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# NATHAN JONES

## NOTES FROM THE MANAGER

WELCOME BACK TO KENILWORTH ROAD THIS AFTERNOON FOR THIS IMPORTANT LEAGUE 2 FIXTURE AGAINST NEWPORT COUNTY AFC.

A big welcome to everyone connected with our visitors, including Warren Feeney, who I know was a player here at Luton in the past, as well as his staff and players.

Since my last notes we've taken maximum points from three matches and seen some excellent performances individually and collectively.

Against Dagenham in our last game here we got through a really hard-fought encounter with a deserved 1-0 win. It was a match we controlled and I thought on another night we could have made things easier for us, but it was good to register three points at Kenilworth Road after suffering disappointment in our three previous home games.

### TRIUMPHING

We followed that with two superb results away from home in the past seven days, beating Oxford in their own backyard last Saturday, coming from behind to win and then triumphing up at Carlisle on Tuesday night. These two results and performances were wonderful achievements from the players, who deserve massive credit for

their character, determination and quality in both matches.

Off the back of two excellent away results we're looking to continue that form in front of the home crowd here this afternoon against Newport. I said I didn't want this season to peter out and the players have responded to that in the right way.

It's important we continue in that vein of form and finish this campaign as strong as possible going into next season.

### ENCOURAGING

It's fair to say it's been a very encouraging past week for the Club on the field. My congratulations go to Paul Driver and his Under-18s for another fabulous achievement on Wednesday when they lifted the Youth Alliance League Cup at Shrewsbury.

Paul and the boys work tirelessly day in day out and their dedication and enthusiasm is a real breath of fresh air.

They are now reaping the rewards. Well done to each and every one of you.

It's also been an exciting past week off the pitch, too and I was impressed with the development plans that were unveiled by Gary Sweet. It's important for on field progress to run parallel with the strides the Club is making off it.

### WORTHWHILE

I must end by thanking all of the supporters who have backed us in recent weeks, especially to those who made the trips to Oxford and Carlisle. A Tuesday night drive to Carlisle is not most people's idea of fun but I hope the result made it all worthwhile.

Enjoy the game and keep up your fantastic support.





# From the BOARDROOM

WITH CHIEF EXECUTIVE **GARY SWEET**

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 reme



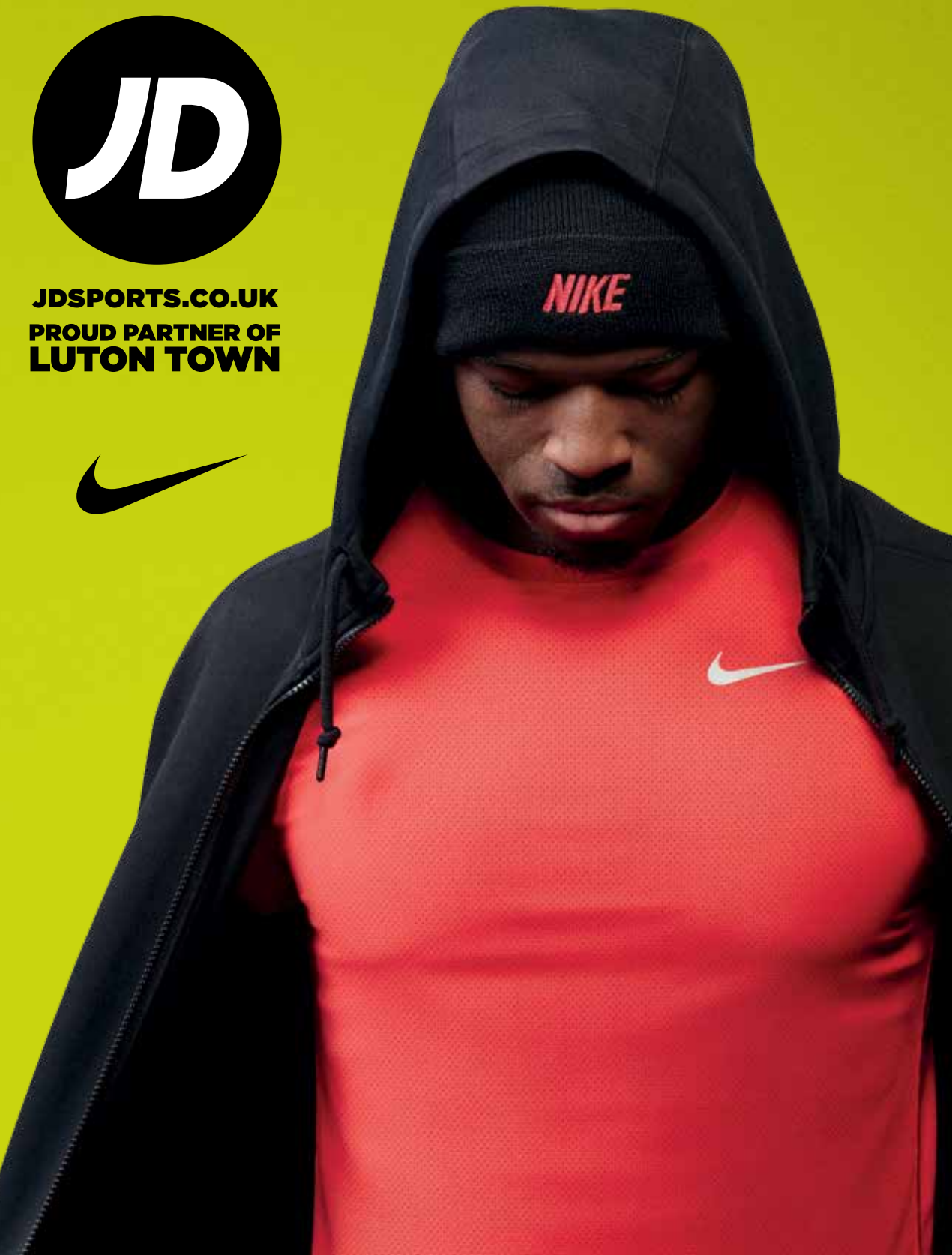
The budget for the new stadium was approved by the Town board at their last meeting - watch this space!



Gary



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# GREAT SCOTT

## THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Well what a great week it's been – that's something we haven't had the pleasure of saying much this season.

But the lads have responded brilliantly in the past three matches, picking up maximum points and looking confident in all areas of the pitch.

Against Dagenham we did enough on the night to win us the points. It wasn't a classic but I don't think the final scoreline did our performance justice. It was great to see Pelly on target again and in that position behind the striker he is a big, big threat.

Our home form has obviously been disappointing throughout the season but it's been a completely different story on our travels. And what a tremendous return this week from two very tricky away games.

Don't get me wrong, we are always confident and fancy our chances of winning against whoever and wherever. But I don't think any of the lads would have expected to win both matches at Oxford and Carlisle. They were two unbelievable efforts from the lads against two sides who are chasing promotion.

Oxford are one of the best teams in the division and stand a real good chance of playing in League 1 next year. That's a position we all envisaged we would be in this season so it's all the more frustrating in a way to look at the league table after such a result and see we are still well adrift of the Play-Off places.

The long, long, Tuesday night trip to Carlisle though was well worth it in the end as the boys again were

brave and imaginative in their play. We could have been out of sight by the time they pulled one back. What impressed me most was the way we dug in. To get 2-0 in front we played some eye-catching football and looked comfortable but once Carlisle scored and they upped the ante we had to show a different side to our game and I though we defended brilliantly to keep them out.

A big shout-out to Joe Pigott too, who has notched three goals in the last two games. He's a young, quiet lad who has got bundles of ability and we all knew that old cliché of just needing a goal would get the ball rolling. Well done mate!

Those two wins keeps us just in contention for a Play-Off place. It's a long shot, but as long as it's still achievable we will still be fighting for it. We have just three games of the season left, two here and one at the champions Northampton next week. While we still hold that outside chance we need you to get behind us in each and every game. We want to finish the season as strongly as possible because it can also act as momentum going into the following campaign – whatever division we're in.

One of the highlights for me this season has been watching

the progress of our Under-18s and on behalf of all the lads I'd like to congratulate all the young boys for winning the League Cup on Wednesday. They are a good bunch off the field and a very talented group on it. The future is most definitely bright!

Once again a big thank you for your support over the course of this season and respect to those especially who went to Carlisle on Tuesday!

Get behind us again today and enjoy the game.





## POWER COURT AND NEWLANDS PARK TO FEATURE AS PART OF “THINK LUTON, THINK INVESTMENT”

# POWER UP FOR POWER COURT

## LATEST UPDATE AFTER LAST WEEK’S UNVEILINGS

### Planning permission for Power Court and Newlands Park to be sought

At Luton Borough Council’s “Think Luton, Think Investment” launch event in St Pancras last week Town chief executive Gary Sweet announced the Club’s intention to submit a planning application this summer, prior to the start of the new 2016/17 football season.

As part of this process, a public consultation will take place beginning next month, where the 3D models unveiled at the event, as well as architect’s CGI representations, will be available

to view by the public, along with further details relating to its developments in Luton.

Two applications will be submitted, one for a mixed use scheme at Power Court which will be anchored by a high quality, well-specified, custom designed football stadium along with other supporting uses and the other for a mixed use scheme of offices, leisure and retail at Newlands Park with the latter financially facilitating the stadium construction.

Gary said: “The submission of a

planning application for a stadium at the heart of Luton is what we’re all working tirelessly towards.

“We’re delighted with the designs we’ve created with our team of architects, structural engineers and technical surveyors but, more importantly, these two schemes will help enormously to invigorate our town and region.

“Not only will this help create a more attractive place to live, work and play but the economic impact will be significant for both our town and Club.”

### Luton Town Football Club as 2020 Developments took part in Luton Borough Council’s “Think Luton, Think Investment” launch last week.

Gary Sweet was one of six panel members promoting Luton as an aspirational and sound place to invest and will announce the Club’s intention to submit outline planning applications for a new stadium and a mixed use scheme at Power Court, as well as Newlands Park, a mixed use development at land owned by the Club at Junction 10.

Commenting on the event Gary said: “Not only do I feel privileged and proud to be able to have the opportunity to promote Luton as a great place to invest but, at least, it feels like a relocation for our football club could become a reality.

“Not just a relocation but one which will put us right at the heart of our community which will regenerate and revitalise a

significant part of our town.”

Earlier this year, we announced the Power Court site as our preferred location for a new stadium, and this announcement lays out a timeline for planning permission.

“We are hoping that a response to the application will be received by the end of 2016.

Last week’s event, which was organised and hosted by Luton Borough Council, was held to announce itself as a major player in the UK economy with the launch of an ambitious £1.5 billion inward investment programme.

2020 Developments unveiled a further glimpse into the future, as 3D models and computer generated images of the proposed new stadium at Power Court were

unveiled at a the launch of the Luton Investment Framework in London.

Gary Sweet took part in a panel session along with other investors to share their vision for a new Luton. 2020 Developments also presented a model of Newlands Park - the proposed mixed use development at Junction 10 of the M1.

While speaking on the panel, Gary revealed that outline planning permission would be submitted to the council this summer, and that a public consultation process would begin next month. He is hopeful that a decision on planning consent would be forthcoming towards the end of this year, and that the Hatters could be playing in the new stadium in 2020.

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Any remaining tickets will go on general sale online from 6pm after today's game. Tickets will then be available in person or over the phone on the morning of Monday 25th April.

Ticket prices: £20 adults, £16 seniors over-65, £8 juniors under-18, free for under-7s. Disabled spectator tickets £14 with a carer free of charge.

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](http://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.



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**Saturday 7th May 2016, 3pm**

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## TODAY'S MASCOTS

### AIDEN, BENJAMIN, JOSHUA & SAMUEL



We have the absolute pleasure of welcoming three mascots this afternoon. All of them will get to meet their favourite players before the game prior to leading the teams out on to the pitch just before kick-off. Then they will receive a memento of the day afterwards in the Eric Morecambe lounge. We hope you all have a great day with us!

