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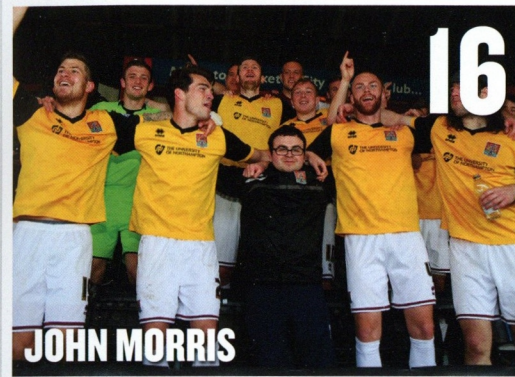
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The Sky Bet League 2 trophy that will be presented to the club after the game today.



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FACE IN THE CROWD

Are you today's Face in the Crowd winner from the Crawley Town game?

If your face is circled, please present yourself and your programme to the club shop after the game to claim your prize, a NERF visit for 4 people at Gulliver's Theme Park in Milton Keynes!



CLARENCE'S GOLDEN SEAT

Clarence's Golden Seat was a big success again at the Crawley Town game.

Just before kick-off, Clarence went and sat in a seat at random, and the owner of that seat won a ticket for four to NERF in Milton Keynes.

Congratulations to the winner, we hope you have a good day!
Could you be sat in Clarence's Golden Seat today?!



AWARD PRESENTATIONS

Just before kick-off today, we will be presenting the Frank Large Supporter of the Year award and the Tommy Fowler merit award.

Both awards will go to deserving winners, and all will be revealed just before kick-off.

OFFICIAL MERCHANDISE FROM CLUB SHOP



Please note: there may be some unofficial merchandise sellers on the paths and roads as you arrive and leave the stadium today.

Please note official Champions and promotion merchandise is available from the club shop before and after the game. The roadside sellers are unofficial and not affiliated to the club in any way.

MEMENTO EXCLUSIVES

We are delighted to announce that we have extended our partnership with Memento Exclusives for a further season.



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HARLO MET THE PLAYERS AT THE CRAWLEY GAME

At the Crawley Town game we were delighted to arrange for Harlo Invernizzi to meet the players.

Harlo had a fall outside the stadium when he came to a Cobblers game last season. Harlo's Dad emailed us to say: "These days people are very quick to criticise and do not give credit where it's due. Your staff showed thorough professionalism in a calm manner that a six-year-old understood and were a big help."

Great to see you looking so well Harlo, thanks for your support!



CHRIS WILDER AND ADAM SMITH RECOGNISED AT FOOTBALL LEAGUE AWARDS

The Football League's Football Manager Team of the Season was announced at the Football League Awards 2016 at Manchester Central recently in front of over 600 guests from clubs, sponsors and the football industry.

Based on a 4-3-3 formation, the team was selected after a local media representative (nominated by each club) selected their own team from the division their club played in. The selections were then put together to create a shortlist of players for each position, from which a national judging panel then chose the final 'Football Manager Team of the Season' with Opta's player statistics assisting the selection process.

Adam Smith was named as the goalkeeper while Chris Wilder was named manager of the 'Football Manager Team of the Season'.

The full line up is as follows:

Goalkeeper: Adam Smith (Northampton Town)
Right-Back: Bruno (Brighton)
Left-Back: George Friend (Middlesbrough)
Centre-Back: Craig Morgan (Wigan Athletic)
Centre-Back: Daniel Ayala (Middlesbrough)
Midfield: Alan Judge (Brentford)
Midfield: Bradley Dack (Gillingham)
Midfield: Joey Barton (Burnley)
Forward: Kemar Roofe (Oxford United)
Forward: Nicky Ajose (Swindon Town)
Forward: Andre Gray (Burnley)
Manager: Chris Wilder (Northampton Town)



PRESENTATIONS TO SOME OFFICIAL CHARITY PARTNERS AT THE CRAWLEY TOWN GAME

Club Chairman Kelvin Thomas and Chairman of the Club's Charitable Foundation John Morris made presentations to three of the club's official charity partners at the Crawley Town game.



The money being presented was the club's FA Community Shield match income and this year has been donated to the Northamptonshire FA's Swain Benevolent Fund, the Northamptonshire Association for the Blind and the Northampton Hope Centre.

COBBLERS FANS ALL OVER THE WORLD

Following our confirmation as Champions, we were delighted to receive countless emails from Cobblers fans all over the world. This email was sent from Giles Harrison, Paraparaumu Beach in New Zealand.

I have been a loyal Cobblers supporter since 1962.

I have been living in New Zealand for the last 20 years but I still follow the team closely.

I am absolutely thrilled with the boys claiming the title at Exeter, especially after the problems earlier in the season.

Many congratulations to Chris and the team, a brilliant result.

Best wishes to all at the club for the rest of the season and good luck in League 1, with the current set-up I can only see things improving from here with a bright future ahead for this great club which I have been proud to support for the last 55 years.

PAUL KNOWLES NAMED SKY BET LEAGUE 2 GROUNDSMAN OF THE YEAR

The Football League has announced the winners of the Groundsman of the season award for season 2015/16 in each of the three divisions.



The awards recognise the importance of the quality of pitches for professional football and acknowledge those head groundsmen and their staff who consistently produce the best playing surfaces in the Football League.

In the Sky Bet Championship, Nathan Scarff of Derby County won the award for the pitch he and his team have produced at the iPro Stadium this season. Tony Bell of Middlesbrough and Ewan Hunter of Nottingham Forest are both highly commended.

The award for Groundsman of the Season in Sky Bet League 1 this year goes to Shrewsbury Town's Richard Barnett, while Glenn Nortcliffe of Sheffield United and David Blacknall of Colchester United are highly commended.

In Sky Bet League 2, Paul Knowles of Northampton Town followed the example of his team by winning the divisional title this season for the excellent pitch at Sixfields. Eric Kingscott of Bristol Rovers and Paul Currier of Oxford United are both highly commended.

Sky Bet Championship

Winner: Nathan Scarff - Derby County

Highly Commended: Tony Bell - Middlesbrough

Highly Commended: Ewan Hunter - Nottingham Forest

Sky Bet League 1

Winner - Richard Barnett - Shrewsbury Town

Highly Commended: Glenn Nortcliffe - Sheffield United

Highly Commended: David Blacknall - Colchester United

Sky Bet League 2

Winner: Paul Knowles - Northampton Town

Highly Commended: Eric Kingscott - Bristol Rovers

Highly Commended: Paul Currier - Oxford United

The Football League's Groundsman of the Season Awards are determined initially using marks from referees and away managers for each Sky Bet Football League game and are then followed by detailed pitch inspections and a review of management operations.

These visits were carried out by Dr Stephen Baker, Head of Sports Surface Technology at the Sports Turf Research Institute (STRI).

AWAY TICKETS

The Portsmouth game has now sold out.

To be added to the waiting list should any tickets be returned, please email christine.clark@ntfc.co.uk



PLAYER OF THE SEASON

It's that time of year again and at the Northampton Town Awards Dinner sponsored by Grosvenor Casino tomorrow night we will reveal the Northampton Town Player of the Season, chosen by readers of the Chronicle & Echo, for 2015/16.

PREVIOUS WINNERS

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- 1976 Jim Hall
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- 1992 Steve Terry
- 1993 Barry Richardson
- 1994 Darren Hamon
- 1995 Neil Grayson
- 1996 Ray Warburton
- 1997 Ian Clarkson
- 1998 Roy Hunter
- 1999 Carlo Corazzin
- 2000 Keith Welch
- 2001 Ian Sampson
- 2002 Chris Hargreaves
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- 2007 Mark Bunn
- 2008 Danny Jackman
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- 2010 Adebayo Akinfenwa
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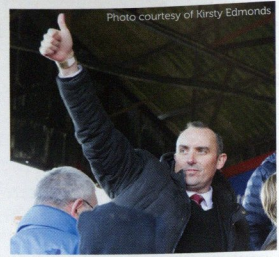
We will re-open at 10am on Tuesday.

KELVIN THOMAS

NORTHAMPTON TOWN'S CHAIRMAN

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

LET'S ENJOY THIS WONDERFUL OCCASION TOGETHER



I would firstly like to welcome everyone to Sixfields today for what is going to be a wonderful occasion. We also extend a warm welcome to Luton Town Football Club and their staff, players, directors and supporters.

These are my first programme notes since taking over all those months ago (five to be exact!), and I have to say it has been just a wonderful experience so far.

I will start by answering the most asked media question over the last month which has been "When you bought the club did you expect things to go as well as this?" Whilst my immediate reaction is jokingly, "It was never in doubt", what I really mean to say is that when we sat there that night with the final decision of whether to move forward or not, we had absolutely no idea or even thought that we would be here, five months later, walking the Sky Bet League 2 Trophy out onto the Sixfields pitch to celebrate winning the title in front of our supporters.

To win a Championship in any sport is a huge accomplishment and to win it in the style that this club has really is something special. This group of players, expertly led by Chris, Alan and the staff, have come together with a team spirit that has just oozed strength, positivity and desire. They have a desire not to lose games, a desire to get promotion and then a desire to win the league which has been so impressive to see first hand.

What is also pleasing is that this success has been achieved in the right way too. We haven't spent beyond our means and we have played some great and exciting football, strong powerful football with quality, all of which I know you fans have appreciated. We have scored some fantastic goals, made wonderful saves, completed incredible last-ditch tackles and the overriding quality that has been so evident has been the teamwork and work ethic. Watching this team chase other teams down for the ball has been pleasing to watch and that togetherness has been uplifting.

Of course the team on the pitch have rightly taken the headlines, but today is also a celebration for the team off the pitch too. Obviously there are too many to name here but the hard work the players have shown is perfectly matched by a fantastic staff led by CEO, James Whiting. The dedication and effort from the full-time staff, the part-time staff, and the volunteers at this club will never go underestimated by any of us. They really went through some tough times through no fault of their own and have to be commended for coming through that and building the foundation for the players to win football matches. I was really pleased to be able to secure a second open top bus for the staff next Sunday at the parade, so everyone can also show their appreciation.

It is also wonderful that we can receive the trophy in front of the home supporters. When we looked at the opportunity of this club and saw the way the supporters rallied around in the hard times, it was so impressive to see. Not that we were at the game, but to see online and hear about all the fans going to Coventry and singing so proudly knowing that

could have been one of the last games for the club was so very impressive.

We are pleased that it wasn't the last game and we are pleased to have been able to help in a small way. I have to thank David Bower and Mike Wailing for their work and support behind the scenes. While the role of Chairman comes with a level of public profile, David and Mike have been with me every step of the way and are just as much part of any success.

I was asked to walk the trophy out to the stage today and I thought long and hard about accepting that invitation. Those that know me will tell you that I do not overly enjoy the attention and would rather be in the background, but I also appreciate that this is part of the role. I feel that we have only been here a short time and really there are other deserving people, however, once I agreed to the request I wanted to recognise the history of the club at the same time, and that is why I invited Graham Carr to join me.

I felt it was fitting to have someone who means so much to so many Northampton Town fans to be part of the process, and it felt right that the last person to have won a league title as a manager of this club was also one of the people now handing that trophy to Chris and the team.

Please enjoy the day and we look forward to more celebrations to come. We will see a lot of you next week down on the south coast at Portsmouth for our last game in League 2 and then I am sure you will all join us next Sunday as we head from Sixfields to the Guildhall in Northampton on the open top bus parade kindly organised by Northampton Borough Council so the town can celebrate with us.

However, with all the above being said, one thing to remember today is that we have a game to play and whilst we have given ourselves the opportunity to celebrate our achievements, this is only going to happen when the final whistle has blown and Sky Bet with the Football League begin setting up the stage.

I know Chris and this group of players will be professional and not get carried away with the events of the day. They will certainly be respecting Luton Town Football Club and the challenge they bring, and the sole focus of the team will be about the 90 minutes on the pitch today to try and get a result.

So, in conclusion, a big thank you and well done to everyone who is part of Northampton Town Football Club and who has been part of this success. Don't forget that season tickets are on sale now and record numbers have been sold already for what we think is going to be another exciting season.

The Football Club deserves this time of celebration so please make sure you are part of it.

Thank you to today's sponsors, Midland Scaffolding Services, Rigiflex, Hevey Building Supplies, T&M Autoparts and Blue Chip Park Homes.

Please enjoy the game.

PRESENTATION OF THE SKY BET LEAGUE 2 TROPHY

We will be presented with the Sky Bet League 2 trophy after today's game, providing there is no pitch invasion.

The plan is for the players to return to the dressing room for a few minutes when the final whistle is blown to allow a stage to be constructed on the pitch before the players return to receive their medals and lift the Sky Bet League 2 trophy.

The supporters have played such a huge role in the club's season, we are desperate for you to be able to view the presentation, but this will only be possible if there is no pitch invasion.

To allow everyone to share in this very special moment, we must ask all supporters to please stay off the pitch at all times. If a pitch invasion does occur, the presentation will not be able to take place out on the pitch but will instead happen in private, which we think would be a huge shame.

The presentation party will include Rob Painter, Brand Director of Sky Betting & Gaming, and Mr Shaun Harvey, Chief Executive of the Football League.

Once the presentation has been made, please stay in your seats. The players will visit all stands on a lap of honour but again, if there is a pitch invasion, this will not be possible.

Thank you to everyone for your support and co-operation.



VICTORY PARADE

After a season that has seen the club crowned Champions of Sky Bet League 2, win promotion to League 1 and break numerous club records, Northampton Borough Council are hosting a victory parade for Northampton Town Football Club through the streets of Northampton on Sunday May 8th.

The parade will set off from Sixfields at 4pm, head down the Weedon Road, past the railway station, up into Marefair and across Horsemarket and into Gold Street and Mercer's Row performing a lap of All Saints before moving up the Drapery. The buses will perform two laps of the Market Square before pausing outside Starbucks for speeches before moving on past All Saints again and into George Row and then St Giles Square before heading into the Guildhall for a civic reception in honour of the club's achievements this season.

Thousands of supporters are expected to line the route, with road closures in place that afternoon to allow the parade to take place. These closures will include no parking all day in Mercer's Row, George Row and Wood Hill; there will be no vehicular access to St Giles Square between 3.30pm and 6.30pm and Bridge Street will be closed to all vehicles except buses from 3.30pm-6.30pm.

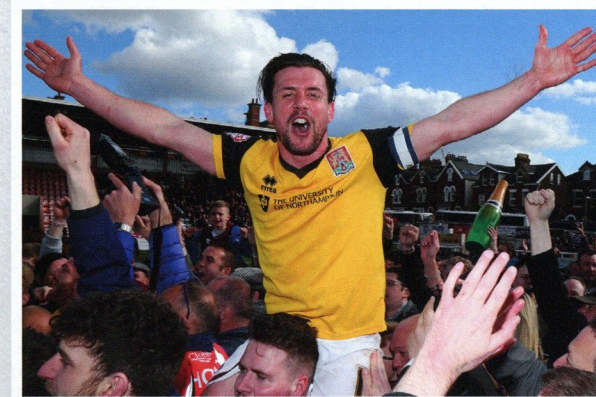
"This should be a fantastic finale to a wonderful season and we are very grateful to Northampton Borough Council for organising this event for us," said Chairman Kelvin Thomas.

