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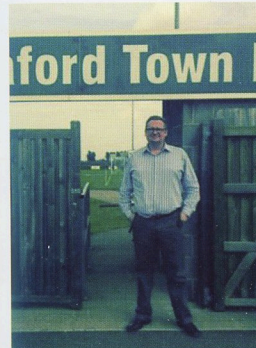
@ARGYLEDAVROS

"Paul Williams running off down the touchline after his winner v Colchester in the PO semi-final second leg."



@HUGEGILLS

"4-3 v Torquay home, singing along to Return of the Mack on way home after first leg play-off, and Williams' winner in second"



@LEEJAMESON

"Having lost the first six games then going to Gigg Lane where we beat Bury 5-0. I drove Mick Heathcote's car up to the game!"

@CHRIS\_WEBBI

"Making a fortune picking up coins after fans invaded the pitch when we made it to Wembley."



@CHRISPATS1

"Second-leg play-off against Colchester - the wife celebrating the winner jumping into a guy's nose behind us."

@HACKERBYNAME

"Paul Williams goal. Lyndhurst was rocking!!!"



@TOMMOPAF6

"Stand out moment for me was being a mascot for the minute silence for Allan Nicholls"



@TONGHAM92

"Looking down Wembley way as a 6 year old and just seeing green and white everywhere"

@GREENARMY1984

"Winning Wembley play-off final 1-0 and that 65th-minute Ronnie Mauge goal."

@NEIL\_SMITH1979

"Ronnie's screamer against Cambridge."

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# The Big Match



## 2-1



## PILGRIMS PAY PENALTY FOR MAD FIVE MINUTES

ARGYLE gave debuts to on-loan players Jordan Houghton, the Chelsea midfielder, and Jamille Matt, the Fleetwood Town forward. Jordan was one of two changes to the starting line-up, alongside Oscar Threlkeld; Ben Purrington and Josh Simpson were stood down. Jamille came on as a second-half substitute for Reuben Reid. They are the 1,030th and 1,031st players to play for the Pilgrims.

Jordan had previously played against Argyle this season when he lined up for League 1 Gillingham at Home Park in the first round of the Capital One Cup on August 11. Gillingham won 2-1.

Leading Argyle scorer Jake Jervis's goal was his 12th of the season after a 12-game scoreless streak. It was only Argyle's third goal at the Crown Ground in a fourth visit since they won 4-0 there in 2012.

The red card issued to Kelvin Mellor for the foul which led to Accrington's equalising penalty was the first

dismissal of an Argyle player for nearly a year, since Curtis Nelson was shown two yellow cards in the 2-1 away Sky Bet League 2 defeat by Portsmouth on April 6, 2015, 49 games previously.

Billy Kee came the seventh player to score a penalty against the Pilgrims in all competitions this season. The first five were all at Home Park: Matt Tubbs and Gary Roberts netted for Portsmouth in a 2-1 away win; Ellis Harrison converted in a 1-1 draw with Bristol Rovers; Lee Gregory scored for Millwall in their 5-3 Johnstone's Paint Trophy victory; and Ryan Harley scored for Exeter in a 2-1 win. Away from home, Scott Fenwick scored a consolation for Hartlepool in Argyle's 2-1 triumph. With the exception of Gregory's goal, the penalties came in Sky Bet League 2 matches.

Shay McCartan's injury-time winner was the first time in eight matches between Accrington and Argyle in which one side or the other has scored more than a single goal.

GAME NO.41  
ATTENDANCE  
2,044  
(651 away)

REFEREE  
Mick Heywood

### ARGYLE LINE-UP (4-2-3-1)

- 23 Luke McCormick
- 2 Kelvin Mellor
- 5 Curtis Nelson (capt)
- 6 Peter Hartley
- 3 Gary Sawyer
- 32 Jordan Houghton
- 26 Oscar Threlkeld
- 14 Jake Jervis (27 Craig Tanner 88)
- 10 Graham Carey
- 11 Gregg Wylde (8 Josh Simpson 59)
- 9 Reuben Reid (19 Jamille Matt 71)

**Substitutes (not used)**

- 7 Daniel Nardiello
- 16 Ben Purrington
- 21 James Bittner (gk)
- 29 Jordan Bentley

**Goal**  
Jervis 23

**Red Card**  
Mellor 85

**Yellow Cards**  
Houghton 62  
Simpson 68

**Man of the Match**  
CURTIS NELSON  
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### ACCRINGTON STANLEY LINE-UP (4-4-1-1)

- 1 Ross Etheridge
- 2 Matty Pearson
- 5 Tom Davies
- 24 Mark Hughes
- 22 Adam Buxton
- 7 Piero Mingoia
- Seamus Conneely
- 14 Matt Crooks
- 18 Scott Brown (43)
- 11 Sean McConville
- 9 Brayden Shaw (80)
- 26 Rommy Boco
- Shay McCartan (50)
- 29 Billy Kee

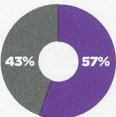
**Substitutes (not used)**

- 6 Andy Proctor
- 19 Marcus Carver
- 5 Jason Mooney (gk)
- 34 Brad Halliday

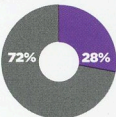
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Kee pen 85  
McCartan 90

**Yellow Card**  
McCartan 90

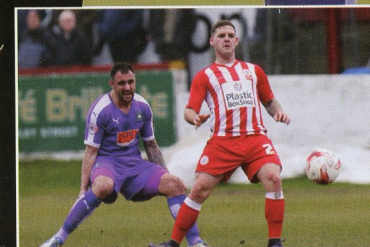
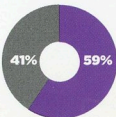
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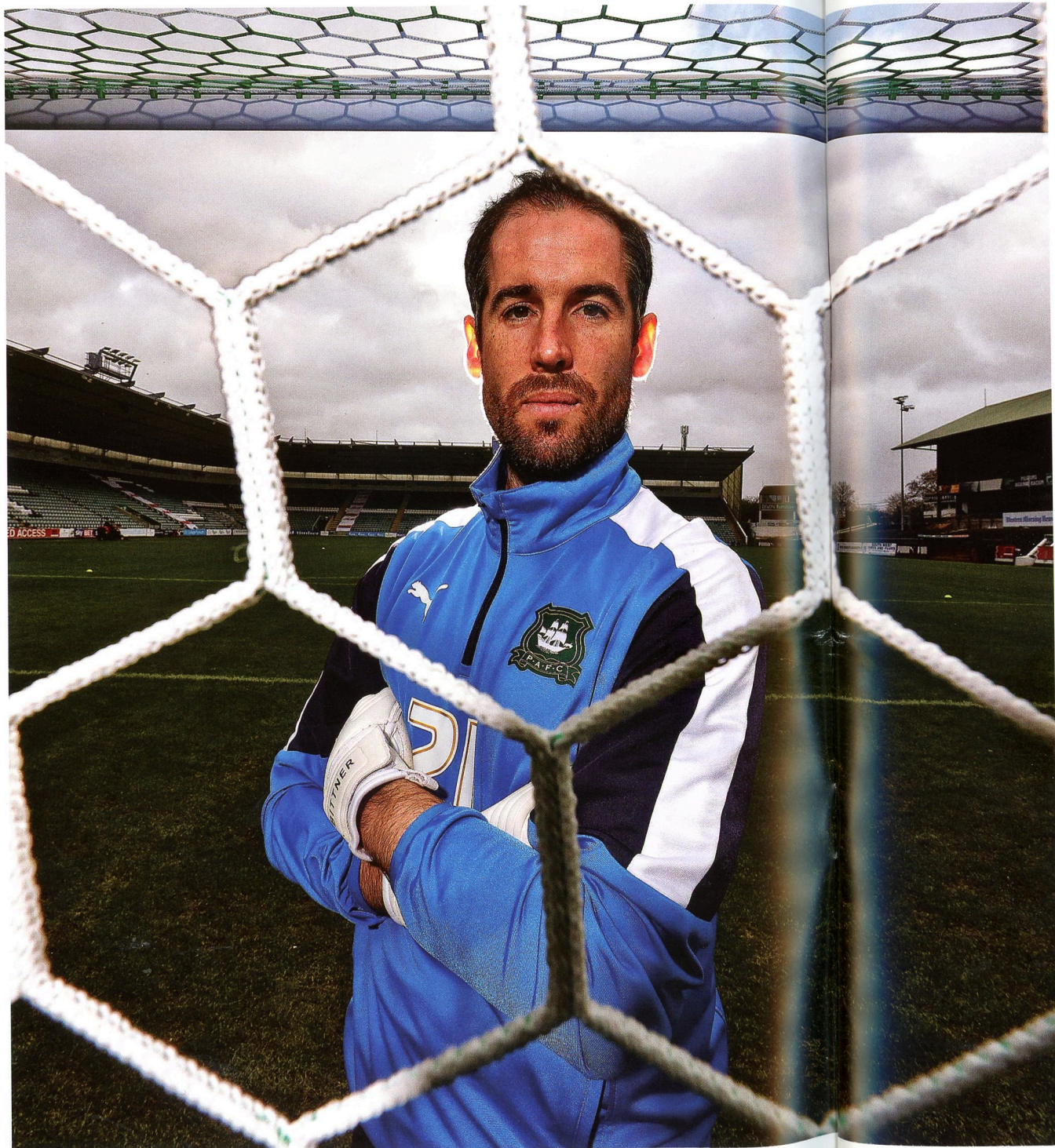


### Shots



### Fouls





# FACE to FACE

JAMES BITTNER

**IT has come to our notice that your team-mates have mentioned you quite a bit in their programme interviews this season, so we are going to give you your chance to get a little bit of your own back - Bitts' Revenge, if you like. Is that okay?**

**Yes.**  
**Alright, according to more than one of your team-mates, you are the Pilgrim most likely to join a comedy troupe or try to make it as a stand-up comedian - are you a funny man?**

Only looking-wise. Not really. I was brought up in the era when there were no mobile 'phones in changing-rooms, and it was all about banter, and laughing and joking with each other. It's what I'm used to and it's what I've always done.

**Are you still dining out on the story of your long-awaited Football League debut - after 13 years as an understudy - at York earlier this season?**

I tried to get over that as fast as possible. It was all blown out of proportion. It was nice to get the game but there was a bit too much limelight for my liking.

**Were you surprised by the fuss that your debut caused?**

Yes. I guess I was quite shocked. If you class the Conference as non-League football, I think there are quite a lot of players who come into the Football League at an older age, via the Conference. It was nice, but it almost came across that I'd done nothing for the last 15-16 years of my life, which isn't quite true. I've been at every level, from the Premiership down to the Conference, albeit as a second or third choice, unfortunately.

**How frustrating was it to concede a clean sheet only in stoppage-time?**

A clean sheet would have been nice but, as I keep telling the boys, I've played one and won one, so it's a 100% record. If it's my last game, it'll be a winning one. If we go up by three points, it'll be down to those three points at York.

**Tell us about your All Saints shoes.**

I have some very old trainers which the boys thought were very funny and Graham Carey decided he'd wear them out for training one day, without me realising. I've turned around from hitting some balls at Luke and all the lads are giggling - as they normally are at my expense. I looked down at the floor. It was a wet, wintry, muddy days over at Harper's Park and all I could see were my pride and joy all covered in mud.

**Do you enjoy mentoring Christian Walton when he was here on loan?**

It was good to have the opportunity to work with Christian, who is young and very highly rated; he's the England Under-21 goalkeeper. As a young coach, I am learning on that side, too, so it was good for me to learn how they do things at Brighton and in the England set-up.

**Is it important for squads to have players like James Bittner?**

Players that are not going to start many matches, but are part of the fabric of the club and can bring experience to the dressing-room. People ask me why I am still playing, but it's my job - it's what I've always done. Unfortunately, as a goalkeeper, there is only one position to play. The second choice is only there for emergencies. It's part of our trade. Unless the first

choice has a horror show for four or five games in a row, or he gets an injury, you are going to be sat on the bench for a lot of the season. Then, it's important that you are upbeat and you do keep yourself involved with the boys. You aren't playing week in, week out, but you are part of the team. If I couldn't accept that, I wouldn't have lasted so long.

**Tell us about your role with the Argyle Community Trust.**

I coach at Marjons - both the men and Ladies first-team goalkeepers; I do a bit with the Community Under-18 Programme where all the boys are full-time here, train a couple of times a week and play in a Wednesday league; and there is a Long Term Development Programme on a Thursday night which is basically a link between our Academy and grassroots football - I do the 'keepers for that.

**Do you really eat a whole pizza every week after a game?**

Yes. Very quickly, as well.

**What would your advice be to any goalkeeper starting out in the game today? Have things changed since you were a youngster?**

It's changed a lot. When I first started, every team had at least three or four first-team goalkeepers, even down to League 1 level. Nowadays, outside the Championship, it's one first choice and either a young kid or an older lad who is going to do some coaching. It is getting harder to stay in the game longer.

**Would you know what to do with yourself if a pretty girl sat down randomly at your table at Nando's?**

No! Not at all. I'd probably go bright red.



## WHICH OF YOUR FELLOW PILGRIMS IS MOST LIKELY TO...



**...eat a whole pizza after a game?**  
Graham Carey.

**...bore you about his car?**  
Gary Sawyer - he's 30 years old with a white car with black wheels and seats that recline a long way.

**...know all of the words to a TV show theme song?**  
Luke's pretty good on things like quotes from films.

**...live past 100?**  
Carl McHugh - he's already there.

**...tell you the same story he just told you yesterday?**  
Gary Sawyer has told the lads a story about going to watch darts at least 25 times.

**...join a comedy troupe - or think they could?**  
Oscar.

**...scream if they see a spider on the floor?**  
Reuben.



**...wear the worst shoes?**  
Dorothy Wylde has got a lovely pair of red trainers.



**...never get his round in?**  
Josh Simpson's credit card expired last year, I think.

**...be the most fun to wind up?**  
Curtis Nelson has a very short fuse.

**...get upset for losing followers on Twitter?**  
Ryan Brunt.

**...not to know what to do with himself if a pretty girl sat down randomly at his table at Nando's?**  
Ben Purrington.

**...land a role in a Hollywood movie?**  
Kelvin Mellor - Madagascar 3.

**...cause Derek Adams to pull his hair out during training?**  
Graham Carey, when he asks the rules for five-a-sides.

**...fall whilst walking?**  
Kelvin, with his crazy legs.

**...to divulge a secret?**  
Peter Hartley.

**...drop a 20 pence piece to wind up and spend 10 minutes trying to recover it?**  
Josh Simpson.

**...win Mastermind?**  
There's a few who talk a very good game, but... Daniel Nardiello.

**...like eating pasties?**  
Graham Carey.

## RANDOMS

**My team-mate with the worst dress sense is...**  
There are a few boys who think they are models. I'm going to say a couple: Kelvin Mellor, who doesn't own anything that is not grey; and Jake Jervis, because he loves a hole in the knee in his trousers.

**Who would you want by your side in a fight?**  
Carl McHugh - his head is as big as mine and I think he's indestructible.

**Who is the most famous person you have ever sat next to on a substitutes' bench?**  
My old manager at Fulham, Jean Tigana, European Footballer of the Year.

**What was your best subject at school?**  
Art or Sport.



**James Bond or James Dean?**  
Bond.

**One season in the Premier League or a 15-year career in the Conference?**  
One season in the Premier League.

**Who was your favourite footballer as a kid?**  
Bruce Grobbelaar.

**Can you pass up a bargain?**  
No.

**Would you rather be liked or respected?**  
Respected.

**On away trips, I mostly room with...**  
Luke. He's a good lad. Old, like me, which helps.

**What do you think of garden gnomes?**  
I don't know.

**What is your biggest fear?**  
Spiders.



**We hesitate to ask but do you have a hidden talent or party trick?**  
Quite a few. The pizza one - how fast I can eat one Dominos pizza.

**Scones - jam first or cream first?**  
See page 67



## MY TOP 3

**...goalkeeping jersey colours**  
1 Black  
2 Yellow  
3 Red

**...biscuits**  
1 Chocolate Hobnob  
2 Bourbon  
3 Custard Cream

**...chat-show guests from history**  
1 Muhammad Ali  
2 Mandela  
3 Maradona

**...places in the Westcountry?**  
1 St Ives  
2 Salcombe  
3 Exeter

**...football pundits**  
1 Gary Neville  
2 Glenn Hoddle  
3 Graeme Souness

**...pizza toppings**  
1 Cheese  
2 Spicy Beef  
3 Parma Ham

**...cartoon**



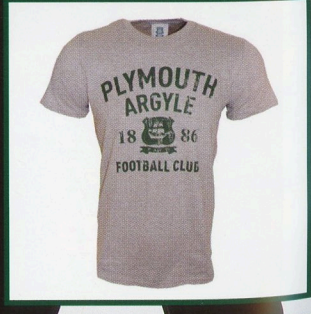
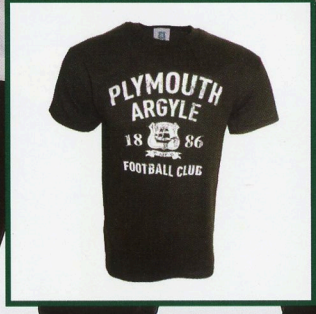
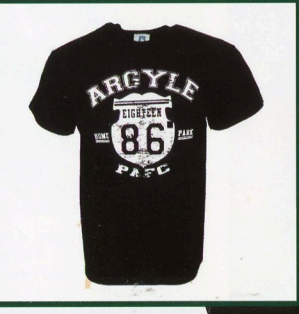
**characters**  
1 Danger Mouse  
2 He-Man  
3 Gonzo

**WHAT'S THIS THEN?**  
I can see a poodle.



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# The TUBE

**THIS match was played on a Friday evening to suit the programme schedules of Sky Sports 3, who showed the match live. Argyle manager Neil Warnock started with a team unchanged from the 11 that won away at Watford in midweek to top Nationwide League Division 2.**

Argyle were fortunate enough to get an early goal when a throw-in by Chris Billy went to Mark Saunders, who saw Michael Evans in the penalty area. As Billy's cross came into the box, Evans ran toward the goal, turned to receive the ball, and, from five yards, had the easiest of chances to shoot past the 'keeper for Argyle's first goal. There were only three minutes on the clock.

The goal took Preston by surprise and they stepped up their game with some quick, free-flowing, football which Argyle found difficult to contain. It is fair to say that, for most of the first half, Preston were the better team, but Argyle contained them - up



until four minutes from half-time, when Preston's striker Steve Wilkinson, who had already scored five goals in the first four matches of the season, chalked up goal number six when he headed in Kevin Kilbane's cross.

The work put in by Preston in the first half which lead to the equaliser made Warnock aware that he needed to make improvements. He replaced Mark Saunders in midfield with Martin

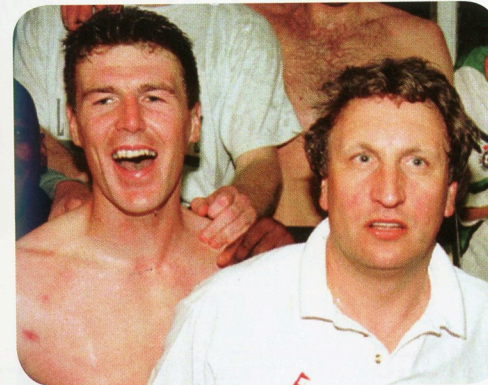
Barlow, whose introduction gave the Pilgrims better balance.