Aiden Johnston. Age 9 – Favourite player Cameron McGeehan.  
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# Welcome to Kenilworth Road NEWPORT COUNTY AFC

It gives us great pleasure to welcome everyone associated with Newport County AFC to Bedfordshire this evening, particularly to those fans in the away end who have made the trip from Wales.

The Exiles come to Kenilworth Road knowing that, while relegation seems very unlikely already, a point guarantees Newport a place in League 2 for another season.

Warren Feeney's side had suffered six consecutive defeats leading into last weekend, including four games without a goal, before securing a draw in midweek against high-flying Oxford.

Feeney will be no stranger to Hatters fans, making 77 appearances for the side between 2005 and 2007, taking his first managerial post in January of this year. Feeney replaced John Sheridan, himself only in the job since October having left Plymouth at the end of the last campaign, who stepped up a division to take over at League 1 Oldham.

But there was even a manger before Sheridan for the Welsh club. Former England international Terry Butcher started the season in wretched style, taking just two points from their first eight games, as well as being eliminated from the Capital One Cup, to be left rooted to the bottom of the Football League by mid-September.

Indeed County had just three league wins in the season, by which time Butcher had lost his job, when



the Hatters made the trip to Wales, but Oliver McBurnie's debut changed all that. The striker netted a hat-trick in a 21-minute spell to sink the Town to give Newport their first home win for eight months – the last of which also came against John Still's side.

The Exiles' difficult start to the season was perhaps not to be unexpected. While the side had challenged for Play-Off places in the 2014/15 season, a major player overhaul inevitably made it difficult for Butcher to maintain any sort of consistency within his team.

Scott Boden was one of those to arrive at Rodney Parade over the summer, with the former Halifax man the top scorer with 15 goals across the season for Newport.

The striker opened his account impressively with three goals in his first five games before a barren spell saw the goals dry up over the early winter. But a brace in an impressive win at Morecambe proved the catalyst for Boden's return to form, netting on five occasions in four games during late January and February.

The Hatters and re-formed Exiles share an interesting head-to-head record in their brief history, with each

## TEAM PROFILE NEWPORT COUNTY AFC

Nickname: The Exiles

Ground: Rodney Parade

Last season: Ninth League 2

Manager: Warren Feeney

Last league fixture:

Newport 1-1 Oxford

side winning three, while there have also been two draws. But an FA Cup victory for the Town just gives them the overall advantage, having won on both occasions when the two met at Kenilworth Road last season.

The Hatters recovered from being pegged back twice in their Cup clash to win 4-2, before winning far more comfortably by a three-goal margin in the league encounter just six weeks later. Jake Howells, coincidentally, scored in both fixtures.

## LAST MEETING

Newport 3-0 Hatters  
(28/11/2015)

## HATTERS v EXILES

Luton wins: 3  
Draws: 3  
Newport wins: 3

# Meet the VISITORS



OUR GUIDE TO THE MEN FROM RODNEY PARADE

## THE BOSS

### WARREN FEENEY

Another ex-Hatter managing in League 2, Feeney took over from John Sheridan in January 2016. He played 77 matches spanning three years for the Town, with Newport his first spell in management

## BETWEEN THE STICKS

### JOE DAY

Goalkeeper Day has played 61 times for County since signing in January 2015, previously being on the Peterborough books where he struggled to break into the first team.

## IN DEFENCE

### ANDREW HUGHES

Newport are able to boast one-club man Hughes in their ranks having been at Rodney Parade for more than five years. The defender has appeared almost 150 times in that time.

### DARREN JONES

Contrastingly to Hughes, Newport marks the eighth club for Jones, who began his career in 2000. This is his third spell with the Welsh outfit, the latest of which started in January when signing from Forest Green (with whom he also had three spells!)

### BEN DAVIES

Newport marks the fourth loan destination for defender Davies, another to arrive at the Exiles in January. Has made 10 senior appearances for parent club in Preston so far.

### SCOTT BARROW

Defender who has been hampered in first-team appearances in his career. He started just three league games in three years for Tamworth prior to moving to Macclesfield and then Newport.

### MATT PARTRIDGE

Few players can boast a debut as good as Partridge's. For previous club Dagenham, his first in professional football, the now 22-year-old took part in his side's 6-6 draw with Brentford in the Capital One Cup, in which ex-Hatter Andre Gray scored.

## ACROSS THE MIDDLE

### YAN KLUKOWSKI

Joining in May 2014, Klukowski has featured in almost all of County's games this year. The midfielder also netted in his side's 4-2 FA Cup defeat to the Hatters last term.

### MARK BYRNE

Byrne has the privilege of playing in every one of Newport's 43 League 2 fixtures so far this season. The Irishman began his career at Nottingham Forest, switching to Barnet prior to joining the Exiles in 2014.

### MEDY ELITO

Elito has played 34 times for Newport since joining in the summer, but the Democratic Republic of Congo man only netted his first goal against Oxford last Tuesday.

### TOMMY O'SULLIVAN

Cardiff loanee O'Sullivan, yet to

play for the Championship side, is in his second loan spell with Newport, the first meaningful forays into professional football for the youngster.

## UP FRONT

### SCOTT BODEN

Boden had an electric start for County, netting in three of his first five games, returning to form later in the season with five in four to be his side's season top-scorer.

### LENELL JOHN-LEWIS

A Lincoln trainee since he was just 16, John-Lewis enjoyed a positive two-and-a-half years with Grimsby prior



to stepping back into the Football League in May last year.

### SOULEYMANE COULIBALY

Coulibaly is a new addition to Rodney Parade, plying his trade at Peterborough until his March loan switch. The former Spurs man was not part of the Posh side that knocked the Hatters out of the FA Cup however.

### DEAN MORGAN

Another ex-Hatter in the ranks, Morgan only joined Newport in January of this year. The Welsh club marks his 15th side in professional football, starting his career in 2000 and making 54 starts for the Hatters.

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# DEFINING MOMENTS

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

## 1981 EUROPEAN ADVENTURE

County reached the European Cup Winners' Cup quarter-finals in 1980/81. Len Ashurst's side beat Crusaders 4-0 in the first round with goals by Dave Gwyther, Kevin Moore, John Aldridge and Dave Bruton. The Ironsides then hammered Haugar 6-0 in the second round with two goals by Tommy Tynan plus others from Dave Gwyther, Steve Lowndes, John Aldridge and Kevin Moore. Newport gained a marvellous 2-2 draw at East German side Carl Zeiss Jena in the quarter-final first-leg with another two goals from Tommy Tynan before narrowly losing 1-0 to the eventual finalists in the second-leg at Somerton Park on 18th March 1981.

## 1989 FAREWELL MATCH

Newport County played their final match on 21st February 1989, losing 6-5 to Kidderminster Harriers in the Club Call Cup third round watched by 895 at Somerton Park. Newport's last match in the Conference was on 11th February 1989, losing 2-1 at eventual champions Maidstone United. The financially stricken club was expelled from the Conference after three fixture postponements and their results expunged from the record. Newport AFC was founded by the fans of County after the collapse of the former club but the FAW refused to sanction their participation in the Hellenic League which led to 'The Exiles' ground-sharing at Moreton Town.

## 1999 PROMOTION WINNERS

Newport AFC won promotion back to the Southern League Premier Division in 1998/99. Karl Bayliss grabbed a hat-trick as Tim Harris' side began with a 4-0 win over Sutton Coldfield. They also scored four goals in both matches against Stourbridge, then hammered Bilston 5-0 and Bloxwich 6-0 in quick

succession, becoming the only Southern League club with an unbeaten home record. But disappointing away form, with nine defeats, cost the Midland Division title as they finished runners-up to Clevedon. Karl Bayliss was top scorer with 31 goals, while Bradley Thomas was Player of the Year. They became known as Newport County again that summer.

## 2010 RECORD BREAKERS

County won the Conference South title with a club record 103 points in 2009/10. Dean Holdsworth's side were unbeaten in their opening 13 games, including a 5-1 win over Eastleigh, until losing 1-0 at Staines. They remained top with a 21-match unbeaten run, putting five goals past Thurrock, St Albans and Basingstoke, before a shock 2-1 defeat at Thurrock in late March. Newport's third defeat was 4-0 at Havant & Waterlooville. They were the solitary Conference club with an unbeaten home record, finishing 28 points ahead of Dover. Craig Reid and Sam Foley scored 40 Conference goals between them, while Glyn Thompson was ever-present.

## 2012 WEMBLEY FINALISTS

Newport County marked their centenary with a first-ever appearance at Wembley Stadium in the FA Trophy final on 12th May 2012. It was a campaign that began slowly but ended with Newport securing Conference Premier status in 19th position. Former Spurs full-back Justin Edinburgh, appointed manager in October 2011, steered County to their first FA Trophy final with wins over Forest Green Rovers, Worksop Town, Carshalton Athletic, Northwich Victoria and Wealdstone. They faced Conference Premier rivals York City in front of 19,844 in the final at Wembley Stadium, losing 2-0 to second-half goals by Matty Blair and Lanre Oyebanjo.



# COVER STORY

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

## LUTON TOWN 5 NEWPORT COUNTY 0

24th April 1937

The introduction of Joe Payne, with devastating effect, on Easter Monday 1936 came just a little too late to propel the Hatters to promotion from Division Three (South) to the promised land of Division Two (now the Championship).

Only the top team earned promotion and the Town fell one point short in their bid to catch Coventry City.

Having gone so close, hopes were very high that the Hatters would make the 1936/37 season one to remember.

As the campaign drew to a close the Town were neck and neck with Notts County and even after a wonderful Easter with all three games won the Magpies matched them stride for stride.

After two more thumping home wins with both Gillingham and Aldershot being seen off 5-2 came a return game against mid-table Gillingham at Priestfield where many Luton supporters travelled in expectation more than hope.

For once Payne, who had scored 47 goals by that stage in the season, had an off-day and was well marshalled by a



'robust' Gills defence. The only goal of the game came with 20 minutes to go when the normally ultra reliable Hatters centre-half and skipper Jack Nelson allowed a pass to go through his legs thinking the ball would travel back to goalkeeper Joe Coen.

Unfortunately, the ball did not carry and Gills' Jim Dodds nipped in to score what proved to be the winner.

With Notts County winning at home to Southend it meant that with three games left to play the Magpies were now two points ahead at the top and the only ray of comfort was that we had a much better goal average (goals for divided by goals against).

Joe Payne nets one of his hat-trick goals against Newport



The Town's remaining fixtures were all at home with first up Swindon who saw themselves three goals down in the opening 15 minutes. Payne, back to his best, netted a hat-trick in an eventual 5-1 win but the status quo at the top was maintained as the Magpies were victorious at Watford.

A crowd of 14,469 turned up at Kenilworth Road for the visit of Newport anticipating a big win over their lowly opponents and hoping that Notts County would slip up in their home clash with third-placed Brighton.

The Hatters were certainly up for it and burst into life right from the start. A light ball and a hard

pitch made control difficult which probably accounted for Fred Roberts and Albert Dawes missing sitters before Payne coolly slotted in a Ted Hancock knock down.

George Stephenson took advantage of a retreating defence to net the second shortly afterwards but despite many more attempts on the Newport goal the score remained unchanged at the interval but the Luton supporters knew the game was all but over and they were just waiting for reports of the score at Meadow Lane.

The second period was completely one-way traffic with Payne scoring the Town's third 10 minutes after the re-start to secure

the points. With 10 minutes left came the news from Meadow Lane that Notts County had lost 1-0 and with the crowd's enthusiasm sweeping down on the pitch Dawes immediately fired in a 20 yard rocket for the Town's 100th goal of the season.

Straight after, Payne stroked home his hat-trick goal and the Town's fifth, secure in the knowledge that a win the following week against Torquay would clinch promotion.