"The supporters have been with the club every step of the way this season and we know they will turn out in big numbers to share in the success and glory that everyone can enjoy after being crowned Champions.

"The town has really rallied behind the club and this parade is a chance for the town to come together and enjoy what this club has achieved.

"We have agreed with the Borough Council that there will be two buses, one for the players, and also one for the staff who have played a huge part in what has been a real united effort this season.

"This should be a fantastic afternoon, and we are looking forward to seeing Northampton come together for one big party."





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CHRIS WILDER



Good afternoon and for the final time this season, welcome back to Sixfields.

What a season it has been. So much has been said and written about this season that I can't really say anything new here, other than it has been an absolute privilege to be involved with this club this season.

From fairly early on, going back to pre-season, it was clear this wouldn't be any ordinary season. Off the field, things were taking a turn for the worse but on the field we could see progress and detect a determination, a ruthlessness amongst the squad. That particularly struck me as early as one hot Saturday afternoon last July when we were playing a friendly away at Burgess Hill in Sussex. We drew the game 0-0, but such was the desire to win amongst the players that heated words were said in the dressing room. That gave me an indication that we had a dressing room that would police itself and that we had recruited good characters. That, just as much as having good footballers, is very important.

We started the season reasonably well, if a little inconsistently, and after we lost at home to Dagenham in September we made a couple of loan signings and kicked on again. By the time we got into October the off-the-field issues were beginning to bite and we faced two choices, we could either have moaned and groaned, or we could fight, and we chose to fight, both on and off the field.

It wasn't easy, far from it, but we fought and thanks to the fantastic support the club received from you all, both in terms of numbers attending games and your vocal backing, we came through and the takeover of the club by Kelvin Thomas was completed and we could move forward.

We faced another crossroads then though, it was important we didn't breathe a sigh of relief and relax, we had to keep pushing on and we did that. Thanks to the backing of the Chairman, we strengthened in January and the form just kept getting better and better.

We were the first team in the country to be promoted and the first to win a title.

This has been some season, and while we have achieved our aims, we still want to keep pushing. As that pre-season game at Burgess Hill showed, this group want to win all the time and we want to finish on a high.

The players have been fantastic to work with. Their attitude has been superb, their commitment cannot be questioned and they can be very proud of themselves, each and every one of them.

In reality, the hard work never stops. It is important to enjoy times like these, they don't come around every year, and it is also important we take the time to rest, recuperate and recharge the batteries. Soon though, we will be back hard at work. We are a club who work hard in all areas and we know the challenges we face in League 1 will be very difficult and we need to prepare for the step up in standard.

I know he is quick to stress that this is a team effort, and he is right to say that, but we must pay tribute to the Chairman. Had he not come in in November, who knows what would have happened and he has slowly but surely firstly steadied the ship, and has then allowed us to begin to kick on. He has handled a very difficult set of circumstances really well and I am sure this club has a bright future with him at the helm. Thanks are also due to David Bower and Mike Wailing for their support and guidance, this club is now in very safe hands, we are lucky to have such men at the top of our club.

I must also pay tribute to Alan Knill, who has been a fantastic influence this season, and the backroom staff of

Carl Muggleton, Anders Braastad, Matt Prestridge, Pablo Garcia, Ignacio Herrando and, of course, our kitman Adam Moreton. Everyone has played their part, we have been a very fit squad, we have managed to avoid injuries as much as possible and players have recovered well, and that doesn't happen through coincidence. Congratulations and thank you to all of the staff.

The office and non-football staff also deserve the highest praise. Throughout everything this season they kept their heads, kept their professionalism and are a credit to themselves and the club. They kept the club intact, they kept the club's head above water during the troubled times, and they gave us the platform to kick on from, despite going through that period in October and November that must have been hell for them and their families and that should not be forgotten.

Huge congratulations to Paul Knowles and the groundstaff for winning the Groundsman of the Year award in League 2, it is a richly deserved honour for him. Having a fine surface to play on has been a big help this season, and he can be very proud of the pitches he has produced.

Last time out we beat Crawley Town 2-1 here, and I thought we were excellent. The title had been secured, promotion was secured, but we showed the hunger and desire to go and win another game. If anything, our performance went up a level, despite us being confirmed as Champions and that says a lot about this group of players. It has been an honour to manage them this season.

We set a new club record of 22 Football League games unbeaten after drawing at Yeovil Town last week. To break that record was a fantastic achievement and an outstanding effort. Everyone has played a part and the consistency from the players in performances and results has been fantastic. None of the teams who have tried to challenge us this season - some of them with big budgets and big resources - have shown anything like the consistency we have over 46 games and that is what makes this achievement so special.

Back to this afternoon, and we have a very tough game today, we want to try and end our home season on a high but in welcoming Nathan Jones and his Luton Town side we know we are in for a tough test. Luton have shown some excellent form since Nathan's arrival and I am sure they will be a threat in League 2 next season.

I hope we will see a lot of you at the Awards Dinner tomorrow night, or failing that, for what should be a great occasion at Portsmouth next Saturday. In addition, we hope you will all turn out for next Sunday's open top bus parade.

Thank you all so much for the support you have given us this season, I don't think it is being too dramatic to say the club wouldn't have survived without such backing. The support we have had, both home and away, has been humbling and it means so, so much.

Finally, thank you to today's sponsors, Midland Scaffolding Services, Rigiflex, Hevey Building Supplies, T&M Autoparts and Blue Chip Park Homes.

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MARC RICHARDS



Good afternoon and welcome back to Sixfields.

The final home game in a very special season is upon us, and it has been an absolute honour to captain this side this season.

The spirit, unity and determination to overcome the adversity of the autumn, the togetherness of the whole club and the goodwill created around the town by what the club has achieved this season has formed a special bond and connection between the club and supporters and as players we are very much aware of that.

It is only right to pay tribute to Chris Wilder, Alan Knill and the staff. They have led us superbly from the very start of pre-season. They have recruited really well, and created the best possible environment to allow us to go out and perform. The lads would also like me to thank the backroom staff of Matt Prestridge, Anders Braastad, Carl Muggleton, Pablo Garica, Ignacio Herrando and kitman Adam Moreton, the man who looks after all of our kit requirements, and lifts our spirits when needed with a joke, a high five or a cuddle. They have all more than played their part.

It is hard to pick out one particular moment this season, and in a way that is right and proper because this season has been about a team effort. Yes, certain individuals have stepped up and produced moments of magic to see us home in tight games, but it has been a team effort from start to finish and that is what makes this promotion taste so sweet.

We will be presented with the trophy after the game today, as long as there is no pitch invasion. Please, please stay off the pitch, we want to be able to share this special moment with all supporters, you all deserve to see the presentation happen, so please don't invade the pitch when the final whistle goes.

We beat Crawley Town 2-1 here a week and a half ago, and I felt we were good value for that win. Despite being confirmed as Champions there was no let-up in our performance, if anything we went up a level, and I felt 2-1 flattered Crawley. We deserved to win by more than one goal in my opinion.

We set a new club record with a draw at Yeovil Town last Saturday, a result that means we have gone 22 Football League games without defeat. We were a little disappointed not to win the game last week, unusually for us we started a little sluggishly and fell behind, but we rallied well and dominated the second half of the first half. Either side could have won the game in the second half, but we took the point and moved on to today.

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We are looking forward to being able to spend some time with supporters at the Awards Dinner tomorrow night, but if you aren't there and you aren't going to Portsmouth next week, I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the squad, to thank you all for your support through the downs and ups of 2015/16. This has been a season when we have needed you more than ever, and you were there for us. Thank you. Hopefully we will see you at the open top bus parade.

On behalf of all of the squad, thank you to today's sponsors, Midland Scaffolding Services, Rigiflex, Hevey Building Supplies, T&M Autoparts and Blue Chip Park Homes.



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JAMES WHITING

NORTHAMPTON TOWN'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE



A SEASON WE WILL NEVER FORGET



These are my final programme notes in what has been a truly remarkable season.

This season that has quite literally had it all and it's one that I don't think anyone connected with Northampton Town Football Club will ever forget! The low point was clearly the challenges that we faced during October and November. It was an extremely difficult, worrying and emotional time for everybody connected with the club. While we were facing those challenges one thing became clear and that was that players, staff and supporters were prepared to stand up and fight for the club. Through that period a real togetherness and spirit emerged, that without question helped us get through the dark days. The takeover was completed in late November and we haven't looked back since! Significant progress has been made both on and off the pitch since November and the club is now in a strong and stable position. The future of the club looks extremely bright.

To emerge from the challenges we faced to then win the title with four games to spare is quite frankly ridiculous! 10 wins in a row, 22 games unbeaten, 13 away wins... the club records have been tumbling over the past few months. Chris Wilder, his management team and the players deserve an enormous amount of credit for what they have achieved. Individuals have recently been recognised with accolades but really it is a special group and everyone has played their part.

The togetherness has carried on throughout the season and everything that has been achieved this season has been a united, team effort, and so we are desperate to be able to share the trophy presentation ceremony with you all after the game. All supporters have played such a major part in the season and we want to be able to celebrate together, but that will only happen if there is no pitch invasion at the final whistle. Please stay off the pitch, allow the ceremony to take place and then please stay in your seats to allow the players to come and share the celebrations with you as they take the trophy on a lap of honour.

A week tomorrow, Sunday May 8th, we will have an open-top bus parade, organised by Northampton Borough Council, starting from Sixfields at 4pm. The parade will head down the Weedon Road, past the railway station, up into Marefair and across Horsemarket and into Gold Street and Mercer's Row performing a lap of All Saints before moving up the Drapery. The buses will

perform two laps of the Market Square before pausing outside Starbucks for speeches before moving on past All Saints again and into George Row and then St Giles Square before heading into the Guildhall for a civic reception in honour of the club's achievements this season. There will be two buses, one for the players, and also one for the staff who have played a huge part in what has been a real united effort this season. We hope the public of Northampton will come out in force next Sunday to celebrate a special season.

Despite our promotion to League 1, a reminder that season ticket prices are frozen at League 2 prices until a month today. We expect a number of the games to sell out next season, so if you are undecided, please do consider buying a season ticket for next season, it will secure your seat for a number of high-profile games against the likes of MK Dons, Peterborough United, Coventry City, Bolton Wanderers, Charlton Athletic and more.

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I must close by offering my sincere thanks to everyone who has helped the club in any way during this season. This really has been a united effort from everyone involved. There are far too many people to mention by name, but thank you to everyone for your hard work, loyalty and support, it really does mean a lot.

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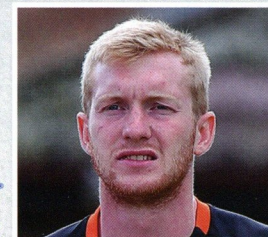


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Good afternoon.

The last home game of the season is always an occasion you look forward to and of course we are all excited to be able to share the lifting of the Sky Bet League 2 trophy with you.

After all, it has been a memorable season and it is great credit to everyone that we've finished top of the league. It's not been an easy season for lots of reasons but it will certainly go down as a special campaign.

From the start of pre-season the players have been driven to win football matches. They've trained incredibly hard and although we are not privy to how other teams train, I would suggest it's one of the things that has separated us from a lot of teams. The players have been committed to achieving something this season, and they've worked hard day in, day out to win this league.

Although we intend to enjoy the moment, everything is in place for the summer and for the start of pre-season. We want to take things up another level but without forgetting that nothing can substitute hard work and a strong mentality. The players are going to have to come back in better shape than last season, and be prepared to work harder in pre-season as well. Enjoy your break boys, we'll be ready for when you get back!!

It also important to acknowledge the hard work and professionalism of the backroom staff and the role everyone has played. The manager and Alan Knill have driven everything on this year and deserve a huge amount of credit for the job they've done over the past two and a half seasons. Both Pablo Garcia and Anders Braastad have also contributed hugely this season. Our injury record has been good, and whilst we will always strive to do better, it's something that can make a big difference over a 46 game season.

Lastly, the roommates Carl Muggleton and Adam Moreton have been a pleasure to travel up and down the country with.

We are all grateful for your support.

Enjoy the game and thanks for your support this season.

Matt

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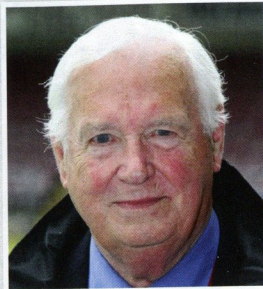
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This remarkable, initially worrying and finally triumphant season is nearing its end, and today brings a final Sixfields opportunity to salute fantastic manager Chris Wilder, his talented, close-knit and defiant against-all-odds players and dedicated backroom team.

This is the squad that Wilder built from top to bottom, not just to clinch that elusive promotion that has eluded the club for a decade but to shatter records and take the League 2 title with four games to spare – a feat no other team in the Football League could emulate.

So many adjectives of praise have been written and spoken that I would find it difficult to produce anything original. After supporting the Cobblers since before World War II (yes I am that old), I have been around to see and often report many of the highs and lows. So I will simply say that for me this is the best-ever season.

The club very nearly died, survived once the brinkmanship of the previous regime was overcome by the passion of the manager, the loyalty of staff who had gone unpaid for close on two months and the arrival of new Chairman Kelvin Thomas and his supporting group who promptly paid the outstanding debts and then very quickly became vital to the future.

I want to look back over the whole season, not just the amazing team performances that have heaped up honours and praise, and I have been doing it through the eyes of some of those most closely involved.

Chief Executive James Whiting must have felt he was being handed a poisoned chalice when he was promoted to Finance Controller by the previous Chairman just as the desperate financial situation was building. But through everything he has played a major role in running the show and keeping the staff behind the club before the last-ditch salvation arrived.

James admits the lowest ebb behind the scenes came when, with court hearings pending, the situation looked very dark, but then Chris Wilder went public at Meadow Lane after the 2-1 win over Notts County in November with an impassioned plea that proved a major step towards Kelvin Thomas taking over.

Now James can see all the huge potential of the club being recognised and then achieved in a way that has not been possible before.

For Head of Media Gareth Willsher, another of the key executives to keep the staff together, the worries were on his mind even before the season began, in fact from the very first pre-season friendly with Sileby Rangers.

He has told me that whereas he usually goes into pre-season full of anticipation, on this occasion he was feeling flat. The fact that the club had struggled to pay wages even last June did not help.

After all the drama and then events that saved the club, Gareth finally savoured the triumphant turn-around with the Bristol Rovers game. "It wasn't at the ground after we knew we were promoted," he told me, "But a few hours

afterwards when I sat back and all that the club had achieved hit me. A great feeling."

Chairman Kelvin Thomas now looks ahead and I know from talking to him that he relishes the possibilities that can open up.

He knows the stadium is in an ideal location with plenty of space around it to develop. There is a strong local fan base and currently a load of potential on the field. As for the new East Stand, it remains a work in progress.

