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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 an Aston Villa fixture on this day in 1983. To find out more, turn to page 22.



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NATHAN JONES

NOTES FROM THE MANAGER

GOOD EVENING AND WELCOME BACK ONCE MORE TO KENILWORTH ROAD FOR ANOTHER SKY BET LEAGUE 2 ENCOUNTER AS WE ENTERTAIN DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE.

I would like to welcome back John Still and his staff who are known very well here, plus their players, officials and supporters of the Daggers.

Saturday's result against Accrington Stanley was very disappointing and difficult to take, especially considering a particularly positive first half in which we created enough chances to have won the game. As I said afterwards, we need to start taking our chances because it is giving the opposition hope. Accrington were clinical when their chances arose and they won the game.

FRUSTRATING

The last two weeks have been frustrating for us because we had put ourselves into a decent position in the league following an excellent run of results in our bid to extend our season.

I said in my Stevenage notes it was a crucial period for us with three home matches and since then we have taken nothing from two fixtures. I said this run of home games would define our ambitions so to have lost twice already is a massive blow.

However, we must focus on the remaining games and try and finish the season strongly.

My first ambition is to finish as high as possible because I feel you deserve that. I also want us to be able to build some momentum leading into next season.

DESERVED

Although there has been disappointment in our last few matches, one positive to take is the appearance of a few of our talented players who have fully deserved their opportunity to be involved in the first team group. There were four products of the academy on the substitutes' bench against Accrington and we were able to send Zane and Frankie on in the second half. It is a credit to Paul Driver, our youth team manager, and his staff that we have young, hungry footballers who can prove vital to our Club's progression.

As I mentioned when I was first appointed, Luton Town has such a rich history of nurturing and bringing through young talent and that is something I want to continue in my time here.

A week tomorrow the Under-18s travel to Shrewsbury for their

League Cup final and I'd like to take this opportunity to wish them all the very best in their quest to bring home more silverware in what has been a fantastic season for all involved. Good luck lads.

DIVERSITY

Tonight the boys are also happy to wear the Kick it Out t-shirts during the warm up to highlight the good work that organisation does in highlighting issues in the game around equality and racism. Everyone at the Club is aware of Luton's rich and varied diversity and want to make sure pathways are there for everyone to both play and watch the game at the highest level.

Finally, I know it's a cliché, but once again your support is fundamental to your team's success so please get behind the team tonight.

Enjoy the game.





From the BOARDROOM

WITH VICE CHAIRMAN **DAVID WILKINSON**

GOOD EVENING EVERYONE AND A WARM WELCOME BACK TO KENILWORTH ROAD.

Tonight we welcome back our much loved former manager, John Still and the officials, players and supporters from Dagenham and Redbridge.

After leaving us in December John returned to his spiritual home to try and lift them out of the relegation zone. However, sadly, he has, so far, been unable to reverse the trend and along with our old foes, York City, they seem destined for the drop down into the National League, a fate, which nobody would wish upon them.

John will always be remembered by us for the magnificent record-breaking season, which got us back into the Football League playing attractive high scoring football. Unfortunately, those performances were not able to be repeated in League 2 which led, as is the way these days, to the seemingly inevitable conclusion. We had all hoped that John could have finished his illustrious career on a high by taking us up the leagues, but it wasn't to be.

'Uncle' John did a lot for this Club on the pitch and behind the scenes and he will always be welcome at Kenilworth Road. I hope that we will all demonstrate that when he walks onto the pitch before kick-off this evening.

It may surprise you, or maybe not, that I am writing back to back Programme Notes. It was Gary Sweet's turn, but due to the amount of time committed by him to relocation and preparing our future plans to be presented to the council and planners, he has asked me to stand in for him this time.

On that subject it has been a very busy few months and a huge amount of time and money has been committed with the ultimate aim of getting us ready to submit our planning applications for the projects, which have already been announced in principal.

Gary will report in more detail when we are a bit further down the line, which will be soon, but I will attempt to give you the flavour of where we are and where we are going.

It may be worth at this stage outlining the magnitude of the operation, which Gary leads and directs. We have an excellent professional services team consisting of individuals who have enthusiastically and emotionally bought into the project – people who we have got to know extremely well over the years and months they've been working for us.

We certainly haven't cut corners in terms of quality and level of the consultants who we have felt are needed to ensure our developments benefit all concerned and our planning application is submitted



professionally. While I couldn't detail all of those involved it may help you understand if I outlines the type of expertise we have supporting us at this stage, which consists of a Project Manager, two Architect firms, Quantity Surveyors, Planning Consultants, Structural and Civil Engineers, Technical Surveyors, Transportation and Environment Consultants, Cost and Appraisal Consultants, Legal Advisors, Tax and Accounting Advisors, Economic Analysts, Bankers along with a host of agents who are finding trading partners for us as we speak in the various sectors of residential, retail, leisure, commercial offices and investment.

Although we intend the scheme to be somewhat integrated there are separate Architects for the Stadium and ancilliary buildings and Retail and Leisure, because it is essential that we get the best expertise and experience we can in those areas. We have chosen specialists, who are prepared and able to design to what we believe are well thought out iconic and practical schemes.



The budget for the new stadium was approved by the Town board at their last meeting - watch this space!

At the recent Board Meeting Gary presented the latest Plans to the Board and investors along with a Budget for anticipated costs in reaching the Application. Designs in almost final form were presented along with explanations, background and reasoning behind them. There was considerable excitement about the project and the Budget was approved.

Supporters groups have also been kept in the loop and also seem very positive and supportive.

Last week we met at the Club with Senior Members of Luton Borough Council's Planning Department along with their specific advisors on matters such as Environment and Transport and presented our latest plans to them. Many matters were discussed and various advice and recommendations were received, taken on board and where appropriate acted upon.

Later this week LBC are mounting a significant event in London to promote Luton. It is called "Think Luton, Think Investment" and is designed to encourage investors to come to the town. Gary will be speaking on behalf of the club and will outline some of our plans and ideas.

I believe that this all demonstrates how closely the Club is now working with LBC and how as we've always said we can help to make our town a better place.

As Luton people we are genuinely excited by the opportunities available to the town. Rather like our football club the town has been left behind somewhat, but it does have enormous potential not least due to its position and transport links.

We want a successful, modern, sustainable football club that is a major part of the community. We believe that in our own small way we can be a catalyst to improving our town for the benefit of all.

I have 2 quotes this time because I couldn't decide which was most appropriate.

"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success." Henry Ford

"Progress is impossible without change, and those that cannot change their minds cannot change anything." George Bernard Shaw.

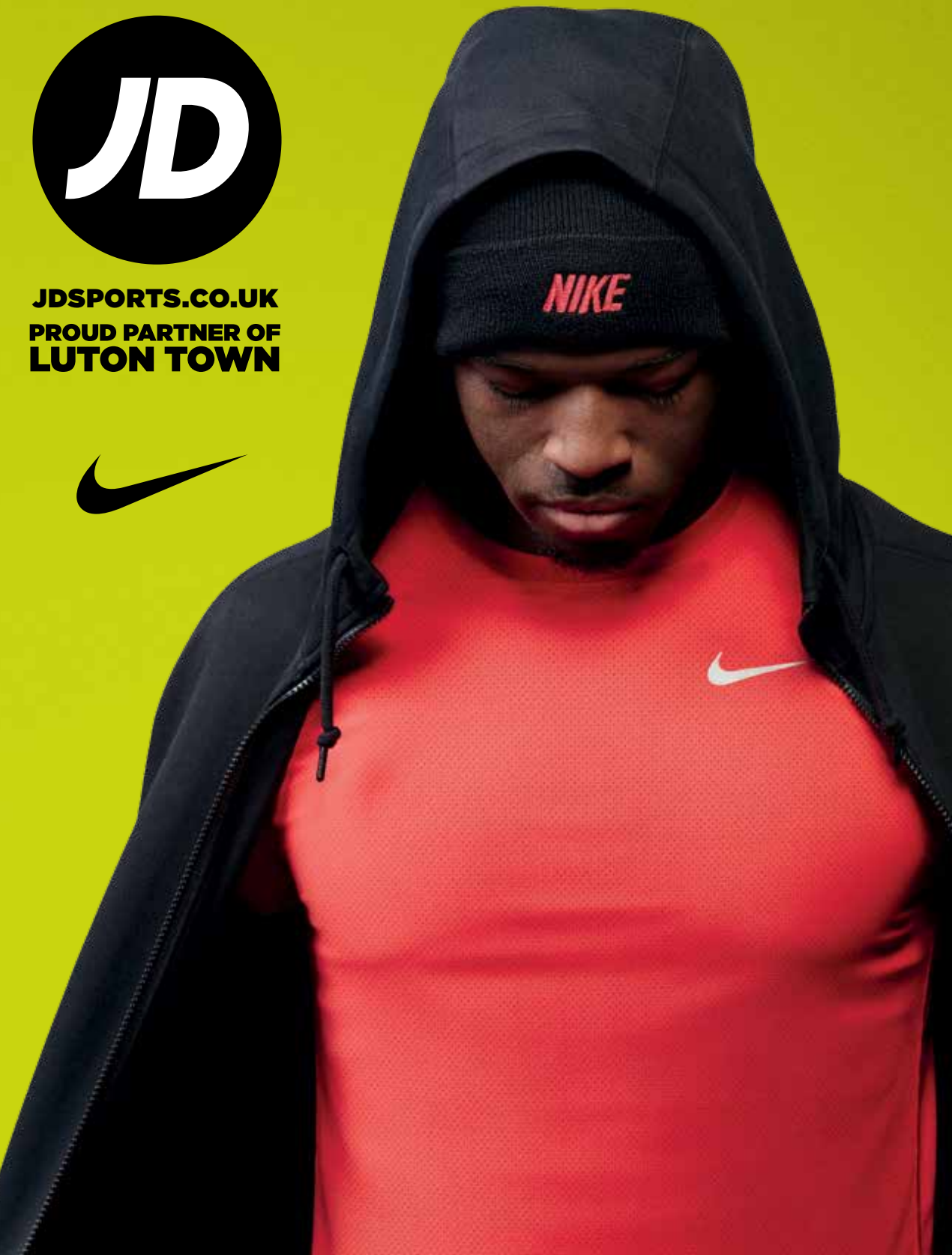
Some of you may have noticed the deliberate mistake in Saturday's programme I can assure you I haven't changed my name to Ray – heaven forbid!

Enjoy the game,
Come on you Hatters





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GREAT SCOTT

THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Saturday's defeat at home to Accrington was tough to take because I thought for the first half at least we played some good football and were unlucky not to take our chances.

But that has been our Achilles heel in recent weeks – taking opportunities when they come our way – and we were punished in the second half by a decent Accrington side who are very much in the shake-up for promotion. Certainly for the first half I thought you couldn't tell much between the two sides. It was only in the second half that our heads dropped when they took the lead and from that point on we looked deflated and unable

to find a way back into the game despite our best efforts.

Although it was our third successive home defeat there were a couple of brighter moments, notably the introduction from the bench of Zane and Frankie who both made their home debuts. Along with James Justin, who was an unused substitute, they are part of a young group of exciting players we have on the books.