For the record, Payne scored both goals in a 2-0 win against the Gulls to bring his tally for the season to 55 but the victory was not needed as the Magpies lost at Walsall on the same day!

# THE PROGRAMME



The Town produced an attractive (for the time) 16-page programme for the visit of Newport priced at 2d (just over 1p).

In the 'Club Notes' section it was stated "Newport will doubtless be welcomed by the large number of the natives of the 'Leek Country' now resident in Luton".

In programmes of this vintage, the adverts prove to be the most interesting part. You could rent a Charles Jeyes (the Luton Chairman) built house in Chaul End Lane, complete with hot and cold water, for 15/6 (77p) a week or buy a 'Wayfarer Raincoat' from G Edwards of New Bedford Road for 30/- (£1.50).

At the Palace Theatre, Will Hay was starring in 'Good Morning Boys' while Jackson Earle 'everybody's comic' was appearing at the Grand Theatre.

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# From the OAK ROAD

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### THE SEASON AHEAD...

After a ninth place finish in League 2 last season after what was a decent season, what were expectations for this campaign back in August?

With a change in manager and almost a completely new team we were just hoping to consolidate in League 2, but results were extremely poor under Terry Butcher and after a 3-0 home defeat to Crawley this resulted in a change of managers.

It's fair to say this season hasn't been great for you, but what have the expectation levels like as the season has progressed?

John Sheridan came in assisted by Warren Feeney and things changed very quickly. Results improved but as they both said it has been a question of survival.



Warren Feeney took charge in January, what's he been like and how kind of style is he trying to play? Results haven't been great but he's a young manager and he's learning...is that something County fans can forgive?

Warren was manager of Linfield in Northern Ireland when he joined us and they were top of the league. He has worked so hard for our football club but injuries have not helped and he has had to make changes for nearly every game!



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

Captain Mark Byrne has played every minute of every game and has led by example. It's very rare for him to have a poor game!

### SEASONS PAST...



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

I started watching Newport County in 1958 and can remember us playing Crystal Palace, Brighton & Hove Albion and Swindon town regularly. Crowds of 12,000 in those days! My late father was a director for a total of 14 years and took me to many games.



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Celebrations after County won promotion to the Football League in 2013





Just look at the teams in the National League desperate to get back.


 What's been your best memory as an Exiles fan?


 I started watching Newport My best memory is of course beating Wrexham 2-0 at Wembley to get back into the Football League. An all-Welsh final and what a day and result. A certain former Luton player got our second goal - Aaron O'Connor!

### LUTON AND NEWPORT

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

 My first visit to Kenilworth Road was 4th September 1965 and ended in a 2-1 defeat. I remember watching John Moore playing for Luton. What a very good player he was. We won the return game in May 3-1 and if I remember dented Luton's promotion push. I enjoyed our 5-2 victory at home in December 2012!

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

 We need a point to be sure of survival. Our record is not good here with no wins at all, I'm going for 1-1 though. I will be commentating for Newport County Player in the press box.

### QUICKFIRE

**Terrace or Seats?**  
Seats

**Who are your rivals?**

Has to be Bristol Rovers. We won away 4-1 at the Memorial Stadium but lost at home to them by the same score!

**Favourite all-time manager?**  
It's got to be Justin Edinburgh. A great manager destined to manage at a very high level. He's doing well at Gillingham now.

**Guess your player of the season.**

Got to be Mark Byrne.

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

There's only one John Aldridge. Look what he did for Oxford United and most especially Liverpool. What a striker!

**Most treasured piece of County memorabilia?**

Everything I obtained at Wembley including my press pass which allowed me access to the pitch to join in the celebrations after beating Wrexham in the Play-Off final.

**What league will you be in next season?**

League 2 I hope!

**Who will win promotion from League 2?**

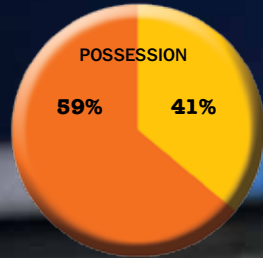
Northampton already up, I think Accrington will join them with Oxford United. As for the Play-Off I'm going for Wimbledon!

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# TOWN 1 0 DAGENHAM



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67 DAGENHAM

Pelly Ruddock celebrates his winning goal

## WHAT'S THE STORY?

Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu's fine first half strike was the difference at the Hatters halted a three-match losing streak with a victory over bottom-of-the-table Dagenham & Redbridge.

Ruddock turn and struck a power drive home from inside the penalty area to give the Town a richly-deserved win against former manager John Still's Daggers. It was the first time the Hatters had scored a goal in the first half of a game at Kenilworth Road since mid-December.

The visitors came close to levelling in the second period, striking the woodwork themselves, but Elliot Justham was rarely tested and the Hatters held on to keep alive their slim Play-Off hopes.



## JONES SAID:

“I think we deserved it, first half we were excellent, and as I said when I first arrived here, teams will change when they come to Kenilworth Road. “But I thought we were excellent, how we moved it, how we passed it, barring a real cutting edge at times, we could have been comfortable. “As it was, they changed second half, came out and had a right go, were unlucky not to get a goal, but we’ve had chances second half as well. “I’m just pleased we’ve taken a chance and been clinical first half with Pelly Ruddock’s goal, and that’s won us the game, whereas we’ve probably played better second half on Saturday and lost the game, so I’m just pleased.”

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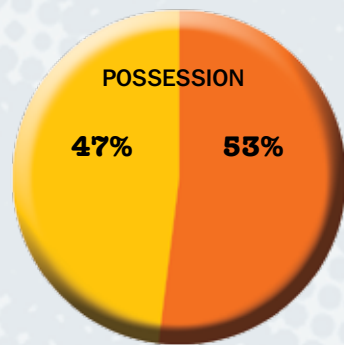


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6	SHOTS WIDE	4
11	FOULS	9
1	OFFSIDES	0



# OXFORD 2

# 3 TOWN



**ATTENDANCE** 8,838  
816 LUTON

Oxford United	Luton Town
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ROOFE	O'DONNELL
MULLINS	SHEEHAN (C)
WARING	POTTS
SERCOMBE	REA
HYLTON	LAWLESS
KENNY	GREEN
LUNDSTRAM	RUDDOCK
MAGUIRE	MPANZU
DUNKLEY	LEE
EVANS	McQUOID
	PIGOTT
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4	CORNERS	4
3	SHOTS ON TARGET	0
8	SHOTS WIDE	2
12	FOULS	11
1	OFFSIDES	1

## WHAT'S THE STORY?

Joe Pigott's first goals in Hatters colours coupled with Olly Lee's superb volley gave the Hatters an 11th away victory of the season thanks to a thrilling 3-2 victory at Oxford United.

Pigott tapped in from Benji Buchel's mistake to equalise before Lee's first-time effort secured a thrilling first-half comeback.

The striker finished the game with a clinical strike, giving the Town a victory after conceding first for the first time in almost two years.

Danny Hylton opened the scoring after just 90 seconds, while Chez Dunkley equalised in an end-to-end encounter at the Kassam Stadium.

And while the promotion-chasing hosts came close late on in search of an equaliser the Town held firm and Elliot Justham made a fine save to ensure his side made it two wins in four days.



## JONES SAID:

“Joe Pigott was clinical. I've kept faith with him and he's responded. The kid has shown some wonderful character and I'm proud of him.

“He did need a first goal, but it doesn't help with a lot of negativity surrounding it because he's a good young player and I need the fans to trust me that, when we bring a player, in it won't be someone that ends up costing us money in the long-run. It won't be someone that we can't play, can't use or proves to be ridiculous. It won't be that. We bring in value here.

“We bring in young quality. We bring in quality, whether it's young or old, so just bear with us. Just trust us.”



Olly Lee volleys the Town 2-1 in front





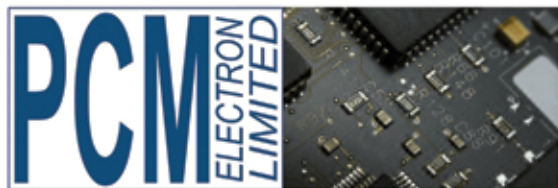
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# Traveller's TALES



THE SEASON IS DRAWING TO A CLOSE...WHERE HAS THE TIME GONE?  
 THERE'S NOT MANY AWAY GAMES LEFT NOW BUT KEVIN HARPER'S SEEN  
 THEM ALL! HERE'S HIS TAKE ON LAST SATURDAY'S TRIP TO OXFORD

## The journey

A journey that began with snow coming down went pretty smoothly thereafter and having left Luton interchange at 12.15 the two Bobbers coaches made it safely into Oxford just over an hour later on what had by then become a dry day.

Rating: ⚽⚽⚽⚽⚽

## The ground

As always the first thing you notice about the Kassam is the missing stand to the right from where the Town fans were sat. I've been to the place enough now to be used to that and I have to say it is a ground I like going to despite the airport-like security checks getting in. The view is good as are the facilities, so stewarding aside, there is much to like.

Rating: ⚽⚽⚽⚽

## The food

With such a short journey there was no chance for stopping on the way and so I grabbed a cheeseburger inside the ground. That was very good as, I'm reliably informed, was the coffee and other options so in keeping with the ground the refreshments were good, too.

Rating: ⚽⚽⚽⚽⚽

## The programme

Not the greatest I've ever read. Of the 68 pages three were dedicated to the Town including a bit of an insulting review of our recent run. The rest of it was the usual set of interviews, adverts as well as plenty of Wembley talk but I won't be digging this out in the years to come!

Rating: ⚽⚽

## The match

As starts go ours was horrendous. We were behind inside two minutes when a ball got behind our defence and was well finished. Given Oxford's league position I feared an avalanche but it was a weird day. Their crowd was flat and their team likewise but that shouldn't detract from a good Town performance.

After getting a foothold in the game we were gifted the chance of an equaliser on 40 minutes. The keeper made a kybosh of dealing with a backpass. He slipped right in front of Josh McQuoid who nipped in and squared it for Joe Pigott to get his first goal for the club.

Moments later we led. A pinpoint Danny Green cross found Oly Lee with the entire penalty box to himself and the midfielder volleyed into the top corner emphatically to put us 2-1 up going into the break!

Oxford equalised just after half time when a header from a free kick-found the far corner but we

were only level for five minutes. A lovely move ended with a deft Pelly Ruddock cross finding Pigott in the box. He controlled and curled home before celebrating in front of the Town fans.

Oxford huffed and puffed and one fantastic Elliot Justham save aside didn't threaten too much. If anything the Town were likely to score next as we countered to perfection. In the end we saw it out well to win 3-2.

Rating: ⚽⚽⚽⚽⚽

## Man-of-the-Match

Joe Pigott has had a bit of stick but credit where it is due, and he was superb in this game. He led the line well and took his two goals wonderfully to back up what Nathan Jones had said about him and his finishing before the game. An excellent performance.

## Summary

Excellent away day and back in time for a couple of beers in the evening sunshine too! Just how we like it!

## OVERALL RATING

21 out of 25

## MILES TRAVELLED

THIS SEASON

5,336.3



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# Feed the Pig!

**THREE GOALS IN A WEEK - IT'S BEEN A GOOD FEW DAYS FOR JOE PIGOTT**

Hatters striker Joe Pigott hopes his brace in the side's 3-2 victory at Oxford can lead to him scoring more goals in Town colours after a barren beginning.

Pigott tapped in four minutes before half-time against the U's, profiting from 'keeper Benjamin Buchel's mistake before doubling his tally for the Hatters' with the winner in the second period.

The Town had been behind in the encounter, while Oxford also levelled the game in the second half, and the Charlton loanee believes confidence for himself and the team can be taken from the win.

"It was not just good to get the goals for myself but for the team too," said Pigott.

"With the way the game started, we were on the back foot, even though we didn't start too badly, but the goal pegged us back. I thought we showed great spirit to come back and eventually win the game 3-2.