Indeed, as the second half began, Argyle looked a much brighter attacking team, but Preston were well organised and settled quickly and pushed forward to cause the Argyle defence some problems.

Richard Logan was involved with breaking up several attacks, but he was policeman-turned-poacher when he scored Argyle's second goal on 66 minutes, firing home a right-foot shot after Preston's Finnish goalkeeper Teuvo Moilanen flapped at the ball.

Preston tried again to equalise, without success, and there was still time for Evans to go close with a dipping deflected shot before the final whistle was blown and Argyle stayed top.

Steve Wilkinson is now head of the football development centre at Loughborough College.



*WITH Match of the Day having recently turned 50; Sky approaching a quarter-century of football coverage; and BT Sport upping its output, MIKE CURNO thinks this season is the right time to turn on and tune in to the occasions that Argyle have featured in a televised match.*

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 1996  
NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE, DIVISION 2**

**ARGYLE 2**  
(Evans 3, Logan 66)  
**PRESTON NORTH END 1**  
(Wilkinson 41)

**Argyle:** Grobbelaar; Billy, Williams, Mauge, Heathcote, James, Leadbitter, Logan, Littlejohn, Evans, Saunders (Barlow 45). Substitutes (not used): Curran, Illman.

**Preston North End:** Moilanen; Kay, Barrick, Atkinson (McDonald 75), Wilcox, Moyes, Davey, Bryson, Saville, Wilkinson, Kilbane. Substitutes (not used): Kidd, Brown.

**Attendance:** 9,209

**Referee:** Paul Rejer

**FOOTBALL ON TELEVISION**  
IN the last programme, we highlighted concerns that football on TV would mean a drop in attendances at grounds where the match was being shown, so a compromise was initiated by the BBC, who agreed not to reveal the match being shown until after the game.

BBC's Match of the Day went out on Saturday evenings, with ITV's The Big Match originally showing highlights on Sunday afternoons. In 1978, ITV won exclusive rights to all league football coverage (the so-called "Snatch of the Day"), but the Office of Fair Trading would not allow this and, from the 1980-81 season, the BBC and ITV shared the Saturday evening slot on alternate seasons.

ITV did win exclusive rights in 1988, when they renamed The Big Match, simply to The Match.

# ARGYLE IS...

*Kaleidoscope* NUMBER 71- A Cornucopia exploring the Word and World of ARGYLE, 'ArGOOGLED' from the internet by Roger Walters.

## ...The Business

FROM the 1860s, Babylon, a suburb of New York on the southern shore of Long Island, developed as a resort for New Yorkers following the opening of the Long Island Rail Road.

Hotels were built in their dozens as business boomed; one of the last in the boom period to be built, in 1882, was the **Argyle Hotel**. The **Argyle**, which had 350 rooms, was funded by the president of the railroad company and it was built in 70 acres of parkland which became known as **Argyle Park**, next to a pond which became known as **Argyle Lake**. The name is acknowledged to have come from **Argyle**, Scotland.

By 1885, the hotel was a success and employed a large number of staff to look after its white middle class clientele. In May that year, the headwaiter, Frank P Thompson recruited, on behalf of the hotel management, an all-black baseball team from the staff, to entertain the guests.

His team became the first professional black American baseball outfit and were named the 'Cuban Giants' even though they were neither Cuban nor Giants. It was felt a Latino name would draw larger crowds and deflect the virulent discrimination against American negroes. It was reported that the players, on the field of play, spoke to each other in gibberish to make white spectators think they were speaking in Spanish.

The black players' weekly wage was much higher than they would have been paid for their other **Argyle Hotel** work as waiters, porters and bellhops. Pitchers were paid \$18; infielders \$15; and outfielders \$12.

Immediately in 1885, they heavily defeated top-rated clubs who fielded the best of white players playing in leagues not open to black players. In 1887, the Cuban Giants won the 'world colored championship', and remained a top attraction into the 20th



century. They toured, playing sell-out baseball exhibition matches, very much like the later Harlem Globetrotters did in basketball.

In 1887, the Cuban Giants moved away from playing on the **Argyle Hotel's** ground and made a new home in Trenton, New Jersey.

In Babylon, not long after, the resort's boom period ended. The **Argyle Hotels** bookings rarely reached a third of capacity and it closed in 1897. The timber building was dismantled in 1904 and the wood used to build 20 homes in **Argyle Park**.

The Cuban Giants remain a legend on Long Island and a commemorating stone was laid on the site of the **Argyle Hotel** in 2010 (babylonavillage.patch.com; also 'Out of the Shadows' by Bill Kirwin, 2005).

*Above: Argyle Hotel, Babylon, New York (nytimes.com)*

*Below right: Commemoration stone (1quest2thenext.com)*

*Below left: Cuban Giants baseball team, 1885-86 (nationalpastime.museum.com)*

# ...The Place



ONE the site of the 1904 demolished **Argyle Hotel**, in **Argyle Park**, Babylon, 20 houses were constructed using materials from the hotel.

In 1921, the private land of **Argyle Park** was donated for passive recreation to

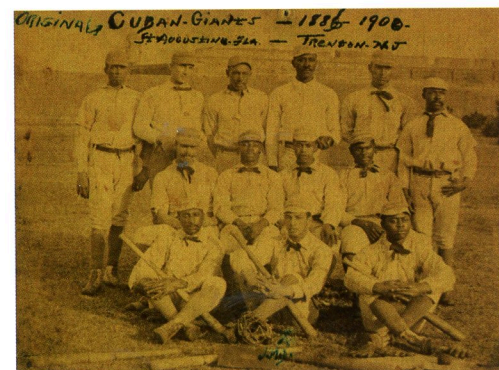
the Village of Babylon. The park is still popular, drawing substantial numbers of visitors from outside the community for fishing, strolling, playing on the children's playground, and winter ice skating (theclio.com). **Argyle Lake**, Babylon is

formed by a dam across the Carlls River. It covers an area of 25 acres and has a maximum depth of four feet. Popular with fishermen, it is stocked with Brown and rainbow trout and other species include carp, yellow perch and sunfish.

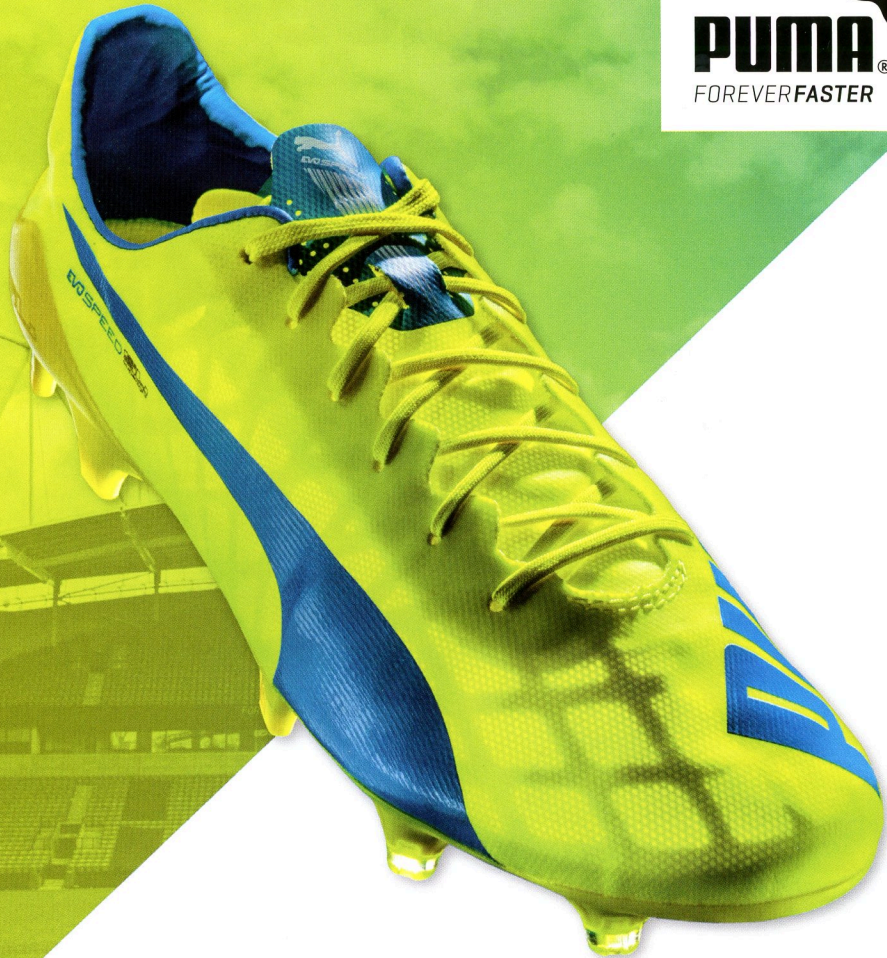
**Argyle Park** also gave its name to a rock group of the same name who were featured in an 'Argyle Is...' episode during the 2014-15 season.



*Top and Left: Argyle Park in winter snow (flickr.com)*







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*WHILE surfing the internet this summer, ROB MCNICHOL came across an online blog written by an anonymous Pilgrims' insider. It would be rude not to share some extracts with you.*

**Tuesday, March 1, 9am**  
IN Clichéland, it is the business end of the season and Gail the Cliché Fairy is bored. She asks her table what she should do. The table says: "To be fair, you know, obviously, in fairness, you are a top, top Cliché Fairy - but can you do it on a cold Tuesday night in Stoke Village?" Gail decides, therefore - at the end of the day - to head to Plymouth. After all, the table never lies.

**Tuesday, March 1, 5pm**  
GAIL tries to get a bus to Plymouth. She waits ages for one to come along, then two come

along at once. It is a bit like goals. You wait ages for...anyway, Gail fails to hail either of the buses. It is not her fault, though: these days you just cannot raise your hands. She sees a third bus, marked 'Wycombe', but it is firmly parked, and she ignores it. Suddenly, remembering she has a cup in her hand, she whispers "Plymouth" into it and is instantly transported to Home Park. You have to say, that really is the magic of the cup.

**Tuesday, March 1, 7pm**  
GAIL has miscalculated. Argyle are away, playing Barnet. She decides to go out for some food while she whiles away the evening. For starters, she tries to order a prawn sandwich, but it turns out the local Boys' Brigade had been for a meal and eaten them all. She instead has soup, which is a little lumpy. She sends it back. "I know it's not an easy job," she says to the waiter, "but tell the chef all we're asking for is a little consistency."

To make up for the lack of sharpness early doors, the waiter offers something a wee bit special. Well, the specials. "You can have a full pheasant and a full quail," he says. "I'll just have the pheasant," says Gail. "I'll just take it one game at a time."

**Tuesday, March 1, 9pm**  
THE pheasant has been devoured. Gail eats each breast separately - it is game of two halves - then gnawed away at the remaining flesh, especially the bird's left foot, which is particularly sweet. She is now down to the bare bones. "Wow, this is an excellent tip," says the waiter. "It's more than double the price of the bill." Gail, proud, says: "I like to always give 110%."

Gail has failed to see the Argyle team in this programme, but perhaps she will in the York edition. We go again.



# The YOUNG ONES

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## CARLSBERG SOUTH WEST PENINSULA LEAGUE ROUND-UP

Argyle 4 St Dennis 2

ST DENNIS struggled to cope with our youngsters in the early stages at Seale Hayne and found themselves three goals down at the interval after a double from the excellent Under-16 Billy Craske and a strike by Dan Rooney.

Billy Craske



Much to their credit, St Dennis found another gear after the break and scored two quick-fire penalties from Steve Wheatley and Lee Rickard, forcing us to soak up some sustained pressure to avoid an unwanted fight back. Callum Hall eventually allayed those fears with our fourth goal.

We were excellent in the first half playing some fluent attacking football and creating chances but disappointingly we buckled under the physical pressure during the early part of the second half to allow St Dennis back in the game thankfully we managed to regain our composure to see the game through.

Argyle: Cory Harvey; Sam Ryan, Jamil Roberts, Aaron Taylor, Liam Knowles, Josh Richards, Jack Calver, Dan Rooney (Ben Steer 75), Alex Fletcher (Alex Battle 80), Billy Craske, Callum Hall.

Argyle 1 Wadebridge 1

A NIGHT of frustration and missed chances cost our Young Greens at lowly Wadebridge. We dominated for long periods of the game, particularly in the first half, but a number of chances were spurned by a combination of good goalkeeping and defending, and a lack of composure in front of goal.

Tyler Harvey eventually open the scoring with a penalty on 35 minutes but there was always a danger of conceding on the counter as long as the margin remained at just one goal and Wadebridge duly levelled with a scrappy effort from Adam Paterson five minutes from time.

It was disappointing to concede a late goal, having been in control of the game throughout, but we must be more clinical when opportunities come our way. Again our concentration must be intact for the duration of the game, I know the players were very disappointed after allowing points to slip away from us.

Argyle: Cory Harvey; Sam Ryan, Ryan Law, Aaron Taylor, Jordan Bentley, Liam Knowles, Alex Fletcher (Ben Steer 65), Josh Richards (Jack Calver 75), Louis Rooney, Tyler Harvey, Callum Hall.

## APPRENTICESHIP IN SPORTING EXCELLENCE SUCCESS IN 2015

We have received the 2015 League Football Education Performance report for our apprentices, which also provided comparisons with the performance of other clubs across the whole apprenticeship programme.

We were delighted that, once again, we have managed a 100% mark, achieving the full framework of qualifications. The following apprentices have done Plymouth Argyle proud: Callum Hall, Andrew Hannah, Mason Hughes, Ryan Lane, Tom Moxham, Louis Rooney and William Sargent.

LFE Chief Executive Alan Sykes said: "We are delighted that apprentices throughout all the clubs competing in 2015 produced record outstanding results, with 97% staying on the programme for the two years and 95% achieving the full framework of qualifications.

"These results position League Football Education as one of the best providers in the country, not only in Sport and Leisure, where we are outperforming the sector by 13%, but also in comparison to other work-based learning programmes."

## ACADEMY COACHES STUDY VISIT

OUR Head of Coaching Kevin Nancekivell travelled to Tottenham on a study visit for his Pro License and incorporated some CPD for our full time staff with Lead Phase Development Coach Phil Stokes; Lead Phase Foundation Coach Dan Thompson; and Dan Greenough, our Lead Sports Scientist & Academy Coach.

Our staff were able to watch the Under-21s and Under-18s training in the morning and, after some football discussions with the Spurs staff over lunch, they then observed the Under-12s, who were on

school day-release, training in the afternoon. During the evening, they witnessed Tottenham Academy Under-9s-16s age groups training.

The welcome and hospitality shown to our members of staff was outstanding, matching the fantastic facilities. It was a wonderful opportunity for our coaches to fact-find and share experiences that we can then implement into our own Academy. Kevin said: "The Premier League as we all know is a multi-million pound industry; the overriding point we all took away costs nothing. The attitude, work-ethic, and overall desire to improve and learn, both as players and coaches, were exceptional."

## ARGYLE UNDER-18s 5 EXETER CITY 2

DOUBLES from two of our promising young forwards named Alex propelled us to our first Merit League victory of the season - made more satisfying that it came against our local rivals. Alex Fletcher scored twice, either side of a Jason Vincent goal, to give the Young Greens a three-goal lead at half-time; after a brief Grecians flurry, Alex Battle scored twice to put us way beyond Exeter.

Our young Pilgrims had a great start to the game with first-year apprentice Alex Fletcher robbing the visiting goalkeeper to score into an unguarded net after just three minutes. Second year Jason Vincent converted Jack Calver's cross to make it 2-0 on 19 minutes, with Alex Fletcher heading home Alex Battle's precise right-wing cross two minutes before the interval.

Exeter came back strongly after the break, pulling a goal back on 50 minutes before enjoying their best spell of the game. Unfortunately for the visitors, they could not take their chances and we made it 4-1 on 72 minutes when Alex Battle found the back of the net from 25 yards.

Battle struck again, three minutes from time, with a low drive from the edge of the area that flew into the corner of the visitors' goal. Exeter notched a consolation goal, two minutes from time, but it was too late to alter the result.

This was a great result for the boys, who worked very hard throughout. We created some good opportunities and it was pleasing that we scored from crosses as this was one of our key objectives for this game. We were tested with our concentration at the back once again as Exeter were dangerous on the counter attack, and we contained them well in the first half.

However, our game-management could have been better at the start of the second half by doing the simple things better; we became loose with our passing, and our defensive organisation was not as tight as in the first half allowing our opponents to get a foot hold in the game. Alex Battle's excellent strike for the fourth goal helped us to get back on track once again.

Argyle: Cory Harvey; Sam Ryan, Jamil Roberts, Jordan Bentley (Harry Downing 80), Liam Knowles, Dan Rooney (Josh Richards 75), Jack Calver, Ben Steer, Alex Battle, Alex Fletcher, Jason Vincent (Luke Jephcott 75).

Alex Battle



Alex Fletcher

## ANOTHER APPRENTICE

WE are very pleased to announce that Harry Downing, another member of our promising Under-16



squad, has confirmed his acceptance of an apprenticeship with us for the 2016-17 season. A centre-back from Newquay, Harry attends Tretherras School and started his career playing for Torquay United Under-11s and Under-12s. He also played for Newquay AFC and was introduced to our Brannel Centre of Excellence where he made a favourable impression with his desire to defend. He registered with the Academy in September 2012 as an Under-13 and played most of the games in the team that reached the semi-final of the Northern Ireland Milk Cup in 2013-14. Harry made his debut for the Under-18s with a resolute performance at Oxford United, helping the team keep a clean sheet in a 1-0 victory.

The Pilgrims

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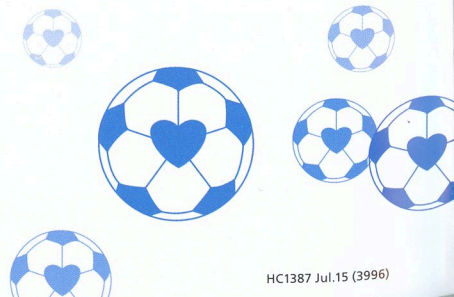


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*FOOTBALL clubs often employ a chaplain who is involved at all levels of their club, offering pastoral and spiritual support to people of any faith and of no faith. This could mean supporting a player with a long-term injury; aiding a youngster through the disappointment of being released; or helping with bereavement. The spiritual aspect of the chaplain's role is sometimes embraced, with coaches seeing that this dimension is important for players, whatever their faith. ARTHUR GOODE is the Argyle chaplain.*

**"I think that stories connect with us when we find truth in them, or they become a means for us to understand the truth of our own lives"**

**WHAT we love (and hate, and then love again) about a football season is the constant twists in the plot, and the uncertainty of the outcome. It makes it unlike most other things. A story, for instance, is a bit more predictable. In fact, it is the familiarity that we are drawn to - there is a sense of comfort in the fact that we are fairly sure the hero is going to win out, and a safety in the thrill we feel during the dangerous bit. A bit like going on the dragon rollercoaster at Legoland, terrifying in a safe way: it is on runners and follows a pre-set course that we know will end well.**

In his book 'The Seven Basic Plots', Christopher Booker looked at examples ranging from ancient myths and folk tales to the popular movies and soap operas we watch today in order to categorize story types, and he narrowed it down to seven basic storylines: monster; rags to riches; voyage; quest; rebirth; comedy; and tragedy. Into those plots, you can insert themes such as redemption, love and eternal destiny.

