join up with ex-Hatter Brian Horton and that joining the club was a youngster from Merthyr by the name of Jason Rees.

Ricky Hill had been called up again for the England squad and arrangements had been made for his testimonial match against a Bobby Robson's England XI to take place in April.

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## DEFINITICS IMCOMENTS

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

#### 1962 LANCS COMBINATION CHAMPIONS

New player-manager Joe Dunn guided Morecambe to the Lancashire Combination title and FA Cup third round in 1961/62. Top scorer Keith Borrowdale netted 42 goals as the Shrimps won 32 matches, including 12 successive victories, en route to their first Lancashire Combination title for 37 years. They overcame Clitheroe, Penrith, Burscough, Wigan Athletic and South Shields in the FA Cup before Gordon Howarth's goal secured a 1-0 second round win at Chester, their first against a Football League club. They lost 1-0 to Weymouth in the third round, watched by 9,383, but beat Wigan 3-1 in the Lancashire Junior Cup final.

#### final at Wembley Stadium on 27th April 1974. The Shrimps had beaten Mexborough, Bangor City, Kettering Town, Bedford Town and South Shields er

1974 FA TROPHY WINNERS

Morecambe defeated Dartford 2-1 in the FA Trophy

Kettering Town, Bedford Town and South Shields en route to the final. Dartford dominated the first 20 minutes before Malcolm Richmond and Jimmy Sutton scored in quick succession. Keith Webber hit the bar in the second half and Dave Cunningham netted an injury-time consolation goal. Morecambe were Lancashire Senior Cup finalists for the first time in six years, but lost 3-0 to Manchester City watched by 3,221 at Christie Park. They played a record 71 games that season.

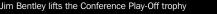
#### 1995 PROMOTED TO THE CONFERENCE

New manager Jim Harvey guided Morecambe into the Conference in 1994/95. Summer signings included Steve McIlhargey, John Norman and Paul Rushton, with John Coleman scoring twice as the Shrimps began with a 2-1 UniBond League victory at Buxton. They were early pace-setters, losing just one of their first 11 matches, then Ian Cain grabbed a hat-trick in a 6-1 demolition of Winsford. Jim McCluskie scored four times in a 5-0 win at home to Matlock, then Morecambe trounced Horwich 7-1 but finished runners-up to Marine. John Coleman was the sole ever-present player and finished leading marksman with 31 goals.

#### 2001 FA CUP GIANTKILLERS

Morecambe made national headlines as they reached the FA Cup third round for only the second time in 2000/01. Jim Harvey's side beat Bedlington Terriers 3-1, Forest Green Rovers 3-0 and









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Cambridge United 2-1 in the FA Cup before losing 3-0 to top-flight Ipswich Town in the third round, watched by 5,923 at Christie Park on 6th January 2001. They also took Hereford United to an FA Trophy fifth round replay before losing on penalties. The Conference campaign highlights were Mark Quayle's hat-trick in a 4-4 draw at home to Scarborough, John Norman's treble in a 5-1 win at Kettering and a 6-1 victory at Kingstonian.

#### 2003 CONFERENCE PLAY-OFFS

Wayne Curtis and Lee Elam scored 31 goals between them as Morecambe reached the Conference Play-Offs for the first time in 2002/03. Jim Harvey's side overcame hesitant early season form to impress with their consistency. The Shrimps lost only once at home and won seven of their final 12 games, hammering Woking 6-0 and Burton Albion 5-0 as they were runners-up to Yeovil Town. They lost on penalties after a 3-3 draw with Dagenham & Redbridge in the Play-Offs. Morecambe beat Grantham 3-1, Chesterfield 2-1 and Chester 3-2 in the FA Cup before losing 4-0 at Ipswich Town in the third round on 4th January 2003.

#### 2006 McILROY TAKES CHARGE

Former Northern Ireland international midfielder Sammy Mollroy was appointed Shrimps manager in May 2006. Initially with Manchester United, Mollroy appeared in three FA Cup finals and moved to Stoke City in February 1982. He then played for Manchester City, Bury and Preston, becoming Northwich Victoria's player-boss in July 1991. Briefly in charge of Ashton

United, he later managed Macclesfield Town from the Conference to Second Division, Northern Ireland and Stockport County. He guided Morecambe into the Football League in 2006/07 and League Two Play-Offs in 2009/10, remaining in charge until May 2011.

#### 2007 INTO THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Morecambe defeated Exeter City 2-1 in the Conference Play-Off final at Wembley Stadium on 20th May 2007. The Shrimps had made an inconsistent start, winning only three of their opening 11 Conference matches. Mcllroy's side soared up the table with a nine-match unbeaten run that ended with a 3-1 defeat at home to York City on New Year's Day, also reaching the FA Cup second round. Morecambe won seven of their last 10 games to finish third. They beat York 2-1 in the Play-Off semi-finals before Gary Thompson and Danny Carlton scored against Exeter in the Wembley final to clinch Football League status.

#### 2010 FAREWELL TO CHRISTIE PARK

The club's farewell match at Christie Park was the 2-1 League 2 Play-Off semi-final second-leg victory over Dagenham & Redbridge watched by 4,872 on 20th May 2010. Mcllroy's side had crashed to a 6-0 defeat in the first-leg four days earlier. The Shrimps had played at Christie Park since 1921 but moved to the newly-built Globe Arena. All three planned pre-season friendly matches were postponed due to site delays and the opening match was Morecambe's 2-0 League Cup first round win over Coventry City watched by 4,002 on 10th August 2010.







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## LONG THA COMILING

Craig Mackail-Smith hopes the hard work on the training ground can reap its rewards with a higher goal tally on the pitch for the Hatters.

Striker Craig Mackail-Smith was delighted to net the winner in our last home match

The striker netted against Hartlepool 10 days ago for just his fourth goal of the season and his first since a penalty against Mansfield in September.

And Mackail-Smith is as aware as anyone of a record he seeks to put right, starting with tonight's visit of Morecambe to Kenilworth Road.

"It's nice to get on the scoresheet." he said, "It's been a long time coming and I'm really disappointed with how many I've got this season.

"I thought I'd be doing a lot better than I am but that's the way it's gone. I work hard every day in training to do everything I can to score, but it was nice to come off the bench and get that goal and help get the team the three points."

"It's been difficult, I expected a bigger return backing my ability, but sometimes with football it doesn't always go that way.

#### **IMPROVING**

"I've tried not to let it get me down and tried to help out the team in other aspects of the game. Hopefully now I can add to that tally and keep improving."

The 32-year-old, despite not always getting on the scoresheet, has done his fair share of work with the Hatters, with Nathan Jones picking out the victory at Wycombe as an outstanding performance from his front man.

With Jones keeping the same side for Saturday's win at York as started against Hartlepool, it once again gave Mackail-Smith a chance to spark his influence from off the substitute's bench.

He wasn't to score on this occasion, but the striker helped his side to successive victories for the first time since November.

He continued: "It was a great ball from Olly. I always tell him I'll be on the shoulder of the last defender, so if he can put it in that area then I'll be there, and it was nice to be on the end of it. It was nice to be that 'game-changer' the manager talks about and us for to get that win at home.

"We've had a couple of big wins only for us to lose our next game. Putting a few wins together can get us momentum and come the end of the season you never know what's going to happen."

Mackail-Smith and Jones are no strangers to each other, with both spending periods of their career with Championship outfit Brighton, where the latter was assistant manager.

And the striker has noticed similarities with the mentalities at the AMEX Stadium to what Jones is bringing to Kenilworth Road.

"We have a lot of players who are fantastic on the ball. It can be slow sometimes, but we have to do that sometimes, build up the play to get that goal,' Mackail-Smith continued. "It's about being patient, and giving the boys that license to express themselves. Slowly we'll get that improvement in performances and also results. "His philosophy is similar to

Brighton, looking to get the ball down and play good football and with flair and an attacking.

"The boys have really taken to him, we're sharper and there's a high competition for places so we need to keep pushing those performances and pushing each other on to get the best out of everyone."





