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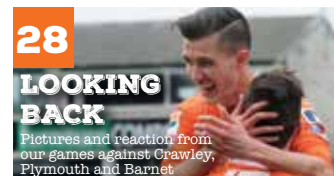
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Throughout the 2015/16 season our programme covers will be a nod to the covers of yesteryear. Today's cover is based on a Blackpool fixture from April 2005. To find out more, turn to page 22.



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NATHAN JONES

NOTES FROM THE MANAGER

GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME BACK TO KENILWORTH ROAD FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A WHILE AS WE ENTERTAIN STEVENAGE IN SKY BET LEAGUE 2.

I'd like to welcome Darren Sarll, Glenn Roeder and the staff, players and supporters of our visitors and wish them a short and safe trip back to Hertfordshire.

After pleasing performances in the last three fixtures we haven't picked up the points we felt we have deserved. We dominated against Crawley and were unlucky not to score several times.

We created chance after chance, and on another day, I think we would have won. I told the players afterwards that they should be proud of their efforts because their performance certainly warranted more.

RESOLVE

At Plymouth we showed the kind of character, resolve and quality to come away from a very tough away fixture with three points and another clean sheet.

It was, yet again, another result that made me a very proud man – not only of the players' display but of the support in the away end. As I've said before it is your passion for this Club of yours that drives me forward.

It wasn't easy on the eye at Barnet. The weather, the pitch and the opposition made it difficult for us and, after equalising, I thought we deserved to go on and win the game.

Decision-making at both ends of the park ultimately, however, came back to haunt us, but in football you hope you learn from these experiences in the future.

IMPORTANT

This afternoon is the first of three successive home fixtures. It is a critical 10 days for us as we take on Stevenage today, Accrington next weekend and then Dagenham here the Tuesday after that. It's an important stage of the season with only eight games of the campaign left and if we are going to be successful in these games then we need everyone to be pulling in the right direction.

Since I last sat down to write these notes I had the honour of

meeting our diamond season ticket holders for the first time. It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening and it was great to converse with our supporters. I hope you saw my vision for the team and the ideas behind how I want to be able to make this Club of yours a success.

Your support has been incredible and the numbers at Barnet were testament to that. Please get behind us this afternoon and enjoy the game.





From the BOARDROOM

WITH FINANCE DIRECTOR **RAY WILLIAMS**

GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME TO THE OFFICIALS, PLAYERS AND SUPPORTERS OF STEVENAGE FOOTBALL CLUB.

These games, whether in the Conference or the Football League have always been closely fought and I imagine it will be no different today. We do after all know each other so well. Not least because Stevenage include a number of Luton old boys.

Firstly ex-players who may play today are Keith Keane, Luke Wilkinson, Ronnie Henry and Fraser Franks. They have all given us special memories playing in the orange shirt. Secondly Terry Harris is within the Stevenage coaching team and we will always remember Terry for his part in John Still's coaching team that brought us back into our rightful place in the Football League. I know like me you will give them all a special warm welcome back to the Kenny.

It will be great to see them and I have no doubt we will have to be at our best to overcome their collective insider knowledge!

At times the game of football creates an injustice with the final result not reflecting the possession

and general match statistics. It is often said however that in time, one only remembers the score, which is a fair point, albeit a harsh one.

However the recent games, the last one at home to Crawley and on Monday away at Barnet are still very much etched in detailed memory.

For the team to play so well and dominate the game for long periods and yet lose the game was a travesty and a disappointment.

In between these games we made the long round trip to Plymouth and came home with three points from a great disciplined performance.

HIGHLIGHTS

In terms of remembering games, Paddy McCourt's reverse pass for Jack Marriott to finish in such mature style will stay with me as one of this season highlights.

Making his debut at that game was Glen Rea, who has joined the Club on loan from Brighton. Glen slotted seamlessly into his first game at Home Park in a holding defensive midfield role and had a great game. Welcome to Kenilworth Road Glen.

When I first started watching the Town in the black and white days of the sixties we never seemed to win away from home. I remember after



one particular lean spell we won 6-2 away at Brentford which was simply mind blowing at the time!

So this season to win so many games away on our long travels has been for me very enjoyable. To be disciplined and soak up defensive pressure and to hit teams with pace on the counter is great to watch.

I also think our big noisy away support constantly getting behind the lads has been a key ingredient to this success on the road. I am now looking forward to Carlisle away from home on a Tuesday night in April...a bizarre date in the fixture schedule but bring it on!

I have to admit in all my life time that I have supported the Town I have never been to Brunton Park so coupled with cheering on our exciting youth team, who are due to play in the League Cup final the next evening in Shrewsbury, it promises to be another great trip.



A big thank you to over 1,800 of you who made it on Easter Monday to make up almost half of the crowd at Barnet

The youth game is a fitting finale to a fantastic year for them following their respective league title win and FA Youth Cup exploits. Well done lads.

May I take this opportunity on behalf of the Club to thank those of you for committing and purchasing in advance your 2016/17 season ticket. At the time of writing at the end of March over 4,000 of you have bought tickets which is quite amazing and higher a number than at this time last year.

Cash flow is the life blood of any enterprise, not least for Luton Town, and your commitment allows the Club to budget and plan for next season, whichever league we are in, with the confidence of this income flow from your fantastic support.

Congratulations to the Luton Town team who joined Sky's Jeff Stelling this week in completing a 27 mile walk from Kenilworth Road. All in the aid of Prostate Cancer UK. Jeff has raised a magnificent sum of close to £250,000, and the Town team raised an impressive £12,000 of that total. A great effort and worthy I am sure of tired limbs and sore feet.

I am conscious that much has been covered in the media following the sad passing of Johan Cruyff.

Those of us who had the pleasure of watching him play back in the 1970s and 80s could not fail to place him up there as one of the greats of all time. For those that tried to emulate the infamous Cruyff turn, soon discovered that you also need to have blistering pace over the first two yards. Cruyff was tall and lean, and an elegant player.

When he ran with the ball his head was invariably up, giving him that opportunity for turn of pace and picking out the incisive pass. A true legend.

Cruyff of course was part of that great Dutch team that incredibly lost to Germany in the 1974 World Cup final. That final was just days before Luton played back in the old First Division following promotion against Liverpool in the first home game of the season. If ever there was a tenuous link back to everything Luton Town, then that was it!

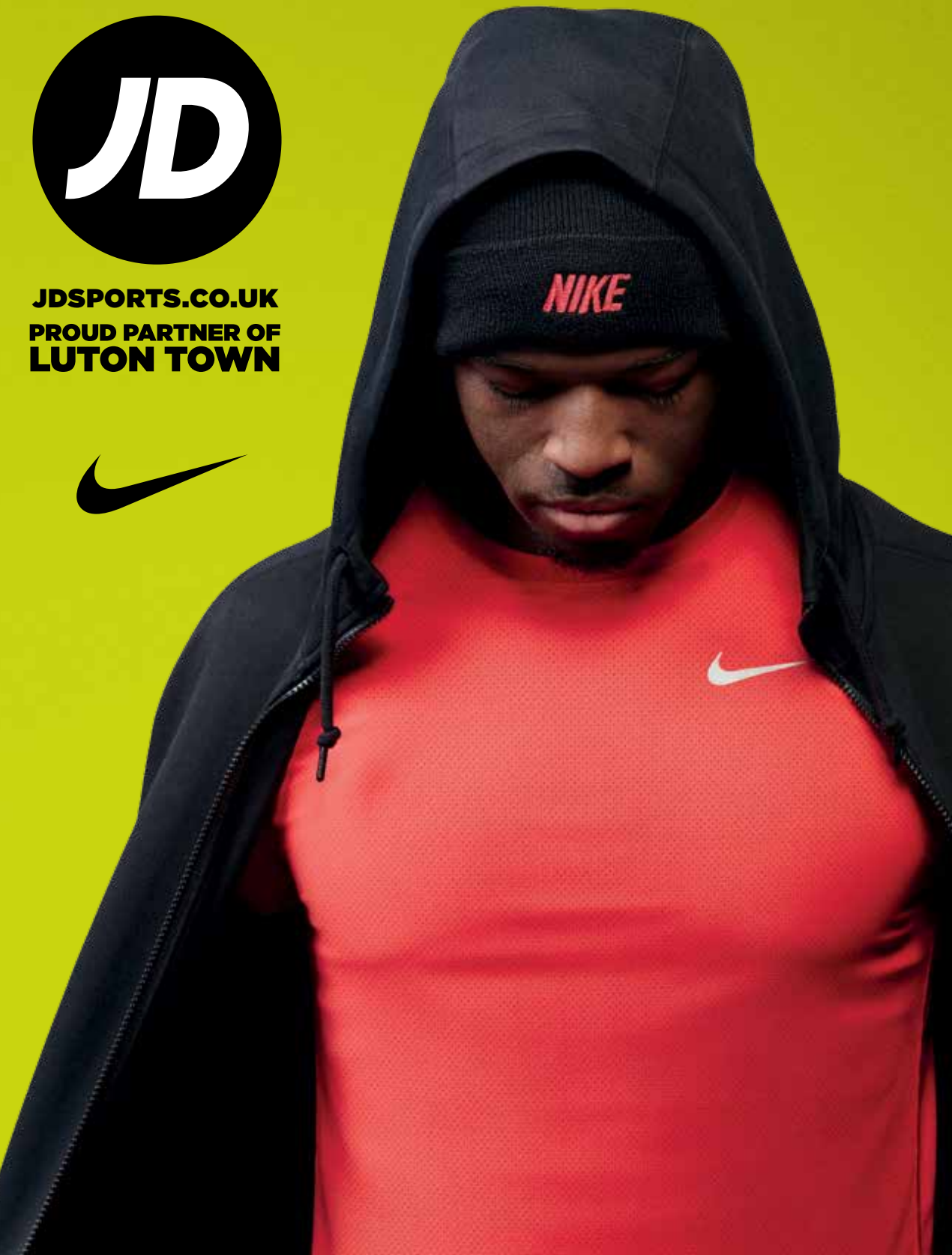
Well back to this afternoon and I hope you all enjoy an exciting game.

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GREAT SCOTT

THE CAPTAIN'S LOG



Since my last notes we have taken three points from our last three matches – a disappointing return given the way we have played across these games.

Against Crawley we dominated and created numerous chances yet somehow couldn't find a way through a determined defensive display from the visitors.

I don't think we could have done any more to be honest. We hit the woodwork twice, worked their keeper several times and had so much of the ball. But, in what is becoming an over-used cliché these days, the most important statistic at the end of the day is the final score. From a defensive point of view it was obviously disappointing to concede the goal which gave Crawley something to hold on to.

FRUSTRATING

Despite our best efforts we couldn't find that elusive equaliser but we came off the pitch with mixed emotions because our overall play was excellent and deserved much more than what we got – nothing! You won't believe how frustrating that was for us.