It's interesting that the best football matches play out like stories. Or maybe we place our story templates over what we are watching and create the stories ourselves? Maybe that is why two people can watch the same game and have

a completely different interpretation.

Obviously, we have our heroes. Usually wearing green and white. We then create villains - often the ref or an opposing player. There is nothing better to bring a game alive for the spectator than an unfair decision or a bit of bad sportsmanship. Perhaps, collectively the opposition become the monster that the heroes have to defeat? And that is the quest, or the voyage throughout the 90 minutes - perhaps there is rebirth at the end of it all, or maybe it just boils down to comedy or tragedy...

Each of the 90 minutes plays fit into a wider tale of ups and downs. The intellectuals would call this the metanarrative. Over the course of a season, there are many twists and turns that lend drama to the individual games, and the key difference to football and fiction is that no-one can predict, much less control, what will happen. Nor is it fair, consistent or certain of a good outcome.

My regular readers will both be anticipating the link with life, God or Christianity to come at this point - and there is a very obvious one. However, I would prefer to ask this question: in life do you have the view that we have a destiny that is being played out (Star Wars)? Do you feel that

God determines our steps (Bruce Almighty)? Is life a quest wherein we can find redemption (The Hobbit)? Or do you think our existence is random, with no higher power exerting an influence (strangely I couldn't find a story theme to fit this scenario).

I think that stories connect with us when we find truth in them, or they become a means for us to understand the truth of our own lives and we can relate to them at some deep level. Scientific research has also demonstrated that we respond well to stories - more areas of our brain become engaged and chemicals are released that create a good response from within (apologies to any scientist for my appalling summary of complex neuroscience papers).

As I wrote this piece, and got to the end, I realised that my opening would have been much more interesting if I had told a story, rather than presented opinion out of story-context. As I sat there, my eye drawn to the deadline and with a full diary for the day, I had to accept the fact that I had no time left to redraft the column. It was what it was. But at least the final paragraph could redeem things, and there is always the next programme, so I hit save and was done with it.



# NEWSROUND

## NELSON'S COLUMN

**MOST** captains are afraid to mention the 'P' word at this stage of the season - not Plymouth Argyle skipper Curtis Nelson. He is determined to lead his side to promotion this season, writes Bill Sobey.

The 22-year-old expects a huge response from the Pilgrims today as they aim to get their push towards Sky Bet League 1 back on track against Luton Town.

Visitors Luton arrive in good form, winning four of their last five league matches, but Argyle beat them 2-1 at Kenilworth Road back in October.

"Luton will pose a threat," said Nelse. "We know they will be a force to be reckoned with, but we have beaten them once already. Hopefully, we can do it again.

"It would mean a lot for us all if we get promoted at the end of the season. It is what every player strives for in his career, and I'm no different. I want to get promoted more than anything this year."

Pilgrims supporters have another important cause to rally behind this weekend. Curtis will lead his players out for the warm-up this afternoon in pink shirts to show solidarity with Plymouth University's Brain Tumour Research Centre of Excellence.

Led by Professor Oliver Hanemann, the Centre is already Europe's leading programme in developing personalised targeting therapies for low-grade brain tumours. The South



West has the highest rate of brain tumours diagnosed per million in England, but research in this area is woefully underfunded.

"We are pleased to be part of the fight against brain tumours," said Nelson. "It's brilliant for us all to be involved. For the players, the coaches, all the staff and the supporters at the club, it is great to

be supporting such an important cause because it does affect a lot of people, not just in the city and the region, but across the world."

It is easy for supporters to get involved too - and they could even win an Argyle season ticket or a signed shirt - by simply texting BRAIN DRAW to 70660 today. Doing so will donate £3 to Brain Tumour

Research and ensure entry into the draw.

"We have great ties with the University, and we want to do our bit for the cause," said Nelse.

For more information about the Plymouth University Brain Tumour Research Centre of Excellence, please visit: [www.plymouth.ac.uk/campaign/brain](http://www.plymouth.ac.uk/campaign/brain).

### WEMBLEY HEROES



ALMOST 20 years have passed since Argyle's one and only appearance at Wembley. Today, we are delighted to welcome a number of the squad who were part of that historic day when, under Neil Warnock's leadership, a 1-0 Third Division play-off final victory over Darlington sealed promotion to Division Two.

Following today's game, the players and fans that have been fortunate to snap up tickets will enjoy a reunion dinner at the Duke of Cornwall hotel.

We are sure you will give a fantastic Green Army welcome back to the following players who will make a lap of honour at half-time:

Captain Micky Heathcote; goalscorer Ronnie Mauge; Steve Cherry; Mark Patterson; Paul Williams; Chris Leadbitter; Martin Barlow; Chris Billy; Gary Clayton; Chris Curran; Adrian Littlejohn; Neil Illman; Mark Saunders and Danny O'Hagan.

Our coach Paul Wotton was also a part of the squad and Kevin Nugent, now part of today's opponents' back-room set-up, also played a number of games in the early part of that season.

Argyle Legends, the organiser of today's events, would particularly like to thank the Green Taverners for their help and support.



## Walking 10 Marathons in 10 Days? That's Unbelievable!

**IN 2016, I wanted to do something different. I wanted to do something where people could see I was feeling the pain on behalf of a fantastic cause. Walking 10 marathons in 10 days to help beat prostate cancer, a disease killing over 10,000 men every year, seemed like an ideal opportunity.**

I will be walking with my mate Russ Green, the Chief Executive of Hartlepool, and members of the football family on the way. Why? Us Hartlepool fans have never been to Wembley, and this is our chance to take them there while supporting Prostate Cancer UK, the Official Charity Partner of the Football League.

On Monday, I will be kicking off the epic 262-miler from my beloved Victoria Park. Find out more about walking with me at [menunitedmarch.org](http://menunitedmarch.org)

Prostate Cancer UK should be a charity close to every man's heart because we know, or we should know, just how vulnerable we are. I like my statistics but the ones I am dealing with here are shocking. One in eight men will get prostate cancer - one in four if you are black. It is a scary thought.

Within the next ten years, Prostate Cancer UK believes they will find the answers to ensure the disease is something men and their loved ones no longer fear. I have met the scientists who pledge to do this and I can see how dedicated they are. So the idea of doing something ten times came from there.

Two hundred and sixty miles from Victoria Park, home of Hartlepool United, to Wembley Stadium, divided by ten; 26 miles. The distance of a

marathon: 10 marathons in 10 days. It just all fell into place like a jigsaw, really.

I have got friends and colleagues - people that the public know, Bill Arthur and Eddie Hemmings, both big rugby league men who I have known longer than I care to remember; all great guys who have suffered from prostate cancer. Prostate cancer is not discerning, but it can be treated if caught soon enough. It does not just hit the bad guys; it is the good guys as well, like Bill, like Eddie.

To get involved, or find out more about walking with me, visit [menunitedmarch.org](http://menunitedmarch.org)

Enjoy the game today.

All the best,

Jeff Stelling

# TIME TEAM

# 30

YEARS AGO - 1985-86

## PLAYER PROFILE

### Dave Philp

GOALKEEPER Dave Philp understudied Geoff Crudgington during Argyle's 1985-86 promotion campaign, playing in the two FA Cup ties against Hull City. He developed with Newquay before moving to Home Park in July 1984 and was given his League debut in Argyle's 6-4 victory at home to Preston two months later. After making seven Third Division appearances, he joined Saltash United in July 1986, then played for Wadebridge and helped Falmouth Town win the South Western League title before spells at Truro City and St Blazey. He managed Bodmin, Newquay and St Blazey, working in the building trade in Bodmin.

### LUTON TOWN IN 1985-86

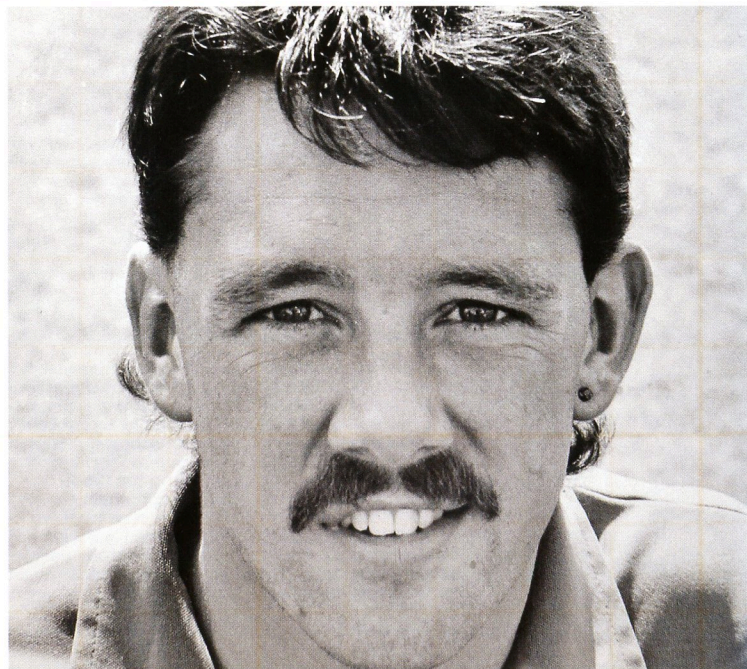
LUTON Town finished ninth in the First Division in 1985-86. David Pleat's side lost only three of their first 13 games and won 7-0 at home to Southampton. The Hatters won five times in six matches and took Everton to an FA Cup quarter-final replay. Mick Harford was top scorer and Mal Donaghy ever-present.

**Match 37**  
**March 28**  
**CARDIFF CITY 1**  
**ARGYLE 2**

ARGYLE defeated struggling Cardiff City at Ninian Park, where 2,000 travelling Argyle fans accounted for more than half the attendance. Dave Smith's side went ahead with a doubtful penalty after Lee Smelt dived at the feet of Kevin Hodges and required treatment for a head injury. Darran Rowbotham's spot-kick was parried by Smelt but Hodges followed up to score. John Matthews doubled Argyle's lead on 29 minutes and John Clayton missed a good chance before the interval. Argyle relaxed in the second half and Gerry Nardiello reduced the deficit after 49 minutes but Cardiff were unable to find an equaliser.

Argyle: Geoff Crudgington, Gordon Nisbet, Leigh Cooper, John Uzzell, Gerry McElhinney, Kevin Summerfield, Kevin Hodges, John Matthews, Kevin Godfrey (Steve Cooper), John Clayton, Darran Rowbotham.

Attendance: 3,834



**Match 38**  
**April 5**  
**AFC BOURNEMOUTH 1**  
**ARGYLE 3**

ARGYLE gained a convincing victory over AFC Bournemouth at Dean Court where Tommy Tynan returned on loan from Rotherham until the end of the season. Dave Smith's side quickly took control of the game and produced an attacking display full of commitment. Steve Cooper gave Argyle the lead with a superb header in the 12th minute and Russell Coughlin's 44th-minute penalty doubled Argyle's advantage after Steve Cooper was bowled over. Harry Redknapp's Bournemouth improved in the second half and John Beck pulled a goal back on 72 minutes but Kevin Hodges sealed victory with seven minutes remaining.

Argyle: Geoff Crudgington, Gordon Nisbet, Leigh Cooper, John Uzzell, Gerry McElhinney, Russell Coughlin, Kevin Hodges, John Matthews, Tommy Tynan, Steve Cooper, Darran Rowbotham (Garry Nelson).

Attendance: 5,351

Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS looks back at Argyle's 1985-86 and 1995-96 promotion campaigns



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YEARS AGO - 1995-96

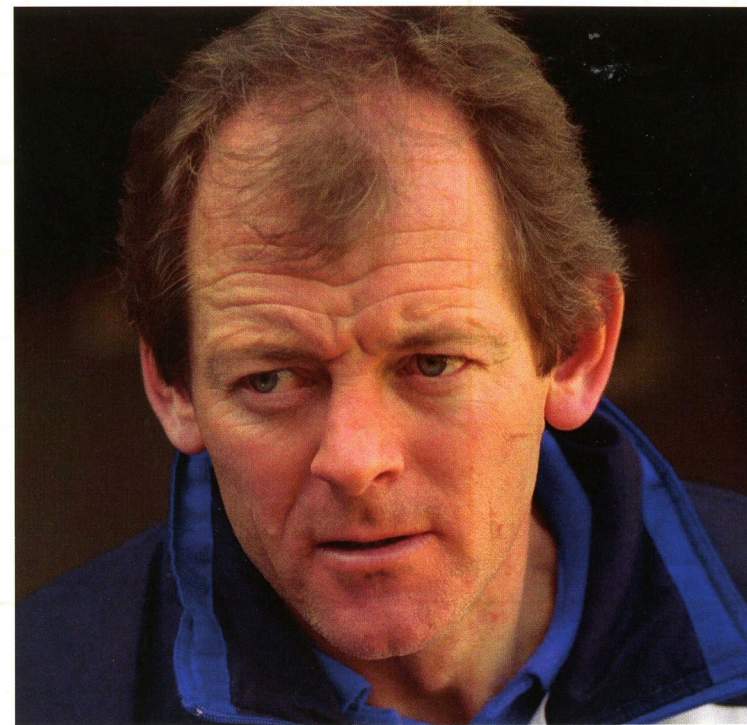
## PLAYER PROFILE

### Steve McCall

FORMER England Under-21 midfielder Steve McCall was twice voted Argyle's Player of the Year. After signing professional for Ipswich Town in October 1978, he made a club-record 175 consecutive first-team appearances and was sold to Sheffield Wednesday for £300,000 in June 1987. He joined Argyle in March 1992 and helped to qualify for the Second Division play-offs in 1993-94. Briefly Argyle's player-boss, he followed Kevin Hodges back to Home Park in August 1998 after two years at Torquay United and netted six goals in 133 League games overall for Argyle. He later rejoined Ipswich as a scout and coach.

### LUTON TOWN IN 1995-96

LUTON Town finished bottom of the First Division in 1995-96. The Hatters won only three of their opening 19 games and crashed to a 5-0 defeat at Stoke City. Lennie Lawrence replaced Terry Westley as manager in December and quickly plotted an eight-match unbeaten run but Luton won just two of their final 16 games.



**Match 37**  
**March 23**  
**EXETER CITY 1**  
**ARGYLE 1**

ARGYLE were held to a disappointing draw by local rivals Exeter City at St James' Park. Neil Warnock's side dominated for long periods and took the lead with Gary Clayton's swerving 20-yard drive after nine minutes. Exeter drew level from a rare attack in the 18th minute when Mark Cooper's shot deflected off Richard Logan's outstretched leg and looped over Steve Cherry. Argyle had 21 shots on goal, Exeter just four, but player-manager Peter Fox made a string of excellent saves. Mark Came and Noel Blake were inspirational figures in the heart of Exeter's defence as the heavy surface disrupted play.

Argyle: Steve Cherry, Mark Patterson, Paul Williams, Chris Billy, Mick Heathcote, Gary Clayton, Ian Baird, Richard Logan, Adrian Littlejohn, Michael Evans, Martin Barlow.

Attendance: 6,185

**Match 38**  
**March 30**  
**FULHAM 4**  
**ARGYLE 0**

ARGYLE crashed to their heaviest defeat of the season against Fulham at Craven Cottage. Peter Scott gave Fulham the lead after six minutes, finishing off a four-man move. Transfer deadline signing Carlo Corazzin made his Argyle debut as a first-half substitute for the injured Ian Baird but Simon Morgan doubled Fulham's advantage with a superb 25-yard shot on 51 minutes. Argyle offered little in reply. Mike Conroy scored Fulham's third goal in the 68th minute and Paul Brooker completed the rout with four minutes left. It ended Argyle's ten-match unbeaten run and Neil Warnock branded the display "a disgrace".

Argyle: Steve Cherry, Mark Patterson, Paul Williams, Chris Billy, Mick Heathcote, Gary Clayton, Ian Baird (Carlo Corazzin), Richard Logan, Adrian Littlejohn (Keith Hill), Michael Evans, Martin Barlow.

Attendance 5,887

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# POINTS OF VIEW

**DURING** half-time of last week's Europa League game between Liverpool and Manchester United, something very strange happened. Rio Ferdinand, one of BT Sport's trifecta of studio pundits for the game, referred to United as "we" when analysing the first half, accidentally referencing his support for the club. Usually, moments like that are seen as honest mistakes, made fun of on air, and quickly forgotten. This time, though, nobody batted an eyelid.

Jake Humphrey, Paul Scholes and Steve McManaman all just looked and nodded at Rio, as if flaunting your biased opinion in that position is just par for

the course. At that point, I realised we were not watching professionals. It is just an example of how the face of football punditry has changed dramatically over the last five years. By and large, unbiased and concise punditry has been usurped by big names, rash opinions and 'great banter'.

Why don't we just go back to the mid 2000s and bring back that 'FanZone' feature, where Sky brought in regular punters for an alternative commentary of big games? That feature was purposely silly and was never meant to be taken seriously, yet the sort of punditry we are offered nowadays is often as crass and ill-informed

as that which FanZone brought to the table.

Rolling out ex-players for punditry and co-commentary does make sense because of their first-hand experiences, and I totally understand that the potential draw of big names plays a big part in all of this. But what is the point if many of them do not say anything of any more worth than what you or I could chat about in the terraces?

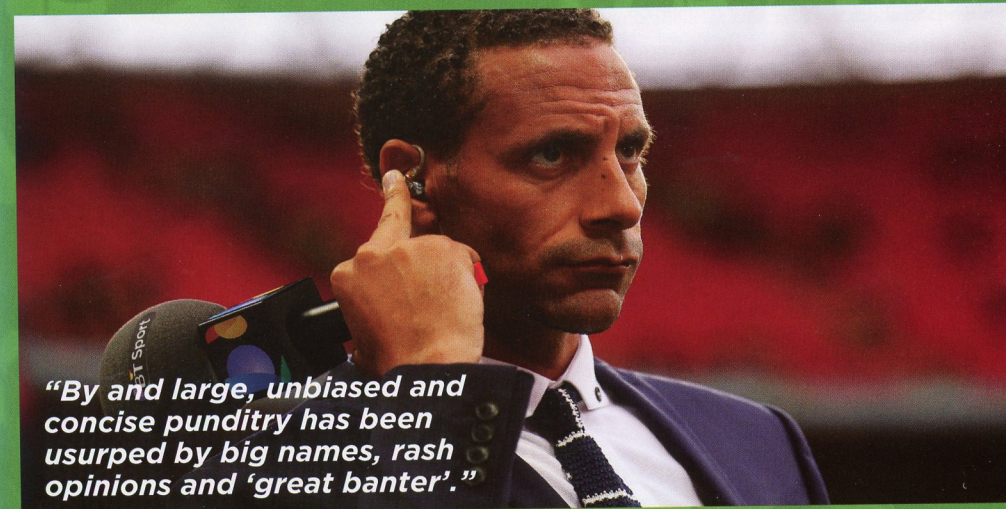
Passion is great; passion is entertaining; but entertainment is not the sole reason for the existence of pundits. I always thought the main reason was to offer concise, knowledgeable opinions – to say something that the

viewer could not possibly know themselves, or to approach the issue from a refreshing, different angle.

Maybe all that does not actually matter to TV companies any more. Maybe a successful former player with more than a million Twitter followers is what matters most nowadays, and I can accept that.

What I cannot accept is how choosing those people takes away opportunities from ex-players and journalists who do take their job seriously, do their research, and are capable of unbiased, interesting assessments of the match.