#### WHAT'S THE STORY?

Olly Lee's injury-time winner ended the Hatters' hoodoo at York to give Nathan Jones his first back-to-back victories in charge.

After a forgettable and goalless first half, the Town ended a 10-hour wait for a goal at Bootham Crescent when Cameron McGeehan headed home his 12th goal of the season eight minutes after the break.

However, the lead lasted just 11 minutes when City substitute Bradley Fewster levelled after seizing on Stephen O'Donnell's poor back pass.

But the Town restored the lead with 16 minutes to play when O'Donnell's cross was turned home by Jack Marriott's clever close-range finish.

Things are never easy following the Hatters though, and York equalised with eight minutes left on the clock when Fewster finished well to make it 2-2.

At that point the three points looked lost for the Town but, three minutes into five added at the end of the 90, Lee had the final word when running forward from midfield unchallenged before lashing home a low left-foot drive from the edge of the

The goal sealed a second win in a week, the Hatters' eighth away win of the campaign, but a first at Bootham Crescent since a 2-1 victory in September 2001.



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**JONES** 

I'm delighted because we've won the

near a performance that we need.

energy we were nowhere near.

disappointed to be honest. ??

went about our work.

game, because we've got three points, but

that's nowhere near good enough, nowhere

"The win has masked it and that's as bad as we've played in terms of energy in terms of how we moved the ball, in terms of how we

"I'm delighted because we have goals in us and I know that, but defensively and all over

"It's a little bit mixed emotions, because we

won the game so it's hard to be too down

as I know we played better than that at Yeovil and drew the game, but I'm a little bit



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#### MATCH-WINNER OLLY HAPPY WITH ALL THREE POINTS

Town goalscorer Olly Lee was left full of joy after his brilliant individual effort gave the Hatters a stoppage-time 3-2 victory over York on Saturday.

The midfielder glided through the hosts' defence before firing home from the edge of the area, sending the Town faithful home happy having not seen a goal in six previous visits to Bootham Crescent.

Despite his goal-of-the-day contender, Lee admitted he was reluctant to take on the opportunity, his first goal since October.

"I enjoyed that," he said postmatch. "It was nice to get that winner in the dying minutes and I hadn't scored for a while so it was a long time coming, but certainly worth the wait!

"I don't usually get that far up the pitch! But there wasn't much on and it opened up nicely, so I took the strike and it came off my left foot really well so I thought it had a chance.

It was Lee's second league goal of the campaign, also netting in stoppage time in the Hatters' comprehensive 4-1 success at Hartlepool in the early stages of the season.

But Lee felt this game was a far more difficult affair, made so by the way the Town started against a York team battling against relegation.

"It's another game where we've made it hard for ourselves but we've got the win and that's all that matters," he continued.

"The gaffer was big on getting a fast start, but whatever reason that didn't happen in the first half. He had a few words at the break, a few kicks up the bum which livened us up a bit as a team, and thankfully we came out and showed what we were really about."

#### BETTER

"There were a few defensive errors as a team which we need to cut out, but every week I feel like we're getting better under the manager and hopefully that can continue right through until the end of the season."

The Town registered back-to-back victories for the first time in League 2 since November, and despite a

"That [fear factor] doesn't enter the player's minds. We've been unfortunate in not getting some wins, and then that keeps building up. We're over that hurdle now and hopefully we can make

He said: "The gaffer is keen on

wins following wins and that's what

we have to make sure we do. We

want to be up there come the end

performances and results at home

to show the fans what we're really

of the season so we need to put

"We want to have better

about but it's not happened,

nobody is really too sure why,

but with these two wins we can

those wins together.

hopefully push on.

BARNFIELD

Kenilworth Road a fortress.

"We're going to take game after game, hopefully win after win and see where that takes up comes the end of the season.
"We got

a good result at Morecambe last time, and a repeat on Tuesday would certainly be nice."

rollercoaster season, just eight points currently separate Nathan Jones' side from the Play-Off places.

And Lee believes that should the Hatters continue to put the results together, his side can be jostling at the right end of the division come May – so long as the form at Kenilworth Road can improve, starting with Morecambe's

visit tonight.

## Traveller's





NOT SINCE 2001 HAVE THE TOWN WON OR SCORED AT YORK, KEVIN HARPER'S SEEN IT ALL THIS SEASON BUT WOULD HE WITNESS ANOTHER WIN ON THE ROAD?

#### The journey

It was back on the Bobbers for me after a sojourn up north in the car in midweek. One full to capacity coach left the Interchange at 9.30 for a trip which hadn't yielded much in the way of joy in recent years!

Apart from a bit of traffic outside Sheffield after a brief stop at the services we had a decent run through and arrived in York at 1.50pm.







#### The ground

Bootham Crescent is an absolutely horrendous place for an away fan to visit. If you're in the terrace there is no cover and if you're in the seats the view is rubbish. The rest of the ground isn't up to much either! The toilets are disgusting if you can call a brick wall a toilet that is!

Rating:



I ate at the services so all I got inside the ground was a bottle of diet coke. The food options were burgers, hot dogs or pies and then there was the usual confectionary. It was all pretty expensive but looked decent enough.



#### The programme

A 60-page programme was produced for this match with nearly every page mentioning this rivalry they seem to have with us. There were four pages dedicated to the Town squad and manager but unless you like York there wasn't much else of interest in it.



#### The match

This was another game of two halves just like the Wycombe one a few weeks ago. The first half was about as bad a half of football as you'll ever see. Literally nothing of any note happened.

The second half was totally different. We took the lead with our first real effort on goal when a pinpoint Danny Green corner was headed in by Cameron McGeehan, but York were level inside 10 minutes when we shot ourselves in the foot. A Stephen O'Donnell backpass got nowhere near its target and the York forward rounded Mark Tyler to score.

We came again and a good move between Green and O'Donnell sent the latter through on the by-line. His cross was brilliantly converted by Jack Marriott. That lead came and went as well. The same York player who scored the first beat the offside trap and he slotted home.

It looked like that would be it but as five minutes of stoppage time were ongoing the ball broke to Olly Lee just in York's half. He jinked through two men, swerved past another and got to the edge of the box and fired home to send the 700 Town fans crazy. Finally a win at York!

Rating:

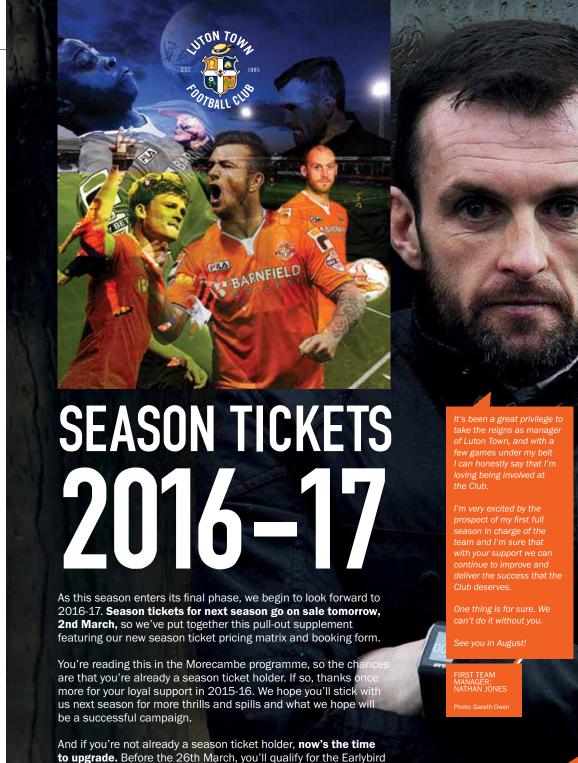
#### Man-of-the-Match

Olly Lee gets it here. He scored the winning goal but he was pretty solid in possession and looked to keep the ball moving even though options weren't always there. He stopped a few attacks getting to our defence too. It wasn't a great performance from the Town but Lee had a good game.