"I think we can take great confidence going forward from this type of result. Every result matters come the end of the season, and while we still have a chance of making the Play-Offs, we can take that forward into Tuesday and beyond to hopefully go from there."

## IMPRESSIVE

Pigott's hopes turned into prophecy as the Hatters did carry Saturday's victory at Oxford with a similarly impressive victory at Carlisle on Tuesday night, with the striker netting once more.

That goal made it three in two outings for the 22-year-old and the three successive League 2 victories keep the side with the slimmest of hopes of reaching the Play-Off places.

It was also the first time the Hatters had come from behind to win a game for almost two years, with Pigott admitting the team had not spoken about it, but it was nice for that unwanted record to be "ticked off".

Pigott continued: "The first chance wasn't really a tap-in, but I actually thought it was harder than it looked, but it's good to get off the mark and be able to get that confidence back, and hopefully there is a bit more to come from me.

"It was quite a tight angle, but Josh [McQuoid] did really well and thankfully I was there on the end of it.

"Their equaliser was a bit of a knock back for us, but we fought back really well and to get that third goal was a bit of a killer for them."



Signed on loan by Nathan Jones in January, it hadn't been the easiest start at Kenilworth Road for Pigott, failing to score in his first 10 appearances in Town colours, although he formed several chances for himself in the victory over Dagenham 10 days ago.

## TERRIFIC

But the frontman, who scored the winning goal for Southend in last season's League 2 Play-Off final, felt it was only a matter of time before he would repay the manager's faith in front of goal.

"The fans are terrific, home and away, so it felt right to celebrate in front of them," he added.

"I can take my fair share of stick, but I'm an honest guy, I know what I can do, and sometimes it just needs that time. I was a bit low on confidence, not really taking my chances but I knew eventually it would come good.

"Hopefully I can now be back to the player I was."

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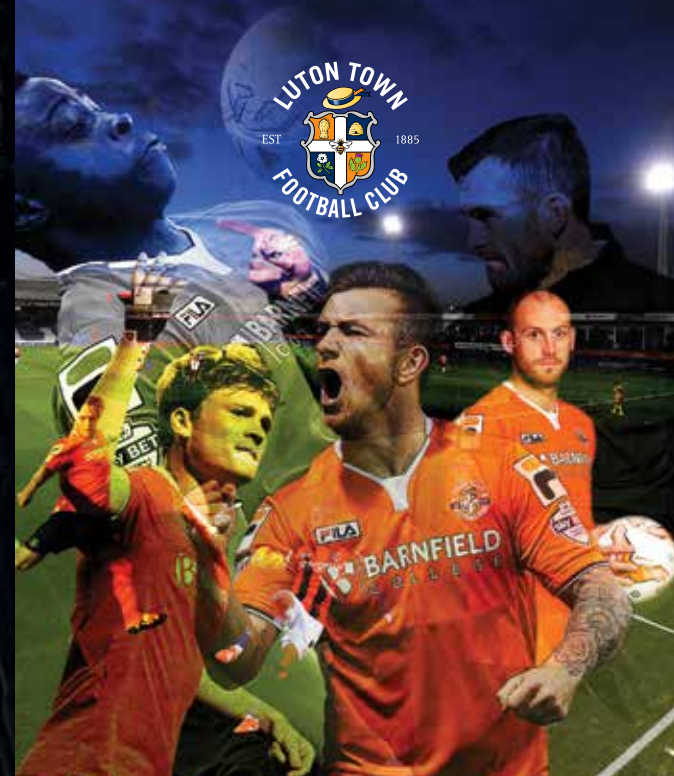
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*See you in August!*

FIRST TEAM  
MANAGER:  
NATHAN JONES

Photo: Gareth Owen

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1ST JUNE



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SEASON TICKETS  
2016-17

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# CARLISLE 1 2 TOWN



## WHAT'S THE STORY?

Joe Pigott netted his third goal in two games as the Hatters secured a 12th victory away from home this season.

Pigott profited from Pelly Ruddock's flick back to fire the Hatters in front at the break.

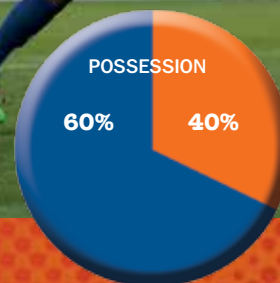
And it got better for the Town in the second half when Josh McQuoid doubled the advantage after fantastic work from Pigott, reciprocating McQuoid's assist from the Oxford trip.

And although Jack Stacey pulled one back for Carlisle, the Town hung on to a third successive League 2 victory with a resolute defensive display to keep up their fantastic record away from Kenilworth Road this season.

The win meant the Hatters rose above their hosts in the table, although the difference between them and the Play-Offs remains at six points.



Joe Pigott scores his third goal in two games to put the Hatters ahead at Carlisle



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## JONES SAID:

“I’m really, really pleased. It was hard fought, it’s a difficult place to come to, they’ve got Play-Off aspirations as well as us and it was a difficult game. “But we handled that, they’re a nice footballing side but we were disciplined, we had very little problems. “We had the better chances in the first half, so the game plan worked and we got a well-taken goal. “Then they came out and went purely contrasting to the first half and went direct, as I think they did in the home fixture, if I remember, so that followed a pattern. “We got the goal and probably could have made it easier for ourselves but a bit of sloppy play, which we have to eradicate because we could have been a lot more comfortable if we’d have done that than that, but we didn’t. “However, I’m just delighted because it’s a magnificent away performance and a win.”



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# JOY FOR JOSH

**THE RETURN TO ACTION FOR JOSH McQUOID REAPED THE REWARDS IN MIDWEEK**

Town attacker Josh McQuoid admits the frequency in which he has played over recent weeks has surprised even him after his recovery from injury.

The Town man was out of action for two months following a knee operation, but returned with a substitute appearance against Stevenage, then going on to start in the Hatters' next three League 2 games.

And McQuoid is relieved to be back among the Town set up, culminating in a goal in his side's impressive 2-1 victory at Carlisle on Tuesday night.

He said: "I was out for about three months, but it's great for me to come back. I surprised myself lasting 90 minutes, but that on a fitness level is really good.

"There's still a bit of sharpness lacking from my game, which will come with time. I just need to stay fit and help the team towards more victories.

"It's been a frustrating season for me with that injury, but getting a goal is good for my recovering, particularly with the fact I've been starting so many games.

"I got the minutes as a sub, then lasted the 90 in the next few games, similar to how Pelly [Ruddock] recovered. The Hatters had been on a patchy run of form, but an upturn in performances has seen McQuoid and co. win three on the spin ahead of the visit of Newport today.

McQuoid, playing in an attacking midfield three behind Joe Pigott over the last two games, has also witnessed first-hand three goals from Pigott in those two encounters, including netting the opener against Carlisle on Tuesday.

"We all know Joe's had his critics, but we can see he's coming through now," McQuoid continued.

"He's a great lad to have in the changing rooms, a great character and it was great for him to get the goal to show what a force he can be.

"We knew they would come out fast, changed it up and went a bit more direct. But the back our dealt with it well, and that second goal helped settle the nerves a little bit.



"They got a goal back, which was a bit unlucky for us, but then we were able to show the confidence in ourselves to be able to see the game out."

Despite maximum points from their last three fixtures, McQuoid admits it'll be difficult for the Town to reach the Play-Off places, but insists there is plenty to play for in their final three matches, starting this afternoon.

"We're not going to give up, but it is frustrating, and if we had this form a couple of weeks earlier we would be well in it," he said.

"We just need to have a good end to the season, taking that into the summer and next season. It's always good to go on the summer with a good run of form, ending the season on a high.

"The manager is passionate, loves his football and would do anything for the club. It's a good confidence boost, he talks a lot of sense, and you can see from the results that he knows what he's doing.

"We've been on a good run, hopefully we can take that into the home games, take that positive thinking and show the fans what we can do."

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# Traveller's TALES



THE PENULTIMATE AWAY GAME OF THE SEASON HAPPENED TO BE THE FURTHEST. ON A TUESDAY NIGHT. LUCKILY THE WEATHER WAS GOOD AND THE TOWN'S AWAY FORM HELD UP. KEVIN HARPER TELLS THE TALE OF THE 2-1 WIN AT BRUNTON PARK.

## The journey

One Bobbers coach embarked on the longest journey of the season as Carlisle was the destination on Tuesday night. The trip began well as those on board received a loyalty discount on the trip which meant many travellers went for free! An excellent touch from a wonderful service it must be said.

Having left Luton at 12 noon, after a 45-minute stop on the services on the way up we reached Carlisle at 6.15pm on a beautiful sunny evening in Cumbria.

Rating: ⚽⚽⚽⚽

## The ground

Brunton Park is looking really old these days although with all the flood damage up that way I guess it is to be expected. It's a classic old ground with an excellent view from the seats in the away end made for a decent atmosphere which the 235 Town fans attending certainly created!

Rating: ⚽⚽⚽

## The food

Amazingly there was no hot food in the away end for this match which was pretty poor fayre when you think the distances Town fans travelled to the game. No burger bars or anything like that so that wasn't good.

We were allowed into the bar inside the home end but even that wasn't great.

Rating: ⚽

## The programme

Strangely the programme was a scaled down 48-page issue which cost £2. Even that was overpriced. Aside from a couple of pages about the Town there was nothing in it really and I wouldn't think even a home fan would get much more from it. Poor.

Rating: ⚽

## The match

Plenty on the night had shades of a pre-season friendly about it but thankfully the Town performance didn't. We were excellent for an away side here. We countered with pace and purpose and ran out deserved winners.

Joe Pigott put the Town 1-0 up when he classily finished off a superb move which began at the feet of Elliot Justham and went right through the pitch via Stephen O'Donnell, Danny Green and Pelly Ruddock before the striker hammered home his third goal in two matches.

Another fine counter almost had us two up when Alex Lawless sent Ruddock through but sadly the midfielder's finish couldn't find the target and the Town went into the

break just the one goal to the good.

The second didn't take too long in coming. Excellent work Joe Pigott on the goal line eventually saw him wriggle free. He cut it back to Lee who passed to Josh McQuoid for a tap in. Carlisle got one back with a powerful drive from the edge of the box but apart from a cleared header off the line we held out well for a really good win.

Rating: ⚽⚽⚽⚽

## Man-of-the-Match

It was hard to separate our centre-backs here but I thought Alan Sheehan was terrific. He cleared off the line late on and organised the side throughout. A really good captain's performance from a man who looks better and better with each game he plays.

## Summary

A really long day which saw me leave home at 11am and not get back until 4.15am but it was well worth it in the end! It was great to see the Town back up a really good performance with another. A very happy Hatter after this game!

OVERALL RATING

12 out of 25

MILES TRAVELLED  
THIS SEASON

5,888.3



# PICTURE the PAST

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

The turning point 28 years ago tomorrow!  
Andy Dibble dives to save Nigel Winterburn's penalty leaving  
the Town to go on to beat Arsenal in the Littlewoods Cup final.



# THE CAMERA never LIES

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



Scottish international Allan Brown signs for the Town from Blackpool in February 1957. Watching on intently are (left to right) manager Dally Duncan, director Tom Hodgson and chairman Percy Mitchell.



# Luton Town in the COMMUNITY

BY KEVIN THOBURN, HEAD OF THE HATTERS COMMUNITY TRUST

## FA Girls' Football Week

Over the coming week we will be marking this year's FA Girls' Football Week with a number of events to further drive female football participation in Luton and Beds.

In 2015 more than 16,000 girls took part nationally in the event with a 20 per cent increase forecast for this year to reflect the growth in popularity of the female game.

During this week we are taking female only sessions at several schools in Luton including Chalkley Girls, Lealands and Cardinal Newman High Schools as well as Chalk Hill Academy and Barnfield College.