You only have to look at the success of the youth team this season to know we are lucky to

have some really promising players at the club. Obviously we hope that they can stake a regular claim for a place in the squad.

QUALITY

It was also heartening to see Josh back in the side again.

Although an experienced player, he is still relatively young in football terms and we all know that a sharper Josh McQuoid would have gobbled up that chance in the first half. He has shown this in flashes this season what a quality player is he and we're delighted that he is back fit and ready to show everyone what he is capable of. He will be an important player for us going forward.

From a personal point of view it was tough watching from the stands. Like any injured player will tell you, you kick and head every ball and it is frustrating not being

able to help. Hopefully I will be able to return soon but it goes without saying that I wish all the lads the very best tonight.

This evening we take on a Dagenham side who are in desperate need of the points, more so than we do if we're being perfectly honest. We claimed a good win at their place earlier in the season and we will be aiming to replicate that tonight. I'd like to welcome back John Still to Kenilworth Road, too. He brought me to the Club in the summer and it will be good to see him again. John did so much for Luton Town during his time here and I am sure you will give him a good reception. He was a popular man behind-the-scenes at the Club and we all wish him well – apart from 90 minutes tonight.

LOYAL

We don't want the season to just fizzle out into disappointment so please get behind us tonight. I've said all season how important your vocal backing of the team is. Not many clubs at this level are lucky enough to have such a loyal and passionate fanbase and don't you ever think us as players do not appreciate it. We truly do.

Enjoy the game.



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A DAY AT THE FOOTBALL

Last week we took part in the Level Playing Field's Weeks of Action campaign, which promotes access and inclusion for all supporters.

Earlier in the season we asked disabled supporters to contact the club with their thoughts, experiences and suggestion as to their matchday at Luton Town, and we were delighted when lifelong Hatter Theresa Gazard sent us her poem entitled 'A Day at the Football'.

It's great to hear such positive feedback - we strive to provide as positive and experience as possible for our disabled supporters.

A Day At The Football - by Theresa Gazard

Being a disabled football supporter is tough
Here at Luton the staff do more than enough
A few years ago I could walk to the ground
Today a parking space must be found
Most weeks without a doubt
The club will try and sort this out
Once the turnstiles I could spin
Now they are bars I can't get in
I have to go in a special gate
It's no problem the stewards are great
My fellow fans play their part too
Always giving me room to get through
Nobody ever says hurry up move on
When they have to wait as I shuffle along
Our barmy army who appear hard and bold
They still have respect for the disabled and old
Someone needs to take me to the Kenny
It's wonderful it does not cost them a penny
I couldn't go to matches if these things were not true
The club and fans of Luton Town I salute you

INTERNET PLAYER OF THE SEASON

Trust in Luton are now inviting supporters to vote for their 'internet player of the season' with the result to be announced at the annual Player of the Season Presentation Evening.

The event will be held at Venue 360 in Gypsy Lane, Luton on Sunday 1st May with management, coaching staff and players in attendance. To vote, simply complete the short form on the official website before 11:59pm on the 17th April. Get involved!

For all the latest news at Kenilworth Road visit our official website www.lutontown.co.uk

WITH THE GODS

Last week we launched our Limited Edition With the Gods Tee collection online and in the club shop.

With a little help from Town trio Alex Lawless, Mark O'Brien and Danny Green the t-shirts were modelled last week. Visit our YouTube channel for a small behind-the-scenes clip!

WTG's was formed at the start of last season by two footballers. One current, one ex, who had the specific desire to land a trend conscious, reactive, print lead brand with a club specific agenda in every football club store in the UK.

Their aim is to bring the high street fashion to football, providing tees that look as relevant in a bar after the game as they do on the terrace.



Their design team at The Bleach Room are based in Hackney, London and have designed for Asos, Topman, Paul Smith & All Saints.

With The Gods, say they are "By Footballers and fans" and "FOR footballers and fans" but over the past few months all this has changed having moved into Rugby Union, Ice Hockey and County Councils! They trialed the product for the whole of last season with Derby County. Since then they have successfully supplied West Brom, Sheffield United, Chesterfield, Rotherham, Nottingham Forest, Sheffield Wed, Wolves, Coventry, Dundee United, Charlton, Bradford, Huddersfield, Aberdeen & Preston. And now bring their exclusive designs to Kenilworth Road.

The miniature collection consists of five t-shirt designs. Stock is very limited, secure yours by visiting us in-store or online at www.hattersworld.com.

LET'S GO



MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR KENILWORTH ROAD FIX TONIGHT AS THE HATTERS DON'T PLAY ON HOME SOIL FOR ANOTHER TWO WEEKS WITH TRIPS TO OXFORD UNITED AND CARLISLE UNITED NEXT UP IN LEAGUE 2



OXFORD UNITED

WHO? The U's, are having a terrific campaign. Michael Appleton's side were tipped for promotion at the start of the season and have been among the pacesetters all season. Saturday's 5-1 win away at Crawley kept them in second place and on course for a place in League 1 next term. The U's also reached the final of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy but lost at Wembley to Barnsley.

WHERE? The Kassam Stadium has been United's home since 2001. The 12,000 all-seater stadium is named after former chairman Firoz Kassam. Although the U's play in yellow every seat in the house is light blue. There is also just three sides to the ground, too. It took four years to build at a cost of £15m.

HOW TO GET THERE?

On approach to the city the stadium is sign-posted but can be found in between the Oxford Science Park and Blackbird Leys Estate. From the A423 Ring Road, take the A4074 towards Reading. After the roundabout with Sainsbury's on one corner, take the left turning sign

posted Cowley/Wallington/Oxford Science Park and you eventually come to the ground on your left. Their postcode is OX4 4XP.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE? Hatters have won four of their last eight trips to Oxford, including games played at their old Manor Ground. At the Kassam it's one win, one defeat and one draw from three visits. Last season Jayden Stockley was on target in a 1-1 draw but the Town's only win at the Kassam came on Boxing Day 2001 with goals from Dean Crowe and Matthew Spring earning a 2-1 win.



CARLISLE UNITED

WHO? After a disappointing campaign last year in their return to the fourth tier, the Cumbrians have flirted with the top half of the table for much of the season. Keith Curle's side are still in contention for a Play-Off spot but their chances took a knock following a home defeat to Mansfield on Saturday. However, such is the nature of League 2, United are only two points behind the final Play-Off spot.

WHERE? United's campaign hasn't been helped by the floods that hit Cumbria last year with Carlisle and the ground bearing the brunt of it. With the Brunton Park pitch underwater, United played home games at Blackpool, Preston and Blackburn until the floodwater subsided. With the pitch relayed, United have returned to their 18,000-capacity home which has been theirs since 1909.

HOW TO GET THERE? It is a piece of cake to get there. M1, M6 north exit the M6 at junction 43 onto the A69 into town. Stay on that road until you see the ground on your right. Your best bet might be to go on the Bobbers, however. They leave Luton at noon and their fares are £33 for adults and £30 for concessions. Call 01234 856542 to book your place.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

The Hatters have in fact twice travelled to Brunton Park on a Tuesday night in recent years, in 1997 and 2008. What's more the Town have only lost once in their last seven visits to Carlisle, winning four of these. Last season the Hatters triumphed 1-0 on the opening day of the campaign thanks to Mark Cullen's first-half winner.

To get clued up on Oxford and Carlisle visit www.oufc.co.uk and www.carlisleunited.co.uk

TICKET OFFICE

Home ticket prices for the 2015/16 season

	Cat A	Cat B	Cat C
Adult	£22	£20	£18
Young Adult (18-21)	£17	£15	£13
Senior (65+)	£17	£15	£13
Golden Senior(75+)	£14	£12	£10
Youth (10-17)	£10	£8	£6
Acc. Junior (U10)	£7	£5	£3

TICKETS FOR HOME MATCHES

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



Saturday 16th April 2016, 3pm

We have received an allocation of 1,192 seats for this fixture. Selling arrangements: Tickets are now available on general sale from the Ticket Office in person or by phone. They will remain on sale, subject to availability, until 3pm on Friday 15th April. **Prices:** £20 adults, £13 65 and over, £13 Students (with NUS Card or in Full time Education), £13 Under 18s, £13 Under 13s, free for Under 7s. Wheelchair Disabled/ Ambulant Disabled will be charged as above with a carer free of charge.



Tuesday 19th April 2016, 7.45pm

We have received an initial allocation of 100 seats for this fixture. Further tickets will be available on the day, however, prices do increase by £3 (with the exception of junior and child tickets). Selling arrangements: Tickets are now on general sale, subject to availability, until 3pm on Monday 18th April. **Prices:** £19 adults, £16 65 and over, £13 Young person (18-22), £10 Junior (11-17), £7 Child (10 and under, FREE Infant (6 and under). Family tickets : £27 1 Adult / 1 Junior, £35 1 Adult / 2 Juniors, £24 1 Senior / 1 Junior. Ambulant Disabled will be charged as above with a carer free of charge. Wheelchair Disabled will be charged £4 with a carer free of charge.



Saturday 23rd April 2016, 3pm

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



Saturday 30th April 2016, 3pm

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



Saturday 7th May 2016, 3pm

Tickets are not yet on sale for this fixture. Price categorisation and ticket information will be released in due course.



COMMERCIAL TALK...

WITH COMMERCIAL MANAGER DAVID HOSKINS

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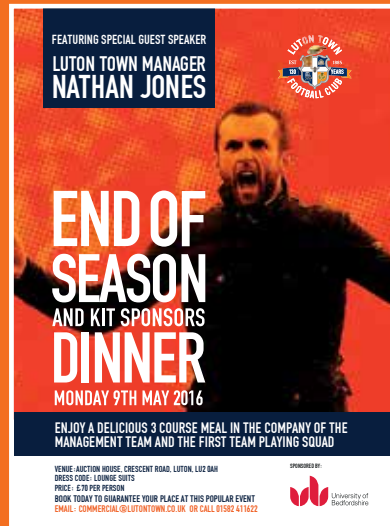
Sports262 (www.sports262.com) is an online sports forum which for the past five or so years has been the online home of the contingent of Luton fans displaced by the closure of the BBC's 606 discussion boards. Luton fans from far and near now make up by far the largest single group on the site on their lively dedicated pages.

As well as wide-ranging discussion on all things Luton Town, Sports262 also hosts the Lansdowne Bobberman Prediction League, where over 100 players compete in four divisions and a knock-out cup competition forecasting Luton results and scorers. Forum members also join forces each summer to raise money for the Club: we are in our seventh season as kit sponsors (currently sponsoring Nathan Doyle's home shirt), and we are also delighted to be able to sponsor the game tonight.

END OF SEASON DINNER

HAVE YOU GOT YOUR TICKET?

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 3 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.



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Welcome to Kenilworth Road DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE



TEAM PROFILE DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE

Nickname: The Daggers
Ground: Chigwell Construction Stadium
Last season: 14th, League 2
Manager: John Still
Last league fixture:
Dagenham 1-4 Portsmouth

It gives us great pleasure to welcome everyone associated with Dagenham and Redbridge to Bedfordshire this evening for a Tuesday night clash.