#### Summary

That felt good! Finally for the first time in 15 years we left that place with a win and after six games without a goal there we scored three times! The journey home was quick and I was in the pub for the boxing by 9pm. Happy days!

OVERALL RATING 14 out of 25 MILES TRAVELLED THIS SEASON 4,572.9



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- † Subject to match availability

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## BOSS CAN GO ALL TIE WAY

TOP SCORER CAMERON McGEEHAN HAILS NEW BOSS' IMPACT

Hatters midfielder Cameron McGeehan believes manager Nathan Jones has the credentials to ultimately become a Premier League manager at some point in his career.

McGeehan was among the three goalscorers at York in Saturday's victory, a fourth success in eight matches at the helm for Jones.

And the 20-year-old feels the boss, who is in his first managerial stint, has the right attributes to become one of the best managers in the country.

"I might be naïve, but I reckon he can take Luton all the way up," said McGeehan after the 3-2 win at Bootham Crescent. "I reckon he'll be able to manage in the Premier League one day, hopefully with Luton if he can.

"His attention to detail and the time he puts in is second to none. I love working for him, and it's shown the situation is working well."

McGeehan is set to work with Jones for the foreseeable future, with the midfielder triggering a contract extension keeping him at Kenilworth Road until 2018.

#### INFLUENCE

As well as his work with the team as a whole, the youngster feels the new manager has had a particular influence on himself as a developing player.

McGeehan continued: "When the gaffer came in, he asked me and challenged me to get more goals, so the more I get the more I'm getting in my bet with him.

"It wasn't the best we've played this season, and we were pretty lucky to get away with it, but the character Nathan Jones has brought to the club was there, telling us to hang in there when we weren't performing great.

"Part of the reason we're in the predicament is because our defending has been poor all season, and we had more evidence of that.

#### DESERVED

"The gaffer put into us at halftime, said it was the worst we've played since he came here, and I felt that was quite deserved. That gave us some life, some passion and that was good to see because that's what we needed."

Despite the disappointing performance, the Town secured back-to-back victories for the first time since November, with McGeehan hoping that run can continue after an underwhelming campaign to date.

There was also praise for fellow goalscorers Jack Marriott and Olly Lee, while Danny Green was another to claim plaudits.

"All week we've been looking to do that back-to-back, doing some analysis to get that, and apart from four wins in the Autumn, we haven't had a good run, but



it was good to get that today and hopefully we can keep that going on Tuesday.

"Greeny's got one of the best deliveries in the whole of the Football League. His corners are on point every time, and we've been talking about how we need more goals from set-pieces, and I'm glad it's come to fruition today.

"Olly has that [sensational goal] in his locker. He's a real technician who looks to dominate games and puts us forward, and those goals are that bit extra.

"it's a good goalscoring rivalry with Jack and I. Like me, this is his first real season being a main man at a club and he's done really well. He's one of the top finishers I've seen which is what we saw today."



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## ON THUS DAY

#### THE RECORD

The Hatters' record on this day is a right old mixed bag: seven wins, six draws and five defeats from the 18 matches played on 1st March. 42 goals have been scored in total with 25 going in the Town's favour.

The Town's first game on this day in history came back in 1902 when they were held to a 1-1 draw with Bristol Rovers in the Southern League.

You only have to go back two years for the last match on this day, when the Hatters ran out 3-0 winners over Alfreton on their way to the Conference title in 2014. Luke Guttridge broke the deadlock before half-time and, against the-then Play-Off chasing visitors, the Town were able to go on and record a comfortable victory. Andre Gray added the Hatters' second before Paul Benson tapped home a late third. The win was marred by the later injury to the influential Guttridge who sustained a broken foot and would miss the rest of the campaign.

That particular match was the Town's second match in the Conference on 1st March. The previous game came on a Tuesday night at Forest Green Rovers in 2011 when just 1,015 watched the Hatters edge past Rovers thanks to a Lloyd Owusu strike.

#### LEAGUE CUP MOMENTS

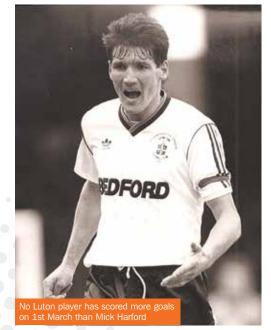
As we all know it's never dull following the Hatters and 22 years ago to the day before that cold and low key night at Forest Green, the Town were celebrating after reaching a second successive League Cup final. On 1st March 1989 goals from Mick Harford and Roy Wegerle gave the Town a 2-0 win over West Ham in front of over 12,000 at Kenilworth Road. The Town would go on to lose to Nottingham Forest in the final, however.

#### **BIG MICK**

No Town player has scored more goals on this day than our current head of recruitment, Mick Harford.

The Hatters striker has netted four times, including that goal against the Hammers in 1989. His first goal on this day for the Town was the winner in a 1-0 home victory over Sheffield Wednesday in the top flight in 1986.

Then, two years later in 1988, Mick notched a double in a 4-1 win over Stoke City at Kenilworth Road in a



fourth round Simod Cup tie. Brian Stein also hit a brace that day. The Hatters would go on and reach the final of that competition that year but would go on to lose 4-1 to Reading at Wembley.

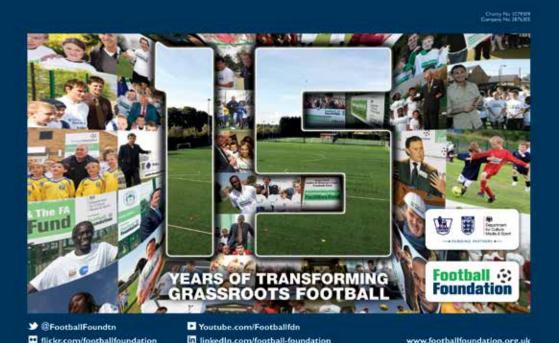
#### TOP GATE

The biggest attendance to watch a Luton game on this date came back in 1952 at Griffin Park, Brentford. The Town earned a 3-3 draw with the Bees in front of 21.218. Jack Taylor scored twice for the Town.

The largest gate to watch a Town match at Kenilworth Road on 1st March came in a 1-1 draw against West Ham in 1980. Ricky Hill netted the Hatters goal in front of a crowd of 20,040. To put that into perspective that is almost double our current ground capacity today!

#### AT HOME

The Hatters have won five, drawn twice but lost only once on home turf on this day in history. That sole defeat came as recently as 2008 when an early Stefan Moore goal gave Walsall at 1-0 win.





## PICTURE the PAST

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





Bobby Brennan takes a free-kick against West Ham at Kenilworth Road in April 1948.

Ready to pounce on any loose ball are Mel Daniel
(8) and Ted Duggan (9). The game finished 0.0



## Luton Town in the

#### BY KEVIN THOBURN. HEAD OF THE HATTERS COMMUNITY TRUST

Last week's February half-term was another busy week for the Community Trust with around 40 development fixtures and assessment games at under-7 to under-16 for over 450 of our young recruited players.

Games took place in our youth development programme against teams from Colchester United, Wycombe Wanderers and Coventry City together with over 200 boys and girls attending our soccer camps.

#### SOCCER SCHOOL PLAYER VISITS

Every season as members of the Football League, the Community Trust receives central funding from both the Football League Trust and the Professional Footballers' Association as part of their commitment to see Community Player Engagement at the heart of all professional clubs' social responsibility work and last week our first team and scholars were out in force visiting our soccer camps to hand out medals and

Last week saw Mark Tyler and Jack Marriott, along with youth team skipper Frankie Musonda to Barton, Elliot Justham and Olly Lee visited Barnfield College with scholars Kavan Cotter and Kyran McGhan-George, and Paddy McCourt and Mark O'Brien visited our popular soccer camp up at Crawley Green. It was a great effort from the first team players and really appreciated by the children and parents on our courses as they had the opportunity to meet their Luton heroes.