A week later, however, we bounced back to form with a fine 1-0 victory at promotion-chasing Plymouth. Jack and Paddy linked up brilliantly again and I thought we held on to our lead comfortably in the end.

Of course there were a few nervy moments but nothing overly worrying. I don't remember Jono being tested much in the second half and we held out for another win on the road.

After the Dagenham game was called off because of their internationals, we had a weekend off over Easter but resumed action at Barnet on Monday. I thought defensively in the first half we were excellent against not only an aerial bombardment against long throws and balls into the box, but also a strong wind which did not help matters. However, we came out second half and conceded a sloppy goal which meant Barnet now had something to hold on to. We came back strong however. Jack had what looked a perfectly good goal ruled out by a marginal offside flag and Glen had an effort cleared off the line. Our pressure finally told and Cam got us level with five minutes to go and at that point there only seemed one winner. As you know of course, that wasn't the case and I hold my hands up for the penalty which gave Barnet the victory.

The support over the course of the season has been terrific but in recent weeks it has certainly gone

up a notch. We pretty much had over half the crowd at Barnet and it felt like a home game. We were all gutted not to have rewarded you with at least a point.

IMPORTANT

Attention now turns to today and the first of three successive matches here at Kenilworth Road. It goes without saying how important each and every one of these are to our hopes for the rest of the season. I think the results of these will have a big say in where we will finish this season.

Finally I'd like to congratulate all of those involved with the club who completed the Prostate Cancer UK walk with Jeff Stelling last Tuesday. There is a bucket collection going around the ground today so please give generously to what is a worthy cause.

Please get behind us like you have done all season and here's to three points this afternoon.

WELCOME GLEN

Since our last home game we completed the loan signing of defender Glen Rea for the rest of the season from Brighton & Hove Albion.

Rea, 21, made his debut in our 1-0 win at Plymouth Argyle two weeks ago. Primarily a centre-half, Brighton-born Rea has come through the academy ranks at the Amex Stadium and made his senior debut for the Seagulls in the League Cup earlier this season.

Two weeks later he was sent out on loan to League 1 side Southend United until January. Rea made 16 appearances for the Shrimpers, the last of which came against Doncaster in January.

Manager Nathan Jones, who worked with Rea at the Amex, told lutontown.co.uk: "Glen is somebody we've had on our radar for quite a while now. Obviously he's someone who I know very well having worked with him for the best part of two-and-a-half years.

"He's a player I like, he's versatile, he can fit into a number



of positions, he's fit, he's young, hungry and mobile. He's a very good player who I rate very highly.

"It's taken a while because Brighton have had a few injuries so we've had to be patient, but when you want the right be people sometimes it pays to be patient.

"He's a defensive player who has played predominately at centre-half and also right-back, so he ticks a number of boxes.

"He's a player we've wanted to bring in so it's pleasing to have finally got him."

GOODBYE & GOOD LUCK DEBBIE!

After 31 years working at the Luton & Dunstable Hospital X-ray department Hatters fanatic Debbie Hill is embracing a new chapter in her career.

Friend and colleague Sally Hacking told us: "Debbie has been a great work colleague and friend to so many at the L&D she will be missed immensely.

"We all know she will take on her new role with as much dedication that she has given to the X-ray department.

"She has been a great team member and not only will we all miss her but we will miss hearing about LTFC wins (and defeats!)."

Good luck Debbie, from all your friends at the L&D X-ray department and everyone at Luton Town.

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With just a handful of matches remaining until the end of the season, it's almost time for our annual end of season dinner!

This year's meal will take place at The Auction House, in Crescent Road, Luton on Monday 9th May.

Attendees will enjoy a delicious three-course dinner in the company

of the management team and the first team playing squad. Manager Nathan Jones will be special guest speaker, so don't miss it - book your ticket today.

Tickets cost £70 per person and are available to purchase with our commercial team. Email commercial@lutontown.co.uk, or call 01582 411622 now.

CONGRATULATIONS CAM!

Town midfielder Cameron McGeehan was named The Football League's Young Player of the Month for February.

With three goals in five matches, McGeehan's form helped the Hatters claim 10 points through the month. The 20-year-old notched a fine long-distance winner at Wycombe, a penalty against Hartlepool and a header at York - the Town's first goal at Bootham Crescent in over 10 hours.

"I am really privileged and happy to have won the award. It is a nice bit of recognition for me,"

said McGeehan who picked up his award at the training ground.

Town boss Nathan Jones added: "Cameron is a self-motivated player. He trains hard, has the desire to do well, listen - and with that kind of attitude and ability that he has, we're delighted to have him. Since I've come in he has been fantastic. He has contributed some really important goals as he has done all season and he's the type of player we want here.

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DORCAS PEARCE - REST IN PEACE

We're sad to announce the sudden passing of long-time Hatters supporter Dorcas Pearce at the age of 72.

Dorcas started following the Club in the early 1980s with husband Alan and daughter Trudy. A season ticket holder in the Enclosure, Dorcas backed the team through all the many highs and lows of the past thirty-five years, highlights being the many promotions and the multiple Wembley appearances during that time.



In recent years Dorcas was also a joint match-sponsor, with the King family, of several Christmastime matches at Kenilworth Road. She introduced eldest Grandson Cameron to the Hatters family a few years ago and he subsequently became a season ticket holder as well.

Dorcas' funeral was held on 29th March with club chaplain Alan West conducting the service. Her coffin was draped with a Hatters flag and the floral tribute was a straw boater. Donations, to the Co-operative Funeral Service, in her memory will be donated to SOLYD. The Club offers it's condolences to all Dorcas' family and friends at this difficult time.

DUO IN THE MALL

With the Easter half-term continuing next week, make sure you head to our club shop in the Mall to meet Town midfielders Cameron McGeehan and Jonathan Smith.

The pair will be on hand to sign autographs and pose for pictures between 2pm and 3pm. Get down there quick to avoid disappointment as these signing sessions have proved to be incredibly popular this season!



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

H  **ACCRINGTON
STANLEY** 

Saturday 9th April 2016, 3pm

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

 **CARLISLE
UNITED**  **A**

Tuesday 19th April 2016, 7.45pm

Selling arrangements and prices will be released when the tickets have been received by the Ticket Office. Please check the official website for details.

H  **DAGENHAM &
REDBRIDGE** 

Tuesday 12th April 2016, 7.45pm

Tickets are now on sale at category B prices and are available online and from the Ticket Office. Any tickets bought for the Good Friday date are still valid for this fixture.

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Saturday 23rd April 2016, 3pm

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 **NORTHAMPTON
TOWN**  **H**

Saturday 30th April 2016, 3pm

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COMMERCIAL TALK...

WITH COMMERCIAL MANAGER **DAVID HOSKINS**

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GREENE KING



Greene King and Luton Town Football Club have begun what is quickly turning out to be a strong working relationship with the club while keeping

supporters at the forefront of all decisions, finding a mix that will give all Hatters supporters a huge product range to choose from along with trying to increase the ease and opportunity to purchase.

Today marks the first of what will hopefully become a regular opportunity for all fans to get something a little different whether you want to stay true to the badge and get behind the team before kick-off try a pint of Hatters, experience a taste of breakfast in a glass with marmalade on toast or stick with a classic favourite in Abbot Ale you'll be able to get something more than your average pint at today's game.

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CHRIS CLARIDGE & FRIENDS



Chris is delighted to be match ball sponsor today and is entertaining family and friends in executive box 28. Chris is well known to many Luton fans, being an enthusiastic member of Loyal Luton Supporters' Club over the years following the Hatters home and away. He also has travelled the world watching England where his Luton Town flag is often seen.

It is especially pleasing for everybody who knows Chris that he is sponsoring today's matchball as it is another significant positive step on the long road to recovery he is undergoing following a lengthy period in hospital. We all look forward to seeing him back at games regularly soon.



TODAY'S MASCOTS

JAKE & CHARLIE



Please give a special welcome to our two mascots this afternoon. First up is Jake Clarke, who is 10 years old and from Dunstable. His favourite player is striker Jack Marriott.

Our next mascot is 12-year-old Charlie Lawson. Charlie is from Eversholt and his favourite Town player is midfielder Cameron McGeehan. Both Jake and Charlie will get to meet all the players in the dressing room before the game prior to leading the teams out onto the pitch before kick-off. We hope you enjoy your day with us boys!



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Welcome to Kenilworth Road STEVENAGE



TEAM PROFILE STEVENAGE

Nicknames: The Boro
Ground: Broadhall Way
Last season: 6th League 2
Manager: Darren Sarll
Last match: Oxford 1-1 Stevenage

It gives us great pleasure to welcome everyone associated with Stevenage to Kenilworth Road this afternoon, including all of those in the away end who have made the short trip from Hertfordshire.

Boro come to Bedfordshire vastly in need of points, sitting just one place above the League 2 relegation zone, with seven points separating them and 23rd-placed York City heading into the weekend's fixtures.

It's been a difficult campaign for Darren Sarll's side, although the man himself only took caretaker charge in February, replacing the sacked Teddy Sheringham.

Stevenage marks the first step on the managerial ladder for Sarll, who had previously enjoyed spells as youth team manager at Broadhall Way, as well as being the first team coach under Sheringham.

The new manager enjoyed a mixed start at the helm, losing his first game to Crawley before tasting success against Hartlepool and

Cambridge. That was followed by five straight defeats, four of those without Stevenage even scoring, before a brace from ex-Hatter Luke Wilkinson had them two up against leaders Northampton, only for the Cobblers to turn the game around for a 3-2 victory.

Sarll's lack of previous management experience led to Boro calling in Glenn Roeder as managerial advisor, with the side then going to draw 1-1 at promotion-chasing Oxford United, their last fixture before coming to Kenilworth Road.

That result was a marked improvement from their last outing against the U's, when they lost 5-1 in October having suffered two red cards, two penalties – one of which was saved – and a hammering in front of their fans to leave them 20th.

It was a disappointing opening for a side challenging for promotion last term. Stevenage finished sixth in League 2 12 months ago, bringing about a Play-Off semi-final against Southend from which they progressed no further.

A lack of goals has been evident for Boro this season - including

when the two sides met earlier in the campaign. In a game of few chances, neither side was able to break the deadlock, with the only action of note coming when Paul Benson was sent off three minutes from time for a lunge. Boro also drew a blank the last time they came to Kenilworth Road in the final game of last season. Having confirmed their spot in the play-off places the week before, it was all about whether the Hatters could do the same, and while goals from Mark Cullen and Michael Harriman gave the Town a fighting chance, a victory for Plymouth consigned John Still's side to an eighth-place finish, two spots below today's visitors.

Stevenage profited in the only other meeting at Kenilworth Road, however, prevailing 1-0 in September 2009 thanks to Scott Laird's goal in the Hatters' first season out of the Football League.

LAST MEETING

Stevenage 0-0 Luton
21/11/15

HATTERS v BORO

Luton wins 3
Draws 1
Stevenage wins 1

Meet the VISITORS



OUR GUIDE TO THE MEN FROM THE BROADHALL WAY

THE BOSS

DARREN SARLL

Current caretaker boss Darren is in his second spell on the coaching staff at Broadhall Way. Made his name as a midfielder in non-league circles as a player but has also coached at Brentford and Rotherham.