Is that too much to ask? I guess it is.



*"By and large, unbiased and concise punditry has been usurped by big names, rash opinions and 'great banter'."*

# The Thick Of It

## CARL AT BROOK GREEN



**THE Premier League for Sport programme works in partnership with Argyle Community Trust and offers a multi-skill session every week, teaching young people at the Brook Green Centre for Learning fundamental sport and athletic skills and co-ordination.**

At the unique centre, they work with young people aged 11-16 who have moderate learning difficulties and associated behavioural, social and emotional difficulties.

Staff, parents and students work harmoniously to produce a varied curriculum of vocational learning and caring in an enhanced environment to support the young individuals.

Argyle Community Trust runs six sports within their PL4 Sport programme: athletics, badminton, boxing, hockey, netball, table tennis. The partnership aims to deliver Olympic Sports to young people aged between 12-25 and engages more than 19,000 young people. Through PL4 Sport, more than 2,500 qualifications have already been gained.

Argyle's Carl McHugh visited the young individuals at Brook Green Centre last week in the Trust's weekly multi-skill athletic session. Carl was superb in encouraging the children to get involved and led an energetic warm-up to boost their motivation.

The young people were inspired to be learning with a football player and everybody thoroughly enjoyed the session. Carl McHugh said: "It was great to spend time with these kids, they bring so much energy to the sport and are so enthusiastic to learn."

Social Inclusion Manager Dwain Morgan said: "Carl's presence today really demonstrates what a powerful project PL4 Sport can be."

"Some of these participants may never have had the opportunity to watch an Argyle game, let alone meet one of our top players. The kids deserved this opportunity and it's great that Carl can come to celebrate their hard work and success."

## Who Nose?



## TODAY'S MASCOTS

### ISAAC HILLIER, 6

*Lives: North Tawton  
School: North Tawton Community Primary  
Favourite activities at school: Maths and playing football  
Favourite activity out of school: Playing football  
Favourite food: Ham and pineapple pizza  
Favourite TV programmes: Nick Kids and Football  
Favourite player: Tyler Harvey  
Result prediction: Argyle to win 4-1*



### JUDE HOLMES, 9

*Lives: Plympton  
School: Chaddlewood Primary  
Favourite activity at school: Maths  
Favourite activity out of school: Playing football  
Favourite food: Dominos Pizza  
Favourite TV programmes: WWE and Football  
Favourite player: Ryan Brunt  
Result prediction: Argyle to win 3-1*



### MYLES KEEGAN, 6

*Lives: Okehampton  
School: South Tawton Primary  
Favourite activities at school: Sports and maths  
Favourite activity out of school: Swimming, football and rugby  
Favourite food: KFC  
Favourite TV programme: Sport  
Favourite player: Reuben Reid  
Result prediction: Argyle win 2-1*



### TRISTAN BOSWELL, 9

*Lives: Plymouth  
School: Eggbuckland Vale  
Favourite activities at school: Art and projects  
Favourite activity out of school: Playing football  
Favourite food: Roast pork  
Favourite TV programme: The Flash  
Favourite player: Peter Hartley  
Result prediction: Argyle to win 3-1*



### ROAN HAMLIN, 9

*Lives: Welwyn Garden City  
School: Holy Family Primary  
Favourite activity at school: Maths  
Favourite activities out of school: Playing football and doing karate  
Favourite food: Pizza and fish & chips  
Favourite TV programme: Amazing World of Gumball  
Favourite player: Reuben Reid  
Result prediction: Argyle to win 3-2*



## LUTON LADS

**All the following players played for Luton Town. Can you name them from their stats?**

1 Born January 17, 1981, in Belfast. Played for Leeds, Bournemouth (loan), Bournemouth, Stockport, Luton, Cardiff (loan), Cardiff, Swansea (loan), Dundee United (loan), Sheffield Wednesday (loan), Oldham, Argyle, Salisbury, Linfield.

2) Born April 5, 1975, in Swansea. Played for Luton, Arsenal, West Ham, Wimbledon, Coventry, Celtic, West Brom (loan), Norwich (loan).

3 Born September 29, 1983, in Liverpool. Played for Argyle, Derby, Sheffield United (loan), Leeds, Portsmouth (loan), Preston (loan), Millwall, Crawley, Luton, Stockport.

## Ladies Latest

**DAVE Leonard is still in search for his first victory as Argyle Ladies manager since taking over from Kevin Taylor a little under a month ago. The Ladies lost a crucial game against relegation rivals Lewes 3-1 and followed that with a 4-2 home defeat by Tottenham Hotspur.**

The Ladies conceded within two minutes of kick-off against Tottenham as Wendy Martin played in Kelley Blanchflower, who slotted home.

Martin turned from provider to scorer as she fired in Tottenham's second from close range and then scored a third to send Argyle in 3-0 down at half-time.

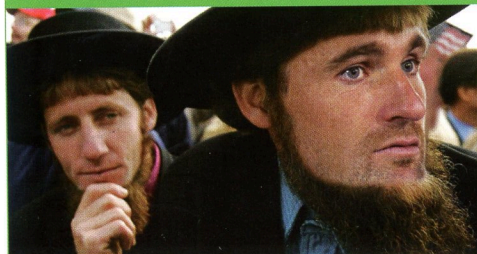
Intelligent play from Argyle and a clinical finish from Amber Pollock pulled one back for the Pilgrims before Spurs got their fourth straight from the restart through Bianca Baptiste.

Pollock then got her second of the game but it was too little, too late.

Tomorrow, Argyle are home to C&K Basildon.

## WOTTSY UP TO?

*OUR coach has uncovered his Swiss Anabaptist origins and moved to Pennsylvania. He now follows the Ordnung, which prohibits or limits his use of modern-day technology, other than churning butter and raising barns. So, Wottsy Up To?*



## FROM BRAZIL TO PLYMOUTH

**THE beautiful game has taken on many new variations in its decorated history and the invention of futsal has focussed on developing the technical skill involved with becoming an accomplished footballer.**

Futsal has grown immeasurably in recent years, becoming a champion of the Brazilian approach to football, although this version of the game actually dates back to the suburbs of Uruguay in 1930.

The South American journey has now made its way to Britain's Ocean City of Plymouth, where youngsters at Sir John Hunt Community Sports College are benefiting from an innovative new education programme designed to enhance football ability, while providing a BTEC qualification for progression to Higher Education and a career in sport.

Argyle Community Trust boasts a team of UEFA qualified coaches, delivering futsal sessions of the highest quality at Sir John Hunt and the students also compete in the dedicated Argyle Satellite League.

To enquire about becoming a genuine member of the Argyle family and earn a highly respected sporting qualification, please contact Lead Coach Stewart Walbridge on 01752 562561, option 4, or email [stewart.walbridge@pafc.co.uk](mailto:stewart.walbridge@pafc.co.uk).

## NEWS FROM THE AFT

Dates for your diary.

### Sunday, March 27

The Trust is taking a table at the South West Football Programme & Memorabilia Fair in the Tribute Lounge, Home Park, between 10.30am-1.30 pm.

We will have a lot of old programmes, books and other Argyle memorabilia for sale, plus our range of current merchandise - badges, mugs and fanzines.

If you have anything to donate or want to help on the day, please get in touch.

This will be a great event, so come and buy!

### Saturday, May 7

There are still a few hospitality places available for the Trust-sponsored last home game of the season against Hartlepool. You could enjoy the match, a meal and much more in style on what we hope will be an unmissable day.

For details of both these events, please contact: [secretary@argylefanstrust.com](mailto:secretary@argylefanstrust.com).

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# ANTIQUES ROADSHOW



"MEMORY is a way of holding on to the things you love; the things you are; the things you never want to lose..." This season, we are recalling some of the most memorable matches of the Pilgrims' long and varied history.

ON Tuesday, March 26, 2002, Argyle travelled to Spotland to face Rochdale, who had been beaten only once at home all season.

However, Paul Sturrock's side made sure that they maintained their 21-week lead of the 2001-02 Nationwide Third Division with a come-from-behind 3-1 victory.

It was the first time a Pilgrims promotion-winning side had featured substitutes, with one of the three replacements, Marino Keith, scoring. Graham Coughlan and Lee Hodges ensured Second Division football with six matches of the season to spare, the earliest in the year that the Pilgrims have been promoted.

Sturrock became only the second Argyle manager to win promotion in his first full season, after Neil Warnock.



squad check	
<b>Rochdale AFC</b>	<b>Plymouth Argyle</b>
1. Neil Edwards (cap)	1. Rossie Lorrain (cap)
2. Wayne Evans	2. David Worral
3. Sean McAliskey	3. Jon Beavenderick
4. Simon Coburn	4. David Frilo
5. Gareth Griffiths	5. Graham Coughlan
6. Richard Green	6. Craig Taylor
7. David Filcott	7. Brian McGilchay
8. Paul Ware	8. Sean Evers
9. Michael Oliver	9. Ricky Evans
10. Mott Doughty	10. Ian Stonebridge
11. Graeme Johnston	11. Martin Phillips
12. Lee Todd	12. Steve Adams
13. Matthew Galis (cap)	13. Lee Hodges
14. Kieron Durkin	14. Paul Watson
15. Alan McCoubrian	15. Kevin Wills
16. Lee McEvilly	16. Marino Keith
17. Kevin Tomlinson	17. Jason Black
18. Lee Duffy	18. Alan McCormick (cap)
19. Chris Platt	19. Paul Connolly
20. Richard Jobson	20. Neil Hensley
21. John Baker (cap)	
22. Steve James	
23. Paul Connor	
24. Patrick McCourt	
25. Simon Grant	
26. Steve Banks (cap)	

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 8 PAGES OF JOBS INSIDE TODAY

**WE'RE UP**

4-PAGE PULL-OUT AND PAGES 49, 50, 51 & 52

MANAGER Paul Sturrock saw Plymouth Argyle make sure of promotion from the third division with a 3-1 win at Rochdale and then declared: "Now for the title."  
 The Pilgrims trailed 1-0 to a spectacular 55th-minute strike from midfielder Paul Simpson, who was making his debut for the home team, but a triple substitution by Sturrock turned the match.  
 Striker Marino Keith came off the bench to score the equaliser in the 65th minute, before defender Graham Coughlan and midfielder Lee Hodges added late goals for the Pilgrims.  
 Argyle had only needed a draw to secure promotion but the win moved them five points clear of championship rivals Luton



**NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION THREE**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
ARGYLE.....	40	27	8	5	62	26	89
Luton.....	41	26	6	9	82	44	84
Mansfield....	40	21	7	12	61	47	70
Cheltenham..	39	18	14	7	60	43	68
Scunthorpe..	41	18	12	11	70	51	66
Rochdale.....	40	17	14	9	53	44	65
Rush & D's..	41	17	12	12	56	47	63





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Plymouth Stone's parent company, Martin and Sons, was founded in 1909 and today sees the fifth generation of that family actively involved in the working of natural stone. They are the market leaders in the fabrication of natural stone and quartz products in Devon and Cornwall for worktops, vanity tops, flooring, fireplace hearths and back panels and use the most up-to-date technology, alongside time-served craftsmen, to ensure the finished product is of the highest quality.

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### SHIRT SPONSOR - GIRLING JONES LTD

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With various entertainment packages and advertising campaigns, as well as community involvement, they look forward to showing their continued support for Argyle.

WE are hosting our Corporate Golf Day at St Mellion International Resort on Wednesday, April 13, and still have spaces available. If you would like to take part, or discuss the sponsorship opportunities available for this event, please contact the Commercial Operations team on 01752 302204, or email James Voisey at [james.voisey@paafc.co.uk](mailto:james.voisey@paafc.co.uk).



### MATCH PROGRAMME SPONSORSHIP - ASPIRE EUROPE

PROGRAMME Sponsor Aspire Europe are based in Bristol and specialise in programme management. They are established as one of the world leaders in this field, having published a number of books that are used around the world as standard guidance and for examinations.

Their services include consultancy, training and assurance to clients around the world and they have worked for organisations as diverse as FIFA, the London Olympics, Plymouth City Council and Queensland government.

Founder Rod Sowden is a Plymothian with Green blood in his veins and promotes the club and the club at every opportunity, bringing as many friends, clients and family to as many games as possible in the hope of converting them to the Green Army cause.

This is a special game as Aspire's longest serving employee, Mike Moore, is a lifetime Luton Town fan and it will resolve office bragging rights once and for all - it is also a very big 'thank you' for his services to our cause over the years.

### MATCH-BALL SPONSOR - 50/50 LOTTERY

WE welcome the 50/50 Lottery as our Match-Ball Sponsor. As part of their Pilgrim Partnership with Argyle, ten lucky supporters will be treated to a great afternoon in the Tribute Legends Lounge.

The 50/50 committee are a group of die-hard fans who work on a voluntary basis for the benefit of our club. The 50/50 Society was originally formed in 1997 and, since then, they have raised thousands of pounds for the club and fans.

Tickets have been capped at only 50p each since they started and the first cash prize has always been one of the top pay-outs in the league. This is down to their loyal fans who have supported the draw over the years. The other prizes in the 50/50 draw have been kindly donated by various companies and individuals; special thanks go out to them from all the 50/50 team.

The 50/50 could not survive without the continued support from you the fans, so thank you for all your support.

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Saturday, April 9  
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# FRESH FIELDS



## CARLSBERG SOUTHWEST PENINSULA LEAGUE DIVISION 1 WEST TABLE 2015-16

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Mousehole	20	19	0	1	74	57
Penryn	21	14	3	4	56	45
Sticker	19	14	2	3	29	44
Argyle	19	13	3	3	40	42
St Dennis	17	13	0	4	29	39
Liskeard	20	11	2	7	26	35
Wendron	19	10	3	6	-2	33
Plymstock	16	10	0	6	3	30
Penzance	20	7	4	9	-21	25
Holsworthy	20	7	2	11	-8	23
Bude Town	15	6	3	6	4	21
Dobwalls	20	6	1	13	-17	19
Porthleven	23	5	2	16	-41	17
Wadebridge	20	3	6	11	-23	15
Illogan Rbl	21	4	3	14	-41	15
Millbrook	19	2	2	15	-42	8
Vospers Ov	19	1	2	16	-66	5

## CARLSBERG SOUTHWEST PENINSULA FIXTURES AND STATS 2015-16

	AUGUST	ARGYLE STATS	APPS	GLS
Sat 8 Bude	4-3			
Wed 12 Holsworthy	1-0	Josh Richards	18	0
Sat 15 Vospers Oak	12-0	Callum Rose	16	0
Sat 22 Dobwalls	2-1	Callum Hall	16	3
Sat 29 Plymstock	0-1	Sam Ryan	15(1)	3
		Fletcher Williams	13(2)	2
SEPTEMBER				
Sat 5 Millbrook	1-0	Ryan Lane	12	8
Sat 12 Penzance	6-2	Louis Rooney	12	17
Wed 30 Penryn	3-3	Aaron Bentley	10	0
		Connor McCauley	10	2
OCTOBER				
Sat 3 Wendron	6-0	Aaron Taylor	9(1)	0
Sat 17 Sticker	1-2	Cory Harvey	9	0
Sat 24 Mousehole	3-1	Jordan Stidson	9	0
Sat 31 Vospers Oak	7-0	Ryan Law	8	0
		Liam Knowles	8	0
NOVEMBER				
Sat 7 Holsworthy	1-0	Billy Craske	4(3)	3
Sat 14 Porthleven	2-1	Connor Rush	4(3)	2
		Jason Vincent	4(1)	3
DECEMBER				
Sat 26 Plymstock	p	Jake Miller	4	2
		Jamil Roberts	4	0
JANUARY				
Sat 2 Illogan RBL	p	Deane Smalley	3	7
Sat 16 Wendron	p	Ben Cross	2(5)	0
Sat 23 Dobwalls	4-0	R Hamilton	2(1)	0
Sat 30 Penryn	p	Alex Fletcher	3(1)	1
		Jordan Bentley	3	0
FEBRUARY				
Sat 6 Bude Town	p	Tyler Harvey	3	5
Sat 13 Liskeard	p	Dan Rooney	2(1)	1
Sat 20 Sticker	1-1	Jack Calver	1(2)	0
Sat 27 Millbrook	2-0	Luke Jephcott	1(1)	0
		Lee Cox	1	1
MARCH				
Sat 5 St Dennis	4-2	Andrew Hannah	1	0
Sat 8 Wadebridge	1-1	Charlie Hardcastle	0(4)	0
Sat 12 Mousehole	1-3	Ben Steer	0(3)	0
Sat 19 Porthleven	H	Alex Battle	0(2)	0
Sat 28 Illogan RBL	H	Tallan Mitchell	0(2)	1
		Will Nessbit	0(2)	0
APRIL				
Sat 2 Liskeard Athletic	A	J Gito	0(1)	0
Sat 9 Penzance	A	Harry Hodges	0(1)	0
Sat 16 Wadebridge	H	Sam Morgan	0(1)	0
Wed 20 Plymstock	A			
Sat 23 Holsworthy	H			
Sat 30 St Dennis	A			
MAY				
Mon 2 Wendron	H			
Sat 7 Illogan RBL	A			



## FOOTBALL LEAGUE YOUTH ALLIANCE TABLE AND FIXTURES 2015-16

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Argyle	18	12	3	3	15	39
Cheltenham Town	18	10	2	6	14	32
AFC Bournemouth	18	9	4	5	8	31
Exeter City	18	8	3	7	-2	27
Portsmouth	18	8	2	8	8	26
Oxford United	18	8	1	9	-1	25
Swindon Town	18	7	3	8	-2	24
Bristol Rovers	18	5	6	7	-7	21
Newport County	18	5	3	10	-17	18
Yeovil Town	18	4	1	13	-16	13

	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
Sat 8 Swindon	2-3	Sat 14 Cheltenham	4-4	
Sat 15 Bristol Rovers	0-0	Sat 21 Yeovil	p	
Sat 22 Bournemouth	1-3	Sat 28 IN SERVICE		
Sat 29 Newport	2-1	DECEMBER		
		Sat 5 Oxford	1-0	
SEPTEMBER		JANUARY 2016		
Wed 2 Exeter (Cup)	1-0	Wed 2 Swindon	2-1	
Sat 5 Exeter City	5-1	Tue 12 Yeovil	2-1	
Sat 12 Cheltenham	5-1	Fri 15 Bristol Rovers	0-0	
Sat 19 Portsmouth	2-1	Tue 19 Portsmouth	0-3*	
Sat 26 Yeovil	2-1	Sat 23 Bournemouth	1-0	
OCTOBER				
Fri 2 Wimbledon (Cup)	0-0			
Lost 5-4 on pens				
Sat 10 Oxford	4-2			
Sat 17 Newport	2-1			
Sat 24 Exeter	4-1			
NOVEMBER				
Sat 7 Portsmouth	p			

LP = Langsford Park;  
SH = Seale-Hayne;  
EV = Elburton Villa  
\* Played at Portsmouth

## FOOTBALL LEAGUE YOUTH ALLIANCE MERIT LEAGUE 1 TABLE AND FIXTURES 2016

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Leyton O	4	4	0	0	10	12
Wimbledon	4	3	1	0	5	10
Bournemouth	5	3	1	1	4	10
Portsmouth	5	3	1	1	1	10
Southend	4	2	1	1	2	7
Cheltenham	4	2	0	2	1	6
Argyle	4	1	0	3	-2	3
Exeter	4	1	0	3	-3	3
Luton	4	1	0	3	-3	3
Barnet	5	1	0	4	-7	3
Gillingham	5	1	0	4	-8	3