Last season our player visits over the whole Club totalled over 500 separate appearances with over 150 of them on specific Community Trust projects and events. So far this season highlights have seen Alex Lawless and Mark O'Brien recently officially opening the 4G pitch along with the Deputy Mayor, Sameera Saleem, at Lea Manor Sports Centre in Marsh Farm, captain Scott Cuthbert recently took along scholars Tyreeq Bakinson and Kyran McGhan-George to give out medals and sign autographs at our Barnfield College soccer camp, and Stephen O'Donnell and Pelly Ruddock-Mpanzu visited Woodlands Special Educational Needs School to hand out a match kit to the school team which the Trust's coaching staff had donated.

It is hard to describe sometimes the impact player visits have in the community and of course it is great





for the Club's profile especially in the Sky/BT dominated Premier League age we live in but to the hundreds and hundreds of schoolchildren and disadvantaged adults we come into contact with the impact of meeting a professional footballer from Luton Town cannot be underestimated -especially as they are all potential future Hatters fans!

#### Youth Development Programme

As well as being great fun, soccer schools are also great recruitment centres for our youth development centres. Like most clubs, our fully integrated development structure at Kenilworth Road is run by the Community Trust, starting with players as young as four who simply pay and play each week, and soccer schools in the holidays through to our TIPs (Talent Identification Coaching Programme) for boys up to 16 years of age who train on our 10 week coaching programme. All of these boys, together with recruited boys, continue their journey for an Academy place at our Centre of Excellence Centres in Luton, Dunstable and Kempston which have over 300 boys who we see long term development potential with a further 140 boys signed at our Luton pre-Academy level for boys with shorter term prospects of gaining a full time academy place.

Our pre-Academy boys train with the us twice a week and remain with their local club sides, while the boys at Centre of Excellence train once a week but remain with their local club but at the same time. All of the boys play around 10 games a season, mostly during school holidays, for the Hatters against other professional clubs development centres. All of our squads are now preparing for the sharp end of the season with tours to Holland and residential visits to Stowe School. Currently around eight out of every 10 boys signed full-time to our academy come through our development system and our tours and residential camps are invaluable in assessing which boys are ready for progression.



This season already over 20 boys from our development centres have played for the Academy with 12 having been signed and it was also great to see boys in our successful youth team who have progressed through the system. It is a huge pool of local talent supporting the academy making sure our youth talent identification programme works effectively for the academy and for local boys playing in local leagues.

With 140 pre-Academy boys travelling to Amsterdam over Easter for the Amsterdam Cup and further games arranged with Wycombe Wanderers and Fulham swiftly followed by over 350 boys visiting Stowe School in Buckingham for a five-day residential training camp. It makes for a big operation involving all of our community coaches as well as some full time academy staff as we look at assessing all boys who we feel are capable of playing at academy level or at the older age groups of gaining a youth scholarship.

Our current youth team have set the standard this season and raised the bar for all boys at the club hopefully our youth development system can keep up with youth team coach Paul Driver's high standards!

























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### BRAVE BOYS BOW OUT IN THE QUARTERS

The Hatters' fantastic run in the FA Youth Cup ended at the quarter-final stage as, despite an excellent performance, Paul Driver's side were beaten 1-0 at Blackburn Rovers.

The Town were left to reflect on what might have been after going close on several occasions - only to find Rovers goalkeeper Andy Fisher in inspiring form at Ewood

Backed by almost 200 supporters, the Hatters feared the worst in an opening 15 minutes dominated by Rovers which cumulated in Lewis Hardcastle's low free-kick deflecting beyond Town goalkeeper Liam Gooch.

At that stage, 1-0 down, the signs looked ominous for the young Hatters against their Premier League academy opponents as Akin Famewo's clearance struck his own post.

But the Town's response was tremendous, and only a string of fine stops from Fisher kept the Hatters at bay, including a stunning finger-tip save from the goalkeeper to divert a Jack Snelus shot onto the crossbar.

At times the gulf in academy status was barely visible as the Hatters took the game to their hosts – but, despite a late rally, the Town couldn't force extra-time and Rovers held on to secure a semifinal place.

Rovers' eventual winner had a slice of luck about it. Hardcastle hit a free-kick from the edge of the penalty hard and low - low enough to take a deflection off the Hatters' defensive wall - and the ball bobbled past the stranded Gooch.

It could have got worse for the Town on 15 minutes when captain Famewo's vital clearance struck the foot of the post and away as



Rovers exploited the Hatters right flank.

But as Driver's side gradually found their feet and passing rhythm, Snelus saw a shot from a narrow angle pawed away by Fisher on 18 minutes. From the resultant corner from the left. George Murray's shot on the turn from close range was parried away superbly by the Rovers keeper.

The Hatters continued to patiently pass the ball up the Ewood Park surface, and another flowing onetouch move on 26 minutes saw James Justin clip a cross-cum-shot wide of the target.

As the support grew in noise from the stands, the Town almost treated them to a spectacular equaliser. From a left-wing corner, Snelus struck a true drive that arrowed fast towards the top corner. Sadly for the Hatters, keeper Fisher got the faintest of fingertips on the ball to divert it onto the crossbar and to safety.

Undeterred, the Hatters maintained their forward momentum with Cameron McJannet – the goal hero in the fourth round at Oldham - shooting wide from the left on the half-hour.

Sixty seconds after the restart Hinds hit a snap-shot wide of the target and, on 61 minutes, Gooch held a goal-bound header from Andy Wharton.

With the game stretched, it was end-to-end stuff. On 73 minutes Gooch held another Blackburn header from a left-wing corner, the Hatters countered and Tyreeq Bakinson's low effort from the edge of the box was saved by Fisher and then with six to go Famewo headed wide.

With three added minutes to play, Kavan Cotter almost conjured up a last-gasp equaliser to force extratime, only for his shot to be held by that man Fisher.

But that, was that, and a tremendous run in the competition came to an end with a performance to be proud of despite

Town: Gooch; Justin, McJannet, Famewo, McGhan-George; Bakinson, Atkinson, Snelus, Cotter; Murray (sub Bean 68), Hinds (sub Verney 68).

Subs not used: Jones, Davey,









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### YOUTH REACTION

Paul Driver's post-match Tweet pretty much summed up the feeling after his Under-18 side bravely bowed out of the FA Youth Cup at the quarter-final stage at Blackburn Rovers last Tuesday night.

"Words can't match the pride I have in this group," tweeted the coach afterwards. "Outstanding effort AGAIN. When the hurt goes, they will realise what they have achieved."

It rung true because the Town more than matched their Premier League academy hosts but ultimately an early deflected free-kick from Rovers' Lewis Hardcastle consigned the young Hatters to heartache.

"A lot of them are down in the dressing room," Driver said afterwards. "But there's a massive sense of pride of everything they've achieved this season.

"We've told them they can hold their heads high. They're down because, for a number of reasons, individually and collectively, that wanted to get through.

"At the moment there is disappointment, but the fact remains that they have been outstanding.

"To come here and give a strong Category 1 side that good a game we can't be anything but proud."

It was Rovers goalkeeper Andy Fisher who proved to be the Hatters' nemesis with a string of outstanding stops thwarting the Town – with one in particular from Jack Snelus from the very top drawer.

"I was off down the touchine! I thought that was in," admitted Driver. "It was top save and it was the difference between losing and taking the game to extra-time

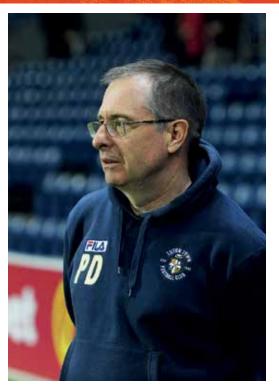
"There's a touch of misfortune about their goal, it's come off the wall – it's one of those things. There's a deflection at one end for them and then there was brilliance at the other end from their keeper."

But all is not lost for the Hatters this season.

Having already lifted the South East Youth Alliance little attention now turns to winning the Youth Alliance

title, attention now turns to winning the Youth Alliance League Cup – the competition for all 50 Category 3 academy clubs in the EPPP system.