We have an extra welcome to give at Kenilworth Road tonight as John Still returns for the first time having managed 148 games during his time at the Hatters.

Still has taken over at Dagenham for the third time in his career, taking his tally at the East London club to more than 550 games across the spells. But Still and the Daggers have a tough task in remaining in the Football League, sitting 11 points adrift of safety with just six games remaining, starting with their game in hand tonight.

Tonight's visitors had a chance to leapfrog York and escape the bottom of the League 2 table on Saturday, but slipped to a 4-1 defeat against Portsmouth having led 1-0 at one stage. It was a 24th defeat of the season for Dagenham, who had looked to be getting back into form with a 2-1 success over Morecambe in their first game in more than two weeks.

Jamie Cureton was on the scoresheet at Victoria Road for just the seventh time this season, making him the leading goalscorer at the club with the joint-lowest (alongside Yeovil) goals scored in League 2 with 37.

Dagenham were frequently on the scoresheet in Still's opening games with the club, however. Having taken over in the New Year, a couple of weeks after his Hatters release, the 64-year-old started strongly with four points from three games, including a 2-1 win at Exeter which lifted the side out of the relegation zone.

But a wretched February saw the Londoners lose all five league games, and while they have recovered in part, results will need to come thick and fast if they are to stay in the Football League.

Still took over from Wayne Burnett following almost three years in the role as the man who took over when the former departed to manage the Hatters!

After ensuring safety in the 2013/14 season, Burnett was stepped up from his caretaker role, but this season proved harder for the 44-year-old – who enjoyed a 15-year playing career – as just one win in 16 cost him his job.

One of those defeats came against the Hatters back in November, when

goals from Luke Guttridge and Alex Lawless secured a 2-0 Town victory at a Daggers side still awaiting a first home win of the season at the time.

Guttridge has followed Still in joining Dagenham since the last meeting, but while he's not played a game since February, a return from injury could be on the cards.

The 34-year-old was also an unused substitute the last time the two sides played at Kenilworth Road. Mark Cullen's hat-trick proved the difference, as the striker netted twice in the last four minutes of the half before completing his trio in the second period as part of a 3-1 success for the Town back in October 2014.

Tonight's meeting will be just the third in history between the two sides in Bedfordshire, with the Hatters winning 2-1 back in November 2008.

LAST MEETING

Dagenham 0-2 Hatters
1/10/2015

HATTERS v DAGGERS

Luton wins: 3
Draws: 1
Dagenham wins: 1

Meet the VISITORS



OUR GUIDE TO THE MEN FROM EAST LONDON

THE BOSS

JOHN STILL

A man who needs no introduction to Hatters fans. The ex-boss guided the Town back to the Football League, but took over at a struggling Dagenham side at the start of 2016, a couple of weeks after his exit from Kenilworth Road.

BETWEEN THE STICKS

MARK COUSINS

Current stopper has been with the Daggers since before the 2014/15 season, having previously plied his trade at League 1 Colchester. The 29-year-old has played 53 times for his current side, including 23 appearances this term.

IN DEFENCE

JUSTIN HOYTE

Former Premier League player Hoyte made his name, and progression, with Arsenal, although he was limited to few appearances with the Gunners. Hoyte has also played for Sunderland, Middlesbrough and Millwall before his move to Dagenham at the start of the season.

JOSH PASSLEY



Passley has racked up the performances since joining from Fulham in the summer, playing 44 times for the Daggers in the season so far. The

defender has also had loan spells with Shrewsbury and Portsmouth in his career to date.

CLEVID DIKAMONA

Defender Dikamona was something of a late bloomer to professional football. He played in the French lower leagues for numerous years before switching to London in the summer at the age of 25.

JOE WIDDOWSON

Dagenham marks the eighth club in a long career for Widdowson. The 27-year-old, with 31 appearances this term, has featured for West Ham among other clubs, making East London his permanent home in January 2015.

ACROSS THE MIDDLE

JOSS LABADIE

In his second season at Dagenham, Labadie led by example in his side's last victory over Morecambe. He was instrumental in his role as skipper, scoring and assisting in the 2-1 success.

ANDRÉ BOUCAUD

Trinidadian international Boucaud is also an ex-Hatter, playing just four games at Kenilworth Road during 2013. He joined the Daggers in 2014 having previously played for Notts County.

LUKE GUTTRIDGE

Ex-Town man Guttridge followed boss John Still to Dagenham having been a former fans favourite in Bedfordshire, still fondly remembered for his sublime goal

against Cambridge – the Hatters' goal of the season.

MATTHEW CASH

Currently on-loan from Championship outfit Nottingham Forest, Cash has recently broken into senior football. He has six professional appearances to date, all in the last five weeks, with much more expected of the 18-year-old.

UP FRONT

JAMIE CURETON



English football legend Jamie has racked up more than 550 appearances, with Dagenham his 13th club in the country.

The 31-year-old signed two years ago, netting eight times for his side this term.

MATT McCLURE

A new signing from non-league Hayes and Yeading, McClure started the season in blistering form, scoring in three of his first six games. The striker has only scored once in that time though, not hitting the net since October.

ASHLEY CHAMBERS

Former Leicester and Cambridge man has almost been a permanent mainstay in the Daggers' starting line-up this term. The 26-year-old has netted just once this calendar year, however, having made his loan switch from Abbey Road permanent in June 2014.



From the OAK ROAD

IT'S FAIR TO SAY IT'S BEEN A SEASON TO FORGET FOR DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE. OUR VISITORS HAVE STRUGGLED ALL SEASON - EVEN AFTER THE APPOINTMENT OF JOHN STILL. CAN THE DAGGERS PULL OFF THE GREATEST OF ALL ESCAPES AND SURVIVE THIS SEASON? **LEE WILSON** ANSWERS OUR QUESTIONS



The Daggers celebrate promotion to League 1 in 2010

THE SEASON AHEAD...

After a 14th place finish in League 2 last season what were expectations for this season back in August?

Even though we had lost some key players, I think many people thought this season would be a repeat of last. Some of the 'names' signed sounded half-decent on paper and keeping the likes of Jamie Cureton who had been prolific for us led to some optimism.

It just hasn't gone for you this season, but what have the expectation levels like as the campaign has progressed? What would the reaction be if you went down?

We've realised how much we miss Scott Doe, Abu Ogogo, Billy Bingham and Luke Howell. They are four players who understood the fight needed to do well for this club. The replacements, whilst being recognisable names haven't shown enough spirit or determination to do well. There won't be a big reaction if we go down. It's not unfamiliar territory.

The \$64,000 question: can you stay up?

Heart says yes, head says no.

John Still arrived back this season after leaving us. Tell us about his role in Daggers history and what has it been like since his return?

John has a history as a former player for a previous merger of D&R and managed the club in its Redbridge Forest guise before it merged with Dagenham to create what we are known as today. He left for the Football League in 1994 before returning in 2004 to win two promotions against all odds. The reception has been largely positive since he returned although there are those who doubt whether going back to him for a third time is the right move. In general, the team's performances have improved but there are some things that you can't polish and this squad is one of them.

Every season you are one of the bookies' favourites for the drop. Do you get sick and tired of being labelled as the underdog?

Not really. Pre-season is very hard to judge so the bookies often go by the size of the player budget.

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

Joss Labadie has probably been our most consistent player in midfield. I'd say watch out for Jamie Cureton who is always capable of a goal.

SEASONS PAST...

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

My Uncle took me to my first Dagenham match back in 2003. We played Aldershot on Boxing Day and lost 3-2. It wasn't pretty but I enjoyed being close to the pitch and wanted to go again. After that, I asked a friend if he fancied coming along with me weekly and it went from there. I used to support Chelsea but started watching Daggers around the same time as Abramovich took over there. I much prefer the closer bond you

feel you have with the club, players and supporters at Daggers.

What is it like supporting the Daggers?

I love it. We've had some poor years of late but in a way it makes the good moments feel even more special. I've met a lot of good people who I'd now call friends through the club and it's pretty special travelling hundreds of miles to watch your little team, especially if they win.

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

There's quite a few. Winning the League Two Play-Off final at Wembley stands out as does our first ever Football League match at Stockport County. However, I'll always remember equalising in the final minute away at the Valley to draw 2-2 against Charlton in League 1. A few hundred Daggers fans hugging and jumping on each other after holding a team who had only recently been in the Premier League. Moments like that make it all worthwhile.

LUTON AND ACCRINGTON

There haven't been many but what are your best and worst memories of Dagenham and Luton clashes? Do any games in particular stick out?

I can barely remember anything about our previous clashes. You thrashed us at your place last season. And we were rubbish against you at home this season. Bodes well...

What do you expect from tonight's game? What's your prediction?

Well we simply have to win. It looks like your season is drifting towards mid-table with next season more on the mind. I'll go for us to take the lead early but to be pegged back near the end. 1-1.

QUICKFIRE

Terrace or Seats?
Terrace

Who are your rivals?

We don't really have any. Grays once upon a time. These days, it's Orient/Southend at a push.

Favourite all-time manager?

Wayne Burnett...ha! John Still

Favourite promotion season?

Whilst I loved winning at Wembley, winning the Conference and getting into the Football League for the first time will never be beaten.

Guess your player of the season.

Joss Labadie

If you could bring back one player from the past back in the Dagenham team who would it be?

Dave Rainford

Most treasured piece of Daggers memorabilia?

My Daggers signed shirt from the 206/07 season

What league will you be in next season?

The Vanarama Conference.

Who will win promotion from League 2?

Northampton, Oxford, Bristol Rovers, Portsmouth.



COVER STORY

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

LUTON TOWN 2 NORWICH CITY 0

12th April 1982

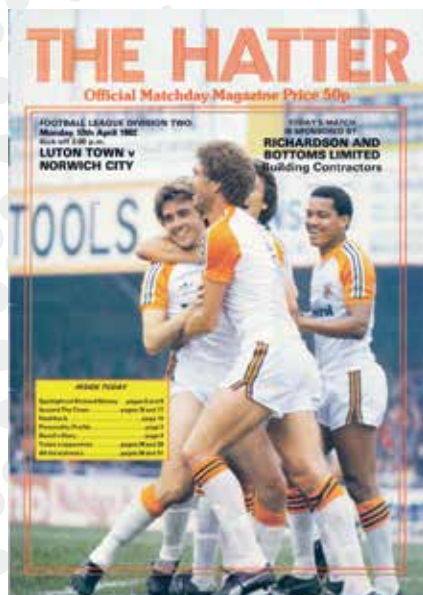
The Hatters went into Christmas 1981 sitting pretty at the top of the Division Two (now Championship) table but the game to be played against newly relegated Norwich City at Carrow Road was looked on as a severe test of their promotion credentials.

A best of the season crowd of 19,348 turned out to see the game open in amazing fashion with the Town taking a 3-0 lead in the first 15 minutes.

Yugoslav Raddy Antic hit a 30-yard, dipping and bending shot into the top corner then provided a marvellous defence splitting pass shortly afterwards to enable Steve White to put the Town two up.