BETWEEN THE STICKS

JAMIE JONES

Preston stopper Jamie joined Boro on-loan in January for the rest of the season. Came through the ranks at Everton before six years at Leyton Orient. Also spent time out on loan at Coventry and Colchester.

IN DEFENCE

LUKE WILKINSON

No stranger to Town supporters, centre-half Luke joined Boro in January after 18 months at Kenilworth Road. Joined the Hatters from Dagenham where he was previously player of the year.

FRASER FRANKS

A member of the Hatters side that won the Conference in 2014, Franks signed for Stevenage last summer. He originally joined the Town from Welling and has also played for AFC Wimbledon.



RONNIE HENRY

Yet another former Town defender on Boro's books, captain Ronnie

rejoined Stevenage in May 2013 after skipping the Hatters to the Conference title. Began his career as a youngster at Tottenham.

DEAN WELLS

Commanding centre-half Dean joined Boro in June 2014 from Braintree. The experienced defender began his career at Brentford but was Stevenage's player of the year after a first fine season at the club.

JEROME OKIMO

Left-back Jerome arrived at Broadhall Way in the summer of 2014 from Wealdstone. Made 34 appearances in his debut campaign and is known for his surging runs forward from defence.

ACROSS THE MIDDLE

LEE COX

A January arrival from Plymouth Argyle, Lee has won promotion twice before in his career. Helped Inverness to success in Scotland before being part of the Swindon side that won League 1 in 2012.

KEITH KEANE

Another popular former Hatter in the Boro ranks, midfielder Keith made over 250 appearances for the Town having come through the academy. Is currently on-loan from Cambridge United.

MICHAEL TONGE

Experienced midfielder Michael joined Boro in October 2015 and is closing in on 400 career appearances. Served the likes of Sheffield United, Preston, Derby, Leeds, Barnsley and Millwall.



TOM PETT
Highly-rated winger Tom signed from Wealdstone in the summer of 2014 and scored seven times in his debut season

in the Football League last term, including one against the Hatters.

CHRIS WHELPDALE

Another summer 2014 arrival, Chris joined Boro from Gillingham having made over 100 appearances for the Gills. Started his career in non-league circles before joining Peterborough and then the Gills.

BRADLEY PRITCHARD

Zimbabwean midfielder Bradley signed for Boro on loan from Orient in March. Made his name at Tamworth which led to a move to Charlton before a switch across London to Leyton.

UP FRONT

GREG LUER

Young striker Greg joined Boro on-loan from Championship side Hull in March. A regular scorer for the Tigers' Under-21 side, he spent time on loan at Scunthorpe earlier this season.

BYRON HARRISON

Another player on-loan at the Lamex, striker Byron joined from Chesterfield in February. Now in his second spell, he previously netted 10 goals in 40 games in 2011, helping them to promotion.

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

1976 FORMATION OF CLUB

Stevenage was formed in 1976. There were several clubs previously associated with the town. Stevenage Town dated from 1884 and they absorbed Stevenage Rangers in 1955, later playing at Broadhall Way. That club went into liquidation in 1968 and Stevenage Athletic was formed but followed a similar path in 1976. Stevenage entered the Chiltern League and played matches on the King George V playing fields until returning to the council-owned Broadhall Way in 1980 when 'Borough' was added to the name. The Boro achieved instant success in the United Counties League, then joined the Isthmian League Second Division.

1996 CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

Barry Hayles was leading marksman with 29 goals as Stevenage Borough won the Conference title in 1995-96. Boro won their opening three matches and overcame a lean spell to gain 5-1 wins at home to Kettering Town and Northwich Victoria. Barry Hayles grabbed a hat-trick in an 8-0 demolition of Runcorn that heralded a superb 17-match unbeaten run, including a 6-2 victory at Slough Town. Paul Fairclough's team scored 101 goals as won the Conference title with 91 points, finishing eight ahead of Woking, but Stevenage failed to meet the deadline for work on their ground and the Football League rejected them.

1998 BORO CALL THE TOON

Stevenage Borough shocked the football world as they took eventual finalists Newcastle United to an FA Cup fourth round replay in 1997/98. Boro received a bye to the first round proper and triumphed 5-0 at home to Carshalton in a replay, then beat Cambridge

United 2-1 in a second round replay and won 2-1 at Swindon Town to secure a fourth round tie at home to Newcastle United. Giuliano Grazioli's equaliser cancelled out Alan Shearer's opener in a 1-1 draw watched by 8,040 at Broadhall Way on 25th January 1998 but the England striker scored twice in the replay as Newcastle triumphed 2-1 at St James' Park.

2010 INTO THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Stevenage Borough stormed to the Conference title in 2009/10. A 2-1 defeat at leaders Oxford United in their fifth game was a turning point as Graham Westley's side remained unbeaten in their next 15 matches. They eventually overtook Oxford United on top and cemented pole position with a 6-0 win at Eastbourne Borough in early March. The only points dropped in their last 15 games were in a 1-0 defeat at home to the Town and Stevenage won the title with 99 points, deprived of a new record total by Chester City's sad demise. Boro also reached the FA Trophy final but lost 2-1 to Barrow at Wembley on 9th May 2010.

2011 PLAY-OFF FINAL WINNERS

Graham Westley plotted Stevenage's 2010/11 League 2 Play-Off final success. They began life in the Football League with a 2-2 draw at home to Macclesfield and gradually climbed the table. Loanees Chris Holdroyd grabbed a hat-trick in a 4-1 win at Hereford and Stevenage beat MK Dons, AFC Wimbledon and top-flight Newcastle United en route to the FA Cup fourth round, losing 2-1 at home to Reading. They had six straight wins in March and qualified for the play-offs in sixth place. After beating Accrington 3-0 in the semi-finals, John Mousinho's goal clinched a 1-0 win over Torquay United in the final on 28th May 2011.



COVER STORY

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

LUTON TOWN 1 BLACKPOOL 0

2nd April 2005

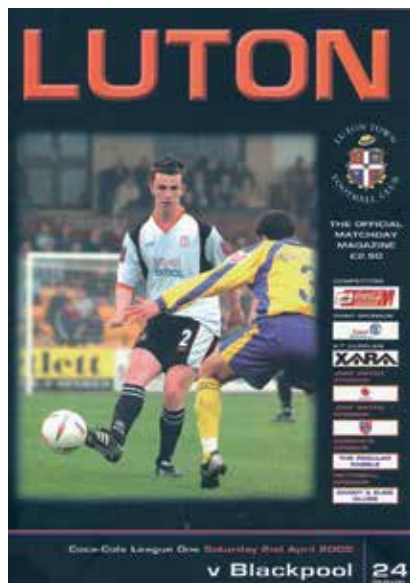
After the shenanigans of the summer of 2003, with John Gurney making the club a laughing stock, the following campaign passed fairly gently with a final League 1 placing of 10th, seven points off the Play-Offs, respectable given the circumstances.

Manager Mike Newell, appointed in bizarre circumstances during the 'summer of Gurney' had now been accepted by the supporters and, while we were hoping to push on for a possible chance of the Play-Offs, what happened next exceeded our wildest dreams.

The loss of Emerson Boyce to Premier League Crystal Palace at the end of his Luton contract was a blow but his replacement from within, teenager Curtis Davies, soon became a mainstay in the side. Rowan Vine, on loan from Portsmouth, was the only incoming player – although Paul Underwood, signed the previous Spring but injured on his debut, could be looked upon as a 'new' player.

The season opened with a workmanlike 2-1 home victory over Oldham which did not set the pulses racing but after 12 games, recording 10 wins and two draws, we were streets ahead at the top of the table.

Although there were a few blips along the way, such as three defeats in a week during October, we always managed to bounce back in devastating fashion to hold off our challengers.



We remained in top spot throughout the season apart from a short spell in early January when our main challengers, a resurgent Hull, took over but after we beat the Tigers 1-0 at Kenilworth Road a month later, courtesy of a late goal from the 'Croatian Sensation' Ahmet Brkovic, the title was now within sight.

As Easter approached a late Steve Howard header salvaged a point in a 2-2 draw at Oldham before Barnsley were well worth their 3-1 win at Kenilworth Road on Good Friday in a game that saw Chris Coyne dismissed in front of the Sky TV cameras.

Any last-minute nerves were soon dispelled following an emphatic 4-1 win at Torquay three days later and



Steve Howard, first to the ball against Blackpool

it was hoped there would be no further twists and turns in the final half-dozen games.

Next up were Blackpool, who visited Kenilworth Road on the back of a good run of form and a crowd of 7,816 turned up hoping for three points and not a repeat of the Good Friday debacle.

Coyne returned after his suspension but could only make the bench where he sat alongside new signing Warren Feeney who had arrived from Stockport on a transfer deadline day deal.

The Town got out of the blocks quickly with Howard and Peter

Holmes going close in the opening minutes before any initial nerves were settled on 15 minutes. A Holmes corner was met with a thumping Howard header which earned the big striker his 21st goal of the season.

We sat back expecting more goals but despite carving out several chances they were all spurned leading to nervousness off the pitch spreading to the players. Blackpool, sensing this, certainly made us all sweat in the second period but we managed to hang on to maintain our three point lead at the top. Promotion was now

almost guaranteed as we were now 13 points ahead of third placed Tranmere.

Manager Mike Newell said afterwards: "We weren't at our best particularly in the second half, but it's all about results at this stage in the season. We looked a bit tired and leggy and gave the ball away too often.

"I didn't feel we got a great deal of good deliveries into the box throughout the game.

"The only one we did get in was for Howie's goal and we know he can do that if he gets the right sort of service."

THE PROGRAMME



The Town produced a 60-page programme for the visit of Blackpool priced at £2.50.

Mention was made of our 120th birthday on 11th April and it was hoped that we would signify this occasion by making it 'Hatters Day' for our next home game against MK Dons. We were all expected to wear a hat with prizes on offer!

The Bobbers Club were also celebrating their 70th birthday with planned events taking place.

All in all it was a good time to be a Luton Town supporter with hardly any of us knowing what was to follow over the next few years!

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From the OAK ROAD

AFTER REACHING THE PLAY-OFF LAST SEASON MUCH WAS EXPECTED OF STEVENAGE THIS TERM UNDER NEW BOSS TEDDY SHERINGHAM. HOWEVER, NOT EVERYTHING HAS GONE TO PLAN, AS BORO FAN **MARK HOLLIS** EXPLAINS...

THE SEASON AHEAD...

After reaching the Play-Offs last term what were expectations for this season back in August?

I expected to have a really, really good go at it this season. The way we finished so strongly last season suggested that with a couple of additions we could have been a real force to be reckoned with this year.

Teddy Sheringham was appointed as Graham Westley's successor. We know it didn't work out, but tell us about that time. What was Teddy like and was it the correct decision to let him go?