The Town take on Swindon at Kenilworth Road on Thursday (7.30pm) in the area final and Driver hopes his side can put on a performance for the home faithful as they aim to reach the national final later in the season.



"We've got to come out and prove that we are, by a country mile, the best Cat-3 club," he said. "We want to put on a show in the Swindon game and I hope we can a good crowd in.

"We've said the season's not over: there's potentially two more cup finals and all the players have something to play for."

Driver's last word went for the Hatters supporters, with almost 200 making the journey to Ewood Park which created a superb atmosphere among the 700-strong crowd.

"The support was great," he said. "It was ridiculous... there was one move in the first half that the keeper saved and there was such a roar from behind me I almost ducked! It was tremendous for so many fans to come here.

"The reason they came all this way was to watch the kids was because of what the team had done before.

"Nothing we say can stop the players from being down and tearful, but the best tonic is something to aim for – and that's against Thursday against Swindon."

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#### The journey

Usually for a first team game I would go on the coach but I managed to get a lift in the car for this one. We left Bedfordshire at 12.30pm and amazingly got a fantastic run up the M1 and the M6 and we were in Blackburn just after 4pm.

One of my best mates is a Blackburn fan so I went into town and had a bite to eat and things and met up with him.

Rating:

#### The ground

Ewood Park is a really nice ground. Only the Jack Walker Stand was open on the night but the view from there was excellent and the low verge at the back of the stand meant the 200 or so Town fans there could make plenty of noise, which they did!

Rating:

#### The food

had eaten in the town earlier in the day but there was a kiosk doing food and the usual drinks underneath the stand. It looked fairly well priced and I didn't hear too many complaints from those around me so all good I think!

ating: 🔘 🔘 🔘

#### The match

This was a great cup tie and the supposed gulf in stature of the two sides wasn't apparent on the night. If anything it was us that looked like the grade one academy and Blackburn a shadow of it.

To be fair the Town started a bit slowly and Blackburn took an early lead when a free-kick from the edge of the box was deflected off the wall and found the bottom corner.

Blackburn nearly made it two when a bright move saw a low cross into the box but luckily Akin Famewo's clearance hit the post rather than the net.

After that it was all the Town. A brilliant passing move sent Jack Snelus through down the right but his shot was well saved.

The keeper made another save soon after and from the resulting corner the ball reached Snelus on the edge of this box. His thunderbolt was brilliantly pushed onto the bar. You won't see a better save all season.

The second half became a real end to end spectacle with the Town giving as good as they got and had a great chance to level but Famewo's header went just wide.

In injury time Kyran McGhan-George was sent through. He was pulled down but nothing was given and the Town youngsters agonisingly exited the competition.

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While I could easily pick a stand out player on the night that would be unfair because the team effort was so good that all 13 players used and the coaching staff deserve recognition for their efforts so on this occasion my MOM is the entire squad who have done us so proud in this cup run.

#### Summary

Apart from the result it was an enjoyable night. It was a great game of football, one where we had a real go and a performance we could be really proud of.

On this evidence the future is very bright for our club. A smooth journey back saw me back in Bedfordshire just after midnight which wasn't too bad.

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Good evening and welcome to this evening's League 2 fixture versus Morecambe.

#### **Academy Update**

What a performance from the Under-18s up at Blackburn Rovers in the quarter-finals of the FA Youth Cup.

The boys showed spirit, fight and commitment in abundance, but they also displayed high levels of skill, flair and ability.

On the night we were the better side and to lose 1-0 to a deflected goal was really harsh - the lads deserved extra time at the very least.

However, you do not always get what you deserve in the world of football, and therefore we have to take the defeat in the right manner, pick ourselves up and remain positive about the achievement to reach the quarter-finals.

The whole evening (apart from the result) was a fantastic experience for the boys. Roared on by just over 200 Hatters fans, we enjoyed the greater share of possession, created the better chances, but unfortunately came up against an opposition goalkeeper who was on top of his game and ultimately he was the difference on the night denying us on numerous occasions.

#### **PHENOMENAL**

The support on the night from our fans was phenomenal and the good wishes from supporters who couldn't make the trip was heartening – a big thank you to our fans from everybody at the club for your amazing contribution!

The whole journey from beating Colchester United in the first round at Kenilworth Road to going toe-to-toe with Blackburn Rovers in the last eight will have given the boys a rich experience and will definitely stand them in good stead in their future careers.

Now the Under-18s attention turns to Thursday night and another big game under the lights at Kenilworth Road as we host Swindon Town in the Southern Area League Cup Final (7.30pm kick-off and admittance is free).

With this fixture coming so soon after the Blackburn game is great for the squad and will refocus them quickly. Your support on the night would again be welcome and will certainly help the boys as they search for the win that would be give them a deserved League/Cup double.

Enjoy tonight's game.

COYH!

Andy

#### 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

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 (FAYC5) A D 1-1 (W 5-3 PENS)

Sat 13 Leyton Orient H L 0-1

Sat 20 AFC Wimbledon H L 1-3

Tue 23 Blackburn Rovers (FAYCQF)A L 0-1

#### MARCH

**Thu 3 Swindon Town (LC SF) 7.30pm**Sat 5 Bournemouth A 11.30am

Sat 12 Gillingham H 11am

Sat 19 Cheltenham Town H 12 noon

Sat 26 Exeter City A

#### APRIL

Sat 2 Barnet A

Sat 9 Plymouth Argyle H 1pm

Sat 16 Southend United A 11am

Sat 23 Portsmouth A





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## Luton



The Ladies eased into the County Cup Final with a comfortable 2-0 victory over Bedford Ladies on Sunday.

It was the fourth meeting of the season between the two sides with the Town coming out on top on every occasion to make it six wins in a row against their county neighbours.

The hosts created the first opportunity in the opening minutes when Joanne Rutherford's whipped a dangerous ball in the box that almost found an unmarked Natasha Fensome but the ball proved to be too long at the far post for the striker.

However the Town opened the scoring after eight minutes when Fensome burst down the left before unleashing a cracking long range effort into the roof of the net from 20 yards.

Fensome was involved again in another great chance 10 minutes later when a beautiful long ball from Michelle Byrne found Fensome in the box but her shot just went inches wide.

The Town pressed for another goal and almost doubled their lead before the break with a chance from Rutherford who saw her effort inside the eighteen-yard box smash off the cross bar and then a long range strike from Byrne just went over the crossbar.

In the second half both teams tried to take advantage of the



windy conditions with two long range dipping efforts from Bedford captain Rebecca Vass one of which forced a fine tip over the crossbar by Town keeper Rachel Evans. But it was Fensome again who extended the lead with a curling shot from distance that beat the Bedford keeper at her far post to make it 2-0.

As the tie reached the closing stages the Town should have added another when Fensome only had the Bedford keeper to beat but she selflessly attempted to set up Abby Luby. However the ball was somehow scrambled clear. There was still time for Fensome

to be further involved with another powerful strike that rocketed back off the woodwork to safety.

First team manager Nikki Baker said afterwards: "I am delighted to get into the final but it was a game played in poor conditions and this had an effect on the way we played. Tash scored two good goals, but we should have been out of sight in the first half."

Meanwhile the Under-16s carried on their title march with Bedford also their victims by 3-0 to add to their 8-1 win just a fortnight earlier. This time Jodie Bellinger, Natalie Case and Eireann O'Donoghue were on target.

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#### The Football League Paper BY CHRIS DUNLAVY Managers regularly when he dismissed two Gdov players before the break.

complain about referees 'losing control' of a match but it's generally little more than sour grapes.

But not in Turkey last weekend, where hapless whistler Deniz Bitnel rained chaos and mayhem on a game between Galatasaray and Trabzonspor.

Having already dismissed two Trabzonspor players, Bitnel then blew for a Galatasaray penalty and sent off a third.

When his red card fell to the ground in the ensuing bundle, Trabzonspor player Salih Dursun picked it up and waved in the referee's face. Bitnel promptly sent him off too, reducing the away side to just seven men. Amazingly, they only lost 2-1.