To complete the threatened rout, Mal Donaghy placed an inch perfect pass over the Norwich defence for Brian Stein to run through and slot home. After this, the Hatters eased off slightly, probably thinking the job was done, leaving the Canaries to exert some pressure which eventually resulted in John Deehan pulling one back shortly before the interval.

The Town held on fairly comfortably in the second period and the victory meant



that the Hatters were seven points clear of the second placed club and a massive eleven ahead of QPR, in fourth spot, with a game in hand.

By the time of the return, on Easter Monday, the Town's lead had been whittled away due, in the main, to their failure to win any further away games in the intervening period.

Norwich were making their own late run for promotion and had won their last four games with the result that the highest League gate of the season at that stage of 15,061 came to see whether the Town could overcome their sticky patch.



Billy Jennings fires in goal number two against the Canaries

The game opened in the same devastating fashion but this time it was Norwich who started like world beaters. Only Dave Watson and Greg Downs could tell you how they managed to miss gilt edged opportunities in the opening five minutes and it was a shocked but grateful Town side that trudged off at half-time with the score still level.

The interval team talk by manager David Pleat certainly made a difference as the Town snapped out of their lethargy to dominate the game in the second period.

The breakthrough came in the 57th minute when Stein volleyed

home after a shot from Lil Fuccillo had been blocked, to be followed by a well taken strike three minutes later by Billy Jennings who had come on as substitute for the injured David Moss.

"If we had gone two down early on I don't think we could have got back," admitted Town manager David Pleat. "But at half-time we said to ourselves that Norwich couldn't play any better than they had done so we had a chance of winning."

Pleat's Canaries counterpart, Ken Brown, took defeat well and said: "If you miss chances like we did against a team as good as Luton

you deserve to be punished. They held out under pressure, and both their goals were beauties."

The win set the Hatters up for an unbeaten run to the end of the campaign and the deserved championship while the Canaries won their next six matches to secure a promotion slot behind second placed Watford.

Luton Town: Findlay, Stephens, Goodyear, Donaghy, Money, Hill, Horton, Fuccillo, Stein, White, Moss (Jennings).

Norwich City: Woods, Haylock (Jack), Walford, Watson, Downs, McGuire, O'Neill, Mendham, Deehan, Bertschin, Barham.

THE PROGRAMME



The Town produced a 32-page programme for the visit of Norwich priced at 50p.

Unlucky central defender Mike Saxby was featured in an article where he confirmed that he would not play again that season. Saxby had turned awkwardly in the area during the home game against Crystal Palace the previous October injuring his knee and which we now know effectively ended his career.

Looking at the statistics page, the Town had only used 21 players at that stage in the campaign. Four players, Mal Donaghy, Brian Stein, Kirk Stephens and Steve White were ever present while Ricky Hill and skipper Brian Horton had only missed one game.

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MOMENTS**FOOTBALL HISTORIAN **LEIGH EDWARDS** SELECTS 10 KEY MATCHES
AND EVENTS THAT HAVE SHAPED THE DAGGERS' POST-WAR ERA**1992 FORMATION OF CLUB**

Dagenham & Redbridge was formed in 1992. The origins of the club lie in the Essex side of the Greater London area, involving Ilford (founded 1881) and Leytonstone (1886) who merged in 1979 to form Leytonstone-Ilford. They and Walthamstow Avenue (1900) joined together in 1988 to become Redbridge Forest who in turn merged with Dagenham (1949) to form the current club, playing at Dagenham's Victoria Road ground. Paul Cavell was leading marksman with 19 goals as the newly-named Dagenham & Redbridge finished third in the Conference in 1992-93. John Still's side were beaten 5-4 at home to Leyton Orient in a thrilling FA Cup first round match.

1997 FA TROPHY FINALISTS

The Daggers reached the FA Trophy final for the first time in 1996/97. Ted Hardy replaced Graham Carr as manager and the Daggers defeated Aldershot 3-1, Dover Athletic 2-0, Chelmsford City 2-1, Morecambe 2-1, Ashton United 1-0 and Gloucester City 2-1 in the FA Trophy semi-final replay to reach the Wembley final on 18th May 1997. The Daggers battled well against Woking despite being reduced to ten men on 63 minutes when Tony Rogers was sent off after tangling with Robin Taylor. Woking won 1-0 with substitute Darran Hay scoring the decisive goal with a far post header from Clive Walker's corner in the tenth minute of extra-time.

**2000 RECORD BREAKING
CHAMPIONS**

Dagenham & Redbridge stormed to the Isthmian League title in 1999/2000, winning the title by an incredible 24 points from nearest challengers Aldershot. Garry Hill replaced Ted Hardy as manager

during the summer. After the Daggers went top in late September with a 4-0 win over then leaders Enfield, they remained in pole position for the rest of the season, with only brief challenges from St Albans City and Aldershot. They lost just one of their first 20 Isthmian League games, overcoming a poor spell in February to drop only four points from their last 14 matches. Only Chesham left Victoria Road with a point as the Daggers gained a club record 101 points.

2001 FA CUP GIANTKILLERS

The club made headlines as they took Premier League high-fliers Charlton Athletic to an FA Cup third round replay in 2000/01. Garry Hill's side triumphed 3-1 at home to Hayes in the first round before Mark Janney's goal clinched a 1-0 second round win at Lincoln City, the first time the Daggers had defeated Football League opposition in the competition. They were cruelly denied from becoming the first non-League side to beat a Premier League side in the FA Cup by John Salako's late equaliser at Charlton on 6th January 2001, then unluckily lost 1-0 after extra time in the replay watched by 5,394 at Victoria Road three weeks later.

**2002 CONFERENCE
RUNNERS-UP**

Mark Stein and Ken Charlery netted 41 goals between them as Dagenham & Redbridge finished Conference runners-up in 2001/02, controversially pipped to the title on goal difference by Boston United after they both finished on 84 points. Ex-Stoke and Chelsea striker Mark Stein joined the Daggers from the Hatters during the summer and scored their penalty winner over Southport in the FA Cup first round.



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John Still kisses the League 2 Play-Off trophy in 2010



Goals by Mark Janney, Junior McDougald and Ken Charlery secured a 3-0 second round replay victory at home to Exeter City as they reached the third round for the second year running, losing 4-1 at home to Premier League side Ipswich Town.

2003 PLAY-OFF FINALISTS

Dagenham & Redbridge reached the Conference Play-Off final in 2002/03. The Daggers qualified for the Play-Offs in fifth position, beating Barnet 5-1 during a Conference record 11 successive wins. Garry Hill's side beat Morecambe on penalties after a 3-3 aggregate draw in the play-off semi-final but lost 3-2 against Doncaster Rovers to Fran Tierney's sudden death goal in extra-time in the final at Britannia Stadium on 10th May 2003. The Daggers defeated Havant & Waterlooville 3-2, Crawley Town 2-1 and Plymouth Argyle 2-0 after a replay to reach the FA Cup fourth round for the first time but then lost narrowly 1-0 to Norwich City at Carrow Road.

2004 STILL BACK IN CHARGE

John Still returned as Dagenham & Redbridge's manager in April 2004. A former Orient, Dagenham, Bishop's Stortford, Ilford and Leytonstone central defender, he had managed Leytonstone/Ilford, Dartford, Maidstone United and Redbridge Forest before becoming manager of the newly-formed Dagenham & Redbridge. He left to take charge of Peterborough United in August 1994, then managed Barnet and was Bristol Rovers' assistant-boss prior to rejoining the Daggers as manager. Guiding them to

the Conference title in 2006/07 and League Two play-off final success in 2009-10, he resigned in February 2013 to become manager here at Kenilworth Road.

2007 CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

Paul Benson was leading marksman with 28 goals as Dagenham & Redbridge swept to the Conference title in 2006/07. They lost their opening home match against Oxford United and also suffered early exits in the FA Cup and FA Trophy. Results picked up and the Daggers went top after a 1-0 victory over Halifax Town at the end of December. John Still's side lost at home to Rushden & Diamonds shortly after selling Craig Mackail-Smith and Shane Blackett to Peterborough United for a club record fee in January but were then unbeaten in their next ten games. They clinched the title with a 2-1 win at home to Aldershot, finishing 14 points clear of Oxford United.

2007 INTO THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Dagenham & Redbridge played in the Football League for the first time in 2007-08. The Daggers kicked off in League 2 with a 1-0 defeat at Stockport County on 11th August 2007 and their first victory was 1-0 at home to Lincoln City in their fourth match. Still's side won consecutive away games at Mansfield and Brentford but managed just six wins in their opening 30 League matches despite reaching the FA Cup third round. The arrival of Mark Arber heralded a run of five successive wins including a 6-2 demolition of Chester and 4-1 beating of Grimsby. Ben Strevens was leading scorer with 15 goals as the Daggers finished in 20th position.

2010 WEMBLEY WINNERS

The Daggers then defeated Rotherham United 3-2 in the League 2 Play-Off final at Wembley Stadium on 30th May 2010. Still's side had won their opening three games, slamming five goals past Torquay and Shrewsbury, then went top with a 3-0 victory at home to Lincoln. They lost just once in 12 matches to regain pole position with a 1-0 win at Accrington in mid-November and overcame a poor spell to qualify for the Play-Offs in seventh place. The Daggers trounced Morecambe 7-2 in the semi-final, then Benson, Danny Green and Jon Nurse scored in the Wembley final to clinch the club's promotion to League 1 for the first time.

TOWN 0

2 ACCRINGTON



WHAT'S THE STORY?

The Hatters slipped to a third successive defeat as goals from Scott Brown and Terry Gornell gave Accrington all three points from their trip to Bedfordshire.

Brown tapped home from Josh Windass' pull-back back just a minute into the second period, before Gornell secured the game with a glanced header from Tariqe Fosu's cross.

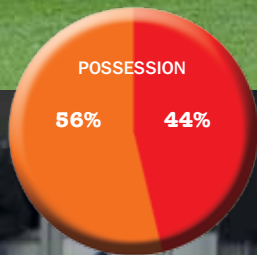
It was a third defeat in a row without scoring at Kenilworth Road, leaving a slim chance of the Hatters reaching the League 2 Play-Off places this season.

But the Town were wasteful in front of goal in an even first half. Jack Marriott forced a save from Stanley keeper Ross Etheridge but with the goal gaping Josh McQuoid skied the rebound with an open goal at his mercy.

Cameron McGeehan also came close to firing the Hatters in front but Stanley's two second-half goal were enough to enhance their own promotion credentials.



Jonathan Smith in typical all-action style



JONES SAID:

“I’m disappointed, naturally. I thought for large periods of the game we dominated and played some excellent football.

“We looked a good side at times but we showed our soft underbelly to be honest. After they scored their goal just after half-time we then have to chase the game.

“We spoke about the importance of the first goal but we’ve given them a head-start.

“However we’ve missed some glorious chances in the first half. We didn’t take them chances and then once they score you’re always on the back foot.

“It was far, far better than last week against Stevenage but we’ve wasted two glorious opportunities in the last two weeks.

“It’s a bit of a pattern, we’re not taking chances and it’s costing us. If we take chances we’ll win games. When we score first we win games. But when they score, we have a soft underbelly. And that’s majorly disappointing.”