	FEBRUARY	APRIL	
Mon 15 Gillingham	1-2	Sat 2 Southend	H
Fri 19 Barnet	2-4	Sat 9 Luton	A
Fri 26 Wimbledon	1-3	Sat 16 Cheltenham	A
		Fri 22 Bournemouth	H
MARCH			
Thu 3 Exeter	5-2		
Sat 19 Leyton O	A		
Sat 26 Portsmouth	A		

	ARGYLE STATS	APPS	GLS
Alex Battle	19(1)	7	2
Alex Fletcher	19	8	0
Dan Rooney	18(1)	4	0
Jordan Bentley	18	0	0
Jason Vincent	16(1)	9	1
Jack Calver	14	4	2
Liam Knowles	14	0	0
Billy Palfrey	14	1	0
Owen Jones	12(1)	1	1
Aaron Taylor	10(1)	0	0
Michael Cooper	10	0	0
Cory Harvey	10	0	0
Jamil Roberts	9(2)	1	0
Jake Miller	7(1)	1	0
Ben Steer	7	2	0
Sam Ryan	4(2)	0	0
Ryan Law	3	0	0
Luke Jephcott	2(7)	1	2
Cameron Sangster	2(5)	2	0
Josh Richards	2(4)	0	0
Harry Downing	2(2)	0	0
Callum Rose	2(2)	0	0
Elliot Crawford	1	0	0
Connor Macauley	1	0	0
Matt Ward	1(1)	1	0
Harry Hodges	0(4)	0	0
Billy Craske	0(2)	0	0
Aaron Gouly	0(2)	0	0
Tom Purrington	0(2)	0	0
Sam Morgan	0(1)	0	0

## UNDER-21 PREMIER LEAGUE CUP

SEPTEMBER	
Tue 15 Wimbledon2-(aet)	
OCTOBER	
Thu 8 Millwall	0-1

## FINAL THIRD DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE CUP

SEPTEMBER	
Tue 22 Swindon	1-4
DECEMBER	
Tue 1 Newport	3-4
FEBRUARY	
Tue 2 Bristol Rovers	1-1

## FA YOUTH CUP

OCTOBER	
Wed 28 Portsmouth	0-3

## FA WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE SOUTHERN DIVISION

MARCH	
Sun 6 Lewes	1-3
Sun 13 Tottenham	2-4
Sun 20 C & K Basildon	H
Sun 27 QPR	H
APRIL	
Sun 10 Forest Green R	H
Sun 17 Charlton A	A

## FA WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE CUP

AUGUST	
Sun 30 St Nicholas	7-2
OCTOBER	
Sun 4 Tottenham	1-4
NOVEMBER	
Sun 22 Activate	16-0

## SWH LTD DEVON WOMEN'S SENIOR CUP

FEBRUARY	
Sun 7 Exeter	3-2

APRIL	
Thu 14 Marine Academy*	
*at Coach Road, Newton Abbot	

## WOMEN'S FA CUP

JANUARY	
Sun 10 Charlton	0-9

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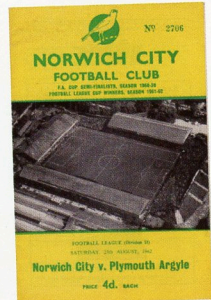


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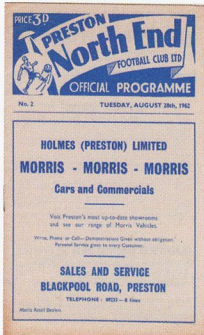
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SOMEONE worked out recently that, if you have been to every Argyle away game in the last 40 years, you would have travelled the equivalent of a trip to the moon and back. With no roadworks on the M5. And more atmosphere. This season, we are remembering some of our past campaigns by looking at the match-day programmes of the clubs to which we journeyed.

Today, we revisit the visits we made in 1962-63 Second Division season.



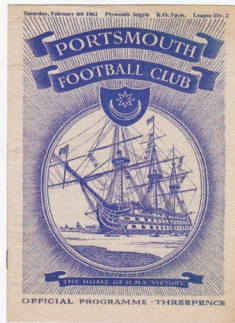
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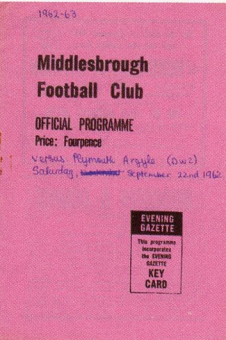
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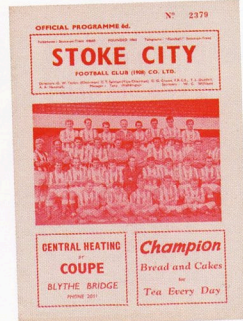
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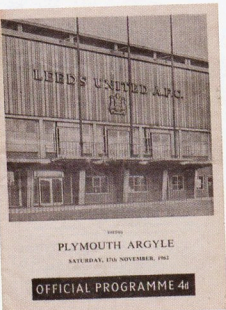
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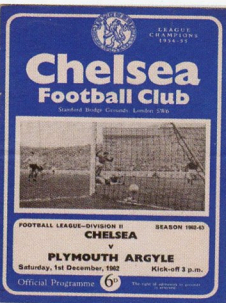
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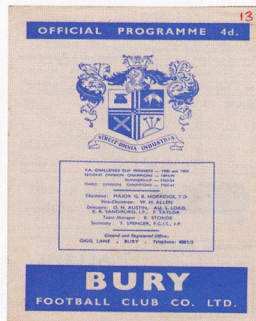
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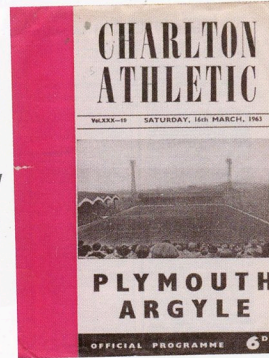


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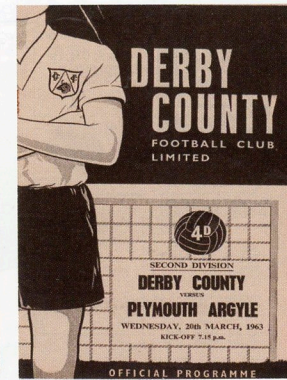


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L 1-2 21,043
- 2 **Preston North End**  
D 0-0 14,248
- 3 **Newcastle United**  
L 1-3 34,375
- 4 **Portsmouth**  
W 2-1 22,661
- 5 **Middlesbrough**  
L 0-3 17,812
- 6 **Scunthorpe United**  
D 2-2 8,712
- 7 **Rotherham United**  
L 2-3 9,351
- 8 **Stoke City**  
D 2-2 24,698
- 9 **Leeds United**  
L 1-6 15,301
- 10 **Chelsea**  
D 1-1 29,829
- 11 **Grimsby Town**  
D 1-1 8,833
- 12 **Bury**  
W 2-1 10,054
- 13 **Charlton Athletic**  
L 3-6 10,406
- 14 **Derby County**  
L 2-3 10,484
- 15 **Walsall**  
D 2-2 7,846
- 16 **Sunderland**  
D 1-1 31,276
- 17 **Huddersfield Town**  
L 2-4 8,452
- 18 **Swansea Town**  
L 1-2 9,804
- 19 **Southampton**  
D 1-1 22,557
- 20 **Luton Town**  
L 0-3 6,853
- 21 **Cardiff City**  
L 1-2 9,673



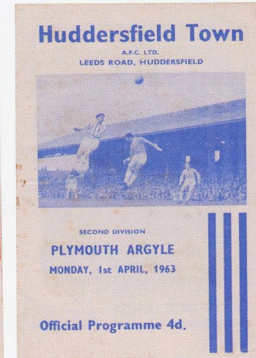
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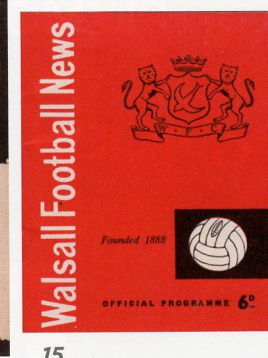
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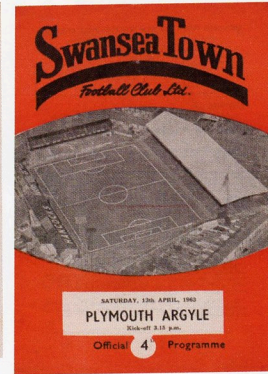
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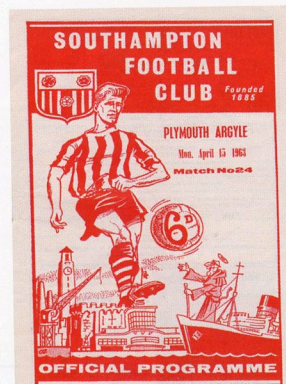
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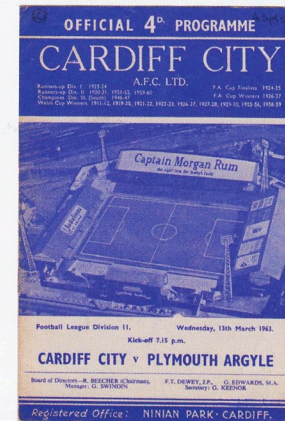
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**Friday, March 25**  
**3pm . Sky Bet League 2**

THE Shrimps, who have played in the Football League only since their promotion from the Conference in 2007 (after beating Exeter at Wembley in the play-off final) and have been at their current ground, the Globe Arena, only since 2010.

A modern purpose-built stadium, the ground boasts an impressive

cantilever main stand which can seat 2,173 and has two rows of executive boxes. The capacity of the ground is 6,476, which is made up of standing terraces behind each goal and a small terrace opposite the main stand.

The record attendance at the ground is 5,003, who came to see the local derby with Lancashire rivals Burnley in a League Cup second round tie in 2010. The record attendance at the club's previous ground, Christie Park, was 9,234 against Weymouth in a 1962 FA Cup tie.

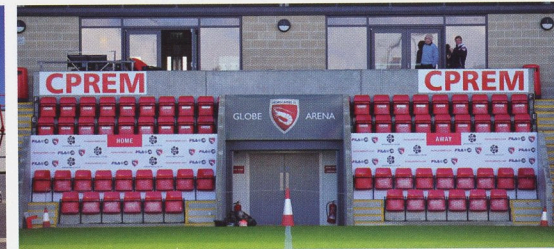
**Away end**  
THE away end where

the Green Army will be housed is a small covered terrace behind the goal at east end of the ground, cleverly called the East Terrace. This holds a capacity of 1,400 and offers an uninterrupted view for all fans because of the small, but effective, cantilever roof. Those wishing to sit are offered up to 300 seats in the east wing of the main stand.

**Car-parking**  
PARKING at the stadium itself is reserved for permit-holders only. This being so, there is only street parking on offer which can mainly be found on the opposite side of the railway bridge from the stadium.

**Local pubs**  
ADJACENT to the ground is a new Marston's pub called the Hurley Flyer. This also offers a car-park at £10 per car which can be refunded off food purchases. The only alternative within ten minutes walk is at the Regent Leisure Holiday Park, which is along the Westgate. If you want to catch a glimpse of the sea, there are numerous bars and pubs along the seafront which is about a 15 minute walk.

**Average attendances**  
2014-15: 1,611  
2013-14: 1,606  
2012-13: 1,675



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# The Trip

Miles and Miles and Miles to follow the Greens Liffes with Sam Barker

**Argyle @ Barnet  
Sky Bet League 2  
March 1, 2016**

**12.10pm:** The season is into March and we are on the march again, this time to North London to see Argyle take on Barnet at The Hive - a new ground that we have not yet visited. The last time we played Barnet away, at Underhill, we won 4-1. More of the same would be nice tonight!

**4.15pm:** We are not far off arriving at the ground when we get stuck in heavy London traffic. We pass the time by watching the house numbers on the street go up and up. By the time we reach the top of the road, the number is incredibly into the 1,500s!

**4.30pm:** We arrive at The Hive, which is undoubtedly one of the strangest stadiums I have ever visited. It is now Barnet's permanent home but has a very temporary feel to it, with it being built at their training

ground and surrounded by training pitches.

**5pm:** After a short walk out of the training complex, we find our way to where the local shops are. There is not a huge choice of pubs nearby when it comes to finding places to drink but we eventually stumbled across an Irish bar where we eventually get our last round on the house as a 'thank you' for our custom - ideal!

**7.45pm:** Kick-off, and there are more than 1,000 Argyle fans crammed into the away sections - a fantastic following for a Tuesday night fixture so far from home.

**8pm:** Jordan Forster has just gone flying into the advertising hoardings at the side of the pitch and is lying very still on the pitch. It is a horrible injury to witness and Barnet fans join in the applause as he is taken off on a stretcher. Surely those boards are too close to the pitch?

**8.20pm:** Now Ryan Brunt is being taken off on a stretcher in what is becoming a very costly half for Argyle. An incredible 14 minutes are added on at the end.

**9.20pm:** Argyle fans are literally bouncing in the terrace - although made of steel, it feels like a trampoline at times with everyone jumping up and down on it!

**9.30pm:** Barnet take the lead and their fans start to make some noise for the first time this evening. Sigh.

**9.50pm:** Full time and Argyle lose 1-0. The Green Army applaud the team off the pitch after a harsh result and a very tough game following the early injuries that we are arguably more concerned about than the result.

**2am:** We are finally back in Plymouth. Tuesday night away matches are not treating us well this season!



## Sat nav

(mileage)

1 - Carlisle United	778.8
2 - Hartlepool United	775.9
3 - York City	674.2
4 - Morecambe	660.2
5 - Accrington Stanley	626.0
6 - Cambridge United	577.4
7 - Mansfield Town	534.2
8 - Stevenage	517.2
9 - Leyton Orient	514.0
10 - Luton Town	508.4
11 - Notts County	506.0
12 - Northampton Town	505.2
13 - Dagenham & Redbridge	505.0
14 - Barnet	504.0
15 - Crawley Town	462.0
16 - Wycombe	444.4
17 - AFC Wimbledon	410.6
18 - Oxford United	392.6
19 - Portsmouth	341.8
20 - Newport County	277.4
21 - Bristol Rovers	248.0
22 - Yeovil Town	180.0
23 - Exeter City	92.2
TOTAL	11035.4

BETWEEN	
1-100	1
101-200	1
201-300	2
301-400	2
401-500	3
501-600	9
601-700	3
Over 700	2

# BIG TICKET

## 50/50 LOTTERY

GOOD afternoon and welcome to your 50/50 Lottery brief. What a funny old game football is - from a terrific game against Oxford to a bad day at the office at Accrington; but, thanks to other results going in our favour, we still have a great chance of going up to League 1. So, come on lads, let's get back to winning ways - you know you can do it and we are all in this together. Come On You Greens.

Not only did young couple Chris O'Keefe and his wife Katie make their first trip to the Theatre Of Greens for our game against Notts County, it also saw Chris complete visiting all 92 league grounds in the top four divisions - he is now an official member of the 92 Club. The day was made extra special as, thanks to Katie, who bought 50/50 Lottery

tickets, they won the £702 cash prize in the half-time draw. What an unbelievable result.

Chris said he always buys tickets at away grounds as the money goes to good causes for the clubs, although they have never won until now. The money has been well spent, with Chris taking his dad on a trip to Ireland and buying a ticket for Republic of Ireland v Sweden at Euro 2016. Katie went on a shopping spree to buy clothes and, last Saturday, had a night out with the girls. Not surprisingly, they are now Green Army fans!

Today, your 50/50 Lottery are Match-Ball Sponsors and ten lucky fans will doubtlessly have a great time in the Tribute Legends Lounge with this fantastic package. This is the last game as part of our Pilgrim Partnership



deal with the club for this season but let's hope we can continue the whole package for you, our terrific loyal fans, again next year when we shall be entering the 20th year of the 50/50 Lottery. We plan to make this a very special event and I will keep you advised of details nearer the time.

The prizes for today are:

**1st** - cash;  
**2nd** - a two-course meal for four people, plus a drink, at the Berkeley Bar

and Grill, Plymouth;  
**3rd** - a meal for four people at the Chaddlewood Inn, Plymouth;  
**4th** - a voucher for one visit to the County Chiropractic Clinic in Plymouth.

Thanks for supporting the 50/50 Lottery and - remember - you have to be in it to win it.

Enjoy the game.

*Ken Beale and our great 50/50 team*

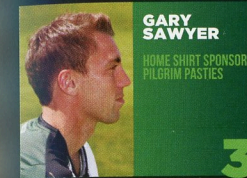
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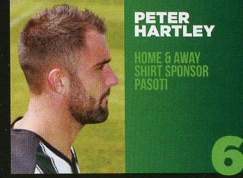
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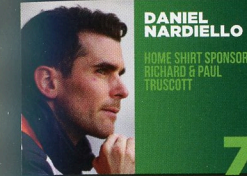
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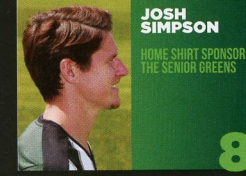
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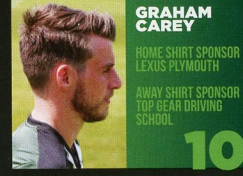
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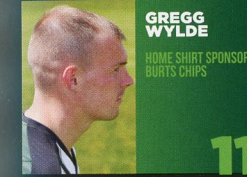
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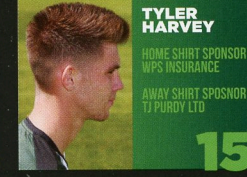
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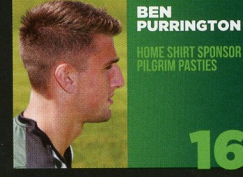
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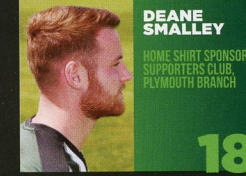
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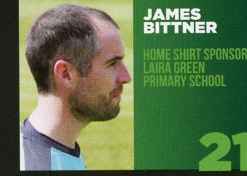
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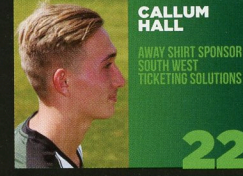
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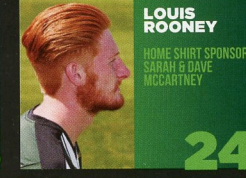
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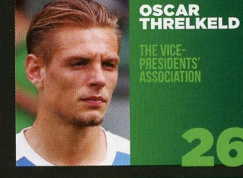
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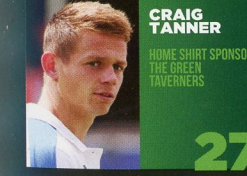
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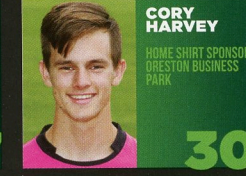
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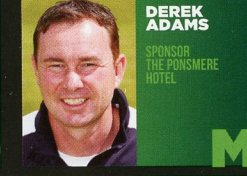
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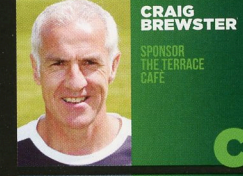
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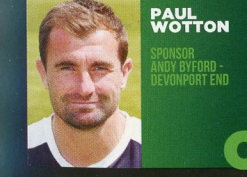
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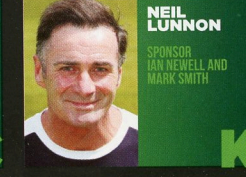
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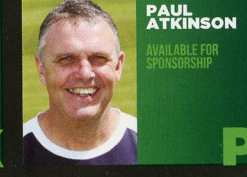
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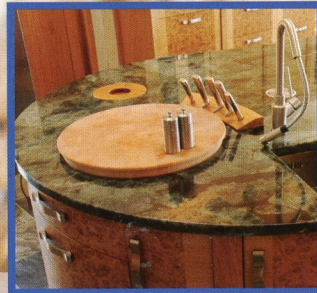
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# WATCHING

by Blake Hall



**THE top of the Premier League has become exciting again – and isn't football better for it? But are proclamations that the "Top Four Era" is over a bit premature?**

We all know the situation. Leicester and Spurs are vying for top spot; it is fresh; it is exciting. In Leicester's case, especially, it means the amount of money spent on players is no longer a virtual guarantee of success. If both remain in the Champions' League spots, the "new boys" will receive extra income and, just as importantly, deny the rich usual suspects of their perennial share of the bloated Champions' League benevolent fund.