I think Teddy was thrown overboard a little bit. Whilst time showed that he clearly wasn't capable of instilling any kind of fire in anyone's belly, I think he was expected to make a silk purse with a sow's ear from the very beginning. Perhaps if he'd had a bit more experience he wouldn't have taken on such a poisoned chalice.

Darren Sarri has taken over and is being helped now by Glenn Roeder. What impact has Darren had since taking over?

The football has certainly been better. You can see the

semblance of some good ideas on the pitch but they're perhaps being executed badly. Either that or we're the unluckiest team in the world. The rest of the season suggests it's a bit more of a problem than just bad luck though.

There's a seven-point gap between yourselves and the relegation zone. Are you nervously looking over your shoulder? What's happened this season? Is it a confidence thing? Do you think you can survive?

I've been nervously looking over my shoulder all season. The performance away at Leyton Orient early in the campaign was enough to tell me we were going to be in trouble. What's happened this season is that we released a lot of competent and league experienced players and replaced them with a lot of inexperienced players. That's not meant to sound rude or derogatory to the young lads that have come in, but I think it's been proven that whilst I'm sure they'll go on to have excellent careers, they've perhaps been hampered by having too much put on them, too soon. It doesn't help that we've had a ludicrous number of loan players come in, most of whom have been utter garbage and/or had no time to settle meaning we seemingly

haven't been able to form any kind of proper team spirit. But yes, we'll survive because York and Dagenham are even worse than us.

You have plenty of Luton old boys in your squad with Luke Wilkinson the latest player to arrive at the Lamex from Kenilworth Road. How has Luke fitted in and how are the likes of Fraser Franks and Ronnie Henry performing?

Ronnie Henry is always Mr Dependable, as you know. A consistent and solid seven out of 10. Fraser was on his way to being my Player of the Season before injury wiped out a large chunk of his playing time and Luke Wilkinson has been very good since he came in.

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

Horrible question to answer. With almost 50 players having turned out for us this year I can't even name someone who's played enough games to stand out!

SEASONS PAST...

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

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Stevenage celebrate winning the FA Trophy in 2007

I've been supporting Stevenage for knocking on 20 years. I'd been to a few games here and there with my Dad while I was really young but the season after we were denied entry to the Football League was when I joined the supporters' club and nailed my colours to the wall. I can't really remember my first game but there were stand out clashes with Woking, Macclesfield and Cheltenham. My really early memories are all of Martin Gittings and Barry Hayles scoring goals like it was the easiest thing in the world.

The back-to-back promotions between 2010 and 2011 - tell us about it. What was so special about following the club at that time? Who were the heroes on the pitch and which games in particular stood out for you?

The club was totally united. Everyone knew what they were doing, everyone worked themselves in to the ground for each other, we had a great squad and we had a management team who knew how to get the best from that squad. We were undoubtedly lucky with the ability to field the same back five for 95 per cent of the games but even on the occasions one of the starting 11 wasn't available, his

replacement would always perform when he filled in. It was one of those once in a lifetime squads probably never to be repeated.

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

Winning the Conference and being allowed up. The day we won it at Kidderminster will live forever.

LUTON AND STEVENAGE

What are your best and worst memories of Stevenage and Luton clashes? Do any games in particular stick out? Pipping us to the Conference title? Winning here in 2009?

I don't really have many memories of our matches. I don't think we've ever had a particularly great encounter and I don't see us winning the Conference as pipping you to it. I don't think anyone else ever really stood a chance of catching us once we'd got to the summit. Maybe over the course of time it'll build into a proper rivalry if we stay in the same league for a while but at the moment, with the greatest of respect, it's just another game.

What do you expect from today's game? What's your

prediction? Are you looking forward to sitting in the away end?

I expect we'll lose. I don't know... 2-0? I've been in better away ends. Is that polite enough?

QUICKFIRE

Terrace or Seats? Terrace.

Who are your rivals?

Woking and Barnet

Favourite all-time manager?

Graham Westley

Favourite promotion season?

Conference title.

Guess your player of the season.

Jack Jebb.

If you could bring back one player from the past back in the Stevenage team who would it be? Mark Roberts.

Most treasured piece of Stevenage memorabilia?

Programmes from the Newcastle FA Cup ties in 1996

What league will Stevenage be in next season? League 2.

Who will win promotion from League 2? I barely know who's up there, not had any call to look that far up. Let's go with Northampton, Oxford and anyone but Accrington.

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WHAT'S THE STORY?

The Hatters twice hit the woodwork in a dominant performance against Crawley – but fell to an eighth home defeat of the season at a stunned Kenilworth Road.

Chasing a fifth straight victory, the Town saw efforts from Jonathan Smith and Paul Benson strike the post and bar respectively.

But ultimately it was Matt Harrold's 12th-minute effort that handed the visitors a third straight win on Bedfordshire soil.

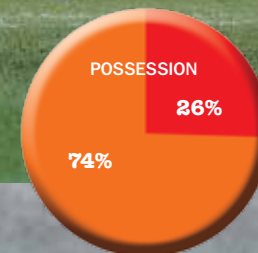
The striker scored in his third successive appearance against the Town against the run of play with a low, well-placed effort that beat Jonathan Mitchell on the goalkeeper's home debut.

But despite enjoying over 70 per cent possession and forcing 14 corners to Crawley's one, the Town were left frustrated once more at home.



Substitute Joe Pigott looks for a way through late on

ATTENDANCE
8,264
197 CRAWLEY



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SATURDAY 12TH MARCH 2016		
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JONES SAID:

“Performance-wise, I thought we were outstanding. “The way we moved the ball, the way we created, the amount of chances, opportunities, possession we had was enough to win two or three games. “But we didn't. Credit to Crawley, they had probably one chance in the game, took it and then they showed a real resilience to defend and to graft and to grind out a result. “In terms of me, I'm happy with how we played, because we moved the ball fantastically well, that's as dominant a game as you're likely to see at this level, regardless of score and I'm pleased for that. “I'm just bitterly disappointed that we didn't convert that into three points, because if we had won that it would have been a wonderful, wonderful performance and a wonderful day for Luton Town .”



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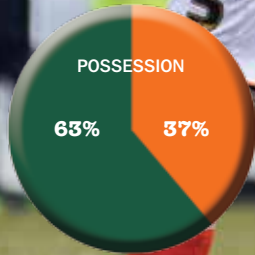
ATTENDANCE

7,973

554 LUTON



Jack Marriott hits the Hatters' winner



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14	4
7	3
5	9
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JONES SAID:

“I’m delighted, it was a different kind of performance from last week in terms of the domination factor, but we came here, I asked them for an away performance and they were outstanding. “We wanted a fast start which we didn’t quite get, and they as the home team to come out of the blocks, but our keeper never had a save to make. “I know they had a little bit of possession, and then worked on stuff to try and affect our shape, but I felt we were okay, no real problem. “I felt we had the two best chances of the half, one we scored from, the corner Jack had an unbelievable opportunity and felt we had better chances first half. “It was a real good away performance, our keeper had one save to make second half which was offside anyway, and I thought it was a magnificent performance I really did and I’m really, really proud of them.”

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SUBSTITUTES	
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WHAT'S THE STORY?

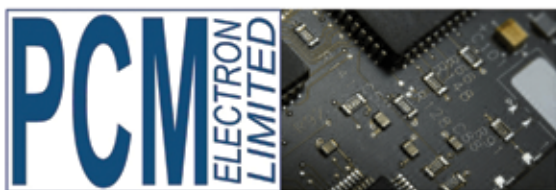
The Town made it five wins in six away games under Nathan Jones with a fine victory at promotion-chasing Plymouth. Jack Marriott poked home his 13th goal of the season following Paddy McCourt's excellent pass to put the Hatters ahead at the break. Marriot had earlier come close to breaking the deadlock earlier and could have put the Town out of sight with a chance in the second. But a fine defensive rearguard action in the second half saw off the threat of the Pilgrims as the Town enjoyed more success on the road – and a second successive victory at Home Park across two seasons.



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HATTERS FAN KEVIN HARPER CONTINUES TO DOCUMENT HIS TRAVELS AROUND THE COUNTRY. HERE'S HIS TAKE ON THE LONG AND SUCCESSFUL TRIP TO PLYMOUTH ARGYLE TWO WEEKS AGO.

The journey

After the disappointing defeat to Crawley the week before it was time for one of the longest trips of the season to Plymouth. The Bobbers coach left Luton interchange at 8am for what was going to be a lengthy journey, but one which felt longer given the previous defeat.

The journey went pretty smoothly and after a stop off at the services on the way down we made it down to Home Park just after 1.20pm so we made good headway.

Rating: ⚽⚽⚽⚽

The ground

Nothing had changed at Home Park from last season. Three sides of the ground still look a picture and then there is one side, to our left, which looked like something pre-historic! The view from the seats we were in behind the goal was very good and apart from the over-zealous stewards everything was good in the ground.

Rating: ⚽⚽⚽⚽⚽

The food

A number of the group I was with decided to get a Cornish Pasty from outside the ground but I grabbed a hot dog from inside along with a pint of cider. Both were tasty and

relatively well priced and went down well after the long journey!

Rating: ⚽⚽⚽⚽

The programme

The 72-page issue had a retro front cover and was quite unique in that the manager's notes were two pages from the back which is unusual. Half-a-dozen pages were about the Town and the rest was made up of home things.

Rating: ⚽⚽

The match

This match was very much like the Leyton Orient game. We had a debutant who was announced to have joined us whilst we were on the way down in Glen Rea. He replaced Olly Lee in midfield.

The match was pretty even from the start and you could tell both sides were pretty evenly matched and it would take something special to break through. It was us that produced it as just over halfway into the first half Paddy McCourt picked the ball up on the left wing, he ran across the face of the penalty area before putting Jack Marriott through and the forward made no mistake.

The remainder of the game was about us holding on to what we had like we did at Orient. If anything we were even more comfortable in

this game and could have doubled our lead a couple of times in the second half with Rea and Marriott missing good chances. It didn't matter though as we held on to win 1-0.

Rating: ⚽⚽

Man-of-the-Match

Alan Sheehan had to pass a fitness test to play in this match but he didn't put a foot wrong. He started out at centre-back and finished at left-back and he was assured and unflustered in both roles. His comfort on the ball allowed us to retain possession and negate Plymouth's threat. The loanee was in top form.

Summary

It was a very long day which began with me leaving the house at 7am and not getting back into it until 11.15pm but it was well worth it to see the Town win again and win pretty comfortably it has to be said. All in all a top day out!

OVERALL RATING
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BRIGHTON MAN BUZZING WITH TOWN SWITCH

New Hatters loanee Glen Rea admits the experience of playing his first game under Nathan Jones was a particular buzz for him.

The 21-year-old made his debut in the Town's 1-0 victory at Plymouth, giving his new side a fifth victory in six outings in League 2.

The versatile player, who can operate in defence and midfield, was left to reflect on an exciting week in his first season as a professional player.