I am not expecting a rush to complete but careful planning involving not just the builders but the Borough Council and developers. After the previous mess that is still the subject of police and Council investigations, Kelvin has built a new partnership with the Council.

Manager Chris Wilder has made many astute signings over the past two years but perhaps the best of all was the arrival of his assistant Alan Knill. They seem to complement each other perfectly and that is a major factor in the way the team prepares and plays, and in the general togetherness the players have shown.

They have given us pace, goals and excitement, they have been eager to fight back when they have gone behind and prepared to grind out results when necessary. Time and again they have taken on their promotion rivals or sides on a good run and come out with points – often three.

Records have been broken and the period of ten wins in a row laid the final foundation for promotion. Players with real character have stepped forward and the whole squad have given themselves a memory of which they can be very proud.

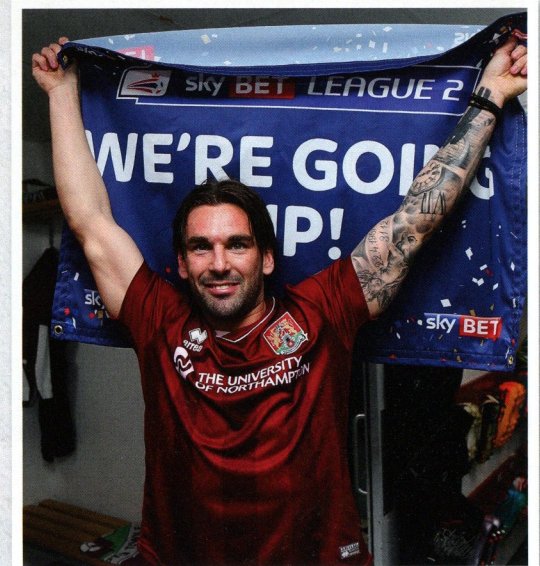
There will be no retained list to speak of because most of the players are already under contract and I know that Chris and Alan will be doing a certain amount of summer recruitment to help meet the new challenges in League 1.

The Chairman and Board of Directors will be as generous as their resources allow, but in my opinion virtually all our present players are fully capable of stepping up to the next level.

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Last autumn's near-disaster may be part of the reason, but I have never known such a good feeling of partnership around the club. Players and staff have bonded as never before and the supporters have been amazing.

Bring on next season!



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ADAMS DELIGHTED WITH NEW CLUB RECORD

Winger Nicky Adams said the Cobblers squad took a lot of pride in setting a new club record in last Saturday's 1-1 draw at Yeovil.

The result at Huish Park extended the unbeaten run to 22 Football League games, the longest unbeaten sequence ever by Northampton Town.

That said, so high are the standards set by the current group, Adams said he was disappointed not to have won last weekend.

"It's always nice to score goals but I was disappointed we didn't win the game," he said.

"I thought we had enough chances but fair play to Yeovil, they frustrated us for the first 20 minutes and they had a real go.

"We finished strongly but we just couldn't quite get that second goal."

Adams has now scored twice in the last few games, and he is pleased to be on the scoresheet.

"I said a couple of weeks ago that the only thing missing from my season was probably a few more goals," he said.

"In the last couple of weeks I think I've been getting in the box quite a lot and it's been nice to get a couple of goals.

"Hopefully I can get on the scoresheet again before the end of the season or if not set some more goals up."

Adams has made a successful return to the side having been out of the side for a few games last month, and he admitted he is pleased to be back.

"I was out the team for a little bit when we had some loan players in but I believe in my own ability and I'm really happy to be back in the team.

"A lot of goals we've scored this season have all been with intricate passes in and around the box and we work a lot on little movements and set pieces.

"We've broken a club record which is good and hopefully we can keep that going now until the end of the season.

"Over the season you are going to have different types of games but if you look at it it's a phenomenal run.

"We wanted 100 points, unfortunately we can't quite get there now so the aim now is to turn 22 games unbeaten into 24.

"We've got two tough games left but if we can make it 24 games unbeaten at the end of the season that would be some record and I don't think it will be beaten for a long time. That said, it will be tough today, Luton's form since their new manager came in has been excellent and they will be very difficult opposition."

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SEVEN KEY MOMENTS THAT SHAPED THE SEASON

A fantastic season saw the Cobblers secure the League 2 title with four games to play.

A season that saw winding-up orders, players and staff not being paid, and the very future of the club come into question in the autumn has ultimately ended with Northampton Town regaining League 1 status after seven years in League 2. Here we look at seven key matches/moments in what really has been a season to remember:

AUGUST 8TH 2015

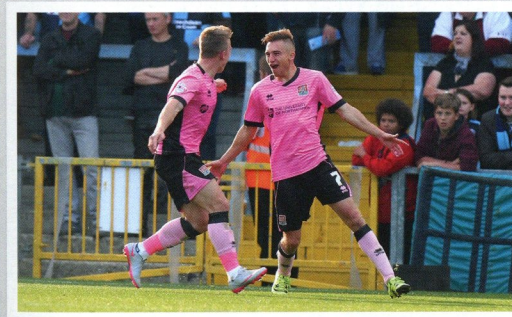
We might not have realised it at the time, but the opening day win at Bristol Rovers was a huge result. It seemed a tricky fixture, away at a side who had just won promotion back to the Football League, but a header from John-Joe O'Toole secured the points for Chris Wilder's side. In a way, this game acted as a prelude to the season that followed, an impressive win against tough opposition and a starring role for O'Toole. It wouldn't be the last time those words would be said.

SEPTEMBER 12TH 2015

The week before this game had been the low point of the campaign, a 2-1 loss at home to Dagenham saw the Cobblers slip to 16th in the early-season table. With that in mind, the visit from Oxford United provided a big test for Chris Wilder's side. Loan signings Darnell Furlong and Shaun Brisley made their debuts and Sam Hoskins headed the Cobblers in front midway through the first half. The game then threatened to turn as Jason Taylor was sent off just before half-time, but Adam Smith saved the resulting penalty and the ten-man Cobblers dug in to keep Oxford at bay in the second half. The Cobblers were back in the top half of the table.

OCTOBER 3RD 2015

The Cobblers visited top-of-the-table Wycombe at the start of October and it wasn't just the 3-2 win that got supporters dreaming, it was the quality of the performance. The Cobblers fell behind early but equalised through a Marc Richards free-kick. Then, an explosive start to the second half that saw the Cobblers score twice in three minutes secured the win and took Northampton Town into the top ten.

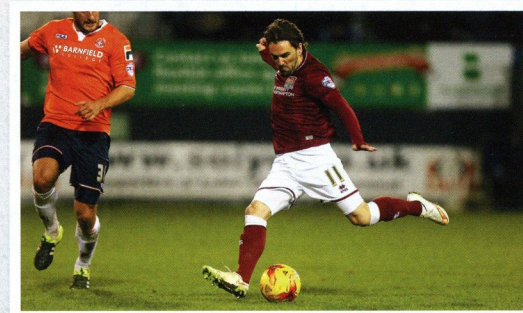


NOVEMBER 21ST 2015

It wasn't just the 2-1 win at Notts County, that was impressive enough, but this was the weekend when off-the-field issues were coming to a head. Chris Wilder let his thoughts be known in his now infamous post-match interview, and a few days later, finally, the Kelvin Thomas takeover was agreed. The club could begin to move forward.

DECEMBER 12TH 2015

On a weekend that will be remembered for the sad passing of supporter Robert Dunkley, the Cobblers moved to the top of the table thanks to a thrilling 4-3 win at Luton. A John-Joe O'Toole goal from a free-kick that went viral around the world, and a stunning goal from Ricky Holmes secured the win, and the Cobblers led the table for the first time in a generation.



FEBRUARY 16TH 2016

A 1-0 win at Oxford United, destined to be one of the Cobblers' closest challengers, was an 8th successive win for Chris Wilder's side and completed the double over United. Marc Richards won the game with a penalty, but it would be his last action for more than a month because of injury. That said, the Cobblers just kept their unbeaten run going.

MARCH 19TH 2016

This might not have been the day where promotion was mathematically assured, but you got the feeling this was the day when the side got over the line. Backed by 1,400 fans, the Cobblers actually turned in possibly their worst 40 minutes of the season to trail 2-0 to Stevenage, but the game turned on its head with goals either side of the break from James Collins and John-Joe O'Toole. Just when it looked as though the points would be shared, Ricky Holmes curled in a 95th-minute winner to spark wild scenes of jubilation amongst players and supporters.



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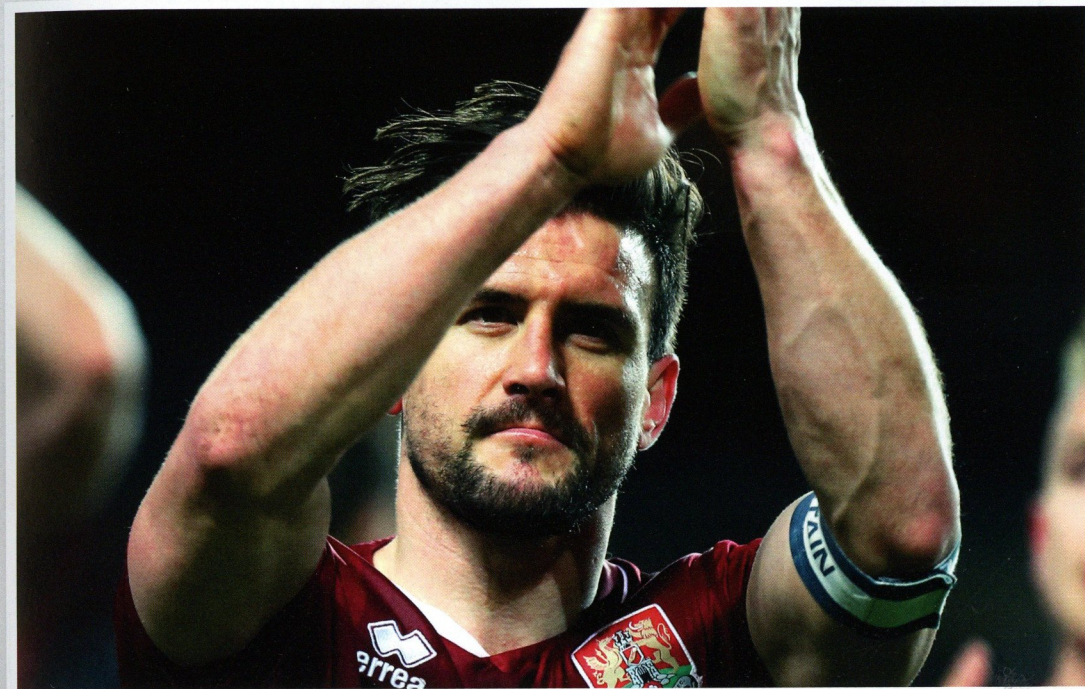
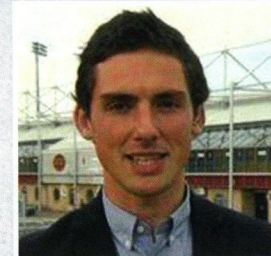
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NOT A BAD FIRST SEASON

Twenty-three sets of programme notes later and there we have it: one full season as BBC Radio Northampton's Cobblers reporter done. What a fabulous experience it has been.

Reams has been said and written by me, my colleagues in the press and everyone associated with Northampton Town about the off-field story that so gripped the nation. Rightly so; it's remarkable. But today I'm just going to talk about the football, because that's been remarkable in itself.

It's been a season of record-breaking, of rewriting statistics for the Cobblers, so I'll pick out a few numbers.

We finally saw the opening of (part of) the East Stand. The attendance of 7,579 against Bristol Rovers was the largest ever recorded at Sixfields and the biggest home league crowd since 1987. It is a figure that will be exceeded today.

With two games left, Chris Wilder's side are unbeaten in 22 matches - already a club record. That broke the 21-game mark of Graham Carr's team 29 years ago. The current run started with 10 wins on the bounce, two more than the previous club best as Dave Bowen's Northampton also won the fourth tier back in 1961.

The 10 wins came to an end at Hartlepool with a goalless draw, the Cobblers first in 476 days - that's value for money. They'd also scored in 28 successive league games.

There's too many players you could mention, and very often it's the wizardry of Ricky Holmes that steals the headlines, but as we stand, Adam Smith and David Buchanan are the only players to have started every League 2 match. Smith, as you'd expect from a goalkeeper, has played every minute. Buchanan stands alone as a literal ever-present, only missing 45 minutes (against Leyton Orient) through injury back in September. Lazarus-like in his recovery, he was back for AFC Wimbledon 72 hours later. In possibly the most physically demanding position in modern football, he's notched up 52 starts in the claret and white, 20 with the captain's armband on. Throw in four assists and 14 clean sheets too.

Not a bad first season.

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But, for me, it isn't just the fact that the Cobblers are putting some silverware in the Sixfields trophy cabinet that is so heart-warming, it is the way that trophy has been earned. A united effort, on and off the field, with supporters playing a key role, means that, irrespective of Leicester City possibly winning the Premier League, this is one of the feel-good stories of modern day sport.

Who knows what next season will bring? A step up in standard playing against some top sides in League 1 means it will certainly be tougher for Chris Wilder and his side, but they can take confidence, knowing they have overcome every challenge thrown at them this season.

If they can harness the forward momentum in the same way they harnessed the positivity of the Kelvin Thomas takeover, then who knows what will happen next season, but that's a question for another day.

For now, relax, celebrate and enjoy having your club back, having your pride restored in Northampton Town when at times late in 2015 it looked like there might not be a club to support. Enjoy, Cobblers fans, and have a great summer.

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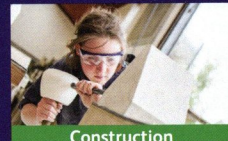
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1898-1899 NORTHANTS LEAGUE

The club's first title came in their second season and their last in the Northants League.

They lost just one game from the 16 played. They finished the season nine points ahead of their nearest rivals Wellingborough reserves. Ironically, the Cobblers biggest win was 6-0 against the Doughboys reserves and the only defeat came at Desborough (1-2) who finished mid-table. The only blot on the season was the FA Cup match in which they beat Wellingborough's first-team 2-0 but the opponents claimed the Cobblers played an ineligible player. The match had to be replayed and Wellingborough won 6-1.

1908-1909 SOUTHERN LEAGUE

After two seasons sitting at the bottom of the Southern League the club took steps to avoid a third season of struggle and employed Herbert Chapman as manager. Within two seasons he led them to the Southern League title. During the season they had two 7-0 victories and a 6-0 win, and only failed to score on five occasions. They lifted the title in the penultimate game, a 1-1 draw at QPR, but the players did not know they had won the league until they returned to Castle Station and were met by cheering supporters who had heard that Swindon, their nearest rivals, had lost 0-1 at Luton and could not catch the Cobblers with one game to go. Sadly, manager Chapman could not join in the celebrations as he had to continue to Yorkshire to join his dying father.