Without wishing to denigrate the efforts of either Spurs or Leicester, the enjoyment of seeing Chelsea and Manchester United spend their way to mediocrity has resulted in as much enjoyment for me as the rise of the underdog. The Germans call it *schadenfreude*.

I have really enjoyed watching Manchester United's failure. A club that for so long has been ruled

so ruthlessly by one iron fist has become disjointed and without strategy. Like most countries where dictatorships have been removed from power, United appear to have hit a mini civil war, with bullets flying from various snipers at Old Trafford (including from said deposed dictator) and a lack of leadership from all areas of the club. Once the rulers of the world, United cannot even rule their own city (or should that be 'City'). I genuinely do not think they will be a proper power again for a long, long time.

I am confident that Chelsea, on the other hand, will be restored to the top end of the table, although even that is no guarantee. Clearly there was a blip at the start of this season and the arrival of the less volatile leadership of Guus Hiddink has led to an improved form more in tune with a top-four club. You can see Chelsea doing well from here on and a few tweaks would see them there or thereabouts next season, providing there is no mass exodus of players in May following their impending relatively lowly finish.

Here is the main point. The

Stamford Bridge club is clearly not going to qualify for the Champions' League, so will their star names alert Comrade Abramovich of their intention to do the offski? I would question the character of players such as Eden Hazard, Diego Costa and Cesc Fabregas, who seem to leave their clubs when the going gets tough. This is fine, but how easy will it be to replace these players with those of equal or better ability. I will add John Terry to the list of outgoing players. I would suggest this will be more difficult.

I would hope that the new manager is given the time needed to rebuild the team. History would suggest not, though. I would think that their churn of managers may not be the best policy if the team is to need its biggest overhaul in a generation.

So where does that leave Leicester and Spurs? Well, Spurs have a fantastic defence and a well-balanced midfield full of flair and tenacity; in attack, they are wholly reliant on Harry Kane and one hopes for their

sake (and England's) that he can stay in form and injury-free.

Ditto Jamie Vardy for Leicester, whose pace and ability to win free-kicks and penalties remains a threat to everyone, whilst Kanté, Mahrez and Drinkwater have been brilliant in midfield and the defence have been solid all season. Who would have thought that Danny Simpson, Robert Huth, Wes Morgan and Christian Fuchs would be a title-chasing back four?

Whatever the season holds, one hopes that the usual "fat cats" do not break up either team.

*"the enjoyment of seeing Chelsea and Manchester United spend their way to mediocrity has resulted in as much enjoyment for me."*



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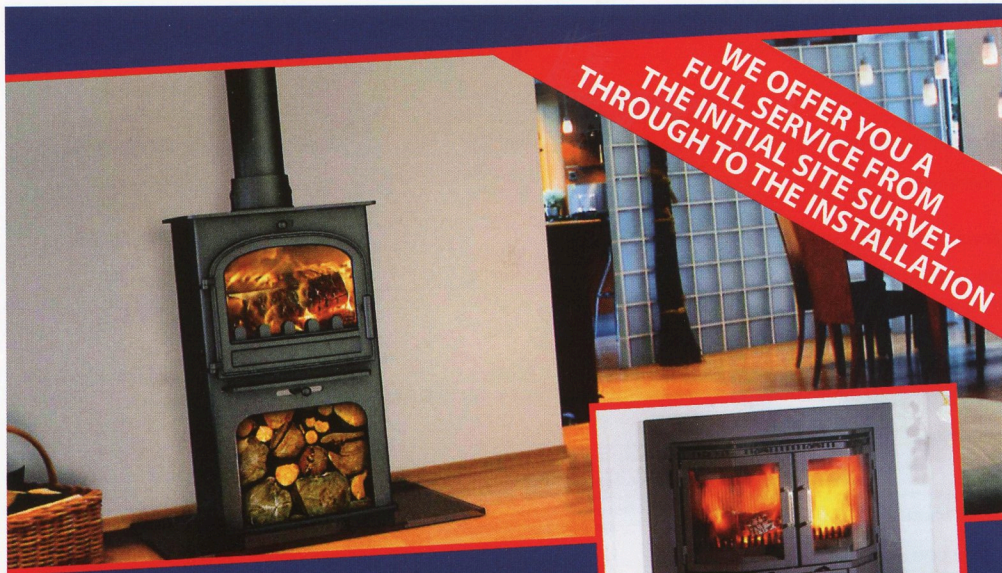
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# LUCKY NUMBERS

AS we welcome Luton Town to Home Park, CHARLIE ROSE takes a look at some numerically significant moments in the history of the club and its predecessors.



**6** CURRENT Luton boss Nathan Jones, who was linked to the Argyle managerial post in the summer, took on his first full-time first team managerial job at Kenilworth Road in early January. Having been an assistant manager at Yeovil and Brighton, former Luton player Jones left the Seagulls to return to them. He has had six wins, two draws and three defeats in his short spell as Luton gaffer.

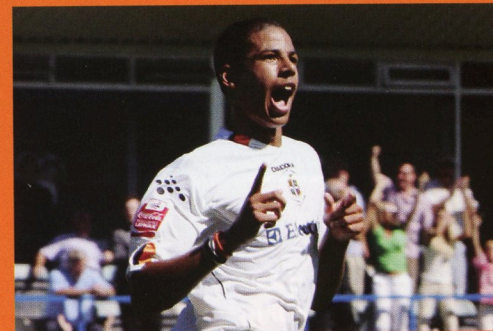


**3** LUTON received their joint-highest transfer fee in 2005, when Curtis Davies moved to West Bromwich Albion for £3m. Two years later, this figure was equalled when Birmingham City paid £3m for the services of Rowan Vine.



**1** OF all the managers to have taken charge of Luton for 50 games or more, only one has not been either English or Scottish - Joe Kinnear. Remember him?

**30** LUTON were relegated out of the Football League in 2009 after starting the season with a 30-point penalty for financial misconduct and failing to satisfy the League's insolvency rules. Without the penalty, they would have finished the season in 15th place.



**36** ,196 THE biggest attendance for a meeting between the Pilgrims and Luton came in 1948, when a third-round FA Cup tie between the two sides attracted 36,196 fans to Home Park. Luton won 4-2.

**58** LUTON'S most capped player is Mal Donaghy, who earned 58 Northern Ireland caps while at the club.



**1** LUTON lifted the 1988 Littlewoods Cup at a packed Wembley Stadium, beating Arsenal 3-2. Danny Wilson scored in the 81st minute to level the scores at 2-2 and Brian Stein scored his second of the afternoon in the 90th minute to win Luton the first and only major trophy in their history.

**4** TODAY'S visitors have had four different stints in the Anglo-Italian Cup, with their first participation coming in 1973 before three tilts between 1992-1995. The Hatters never made it past the group stages.

**276** LUTON's all-time top goalscorer is Gordon Turner. Between 1949-64, Turner netted 276 times for the Hatters.

**1959** LUTON reached the FA Cup final for the first and only time 57 years ago. The Hatters had to settle for second best on the day, however, as Elton John's cousin Roy Dwight and Tommy Wilson's goals were enough for Nottingham Forest to lift the cup. Dave Pacey scored the consolation for Luton as they lost 2-1.

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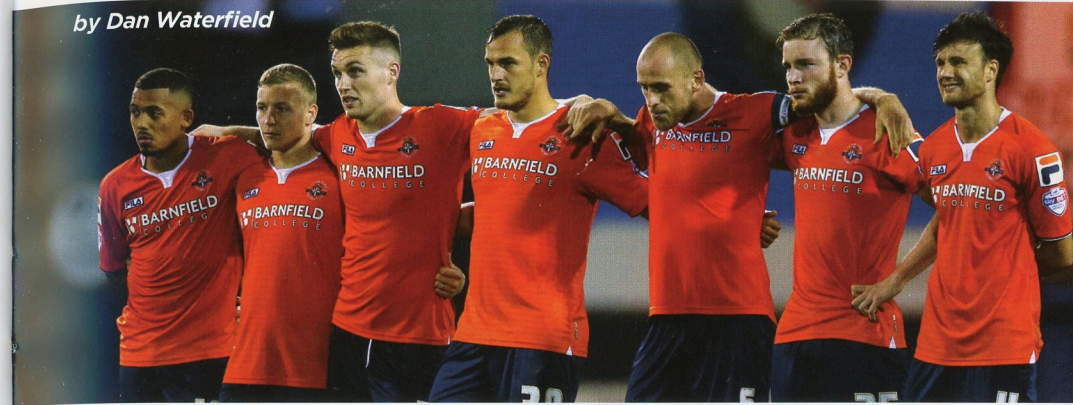
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# TOP OF THE FORM

by Dan Waterfield



UP until their last time out, Luton were one of the form sides in Sky Bet League 2.

Despite having a largely up and down season, the Hatters find themselves in 13th place in the division, having won four of their last five matches.

Many were expecting Luton to push for promotion this year, especially with the natural goalscoring talents of Craig Mackail-Smith leading the line. That has not quite transpired but, if they were to keep up their current form, they could be contenders to reach the end-of-season play-offs.

Their recent run started with a 2-1 home win over struggling Hartlepool. Cameron McGeehan gave Luton the lead with 30 minutes to go, but Adam Jackson equalised just moments later. The predator that is Mackail-Smith popped up in the 86th minute, however, saving the day and the three points.

The following week, McGeehan again gave the Hatters the lead, midway through the second half of their trip to York City. Bradley Fwster equalised, before Jack Marriott gave Luton the lead again with 15 minutes



**LUTON'S RECENT PAST**  
February 20 v Hartlepool United (SL, H) W 2-1 (McGeehan, Mackail-Smith)  
February 27 v York City (SL, A) W 3-2 (McGeehan, Marriott, Lee)  
March 1 v Morecambe (SL, H) W 1-0 (Marriott)  
March 5 v Leyton Orient (SL, A) W 1-0 (Marriott)  
March 12 v Crawley Town (SL, H) L 0-1

up once again to nearly spoil the party, but former Pilgrim Ollie Lee had the last say, scoring in the 92nd minute to steal a 3-2 win and claim all three points.

Confidence was oozing through the side, and Marriott demonstrated what confidence can do as he scored the only goal in Luton's subsequent home game against Morecambe – his 11th of the season – to make it three wins from three.

Three became four in a relatively local derby, as Luton travelled the short distance into London to play Leyton Orient. Kevin Nolan's side have struggled at home, and that proved the same again as Marriott scored a beautiful lob to leave with Luton with the bragging rights for another year.

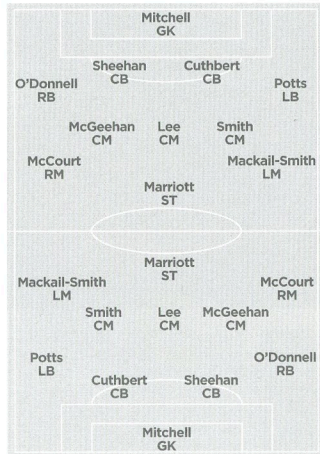
Last time out, they crashed back down to earth with a bump, though, as they found themselves on the end of a 1-0 home defeat to Crawley Town. Luton had been largely the better side, and will have been disappointed to see Matt Harrod's strike find the bottom corner with around 15 minutes to go.

With the play-offs just about in sight, Luton will prove a stern test today as they aim to crash the

# Shooting Stars

by Chris Groves

v Crawley Town H, March 12

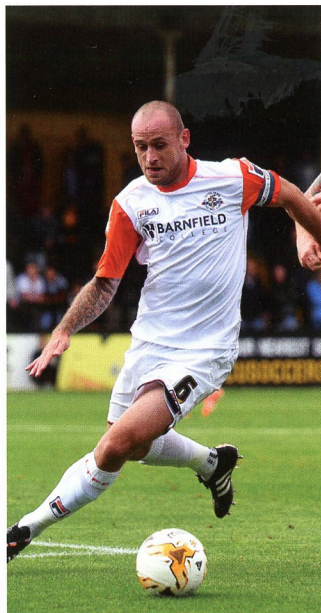


v Leyton Orient A, March 5

## The Rest

BROUGHT in on loan from Derby County, JONATHAN MITCHELL has been Luton's goalkeeper for the last three games, with ELLIOT JUSTHAM as his back-up. Another loanee, ALAN SHEEHAN from Bradford City, has been filling in at centre-back alongside Cuthbert as well as midfield, as has JONATHAN SMITH, who is usually a holding midfielder. Full-back DANIEL POTTS has come back into the side this month after not playing since October, whilst STEPHEN O'DONNELL and JAKE HOWELLS are used more often defensively, PELLY RUDDOCK MPANZU played in today's reverse fixture but has struggled with injuries all season, whilst former Celtic midfielder PADDY McCOURT is a dangerous option. ALEX LAWLESS has been at Luton since 2010; DANIEL GREEN has contributed five goals to Town's cause this season; and winger RYAN HALL has played ten times; whilst NATHAN DOYLE is a more defensive-minded midfielder. JOSH McQUOID scored in Luton's 2-1 loss to Argyle in October. Thirty-six year-old PAUL BENSON has not played since mid February, whilst Charlton Athletic loanee JOE PIGOTT played against Argyle last season for Southend United.

## Scott Cuthbert



**Born: June 15, 1987**  
**Alexandria**

PART of the Celtic set-up since 1998, Cuthbert was a stand-out talent in the youth ranks of the Scottish giants, captaining both their Under-19 and reserve sides. Despite this, the commanding centre-back was unable to break into Celtic's first team, making his professional for Hibernian instead during a short loan spell in 2006. Then came a season-long loan at St Mirren that ran until the end of his initial contract and, when Celtic chose not to extend his deal, Scott headed south to sign for Swindon Town. His first season with the Robins saw him play 48 times, with one of the games coming at Wembley Stadium as they reached the League 1 play-off final. Town lost that match, however, and were relegated to League 2 the following season, leading to a move to Leyton Orient in 2011. Winning the club's Player of the Year award in his first season at Brisbane Road, the defender made 160 appearances for Orient before experiencing another relegation to League 2 and heading to Luton last year.

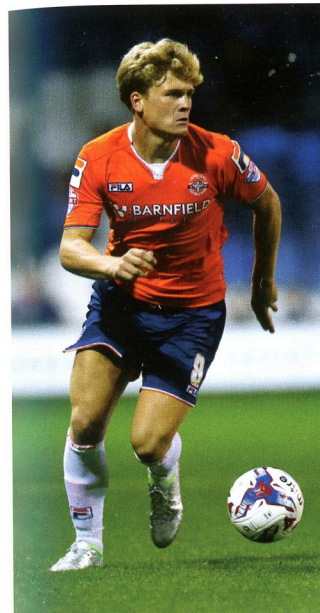
## Olly Lee



**Born: July 11, 1991**  
**Hornchurch**

OLLY'S time with Argyle may have been fairly short, but it included its fair share of eye-catching moments. The central midfielder joined the Pilgrims on loan from Birmingham City towards the end of last season and played 15 times. After a headed goal against Hartlepool United in a 3-1 defeat, Lee was sent off during a 3-1 victory of Argyle's own, against Exeter City. Despite a three-match suspension, Lee's loan was extended until the end of the season, during which time he scored a superb goal in an Easter Monday defeat to Portsmouth at Fratton Park. A cultured player with an eye for goal, Olly began his career with West Ham United, and played for Dagenham & Redbridge, Barnet and Gillingham before joining Birmingham in 2013. Whilst he missed today's reverse fixture earlier this season, Lee has been a regular in the Luton's midfield since signing for the Hatters last August, with his goals against both Hartlepool and York coming in the form of brilliant long-range strikes.

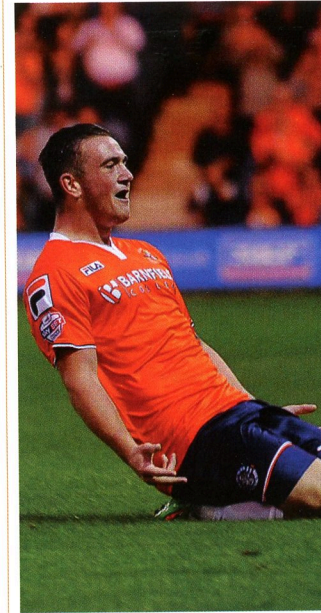
## Cameron McGeehan



**Born: April 6, 1995**  
**Kingston-upon-Thames**

ONE of the most naturally gifted players in Sky Bet League 2, McGeehan's ability may be hard to channel consistently, but he remains a key threat for Luton. After spending time in the youth academies of both Fulham and Chelsea as a teenager, Cameron joined Norwich in 2011 and scored a pair of penalties in the two-legged FA Youth Cup final, captaining the Canaries to victory. A Northern Ireland international at three youth levels and with half a chance of boarding the plane to France with his country this summer, McGeehan scored nine goals in League 2 last season in three different loan spells, including a stint with Cambridge United that consisted of four league games, a goalless draw against Manchester United in the FA Cup, three goals, and a red card. The other two loans were with Luton, where he showed enough promise to be signed by the Hatters for a six-figure fee last summer. With ten goals to his this name campaign, the attacking midfielder is well on his way to paying back that transfer fee.

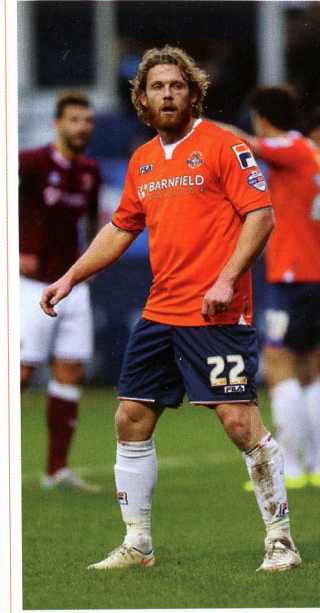
## Jack Marriott



**Born: September 9, 1994**  
**Beverley**

MARRIOTT currently shares top goal-scorer honours this season with McGeehan, having also taken his goals tally into double figures, including the only goals in wins over Leyton Orient and Morecambe this month. After beginning the season as an impact substitute, Marriott forced his way into Luton's starting line-up in October and has rarely been out of it since, scoring in wins over AFC Wimbledon, York City and Hartlepool United. The 21-year old joined the Bedfordshire side at the beginning of this season, ending a six-year affiliation with Ipswich Town that consisted of three times as many loan moves as it did first-team league games. A spell with Conference side Woking in 2013 saw Marriott net eight times in seven games, including a hat-trick in an FA Trophy tie, leading to spells with Football League clubs Colchester United, Gillingham and Carlisle United. He still went back to Woking on two occasions in 2014 and 2015, though, and 18 of the 19 goals Jack scored in his loan spells were for the Cardinals.