"You never expect anything in football, so when I was named in the team I was buzzing," Rea said. "I just wanted to give a good performance and I felt the boys did excellently. It was a great team performance to get that win and to send the fans home buzzing!"

FACTOR

"Luton is a massive club that's on the up. The chance of being able to get the Play-Offs and promotions were a big factor, but I just want to come here and play football.

"When I get the chance to play at Kenilworth Road, I'll be buzzing for it, but I just have to keep working hard so I can go out there and do my best. I try and do that every game and hope that doing that is enough."

Rea has come to Bedfordshire on loan from Championship outfit Brighton, while he also spent some of this term with Southend.

And the youngster, who sat in front of the back four at Home Park, knew his new manager's abilities from their time together on the south coast.

He added: "The relationship I have with the manager gives me massive confidence. I just want to

do well for the fans, the team, him. The fans were unreal, we've sent them home happy.

"I had him as a coach, I felt he was unreal. Coming to work for him as a manager is even better. He took charge of two games at Brighton and did really well, so I knew he had the capabilities, and he's shown that already at his time here."

HAPPY

"The boys are a great bunch, I know the gaffer from Brighton, and I'm really grateful for the opportunity to come here and play games. The win just tops it off.

"For those who haven't seen me play before, I've sat in that position at Southend and I've also played at centre-half, but I'm just happy to play on the pitch."

Rea has yet to score in his 20 games of professional football, yet came close to breaking his duck with a golden opportunity moments into the second half.

While he had been glad to get on the scoresheet, the 21-year-old felt it was more significant for the Town to claim three points and move up the League 2 table.

"We went out there with a plan, and I think we executed it very well," he continued. "We could have got a few more goals, but I thought we defended outstandingly

and it was great to get a win.

"The chance has come to me, I've swivelled and my eyes lit up a bit, but it didn't go in. If it had, we'd have been a lot more settled, so it forced us to defend a bit more, but I thought we did that excellently.

"As a defensive-minded player, the clean sheet was unreal. Everyone was unreal."



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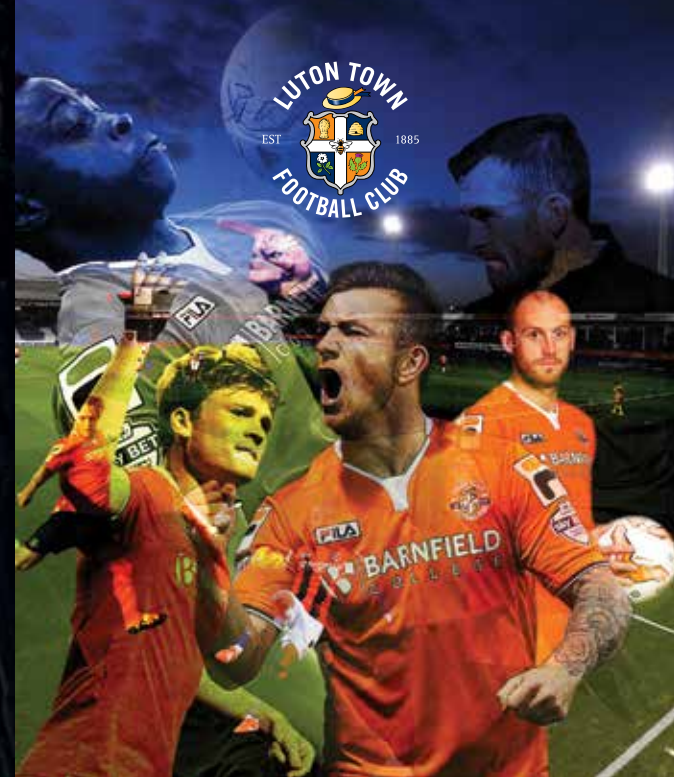
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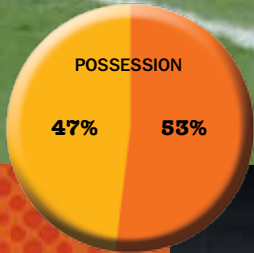
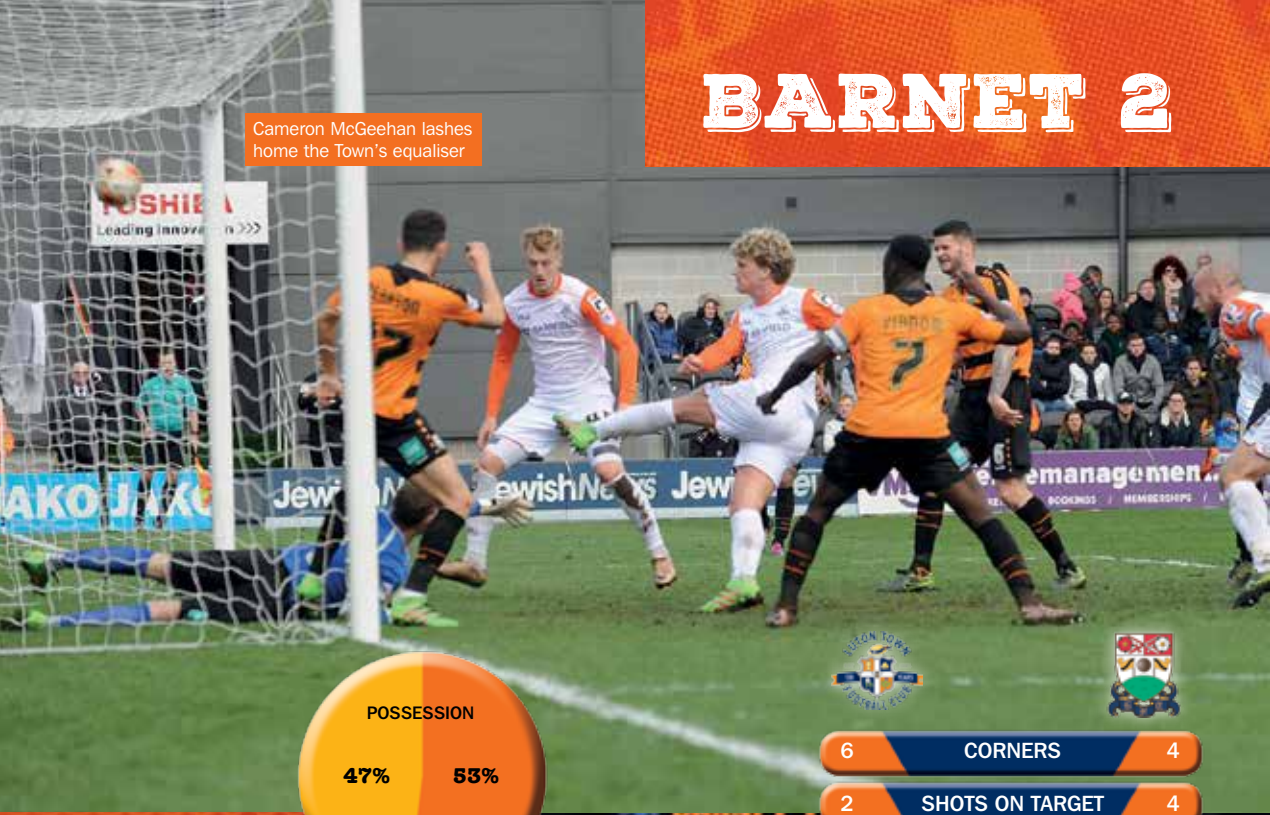
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Cameron McGeehan lashes home the Town's equaliser



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WHAT'S THE STORY?

The Hatters Play-Off charge was dealt a last gasp sucker-punch as John Akinde's 96th-minute penalty gave Barnet all three points at The Hive.

The striker confidently slotted home following Scott Cuthbert's handball in the Town area, despite the visitors looking favourites to snatch a late victory following Cameron McGeehan's equaliser.

It was McGeehan's 13th of the season, smashing home Cuthbert's knock-down to level the game following Luke Gambin's opener early in the second half.

The Hatters had a host of chances to level before McGeehan struck with Paddy McCourt and Glen Rea going close.

And after the leveller substitutes Joe Pigott and Danny Green missed good chances as the clocked ticked down into five minutes of added time.

But Akinde kept his cool from the spot with virtually the last kick of the game to keep the Town eight points off the top seven following just a second away defeat in seven under Nathan Jones.



JONES SAID:

“It was a slow, lethargic, grinding, monotonous, horrible game of football, a horrible game of football. “We knew what it would be like, how they play, what they do, it was a horrible game but I thought we stood up to it for the majority. “Not many come here and (win) as it's a horrible place to come, it's horrible.

“The way the game goes, it's slow, takes an age to get things back into play, keeper is taking hours, so we stood up to that, and just a few decisions cost us.

“It's not pretty, so we've got to come here and try and do the job, but three bad decisions cost us in a horrible, horrible game.”



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MAGNUS EYEING PERMANENT PLACE

CENTRE-HALF ON RETURN TO STARTING XI



Town defender Magnus Okuonghae hopes his first start since January can lead him to a more permanent position in the side's starting line-up.

The centre-back played the full 90 minutes at Barnet for the first time since the home draw with Cambridge – Nathan Jones' first game in charge of the Hatters.

Now Okuonghae is hoping to cement his place in the team after coming in for the injured Dan Potts, with Alan Sheehan moved across to full-back.

"It was nice to get involved and to get back playing some football," said Okuonghae. "It doesn't matter whether it's through injuries or just getting put back in the team, you just want to play as many games as you can. The players have been playing brilliantly so I've had to be patient and waited for my chance to play.

"As a footballer, you enjoy playing, and you feel that enjoyment regardless of the result. We huffed and puffed and had some really good chances and it seemed like we would be the side to go on and win the game. It's been a topsy-turvy year for me with injuries and that's what lost me my place. I got

injured on the morning of a game and Barnet was the first time I'd started since, but I'm enjoying it at Kenilworth Road, whether I'm playing or not."

Despite an impressive run of form that had seen the Hatters win five out of six prior to the Easter period, Okuonghae and the Hatters slipped to just a second away defeat under Jones following the 2-1 setback at The Hive.

The Town had equalised just four minutes from time through Cameron McGeehan, but Scott Cuthbert was adjudged to handle in the area and John Akinde converted the subsequent penalty.

And it was a tough defeat to take for Okuonghae, who believed his side coped with the difficult playing conditions in north London.

He said: "I thought we had more chances and the better chances in both halves, so it's unlucky. I think a few decisions have gone against us, so we need to pick ourselves up and go again. It was a tough game, Barnet are relentless in getting the ball in the box from everywhere,

even putting throw-ins in from right beside the dugout. We did brilliantly against that threat, and it's unfortunate in the way we've conceded the two goals.

"I think it's a handball, but I also think he was pushed. There was a lot of hustling going on, but in the box that's costly. It looked to me that he had a little shove which forced the ball to hit his hand. Sometimes these things go against you."

In spite of the disappointing result, Okuonghae feels the Town can recover in their push to reach the League 2 Play-Off places.