1962-1963 DIVISION 3

It was manager Dave Bowen's fourth season in charge and he had already taken Northampton into Division 3. A newspaper report on the first game of the season, a 2-2 draw v Bristol Rovers, suggested the Cobblers had 'that promotion look'. When the club beat Wrexham 8-0 and Halifax 7-1, supporters realised that it was more than a suggestion.

The title was won with three games to go, Carlisle were beaten 2-0 with top scorer Frank Large netting both goals. Again the runners-up were Swindon as they were in 1909.

1986-1987 DIVISION 4

The season started with a draw, as it did in 1962. Manager Graham Carr was in his second full season and records were broken as the club went 21 league games without defeat. There were only two games in which they failed to score.

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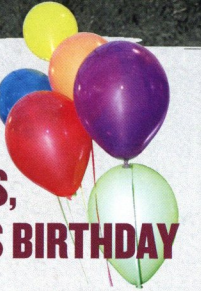
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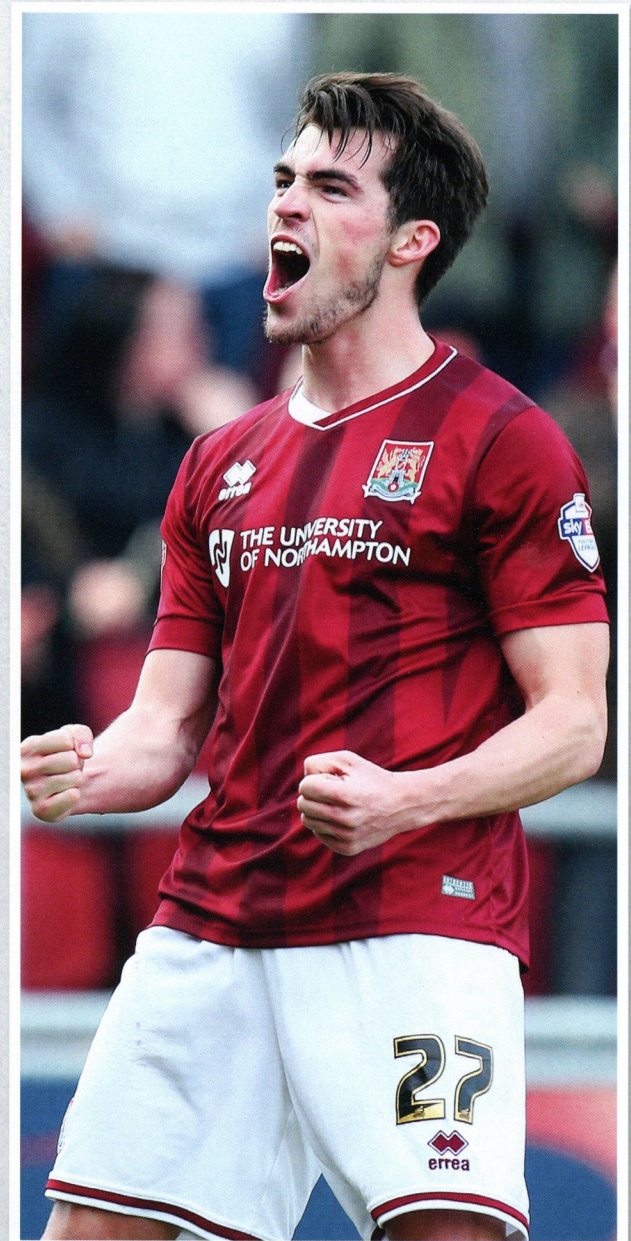
MY BIRTHDAY NEWS

**CLUB HISTORIAN FRANK GRANDE LOOKS BACK AT NEWS,
EVENTS AND LANDMARKS FROM A COBBLERS PLAYER'S BIRTHDAY**



JOHN MARQUIS 16TH MAY

- 1994:** Lincoln City and manager Keith Alexander part company.
- 1995:** 18-year-old Mark Kennedy is called up for the Republic of Ireland squad a few weeks after his £2 million transfer from Millwall to Liverpool.
- 1997:** Darren Eadie of Norwich is called up to the England squad after Paul Merson is injured, but Eadie wasn't selected for the team and never did win an England cap.
- 1998:** Arsenal beat Newcastle in the FA Cup final to win their second-ever double.
- 1999:** Manchester United win the Premier League beating Tottenham 2-1. Had Spurs equalised, Arsenal would have won the title.
- 2001:** Liverpool win the UEFA Cup to add to the Worthington Cup and FA Cup won earlier in the season.
- 2002:** Stoke and manager Gudjon Thordarson part company five days after he guided them back into Division One.
- 2003:** After being relegated, West Ham release 10 players including Paolo Di Canio and Nigel Winterburn.
- 2004:** The Cobblers lost 0-2 at home to Mansfield Town in the first leg of the play-off semi-final.
- 2005:** England referee Graham Poll was selected as the man in the middle for the UEFA Cup final.
- 2006:** Glenn Roeder was appointed manager of Newcastle United.
- 2007:** A West Ham side beat the Cobblers 1997 Wembley-winning side 4-1 in a benefit match for Andy Woodman.
- 2008:** The FA Cup final is watched by 500 million people in 169 different countries.
- 2009:** Jose Mourinho helps Inter Milan to win the Italian League, his 5th title in seven years in three different countries.
- 2010:** Oxford United return to the Football League after 4 seasons in the Conference.



REVIEW OF THE SEASON

JULY

By the start of July Chris Wilder's summer recruitment drive was already well-advanced with five new arrivals at Sixfields in May/June following the end of the 2014/15 season.

Alfie Potter was the first player through the door with the winger quickly followed by Nicky Adams, David Buchannan and Josh Lelan.

Goalkeeper Adam Smith made it five at the end of June before his would-be competitor for the number one shirt, Ryan Clarke, was signed in early July.

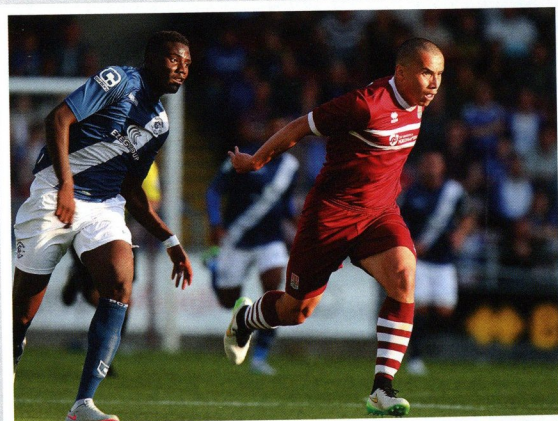
Less than two weeks before the Cobblers kicked off their pre-season campaign at Sileby, a game they won 1-0 thanks to a goal from trialist Sam Hoskins, there was a major announcement from Chairman David Cardoza regarding the club's future.

At 2pm on Wednesday 24th June, David Cardoza released a statement regarding plans to sell the club to an unnamed Indian consortium. The news, which garnered much speculation, came as a surprise to many and proved to be the start of an extremely uncertain few months.

Back to the pre-season action and after a week away in Brighton, encompassing games at Worthing and Burgess Hill, the Cobblers took on two Championship sides at Sixfields.

Derby won a close game 1-0 before Nicky Adams netted twice in an entertaining 2-2 draw with Birmingham.

A 3-0 win at Brackley then saw the Cobblers lift the Maunsell Cup, Marc Richards and Alfie Potter (2) with the goals. The month ended with another 3-0 away success at Sheffield FC where Richards was again on the scoresheet alongside Ricky Holmes.



REVIEW OF THE SEASON

AUGUST

A busy start to the month saw three players sign on at Sixfields and one depart.

Sam Hoskins and Paul Corry had both done enough in pre-season to warrant permanent deals, while on the eve of the new campaign, Sheffield United striker Dominic Calvert-Lewin joined on loan.

48 hours before the Cobblers kicked off their season at Bristol Rovers came the confirmation that Ivan Toney had joined Newcastle United for an undisclosed fee.

It proved to be a winning start for the Cobblers in Bristol with John-Joe O'Toole, transfer-listed at the end of the 2014/15 season, scoring the game's only goal.

Two 3-0 wins at Sixfields followed, first vs Blackpool in the Capital One Cup and then vs Exeter in League 2.

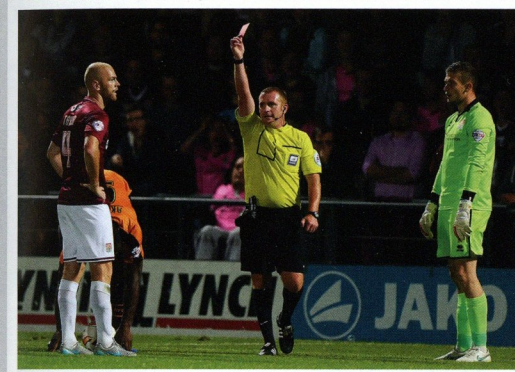
The first defeat of the season came at Barnet, Jason Taylor conceding a penalty and getting sent off on a frustrating night for the Cobblers.

As the season panned out defeats would prove to be a rare occurrence and back-to-back losses almost unheard of. However, Plymouth would inflict this on Chris Wilder's side with a 2-0 win at Sixfields.

Ryan Watson (Leicester) and Adam Yates (Port Vale) joined on loan to boost squad numbers in the middle of a busy run of games while in a break from league action, the reward for knocking out League One Blackpool earlier in the month was a trip to Newcastle in the Capital One Cup.

In front of just under 27,000 fans at St James' Park, the Premier League club won the second round tie 4-1, although a Marc Richards penalty did have the Cobblers briefly back in the game at 2-1.

Richards was again on target as August came to a close with a hard-fought 1-1 draw at Accrington.



REVIEW OF THE SEASON SEPTEMBER

September kicked off with a win against Colchester United in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy before the Cobblers inconsistent start to the season continued with a 2-1 home defeat to Dagenham.

Despite taking the lead through Marc Richards, a Matt McClure brace won it for the Daggers, their first-ever win against the Cobblers.

The Dagenham result was a rare low point and an upturn in fortunes was to follow but with the potential takeover of the club by a mystery Indian consortium seemingly going nowhere, the Supporters Trust launched the "We Want Answers" campaign.

The playing squad was meanwhile further boosted by the arrivals of loan defenders Shaun Brisley and Darnell Furlong from Peterborough and QPR respectively.

Oxford United were the next visitors to Sixfields where a Sam Hoskins goal midway through the first half proved

decisive. Jason Taylor was sent off just before half-time but Adam Smith saved the subsequent spot-kick and a resilient performance from ten men in the second half ensured the three points.

Goals from Lawson D'Ath, Sam Hoskins, Joel Byrom and Dominic Calvert-Lewin sealed an impressive 4-2 victory at Morecambe before back at Sixfields a dramatic end to the game saw a 1-1 draw with then-high-flyers Leyton Orient. Both goals came in injury time, Dean Cox's pin-point free-kick cancelling out Calvert-Lewin's effort.

John-Joe O'Toole then scored as another 1-1 draw followed at AFC Wimbledon.

Reverting to off-the-field matters and in a somewhat alarming turn of events, Northampton Borough Council issued a deadline of three weeks for the club to pay back in full the £10.25m loaned to them for the re-development of Sixfields.



REVIEW OF THE SEASON OCTOBER

October began with a 3-2 away win at then-league leaders Wycombe, Marc Richards, Lawson D'Ath and loanee Shaun Brisley with the goals in an extremely impressive performance.

After being knocked out of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy at Millwall, the Cobblers overcame Hartlepool 2-1 in a tight game at Sixfields.

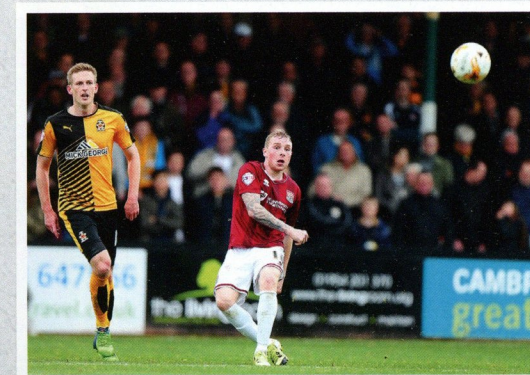
In another alarming turn of events off the field, HMRC issued a winding-up petition against the club for an unpaid tax bill while the three-week deadline set by the council for the £10.25m loan repayment came and went.

Uncertainty still reigned supreme regarding potential future owners of the club with the Indian consortium having fallen by the wayside.

Back to football, Lawson D'Ath was sent off in a 2-1 defeat at Cambridge, the Cobblers last defeat away from home in the league.

In a week when John-Joe O'Toole was taken off the transfer list, home wins against Carlisle (3-2) and Stevenage (2-1) saw the Cobblers quickly bounce back from that defeat at Cambridge. Dominic Calvert-Lewin scored in both games, bagging a brace against the Cumbrians, while Sam Hoskins and Alfie Potter also got themselves on the scoresheet.

A 2-2 draw at Newport brought the curtain down on a turbulent month at the club, a month that ended without the players and staff being paid.



REVIEW OF THE SEASON NOVEMBER

November began with the sad news that former director and Supporters Trust founder Brian Lomax had died.

In a break from the league, the Cobblers caused one of the shocks of the Emirates FA Cup first round by knocking out Coventry City, who were at the time riding high in League One. Over 2,500 Cobblers fans were at the Ricoh to see goals from Zander Diamond and Marc Richards seal a 2-1 win.

Back in the league, an early Richards goal proved decisive in a 1-0 home victory over Mansfield, while in player news Darnell Furlong and Shaun Brisley returned to their parent clubs, QPR and Peterborough, at the end of their loan spells.

The winding-up petition from HMRC was delayed for two weeks until 30 November with the administration date from Northampton Borough Council set for 27 November.

Meanwhile, Brendan Moloney's winner at Notts County was to be somewhat overshadowed by Chris Wilder's post-match interview with Joe Townsend from BBC Radio Northampton.

The Kelvin Thomas takeover deal had seemingly stalled and a visibly animated Wilder said:

"The players have been unbelievable over the last four or five months with what they've had chucked at them and I've kept quiet about a lot of things.

"For us to be in this position in the league is unbelievable and the players and the staff are pulling rabbits out of hats.

"No one is getting paid and it is remarkable how we are keeping things going. How long can we not get paid for? It's not right and it can't go on.

"I know there is a deal to be done that will take this club forward. That deal is on the table now, we are playing with people's livelihoods here and that deal has got to be done.

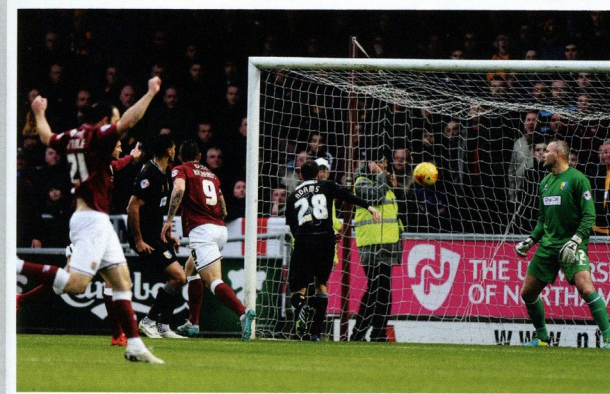
"What's happened over the last few months is a complete shambles, from different people and different organisations, and I just can't understand what is going off at this football club because it is tearing us all apart.