Further sessions are taking place in Houghton Regis and at Cedars Upper in Leighton Buzzard.

The FA are driving female participation, seeing it as a big growth market, especially with

traditional men's football numbers falling and Kelly Simmons, FA director of football participation and development, said: "We hope that if more schools and groups put these sessions on that it won't just encourage girls to start playing football, but they will carry on playing regularly, particularly for teenagers where sport drop-out rates can be high. 2015 was a landmark year for women's football and there's no doubt that big occasions such as the SSE Women's FA Cup Final at Wembley and the Lionesses' achievements at the World Cup had a big impact on inspiring more girls to play."

As well as holding lots of training sessions in local schools we will also be holding our second all girls tournament here at Kenilworth Road next month for under-14 to

under-16 girls. We all know the women's game is now growing massively in popularity following the Lionesses' success in last year's Women's World Cup and the Trust have now been involved in the FFD programme for two years now with the goal to 'Inspire the Future Female Game' aiming to play an integral role in the progression of the Women's & Girls' game and drive participation growth and retention through the delivery of sessions built around fun, friends, and fitness.

Certainly for everyone last year who took part in the tournament here the excitement of playing at the Stadium was plain for all to see. We have now joined nearly every other Football League club in delivering FFD sessions aimed at 14-25-year-olds and in partnership with the Beds FA we have set up over 15 centres in local Schools and Colleges to engage with fresh participants, as part of the FA Women's and Girls' programme.

Our final highlight of FA Girls' football week will also take place next month with girls from Chalk Hill Academy representing Luton Town at the Football League Girls' tournament at Wembley on FA Women's Cup Final day. Last year we made the quarter-finals so here's hoping we can go at least one stage further this year before we enjoy the Cup Final in the stadium.



## Your chance to represent the Hatters in Walking Football League tournament



Over 50? Want to pull on the shirt and represent the Hatters against other Football League clubs in a five-a-side game of Walking Football? Free on Saturday 14th May? Well if you've answered yes to all three questions then we want to hear from you! The community department are again looking for players to take part in the second Football League National Walking Football Tournament, which kicks-off with the regional heats, in Luton at Venue 360.

If you've not tried it before, then believe us when we say that last year's tournament was extremely competitive – especially when Norwich turned up in their first team coach! So here's your chance to don the Hatters famous colours and relive your glory days from yesterday – or a few years ago maybe! Of course, the real benefit is about getting fit and so walking football can be as competitive or as friendly as you want. Just think about the health benefits for a second – more muscle, harder bones and better cardiovascular systems that can help you build strength, lose weight and improve core stability – think how much better you will feel sinking a pint after all that!

The Town five-a-side team(s) will face the likes of Norwich, Orient, Northampton and Stevenage, with the winners joining the regional champions at the national finals which will be held at the FA's St

George's Park Head of Community Trust Kevin Thoburn, said: "Last year's tournament was a great success and we entered three teams on the day and only just missed out on the national finals – this year we want to go one better! Last year's success made another national tournament a no brainer and if all goes to plan we expect regional leagues against other pro clubs will be up and running by the new 2016/17 season."

The Club also currently run a popular weekly session every Wednesday at Venue360 from 6pm to 7pm which is open to all newcomers of any ability and have also arranged two warm up games on Sunday 24th April and Sunday 8th May to help preparations for the tournament. So, if you're male, female, over 50 and fancy the challenge that is walking football whilst also donning the Hatters' colours get in touch with our community department now! You can either call 01582 737568 or email [community@lutontown.co.uk](mailto:community@lutontown.co.uk).



## Kick It Out Day

It was great to see everyone involved in the Kick it Out awareness matchday last week at the Dagenham & Redbridge game and to see the support the players and officials from both sides gave to 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. Kick it Out matchdays such as last week'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 and to clearly show the importance of exposing inequalities and the positive value and impact that can be made through collective preventative action.

As a Club we are also keen to show that both as a spectator and participant pathways exist at the club irrespective of ethnicity or gender. 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](http://www.kickitout.org).





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# LEAGUE & CUP DOUBLE SECURED

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR UNDER-18S!

The Hatters Under-18s lifted the Football League Youth Alliance Cup after a thrilling 2-1 victory at Shrewsbury on Wednesday night.

Paul Driver's side were two goals to Freddie Hinds scored twice in the second half after a nervy opening 45 minutes, clinically taking his chances in front of more than 600 at Greenhous Meadow.

Chris Gallagher scored a late penalty from a Kyran McGhan-George foul, setting up a nervous final 13 minutes.

But the Hatters held on valiantly to win the League Cup, making it a terrific season for the title-winning and FA Youth Cup quarter-finalists.

A delighted skipper Frankie Musonda said: "It's amazing, it's a great feeling, it's been a great season for all of us. We've been connected as a team, everybody works for each other on and off the field.

"If we were at home we would have packed it with Luton fans, but we had so many today and we were so thankful to them coming today. It's a wonderful feeling."

Boss Paul Driver added: "I'm relieved after that! We weren't our best, but probably the best in the determination we had to put in.

"We've been pretty this season, but we weren't tonight, but we showed something else instead tonight. This is a national cup, so



Picture by Ben Cuerden

we've had to put some distance in - Bristol, Bournemouth. I'm massively proud of this group - Andy and I have been in youth football for a long time and this is by far the best group, not just on the pitch but in everything."

Academy and development manager Andy Awford told us: "We can probably play a little bit better than how we played, but we got the job done and a huge to the credit to the lads.

"We conceded a penalty, but it's always nervy in a cup final, but they got the job done and huge credit to them. There were nerves in the first half, in a big stadium, but you've got to expect that, but we got the job done. We were disappointed with the way we played - had we played to our potential we would have been a lot more comfortable".

And proud chief executive Gary Sweet said: "It's fantastic - what a season they've had! It reminds of us the first team in the 80s. That's

a tough act to follow, but seven of them are first years, and they've done terrifically well.

"You could tell they were nervous, you couldn't tell if it was home or away, but it didn't matter for them. This really didn't faze them with some of the trips they've had. They settled down in the second half, and it was fantastic to see so many Luton fans here too.

"Both sides were well in it, but I think we were in control for most of the game even though it was a bit scrappy. Freddie took his goals fantastically. A few of the board were here tonight, and we are really, really proud of the kids and are so delighted for them. They were beaming in the dressing room."

**Hatters:** Gooch, Atkinson, Justin, Musonda (c), Famewo, McJannet, Brown (sub McGhan George), Cotter, Hinds, Snelus, Bakinson. Subs not used: Bean, Parker, Murray, Verney.



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# ACADEMY UPDATE

WITH DEVELOPMENT & ACADEMY  
MANAGER ANDY AWFORD

Good afternoon and welcome to today's game versus Newport County.

## Under-18s: CHAMPIONS!!

Congratulations to Paul Driver and the squad for winning the Football League Youth Alliance National League Cup at Shrewsbury Town on Wednesday night. Two second-half goals from Freddie Hinds saw us win 2-1 and add the League Cup to the League title that we impressively tied up earlier in the season.

For those who were at the match, I'm sure you will agree that we have seen the boys play a lot better this season. Unfortunately, the free-flowing, attacking, forward play that has been so good for the majority of the season was not quite clicking and therefore the boys had to dig in deep and churn out a result - and thankfully they did!

For once, the result on the night was our main focus, our only focus, it was everything and we are all absolutely delighted that the boys delivered and have now achieved the 'double' in what has been a really memorable season for them. The support on the night from the travelling Luton fans was once again phenomenal, thank you so much.

A large majority of the squad have been together a long time since joining Luton Town in the Under-10 age group and the team spirit and camaraderie is evident for all to see. Well done to everyone involved, on a thoroughly deserved victory!

## Frankie Musonda

Congratulations to Frankie Musonda, our Under-18s skipper, for being nominated for the League 2 Apprentice of the Year Award. Myself, Paul Driver, Frankie and his family travelled up to Manchester on Sunday evening for the awards ceremony.

Unfortunately, Frankie was pipped to the award by Ben Godfrey of Norwich City (formerly of York City), however, to get down to the final three is major recognition both for Frankie and the club. Well done Frankie on a great season.

## Tiernan Parker

There's also great news to hear that our Under-15 goalkeeper Tiernan Parker, has been selected in the squad for Northern Ireland's Under-16 training camp in Latvia.

Tiernan has worked hard under the watchful eye of our Academy goalkeeping coach, Albert Bell and of late has gained great experience whilst working at the training ground with the senior goalkeepers and first team goalkeeper coach Kevin Dearden. We are all delighted to see Tiernan rewarded for a fine season with an international call up - well done Tiernan!

Enjoy today's game.

COYH!

Andy

## YOUTH ALLIANCE FIXTURES

### AUGUST

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

### SEPTEMBER

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

### OCTOBER

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

### NOVEMBER

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

### DECEMBER

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

### JANUARY

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

### FEBRUARY

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

### MARCH

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

### APRIL

Fri 1 Barnet A W 4-1  
Sat 9 Plymouth Argyle H W 2-1  
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Wed 20 Shrewsbury Town A (LCF) W 2-1  
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# LUTON LADIES

## CONGRATULATIONS IN ORDER AFTER COUNTY CUP WIN

Luton Town Ladies were crowned Champions after hammering Offley & Stopsley 8-1 in the County Cup final on Sunday.

Natasha Fensome scored a hat-trick while both Jess McKay and Joanne Rutherford got a brace each and Shannon Pratt netted the other in what was an outstanding display by the Hatters.

Holly Flynn scored a late consolation goal but any hopes that Offley & Stopsley had of a comeback were already buried after being totally outclassed from start to finish.

The Town handed Offley & Stopsley an early warning after just three minutes when Rutherford had the ball in the net after a delighted chip passed Kelly Moss but the goal was ruled offside. The Hatters showed no signs of nerves and took the lead two minutes later when McKay whipped a dangerous corner kick in and Pratt made no mistake tapping in from six yards.

Town's confident play continued and they doubled their lead after 13 minutes with a glorious lob from McKay following an assist from Rutherford that Moss was powerless to stop.

Rutherford, who was simply outstanding made it 3-0 10 minutes later with a composed finish slotting the ball passed Moss.

Town once again had another goal ruled offside two minutes later after Rutherford squared the ball to Byron who fired in from four yards.

Rutherford got her well-deserved second of the game five minutes later when she struck the ball in from close range following some brilliant build up play from Kezia Hassall.

After the interval, Fensome eventually got her goal after knocking on the door for most of the first half when she made the most of some miscommunication between Moss and Laura Simpson at the back to tap in and make it 5-0.

Both Fensome and McKay soon doubled their goal tally with a strike and a header from close range.



Offley & Stopsley pulled one back in the eighty ninth minute after Town briefly switched off and Flynn headed in from a Shanice Sanderson corner.

Town were looking for another goal to wrap up the win and Fensome completed her hat-trick deep into extra time to finish the game 8-1.

Nikki Baker has applauded the team's performance and says that Town finally got what they deserved after a tough season.

She said: "I was really happy to win because like I said on many occasions this has been an underachieving season for us so to come here and win the County Cup the way that we did and score eight goals is really pleasing especially as we've been struggling to score recently so to score eight goals, I'm really, really happy with that

"We controlled the game from the very first minute and all the way through to the end so I think we definitely deserved to win the game and there was some really good finishing which I'm really happy with.

The squad is full of young talent and Baker says that she is thrilled that some of the youths got to play in their first final.

Baker said: "I am pleased for the young players that played like Abby, Tamera and Kezia who all played a good 60 minutes and it's good to see that because they have been playing in and out the development squad all season. It's really good that they have come into the first team and slotted in as easy as they have done."