## Craig Mackail-Smith



**Born: February 25, 1984**  
**Watford**

A FOOTBALL League veteran with a goalscoring history, the Scotland international has made more than 100 appearances for three different clubs. Alongside the likes of Aaron McLean, Mackail-Smith was an integral part of Peterborough United's rise from League 2 to the Championship between 2008-2011. In the 2010-11 campaign, Craig scored 35 goals in all competitions, making him the leading goalscorer in England that season, the final strike coming in a 3-0 win over Huddersfield Town that clinched promotion to the second tier. Ninety-nine goals in 212 games for the Posh have made him a Peterborough icon, but before that, Craig showed his talent at Dagenham & Redbridge, scoring 38 goals in 108 league appearances, all in the Conference Premier. Brighton & Hove Albion are the other club that Londoner reached the century mark of appearances for between 2011-2015, reaching double figures for goals in his first two seasons at the Amex Stadium before signing a two-year deal with Luton, reuniting with former manager John Still.

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TODAY'S Luton Town club crest is a variation of the Luton coat of arms, most notably with a straw boater above the shield instead of an extended arm. The first badge to appear on the shirt came in 1892 and consisted of a rather curious and simple eight-pointed star.

**IN 1985, Luton replaced their grass pitch with an all-weather artificial surface at a cost of £410,000. Games often resulted in the ball bouncing much more than usual and players receiving painful friction burns when attempting sliding tackles. The club returned to playing on real grass in 1992.**



LUTON were initially based at Dallow Lane until 1897; it was so close to the Luton-to-Dunstable railway line that players often complained they could not see across the pitch because of the smoke coming from the trains.



**AS part of a rebranding of the club in 1973, a new crest was designed which featured an orange football with the letters "LT" on it and the words "Luton Town Football Club" in a circular fashion around the edge.**

LUTON moved to their current home of Kenilworth Road, which currently has an all-seater capacity of 10,356, in 1905.



**THE Hatters' mascot is a large man wearing a straw boater going by the name of Happy Harry.**

IN 1973, the club went for a totally new image and wore a kit of orange shirts with a white and blue column down the front left of the shirt. Six years later, they reverted to the white shirts and shorts, with a considerable amount of orange and blue trim.

LUTON Town were founded in April 1885, the product of a merger between two leading local teams, Luton Town Wanderers and Excelsior FC.

LUTON'S nickname is the Hatters, which reflects the historical connection with the hat-making trade that has been prominent in the town since the 17th century.



On Easter Monday, April 13, 1936, Joe Payne was drafted in to play as centre-forward in a home match against Bristol Rovers. He had never played that position before but managed to put the ball in the net ten times in a 12-0 win for the Hatters, an individual Football League record which still stands today. Needless to say, Payne played centre-forward for the rest of his career and a lounge at Kenilworth Road is named in his honour.

**IN 1891, Luton were the first club in southern England to turn fully professional; three years later, they were founder members of the Southern League and finished runners-up in each of their first two seasons.**

Discovery

NIGEL HARRADENCE presents the quintessential Luton Town

# WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE LIKELY LADS?

Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS profiles ten big-name Luton Town players not usually associated with the club



**RON DAVIES** (above)  
NOTED for his aerial ability, Welsh international striker Ron Davies was capped 29 times after leaving Luton Town. After signing professional for Chester in July 1959, he was twice leading marksman before moving to Luton in October 1962. He was top scorer in 1962-63, netting 21 goals in 32 League games before joining Norwich City in September 1963. After moving to Southampton in August 1966, he topped their goalscoring charts three times before joining Portsmouth in April 1973. Later with Manchester United, Arcadia Shepherds, LA Aztecs, Tulsa Roughnecks and Seattle Sounders, he coached in the United States and died in May 2013.

**DEREK KEVAN**  
INSIDE-LEFT Derek Kevan was capped 14 times by England before joining Luton Town. Initially with Ripon YMCA, he joined Bradford Park Avenue in October 1952 and followed Vic Buckingham to West Brom in July 1953. 'The Tank' was twice ever-present and top scorer on five occasions before moving to Chelsea in March 1963. Later with Manchester City, Crystal Palace and Peterborough, he joined Luton in December 1966 and netted four goals in 11

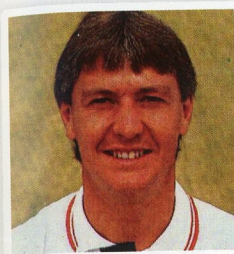
League games. He moved to Stockport in March 1967, then Macclesfield, Boston United and Stourbridge. Later a driver for Signs Specialists in Hockley, he died in January 2013.

**ALAN BIRCHENALL**  
FORMER England Under-23 midfielder Alan Birchenall briefly appeared for Luton Town in 1978-79. After signing professional for Sheffield United in June 1963, he joined Chelsea for £100,000 in November 1967 and moved, via Crystal Palace, to Leicester City in September 1971. He featured in their 1973-74 FA Cup run, then played for Notts County, San Jose Earthquakes, Memphis Rogues and Blackburn Rovers before joining Luton in March 1979. After making ten League appearances, he moved to Hereford United in October 1979, then had a spell as Trowbridge Town's player-boss, becoming Leicester's public relations officer.

**COLIN TODD**  
EX-ENGLAND international central defender Colin Todd appeared for Luton Town in 1984-85. Initially with Sunderland, he moved to Derby County in February 1971, starring as they won the League Championship in 1971-72 and 1974-75, when he was PFA Player of the Year. He joined Everton in September 1978, then played for Birmingham City and Nottingham Forest. After reuniting with Jim Smith at Oxford United in February 1984, he helped them clinch the Third Division title and moved to Luton in October 1984, playing two League games. He later



managed Middlesbrough, Bolton Wanderers, Swindon Town, Derby County and Bradford City.



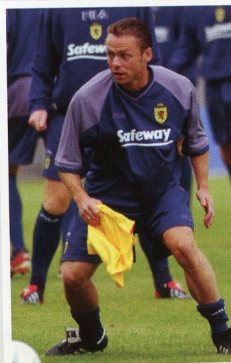
**STEVE WILLIAMS** (above)  
FORMER England international midfielder Steve Williams was capped six times before joining Luton Town. After signing professional for Southampton in July 1976, he starred as they won promotion in 1977-78, were League Cup finalists in 1979, and League Championship runners-up in 1983-84. He joined Arsenal for £525,000 in December 1984 and featured in their 1987 League Cup final triumph before moving to Luton for £300,000 in July 1988. After scoring once in 40 League games, he reunited with Alan Ball at Exeter City in August 1991. He has worked in magazine publishing and property development after settling in Ottery St Mary.

**JOHN HARTSON** (opposite)  
WELSH international striker John Hartson helped Luton Town reach the FA Cup semi-final in 1993-94. After signing professional for Luton in December 1992, he netted 11 goals in 54 League games before sold to Arsenal for £2.5m in January 1995. He scored in the 1995 European Cup-Winners' Cup final before moving to West Ham for £3.2m in February 1997. After being Hammers' leading marksman in 1997-98, he joined Wimbledon for £7m in January 1999 and had a spell with Coventry City prior to joining Celtic in August 2001. He starred in their 2001-02 Treble triumph and joined West Brom for

£500,000 in July 2006 after gaining a total of 51 caps.

**MERVYN DAY**  
LUTON Town's former loan goalkeeper Mervyn Day starred in West Ham's 1975 FA Cup final success. The England Under-23 international was twice ever-present for the Hammers and played in the 1976 European Cup-Winners' Cup final before moving to Orient in July 1979. He was ever-present three times prior to joining Aston Villa in May 1983, then joined Leeds United in February 1985 and helped them win the Second Division title in 1989-90. Loaned to Luton in March 1992, he made four League appearances. After joining Carlisle United in July 1993, he became their manager, then assisted Alan Curbishley at Charlton and West Ham before returning to Leeds as chief scout.

**PAUL DICKOV** (below)  
LUTON Town's former loan striker Paul Dickov was capped by Scotland. After signing professional for Arsenal in December 1990, he was loaned to Luton in October 1993 and scored once in 15 League games. A member of the Gunners' triumphant 1994 European Cup-Winners' Cup squad, he moved to Manchester City for £1m in August 1996. After starring in three promotion campaigns, he joined Leicester City in February 2002 and was leading scorer in their 2002-03 promotion



success. He then appeared for Blackburn Rovers, Manchester City again, Leicester again and Leeds United, and has since managed Oldham Athletic and Doncaster Rovers.

**PAUL ALLEN**  
FORMER England Under-21 midfielder Paul Allen had a loan spell at Luton Town in 1994-95. From a notable football family, he signed professional for West Ham in July 1979 and was the youngest FA Cup finalist at 17 years 256 days in their 1980 Wembley triumph. He moved to Tottenham Hotspur for £400,000 in June 1985 and was an FA Cup winner again in 1991. After joining Southampton for £500,000 in September 1993, he was loaned to Luton in December 1994 and made four League appearances. He moved to Swindon Town in October

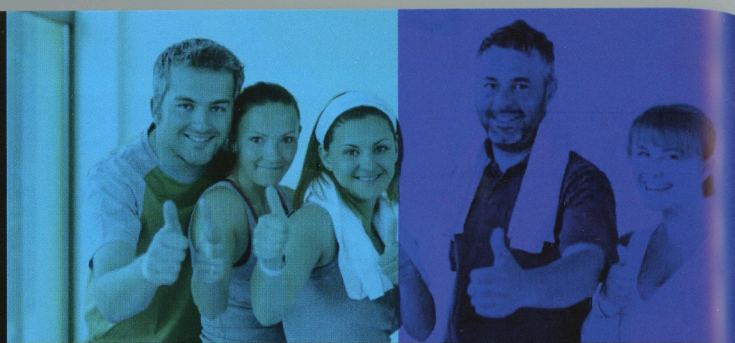
1995. He later played for Bristol City, Millwall and Purfleet and currently works for the PFA.

**MATTHEW UPSON** (above)  
FORMER Luton Town central defender Matthew Upson gained 21 England caps. After signing professional for Luton Town in April 1996, he made his only League appearance for the Hatters as a substitute in their 1-0 win over Rotherham four months later and joined Arsenal for £1m in May 1997. He featured in their 1997-98 Premier League title campaign and was a member of the 2001-02 Double-winning squad. After being loaned to several clubs, he moved to Birmingham City for £2m in January 2003, then joined West Ham for £6m in January 2007. He has since played for Stoke City, Brighton, Leicester City and MK Dons.



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# NEWS ON 2



by **HADEN TYE**

Garry Thompson



**ARGYLE'S promotion rivals Accrington Stanley and Wycombe Wanderers fought out a 1-1 draw at the Wham Stadium on Wednesday.**

Stanley's Shay McCartan followed his late winner over the Pilgrims last week by putting the home side ahead in first-half stoppage time. However, Chairboy Garry Thompson levelled just after the hour to lift the visitors into seventh place in Sky Bet League 2. Accrington remain in fifth, two places and four points behind Argyle.

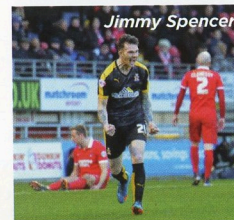
On Tuesday, Kemar Roofe netted a first hat-trick of his 25-goal season as second-placed Oxford United made light work of struggling Dagenham & Redbridge. The midfielder broke the deadlock with a right-footed finish, after combining with former Pilgrim Alex MacDonald, and doubled the lead after the break by running on to George Waring's pass. MacDonald headed in number three and Roofe completed his treble late on for the second-placed U's. Dagenham are nine points adrift of safety at the bottom of the table with nine games remaining.

Hartlepool United extended their unbeaten run to three games and

moved eight points clear of the relegation zone after a goalless draw at Newport, who moved up to 17th in the table and are 14 points clear of the drop zone.

Last Saturday, Jimmy Spencer's last-gasp strike denied leaders Northampton Town maximum points against Cambridge United. Northampton broke the deadlock after 71 minutes at Sixfields when John Marquis converted a corner from Joel Byrom, but Spencer lashed in a half-volley in time added on to earn the visitors a point.

At the Kassam Stadium, Leyton Orient took a deserved 74th-minute lead over Oxford when the ball fell kindly for Jobi McAnuff to slot home. The O's were reduced to 10 men in stoppage time when Mathieu Baudry was sent off but Kevin Nolan's men held on and are a spot outside the play-off places.



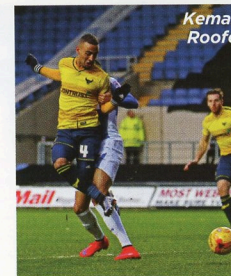
Jimmy Spencer

Portsmouth slipped to sixth after a surprise 3-0 defeat at home to Newport. Darren Jones pounced on a mistake from Pompey goalkeeper Ryan Fulton to open the scoring and, after Gary Roberts was shown a second yellow card for simulation, Scott Boden and Dean Morgan wrapped up a shock victory.

That defeat allowed Bristol Rovers to move above Paul Cook's men into fourth place. Matt Taylor's 20th goal of the season enough for Rovers to see off Mansfield 1-0 at the Memorial Stadium.

Dagenham & Redbridge were beaten 3-1 at Hartlepool. Billy Paynter opened the scoring for Pools from the penalty spot in the fourth minute and Jake Carroll's free-kick doubled their advantage after 12 minutes. Dagenham pulled a goal back through Matt Cash's 30-yard half-volley but Hartlepool extended their lead through Jake Gray's angled finish.

York are seven points adrift after a 1-1 draw at home to Barnet. Ex-Pilgrim Lewis Alessandra, signed on loan from Rochdale, tapped in for York but the Bees equalised through John Akinde.



Kemar Roofe

Yeovil Town's resurgence continued as they edged past Notts County with a 1-0 victory, Francois Zoko's header proving the difference against his former club.

Morecambe secured a much-needed victory against 10-man AFC Wimbledon, with substitute Andy Fleming opening the scoring and Jamie Devitt making it two from the penalty spot after Dons defender Ryan Sweeney had been sent off. George Francomb scored a consolation for the visitors.

Luke O'Nien scored the only goal as Wycombe claimed a 1-0 win against tumbling Stevenage, and Matt Harold's neat finish secured Crawley Town a 1-0 win at today's visitors Luton.

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# THE GAMES

## FINAL SKY BET FOOTBALL LEAGUE 2 TABLE 2015-16

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Northampton Town	36	24	7	5	65	35	30	79	12	3	3	29	14	12	4	2	36	21	5,859
Oxford United	37	19	11	7	65	35	30	68	8	6	5	29	16	11	5	2	36	19	9,683
Argyle	36	19	8	9	51	32	19	65	10	3	5	28	18	9	5	4	23	14	14,008
Bristol Rovers	36	19	5	12	52	36	16	62	10	2	6	28	18	9	3	6	24	18	10,190
Accrington Stanley	36	17	10	9	59	44	15	61	9	6	3	36	27	8	4	6	23	17	2,359
Portsmouth	36	15	14	7	57	34	23	59	7	7	4	29	14	8	7	3	28	20	17,840
Wycombe Wanderers	36	16	8	12	39	33	6	56	8	4	6	22	20	8	4	6	17	13	5,816
Leyton Orient	36	15	11	10	52	48	4	56	8	4	6	27	24	7	7	4	25	24	6,526
AFC Wimbledon	36	14	11	11	53	45	8	53	7	4	7	25	23	7	7	4	28	22	4,805
Carlisle United	35	13	13	9	54	52	2	52	8	5	4	31	26	5	8	5	23	26	7,461
Mansfield Town	36	14	9	13	46	42	4	51	6	6	6	25	22	8	3	7	21	20	4,245
Cambridge United	36	14	9	13	50	48	2	51	8	3	7	25	26	6	6	6	25	22	6,607
Luton Town	36	14	8	14	50	49	1	50	5	5	8	21	24	9	3	6	29	25	9,676
Exeter City	36	13	10	13	47	51	-4	49	5	8	5	26	27	8	2	8	21	24	5,659
Barnet	36	13	8	15	48	52	-4	47	10	3	5	26	18	3	5	10	22	34	3,289
Crawley Town	36	13	6	17	41	56	-15	45	8	4	6	20	19	5	2	11	21	37	4,003
Newport County	36	10	11	15	39	49	-10	41	4	7	7	19	26	6	4	8	20	23	4,314
Morecambe	36	11	7	18	57	64	-7	40	6	2	10	28	33	5	5	8	29	31	3,070
Notts County	35	11	7	17	46	58	-12	40	7	3	7	26	27	4	4	10	20	31	10,074
Yeovil Town	36	9	11	16	36	47	-11	38	5	7	6	21	23	4	4	10	15	24	6,051
Hartlepool United	34	10	5	19	36	55	-19	35	6	3	9	21	26	4	2	10	15	29	4,935
Stevenage	36	8	10	18	42	60	-18	34	5	5	8	19	28	3	5	10	23	32	4,782
York City	36	6	9	21	38	67	-29	27	5	4	9	25	32	1	5	12	13	35	4,890
Dagenham & Redbridge	37	5	10	22	34	65	-31	25	1	5	12	11	29	4	5	10	23	36	3,336

### MAN OF THE MATCH AWARDS

Graham Carey 7  
Carl McHugh 5  
Curtis Nelson 5  
Ryan Brunt 4  
Hiram Boateng 3  
Craig Tanner 3  
Gregg Wylde 3  
Luke McCormick 2  
Reuben Reid 2  
James Bittner 1  
Peter Hartley 1  
Jake Jervis 1  
Kelvin Mellor 1  
Gary Sawyer 1  
Josh Simpson 1  
Oscar Threlkeld 1

### LEAGUE 2 SO FAR

431 played out of 552 - 78%  
Home wins: 39%  
Draws: 25%  
Away wins: 36%  
Over 1.5 goals a game: 75%  
Over 2.5 goals a game: 51%  
Over 3.5 goals a game: 28%

### ARGYLE LEAGUE 2 GOAL TIMES

Scored  
01-15 mins 9.80% (5 goals)  
16-30 mins 11.76% (6 goals)  
31-45 mins 19.61% (10 goals)  
46-60 mins 19.61% (10 goals)  
61-75 mins 13.73% (7 goals)  
76-90+ mins 25.49% (13 goals)  
Conceded  
01-15 mins 21.88% (7 goals)  
16-30 mins 9.38% (3 goals)  
31-45 mins 18.75% (6 goals)  
46-60 mins 9.38% (3 goals)  
61-75 mins 3.13% (1 goal)  
76-90+ mins 37.50% (12 goals)