Salih has subsequently received messages of support from across the country while Bitnel has been rapped by the referees' association. Still, at least he isn't the first ref to have a meltdown.

#### Nikolai Moshchev

Earlier this season, a Russian Non-League game between Porkhov and Gdov ended with 65-yearold Moshchov being knocked unconscious.

Harsh? Yes. But the ref didn't do himself any favours. A Porkhov native, Moshchev spent the first half being harangued and accused of bias, a notion hardly disproved

So intimidated was Moschev that he called the police at half-time. When they failed to arrive, he made the extraordinary decision to take to the field armed with a stun gun, threatening any player who gave him a bit of lip.

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Tempers eventually boiled over when Porkhov went 3-2 ahead from the penalty spot, with Moschov punched, kicked and ultimately knocked out by irate Gdov players. He was taken to hospital while the two sides were banned from the league.

These Russians don't mess about.

#### Valentin Ivanov

During the 2006 World Cup in Germany, Ivanov presided over the infamous 'Battle of Nuremberg', a savage last 16 clash between Portugal and the Netherlands. In retrospect, a stern dressing down and a word with the skippers was probably needed in the fiery opening exchanges, Instead, Ivanov went straight for his pocket. As the yellows started flying, play-acting abounded, mixed with scuffles, headbutts, time-wasting and all manner of touchline shenanigans. Ivanov simply blundered on regardless.

By the end, he set a record for the number of cards shown in a World Cup match, with nine yellows for Portugal, seven for Holland and two men apiece dismissed. Paragon of virtue Sepp Blatter said after the match that Ivanov "should have given himself a vellow card". Needless to say, he wasn't seen at a major tournament again.

#### **Damian Rubino**

Ivanov, however, is a big softy compared to Rubino, who in 2011 was refereeing an Argentinean fifth tier match between Claypole and Victoriano Arenas.

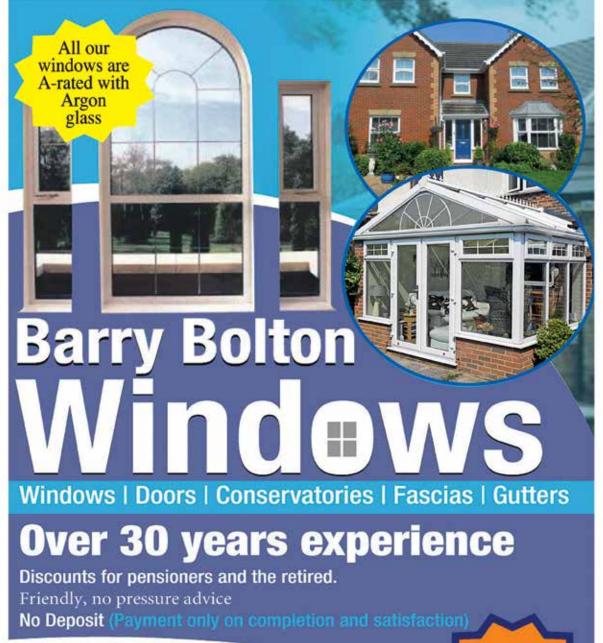
A febrile first half that saw two players dismissed went nuclear after the break, with both sides seemingly hell bent on savagery. Eventually, all the remaining players and both sets of coaching staff kicked off a mass brawl that caused the abandonment of the match.

In his match report, Rubino subsequently gave a retrospective red card to every player, every substitute and both managers, a grand total of 36.

Claypole boss Sergio Micielli wasn't happy: "Most players were trying to separate people." he argued. "The ref was confused."



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## LEAGUE LOOK

Northampton's lead at the top of the League 2 was cut to 10 points after Chris Wilder's Cobblers were held at Hartlepool on Saturday.

Plymouth made a little ground on the leaders by beating Notts County at Home Park, while Oxford also kept within three points of Argyle after their win at AFC Wimbledon.

Accrington are showing no signs of weakening as the season enters its final few months. John Coleman's side drew 2-2 with Barnet to stay fourth in the table.

A whole host of sides from fifth place to 12th are eyeing a Play-Off spot with Portsmouth enjoying a 3-1 win over Cambridge and Wycombe beating Bristol Rovers.

Leyton Orient, who the Town travel to on Saturday, occupy the final place in the top seven following their win over Crawley at Brisbane Road.

Carlisle climbed back into the race for a Play-Off berth by coming from behind to beat our opponents tonight, Morecambe.

Only three points separate the Cumbrians in 11th place and Portsmouth in fifth.

At the other end, it is becoming more and more difficult for Dagenham and Redbridge to see hope of avoiding the drop after a 1-0 home defeat to fellow strugglers Yeovil at Victoria Road.

The Daggers are still to win at home this season and are now eight points from safety.

There is a full programme in the division tonight. Leaders Northampton host AFC Wimbledon while two Play-Off contenders. Carlisle and Orient. go head-to-head at Brunton Park.

#### TODAY'S FIXTURES

Barnet v Plymouth Bristol Rovers v Hartlepool Cambridge v Wycombe Carlisle v Leyton Orient Crawley v Newport Exeter v Portsmouth Northampton v Wimbledon Notts County v Dag & Red Oxford v York Yeovil v Accrington

The games continue to come thick and fast with another 12 games on Saturday where the game of the day is undoubtedly Plymouth versus Oxford at Home Park.