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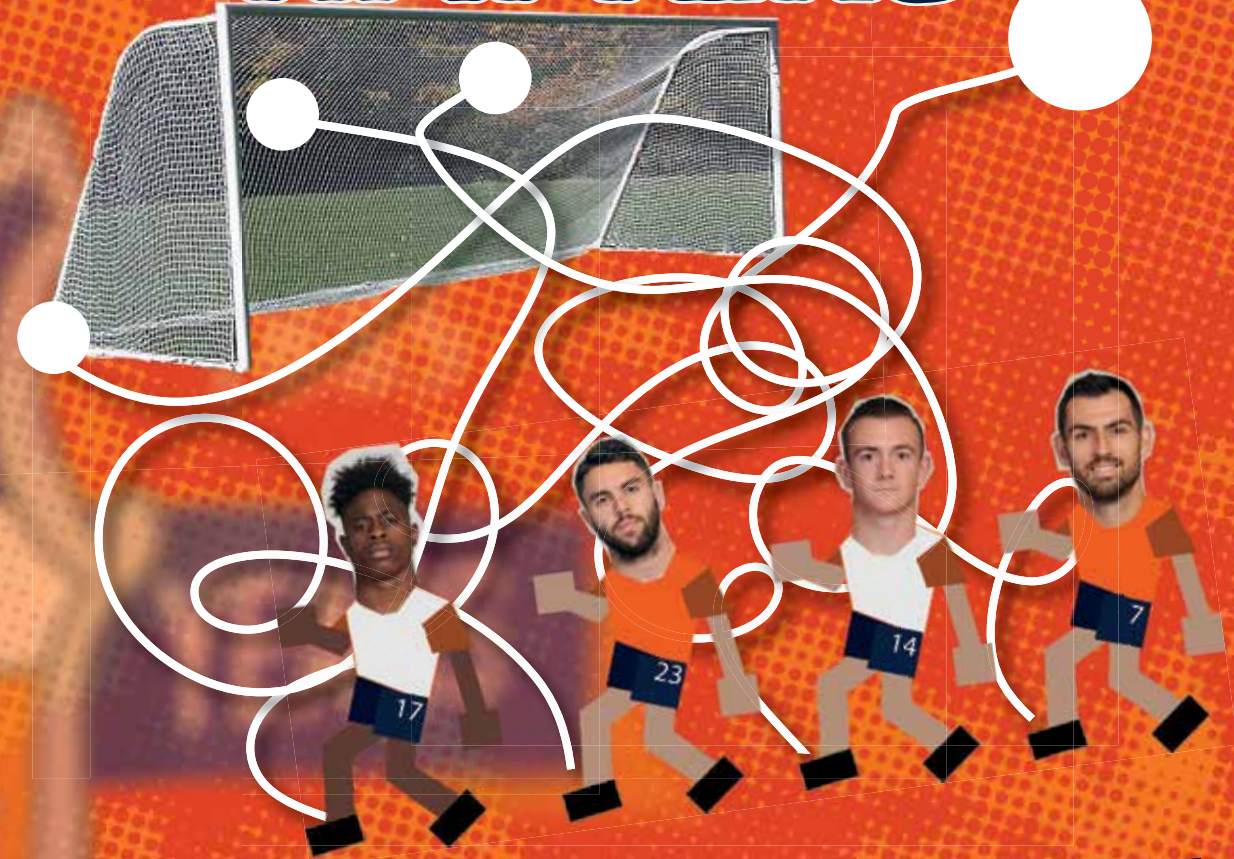
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LAMP is a local charity that looks after 16-25 year old young vulnerable people who through no fault of their own find themselves homeless and in need of support, love, encouragement and safe accommodation. The support from the local community, like that of Hatters supporters is vital to allow them to continue to support some of the most vulnerable young people within our community. But as the rented housing sector in Luton is becoming increasingly difficult due to soaring rent prices it is hard to find suitable properties at affordable rents.

LAMP have launched a new 'BUILD FOR THE FUTURE' campaign to address this and raise funds to buy our first house to accommodate those who are in most need. All the proceeds that we raise with Luton Town Supporters will help them towards achieving this goal.

There are some fantastic events coming up - so why not get involved and help LAMP help some of the most vulnerable people in our locality.

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### VIRGIN LONDON MARATHON 2016:

Sunday April 24th 2016

Trevor Holden CEO of Luton Borough Council will be running to raise money for LAMP.

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For further information on any of these events please email: [info@lamp.community](mailto:info@lamp.community)



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## CONGRATULATIONS EILEEN & TONY!

Our very best wishes go to ardent Town supporters Eileen and Tony Dunn who are celebrating their golden wedding anniversary at Kenilworth Road this afternoon.



We were contacted by their nephew Wayne as today the pair will be enjoying pre-match hospitality in the Eric Morecambe Lounge. Tony and Eileen have been following the fortunes of the Hatters for well over 60 years!

Congratulations to you both and have a great day with us!

## 200 UP FOR ALEX!



Alex Lawless made his 200th appearance for the Hatters in last weekend's 3-2 win at Oxford United.

The 31-year-old midfielder originally joined the Town on loan from York during

the 2010/11 season, signing a permanent contract in January 2011. His first goal in Town colours came in a 1-0 win over Altrincham in 2010, and since then he has gone on to score 22 goals in his 200 appearances.

Lawless told Hatters Player: "I thought it would come eventually, and when the time came I'd said just enjoy it. I was confident it would come, and it's been great to top it off with a win against Oxford."

The result made it Lawless' 101st win out of 200 - but the player played down the 50 per cent win rate: "It might sound good, but to be honest I'd like it to be more. Hopefully I can get that average up a bit more."

Nathan Jones also praised Lawless for his landmark appearance adding: "He's not been involved all that much this season, but that's no reflection on the hard work he puts in.

"He trains hard, and has a great attitude. We'll be taking a look at things over the summer with Alex, but the fact that he's Welsh won't do him any harm!"

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# A WORD FROM The Football League Paper

BY CHRIS DUNLAVY

Bolton narrowly beat Aston Villa to the title of worst team in England after a 4-1 defeat to Derby saw Jimmy Phillips' men relegated to League 1 two weeks ago.

Alongside Crewe, the Trotters became the first side in the top four divisions to slip through the trapdoor, with their 26-point haul four worse than the Railwaymen.

Beset by financial woes for much of the last three years, it is a sorry demise for a side who just four years ago plied their trade in the Premier League. Yet they follow a long tradition of side whose fall from grace became a headlong plunge into misery...



Jimmy Phillips' Bolton have fallen into League 1

## Manchester City

Before the Sheikhs and the superstars, City were mid-table scrappers whose precarious grip on top flight football finally slipped - in typically comedic fashion - in 1996.

Drawing 2-2 with Liverpool and informed that relegation rivals Southampton were losing, manager Alan Ball ordered Steve Lomas to make for the corner flag. Unfortunately, someone was telling Ball porkies - a realisation that dawned when sub Niall Quinn, watching the results on TV, burst from the tunnel and raced down the line to give Lomas the bad news.

Too late. City went down and, within 18 months, were battling the likes of Lincoln City and Wrexham in the third tier. Can't imagine Sergio Aguero would have swapped Atletico Madrid for that.

## Wolves

A classic case of being careful what you wish for. Sick of slogging for their Premier League lives, Wolves sacked Mick McCarthy, the man who'd kept them up two seasons on the spin, in February 2012.

By February 2013, not only had they been relegated from the top flight but were onto their third manager in nine months after the disastrous reign of Norwegian rookie Stale Solbakken. By May, the All Gold had suffered a double relegation.

Or, in Roger Johnson's case, a triple relegation - the hapless defender had also gone down with Birmingham in 2011. The 32-year-old is currently at Charlton...

## Oxford United

Oxford's fall wasn't rapid but it was abyssal; in the space of 18 years, the U's sank from the Robert Maxwell fuelled largesse of the top flight to the penny-pinching squalor of the Conference.

Funded by the late media tycoon, Oxford won back to back titles en route to the old First Division, powered by the likes of Dean Saunders and John Aldridge. But for the post-Heysel ban on English clubs, the U's would even have played in the UEFA Cup following the League Cup triumph of 1986.

But when Maxwell bailed to take charge at Derby, then died in 1991, everything fell to pieces. Relegations, insolvency, debts that spiralled to £15m, delays over a new ground. The unthinkable finally happened in 2006 as the U's - ironically managed by Jim Smith, the man who'd led them to the First Division - became the first winner of a major trophy ever relegated to Non-League.

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# LEAGUE LOOK

With a full programme of League 2 action in midweek you'd think the promotion picture would become clearer as the season nears its climax. Wrong.

Since our last league round-up Northampton were crowned champions, though, and Chris Wilder's side are still on course to clock up 100 points.

But the race to join them in League 1 continues to take plenty of twists and turns. Accrington have emerged as one of the teams in form and now sit in second place following their 2-1 win at Hartlepool.

Stanley have 78 points but they are only a single point ahead of Bristol Rovers in fifth place. Rovers could only draw 0-0 at Stevenage in midweek to drop away from the top three.

The Town's victims a week ago, Oxford, drew 1-1 at our opponents today, Newport, but the U's remain above the dotted line in third place and would seemingly have promotion

in their hands – taking into considering goal difference.

Plymouth's form has been indifferent of late but they stormed back into automatic promotion contention with a fine 3-1 win at Leyton Orient. The Pilgrims lie fourth, level on points with Oxford and a point behind Accrington.

It's not been a good week for Portsmouth, though. Pompey were eyeing an all-important game in hand that takes place next week as their ticket into the automatic promotion places.

But two successive defeats, including Tuesday's at lowly York mean Paul Cook's men are eight points off the top three with four games left to play.

Wimbledon remain in the final Play-Off spot in seventh after a win

at already relegated Dagenham and with a game in hand (against Portsmouth) they could strengthen what already looks like a tight grip on that position. They hold a four-point cushion over eighth-placed Wycombe.

The Town, despite three successive victories, lie six points off the pace with plenty of teams in between.

At the other end of the table, despite that win over Pompey, York are all but down and face an almost impossible task of avoiding the drop in to the National League.

The Minstermen are nine points from safety with three games to go.

Only our visitors today can be relegated but they have a better goal difference and look certain to stay up.

## LEAGUE TABLE 2015/16

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
C Northampton Town	43	27	11	5	77	44	33	92
2 Accrington Stanley	43	22	12	9	70	48	22	78
3 Oxford United	43	21	14	8	77	41	36	77
4 Plymouth Argyle	43	23	8	12	63	41	22	77
5 Bristol Rovers	43	23	7	13	68	43	25	76
6 Portsmouth	42	18	15	9	69	41	28	69
7 AFC Wimbledon	42	19	11	12	62	49	13	68
8 Wycombe Wanderers	43	17	13	13	44	38	6	64
9 Cambridge United	43	17	12	14	62	52	10	63
10 Exeter City	43	17	12	14	60	57	3	63
11 Leyton Orient	43	17	12	14	58	60	-2	63
12 Mansfield Town	43	17	11	15	60	51	9	62
<b>13 LUTON TOWN</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>62</b>
14 Carlisle United	43	15	16	12	61	60	1	61
15 Barnet	43	16	10	17	60	63	-3	58
16 Hartlepool United	43	15	6	22	49	63	-14	51
17 Notts County	43	13	9	21	52	76	-24	48
18 Crawley Town	43	13	8	22	45	71	-26	47
19 Yeovil Town	43	10	14	19	38	54	-16	44
20 Morecambe	43	12	8	23	66	85	-19	44
21 Stevenage	43	10	13	20	48	66	-18	43
22 Newport County AFC	43	10	12	21	42	61	-19	42
23 York City	43	7	12	24	49	79	-30	33
R Dagenham & Redbridge	43	6	10	27	39	77	-38	28