ATTENDANCE 7,467
123 ACCRINGTON



HOW IT HAPPENED

1' AND WE'RE OFF AT Kenilworth Road as the Hatters are attacking the Oak Road end.

8' Marriott is clean through and shoots but it's a great stop from Etheridge #COYH

9' Great turn at the edge of the box from Marriott as he manages to get his shot away on goal but once again it's a great stop from Etheridge

18' Great strike from Windass but Justham matches it with a great save!

21' Fantastic attacking play from the Hatters as Smith pings in a low cross only for McGeehan to send wide #COYH

44' Free kick to the Hatters as Lee curls it in the box but Etheridge punches it away from goal.

Half-time score at Kenilworth Road it's Luton 0 and Accrington 0

47' GOAL for Accrington Brown scores from a low cross in the box.



58' Shot from Marriott in the 18 yard box but it's blocked by an Accrington defender. Corner to the Hatters

73' Pelly blasts the ball over the goal as the Hatters carry on asking questions of the Accrington defence #COYH

79' Massive penalty appeal as Pelly is brought down in the box but the ref is having none of it

84' GOAL for Accrington Fose jinks past O'Donnell, crosses it in and Gornell glances a header which finds the back of the net.

FT It's all over here at Kenilworth Road with the full time score 2-0 to Accrington Stanley.

		
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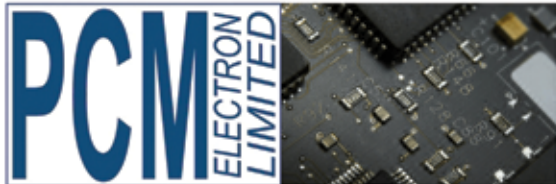
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TOWN STOPPER JUSTHAM OUT TO IMPRESS IN FINAL SIX GAMES

Hatters goalkeeper Elliot Justham is hoping to use the remainder of the season to put together a run of starts in the first team

The stopper had looked to be the first choice with Mark Tyler's departure, but the arrival of Jonathan Mitchell on loan from Derby kept Justham on the bench.

With Mitchell returning to his parent club in the week, the 25-year-old is now hopeful of stringing together performances in the Town's remaining six games after a frustrating time on the bench.

He said: "I'm pleased that Jono has been given the chance to go back with Derby, because he's a good lad and I've got on well with him, but I'm delighted to be given the chance again.

"Hopefully I can stay in the side for the next six games and get some more minutes under my belt.

"Whoever comes in, you have to be professional. Jono's a good lad, you have to work with him day in day out and he's a really good goalkeeper.

"It's very frustrating sitting on the bench, particularly with the way it happened, but that's football and you have to deal with it.

It's been a stop-start season for Justham, who enjoyed a run of games at the start of the season before Tyler returned from injury.

And the keeper admits it's he's had to keep his frame of mind in the right place in order to regain the number one jersey at Kenilworth Road.

"I spoke to the manager about it and he told me to be ready in case of injury or recall, and now my chance has come and hopefully I can stay in the team for Tuesday," he continued.

"You have to keep your mindset right, knowing that you could be thrown in at any point, and you have to be ready for that. I want to play games, and hope to show what I can do in the last six games of the season.

"It's tough, but that's the nature of football, and you want people to be honest. But I'll give it my all at Luton while I am contracted at the club."

Justham's return coincided with a third successive home defeat for the Hatters, succumbing to two second-half goals in defeat to Accrington Stanley.

There was little the stopper could do about either Stanley strike, but he felt the result was harsh on a Hatters side who had shown plenty of promise in the opening half.

"I thought we played well first half, we had a real sharpness about us, but we didn't come out in the second half," said the former East Thurrock keeper.

"They scored early on and just oozed with confidence after that, they're a good side, there's no doubting that, but we weren't at it second half and it's a bad result for us.

"To concede within two minutes is a killer. You say at half-time to keep it tight, and then you're having to chase the game from there on.

"They sat in a little bit more and tried to counter us, but we weren't good enough after the first goal. We had plenty of time to get back into it, but unfortunately we couldn't get back on terms.

"To lose at home is gutting. The lads are gutted in the dressing room and if we have to go again and be ready for Dagenham."





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Pelly in POSITION

**TOWN YOUNGSTER AIMING
TO PUT ADAPTABILITY
TO GOOD USE**

Hatters midfielder Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu believes his positional versatility can lead him in good stead during his time at Kenilworth Road.

The 23-year-old played the full 90 minutes in the Town's 2-0 defeat to Accrington Stanley, given a free role in the diamond formation.

But Ruddock, who operated as a makeshift full-back due to Scott Cuthbert's injury last week, feels he can perform wherever the manager needs him.

He said: "It's great to be back starting, the fans are great and it's a fantastic stadium to be playing at. It's good to be back, even though the result didn't go our way.

"It shows I can play in different positions. I like to play in an attacking role, but if the manager asks me to play right-back, centre-back or left midfield or even up front, then I'm happy to do that for the team and do my best.

FREEDOM

"We played a diamond with the four of us [Cameron McGeehan, Olly Lee, Jonathan Smith and Ruddock] all rotating, getting on the ball and moving it about. I thought we did that well, with the freedom, but we weren't clinical enough obviously.

It was a first start at Kenilworth Road since early February for Ruddock, but it wasn't enough to stop the Town slipping to a third successive defeat.

And while the Hatters put in a better performance from the week previous, the attacking man feels that his side still have improvements to make.

"I thought we played outstandingly well in that first half. Josh and Jack had chances, but we just couldn't be clinical," he continued.

"In the second half, we started off a bit slow and then they got that goal straight away. But we played well, we pressed them, it just wasn't the right result for us today.

"We moved the ball quick, opened them up, played the ball out and created plenty of chances, we just couldn't finish them off today.



"Against Stevenage we lacked a lot of energy. Today we were pressing harder, moving the ball better and it was just a better all-round performance. Obviously we couldn't do worse than the Stevenage game, so it was definitely a marked improvement."

Ruddock has a clear idea of how the side can improve their disappointing Kenilworth Road record, which has seen just five wins in Bedfordshire this season.

The former West Ham trainee also feels that a stronger squad will lead to stronger performances on the pitch, including Frankie Musonda and Zane Banton, who were given an opportunity after impressing in the youth set-up.

"It'll be important to get that first goal against Dagenham. If we do that, then we're able to push the opposition back and get a few more goals, but we just weren't able to make that happen today," said Ruddock.

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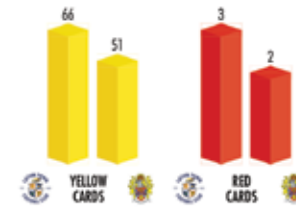
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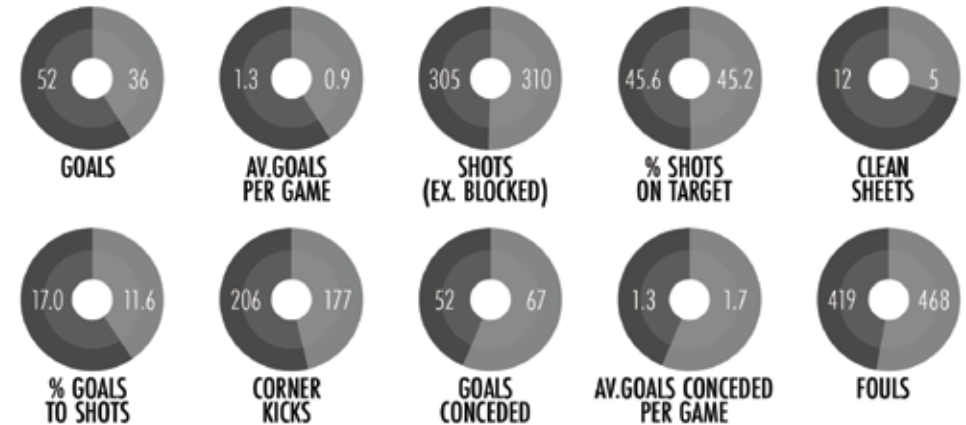
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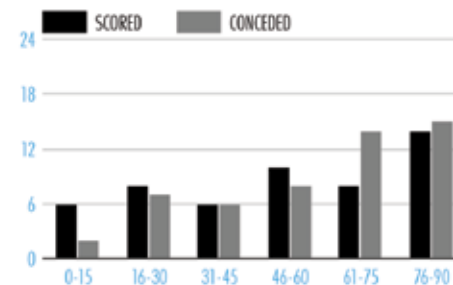


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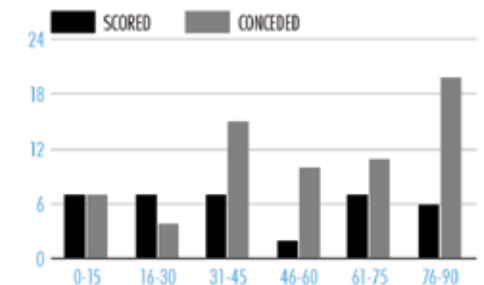
Dagenham have lost both trips to Kenilworth Road to face Luton in the Football League.



GOAL TIMES



GOAL TIMES



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Midweek MOMENTS

Club historian **Roger Wash** looks back on the night that Best, Law and Charlton came to Kenilworth Road

The period from 1967 through to 1971 was a golden era as far as all Hatters fans are concerned. During this four year spell the Town had marched from Division Four through to the very brink of the top flight with displays of open, attacking football that brought the crowds flocking back to Kenilworth Road.

The Town's rise from the basement had been underpinned by the money of chairman Tony Hunt and director Reggie Burr who owned Vehicle and General Insurance Group. When the bombshell news dropped that the company had entered into a voluntary arrangement with its creditors it was soon realised that the V & G shares guaranteeing the club's overdraft became worthless overnight.

Whether this news affected the players is difficult to tell but over Easter 1971 all three games were lost and with it all hopes of a promotion back to Division One and a miraculous rise up through the divisions in record time.

Difficult decisions now had to be taken as money needed to be found quickly. This sadly meant the sale of the clubs major assets - the players - where top of the list was flamboyant ace goalscorer Malcolm Macdonald.

Supermac had been poached from Fulham in the summer of 1969 and had banged in 49 League goals in two seasons for the Hatters including three in his final game. This closing flourish was said to have increased his final selling price by £30,000 to £180,000 when the Town finally relented and allowed him to move to Newcastle.

The three goals scored by Macdonald also enabled the Town to qualify for the Watney Cup – a pre-season

competition for the top scoring clubs in each division who had not picked up any other prizes.

The Macdonald-less Town side travelled to Colchester on 31st July 1971 in the Watney Cup where they were beaten by a single goal, netted from the spot by ex-Hatters favourite Brian Lewis. Although the Town

failed to get to grips with an experiment in the offside-law, brought in for a trial in that season's competition, it was still obvious that with Macdonald absent the attack was toothless.

All was now gloom at Kenilworth Road, with the loss of Macdonald, finances wafer-thin and no lucrative Watney Cup home semi-final tie with Carlisle to look forward to. Everyone connected with the club

needed some cheering up but no-one expected the plum friendly match that was to fall into their laps and bring a new spring into everyone's steps.