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5	Wycombe Wanderers	32	15	7	10	37	30	7	52
7	Leyton Orient	33	14	10	9	49	45	4	52
8	AFC Wimbledon	32	14	9	9	50	39	11	51
9	Mansfield Town	34	14	9	11	46	40	6	51
10	Bristol Rovers	32	15	5	12	42	34	8	50
11	Carlisle United	31	13	10	8	49	44	5	49
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Nathan Doyle	6	(5)	0	2	(1)	0	8	(6)	0	2	0	45	0	
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Ryan Hall	5	(5)	0	0	(3)	0	5	(8)	0	1	1	19	0	
Jake Howells	12	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	12	(0)	0	1	0	329	31	
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Sean Long	7	(2)	0	2	(0)	0	9	(2)	0	2	0	11	0	
Craig Mackail-Smith	23	(6)	4	1	(0)	0	24	(6)	4	2	0	30	4	
Jack Marriott	12	(16)	8	4	(0)	2	16	(16)	10	2	1	32	10	
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Cameron McGeehan	26	(3)	10	2	(2)	2	28	(5)	12	6	0	66	18	
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	
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Sat 15 3.00pm	Н	Oxford United		8,877	781		5 Tyler	Cuthbert	McNulty	WILKINSON 1	Griffiths	O'Donnell	•	McCourt ▲	McGEEHAN	Benson	Mackail-Smith •	Justham	Lawless	Ruddock •	Potts	McQuoid	Smith ▲	Marriott •
Tue 18 7.45pm	Н	Bristol Rovers	L 0-1	-	553		•	Cuthbert	McNulty	Wilkinson	Griffiths	O'Donnell	•	McCourt	McGeehan •	Benson	Mackail-Smith ▲	Potts	Smith ●	Lawless	Ruddock +	Marriott ▲	McQuoid	Justham
Sat 22 3.00pm Tue 25 7.45pm	A	Yeovil Town	L 2-3	3,830 * <b>6,099</b>	820 <b>823</b>		? Tyler Justham	Cuthbert O'Donnell	Griffiths Griffiths	McNulty • Wilkinson	Wilkinson Cuthbert	Smith O'Brien	McGeehan Smith	Green ▲ Lee	Hall ◆ Green ◆	BENSON 1 Ruddock •	MACKAIL-SMITH 1 McQuoid ▲	O'Donnell McNulty	Lawless ◆ Hall ●	McCourt ▲ McGEEHAN1 ◆	Ruddock Benson ▲	McQuoid Guttridge	O'Brien • Mackail-Smith	Justham <b>Tyler</b>
Sat 29 3.00pm	Н	Stoke City (Cap One Cup 2) Portsmouth		9.083	1,03		Justham		Griffiths	Wilkinson	Cuthbert	O'Brien •	Smith	McGeehan	Hall ▲	McQuoid	-	•Tyler	McNulty	Green	Marriott •	McCourt	Ruddock 4	Lee •
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Tue 1 7.15pm	Н	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	Α	Cambridge United	W 3-1		1,42		9 Tyler	O'Donnell	Griffiths	WILKINSON 1	Cuthbert	Lee	Smith	GREEN 1	McQuoid	GUTTRIDGE 1	Mackail-Smith	McNulty	Hall	Justham	Ruddock	Okuonghae	Williams	O'Brien
Sat 12 3.00pm	Α	Notts County	L 2-3		1,68		) Tyler	O'Donnell	Griffiths	Wilkinson	Cuthbert =	Lee	SMITH 1	Green •	McQuoid	Guttridge •	Mackail-Smith	McNulty ▲		Hall●▲	McCourt	Ruddock	Williams	King
Sat 19 3.00pm Sat 26 3.00pm	н	Mansfield Town AFC Wimbledon	W 1-0	.,	262 588		3 Tyler 5 Tyler	O'Donnell O'Donnell •	Griffiths Griffiths ▲	Wilkinson Wilkinson	McNulty McNulty	Lee Lee	Smith Smith	McCourt ▲ McCourt	McQuoid • Guttridge •	McGeehan ◆ McGeehan	MACKAIL-SMITH 1 Mackail-Smith	Lawless ▲ Potts	Hall Lawless ●	Green ● Hall ▲	Marriott Green	Williams MARRIOTT 2 +	O'Brien • O'Brien	Justham Justham
Tue 29 7.45pm	A	Morecambe	W 3-1	1,388	295		Tyler	Cuthbert •	Griffiths	WILKINSON 1	McNulty	Lee	SMITH 1	McCourt •	McQuoid	McGEEHAN 1	Mackail-Smith ▲	Potts	Lawless +	Green	Marriott ▲	Guttridge	Doyle ●	Justham
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Sat 3 3.00pm	Α	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	Α	Gillingham (JPT2)	L 1-2		193		.,	Lawless	Potts	O'Brien	Okuonghae	Lee •	Doyle	Guttridge ◆	McQuoid	McGEEHAN 1 ▲	Marriott	Hall ●	Green ◆	Griffiths ▲	Wilkinson	Justham	_	
Sat 10 3.00pm	Н	York City	D 1-1				) Tyler	Cuthbert	Potts	Wilkinson Wilkinson	McNulty Cuthbert	Lee	Smith ◆ Smith	Guttridge ▲	McQuoid McGEEHAN	McGEEHAN 1	Mackail-Smith ● Mackail-Smith	Lawless • Lawless	<b>Hall</b> Hall	Green McCourt •	Marriott ●	Ruddock	Doyle ▲ O'Brien	Justham Justham
Sat 17 3.00pm Tue 20 7.45pm	H	Crawley Town Leyton Orient	L 1-2 <b>D 1-1</b>		1,413 <b>638</b>		? Tyler <b>? Tyler</b>	Long Long	Potts Potts	Wilkinson	Cuthbert	Doyle Lee ●	Smith	Lee ● McCourt ◆	McGeehan	I Marriott •  MARRIOTT 1	Mackail-Smith ▲	Lawless	Ruddock	Guttridae •	Ruddock <b>McQuoid</b> ▲	McQuoid ◆ O'Brien	Doyle ●	Justham
Sat 24 3.00pm	н	Plymouth Argyle	L 1-2	-	745		Tyler	Long +	Potts •	Wilkinson	Cuthbert	Doyle	Smith	McGeehan	Ruddock ▲	Guttridge	Marriott	Lawless •	Hall + =	McCourt	Lee	McQUOID 1 ▲	O'Brien	Justham
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Sun 1 2.00pm	Α	Dagenham & Redbridge	W 2-0	2,773	1,08	3 13	3 Tyler	Long	Griffiths	Wilkinson	Cuthbert	Doyle	Smith	LAWLESS 1 •	McQuoid	<b>GUTTRIDGE 1</b>	Marriott ●	Potts	McGeehan ◆	Green	McCourt	Lee	Mackail-Smith ●	Justham
Sat 7 3.00pm	A	Crawley Town (FAC1)	W 2-1	,	487		Jastiiaiii	Long	Griffiths	Wilkinson	Cuthbert	Lee	Smith	Lawless ◆	McQUOID 2	Guttridge	Marriott •	Potts	McHeeham	Benson ●	Green ◆	McCourt	O'Brien	Tyler
Sat 14 3.00pm	Н	Barnet Stevenage	W 2-0 D 0-0	-,			<b>) Tyler</b> ) Tyler	Lawless Lawless	Griffiths Griffiths	Wilkinson Wilkinson	Cuthbert Cuthbert	Lee	Smith Smith	McGEEHAN 1 McGeehan ●	GREEN 1 ◆ Green ◆	McQuoid ▲	Benson ● Benson ■	Potts Marriott •	Marriott • McCourt	McCourt ▲ Lona ◆	Long Guttridae	Guttridge Mackail-Smith	O'Brien ◆ O'Brien ▲	Justham Justham
Sat 21 3.00pm Tue 24 7.45pm	H	Carlisle United		4,782 <b>7,298</b>	1,893 <b>169</b>		7 Tyler 2 Tyler	Lawless	Griffiths	O'Brien	Cuthbert	Lee ▲ Lee	Smith	McGeehan •	GREEN 1	McQuoid MCQUOID 1	MARRIOTT 1 •	Hall	McCourt +	Long	Mackail-Smith •	Williams	Doyle	Justham
Sat 28 3.00pm	A	Newport County	L 0-3		451		Tyler	Lawless	Griffiths	Wilkinson	Cuthbert	Lee •	Smith	McGeehan ●	Green	McQuoid ◆	Marriott	McCourt •	Mackail-Smith •		Okuonghae	Long	Hall	Justham
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Sun 6 2.00pm	Α	Peterborough United (FAC2)	L 0-2				Tyler	Long		Wilkinson	Okuonghae		Smith	Doyle	McCourt ◆	McQuoid	Mackail-Smith	Hall	Guttridge	Williams	McGeehan •	Green ◆	Griffiths ▲	Justham
Sat 12 3.00pm	Н	Northampton Town		8,792			7 Tyler	Long •			Okuonghae		Smith	Lawless •	GREEN 1	BENSON 2	Mackail-Smith		McGeehan	Hall •	Marriott •	McQuoid	Musonda	Justham
Sat 19 3.00pm Sat 26 3.00pm	A	Exeter City Wycombe Wanderers		3,777 <b>9,676</b>	416 <b>829</b>		3 Tyler 5 <b>Tyler</b>	Long Long		Cuthbert Cuthbert	Okuonghae Okuonghae		Lawless Lawless •	McGEEHAN 1 McGeehan	GREEN 1 ▲ Green ◆	Mackail-Smith • Mackail-Smith	BENSON 1 Benson •	Griffiths • Smith	Marriott ▲ Griffiths	Guttridge Marriott ▲	McQuoid • Guttridge •	Justin McQuoid •	Musonda <b>Musonda</b>	Justham <b>Justham</b>
Mon 28 3.00pm	A	Portsmouth		17,688			1 Tyler	O'Donnell	Howells	Cuthbert	Okuonghae		Lawless •	Hall	McQuoid •	Marriott •	Benson	McGeehan		Long ▲	Guttridge	Mackail-Smith		Justham
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Sat 2 3.00pm	Α	Bristol Rovers	L 0-2	9,131	707		5 Tyler	O'Donnell			Okuonghae		Lawless ▲	McGeehan	Hall	Mackail-Smith ▲	Benson ◆	Marriott ▲	McCourt •	Lee	Long	McQuoid ◆	Wilkinson	Justham
Sat 16 3.00pm	Н	Cambridge United	D 0-0				3 Tyler ●	O'Donnell		Cuthbert	Okuongae	Smith	Lawless	Green •	Hall ▲	Marriott	Benson	Potts	McCourt ▲	Lee	Mackail-Smith	McQuoid •	Wilkinson	Justham •
Sat 23 3.00pm Sat 30 3.00pm	A	Mansfield Town Notts County	W 2-0	4,245 <b>8,147</b>	739 <b>390</b>		Justham	O'Donnell O'Donnell	Howells <b>Howells</b>	Cuthbert Cuthbert	Sheehan Sheehan	Smith Smith	Lawless <b>Lawless</b>	McCOURT 1 ● McCourt	RUDDOCK 1 Ruddock	▲ McGeehan McGeehan	Mackail-Smith ◆ Mackail-Smith	Potts Benson	Benson Marriott	Marriott • Okuonghae	Lee ● Lee	O'Brien <b>Banton</b>	Musonda ▲	King
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Tue 2 7.45pm	Н	Yeovil Town	D 1-1	7,538	132	16	Justham	O'Donnell	Howells	Cuthbert	SHEEHAN 1	Lee	Lawless	Ruddock +	McGeehan	Mackail-Smith	Pigott •	Smith	Benson 🔺	Marriott •	McCourt +	Okuonghae	Banton	Tyler
Sat 6 3.00pm	Α	Wycombe Wanderers	W 1-0	4,597	1,39				Howells	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Lee	Lawless	McGEEHAN 1 ▲	Marriott •	Mackail-Smith	Pigott ●	Smith	Benson ●	McCourt ▲	Ruddock ◆	Okuonghae	Banton	Tyler
Sat 13 3.00pm	Α	AFC Wimbledon	L 1-4	,	833			O'Donnell	Howells	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Lee ▲	McGeehan	McCourt ◆	MARRIOTT 1	Mackail-Smith •	Benson	Potts	Smith •	Green	Ruddock	Okuonghae •	Piggott ▲	Tyler
Sat 20 3.00pm	Н	Hartlepool United		7,880			3 Tyler	O'Donnell		Cuthbert	Sheehan	Lee	Lawlass •	McGEEHAN 1	Green	Marriott	Pigott •	Smith	Hall ●	McCourt	Ruddock •	Okuonghae	MACKAIL-SMITH 1	Justham
Sat 27 3.00pm	Α	York City	W 3-2	3,628	715	13	3 Tyler	O'Donnell	Howells	Cuthbert	Sheehan ▲	LEE 1	Lawless •	McGEEHAN 1	Green	MARRIOTT 1	Pigott ◆	Smith •	Benson	McCourt	Ruddock	Okuonghae 🔺	Mackail-Smith ◆	Justham
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Sat 12 3.00pm	Н	Crawley Town																						
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Fri 25 3.00pm	Н	Dagenham & Redbridge															1000	T01210	14-1 12/11	T-1112 I. (		2101		
Mon 28 3.00pm APRIL	А	Barnet								irst visit to		h Road th	is				PLAYEI	PLAYED: <b>5,301</b> DRAWN: <b>1,288</b>						
Sat 2 3.00pm	Н	Stevenage	S	eason t	o ove	rsee	his first 1	match invo	olving the	Hatters in	2015/16.						DIMANNIA. 1,800							