## PLAYER STATS 2015/16

	THIS SEASON										LFC		
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		DISP		CAREER TOT				
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	Y	R	APPS	GLS			
Zane Banton	0	(3)	0	0	0	(3)	0	0	0	0	9	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	17	(6)	5	2	(3)	1	19	(9)	6	7	0	28	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	(2)	0	0	(0)	0	13	(2)	0	1	0	332	31
Elliot Justham	11	(1)	0	2	(0)	0	13	(1)	0	0	0	37	0
Alex Lawless	19	(7)	1	3	(0)	0	22	(7)	1	6	0	201	22
Oilly Lee	29	(3)	3	5	(0)	0	34	(3)	3	7	0	37	3
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	20	(17)	11	4	(0)	2	24	(17)	13	2	1	41	13
Paddy McCourt	15	(10)	1	1	(0)	0	16	(10)	1	4	0	26	1
Cameron McGeehan	33	(5)	11	2	(2)	2	35	(7)	13	7	0	75	19
Steve McNulty	9	(1)	0	2	(0)	0	11	(1)	0	3	0	25	2
Josh McQuoid	19	(8)	3	4	(2)	2	23	(10)	5	3	0	33	5
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	3	(0)	0	5	(4)	0	1	0	9	0
Stephen O'Donnell	27	(0)	0	3	(0)	1	30	(0)	1	3	0	30	1
Magnus Okuonghae	7	(4)	0	2	(1)	0	9	(5)	0	2	0	14	0
Joe Pigott	7	(5)	3	0	(0)	0	7	(5)	3	1	0	12	3
Dan Potts	11	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	13	(0)	0	0	0	13	0
Glen Rea	7	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	7	(0)	0	1	0	7	0
Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu	9	(9)	2	3	(0)	0	12	(9)	2	0	0	63	5
Alan Sheehan	17	(0)	1	0	(0)	0	17	(0)	1	2	0	17	1
Jonathan Smith	32	(4)	4	4	(0)	0	36	(4)	4	7	0	140	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

# OUR 130TH YEAR

## LUTON TOWN 1885 - PRESENT DAY • THE FULL RECORD

PLAYED: 5,311

WON: 2,121

DRAWN: 1,288

LOST: 1,902

GOALS SCORED : 8,432

GOALS CONCEDED: 7,640

DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS	STARTING XI	SUBS													
<b>AUGUST</b>																						
Sat 8	3.00pm	A	Accrington Stanley	D 1-1	2,359	1,175	13	Justham Cuthbert Griffiths McNulty Wilkinson Doyle <b>SMITH 1</b>	Green ▲	McCourt ●	McQuoid ●	Mackail-Smith	Tyler	Potts	McGeehan	Benson ●	Marriott ▲	Ruddock ●	Guttridge			
Tue 11	7.45pm	H	Bristol City (Cap One Cup 1)	W 3-1	3,948	427	-	Tyler Cuthbert McNulty Wilkinson Potts O'Donnell ● O'Brien ●	Ruddock ●	McGeehan ●	<b>BENSON 1</b>	<b>MARRIOTT 2 ▲</b>	Justham	Lawless	Hall	Griffiths ●	Guttridge	McQuoid ▲	Doyle ●			
Sat 15	3.00pm	H	Oxford United	D 2-2	8,877	781	15	Tyler Cuthbert McNulty <b>WILKINSON 1</b> Griffiths O'Donnell ● Doyle	McCourt ▲	<b>MC GEEHAN 1</b>	Benson	Mackail-Smith ●	Justham	Lawless	Ruddock ●	McQuoid	Potts	Smith ▲	Marriott ●			
Tue 18	7.45pm	H	Bristol Rovers	L 0-1	8,061	553	18	Tyler Cuthbert McNulty Wilkinson Griffiths O'Donnell Doyle ●	McCourt	McGeehan ●	Benson	Mackail-Smith ▲	Potts	Smith ●	Lawless	Ruddock ●	Marriott ▲	McQuoid	Justham			
Sat 22	3.00pm	A	Yeovil Town	L 2-3	3,830	820	22	Tyler Cuthbert Griffiths McNulty ● Wilkinson Smith McGeehan	Green ▲	Hall ●	<b>BENSON 1</b>	<b>MACKAIL-SMITH 1</b>	O'Donnell	Lawless ●	McCourt ▲	Ruddock	McQuoid	O'Brien ●	Justham			
Tue 25	7.45pm	H	Stoke City (Cap One Cup 2)	D 1-1*	6,099	823	-	Justham O'Donnell Griffiths Wilkinson Cuthbert O'Brien Smith	Lee	Green ●	Ruddock ●	McQuoid ▲	McNulty	Hall ●	<b>MC GEEHAN 1</b>	Benson ▲	McQuoid	Mackail-Smith	Tyler			
Sat 29	3.00pm	H	Portsmouth	L 1-2	9,083	1,032	22	Justham O'Donnell Griffiths Wilkinson Cuthbert O'Brien ● Smith	McGeehan	Hall ▲	McQuoid	<b>MACKAIL-SMITH 1</b>	Tyler	McNulty	Green	Marriott ●	McCourt	Ruddock ▲	Lee ●			
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>																						
Tue 1	7.15pm	H	Leyton Orient (JPT1)	W 2-1	1,953	300	-	Tyler <b>O'DONNELL 1</b> Griffiths McNulty Cuthbert ● Lee Smith	Ruddock ●	<b>GREEN 1 ▲</b>	Guttridge	Marriott ●	Hall ●	Justham	Okuonghae ●	Mackail-Smith	McQuoid ▲					
Sat 5	3.00pm	A	Cambridge United	W 3-1	6,298	1,425	19	Tyler O'Donnell Griffiths <b>WILKINSON 1</b> Cuthbert Lee Smith	<b>GREEN 1</b>	McQuoid	<b>GUTTRIDGE 1</b>	Mackail-Smith	McNulty	Hall	Justham	Ruddock	Okuonghae	Williams	O'Brien			
Sat 12	3.00pm	A	Notts County	L 2-3	5,820	1,689	20	Tyler O'Donnell Griffiths Wilkinson Cuthbert ● Lee <b>SMITH 1</b>	Green ●	McQuoid	Guttridge ●	Mackail-Smith	McNulty ▲	<b>MC GEEHAN 1</b>	Hall ●	McCourt	Ruddock	Williams	King			
Sat 19	3.00pm	H	Mansfield Town	W 1-0	7,939	262	18	Tyler O'Donnell Griffiths Wilkinson McNulty Lee Smith	Smith	McCourt ▲	McQuoid ●	McGeehan ●	<b>MACKAIL-SMITH 1</b>	Hall	Green ●	Marriott	Williams	O'Brien ●	Justham			
Sat 26	3.00pm	H	AFC Wimbledon	W 2-0	8,415	588	16	Tyler O'Donnell ● Griffiths ▲ Wilkinson McNulty Lee Smith	McCourt	Guttridge ●	McGeehan	Mackail-Smith	Potts	Lawless ●	Hall ▲	Green	<b>MARRIOTT 2</b>	O'Brien	Justham			
Tue 29	7.45pm	A	Morecambe	W 3-1	1,388	295	11	Tyler Cuthbert ● Griffiths <b>WILKINSON 1</b> McNulty Lee <b>SMITH 1</b>	McCourt ●	McQuoid	<b>MC GEEHAN 1</b>	Mackail-Smith ▲	Potts	Lawless ●	Green	Marriott ▲	Guttridge	Doyle ●	Justham			
<b>OCTOBER</b>																						
Sat 3	3.00pm	A	Hartlepool United	W 4-1	3,876	406	19	Tyler Cuthbert Griffiths Wilkinson McNulty <b>LEE 1</b> <b>SMITH 1</b>	Guttridge	McQuoid ●	McGeehan	Mackail-Smith ●	Potts	Lawless	Hall	Green	<b>MARRIOTT 2</b>	Doyle ●	Justham			
Tue 6	7.45pm	A	Gillingham (JPT2)	L 1-2	3,428	193	-	Tyler Lawless Potts O'Brien Okuonghae Lee ● Doyle	Guttridge ●	McQuoid	<b>MC GEEHAN 1</b>	Marriott	Hall ●	Green ●	Griffiths ▲	Wilkinson	Justham					
Sat 10	3.00pm	H	York City	D 1-1	8,612	222	10	Tyler Cuthbert Potts Wilkinson McNulty Lee Smith ●	Guttridge ▲	McQuoid	<b>MC GEEHAN 1</b>	Mackail-Smith ●	Lawless ●	Hall	Green ●	Marriott ●	Ruddock	Doyle ▲	Justham			
Sat 17	3.00pm	A	Crawley Town	L 1-2	3,335	1,412	12	Tyler Long Potts Wilkinson Cuthbert Doyle Smith	Lee ●	<b>MC GEEHAN 1</b>	Marriott ●	Mackail-Smith	Lawless	Hall	McCourt ●	Ruddock	McQuoid ●	O'Brien	Justham			
Tue 20	7.45pm	H	Leyton Orient	D 1-1	8,022	638	12	Tyler Long Potts Wilkinson Cuthbert Lee ● Smith	McCourt ●	McGeehan	<b>MARRIOTT 1</b>	Mackail-Smith ▲	Lawless	Ruddock	Guttridge ●	McQuoid ▲	O'Brien	Doyle ●	Justham			
Sat 24	3.00pm	H	Plymouth Argyle	L 1-2	8,703	745	15	Tyler Long ● Potts ● Wilkinson Cuthbert Doyle Smith	McGeehan	Ruddock ▲	Guttridge	Marriott	Lawless ●	Hall ●	McCourt	McQuoid ▲	<b>MCQUOID 1</b>	O'Brien	Justham			
<b>NOVEMBER</b>																						
Sun 1	2.00pm	A	Dagenham & Redbridge	W 2-0	2,773	1,083	13	Tyler Long Griffiths Wilkinson Cuthbert Doyle Smith	<b>LAWLESS 1</b>	McQuoid	<b>GUTTRIDGE 1</b>	Marriott ●	Potts	McGeehan ●	Green	McCourt	Lee	Mackail-Smith ●	Justham			
Sat 7	3.00pm	A	Crawley Town (FAC1)	W 2-1	1,929	487	-	Justham Long Griffiths Wilkinson Cuthbert Lee Smith	Lawless ●	<b>MCQUOID 2</b>	Guttridge	Marriott ●	Potts	McHeehan	Benson ●	Green ●	McCourt	O'Brien	Tyler			
Sat 14	3.00pm	H	Barnet	W 2-0	8,497	612	10	Tyler Lawless Griffiths Wilkinson Cuthbert Lee ● Smith	<b>MC GEEHAN 1</b>	<b>GREEN 1</b>	McQuoid ▲	Benson ●	Potts	<b>MARRIOTT 2</b>	<b>MC COURT ▲</b>	Long	Guttridge	O'Brien ●	Justham			
Sat 21	3.00pm	A	Stevenage	D 0-0	4,782	1,892	10	Tyler Smith Lawless Wilkinson Cuthbert Lee ▲ Smith	McGeehan ●	McQuoid	Benson ●	Marriott ●	McCourt	Long	Guttridge	Mackail-Smith	O'Brien	Justham				
Tue 24	7.45pm	H	Carlisle United	L 3-4	7,298	169	12	Tyler Lawless Griffiths O'Brien Cuthbert Lee Smith	McGeehan ●	<b>GREEN 1</b>	<b>MCQUOID 1</b>	<b>MARRIOTT 1</b>	Hall	McCourt ●	Long	Mackail-Smith ●	Williams	Doyle	Justham			
Sat 28	3.00pm	A	Newport County	L 0-3	2,551	451	13	Tyler Lawless Griffiths Wilkinson Cuthbert Lee ● Smith	McGeehan ●	Green	McQuoid ●	Marriott	McCourt ●	Mackail-Smith ●	Doyle ●	Okuonghae	Long	Hall	Justham			
<b>DECEMBER</b>																						
Sun 6	2.00pm	A	Peterborough United (FAC2)	L 0-2	8,379	1,740	-	Tyler Long Lawless ▲ Wilkinson Okuonghae Lee ● Smith	Doyle	McCourt ●	McQuoid	Mackail-Smith	Hall	Guttridge	Williams	McGeehan ●	Green ●	Griffiths ▲	Justham			
Sat 12	3.00pm	H	Northampton Town	L 3-4	8,792	1,032	17	Tyler Long ● Griffiths Wilkinson Okuonghae Lee Smith	Lawless ●	<b>GREEN 1</b>	<b>BENSON 2</b>	Mackail-Smith	O'Donnell	McGeehan	Hall ●	Marriott ●	McQuoid	Musonda	Justham			
Sat 19	3.00pm	A	Exeter City	W 3-2	3,777	416	13	Tyler Long Okuonghae Howells ● Cuthbert Okuonghae Lee Lawless ●	Lawless	<b>MC GEEHAN 1</b>	Mackail-Smith ●	<b>BENSON 1</b>	O'Donnell	Griffiths ●	Marriott ▲	Guttridge	McQuoid ●	Justin	Justham			
Sat 26	3.00pm	H	Wycombe Wanderers	L 0-2	9,676	829	15	Tyler Long Howells Cuthbert Okuonghae Lee Lawless ●	McGeehan	Green ●	Mackail-Smith	Benson ▲	Smith	Griffiths	Marriott ▲	Guttridge ●	McQuoid ●	Musonda	Justham			
Mon 28	3.00pm	A	Portsmouth	D 0-0	17,688	1,556	14	Tyler O'Donnell Howells Cuthbert Okuonghae Smith Lawless ▲	Hall	McQuoid ●	Marriott ●	Benson	McGeehan ●	McCourt	Long ▲	Guttridge	Mackail-Smith ●	Wilkinson	Justham			
<b>JANUARY</b>																						
Sat 2	3.00pm	A	Bristol Rovers	L 0-2	9,131	707	15	Tyler O'Donnell Howells ● Cuthbert Okuonghae Smith Lawless ▲	McGeehan	Hall	Mackail-Smith ▲	Benson ●	Marriott ▲	McCourt ●	Lee	Long	McQuoid ●	Wilkinson	Justham			
Sat 16	3.00pm	H	Cambridge United	D 0-0	9,227	1,022	18	Tyler ● O'Donnell Howells Cuthbert Okuonghae Smith Lawless	Green ●	Hall ▲	Marriott	Benson	Potts	McCourt ▲	Lee	Mackail-Smith	McQuoid ●	Wilkinson	Justham ●			
Sat 23	3.00pm	A	Mansfield Town	W 2-0	4,245	739	15	Justham O'Donnell Howells Cuthbert Sheehan Smith Lawless	<b>MC COURT 1</b>	<b>RUDDOCK 1</b>	▲ McGeehan	Mackail-Smith ●	Benson	Potts	Marriott ●	Lee ●	O'Brien	Musonda ▲	King			
Sat 30	3.00pm	H	Notts County	L 0-2	8,147	390	16	Justham O'Donnell Howells Cuthbert Sheehan Smith Lawless	McCourt	Ruddock	McGeehan	Mackail-Smith	Benson	Marriott	Okuonghae	Lee	Banton	Piggott	Tyler			
<b>FEBRUARY</b>																						
Tue 2	7.45pm	H	Yeovil Town	D 1-1	7,538	132	16	Justham O'Donnell Howells Cuthbert <b>SHEEHAN 1</b> Lee Lawless	Ruddock ●	McGeehan	Mackail-Smith ●	Pigott ▲	Smith	Benson ▲	Marriott ●	McCourt ●	Okuonghae	Banton	Tyler			
Sat 6	3.00pm	A	Wycombe Wanderers	W 1-0	4,597	1,398	14	Justham O'Donnell Howells Cuthbert Sheehan Lee Lawless	<b>MC GEEHAN 1</b>	Marriott ●	Mackail-Smith	Pigott ●	Smith	Benson ●	McCourt ▲	Ruddock ●	Okuonghae	Banton	Tyler			
Sat 13	3.00pm	A	AFC Wimbledon	L 1-4	4,439	833	14	Justham O'Donnell Howells Cuthbert Sheehan Lee ▲ McGeehan	McCourt ●	<b>MARRIOTT 1</b>	Mackail-Smith ●	Benson	Potts	Smith ●	Green	Ruddock	Okuonghae	Piggott ▲	Tyler			
Sat 20	3.00pm	H	Hartlepool United	W 2-1	7,880	193	13	Tyler O'Donnell ● Howells Cuthbert Sheehan Lee ●	<b>MC GEEHAN 1</b>	Lawless	Marriott	Pigott ●	Smith	Hall ●	McCourt	<b>RUDDOCK ●</b>	Okuonghae	<b>MACKAIL-SMITH 1</b>	Justham			
Sat 27	3.00pm	A	York City	W 3-2	3,628	715	13	Tyler O'Donnell Howells Cuthbert Sheehan ▲ <b>LEE 1</b> Lawless ●	<b>MC GEEHAN 1</b>	Green	<b>MARRIOTT 1</b>	Pigott ●	Smith ●	Benson	McCourt	Ruddock	Okuonghae ▲	Mackail-Smith ●	Justham			
<b>MARCH</b>																						
Tue 1	7.45pm	H	Morecambe	W 1-0	7,153	56	13	Tyler O'Donnell Howells Cuthbert Sheehan Lee Smith	McGeehan	McCourt ●	<b>MARRIOTT 1</b>	Mackail-Smith	Lawless	Benson	Green	Ruddock ●	Okuonghae	Pigott	Justham			
Sat 5	3.00pm	A	Leyton Orient	W 1-0	5,684	1,402	12	Mitchell O'Donnell Potts ▲ Cuthbert Sheehan Lee Smith	McGeehan	McCourt ●	<b>MARRIOTT 1</b>	Mackail-Smith	Lawless	Benson	Green ●	Ruddock ●	Ruddock ▲	Pigott	Justham			
Sat 12	3.00pm	H	Crawley Town	L 0-1	8,264	197	13	Mitchell O'Donnell Potts Cuthbert Sheehan Lee Smith ●	McGeehan	McCourt	Marriott ▲	Mackail-Smith ●	Benson ▲	Green ●	Ruddock	Okuonghae	Banton	Pigott ●	Justham			
Sat 19	3.00pm	A	Plymouth Argyle	W 1-0	7,973	554	12	Mitchell O'Donnell Potts ▲ Cuthbert Sheehan Rea Smith	McGeehan	McCourt ●	<b>MARRIOTT 1</b>	Mackail-Smith ●	Lawless	Benson ●	Green ●	Ruddock	Okuonghae ▲	Pigott	Justham			
Mon 28	3.00pm	A	Barnet	L 1-2	4,003	1,823	14	Mitchell O'Donnell Sheehan Cuthbert Okuonghae Rea Smith	<b>MC GEEHAN 1</b>	Ruddock	Marriott	Benson	Lawless	Green	Lee	McQuoid	Pigott	Justham				
<b>APRIL</b>																						
Sat 2	3.00pm	H	Stevenage	L 0-1	8,502	347	14	Mitchell O'Donnell Sheehan Cuthbert ▲ Rea Lee Smith	McGeehan	McCourt ●	Marriott	Pigott ●	Lawless	Benson	Green ●	Ruddock ▲	McQuoid ●	Banton	Justham			
Sat 9	3.00pm	H	Accrington Stanley	L 0-2	7,467	123	15	Justham O'Donnell Potts Sheehan Rea Lee	McGeehan	Ruddock	Marriott	McQuoid	Lawless	Benson	Justin	McQuoid	Musonda	Pigott	King			
Tue 12	7.45pm	H	Dagenham & Redbridge	W 1-0	6,995	67	14	Justham O'Donnell Potts Sheehan Rea Lee Smith ●	Green ▲	<b>RUDDOCK 1</b>	Marriott ●	McQuoid	Lawless ●	McGeehan	Benson	Banton ▲	Musonda	Pigott ●	King			
Sat 16	3.00pm	A	Oxford United	W 3-2	8,838	826	14	Justham O'Donnell Potts Sheehan Rea <b>LEE 1</b> ●	Lawless	Green ●	Ruddock	McQuoid ▲	<b>PIGOTT 2</b>	McGeehan ●	Benson ●	Marriott	Banton	Musonda	Howells ▲	King		
Tue 19	7.45pm	A	Carlisle United	W 2-1	3,497	235	13	Justham O'Donnell Potts Sheehan Rea Lee Lawless	Green ●	Ruddock	<b>MCQUOID 1</b>	<b>PIGOTT 1</b>	McGeehan ●	Benson	Marriott ●	Banton	Musonda	Howells ●	King			
Sat 23	3.00pm	H	Newport County																			
Sat 30	3.00pm	A	Northampton Town																			
<b>MAY</b>																						
Sat 7	3.00pm	H	Exeter City																			