"We showed great character to get back in it, it felt like we would be the side going on to win that game.

"You looked around and at one point it seemed the whole far stand was Luton fans with the amount of noise they made, so it's disappointing that we couldn't get the result for them. With our squad and the way we've been playing, this seems like just a minor setback and something we can come back from."

Traveller's TALES



ARDENT TOWN FAN KEVIN HARPER GOES EVERYWHERE TO FOLLOW HIS TEAM. HERE'S HIS TAKE ON THE EASTER MONDAY MATCH AT BARNET.

The journey

After one of the longest journeys of the season it was back to one of the shorter ones for a small trip to Barnet on Easter Monday. After the win at Plymouth and the results when we didn't play on Good Friday mostly going for us I sensed plenty of optimism on the way down to London.

We set off from Luton interchange at 12.30 and were down at The Hive shortly after 1.30 so it was a smooth trip down.

Rating: ⚽⚽⚽⚽⚽

The ground

When you approach the ground it doesn't really look like a football ground. It looks like a metal case in the middle of dozens of training pitches but inside it isn't too bad. We were in the seats where the view was okay and there were plenty more Town fans in the terrace behind the goal creating a brilliant atmosphere.

Rating: ⚽⚽⚽

The food

There were plenty of food options available at The Hive but it was drastically overpriced. The queues were long and you had to wait for most stuff. When it eventually came it tasted ok but nothing like it should have for the price. There was also a bar behind the seats for

Town fans to get stuck into. Plenty did.

Rating: ⚽⚽

The programme

68 pages this time with just a couple on the Town. I did notice a piece stating surprise that Darren Currie was never their player of the season and questioning why. I could have come up with a few reasons if they'd wanted to ask me!

Rating: ⚽

The match

If I had to sum it up in one word it would be horrendous. Apart from the 20-25 minutes we were on top in the second half I can safely say I didn't enjoy any of this game.

The entire first half where Barnet had the wind at their backs consisted of long throw, long throw, hoof repeated ad nauseum. For a game labelled professional football it was a really hard watch. We displayed the best football of the half when a fine one-touch quick passing move made its way to Cameron McGeehan but his shot was well-saved by the goalkeeper.

Barnet scored shortly after half-time when their midfielder Luke Gambin wriggled through and finished well and then we dominated for a large spell. After Jack Marriott had a goal harshly ruled out for offside and

Rea missed a good chance we equalised when Scott Cuthbert's header was saved and McGeehan slammed in the rebound.

Unfortunately it was heartbreak in injury time when Cuthbert inexplicably handled in the box and the resulting penalty was converted.

Rating: ⚽

Man-of-the-Match

Jack Marriott was a thorn in their side throughout and his goal looked outside to me. He ran the channels all day and did the best with the little service he was given. He was our pick of the players on show in a very poor game.

Summary

This one wasn't a day which will live long in my memory bank. An absolutely horrible game, even worse result and just as bad conditions. Having waited all Easter for my football fix I didn't enjoy much of it. The only good thing is I was home by 7pm but even that was scant consolation.

OVERALL RATING

12 out of 25

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PICTURE the PAST

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

Jesse Pye takes on the Barnsley defence during the Town's 6-0 win at Kenilworth Road in March 1953. Considering Pye netted 24 Division Two (now Championship) goals for the Hatters that season surprisingly he was not on the scoresheet that afternoon.



THE CAMERA never LIES

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



John Aston takes on both the Newcastle defence and a digger during the Town's 2-0 FA Cup victory at St James Park in 1973.

Luton Town in the COMMUNITY

BY KEVIN THOBURN, HEAD OF THE HATTERS COMMUNITY TRUST

Lewsey boys make Football League national Futsal under-16 Cup final.

What a fantastic effort from the Year 10 and 11 boys from Chalk Hills Academy in Lewsey who made it all the way to the Football League Trust Kinder+Sport Under15/16 Boys Futsal Cup final representing the Hatters before finally succumbing to a pulsating 4-3 defeat to Hartlepool United in the Final at the Derby Velodrome just before the Easter break.

Having already disposed of Barnet, Cambridge United, Colchester United, Ipswich Town, MK Dons, Northampton Town and Stevenage in our regional finals, the Lewsey boys from Chalk Hill Academy entered the finals day with only eight other Football League teams remaining. Futsal has been growing in popularity in recent years and is an exciting, fast-paced small sided football game that is widely played across the world and is now officially recognised by both UEFA and FIFA. The game places a large emphasis on technical skill and ability in situations of high pressure, and is subsequently an excellent breeding ground for technically minded footballers that can be translated into the 11-a-side format of the game – it forms a large part of our youth academy's technical syllabus.

The Kinder+Sport tournament is similar to the Football League Trust Kids' and Girls' Cup with all



72 Football League clubs taking part with a local tournament and then regional qualifiers with a national final.

The Chalk Hills Academy boys made the final eight along with Oxford United, Wolverhampton Wanderers, Brentford, Blackburn Rovers, Derby County, Bradford City and Gillingham making it all of the way to the final.

Chalk Hills PE Teacher Matt Dimond said: "It was great to represent the Club and the boys did fantastic on the day. An injury to Hatters academy player Jake Peck in the semi-final prevented him playing in the final and it probably cost us as he could have been the difference in a tight game. Everyone at Chalk Hills are very proud of the boys' achievements."

Community Coaching Programme – are you a potential community champion? FREE FA Level 1 Course

The Community Trust are once again searching for Luton 'community champions' and have again teamed up with Luton Adult Learning and the Skills Funding Agency to provide another 18 free spaces on an FA Level 1 coaching course next month for local adults aged over 19 to learn coaching skills through successful completion of our coaching learning programme. Our champions will then be able to deliver sports activities to members of our local community and try make a real contribution at local level to the sports provision in Luton.

The course will include the FA Level 1 coaching certificate and Sports Leaders Award as well as First Aid and Child Safety qualifications and aims to provide training to new coaches to enable them to deliver football and multi-sport activities which will improve their health and activity levels as well as offering them genuine future work opportunities with the Trust through formal sport qualifications gained on the project. To achieve this aim, the overall project is looking to increase awareness of the benefits of sporting activity together with the benefits of increased physical fitness and healthy lifestyle choices and also deliver this

Get into Football Coaching with Luton Town F.C.

FREE ADULT COURSES IN LUTON

If you are aged 19 years and over and live in Luton and would like to get into Football Coaching - then here is your opportunity!!

Luton Town FC Community Trust are looking for interested adults who would like to train as community football coaches and put their new skills to work in Luton. The course starts in May 2016 and we will be holding open evenings in April. The course will include:

- training from qualified professionals.
- gaining the FA Level 1 Award in Coaching Football & Sports Leaders award
- obtain the FA Safeguarding Children in Football & Emergency First Aid Award
- the chance to develop existing and new skills, confidence, and motivation
- opportunities to make new friends
- ongoing support from Luton Town FC during the programme
- help to become a Luton 'community champions'
- opportunities to volunteering and employment projects with the Hatters Community Trust.
- We particularly encourage applications from the BME community and females as they are under-represented in this area.

To register your interest or for more information call or text 'football coach' to Daniel on 07969 296418 or email daniel.douglas@lutontown.co.uk

message over a period of time through local coaches for local communities becoming role models for their local communities.

In particular (but not exclusively) we are looking for our 'community champions' from specifically targeted estates in Dallow and Biscot, Marsh Farm, Lewsey Farm and South Luton to work in areas which have large pockets of social deprivation with hard to reach young individuals and particularly, have significant issues around crime and anti-social behaviour. These estates already benefit from our weekly late night coaching sessions as part of our KITS community integration project run in conjunction with Active Luton and the community learning project will look to feed coaches into this project to increase the Club's presence on the estates as we look to support the sports provision and cohesion activity at a very local level.

So, If you are reading this and reckon you could become a 'community champion' and want to know more about our community coaching opportunities and would like to get involved then why not give the community office a ring on 01582 737568 for a chat

or email our community operations manager daniel.douglas@lutontown.co.uk. The course will run in May and June and is open to both men and women and we particularly welcome applicants from BME individuals as they are under-represented in this area .

Sport Relief Day at Woodlands SEN School

What a great day first teamers Scott Griffiths and Curtley Williams had at Woodlands Special Educational Needs School in Marsh Farm on Sports Relief day!

Scott and Curtley spent over three hours with the pupils and staff joining in with basketball matches, spot the ball, bowling competitions and an activity assembly that saw all of the pupils presented with medals after their sponsored mile walk.

All in all the pupils and staff at Woodlands raised almost £1,000 for Sport Relief and the Club would like to congratulate everyone for their efforts and for inviting us along on the day.

Through our School Sport project we now visit Woodlands SEN School every Friday afternoon to coach the under-16 school disability team and have got to know a very special school and all of its staff and pupils really well – they are all a credit to Luton and thanks to PE teacher Ryan Cameron for all of his work.



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The Town Under-18s went down 2-1 at Exeter City on Saturday in their latest Merit League fixture in the Youth Alliance.

Paul Driver's youngsters went into the game having won their last two games but fell to a goal five minutes from time against the Grecians.

The Hatters went a goal down after seven minutes when the hosts' striker latched onto an under-hit back-pass and fired past goalkeeper Liam Gooch. But the Town rallied and created a number of excellent chances in a bid to level. A James Justin free-kick rebounded off the post and George Murray's effort bounced wide.

As the Hatters continued to threaten, James Verney hit the post, Kavan Cotter shot over from 30 yards and Tyreeq Bakinson saw a drive tipped over by the Exeter goalkeeper.

CHANCES

After the break the Town upped the ante and on the hour it was 1-1 when Alex Atkinson's 25-yard low drive flew home.

The Hatters created the better chances with efforts from Bakinson and Jack Snelus both saved by the home keeper.

But just when it looked as though the Town would earn at least a point from their trip to Devon, Exeter snatched all three points on 85 minutes when, following a quick throw-in, a shot from the edge of

the box beat Gooch. Despite the final result, Driver was happy with the level of performance from his side.

He said: "It was wet, windy and horrible conditions but both sides played some truly excellent, fast flowing football.

"For me the plus was that we created a lot of chances and worked their goalkeeper.

"That's something we've asked for recently and I'm really pleased that we were able to create the better chances. The game could have gone either way but they nicked it at the end.

"We rested a few of the lads again with the Shrewsbury game in mind and from now on we'll look to make the side stronger as we work towards that."

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ACADEMY UPDATE

WITH DEVELOPMENT & ACADEMY
MANAGER ANDY AWFORD

Good afternoon and welcome to today's game versus Stevenage.

STAFF

I would like to thank Carl Craner, our academy head of education and welfare for his effort and hard work since joining us in the Summer. Unfortunately for us Carl will be joining Coventry City in a couple of weeks and we wish him well for the future. We will announce Carl's successor in due course.