On the Monday following the Colchester defeat, new Manchester United manager Frank O'Farrell telephoned Kenilworth Road and offered to bring his team to Luton two days later.

O'Farrell had been dismayed to see his own side crash out of the Watney Cup to lowly Halifax and was desperate to get some urgent match practice for his

“No-one expected the plum friendly match that was to fall into their laps and bring a new spring into everyone's steps”

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Jim Ryan takes a free-kick against his old mates Alan Gowling, Bobby Charlton and George Best



players and, as a regular visitor to Kenilworth Road in his previous job as manager of Leicester, obviously looked on the Town as a suitably tough, and attractive, test for his charges.

United were then, as now, a huge draw and within minutes of the announcement of their intended visit queues were forming for stand tickets. European Cup winners only three years before the Reds still boasted the 'Holy Trinity' of George Best, Denis Law and Bobby Charlton and all three were listed to play.

Given the short notice it was remarkable that when the turnstiles stopped clicking the crowd numbered 16,397, a record for a pre-season friendly at Kenilworth Road.

True to their word, United put out their full first team and the game soon developed into a fast, open, entertaining contest between two sides with something to prove to their supporters.

It was the Town who were first to shine with ex-United forward Don Givens bringing two great saves from the Reds goalkeeper Alex Stepney, but it was the away side who opened the scoring when a passing move between Best and Law ended with Alan Gowling giving Luton goalkeeper Tony Read no chance from close range after 13 minutes.

Another ex-United player, winger Jim Ryan, then bought Stepney to his knees with a fierce shot and although the Town had the majority of the play it took a touch

of international class, just before the hour mark, to further separate the sides when Law was quickest to react after Gowling headed on a Best corner.

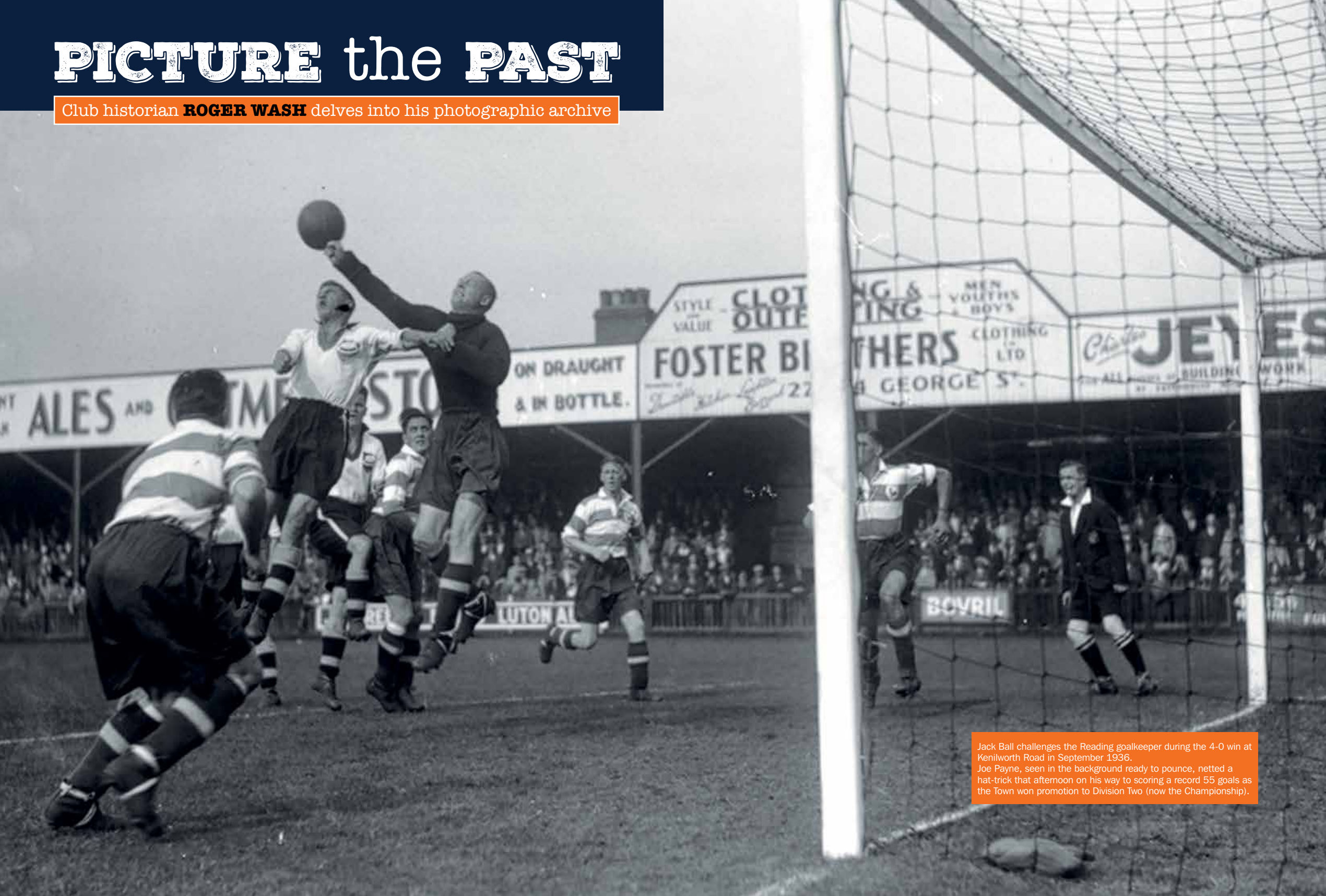
The two goal lead was a touch unfair given the balance of play and when David Court fired in a shot that looked a goal all the way only to bring about yet another brilliant save from Stepney, it was realised that it was not going to be the Town's night.

Luton Town: Read, John Ryan, Slough, Keen, Nicholl, Moore, Jim Ryan, Busby, Givens, Court, Anderson.

Manchester United: Stepney, Fitzpatrick, Burns, Crerand (Kidd), James, Sadler, Morgan (Aston), Gowling, Charlton, Law, Best.

PICTURE the PAST

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



Jack Ball challenges the Reading goalkeeper during the 4-0 win at Kenilworth Road in September 1936. Joe Payne, seen in the background ready to pounce, netted a hat-trick that afternoon on his way to scoring a record 55 goals as the Town won promotion to Division Two (now the Championship).

THE CAMERA never LIES

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

Happy Hatters at QPR before a fifth round FA Cup tie in February 1948. Sadly, they were not so happy afterwards as the Town went down 3-1 in front of a then record Loftus Road crowd of 30,564.





Luton Town in the COMMUNITY

BY KEVIN THOBURN, HEAD OF THE HATTERS COMMUNITY TRUST

KICK IT OUT



Tonight's fixture has been dedicated to celebrating the work of Kick it Out, football's equality and Inclusion organisation and we are proud to see both sets of players wearing tee shirts in their warm ups in support of the campaign.

Kick It Out is primarily a campaigning organisation which enables, facilitates and works with the football authorities, professional clubs, players, fans and communities to tackle all forms of discrimination. The campaign has been pivotal in persuading and supporting the game's stakeholders to take their equality responsibilities seriously. The vision

is that football will be a sport where people flourish in a supportive community, and where fairness is openly and transparently practiced and enforced for the good of all participants.

Kick it Out seeks to promote awareness of the benefits of equality, inclusion, diversity policies and practices in football, expose and challenge all aspects of discrimination and unfair practices and conduct at all levels of football as well as sharing information about good practices being pursued to achieve equality and fair outcomes while supporting individuals, groups, clubs, and authorities to effect actions themselves to achieve equality and fair outcomes.

Kick it Out matchdays such as tonight's take place at all Football League clubs to significantly increase the awareness of inclusion and diversity, and the consequences of inappropriate behaviour across all levels of

football (the voice of ethical football) and to clearly show the importance of exposing inequalities and the positive value and impact that can be made through collective preventative action.

As part of tonight's campaign we have held workshops with local schools and everyone at Luton Town firmly endorses all of Kick it Out's objectives and aims and we are proud to highlight the work they do. If you want to play a more active role in Kick it Out you can get in touch with the organisation via their website www.kickitout.org.

Community Cohesion Youth Conference

Not unconnected with our Kick it Out campaign, the Club recently hosted Luton Borough Council's Youth Community Cohesion Conference as part of allowing the town's young people to have a say in the Council's new strategy for community cohesion. The event was jointly organised by two members of the Young Ambassador's Project, Luke Walsh and Tasmin Hussain and speakers included Kelvin Hopkins MP, Trevor Holden, Chief Executive of LBC, Laura Church, Director at LBC for Environment and Regeneration and Councillor Jacqui Burnett, Portfolio Holder for People and Places.

The day saw workshops and round table discussions with older Council representatives and community leaders who helped the young people get their views



across. We were also pleased to be given a slot to talk about the role of Luton Town in the community and how we take our role seriously as one of the oldest institutions in the Town and to highlight our contribution to community cohesion in particular. Daniel Douglas, our Community Operations manager talked in particular on our work with young men from Lewsey farm, Marsh Farm and the Dalow and Biscot area through our KITs project as well as the number of dedicated charities the Club, players and supporters are currently supporting.

Cllr Jacqui Burnett said: "We had a great turnout, with 50 young people attending which we were really pleased about and particularly offering them the chance to meet, listen and challenge key decision makers in the town and also get to hear about the exciting things happening in Luton and how diversity is celebrated in Luton.

"This was the first such event targeting youngsters – we need to get their views as they are the future of Luton and should be consulted on what happens in their town, which is why I am glad there was such a good attendance and engagement."

Busy Easter for Centre of Excellence boys

On Saturday we reported on the emotional Easter weekend our pre-Academy boys had in Amsterdam during the celebrations of Johan Cruyff's life. Following on from the busy Easter weekend our Centre of Excellence squads have been just as busy with games against Wycombe Wanderers and Fulham followed by a week's residential training camp at Stowe School in Buckinghamshire.

Our Centre of Excellence (COFEX) provides our entry level into our academy system and is where most recruited trialists begin their journey with the Club's youth department. We have three centres, South in Luton, North in Dunstable and PDC in Kempston where over 300 boys train once a week. Boys who are selected either through our TIPs programme or our scouting network, remain with their local clubs but train with us once a week throughout the season and play around 10 matches each season. Two of those matches took place in the first week of the holidays with a trip to South London to play Fulham and Arsenal and then near



neighbours Wycombe Wanderers visited our training camp at Stowe School. As usual the games were generally tight and played in very good conditions and top facilities at Fulham's Teddington University playing Fields and on Stowe's magnificent playing fields.

These games were followed up with over 300 COFEX boys attending our annual Easter training camp at the fantastic facilities at Stowe School. This was our ninth annual visit to the famous school and as well as great team building exercises and all kinds of sports activities on and off the pitches it does allow our coaching staff a really good opportunity to see the boys both on and off the pitch as we look to promote boys into the pre-academy level just below the schoolboy academy.

The COFEX boys will now spend the next few weeks preparing for their end of season tour which is also to Holland this year to compete in the Juliana Malden Cup in May hoping to emulate the recent success of their pre-Academy team in Holland reaching four out of eight finals – watch this space! The boys then have a short break before pre-season begins in early July.