\*Lost 8-7 on penalties

Key: ● First Substitute | ● Second Substitute | ▲ Third Substitute | ■ Sent off | GOALSCORER



# HOLD THE BACK PAGE

WITH MATT WRIGHT

We're approaching those couple of months of the year where we'll all have to make plans on Saturdays that don't involve football. I don't know about you, but that's a worrying time for me.

That's not because I have no life (honestly), but this is my first summer covering sport for Luton on Sunday and it will be a time where news from our main source of material dries up slightly.

I took up my current position at the beginning of September, so all I've known since is having reports and reaction from the Hatters' games sent through and attending the manager's weekly press conference on Thursdays.

Town fans will be the first to admit the season hasn't gone to plan, but it hasn't been dull along the way, even if it has been occasionally heart-breaking.

Thankfully, despite the Barnet game a few weeks ago, stoppage time isn't something they're dreading like they may have in the opening months of the season, where barely a week would go by without a costly late goal being conceded.

But there have been a few false dawns and the recent run of three defeats summed up the season, in a way.

It happened just when hope of a belated Play-Off push had begun to surface, particularly after those hard-fought wins at Leyton Orient

and Plymouth, which felt especially significant.

Then the standard of performance that had led to their revival suddenly fell away and with it any realistic chance of catching up with the top seven.

This gave the recent win at Oxford a feeling of 'what if?' as well as the obvious delight at producing such a good performance against a team that is chasing automatic promotion.

But it's not the first time this has happened in the campaign – in the aftermath of me joining LoS, the Hatters won six games out of seven and looked to be putting their sluggish start behind them.

## INTRIGUING

Unfortunately, the individual defensive mistakes returned and conceding too many cheap goals was to see results drop off again and it eventually cost John Still his job.

But even if some are still bemoaning what might have been, the future under Nathan Jones certainly looks intriguing.

In the three months since he took charge, Luton have shown they can



live with or even better the teams at the top of the table, even though they have had a habit of tripping over teams they're expected to beat.

Certainly if the Hatters are to compete near the top next year, there need to be more displays like what we saw at Oxford than the one in the dismal home defeat to Stevenage.

Jones' angry reaction to the latter shows that he has settled into his task and, from a journalistic standpoint, he seems to have settled into dealing with us hacks!

Judging by how his pre-match press conferences have gradually increased in length, he seems to be getting more comfortable in front of the media.

Here's to his team producing plenty of positive headlines in the seasons ahead.

Matt is the sports editor for the Luton on Sunday

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- 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



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- 2 Danny Holmes
- 3 Scott Barrow
- 4 Darren Williams
- 5 Ben Davies
- 7 Medy Elito
- 8 Yan Klukowski
- 9 Souleymane Coulibaby
- 10 Lennel John-Lewis
- 11 Nathan Ralph
- 12 Janoi Donacien
- 14 Seth Nana Twumasi
- 15 Joe Green
- 16 Andrew Hughes
- 17 Dean Morgan
- 18 John-Christophe Ayina
- 19 Scott Boden
- 20 Tom Owen-Evans
- 21 Matt Partridge
- 22 Kieran Parselle
- 23 Alex Rodman
- 24 Deane Smalley
- 26 Tom Meechan
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