UNDER 18s

The Under-18s enjoyed fine victories over Gillingham and Cheltenham Town in recent weeks whilst also suffering a narrow defeat away at Exeter City. All three games provided us with more opportunities to experiment with different systems, tactics and strategies. The boys rose to the challenges set in all games and delivered some fine individual and unit performances.

Once again this set of 'merit league' fixtures have allowed us to integrate some of our Under 15 and Under-16 players into the games which has been great experience for them in their overall development.

The Under-18s will now start to build up their match minutes as we edge closer to the National League Cup Final away at Shrewsbury Town on April 20th (7pm kick-off). Fingers crossed we can cap off a fine season with a victory and another piece of silverware.

DEVELOPMENT FIXTURES

It was pleasing to see a good number of apprentices play in the home win and the away defeat against AFC Wimbledon recently. The step up in tempo and intensity of these games will stand them in good stead as the boys progress. Another important factor in these games is the attitudes of the senior professionals who are selected to play, and they have been exemplary in helping the youngsters settle in.

Enjoy today's game.
COYH
Andy

YOUTH ALLIANCE FIXTURES

AUGUST

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

SEPTEMBER

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

OCTOBER

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

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

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

JANUARY

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

FEBRUARY

- Wed 10 Preston North End (FAYC5) A D 1-1 (W 5-3 PENS)
- Sat 13 Leyton Orient H L 0-1
- Sat 20 AFC Wimbledon H L 1-3
- Tue 23 Blackburn Rovers (FAYCQF) A L 0-1

MARCH

- Thu 3 Swindon Town (LC SF) W 2-0
- Sat 5 Bournemouth A L 0-2
- Sat 12 Gillingham H W 2-0
- Sat 19 Cheltenham Town H W 1-0
- Sat 26 Exeter City A L 0-1

APRIL

- Fri 1 Barnet A
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Luton LADIES



The Town Ladies' winless run on the road continues following two draws with Denham United and Ipswich Town.

The short trip to Middlesex was a dour affair which Town dominated without ever looking like conceding a goal. Luton appeared to have broken the deadlock after 20 minutes when Shanice Jiminez found Natasha Fensome and she finished neatly into the bottom corner of the net only for the assistant referee to raise his flag for offside. Jiminez and Fensome further tested the home keeper in the first half but it remained goal less.

The second half followed a similar pattern with Denham seemingly content with a point as Town continued to press for the winner. A late effort from Erica Byron into the side netting was the closest Luton came to grabbing all three points as the game petered out without either goal being seriously threatened.

"We had enough chances to have grabbed the all-important goal but failed to take them," said manager Nikki Baker afterwards. "Had we taken one it would have been a completely different game as we never looked like conceding a goal at any point."

The long Easter Sunday trip to Ipswich Town was equally frustrating ending in another draw and can again be viewed as a lost opportunity.

Played in testing conditions of driving rain and high winds, it was never going to be a footballing classic with misplaced passes and errors as the Town changed to an attacking formation in search of all three points.

Michelle Byrne and Joanne Rutherford both had good chances with Byrne's shot rolling narrowly wide and Rutherford's forcing the Ipswich goalkeeper into a good save with her legs. Luton took the lead just before the break when Fensome broke down the left sending in a superb cross along the six yard box which was deflected in at the near post with two Hatters players in close attendance.

The Hatters should have built on the advantage but instead some slack defending allowed the hosts a gilt-edged chance to draw level at 1-1.



But the Town responded well, producing a flowing move which began with keeper Rachel Evans rolling the ball to Kezia Hassell who surged down the wing before setting Fensome away down the left. Her pinpoint cross found the run of Rutherford who smashed her shot into the roof of the net for a contender for goal of the season.

DISAPPOINTMENT

The lead lasted just three minutes, however, as Ipswich equalised from some sloppy defending from a corner with the final vital touch even coming from a Luton player. Further chances from Fensome and Rutherford were saved well by the Ipswich keeper with Town unable to force the winner.

Baker, registered her disappointment adding: "Once again we failed to convert good clear chances that would have converted a point into three and the possibility of a top three finish is looking bleak at the present time.

"We were also sloppy at the back and conceded two very preventable goals which was very disappointing as this is an area where we have been good of late. We must now look to finish the season strongly to provide momentum going forward."

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MEET THE MANAGER

Nathan Jones faced his first Q&A session in front of the Diamond Season Ticket holders at the Eric Morecambe Suite on Monday 21st March. The boss was in good spirits as he was questioned for over two hours by the supporters in attendance.

Simon Pitts was our compere for the evening. Here is a summary of the questions and answers provided on the night.

Q. Nathan talk to us about the start of your career here.

Nathan Jones: First of all I'm proud to be the manager here. Luton Town is a club steeped in tradition. The crowd is a demanding crowd but it is a passionate crowd and I'm very proud to be here. I will give it my all and we will be successful.

Q. Can you talk a bit more about how you want Luton to play?

NJ: First of all we want to play winning football. We have to win football matches but I don't want us

to be like everyone else. I want us to control games. If we control games it is better for us. I want us to build an identity, a DNA, a reputation. I want fluent, dynamic football. I want you to be proud like I was proud at Orient.

Q. We've been known for bringing youth players through. Will you bring some of the successful youth team we have through?

NJ: I certainly hope so. I know all about the tradition we have here for bringing players through. We're looking to do that again. There is a pathway for them to come through. We've already given one his debut this season and I'm sure there will be more.

Q. Talk to us about a day in the life of Nathan Jones the football manager.

NJ: This isn't a job to me it is a lifestyle. I get up, I pray and I go to work. It could be scouting, analysis or tactics, there isn't a typical day. It is an obsession for me. I love doing what I do and doing it for my club. The days of coming in at 10 and leaving at 1 are a thing of the past. There is so much to do to make everyone improve.

Q. As a fellow Christian how does your Christianity help you as a manager?

NJ: My faith helps me immensely.



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It keeps an equilibrium in my life. If you're not a Christian it might sound weird. I find a strength in god.

Q: Did you set yourself a target for this season when you joined the club?

NJ: As I said I want us to take small steps. We're slightly ahead of where I expected us to be. We've made great strides and we'll take every game as it comes and see where it takes us. There are no easy games.

Q: You said you want to be successful at Luton. Do you see yourself being here long term when you do have success here?

NJ: I'm here for the long term. I see myself growing with Luton. I want to build something, a legacy. I want to build Luton Town. I want to deliver a culture, a philosophy for Luton Town to make us successful. I want to be here for the long term. If I am here long term it means we'll have been successful.

Q: What are the chances of signing Alan Sheehan beyond this season?

NJ: We're hopeful. We like Alan.

We like the quality he gives us. We hope we can move forward with him. He enjoys it here. He's the type we want.

Q: What would be your optimum number in a squad?

NJ: Ideally 20-22 professionals.

Q: Who is the best manager/coach you played/worked with? Who has had the biggest impact on your career?

NJ: Steve Coppell had a big impact on my career. I liked his simplicity. Antonio Gomes when I was in Spain was another. I also learned a lot from Oscar Garcia and Sami Hyppia. I learned how to manage from Chris Hughton. He was a really nice man.

Q: The expectation here at Luton is incredible. Is that a surprise and how do you deal with it?

NJ: No it doesn't surprise me. It is why I came here. As long as the expectations are realistic I want us to have them. I want us to achieve. I want you to have a team that plays for you, fights for you and you're proud of. It might take time but we'll get it. I want you to have

expectations but I want them to be realistic.

Q: How big an impact did your previous stint at KR have on you and did it make you come back?

NJ: I learned a lot here. People impacted on my career here. David Pleat, John Moore, Wayne Turner. They impacted on my career.

Q: Most managers/players have someone they can phone for advice. Who would you go to?

NJ: I'd go to Chris Hughton. He's a great guy and he's been a big influence on my career.

We would like to thank Simon for giving up his time to compare what was a very entertaining evening.

Remember this night was available solely for diamond season ticket holders. If you would like the chance to meet Nathan face-to-face and ask him a question in the future why not upgrade your season ticket to a diamond? It is one of many perks of the diamond package. Contact the ticket office staff for assistance.

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A WORD FROM The Football League Paper

BY CHRIS DUNLAVY

Bleak tidings from Spain where Recreativo de Huelva, the nation's oldest club, is on the brink of extinction.

Founded in 1889 by Scottish doctors Alexander Mackay and Robert Ross to give local mine workers some physical recreation, El Decano finished eighth in La Liga in 2007 and even beat Real Madrid 3-0 at the Bernabeu.

However, two relegations and debts north of €2m have brought the club to its knees. Staff and players haven't been paid all season and without fresh investment, the end is nigh.

Hope remains. An offer of € tickets saw supporters flock to Saturday's game and the plight of Huelva has received international headlines. If a sugar daddy is listening, they may just avoid joining a list of great names who were consigned to history.

Third Lanark

Founded by a group of soldiers in 1872, the Thirds (or the Hi Hi, as they became known) were one of Scottish football's early powerhouses.

League champions in 1903/04, Lanark spent the majority of their 95-year existence in the top flight and in 1960/61 notched 100 goals to finish third behind Rangers and Celtic. The following season brought their first - and only - European appearance against French side Rouen.

Alas, it would prove the summit of a slippery slope. Six years later, Scottish football was saying goodbye to the Hi Hi after a bit power struggle resulted in liquidators being called in.

"I was the last player they ever sold," said George Fyfe. "They told me I was sold for £5000 so I got £500, my ten per cent. I was actually sold for £8000 so I was done out of £300!"

Though George and other players still meet up and the club was reborn as an amateur outfit, the glory days are gone for good.

Dukla Prague

Dukla were started by the army in 1948 and within a decade had risen to become a domestic and European powerhouse. Cups, titles, 45 games in the European Cup - it is a measure of Dukla's prowess that they provided seven of Czechoslovakia's 11 starters in the 1962 World Cup final

defeat to Brazil, including that year's Ballon d'Or winner Josef Masopust. Yet the split from Slovakia in 1993 ended Dukla's association with the military and, with it, their wealth and power. Relegated in 1994 after winning just once all season, they ran out of money and merged with second division Portál Pribram in 1996.

Four years later, the name was taken by an amateur outfit who have since won promotion to the top flight - though technically, the clubs lineage still lies with Pribram.

HFC Haarlem

Haarlem's glory days came pretty early. Dutch cups in 1902 and 1912, a solitary Eredivisie title in 1946. Yet during the seventies and eighties, Haarlem were a solid top flight side and - alongside Ajax - the cradle of Dutch football.

Johnny Metgod, Arthur Numan and, of course, Ruud Gullit all came through the ranks with the Randstad side, who in 1982 - powered by Gullit - reached the UEFA Cup second round. Later, Dick Advocaat would cut his managerial teeth with the Roodbroeken, or Red Shorts.

In 2009, in a bid to alleviate financial problems, the club announced a link-up with Ajax that would see the four-time European Cup winners loan up to four players per season. Unfortunately, it came too late - the cash ran out in January 2010 and, under Eredivisie insolvency laws, Haarlem were kicked out of professional football after 121 years.