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The Town Under-18s made it four wins in their last five Merit League fixtures with a 2-1 win over Plymouth Argyle at Ely Way on Saturday morning.

Paul Driver's side were two goals to the good at the break thanks to goals from leading scorer Freddie Hinds and midfielder Jack Snelus. Hinds netted on the half-hour before Snelus doubled the lead five minutes before the break to put the Town in control at the interval. Argyle, who won the South West section, rallied in the second half

and pulled a goal back to reduce the deficit – but the Town held on to register a second successive victory after last weekend's win at Barnet.

Driver told lutontown.co.uk: "We played some excellent attacking stuff in the first half and really deserved the goals. To be fair there could have been more. "But credit to Plymouth, they tried to make it hard for us in the second half, but I was pleased by how well the team coped under a bit more pressure."

Next up for the Town youngsters is a trip to Southend this coming Saturday, while a week tomorrow Driver's side take on Shrewsbury in the Youth Alliance League Cup



final. The tie takes place at the Shrews' New Meadow and kick-off is at 7pm.

Everyone at Luton Town would like to wish all of the squad and management all the very best of luck.

Team v Plymouth: Gooch, Bean, McJannet, Brown, Murray, Jones, Famewo, Snelus, Cotter, Atkinson (sub Verney 70), Hinds (sub Tomlinson 70).

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ACADEMY UPDATE

WITH DEVELOPMENT & ACADEMY MANAGER ANDY AWFORD

Good evening and welcome to tonight's game versus Dagenham and Redbridge.

Academy Update

Our Youth Team overcame Plymouth Argyle at home on Saturday, winning 2-1. The damage was done in the first half with two early goals capping a fine first half display.

Fair play to Plymouth who came back at us in the second half, but our boys managed the game really well and just couldn't quite get the all-important third goal that would have made things slightly more comfortable. Nonetheless that's now two wins on the spin, which puts us in a good positive frame of mind as we prepare for the League Cup National Final away at Shrewsbury Town on Wednesday 20th April (7pm kick-off).

It was good to see some Under-16 and Under-15 players again getting valuable experience of minutes in the Under-18s.

We will play an Under-18s game away at Brighton & Hove Albion in a friendly fixture this Friday morning. As Brighton are a Category 1 Academy, we know that they will provide us with a real stern test and we see this as the ideal, final match preparation before the Cup final.

It was great to see Zane Banton and Frankie Musonda make their first team home debuts, coming off the bench in the Accrington game on Saturday. Obviously, every club likes to see their 'own' youngsters given an opportunity and we are all delighted and thrilled that the Gaffer is willing to pitch them in.

Frankie will head to Manchester on Sunday evening after being nominated for the League 2 Apprentice of the Year award. The award is recognition not only for doing well on the pitch, but also takes into consideration the boys' educational work alongside their conduct and discipline off the pitch. It is a fantastic achievement by Frankie to get into the final three and we all have our fingers crossed that he can return home with the winners' prize.

Enjoy tonight's game.

COYH!

Andy.



YOUTH ALLIANCE FIXTURES

AUGUST

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

SEPTEMBER

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

OCTOBER

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

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

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

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 W 4-1
- Sat 9 Plymouth Argyle H W 2-1
- Sat 16 Southend United A 11am
- Wed 20 Shrewsbury Town A (LCF) 7pm
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Luton LADIES



LADIES VICTORIOUS AGAIN

The Hatters Ladies continued their recent good form pulling off a fine 1-0 away win at Enfield Town on Sunday.

The Town were completely in control attacking into a strong win but were left frustrated by a number of misses from clear cut chances as Natasha Fensome's strike on goal was comfortably collected by the Enfield keeper.

Luton's best chance of the first half fell to Erica Byron who was smashed to the floor from behind but got up to take the resulting penalty. Unfortunately her effort was wide of the target as the Town continued to miss chance after chance to grab the initiative.

However, after a switch of the attack, Fensome got away from her marker and as she prepared to pull the trigger a last ditch touch from the covering Enfield defender took the ball past the keeper onto the bottom corner of the net to give Town a 1-0 half-time lead.

The Town continued to dominate the second half without applying the killer touch with Fensome and Jo Rutherford both coming close to extending the lead.

Enfield did eventually create a clear-cut opportunity after 70 minutes winning a disputed penalty. Luckily for the Town Cally Browne's spot-kick was saved by the diving Hollie Staples who held her nerve to dive and hold onto any chance of a loose ball.

The Hatters continued to push for the vital second goal with Rutherford chesting narrowly

wide from a Fensome cross. She then nipped into the smallest of gaps beating the keeper to the ball but was denied by a fine covering interception.

The last chance of any note fell to the Town in the last minute when Shanice Jimenez cut inside and arrowed her shot into the far top corner producing a fine save from the Enfield keeper Beth Davis. But the Town held on to register a fine away win in style although there were plenty of testing moments on the way to three points.

Manager Nikki Baker said: "We're only the third of 16 teams to come here and leave with all three points this season and considering we were so wasteful again in front of goal this is another very good win. A 1-0 away win is always welcome although we once again should have been out of sight by half time."

The Hatters' next engagement is the County Cup final next Sunday at AFC Kempston when the side will be seeking to extend their all-time record number of wins – kick off is at 2pm.



Hollie Staples saves a second-half penalty at Enfield on Sunday

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JUNIOR HATTERS

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DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE

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TRUST IN LUTON

AN UPDATE FROM THE SUPPORTERS' TRUST



Trust in Luton has had another busy year. Most of our work goes on behind the scenes so we're taking this opportunity to let you know what we've been up to and what the future holds.

An Awarding Occasion

Perhaps we should begin by looking back 12 months. We hold several events during the year but our main function is the Annual Awards night held every May. The 2015 edition was at Luton Rugby Club and the usual array of trophies were given out to the deserving players, as voted for and selected by our members, supporters generally or the Club itself.

In addition, one special award of which we are very proud is the Trust in Luton Outstanding Contribution Award. We introduced this Award a few years back specifically to recognise longstanding and outstanding service in some capacity to Luton Town.

We decided at the very beginning that everyone is eligible – except past or present players. Frankly, they get plenty of chance for the glittering prizes but what we

are really looking for are the unsung heroes of our Club – people who give their time and effort without seeking reward or recognition, but who we think deserve that recognition and their moment in the spotlight.

Supporters are welcome to nominate someone suitable to us at any time but our decision is always made behind closed doors, in strict secrecy, as it is our intention to make the Award each year to someone who is in attendance but has no idea they've been selected. So far we've had some genuine "This is Your Life!" moments. Come along to Venue 360 on 1st May this year and find out who this year's surprised recipient is.

The Business Aspect

Trust in Luton is a shareholder in Luton Town and that gives us the various rights that come with the part-ownership of any business. We meet regularly with Gary Sweet, David Wilkinson and Kevan Platt. Sometimes it's just an update on progress or it may be because of a specific issue. We have had several discussions on the new stadium – not just the arena itself, but all the various issues that come with it – such as planning, finance and transport.



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As part of the new stadium process we spent some time in the autumn arranging with the Club the transfer of our shareholding between companies – in exactly the same way as all other Club shareholders. We have access to the Club's financial accounts and are able to ask questions of the Club's directors. No subject is off limits although there is an understandable requirement for confidentiality some of the time.

Question Time

Apart from the Awards Evening and our own AGM, we held our other regular events during the year. The most popular is the meet the manager evening. It's very interesting to hear the manager at close hand and have an opportunity to ask your own questions. Again, nothing sensible is off limits. If you've never been, make a note to come to the next one and ask your burning question. Defending from corners anyone?

We also had our annual quiz night in January with a selection of players joining the teams. All proceeds from the night went towards LAMP, the charity we have supported throughout the season. Put in a team next year and see if you can be the next Luton Town eggheads.

Trust in Luton & the Luton Town Supporters' Club

"What's in a name?" as Shakespeare himself said more than 400 years ago.

Despite this, when Trust in Luton recently joined forces with the Luton Town Supporters' Club we decided that we should celebrate our own Romeo and Juliet moment (but without the tragedy, we hope) by coming up with a new name to reflect our new identity. After hours of discussion a new name was born

and we can now announce that we are now officially and proudly named Luton Town Supporters' Trust

The name Trust in Luton has served us well for many years and some will be sorry to see it go, but the new name better reflects who we now are.

With our new name will come a shiny new logo which will be unveiled at the Awards night next month and on our new website at around the same time. We can say that it's both retro and modern; fit for the new world of social media but with a classic feel.

Now a quick word here on the democratic process. With such fundamental changes we felt it only right to allow our membership to have their own referendum and so, at the recent AGM, everyone present was given the opportunity to vote on the new name (which was agreed unanimously) and then to select the logo from a shortlist of three. We hope you will approve of their choice.

The AGM itself is usually a low-key affair with some administrative duties to be performed such as the approval of our own accounts and election or re-election of our own board members. Following this year's meeting we now have 12 on the board but we are always looking for help or new ideas, so please come forward if you feel you have something to contribute.

On the Horizon

We think it's fair to say that there's nothing more that we'd like to see on the horizon than the sight of our new stadium rising up over Power Court. There's still a way to go yet before that happens but progress this year has been tangible and we feel that not just the supporters but the whole town, including the Council, is behind this.

With so many modern football stadia shunted away to out-of-



town locations it would be brilliant to see us with a proper town centre location. Apart from being our new home we all know that this development can transform the image of the town. Please do everything you can to get behind the scheme. And in case anyone you know says that sports stadia and city centres don't go together, just point them in the direction of Cardiff or Newcastle.

Whilst this subject will probably dominate the next few years there will be plenty of other things for us to be dealing with on a day-to-day basis. With our new improved communications already taking shape you should be hearing from us more regularly and find it easier to get in touch too. We have really got moving with Twitter and Facebook this year so get "following" and "liking" if you haven't already done so.

A final reminder also that the 2015/16 Awards Evening is at Venue 360, Gypsy Lane, Luton, LU1 3JH on Sunday 1st May. Tickets are priced at £25 for adults and £20 for concessions and are available from the ticket office now. Come along and see the players receive their awards in person! The evening begins at 7.30pm. We hope to see you there.

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A WORD FROM The Football League Paper

BY CHRIS DUNLAVY

One weekend, three dramatic finishes. Rarely in sport has last-gasp drama come so thick and fast.

First came Norwich, who let slip a 2-1 lead in the 86th minute of Saturday's match against relegation rivals Newcastle, only to catapult up the other end and score an injury-time winner through Marcus Olsson.

That was followed by the heart-breaking heroics of Carlos Brathwaite, whose four sixes from four Ben Stokes deliveries in the final over snatched World T20 glory from England's grasp.

Then, from across the Atlantic, came news of the NCCA final, where a 'buzzer-beating' score in the final second from Kris Jenkins of the Villanova Wildcats saw the finale hailed basketball's greatest ever.

On that note, here are a selection of other dramatic denouements from down the years...

Nayim - Real Zaragoza v Arsenal, 1995

You know the one. Cups Winners' Cup final, May 1995. Holders Arsenal are drawing 1-1 with Zaragoza in the 120th minute of extra time. Nayim, late of Spurs, collects a bouncing ball just beyond the halfway line.