### ARGYLE PLAYER APPEARANCES 2015-16

	Appearances		
	League	Cup	Total
Nelson	36	5	41
Sawyer	36	4	40
Hartley	33	5	38
Mellor	32(2)	5	37(2)
Jervis	30(2)	5	35(2)
McCormick	30	5	35
Wylde	30(4)	4(1)	34(5)
Carey	25(4)	4	29(4)
McHugh	25(2)	4	29(2)
Tanner	20(14)	3(2)	23(16)
Reid	18(4)	2	20(4)
Brunt	17(17)	2(3)	19(20)
Boateng	16	3	19
Simpson	15(9)	2(2)	17(11)
Threlkeld	16(7)	1(2)	17(9)
Forster	4(1)	0	4(1)
Walton	4	0	4
Croll	3	0	3
Purrington	1(7)	1(1)	2(8)
Bittner	1	0	1
Houghton	1	0	1
Harvey	0(4)	0(2)	0(6)
Cox	0(4)	0(1)	0(5)
Nardiello	0(4)	0	0(4)
Matt	0(1)	0	0(1)

### ARGYLE PLAYER GOALS

	Goals		
	League	Cup	Total
Jervis	9	3	12
Brunt	9	1	10
Carey	8	1	9
Reid	6	0	6
Wylde	6	0	6
Tanner	4	2	6
McHugh	3	1	4
Boateng	1	1	2
Mellor	1	0	1
Nelson	2	0	2
Threlkeld	1	0	1
Simpson	1	0	1
Total	51	9	60

### ARGYLE PLAYER ASSISTS

	Assists		
	League	Cup	Total
No Assist	12	2	14
Carey	7	0	7
Jervis	7	0	7
Tanner	4	1	5
Wylde	4	1	5
Brunt	3	1	4
McHugh	3	1	4
Boateng	2	0	2
Hartley	2	0	2
Mellor	0	2	2
Nelson	2	0	2
Sawyer	1	1	2
McCormick	1	0	1
Purrington	1	0	1
Reid	1	0	1
Walton	1	0	1
Total	51	9	60



### ARGYLE GOALS

Home Away Overall  
Goals scored:  
28 23 51  
Goals conceded:  
18 14 32  
Avg goals scored:  
1.56 1.28 1.42  
Avg goals conc:  
1.00 0.78 0.89  
Avg scored+conc:  
2.56 2.06 2.31  
Games over 2.5:  
56% 39% 47%  
Games over 3.5:  
17% 0% 8%  
Games over 4.5:  
11% 0% 6%  
Both teams scored:  
61% 56% 58%  
Clean Sheets:  
33% 33% 33%  
Fail to score:  
6% 22% 14%

Average minute of goals scored: 53  
Average minute of goals conceded: 51



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# The Big Match



## 2-2



GAME NO.40

ATTENDANCE  
10,019  
(1,179 away)

REFEREE  
James Adcock  
(Brett Huxtable,  
half-time)

### ARGYLE LINE-UP (4-2-3-1)

23 Luke McCormick

2 Kelvin Mellor  
Curtis Nelson (capt)  
6 Peter Hartley  
27 Craig Tanner  
(half-time)  
3 Gary Sawyer

8 Josh Simpson  
16 Ben Purrington

14 Jake Jervis  
10 Graham Carey  
11 Gregg Wylde

9 Reuben Reid  
Daniel Nardiello 90)

### Substitutes (not used)

15 Tyler Harvey  
21 James Blittner (gk)  
24 Louis Rooney  
29 Jordan Bentley

### Goals

Nelson 15  
Tanner 75

### Man of the Match

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### GARY SAWYER

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## TANNER POSTS HALF-CENTURY AS HONOURS ARE SHARED

ARGYLE made three changes from the side defeated 1-0 at Barnet during the previous week: Kelvin Mellor and Gregg Wylde instead of Jordan Forster and Ryan Brunt, who were injured at the Hive, while Ben Purrington was given his first league start of the campaign as a replacement for Oscar Threlkeld, who suffered a post-game hamstring strain.

Purrington became the 19th player to start a league match for the Pilgrims this season, following seven previous appearances from the substitutes' bench; his only previous start had come in the home Johnstone's Paint Trophy victory over his native Exeter in October.

Sixteen-year-old apprentice Jordan

Bentley was named as one of the Pilgrims six substitutes, becoming the 29th player to feature in a Pilgrims' match-day squad this season – one of those was his older brother Aaron, who has since been released by the club.

Argyle's opening goal was Curtis Nelson's second of the campaign, following his late equaliser at home to Leyton Orient in November. Jake Jervis provided the assist, meaning he has either scored or assisted in 29% of all Argyle goals this season.

The Pilgrims' second goal was Craig Tanner's sixth strike of the season in all competitions and the 50th scored by an Argyle player in Sky Bet League 2 this season – 13 players have shared the half-century.

### OXFORD UNITED LINE-UP (4-4-2)

1 Sam Slocombe

16 Jonjo Kenny  
5 Johnny Mullins (capt)  
33 Chey Dunkley  
36 Jordan Evans

4 Kemar Roofe  
(15 Callum O'Dowda 70)  
8 Liam Sercombe  
14 Josh Ruffels  
28 Chris Maguire  
(7 George Waring 81)

10 Danny Hylton  
29 Jordan Bowery

### Substitutes (not used)

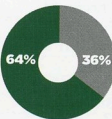
3 Joe Skarz  
11 Alex MacDonald  
18 John Lundstram  
24 Josh Ashby  
34 Josh Stevens (gk)

### Goals

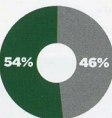
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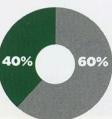
### Corners



### Shots



### Fouls



# KEEPING UP appearances



Day	Time	Home	Away	Score	Goals	Assists	Yellow	Red	Player	Position
SL2 SAT 8 AUG		AFC WIMBLEDON		2-0	4,805 (932)				Kelvin Mellor	RB
<b>COC TUE 11 AUG</b>		<b>GILLINGHAM</b>		1-2	5,120 (272)				Gary Sawyer	LB
SL2 SAT 15 AUG		PORTSMOUTH		1-2	11,476 (1,719)				Carl McHugh	RM
SL2 TUE 18 AUG		CARLISLE UNITED		4-1	6,071 (169)				Curtis Nelson	RM
SL2 SAT 22 AUG		NORTHAMPTON TOWN		2-0	4,505 (710)				Peter Hartley	RM
SL2 SAT 29 AUG		NEWPORT COUNTY		1-0	7,811 (291)				Lee Cox	LB
JPT1 TUE 1 SEP		AFC WIMBLEDON		3-2	1,251 (356)				Daniel Nardiello	RM
SL2 SAT 5 SEP		STEVENAGE		1-2	3,533 (854)				Josh Simpson	RM
SL2 SAT 12 SEP		WYCOMBE WANDERERS		2-1	4,223 (777)				Reuben Reid	CF
SL2 SAT 19 SEP		BRISTOL ROVERS		1-1	10,633 (1,587)				Graham Carey	CF
SL2 SAT 26 SEP		MANSFIELD TOWN		0-0	3,185 (463)					
SL2 TUE 29 SEP		BARNET		2-1	6,115 (69)					
SL2 SAT 3 OCT		CRAWLEY TOWN		2-1	7,173 (92)					
JPT2 TUE 6 OCT		EXETER CITY		2-0	9,441 (877)					
SL2 SUN 11 OCT		NOTTS COUNTY		2-0	5,266 (826)					
SL2 SAT 17 OCT		ACCRINGTON STANLEY		1-0	7,865 (73)					
SL2 TUE 20 OCT		OXFORD UNITED		0-1	7,007 (982)					
SL2 SAT 24 OCT		LUTON TOWN		2-1	8,703 (745)					
SL2 SAT 31 OCT		MORECAMBE		2-0	7,574 (87)					
FAC SAT 7 NOV		CARLISLE UNITED		0-2	6,005 (176)					
JPTGF TUE 10 NOV		MILLWALL		3-5	5,869 (295)					
SL2 SAT 14 NOV		YORK CITY		2-1	3,654 (721)					
SL2 SAT 21 NOV		EXETER CITY		1-2	14,008 (968)					
SL2 TUE 24 NOV		LEYTON ORIENT		1-1	6,469 (198)					
SL2 SAT 28 NOV		DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE		1-1	2,344 (991)					
SL2 SAT 12 DEC		CAMBRIDGE UNITED		1-2	7,246 (164)					
SL2 SAT 19 DEC		HARTLEPOOL UNITED		2-1	3,534 (237)					
SL2 SAT 26 DEC		YEOVIL TOWN		1-0	12,821 (553)					
SL2 MON 28 DEC		NEWPORT COUNTY		2-1	4,314 (1,074)					
SL2 SAT 2 JAN		CARLISLE UNITED*		2-0	4,415 (801)					
SL2 TUE 12 JAN		NORTHAMPTON TOWN		1-2	9,241 (269)					
SL2 SAT 16 JAN		STEVENAGE		3-2	9,546 (92)					
SL2 SAT 23 JAN		BRISTOL ROVERS		1-1	10,190 (1,258)					
SL2 SAT 30 JAN		WYCOMBE WANDERERS		0-1	8,458 (222)					
SL2 SAT 13 FEB		MANSFIELD TOWN		3-0	7,494 (190)					
SL2 SAT 20 FEB		CRAWLEY TOWN		1-1	3,522 (1,503)					
SL2 TUE 23 FEB		YEOVIL TOWN		0-0	5,788 (2,133)					
SL2 SAT 27 FEB		NOTTS COUNTY		1-0	7,642 (219)					
SL2 TUE 1 MAR		BARNET		0-1	2,209 (1,002)					
SL2 SAT 5 MAR		OXFORD UNITED		2-2	10,019 (1,179)					
SL2 SAT 12 MAR		ACCRINGTON STANLEY		1-2	2,044 (651)					
SL2 SAT 19 MAR		LUTON TOWN								
SL2 FRI 25 MAR		MORECAMBE								
SL2 MON 28 MAR		YORK CITY								
SL2 SAT 2 APR		EXETER CITY								
SL2 SAT 9 APR		AFC WIMBLEDON								
SL2 SAT 16 APR		PORTSMOUTH								
SL2 TUE 19 APR		LEYTON ORIENT								
SL2 SAT 23 APR		DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE								
SL2 SAT 30 APR		CAMBRIDGE UNITED								
SL2 SAT 7 MAY		HARTLEPOOL UNITED								

\*at Ewood Park, Blackburn



66 Weekend games kick off at 3pm; midweek games kick off at 7.45pm, unless otherwise stated. Home fixtures in bold type

Player	Appearances	Goals	Assists	Yellow	Red	Position
Gregg Wylde	11	6	12	10	2	CF
Jake Jarvis	14	1	1	1	1	CF
Tyler Harvey	15	1	1	1	1	CF
Ben Purrington	16	2	2	2	2	CF
Ryan Brunt	17	2	2	2	2	CF
Deane Smalley	18	2	2	2	2	CF
Hiram Boateng	20	2	2	2	2	CF
James Bitner	21	2	2	2	2	CF
Luke McCormick	23	2	2	2	2	CF
Louis Rooney	24	2	2	2	2	CF
Oscar Threlkeld	26	2	2	2	2	CF
Craig Tanner	27	2	2	2	2	CF
Jordan Forster	28	2	2	2	2	CF
Christian Walton	31	2	2	2	2	CF
Jamille Matt	31	2	2	2	2	CF
Jordan Houghton	32	2	2	2	2	CF

**THE KEY**  
 G = Goalkeeper,  
 RB = Right-Back,  
 LB = Left-Back,  
 RC = Right Centre-Back,  
 LC = Left Centre-Back,  
 RM = Right Midfielder,  
 RCM = Right Centre Midfielder,  
 DM = Defensive Midfielder,  
 CM = Centre Midfielder,  
 LCM = Left Centre Midfielder,  
 LM = Left Midfielder,  
 LF = Left Forward,  
 RF = Right Forward,  
 CF = Centre Forward,  
 F = Forward,  
 Sub = Unused Sub,  
 9.76 = Came On For 9 in The 76th Min,  
 (C) = Captain,  
 Yellow card,  
 Red card, Scored

**ALSO:**  
 19 Aaron Bentley  
 SUB v AFC Wimbledon A  
 SUB v Gillingham H  
 SUB v Porstmouth H  
 SUB v Wycombe A  
 SUB v Exeter H  
 SUB v Leyton Orient H  
 SUB v Dag & Red A  
 SUB v Cambridge H  
 SUB v Hartlepool A

22 Callum Hall  
 SUB v Cambridge H;  
 SUB v Hartlepool A;

28 Luke Croll  
 LCB v Exeter H  
 LCB v Leyton Orient H  
 LCB v Dag & Red A

29 Jordan Bentley  
 SUB v Oxford H  
 SUB v Accrington A

30 Cory Harvey  
 SUB v Newport H  
 SUB v AFC Wimbledon A  
 SUB v Stevenage A  
 SUB v Wycombe A  
 SUB v Bristol Rovers H  
 SUB v Mansfield A  
 SUB v Barnet H  
 SUB v Crawley H  
 SUB v Exeter H  
 SUB v York A

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## Derek

**WE were hugely disappointed in the manner we lost the game at Accrington last weekend. It was a sickening blow for everyone.**

We did not play with the tempo that we can do; we did not pass the ball well enough; we did not get the ball into right areas; and we did not do the dirty side of the game well enough in the second half. It is probably the worst performance we have had this season – and yet we still should not have lost the match. Accrington Stanley really did not trouble us and we had total control of the game.

The squad have been in good spirits this week. That is maybe something that people do not understand, coming off a defeat, but the players have come in and worked hard.

We go into today's game in

a very good position with 10 games of the season to go. We need to push forward now. It is about picking up enough points to keep us in the position we are in – it is a tight league, and it is a difficult league. We are always looking over our shoulder – we do that all the time because we are ahead of teams – we have been that way throughout the season.

We have to keep focused and going. We have put ourselves in a fabulous position.

We have never, as a team, got ahead of ourselves and we have managed to stay level-headed. At this time, as the games dwindle away, the more wins you can pick up, the better opportunities you are going to have.

It is important that we have competition for places until the end of the season and we have

brought Jordan Houghton, Jamille Matt and Vincent Dorel into the squad.

Jordan made a very good debut at Accrington – I thought he was composed on the ball – and Jamille came on for the last 20 minutes. It is never easy, coming in to make your debut, but I was happy with both of them.

Jordan's a central midfielder; right-sided, good on the ball; a good passer. He can score goals; create chances. He is 20 years old and looking to move his career on at Chelsea. It gives him the benefit of coming here and trying to get some first-team football. He will probably have looked at the likes of Boateng, Threlkeld and Tanner, who are younger players, like himself, and have all come in and benefited from that.

We need a wee bit of presence up front and

Jamille gives us that, a wee bit of height and work-ethic; he gives us something different in the forward area. He is a target man and sometimes we will have to play that way.

Vincent goes in to compete with James Bittner because, obviously, Luke McCormick is our number one, and is the best goalkeeper in the league, and James has found it difficult to get in front of him.

We welcome them to Home Park, and the same applies to Luton Town this afternoon, their manager Nathan Jones, his staff and players, and the officials and supporters of the club.

Thank you.

## MANAGER'S NOTES

# Listings

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

HAPPY 70th birthday to Phyllis Trezise.

*Happy 16th birthday, Nathan Campbell, who is sitting in the Devonport today. Love Dad.*

HAPPY tenth birthday Connie Dent, who is visiting Argyle for the first time for her birthday treat. Connie loves playing football, attends a breakfast football club every week, and goes to a football camp in the school holidays.



## DEVONPORT HIGH SCHOOL

HERE'S Devonport High School headmaster Dan Roberts (above) receiving a signed shirt and ball from Derek Adams as a 'thank you' for the club's continuing use of DHS facilities this season.

## PROGRAMME & MEMORABILIA FAIR - EASTER SUNDAY

COLLECTORS wishing to acquire missing copies of 'The Pilgrim' from this season and last season will be able to do so from the club's stand at the South West Football Programme and Memorabilia Fair in the Tribute Lounge here at Home Park on Easter Sunday (10.30am-1.30pm).

There will be a total of nine different stands at the event, including three well-known Argyle collectors - Colin Parsons, Russell Moore, and Paul Truscott - selling some of their rare duplicate stock.

Other stand-holders are: the Argyle Fans Trust, Mark Addicott, Paul Gibbs, Gary Pexton-Fleet, Terry's Badges and Westward Programmes.

Admission is only £1 for adults, with free entry for under 16s.

## THE CLUB

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Happy birthday to Connie Dent (above) - have a lovely day. From Gran and Grandad.

*HAPPY 75th birthday Bob Sams, who is sitting in the grandstand today. Love from all the family.*

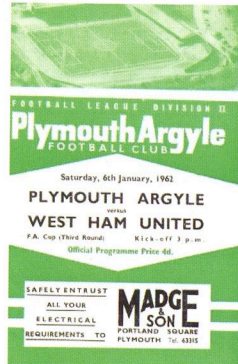
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## COVER VERSION

TODAY'S cover of the Pilgrim pays homage to the official match-day programme of the 1961-62 Second Division campaign.

Argyle, under the management of first, Neil Dougall and, then, Ellis Stuttard, ended the season fifth of the division's 22 teams, with 46 points, 16 behind champions Liverpool and eight away from promotion to the top flight - no Argyle side has ever finished higher.

Two players were ever-present throughout the Pilgrims' 45 matches across three competitions: Bryce Fulton and Johnny Williams. Wilf Carter was leading scorer, with 20 goals.

Incredibly, in such a relatively successful season, the Pilgrims conceded five goals in a game on six occasions. Notable wins during the campaign included consecutive big home wins over Brighton & Hove Albion (5-0) and Southampton (4-0).

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# THE TEAMS



2	Kelvin MELLOR	Sam SLOCOMBE (GK)	1
3	Gary SAWYER	Stephen O'DONNELL	2
4	Carl McHUGH	Dan POTTS	3
5	Curtis NELSON	Jonathan SMITH	4
6	Peter HARTLEY	Scott CUTHBERT	6
7	Daniel NARDIELLO	Alex LAWLESS	7
8	Josh SIMPSON	Cameron MCGEEHAN	8
9	Reuben REID	Paul BENSON	9
10	Graham CAREY	Ryan HALL	10
11	Gregg WYLDE	Danny GREEN	11
12	Green ARMY	Scott GRIFFITHS	12
14	Jake JERVIS	Jack MARRIOTT	14
16	Ben PURRINGTON	Paddy McCOURT	15
17	Ryan BRUNT	Elliot JUSTHAM (GK)	16
19	Jamille MATT	Pelly Ruddock MPANZU	17
21	James BITTNER (GK)	Magnus OKUONGHAE	18
22	Callum HALL	Oly LEE	19
23	Luke McCORMICK (GK)	Jonathan MITCHELL (GK)	21
24	Louis ROONEY	Craig MACKAIL-SMITH	22
26	Oscar THRELKELD	Josh McQUOID	23
27	Craig TANNER	Curtley WILLIAMS	24
28	Jordon FORSTER	Nathan DOYLE	26
31	Vincent DOREL (GK)	Luke TROTMAN	32
32	Jordan HOUGHTON	Isaac GALLIFORD	34
		Zane BANTON	35
		James JUSTIN	36
		Frankie MUSONDA	37
		Jake HOWELLS	40
		Alan SHEEHAN	44
		Joe PIGOTT	45

## OFFICIALS

Referee: Darren Bond Assistants: Richard Martin, Timothy Wood Fourth Official: Mark Pottage

### COMING SOON

**Monday, March 28**  
v York City  
(Sky Bet League 2, 3pm)



**Saturday, April 9**  
Armed Services Day  
v AFC Wimbledon  
(Sky Bet League 2, 3pm)



### ALSO TODAY

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