"We all want to drive this club forward but let's get the bleeding deal done."

A few days later that deal would be done and Kelvin Thomas would be unveiled as the new Chairman of Northampton Town.

Amidst all that, goals from Joel Byrom and John-Joe O'Toole saw the Cobblers claim a midweek win at Crawley before the Kelvin Thomas era started off with a 2-0 home win against Yeovil, Lawson D'Ath and Marc Richards on target.

Chris Wilder meanwhile picked up the Sky Bet League 2 Manager of the Month award, the first of three he would ultimately receive throughout the season.





Nicky Adams celebrates after scoring in the 1-1 draw with Yeovil Town last Saturday, a result that set a new club record of 22 Football League games unbeaten.



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REVIEW OF THE SEASON DECEMBER

As a fire was engulfing the Sixfields Tavern, the Cobblers found themselves staring down the barrel of an FA Cup upset.

Non-league Northwich led 2-0 heading into the closing stages before three goals in a remarkable five minutes turned the tie on its head. Sam Hoskins started the comeback before Jason Taylor and Dominic Calvert-Lewin weighed in to complete the comeback.

Having "dodged a bullet", in the words of Chris Wilder, a week later the Cobblers went top of the league following a seven-goal thriller at Luton.

The Cobblers goals at Kenilworth Road included an extremely well-worked free-kick finished off by John-Joe O'Toole, while Ricky Holmes, back from injury, came off the bench to smash in the winner.

Portsmouth were up next and despite taking the lead through Ryan Cresswell, Pompey were to become the last team this season (so far) to inflict a league defeat on the Cobblers.

Following a Boxing Day postponement at York, the curtain came down on 2015 at Sixfields where a Marc Richards goal sealed a narrow 1-0 win vs Accrington, a result that would later prove to be the first of ten consecutive league victories, setting a new club record.



REVIEW OF THE SEASON

JANUARY

The Cobblers kicked off 2016 with a 3-0 home win against Barnet, Sam Hoskins, Ricky Holmes and Marc Richards on target.

The first new signing of the year saw Shrewsbury Town striker James Collins join on loan until the end of the season.

A Ricky Holmes double wasn't quite enough to see the Cobblers beyond MK Dons in the Emirates FA Cup third round with Nicky Maynard's 82nd-minute equaliser setting up a replay at Stadium.mk. Backed by over 7,000 travelling fans, the Cobblers would go on to lose 3-0, although a number of controversial decisions on the night perhaps left the scoreline as an unfair reflection of the game.

Despite missing out on a fourth-round tie against Chelsea, the Cobblers league form certainly didn't suffer.

The week before that replay, a debut goal from James Collins set up a 2-1 win at table-toppers-Plymouth while John-Joe O'Toole and Ricky Holmes were on the scoresheet as the same scoreline was repeated at Dagenham, a result that put Chris Wilder's side joint-top of Sky Bet League 2, behind Argyle on goal difference.

On 23 January the Cobblers were once again top of the league, as goals from Collins, O'Toole and Rod McDonald secured a 3-1 home win vs Morecambe.

Unsurprisingly, Chris Wilder picked up his second Manager of the Month award of the season, while defender Luke Prosser joined on loan from Southend.



REVIEW OF THE SEASON FEBRUARY

It was one in, one out at Sixfields on transfer deadline day at the beginning of February.

Danny Rose joined having been released by Oxford, while Evan Horwood signed on loan for Grimsby.

Goals from John-Joe O'Toole and Marc Richards saw the Cobblers winning run continue before perhaps one of the most impressive results of the season, a 4-0 win at Leyton Orient. 0-0 at half-time, an overhead kick from Rod McDonald got the ball rolling in the second half before we were treated to an absolute wonder strike from Ricky Holmes. A James Collins brace capped off a truly magnificent second-half performance.

A Marc Richards penalty secured the Cobblers the double over Oxford, while another 1-0 victory, vs Wycombe, was secured by a Danny Rose second-half strike.

The win against Wanderers was the Cobblers 9th successive league victory, setting a new club record.

The "Perfect 10" was achieved at York, where goals from James Collins and John Marquis, who scored just a day after re-joining the club on loan from Millwall, clinched a 2-1 victory.

Nearly two years on from his first spell at Sixfields, Marquis returned with Marc Richards ruled out with an Achilles injury, something which would later cruelly cut short his season, leaving him stranded on 18 goals.

On Thursday 25 February it was announced work was to resume on the East Stand.

Rod McDonald and Sam Hoskins both signed new deals keeping them at the club until June 2018 before the month ended with a goalless draw at Hartlepool.

The Manager of the Month award again went to Chris Wilder.



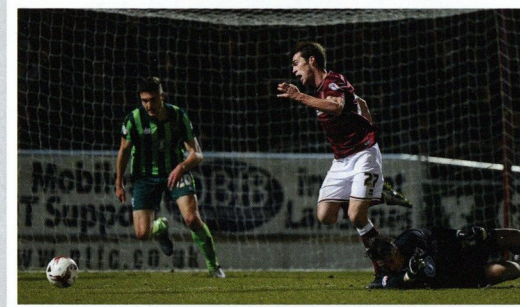
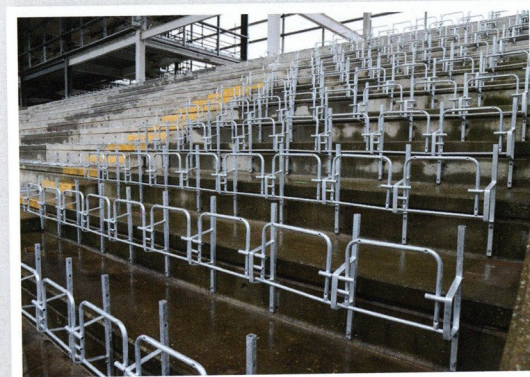
REVIEW OF THE SEASON MARCH

John-Joe O'Toole scored as the month began with a 1-1 draw at home to AFC Wimbledon. O'Toole's hot streak at the start of March then continued in a 4-1 win at Carlisle where he bagged a brace. John Marquis and James Collins also scored in the victory at Brunton Park.

A 90th-minute Cambridge equaliser denied the Cobblers all three points after John Marquis was again on target in a 1-1 draw at Sixfields, before a five-goal encounter at Stevenage. 2-0 down after 40 minutes, goals from James Collins, John-Joe O'Toole and Ricky Holmes, the last in stoppage time, sealed a remarkable comeback in an incredible season.

It was another blockbuster from Holmes, one of many from the winger, who missed nearly the entire first half of the campaign through injury.

The Easter weekend yielded four more points. Marquis scored in a 1-0 home win vs Newport, before another comeback was required at Mansfield. Again 2-0 down, Ricky Holmes pulled one back from the spot before Marquis scored again to round off a magical month for the striker.



REVIEW OF THE SEASON

APRIL

The new East Stand was open to supporters for the first time as the Cobblers kicked off April the same way they ended March, with a 2-2 draw. In front of just under 6,500 supporters at a sun-drenched Sixfields, Ricky Holmes scored twice in a topsy-turvy encounter with Notts County.

Promotion was assured the following week against Bristol Rovers.

Goals from Nicky Adams and Sam Hoskins had the Cobblers 2-0 up and looking comfortable, but there was drama as Rovers scored twice in the last fifteen minutes.

As it was, results elsewhere meant a draw was enough and the promotion party started in earnest shortly after the final whistle.

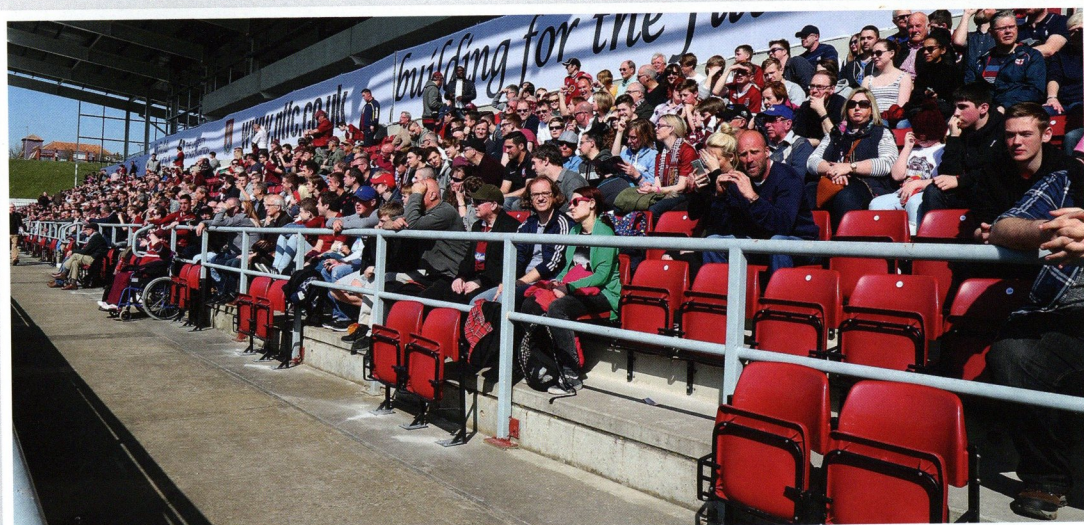
Having secured the club's first promotion since 2006, the players then didn't have long to wait before wrapping up the title.

A 0-0 draw at Exeter was where that title was won, but again it was results elsewhere that saw the Cobblers crowned as Champions with four games to spare.

Chris Wilder was deservedly named as Manager of the Year at the Football League Awards in Manchester, while Adam Smith was named in the Team of the Year. Ricky Holmes was somewhat unfortunate to miss out on the Player of the Year award in League 2, surely just pipped to the post by Oxford's Kemar Roofe.

The Champions returned to Sixfields for a Tuesday night game against Crawley, which they duly won thanks to goals from Ricky Holmes and John-Joe O'Toole in a dominant performance.

A new club record was set in last weekend's 1-1 draw at Yeovil Town, 22 Football League games unbeaten.



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The club shop will also be redesigned and will close for a week towards the end of May and re-open with a whole new look in June. All current club shop staff will continue with Just Sport in their existing roles.

"This is fantastic news for the club and we are delighted to partner with such a major brand like Nike and Just Sport Pro Club," said Chairman Kelvin Thomas.

"The retail operation at the club is an area we have been looking to improve since arriving and partnering with Just Sport Pro Club allows us to do that. They have a lot of experience of working with other football clubs and we are really excited about the new partnership.

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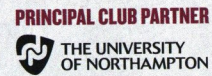
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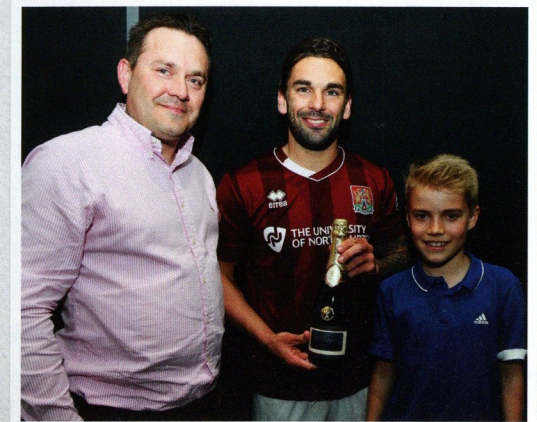
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Chronicle & Echo Sports Editor Jeremy Casey reflects on Northampton Town's title-winning campaign:

Huge congratulations to Chris Wilder and his players for clinching the Sky Bet League 2 title.

It seemed to take a long time for this team to finally get over the line and confirm themselves to be the best in the division, but they did it with four games to spare - a special achievement.

Silverware doesn't land at Sixfields very often, in fact the Cobblers have only picked up a trophy (discounting the NFA Maunsell Cup) twice in my lifetime - and I am no spring chicken let me tell you!

The most recent was in 1997 when Ray Warburton lifted the Division Three play-off trophy at Wembley, and it could be argued that doesn't really count as the team finished that season fourth in the league table.

The last time the club actually won a league title was back in 1987 - and then the trophy wasn't even silver!

The Football League was sponsored by the now defunct Today newspaper, and for some bizarre reason, the divisional winners were handed a crystal trophy on a wooden base - you could barely even see it on the celebratory team group!!

This time I trust that Marc Richards and Dave Buchanan will be lifting a proper pot at the presentation - and one that you can fill with drink!

Winning the League Two title is just reward for all the hard work and brilliant performances the Cobblers have put together this season.

I have seen a lot of Cobblers teams and a lot of Cobblers players over the years since I first visited the County Ground in the mid-1970s, some great, some good, some not so good and some terrible.

Not surprisingly, the current crop rank in the great category, and the football they have played at times is the best I have seen by any Cobblers team, including Graham Carr's brilliant class of '87.

For a spell from October through to February, the Cobblers simply destroyed opposition after opposition with some flowing, swift eye-catching football, and if they were put under pressure they were devastating on the counter-attack.

There was incisive and creative passing, fluid movement, stunning goals, both of the team and individual variety, and it is no exaggeration to say that on many occasions the team were pretty much unplayable.

There have been games when I have walked away thinking the Cobblers could have easily scored five or six, and at Morecambe in September, which ended in a 4-2 victory, it's no exaggeration to say they should have hit double figures.

Is the current team better than Carr's team of Trevor Morley, Richard Hill, Eddie McGoldrick, Ian Benjamin et al?

That is something Cobblers fans who have been lucky enough to witness both teams can argue about until they are claret in the face, and for what it's worth, I rank them as pretty much equals, just with differing strengths and styles.

Carr's team was effective, a machine, and in the final third they had such quality, which is a similar trait to Wilder's team, a team the manager has pieced together expertly over the past two years.

Carr's team was stronger defensively with a regimental and almost perfect offside trap, whereas Wilder's team plays more off the cuff.

Yes, this current team might give away soft goals at times, but they more than make up for that deficiency with their forward play, which has been a delight.

The likes of Ricky Holmes, Nicky Adams, Sam Hoskins, Lawson D'Ath, John-Joe O'Toole and Joel Byrom have provided the bullets for Richards, John Marquis, James Collins and Dominic Calvert-Lewin to fire.

They have made watching the Cobblers a real event again, they have made it fun.

Town fans now look forward to the weekend not just because that is when they get their football fix, but also because they know, more likely than not, they are going to be entertained.

Yes, this Cobblers team is good and wins matches - but they are also very pleasing on the eye. Pretty much the perfect mix.

The fact I have managed to get this far without mentioning the turmoil that surrounded the club back in October and November is testament to how quickly things have changed at Sixfields, and how good they have become.

But make no mistake, in late November, the Cobblers were only a matter of days away from ceasing to exist.