A dejected David Seaman after being beaten by Nayim's audacious strike

"I had played against Arsenal for five years with Tottenham and remembered they always played with a high defensive line, with the goalkeeper acting like a sweeper," said Nayim, now 49. "So before the game I told my team-mates and our coach that we should try and shoot from the halfway line."

And he did, his high, looping shot evading the desperate, comic tumble of David Seaman, who ended up lounging dejectedly in the back of his net. Cue a deathless chant from Spurs fans, jokes about Nayim's virility and, in the town of Trasmoz, a street named in the Spaniard's honour.

Greg LeMond - Tour de France, 1989

After 88 hours of time trials, sprints and gruelling mountain climbs, LeMond trailed leader

Laurent Fignon by just 50 seconds heading into the final - usually ceremonial - stage of the Tour, a time trial from Versailles to the Champs Elysees.

Yet Fignon, the reigning Giro d'Italia champion, was carrying an injury and, before long, was losing two seconds per kilometre to his American rival. Lemond eventually crossed the line 58 seconds quicker than Fignon, sealing victory by the slenderest margin in Tour history.

"You never stop grieving over an event like that," said Fignon, who collapsed when he crossed the line. "The best you can manage is to contain the effect it has on your mind."

Lewis Hamilton - Brazilian Grand Prix, 2008

Needing only fifth place to secure his first F1 title, Hamilton arrived at the season-ending showdown an odds-on favourite.

Unfortunately, a mid-race downpour changed everything and, with title rival Felipe Massa leading by a mile in his home GP, a duff tire choice saw the hapless McLaren driver slip to sixth with just one lap to go.

Yet Toyota's Timo Glock, who had started the last lap 20 seconds ahead of Hamilton, had no rubber left on his tires and could do little but cruise home. The Brit soared past him on the final bend of the final lap of the final race, taking the title and leaving a devastated Massa crying in the Ferrari garage.

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LEAGUE LOOK

Northampton clinched promotion to League 1 after their 2-2 draw at home to Bristol Rovers on Saturday.

Chris Wilder's Cobblers, who were £10m in debt and facing potential administration earlier in the campaign, secured their place in the third tier despite losing a two-goal lead against fellow promotion chasers Rovers.

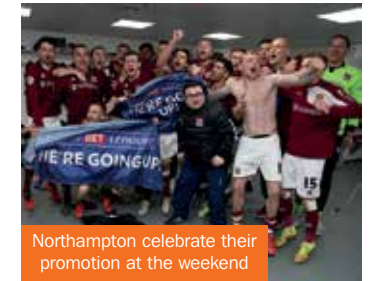
That point for the Pirates wasn't enough for the West County outfit to remain in the automatic promotion places as they dropped out following Accrington's victory over the Hatters here at Kenilworth Road.

Stanley now sit two points above Rovers but two points behind Oxford who stay second and four points clear of fourth place after a thumping 5-1 win at Crawley. The U's had trailed 1-0 but four second-half goals helped Michael Appleton's side to a convincing win.

Portsmouth kept up their hopes of a top three finish in similar circumstances. Trailing 1-0 to our visitors Dagenham, Pompey also scored four times in the second 45 minutes to register a 4-1 win. They stay sixth but closed the gap on fifth following Plymouth's home defeat to Wimbledon. The Dons now occupy the final Play-Off spot.

Of the other sides chasing a place in the top seven, Exeter made it three wins on the spin and made it nine games without defeat by winning 2-0 at Yeovil. Paul Tisdale's side are now level on points with Wimbledon.

Another side to enjoy away day success on Saturday were in-form Hartlepool as they made it six wins in their last nine games with a



Northampton celebrate their promotion at the weekend

5-2 triumph at Morecambe. Craig Hignett's side are up to 16th, just five points behind the Town.

At the other end of the table Dagenham's defeat keeps them in trouble while York gained a point at Wycombe. The two sides are still odds on for the drop, although a win tonight for the Daggers would lift them off the bottom of the table with five games left to play.

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1 Northampton Town	41	26	10	5	75	43	32	88
2 Oxford United	41	21	13	7	74	37	37	76
3 Accrington Stanley	41	21	11	9	66	45	21	74
4 Bristol Rovers	41	22	6	13	66	42	24	72
5 Plymouth Argyle	41	21	8	12	58	39	19	71
6 Portsmouth	40	18	15	7	67	36	31	69
7 AFC Wimbledon	40	17	11	12	59	49	10	62
8 Wycombe Wanderers	41	17	11	13	43	37	6	62
9 Exeter City	41	17	11	13	58	54	4	62
10 Carlisle United	41	15	15	11	60	58	2	60
11 Leyton Orient	41	16	12	13	54	55	-1	60
12 Cambridge United	41	16	11	14	55	52	3	59
13 Mansfield Town	41	15	11	15	52	49	3	56
14 Barnet	41	15	9	17	56	61	-5	54
15 LUTON TOWN	40	15	8	17	52	54	-2	53
16 Hartlepool United	40	14	6	20	46	59	-13	48
17 Crawley Town	41	13	8	20	44	68	-24	47
18 Notts County	40	12	9	19	50	68	-18	45
19 Morecambe	41	12	7	22	64	76	-12	43
20 Yeovil Town	41	10	13	18	37	52	-15	43
21 Newport County AFC	41	10	11	20	40	58	-18	41
22 Stevenage	41	9	12	20	46	65	-19	39
23 York City	41	6	12	23	45	76	-31	30
24 Dagenham & Redbridge	40	6	10	24	37	71	-34	28

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	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	Y	R	APPS	GLS				
Zane Banton	0	(1)	0	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	7	0			
Paul Benson	13	(7)	4	1	(2)	1	14	(9)	5	3	1	85	25	
Scott Cuthbert	36	(0)	0	4	(0)	0	40	(0)	0	1	1	40	0	
Nathan Doyle	6	(5)	0	2	(1)	0	8	(6)	0	2	0	45	0	
Danny Green	14	(6)	5	2	(3)	1	16	(9)	6	7	0	25	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	8	(1)	0	2	(0)	0	10	(1)	0	0	0	34	0	
Alex Lawless	17	(6)	1	3	(0)	0	20	(6)	1	6	0	198	22	
Oilly Lee	26	(3)	2	5	(0)	0	31	(3)	2	6	0	34	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	19	(16)	11	4	(0)	2	23	(16)	13	2	1	39	13	
Paddy McCourt	15	(10)	1	1	(0)	0	16	(10)	1	4	0	26	1	
Cameron McGeehan	33	(3)	11	2	(2)	2	35	(5)	13	7	0	73	19	
Steve McNulty	9	(1)	0	2	(0)	0	11	(1)	0	3	0	25	2	
Josh McQuoid	16	(8)	2	4	(2)	2	20	(10)	4	2	0	30	4	
Jonathan Mitchell	5	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	5	(0)	0	1	0	5	0	
Frankie Musonda	0	(2)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(2)	0	0	0	2	0	
Mark O'Brien	2	(4)	0	0	(3)	0	0	(5)	(4)	0	1	0	9	0
Stephen O'Donnell	24	(0)	0	3	(0)	1	27	(0)	1	3	0	27	1	
Magnus Okuonghae	7	(4)	0	2	(1)	0	9	(5)	0	2	0	14	0	
Joe Pigott	5	(4)	0	0	(0)	0	5	(4)	0	1	0	9	0	
Dan Potts	8	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	10	(0)	0	0	0	10	0	
Glen Rea	4	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	4	(0)	0	1	0	4	0	
Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu	6	(9)	1	3	(0)	0	9	(9)	1	0	0	60	4	
Alan Sheehan	14	(0)	1	0	(0)	0	14	(0)	1	2	0	14	1	
Jonathan Smith	31	(4)	4	4	(0)	0	35	(4)	4	7	0	139	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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WITH MIKE SIMMONDS

Hatters fans will hopefully get the chance to finally show their appreciation to former boss John Still when he takes to the field at Kenilworth Road this evening.

The 65-year-old's last exit from these surroundings was tainted somewhat, with the Luton faithful's disappointment at yet another poor home showing, and another defeat, losing 4-3 to Northampton Town, ringing loudly in his ears.

Still was relieved of his duties soon afterwards, although he wasn't without a job for too long, returning to a club he had managed for almost a decade, describing it like 'putting on an old pair slippers' once more.

CREDIT

But the vastly experienced manager deserves huge credit for his two years with Town, as it was he who managed to end Luton's torrid time in the Conference and brought the back club back to where they always rightfully belonged, the Football League.

Plenty of others had tried and failed to do just that, before Still was appointed in February 2013. Although it took a while for things to click into place, one they had done the following season, there was no stopping Town.

Some of the football still lives long in the memory, particularly days out at the likes of Nuneaton and Alfreton, where Hatters racked up 5-0 victories, playing some sumptuous stuff.

With Andre Gray, Paul Benson and Luke Guttridge, in particular all firing, Town swept all before them with consummate ease on their way to the league title by some margin.

One of the most important things Still did was unite a club with its supporters once more, who had long since been tired of life in the Conference, as Kenilworth Road finally became a place players could be happy to call home again.

PLAUDITS

Many will remember the adulation Still received on 21st April, 2014, when, with the title secured, the players and management took the plaudits from a packed home crowd.

It was days like that which made the latter stages of his reign even harder to take as despite putting together a strong squad on paper, it was never transferred to the field with enough consistency this season.

For Still, it looks a certainty that he will be back in the Conference too next year, as although Dagenham can't go down this evening, with games running out, they have given themselves the proverbial mountain to climb.

The same can be said for Hatters' promotion hopes under new boss



Nathan Jones, as anyone who was at Leyton Orient only three weeks ago when Luton moved within three points of the top seven, couldn't have expected them to blow up in quite the way they have.

Once again it's the home form that has killed Town's chances, with Saturday's defeat to Accrington taking it into double figures now, with only tonight's opponents and Morecambe having a worse record on home soil.

The disappointment was etched on Jones' face after the latest reverse, as he had steadfastly believed a Play-Off place was within their grasp when taking over – but those dreams are long gone.

Instead, he has been left in no doubt what kind of rebuilding job is on the cards this summer to fine-tune an over-sized squad and hopefully prepare a side that can be genuine promotion contenders this time next year.

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DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE

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

- 1 Liam O'Brien
- 2 Josh Passley
- 3 Jack Connors
- 4 Joss Labadie
- 6 Clevid Dikamona
- 7 Jamie Cureton
- 8 Andre Boucaud
- 9 Matt McClure
- 10 Ashley Chambers
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- 14 Matt Richards
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- 17 Jodi Jones
- 18 Frankie Raymond
- 19 Ade Yusuff
- 20 Quade Taylor
- 21 Oliver Muldoon
- 22 Luke Guttridge
- 23 Ashley Hemmings
- 25 Matty Cash
- 26 Dominic Hyam
- 27 Scott Mitchell
- 28 Jimmy Shepherd
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- 30 Mark Cousins
- 32 Justin Hoyte
- 33 Joe Widdowson
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Charles Breakspear



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