Darren last took charge of a game here last season in the 1-1 draw with Portsmouth on 28th December 2014.

So far this season the official has overseen 24 matches in which he has shown 70 yellow cards and sent-off four players. Please give Darren and his fellow

officials a warm welcome this evening.

WON: **2,115** 

LOST: 1,898

GOALS SCORED: 8,413 GOALS CONCEDED: 7,630

Tue 19 7.45pm

MAY

Sat 9 3.00pm H Accrington Stanley Sat 16 3.00pm A Oxford United

Sat 23 3.00pm H Newport County

Sat 30 3.00pm A Northampton Town

Sat 7 3.00pm H Exeter City

A Carlisle United

## HOLD THE WITH CHARAN THOMAS BOLL PAGE

It's fair to say that the season so far hasn't matched the high hopes Hatters' fans might have had back in August, but one bright spot has been the Under-18s' run to the quarter-finals of the FA Youth Cup, a run that came to an end at Blackburn last Tuesday

Already runaway winners of their league, Paul Driver's side became the first Luton team to reach the last eight of the competition since 1997 and up against a side currently fourth in the Premier League Under-18s Northern Section, they pushed Rovers all the way at Ewood Park with an excellent display, but just fell short with a 1-0 defeat.

A deflected free-kick and a fingertip save to deny Jack Snelus proved the difference, with Blackburn coach Billy Barr admitting that the Hatters had been the better side, and it was the manor of their play that really impressed, some of the passing football was a delight to watch, the first half in particular was as entertaining as anything I've seen this season.

Driver's side didn't do things the easy way either, winning through four straight away draws, overcoming having captain Frankie Musonda sent-off at Notts County, difficult conditions at Oldham and the heartbreak of conceding a late equaliser at Preston.

It's a shame the lads didn't get the chance to play at Kenilworth Road after the first round stage, but the run captured the imagination of the fans, with social media alive after the penalty shootout win at Preston.

So much so that on a cold February Tuesday night, around 200 Hatters fans turned out at Ewood, including a coachload from the Bobbers and many Northern Hatters, a sizeable number out of the overall crowd of 712.

From high up in the press box they couldn't be seen, but they could certainly be heard, the exceptional vocal support throughout the game, chanting and singings just like they would a first team fixture.

The disappointment was clear to see as the lads left the pitch, a two legged semi-final against Chelsea so close to their grasp, but I'm sure that disappointment will soon turn to pride at their achievements.

Mick Harford went into the dressing room and addressed the squad afterwards, his presence a display of the link he provides between the past, the present and the future since his return.

It would have been easy for the club to scale back the academy with the reduced funding during the non-league years, but it is a



testament to the board, and the likes of SoLYD, that funding was maintained, and the benefits of that commitment can now been seen.

With seven of the starting 11 being first year scholars, there is plenty of promise for the future, both at youth level, and for the first team with Nathan Jones having already shown his willingness to give the youngsters an opportunity.

The 1997 side included Matthew Upson, Gary Doherty and Emmerson Boyce, players who went on to become household names at Kenilworth Road, and whilst some of the current crop will undoubtedly fall by the wayside, in years to come we may well be talking about the likes of Jack Snelus, Alex Atkinson and Tyreeq Bakinson, to name just three, in similar terms and look back at this season as where it all began.



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### TEAMSHEET



#### LUTON TOWN

- Mark Tyler
- Stephen O'Donnell
- 3 Dan Potts
- 4 Jonathan Smith
- 6 Scott Cuthbert
- Alex Lawless
- 8 Cameron McGeehan
- Paul Benson
- Ryan Hall
- Danny Green
- Scott Griffiths
- Jack Marriott
- Paddy McCourt
- 16 Elliot Justham
- Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu
- 18 Magnus Okuonghae
- 19 Olly Lee
- 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
- Alan Sheehan
- 45 Joe Pigott



#### MORECAMBE

- 1 Barry Roche
- 2 Shaun Beeley
- 3 Aaron McGowan
- 4 Alex Kenyon
- 6 Adam Dugdale
- 6 Ryan Edwards
- Jamie Devitt
- 8 Peter Murphy
- 9 Tom Barkhuizen
- 10 Lee Molyneux
- Mevin Ellison
- 12 Paul Mullin
- 43 Alan Goodall
- 14 Nathan Bondswell
- 4 Aaron Wildig
- 16 Shaun Miller
- 4 Andrew Fleming
- Charlie Bailev
- 19 Laurence Wilson
- 22 Andy Parrish
- 23 Chris Doyle
- 25 Ben Hedley
- 27 Jack Kelleher
- 30 Kieran O'Hara

#### TODAY'S OFFICIALS



Darren Deadman



Dave Bushell



Nicholas Cooper



Akil Howson

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