The club was on its knees, in the High Court with the taxman demanding his £165,000, and the Borough Council also calling in its £10.25m loan, that had unforgivably disappeared.

The East Stand was a shell of metal beams and bare concrete, a workman hadn't set foot in the place for three months - aside from those acting as ball-boys on match days.

Chairman at the time, David Cardoza, was under intense pressure to sell the club which was seemingly heading towards oblivion and, thankfully, he did so just in the nick of time.

Wilder's impassioned speech after Town's 2-1 win at Meadow Lane, where he pleaded with Cardoza to do the right thing and 'take the deal on the table', was a moment that will go down in club folklore.

It was also a moment that ensured Wilder will always hold a special place in the hearts of all Cobblers supporters, and rightly so.

The way the manager conducted himself throughout the financial turmoil was impeccable, and he also managed to keep the players focused on the job in hand.

Things could have easily unravelled and at other clubs under different managers, they undoubtedly would have done.

But not under Wilder and his excellent assistant Alan Knill.

They used the situation to galvanise the team, galvanise the support and lay the foundations for what became a title charge.

Days after Wilder's rant at Notts County, Kelvin Thomas - a friend of Wilder from their time together at Oxford United - and his associates took control, paid the tax bill, came to an agreement with the NBC over the loan, and the club was saved and ready to move forwards, which it has done in some style.

But as much as this season's success has been down to the players and the management and the timely intervention of Thomas, the efforts of the club's staff and supporters at that time can never be forgotten.

In adversity, the club became one. And it has stayed as one.

The club's management and office staff, who weren't paid for almost three months, never once considered throwing in the towel.

They turned up for work every day, did their jobs, and kept the club ticking over, trusting that things would work out okay.

They didn't know that things would be okay, they didn't even know if they would have jobs to go to a few weeks later, but they kept working, kept their club alive, and every single one of them has played their part in this title success, something Wilder is always quick to acknowledge.

They are great people, and every Cobblers follower owes each and every one of them a debt of gratitude.

Then there was the Supporters Trust who did a great job raising not only money, but also awareness of what was going on at Sixfields, rallying support.

It was heartening to see the response to their appeals from not only Northampton fans, but also supporters from other clubs across the country.

And then there are the Cobblers supporters.

The fans have been nothing short of immense throughout the whole season, but their backing during those troubled times was particularly special.

They turned out in huge numbers up and down the country when the chips were down, from Coventry to Newport to Nottingham, and nobody who was at those games will ever forget the emotional scenes before, during and after those matches.

Those supporters were showing their love for their club.

They were showing their love for their team, and the team could feel it.

The players could not help but be caught up in the emotion of it all, and there is no doubt that the support at that time inspired them.

I have spoken to many of the players throughout the campaign, and whenever the subject of the club's fans is brought up, almost to a man they just shake their heads and say 'unbelievable'.

The players feel connected to the supporters, meaning they will give that little bit extra when it is required, go the extra mile, and it has gone a long way to shaping the team's never-say-die attitude that has seen them unbeaten in the past 22 matches.

It is, of course, a two-way street, and the supporters see that extra effort, see that the players genuinely care, and they also raise their game accordingly.

It is a goodwill situation that the club must build on.

I don't think I have known a time when the Northampton Town Football Club has been as united as it is now, on and off the pitch.

Long may that continue to be the case, and if it is, who knows where the Cobblers could end up in a few years' time?

Hopefully, the League 2 title is just the start of something at Sixfields, but for now, it is time to just enjoy this moment of success.

A success that Wilder and his players have earned, but with more than a little help from their many friends.

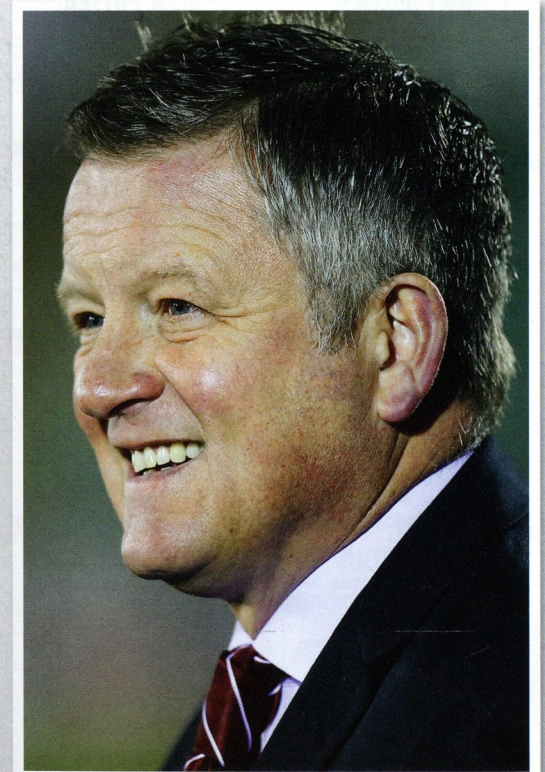
Wilder, deservedly named the Football League Manager of the Year, and his players will get the plaudits and the medals and rightly so.

But they will be the first to say this season has been a team effort.

This campaign will live long in the memory, and it's a title success that everybody who played their part, no matter how small, can be immensely proud of.

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Here's hoping that this time we don't have to wait 29 years for the next silverware!



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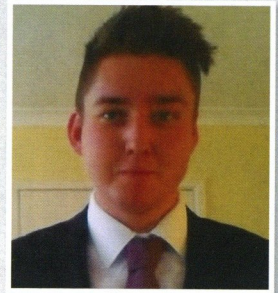



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MEMORIES OF A SPECIAL SEASON

Good afternoon and welcome back to Sixfields for the final time this season as we host Luton Town.

With this being the last match here at Sixfields this season I thought I'd take the opportunity to look back over a spectacular campaign which has resulted in us winning League 2 in blistering style.

A game that stands out in the memory was the win at Plymouth in January when they were top of the table. That allowed us to close the gap on them and was another win in what ultimately became a 10-match winning streak. That run also included a win at Oxford United which was huge at the time and came in the same week as a stunning 4-0 win at Leyton Orient. It's games like that which confirmed our promotion credentials, particularly when your centre-back is scoring an overhead kick and Ricky Holmes adding a Goal of the Season contender.

Consistently scoring late winning goals is also the sign of a special team and we've had our fair share of those this season, too. The comeback in the FA Cup against Northwich Victoria was a special 10 minutes and the last

gasp goal at Stevenage will live with us all for a long time I'm sure. I think my favourite win this season was in the reverse fixture at Luton Town. The free-kick routine which led to our first goal that day was incredible and to win it late-on in front of the travelling Cobblers fans after being pegged back to 3-3 was great. It wasn't a bad goal to win it, either!

After such a difficult few months for the players and staff at the end of 2015 I'm delighted for them that the campaign has been so successful on the pitch and we're all now eagerly awaiting League One football here next season. I hope you all enjoy the well deserved celebrations and let's hope we can finish this season on a high with a final home win this afternoon, although it won't be easy against an improving Luton Town side, and their away form has been particularly good recently.



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The male and female Northampton Town disability teams were in action in a disability festival at Leicester recently.

The Ladies team played some exciting matches against Leicester Ladies, while the men's team won all of their games.

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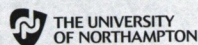
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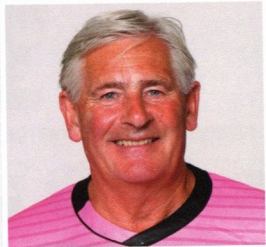
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OUT AND ABOUT WATCHING GAMES THIS SUMMER

Good afternoon and welcome back to Sixfields.

The under-18s finished their season last week, and today we can reflect on our final two games of the season.

Two weeks ago, we lost 4-3 at Newport County. Our goals came from Joe Iacofano, Ethan Lamptey and a Shaun McWilliams penalty, but Lead Foundation Coach Mark Lyons reported on a disappointing performance. We didn't maintain the standards that we set ourselves in the previous weeks and that was why we lost the game.

We wrapped the season up last week with a 0-0 draw against Stevenage. We were really pleased with what was an excellent performance last Saturday. We created plenty of chances and perhaps the only disappointing thing was that we didn't take those chances and win the game. We were trying things out and we had quite a few players playing in unfamiliar positions but there were a lot of positive signs for next season.

These are our last programme notes of the season, so I must say a huge thank you to all players, parents, coaches, volunteers and sponsors who have supported our work this season, we really couldn't operate at the level we do without all of your valued input, and thank you to all of you who take an interest in what we do at Academy level.

Our scouts are out and about covering lots of football and tournaments over the next few months as football never really stops, and if you know of any talented young player who you feel could progress in our Academy,



we are holding open trials through the summer at various locations within a 30-mile radius of Sixfields. Please email daren.norton@ntfc.co.uk for more details. For those of you attending the Cobblers Cup here at the end of May, please note our scouts will be out in force that day, so good luck, you never know who you might be able to impress!

Enjoy the game today and good luck to Chris, Alan and the players, and congratulations to everyone at the club on a fantastic season.

Trevor Gould
Academy Manager

FOOTBALL LEAGUE YOUTH ALLIANCE - SOUTH EAST DIVISION RESULTS 2015/16

Sat Aug 8	Milton Keynes Dons	H	6-1
Fri Aug 14	Leyton Orient	A	1-2
Tue Aug 18	Dagenham & Redbridge	A	3-2
Sat Aug 22	Southend United	H	2-3
Sat Aug 29	Peterborough United	A	2-0
Sat Sep 5	Barnet	H	1-0
Sat Sep 12	Stevenage	A	1-2
Sat Sep 19	Cambridge United	A	3-0
Sat Sep 26	Luton Town	H	0-1
Sat Oct 3	Leyton Orient	H	0-2
Sat Oct 10	A.F.C. Wimbledon	A	1-0
Sat Oct 17	Leyton Orient	H	0-2
Sat Oct 24	Milton Keynes Dons	A	2-3
Tue Oct 27	Notts County	H	0-2
Sat Nov 14	Southend United	A	2-4
Sat Nov 21	Peterborough United	H	1-3

Tue Nov 24	Dagenham & Redbridge	H	3-0
Sat Nov 28	Gillingham	H	3-4
Sat Dec 5	Barnet	A	0-4
Sat Dec 12	Stevenage	H	2-2
Sat Jan 16	A.F.C. Wimbledon	H	0-5
Thu Jan 21	Cambridge United	H	1-1
Sat Jan 23	Gillingham	A	2-3
Sat Jan 30	Luton Town	A	3-0
Sat Feb 13	Yeovil Town	H	2-2
Sat Feb 20	Bristol Rovers	A	4-0
Sat Feb 27	Dagenham & Redbridge	A	7-2
Sat Mar 12	Peterborough United	H	3-0
Sat Mar 19	Cambridge United	H	0-2
Sat Mar 26	Milton Keynes Dons	A	1-3
Sat Apr 2	Oxford United	A	0-1
Sat Apr 9	Swindon Town	H	1-1
Sat Apr 16	Newport County	A	3-4
Sat Apr 23	Stevenage	H	0-0

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LEAGUE TWO REVIEW

Michael Appleton



NEW DEAL FOR APPLETON

IN THE NEWS

MICHAEL APPLETON has agreed a new rolling contract with Oxford United. The 40-year-old former Portsmouth, Blackpool and Blackburn Rovers boss is in his second season at the Kassam.

STEVENAGE striker Jack Storer has signed a deal with Birmingham City. Storer, 18, will join the Championship club when the transfer window re-opens in the summer. Meanwhile, defender Fraser Franks, 25, has signed a new deal to remain at the Lamex Stadium.

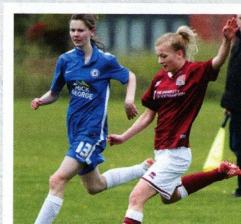
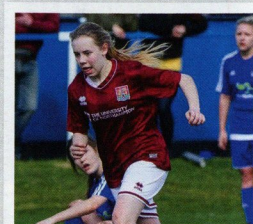
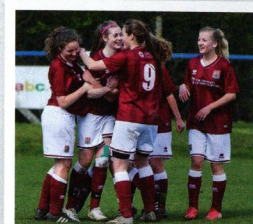
YEOVIL have revealed amended plans for the re-development of land around Huish Park after their original proposal was rejected by South Somerset District Council back in 2014.

MATCH ACTION

A round-up of last weekend's action in Sky Bet League 2.

- Accrington and Oxford both recorded wins last weekend to maintain their position in the automatic promotion places going into the last two games of the season.
- A Josh Windass brace helped Stanley to a 3-0 home win over York, a result that confirmed relegation for the visitors, while goals from Kemar Roofe and Liam Sercombe sealed a 2-0 win for Oxford against Hartlepool at the Kassam.
- Bristol Rovers are still just a point behind the U's after beating Exeter 3-1 thanks to goals from Billy Bodin, Lee Brown and Matty Taylor, but Plymouth lost ground on the top three after suffering a surprise home defeat to already relegated Dagenham. 3-0 down at half-time, Argyle did manage to pull a couple of goals back in the second half but the Daggers held on to record a rare victory.
- Portsmouth bounced back from successive defeats with a 2-1 home victory against Wycombe while a Lyle Taylor goal saw AFC Wimbledon further strengthen their position in seventh with a 1-0 win vs Leyton Orient.
- Luton's outside play-off hopes were dashed by Souleymane Coulibaly's late equaliser in a 1-1 home draw against Newport but a 2-1 win at Notts County means Cambridge still harbour hopes of gatecrashing the top seven.
- In the three remaining games, Charlie Wyke's 78th-minute header clinched Carlisle a 1-0 win at Crawley, Mansfield drew 1-1 at home to Barnet and Dean Parrett's double saw Stevenage on their way to a 4-1 win at Morecambe, who appear to be ending the season with a whimper.

NORTHAMPTON TOWN LADIES



RECENT MATCH ACTION

Sunday 17th April

Thrapston Town 0-2 Northampton Town

Northampton Town travelled for the second away game at Thrapston in successive weeks and faced a home side who were much improved from the first meeting. The game was a much closer affair than the previous week's 6-2 win. The Cobblers took the lead in the first half with Cloe Woodward scoring the opening goal after latching on to a cross before finishing into the bottom corner to make it 1-0 at half-time.

The Cobblers had chances to extend their lead but found the Thrapston keeper in good form. However, the second goal arrived with 15 minutes to go after Eden Brown got on the end of a Zoe Boote corner and guided her shot home to seal a 2-0 win.

CURRENT LEAGUE TABLE:

	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1 Peterborough United Ladies	10	7	0	3	25	21
2 Thrapston Town Ladies	10	6	1	3	16	19
3 Northampton Town FC Ladies	9	5	3	1	10	18
4 Billing United Ladies	9	2	3	4	-27	9
5 Roade Ladies	10	0	1	9	-24	1

Sunday 24th April

Northampton Town 1-0 Peterborough United

Northampton Town welcomed League leaders Peterborough United for their first home match since the County Cup semi-final back in February. This was a closely-fought game with very few chances for either side and the teams went into half-time locked together at 0-0.