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Northampton could clinch promotion to League 1 with a positive result against Notts County this afternoon.

Chris Wilder's side came from two goals down to earn a point at Mansfield on Easter Monday which pushed them 16 points clear of fourth-placed Accrington with seven games to go.

With the Cobblers seemingly well on track at the top, the race is on for the two automatic promotion places as the season enters its final month.

Oxford head a group of five challengers with Plymouth occupying the final automatic spot. Accrington, Bristol Rovers and Portsmouth are all lying in wait. Pompey, in sixth, sit eight points behind Plymouth with a game in hand. Wycombe now lie in the final Play-Off spot, two points

ahead of Orient in eighth. Carlisle, Wimbledon and Exeter make up the top half and are all chasing the final place in the top seven.

At the other end of the table it's looking increasingly bleak for the bottom two: Dagenham, who didn't play at all over Easter due to international call-ups, are 10 points from safety. York are only three points better off having played a game more than the Daggers.

Today's visitors Stevenage are the side nearest the dropzone while Yeovil, Morecambe and Notts County have all dropped into the lower reaches of the table in recent weeks.

One of the form teams are Hartlepool. Craig Hignett's side have climbed to 17th in the table, 14 points clear of York following a run of six games without defeat, winning four of these including a fine 2-0 win at Orient on Easter Monday. This weekend Oxford fly the flag for

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Accrington v Cambridge
Bristol Rovers v Crawley
Exeter v Plymouth
Hartlepool v Mansfield
Morecambe v Barnet
Northampton v Notts County
Portsmouth v Carlisle
Wycombe v Wimbledon
Yeovil v Newport
York v Leyton Orient

League 2 in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final against Barnsley, giving the sides around them a chance to gain ground. In the pick of today's games, Plymouth make their shortest journey of the season to in-form Exeter, while there are two games involving four Play-Off chasers as Portsmouth host Carlisle and Wycombe take on Wimbledon at Adams Park.

LEAGUE TABLE 2015/16

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Northampton Town	39	26	8	5	71	39	32	86
2 Oxford United	40	20	13	7	69	36	33	73
3 Plymouth Argyle	39	21	8	10	56	35	21	71
4 Accrington Stanley	39	20	10	9	63	44	19	70
5 Bristol Rovers	39	21	5	13	61	40	21	68
6 Portsmouth	38	16	15	7	62	35	27	63
7 Wycombe Wanderers	39	17	10	12	41	34	7	61
8 Leyton Orient	39	16	11	12	53	51	2	59
9 Carlisle United	38	14	15	9	58	55	3	57
10 AFC Wimbledon	38	15	11	12	55	47	8	56
11 Exeter City	39	15	11	13	54	53	1	56
12 Cambridge United	39	15	10	14	53	51	2	55
13 Mansfield Town	39	14	11	14	49	46	3	53
14 LUTON TOWN	38	15	8	15	52	51	1	53
15 Barnet	39	14	9	16	51	57	-6	51
16 Crawley Town	39	13	8	18	43	60	-17	47
17 Hartlepool United	37	12	6	19	39	55	-16	42
18 Newport County AFC	39	10	11	18	40	56	-16	41
19 Notts County	38	11	8	19	47	66	-19	41
20 Morecambe	38	11	7	20	57	67	-10	40
21 Yeovil Town	38	9	12	17	36	50	-14	39
22 Stevenage	38	8	11	19	45	64	-19	35
23 York City	39	6	10	23	43	74	-31	28
24 Dagenham & Redbridge	38	5	10	23	34	66	-32	25

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Zane Banton	0	(0)	0	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	6	0		
Paul Benson	13	(6)	4	1	(2)	1	14	(8)	5	2	1	84	25	
Scott Cuthbert	35	(0)	0	4	(0)	0	39	(0)	0	1	1	39	0	
Nathan Doyle	6	(5)	0	2	(1)	0	8	(6)	0	2	0	45	0	
Danny Green	14	(5)	5	2	(3)	1	16	(8)	6	7	0	24	6	
Scott Griffiths	17	(1)	0	3	(3)	0	20	(4)	0	1	0	115	3	
Luke Guttridge	6	(2)	2	3	(0)	0	9	(2)	2	1	0	74	19	
Ryan Hall	5	(5)	0	0	(3)	0	5	(8)	0	1	1	19	0	
Jake Howells	13	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	13	(0)	0	1	0	330	31	
Elliot Justham	7	(1)	0	2	(0)	0	9	(1)	0	0	0	33	0	
Alex Lawless	17	(6)	1	3	(0)	0	20	(6)	1	6	0	198	22	
Oilly Lee	24	(3)	2	5	(0)	0	29	(3)	2	6	0	32	2	
Sean Long	7	(2)	0	2	(0)	0	9	(2)	0	2	0	11	0	
Craig Mackail-Smith	27	(6)	4	1	(0)	0	28	(6)	4	3	0	34	4	
Jack Marriott	17	(16)	11	4	(0)	2	21	(16)	13	2	1	37	13	
Paddy McCourt	14	(10)	1	1	(0)	0	15	(10)	1	3	0	25	1	
Cameron McGeehan	31	(3)	11	2	(2)	2	33	(5)	13	7	0	71	19	
Steve McNulty	9	(1)	0	2	(0)	0	11	(1)	0	3	0	25	2	
Josh McQuoid	15	(7)	2	4	(2)	2	19	(9)	4	1	0	28	4	
Jonathan Mitchell	4	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	4	(0)	0	1	0	4	0	
Frankie Musonda	0	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0	
Mark O'Brien	2	(4)	0	0	3	(0)	0	5	(4)	0	1	0	9	0
Stephen O'Donnell	22	(0)	0	3	(0)	1	25	(0)	1	3	0	25	1	
Magnus Okuonghae	7	(4)	0	2	(1)	0	9	(5)	0	2	0	14	0	
Joe Pigott	4	(4)	0	0	(0)	0	4	(4)	0	1	0	8	0	
Dan Potts	7	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	9	(0)	0	0	0	9	0	
Glen Rea	2	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	1	0	2	0	
Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu	5	(8)	1	3	(0)	0	8	(8)	1	0	0	58	4	
Alan Sheehan	12	(0)	1	0	(0)	0	12	(0)	1	2	0	12	1	
Jonathan Smith	29	(4)	4	4	(0)	0	33	(4)	4	7	0	137	9	
Mark Tyler	27	(0)	0	4	(0)	0	31	(0)	0	0	0	297	0	
Luke Wilkinson	20	(0)	3	4	(0)	0	24	(0)	3	3	0	72	7	

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HOLD THE BACK PAGE

WITH GRAHAM MILLER

It was the best at times; it was the worst at other times. Apologies to literature lovers. But how the Dickens did we lose to Crawley and Barnet?

A disappointing tale of two defeats. Especially as we Town fans always have great expectations. (Enough already - Ed.)

But here's something else to consider.

"Weren't we terrific? Weren't we great?" Not so much questions as statements of intent. And who was making these comments immediately after the home game against Crawley? None other than club chairman Nick Owen.

Nick and I have known each other for over 40 years. We first met as young journalists working in the West Midlands. It was quite a thing to find a fellow Hatter in the land of Villa, Birmingham, Walsall and West Brom.

On my visits to Kenilworth Road Nick and I share a natter to catch up, reminisce and look to the future.

Nick's optimism for the Town is inspiring. The headline: good things are coming. And he should know.

But of course we in the media are prone to jumping to conclusions on the slimmest of evidence. But then again so does everyone.

Take Manchester United for example. On the strength of four-

goals in his first two high profile games they gave Marcus Rashford a £3,000 per cent pay rise. The 18-year-old went from £500 a week to £15,000. He'll now be a millionaire before the age of 20.

On the other side of the coin supporters do what they do. Cries of "sack the board" or "you don't know what you're doing" often bellow down from the stands. As do those 'melodic' chants of "sacked in the morning...you're getting sacked in the morning."

It's heat of the moment reaction to what's happening on the pitch. It's called 'part of the game'.

GIFTED

Watching the Crawley match this correspondent felt the need to look for a DeLorean car or a Tardis. Because there was a player as languid, gifted and able the like of which I haven't seen in a Town shirt since my school days.

The player I was reminded of was Graham French. Frenchie appeared to have more time and talent on the ball than anyone else around him. My memory insists he was capable of passes and dribbles that took the breath away.

Paddy McCourt was the man who took me back in time. Different era, position and personality but his skills looked just the same. You know this time last year Scotland manager Gordon Strachan was publicly fearful of the Northern Irishman ahead of their international.



"Paddy is one of the most gifted footballers I've ever seen," was the direct quote from Strachan. How's that for praise?

And the way he tormented the Crawley defence and found space where none existed made me think I was playing a video game.

Seeing McCourt play like that and hearing genuine enthusiasm from the Chairman hint at a thrilling new story to come.

We just need a little patience and the determination to avoid those kneejerk reactions. And perhaps by this time next year we'll have travelled back from the future and the hard times can take their place in football's old curiosity shop. (That's a yellow card - Ed!)

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- 3 Dan Potts
- 4 Jonathan Smith
- 5 Glen Rea
- 6 Scott Cuthbert
- 7 Alex Lawless
- 8 Cameron McGeehan
- 9 Paul Benson
- 10 Ryan Hall
- 11 Danny Green
- 12 Scott Griffiths
- 14 Jack Marriott
- 15 Paddy McCourt
- 16 Elliot Justham
- 17 Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu
- 18 Magnus Okuonghae
- 19 Ollie Lee
- 21 Jonathan Mitchell
- 22 Craig Mackail-Smith
- 23 Josh McQuoid
- 24 Curtley Williams
- 25 Mark O'Brien
- 26 Nathan Doyle
- 31 Craig King
- 32 Luke Trotman
- 33 Mark Onyemah
- 34 Isaac Galliford
- 35 Zane Banton
- 36 James Justin
- 37 Frankie Musonda
- 40 Jake Howells
- 44 Alan Sheehan
- 45 Joe Pigott



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- 1 Jamie Jones
- 2 Luke Wilkinson
- 3 Lee Cox
- 4 Keith Keane
- 5 Fraser Franks
- 6 Ryan Hedges
- 7 Chris Whelpdale
- 8 Steven Schumacher
- 9 Greg Luer
- 10 Aaron O'Connor
- 11 Tom Pett
- 12 David McAllister
- 13 Byron Harrison
- 14 Adam Marriott
- 15 Michael Tonge
- 16 Chris Day
- 17 Rohdell Gordon
- 18 Dean Parrett
- 19 Dean Wells
- 20 Dipo Akinyemi
- 22 Charlie Lee
- 23 Jerome Okimo
- 24 Jack Jebb
- 25 Ronnie Henry
- 26 George Casey
- 27 Ryan Johnson
- 28 Bradley Pritchard
- 29 Jake Mulraney
- 30 Connor Ogilvie
- 31 Charlie Adams
- 32 Tom Conlon
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