Three minutes after the restart, Cesca Partridge was brought down on the edge of the box and Zoe Boote stepped up to fire the resulting free-kick into the back of the net to make it 1-0. There were no further clearcut chances for either side as the Cobblers defence stood firm to seal the three points and move within one win of leaders Peterborough United with a game in hand.

GIRLS COBBLERS CUP

We are holding a girls-only version of the successful Cobblers Cup on the Tuesday of the May half-term for the following age groups: U9/U10/U11/U12.

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Squads can be a maximum of 12 players per team. The age groups for the tournament will be the age groups applicable for the 2015/16 season.

The tournament is open for any girls teams within the under-9 to under-12 age groups and will be held on the main stadium pitch which will be divided into 4 x 6-a-side pitches.

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If you look up the definition of the word 'fantastic', two come to the fore – 'imaginative or fanciful, remote from reality' and 'extraordinarily good or attractive'.

Both definitions can be applied to the never-ending story that has been Northampton Town's fantastic 2015/16 season.

Back in June, some very dark clouds began to loom over the unfinished East Stand at Sixfields and, amid a shroud of secrecy, it soon became patently clear that things were not all that they seemed.

As the season kicked off in August, with rumours of an Indian takeover kicking around, the East Stand became the spectre at the feast.

The takeover fell through and in October the wheels came off - the list of the club's creditors was as long as your arm and, critically, the taxman had not been paid.

The former Chairman was saying nothing and the Supporters Trust was galvanised into action, at precisely the moment its inspirational founding father, Brian Lomax, lost his fight for life.

At Lomax's funeral in the middle of November, news came through that the former Chairman was inexplicably stalling over a sale.

The Cobblers, at the time snuggled in behind the promotion-chasing pack, won 2-1 at Notts County.

It was the cue for the club's manager Chris Wilder and the staff to go public and the former Chairman, with nowhere to go, sold the club to present Chairman Kelvin Thomas.

Northampton Borough Council took the huge debt away from the football club, which once more found itself on an even financial keel.

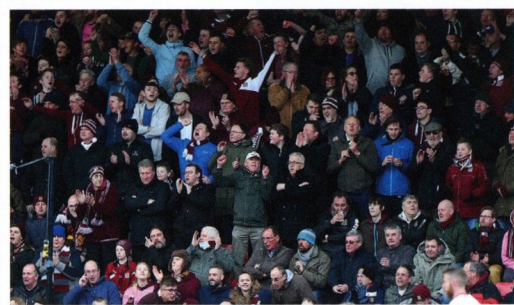
And the rest of the season is history... the whole club came together as one and the players went on a remarkable run of form which saw them clinch the League 2 title with four games on the card remaining.

Following a 4-3 win over today's visitors at Kenilworth Road, the Cobblers went top of the league and proceeded to sweep all before them.

You could not make it up... following a 2-1 defeat at Cambridge United on 17 October, up to today, the team has lost just once (at home to Portsmouth) in 31 league matches.

It has been a season of club records – longest unbeaten run, most successive wins and most number of away wins.

And it has been a season of headlines – those already documented off the field; on the field we have had free-kick routines going viral on YouTube, basketball legend Shaquille O'Neal lending his support, Ricky Holmes scoring some wonderful goals.



And a season of awards – Chris Wilder the Football League Manager of the Season; Adam Smith, John-Joe O'Toole, Ricky Holmes and Marc Richards all named in League 2's dream fifteen.

This may not go down as the most successful season in the club's history, that accolade will remain with Graham Carr's class of 1986/7.

But it has certainly been the most fantastic... imaginative, fanciful, unreal, extraordinarily good, attractive. It has been all of those.

Well done to Chris Wilder, the players and the staff at Northampton Town.

And thank you.

- The Trust is supporting a Pink Day at Fratton Park for our championship party at Pompey next Saturday. Please wear anything pink in celebration of a record-breaking season – and if you can raise a bit more money for breast cancer charity CoppaFeel!, so much the better.

And don't forget the civic parade for the Cobblers through Northampton town centre during the afternoon of Sunday 8 May!

- A warm welcome this afternoon to all the Luton Town fans who have made the short journey up the M1. Our best wishes for next season and we hope you enjoy your afternoon with us at Sixfields.

- The Trust is within touching distance of reaching 1,000 members which, for a club the size of Northampton Town, represents significant representation. Help get us to four figures by signing up today – online at www.ntfctrust.co.uk, annual memberships are £5 (students and over-65s £4) and cover the whole of the 2016/17 campaign.

- And finally, a date for your diary – the Trust's annual Football Quiz is being held at Kingsley Park WMC in Northampton on Monday 6 June at 8pm. Teams of up to four people can be entered at the cost of £3 a head. Further information is available from Trust Chairman Roger Averill at roger.averill1@btinternet.com



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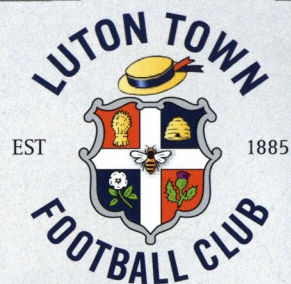


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THE AWAY END: LUTON TOWN



An up-and-down season for the Hatters is coming to an end, with our visitors today retaining an outside chance of making the play-offs until last weekend.

Like many of our visitors recently, the Hatters made a change of manager mid-season, with John Still leaving Kenilworth Road after the

Cobblers won 4-3 at Luton in December to be replaced by former Brighton coach Nathan Jones.

The Hatters did just about enough to stay in touch with the top seven until their play off hopes were ended by a 1-1 draw with Newport County last Saturday. A run of five wins in 6 games in February and March saw

them make good strides up the table before the form dipped again with three successive defeats.

They roared back to form earlier this month with three successive wins, including impressive away victories at Oxford and Carlisle.

Jake Marriott is the top scorer for Luton this season with fourteen goals, while Cameron McGeehan has thirteen.

Last weekend's 1-1 draw with Newport County at Kenilworth Road mathematically ended any remaining play-off hopes Luton had, and so while thoughts are certainly turning towards next season at Kenilworth Road, Nathan Jones will be demanding his charges finish this season on a high and continue an impressive recent run of five wins in their last six away matches.

Off-the-field, the Hatters are set to submit a planning application for a new stadium before the start of next season. The hope is to build a 17,500-capacity stadium at Power Court.

LAST 5 RESULTS

League Two	Sa 23 Apr 2016	Luton	1 - 1	Newport
League Two	Tu 19 Apr 2016	Carlisle	1 - 2	Luton
League Two	Sa 16 Apr 2016	Oxford	2 - 3	Luton
League Two	Sa 09 Apr 2016	Luton	0 - 2	Accrington
League Two	Sa 02 Apr 2016	Luton	0 - 1	Stevenage

LAST TEN MEETINGS

League Two	Sa 12 Dec 2015	Luton	3 - 4	Northampton
League Two	Sa 28 Mar 2015	Northampton	2 - 1	Luton
League Two	Sa 25 Oct 2014	Luton	1 - 0	Northampton
FA CUP	Sa 12 Nov 2011	Luton	1 - 0	Northampton
League One	Sa 05 Apr 2008	Northampton	2 - 1	Luton
League One	Mo 15 Oct 2007	Luton	4 - 1	Northampton
Football League Trophy	Tu 04 Sep 2007	Luton	2 - 0	Northampton
Division 2	Sa 15 Feb 2003	Luton	3 - 2	Northampton
Division 2	Sa 02 Nov 2002	Northampton	3 - 0	Luton
Division 2	Sa 10 Feb 2001	Northampton	0 - 1	Luton

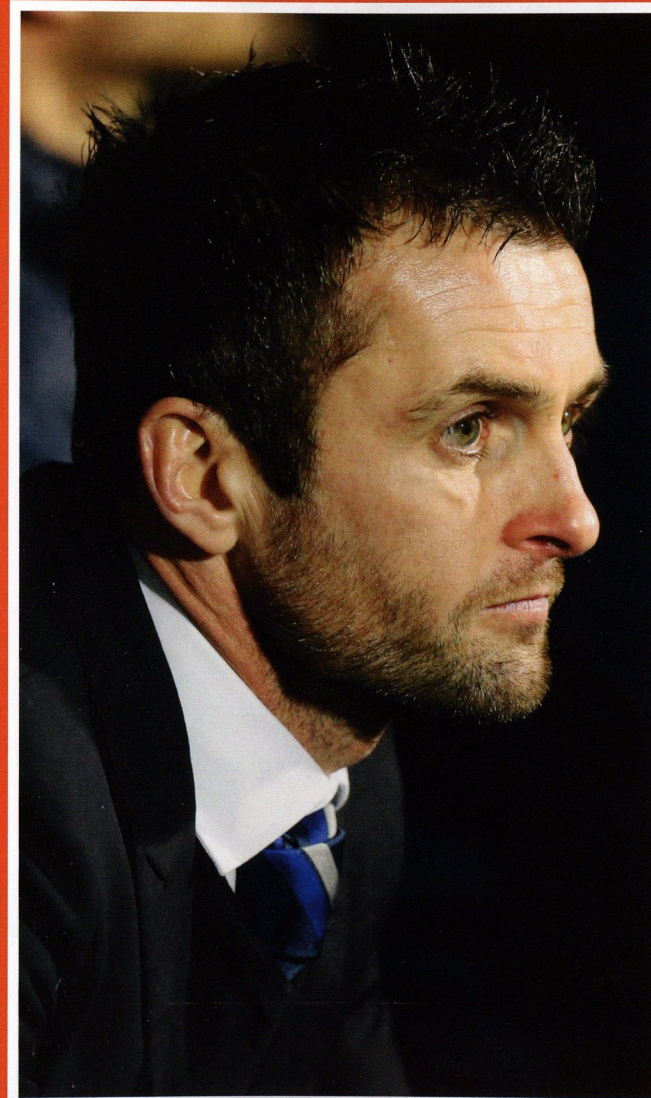
THE MANAGER: NATHAN JONES

Welshman Jones was appointed as John Still's successor in January 2016.

A former coach and assistant manager at Brighton, Charlton and Yeovil, he was a player at Kenilworth Road in 1995 but left without making an appearance.

Jones spent a year in Spain before returning to the UK and playing for Southend, Brighton and Yeovil where he went on to make over 500 appearances.

He began his coaching qualifications while with Yeovil and achieved his UEFA Pro-Licence in 2014.



MEET THE SQUAD

STEPHEN O'DONNELL

Defender
Date of birth: 11 May 1992
Previous club: Partick Thistle

DAN POTTS

Defender
Date of birth: 13 Apr 1994
Previous club: West Ham United

JONATHAN SMITH

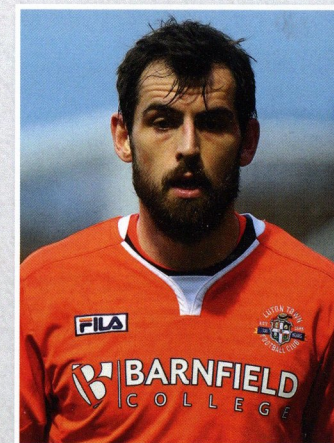
Midfielder
Date of birth: 17 Oct 1986
Previous clubs: Morecambe, Forest Green Rovers, York City, Swindon Town

GLEN REA

Defender
Date of birth: 3 Sep 1994
Previous clubs: On loan from Brighton & Hove Albion

SCOTT CUTHBERT

Defender
Date of birth: 15 Jun 1987
Previous clubs: Celtic, Swindon Town, Leyton Orient



ALEX LAWLESS

Midfielder
Date of birth: 26 Mar 1985
Previous clubs: Fulham, Torquay United, Forest Green Rovers, York City

CAMERON MCGEEHAN

Midfielder
Date of birth: 6 Apr 1995
Previous club: Norwich City

PAUL BENSON

Striker
Date of birth: 12 Oct 1979
Previous clubs: Dagenham & Redbridge, Charlton Athletic, Swindon Town

RYAN HALL

Midfielder
Date of birth: 4 Jan 1988
Previous clubs: Crystal Palace, Southend United, Leeds United, MK Dons, Rotherham United

**DANNY GREEN**

Midfielder
Date of birth: 9 Jul 1988
Previous clubs: Northampton Town, Dagenham & Redbridge, Charlton Athletic, MK Dons

SCOTT GRIFFITHS

Defender
Date of birth: 11 May 1992
Previous club: Partick Thistle

JACK MARRIOTT

Striker
Date of birth: 9 Sep 1994
Previous club: Ipswich Town

PADDY McCOURT

Midfielder
Date of birth: 16 Dec 1983
Previous clubs: Celtic, Barnsley, Brighton & Hove Albion

PELLY RUDDOCK-MPANZU

Midfielder
Date of birth: 4 Jan 1993
Previous club: West Ham United

**MAGNUS OKUONGHAE**

Defender
Date of birth: 16 Feb 1986
Previous clubs: Aldershot, St Albans, Crawley Town, Dagenham & Redbridge, Weymouth, Colchester United, Rushden & Diamonds

ELLIOT JUSTHAM

Goalkeeper
Date of birth: 18 Jul 1990
Previous club: East Thurrock

OLLY LEE

Midfielder
Date of birth: 11 July 1991
Previous clubs: On loan from Birmingham City

JONATHAN MITCHELL

Goalkeeper
Date of birth: 24 Nov 1994
Previous clubs: On loan from Derby County

**CRAIG MACKAIL-SMITH**

Striker
Date of birth: 25 Feb 1984
Previous clubs: Dagenham & Redbridge, Peterborough United, Brighton & Hove Albion

JOSH McQUOID

Striker
Date of birth: 15 Dec 1989
Previous clubs: AFC Bournemouth, Millwall

NATHAN DOYLE

Midfielder
Date of birth: 12 Jan 1987
Previous clubs: Derby County, Hull City, Barnsley, Bradford City

LUKE TROTMAN

Defender
Date of birth: 20 Jun 1997
Previous clubs: None

JAKE HOWELLS

Defender
Date of birth: 18 Apr 1991
Previous clubs: None

ALAN SHEEHAN

Defender
Date of birth: 14 Sep 1986
Previous clubs: On loan from Bradford City

JOE PIGOTT

Striker
Date of birth: 24 Nov 1993
Previous clubs: On loan from Charlton Athletic

DID YOU KNOW?

Christmas 1927 saw the two clubs make the national news for different reasons. Snow was falling on Christmas Day but Luton said the game with the Cobblers would go ahead. The Cobblers decided to travel to the match by coach and while their supporters arrived safely by train, the players were pushing the coach out of snowdrifts on the roads to the point that they decided to return to Northampton and the game was cancelled.



In the Boxing Day game at the County Ground, Luton went in at half-time 5-1 up. No-one knew what Cobblers manager Jack Tresadern said to his players but the match ended 6-5 to the Cobblers!

Luton Town received just 1.8d (9p) after their Division Three South match v Thames on the 6th December 1930. The attendance was recorded as just 469!

**CLUB HISTORIAN FRANK GRANDE LOOKS AT SOME CONNECTIONS BETWEEN NORTHAMPTON TOWN AND LUTON TOWN****THE MATCH:**

NORTHAMPTON TOWN (1) 1
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LUTON TOWN (0) 0
 10th September 1997
 Division 2
 Sixfields
 Att: 7,246

Northampton Town, with just one defeat in the five games played, entertained Luton who had won just one game over the same period and were so short of fit and available players that 40-year-old youth-team coach Trevor Peake was named among the substitutes.

Sean Parrish scored with a low drive after just 21 seconds to set a new record at Sixfields.

Surprisingly it was the only goal of the game as Luton settled down and registered seven shots on target.

COBBLERS: Andy Woodman, Ian Clarkson, John Frain, Ian Sampson, Ray Warburton, David Brightwell, Sean Parrish, Dean Peer, David Seal (Kevin Wilson), John Gayle, Roy Hunter
 Subs not used: Carl Heggs, Ali Gibb

REFEREE: Rob Harris

LUTON: Kelvin Davis, Gavin McGowan, Bryan Small, Gary Waddock, Steve Davis, Marvin Johnson, Paul McLaren, Sean Evers (Gary Doherty), David Oldfield, Stuart Douglas, Dwight Marshall (Simon Davis)
 Sub not used: Trevor Peake

**THE MANAGER****BILL HARVEY**

Bill never played League football but took over from Sam Bartram as Luton's manager from 1962 to 1964, at a time when Luton were tumbling down the divisions. He later turned up at the County Ground in the mid-1970s as assistant to Clive Walker, but the arrival of Bill Dodgin for his second spell with the club saw Walker become coach and Bill was released, taking up a physiotherapy post with Peterborough United.

THE GROUNDS

	Cobblers Wins	Luton Wins	Draws	Top Attendances
County Ground (N'pton)	27	10	11	19,251 26th December 1929 (League)
Dunstable Road (Luton)	0	4	2	1,000 12th March 1904 (Friendly)
Kenilworth Road (Luton)	9	37	10	26,220 7th January 1961 (FA Cup)
Sixfields (Northampton)	6	1	0	7,246 10th September 1997 (League)

THE PLAYER**STEVE HOWARD**

Northampton Town 22nd February 1999 – 22nd March 2001
 95 games, 18 goals
Luton Town 22nd March 2001 – 27th July 2006
 228 games, 102 goals.

When Steve joined the Cobblers from Hartlepool he struggled to find the net but once he did, then the goals began to flow.

He was also making a few for teammates. It was at the tail end of his second season when Luton made an offer for him that was accepted with his Sixfields contract running out. He then spent six seasons at Luton before moving on to Derby County for a £1 million fee. He later had spells with Leicester City, Sheffield Wednesday and Hartlepool again.



LUTON TOWN – THE UNLIKELY LADS

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

Colin Todd



RON DAVIES

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

DEREK KEVAN

Inside-left Derek Kevan was capped 14 times by England before joining Luton Town. Initially with Ripon YMCA, he joined Bradford Park Avenue in October 1952 and followed Vic Buckingham to West Brom in July 1953. 'The Tank' was twice ever-present and top scorer on five occasions, moving to Chelsea in March 1963. Later with Manchester City, Crystal Palace and Peterborough, he joined Luton in December 1966 and netted four goals in 11 League games. He moved to Stockport in March 1967, then Macclesfield, Boston United and Stourbridge. Later a driver for Signs Specialists in Hockley, he died in January 2013.

ALAN BIRCHENALL

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

COLIN TODD

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

STEVE WILLIAMS

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

MERVYN DAY

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

JOHN HARTSON

Welsh international striker John Hartson helped Luton Town reach the FA Cup semi-finals in 1993-94. Signing professional for Luton in December 1992, he netted 11 goals in 54 League games before being sold to Arsenal for £2,500,000 in January 1995. He scored in the 1995 ECWC final, moving to West Ham for £3,200,000 in February 1997. Leading marksman in 1997-98, he joined Wimbledon for £7,000,000 in January 1999 and had a spell with Coventry City prior to joining Celtic in August 2001. He starred in their 2001-02 'treble' triumph and joined West Brom for £500,000 in July 2006, gaining a total of 51 caps.

PAUL DICKOV

Luton Town's former loan striker Paul Dickov was capped by Scotland. Signing professional for Arsenal in December 1990, he was loaned to Luton in October 1993 and scored once in 15 League games. A member of the Gunners' triumphant 1994 ECWC squad, he moved to Manchester City for £1,000,000 in August 1996. Starring in three promotion campaigns, he joined Leicester City in February 2002 and was leading scorer in their 2002-03 promotion success. He then appeared for Blackburn Rovers, Manchester City again, Leicester again and Leeds United, since managing Oldham Athletic and Doncaster Rovers.

PAUL ALLEN

Former England U-21 midfielder Paul Allen had a loan spell at Luton Town in 1994-95. From a notable football family, he signed professional forms for West Ham in July 1979 and was the youngest FA Cup finalist at 17 years 256 days in their 1980 Wembley triumph. He moved to Tottenham Hotspur for £400,000 in June 1985 and was an FA Cup winner again in 1991. Joining Southampton for £500,000 in September 1993, he was loaned to Luton in December 1994 and made four League appearances. He moved to Swindon Town in October 1995. He later played for Bristol City, Millwall and Purfleet, and currently works for the PFA.

MATTHEW UPSON

Former Luton Town central defender Matthew Upson gained 21 England caps. Signing professional for Luton Town in April 1996, he made his only League appearance for the Hatters as a substitute in their 1-0 win over Rotherham four months later and joined Arsenal for £1,000,000 in May 1997. He featured in their 1997-98 Premier League title campaign and was a member of the 2001-02 'double' winning squad. Loaned to several clubs, he moved to Birmingham City for £2,000,000 in January 2003, then joined West Ham for £6,000,000 in January 2007. He has since played for Stoke City, Brighton, Leicester City and MK Dons.



Matthew Upson

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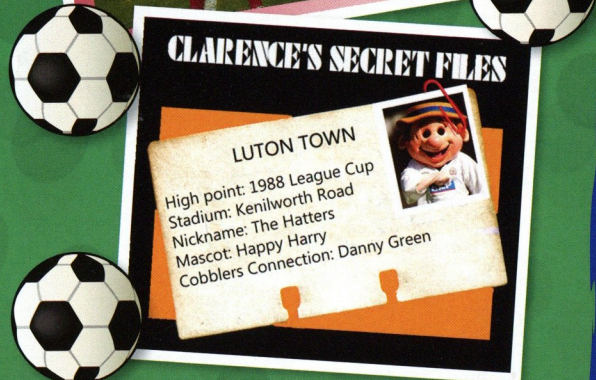
Don't whisper it, shout it. We are the Champions!

This has been a season to remember. Enjoy today, because days like this don't happen often. Your support has been awesome, and the fans played a big part in us winning the league. When that trophy is raised after the match, part of that applause is for what you as a fan did to support the team this season.

Enjoy the Summer break and I will see you back here in League 1!

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NORTHAMPTON TOWN MASCOTS

OLIVIA MOODY

Olivia is 10 years old and her favourite player is Adam Smith. Her main hobby is football!



TRAFFORD HOPE

Trafford is 11 years old and his favourite player is Lawson D'Ath. Trafford's hobbies are playing football and playing on the PS4.



ABBEY CALLEN

Abbey is 12 years old and her favourite player is David Buchanan. Her hobbies are supporting the Cobblers home and away, swimming and watching Netflix.



ETHAN COMPTON

Ethan is 11 years old and his favourite player is Adam Smith. Ethan enjoys playing in goal for Inspiration FC U12, watching the Cobblers home and away, playing on the X-Box and cycling.



RYAN KEENAN

We are delighted to welcome Ryan Keenan to the game today. You may recall we arranged for Ryan, who has been poorly, to meet the squad earlier this season. Ryan is 11 years old and his favourite player is Lawson D'Ath. Ryan's hobbies are watching the Cobblers and playing on the Xbox.



MATCHDAY EXPERIENCES

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WALKING OUT WITH THE PLAYERS AND FORMING THE GUARD OF HONOUR

Welcome to Parklands Tigers and Wootton St George who will be walking out with the players, while Bugbrooke and some more players from Parklands Tigers are forming the Guard of Honour. Have a great day guys!

Do you know of a group, school, cubs, scouts, boys or girls brigade, team or club - in fact any group of youngsters - who would like an extra special day out at Sixfields next season?

If you do, then we can make that happen.

From walking out with the players, forming the Guard of Honour or taking penalties on the pitch, we can make a matchday extra special for any group. Not only that, but we offer big discounts on the price of match tickets for any groups attending!

These days make excellent days out for any group, whether it be to reward, celebrate, or just enjoy some quality time together.

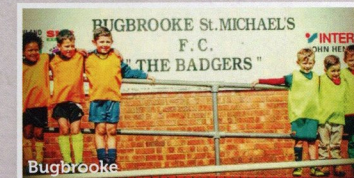
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Parklands Tigers



Wootton St George



Bugbrooke

STANAIR CUP FINALS!

The Stanair Cup Finals take place today, good luck to all involved!

The finals are:

Under-8s

Falcons Black v Roade Youth



Falcons Black

Under-9s

FFA Reds v GLK Utd



Roade Youth

Under-10s

Towcester Primary School v Great Doddington Youth



Under-11s

Wootton St George v Ise Lodge



FFA



GLK Utd



Towcester



Great Doddington



Wootton St George



Ise Lodge



THANK YOU!

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Key: Home games shown in **Bold** 1st, 2nd, 3rd Sub Scorer 1 Man of the Match* * Includes own goal
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DATE	KICK-OFF	OPPOSITION	COMP	F-A	ATTENDANCE	PTS/POS	GOALS	ASSISTS	OTHER
Sat Aug 8	3:00pm	Bristol Rovers	FL2	1-0 A	8,712 (574)	3/9	Smith	Lelan Buchanan Taylor	Diamond Cresswell O'Toole 1 Byrom Richards
Tue Aug 11 7:45pm	Blackpool (Capital One Cup 1)	CC1	3-0 H	2,549 (305)	-/-	Clarke	Lelan Buchanan Taylor	Diamond Cresswell D'Ath	Byrom Calvert-Lewin 1
Sat Aug 15	3:00pm	Exeter City	FL2	3-0 H	4,313 (316)	6/4	Smith	Lelan Buchanan Taylor 1	Diamond Cresswell 1 D'Ath
Tue Aug 18	7:45pm	Barnet	FL2	0-2 A	2,466 (922)	6/7	Smith	Lelan Buchanan Taylor	McDonald Cresswell D'Ath
Sat Aug 22 3:00pm	Plymouth Argyle	FL2	0-2 H	4,505 (710)	6/10	Smith	Lelan Buchanan* Watson	Diamond Cresswell D'Ath	Byrom Richards
Tue Aug 25	7:45pm	Newcastle United	CC2	1-4 A	26,923 (989)	-/-	Clarke	Yates Buchanan Watson	McDonald Cresswell Taylor
Sat Aug 29	3:00pm	Accrington Stanley	FL2	1-1 A	1,526 (292)	7/11	Smith	Yates Buchanan Taylor	McDonald Cresswell D'Ath
Tue Sep 1 7:45pm	Colchester United	JPT1	3-2 H	1,366 (111)	-/-	Clarke	Yates Buchanan Watson	McDonald Cresswell D'Ath	Corry Calvert-Lewin 1
Sat Sep 5	3:00pm	Dagenham & Redbridge	FL2	1-2 H	4,032 (121)	7/16	Smith*	Lelan Buchanan Watson	McDonald Cresswell D'Ath
Sat Sep 12	3:00pm	Oxford United	FL2	1-0 H	4,838 (931)	10/11	Smith*	Furlong Buchanan Taylor	Brisley Cresswell D'Ath
Sat Sep 19	3:00pm	Morecambe	FL2	4-2 A	1,778 (327)	13/8	Smith	Furlong Buchanan Watson	Brisley Cresswell D'Ath 1
Sat Sep 26 3:00pm	Leyton Orient	FL2	1-1 H	5,061 (800)	14/8	Smith*	Furlong Buchanan Watson	Brisley Diamond D'Ath	Byrom Calvert-Lewin 1
Tue Sep 29	7:45pm	AFC Wimbledon	FL2	1-1 A	3,525 (309)	15/10	Smith	Furlong Buchanan O'Toole 1	Brisley Diamond D'Ath
Sat Oct 3	3:00pm	Wycombe Wanderers	FL2	3-2 A	4,227 (597)	18/9	Smith	Furlong Buchanan O'Toole	Brisley 1 Cresswell D'Ath 1
Tue Oct 6	7:45pm	Millwall	JPT 2	0-2 A	2,254 (212)	-/-	Clarke	Furlong Buchanan O'Toole	Brisley Cresswell Taylor
Sat Oct 10 3:00pm	Hartlepool United	FL2	2-1 H	4,477 (204)	21/8	Smith	Furlong Buchanan O'Toole	Brisley Cresswell Hackett	Byrom Richards 1
Sat Oct 17	3:00pm	Cambridge United	FL2	1-2 A	5,494 (1,299)	21/9	Smith	Furlong Buchanan O'Toole	Brisley Cresswell D'Ath
Tue Oct 20 7:45pm	Carlisle United	FL2	3-2 H	3,642 (254)	24/5	Smith	Furlong Buchanan O'Toole	Brisley Cresswell Calvert-Lewin 2	Byrom Richards
Sat Oct 24 3:00pm	Stevenage	FL2	2-1 H	4,492 (334)	27/4	Smith	Furlong Buchanan O'Toole*	Brisley Diamond Calvert-Lewin 1	Byrom Richards
Sat Oct 31	3:00pm	Newport County	FL2	2-2 A	2,424 (352)	28/5	Smith	Furlong Buchanan O'Toole	Diamond McDonald Calvert-Lewin
Sat Nov 7	3:00pm	Coventry City	FAC1	2-1 A	9,124 (2,509)	-/-	Smith	Moloney Buchanan O'Toole	McDonald Diamond 1 Taylor
Sat Nov 14 3:00pm	Mansfield Town	FL2	1-0 H	5,454 (892)	31/3	Smith	Moloney Buchanan O'Toole*	McDonald Diamond	Byrom D'Ath Richards 1
Sat Nov 21	3:00pm	Notts. County	FL2	2-1 A	5,513 (999)	34/3	Smith	Moloney Buchanan O'Toole	McDonald 1 Diamond
Tue Nov 24	7:45pm	Crawley Town	FL2	2-1 A	2,325 (381)	37/3	Smith	Moloney Buchanan O'Toole	Diamond Cresswell Byrom 1
Sat Nov 28 3:00pm	Yeovil Town	FL2	2-0 H	4,989 (199)	40/3	Smith	Lelan Buchanan O'Toole*	Diamond Cresswell Byrom	D'Ath 1 Richards 1
Sat Dec 5	3:00pm	Northwich Victoria	FAC2	3-2 H	3,837 (359)	-/-	Smith	Moloney Buchanan Taylor 1	Diamond Cresswell Byrom
Sat Dec 12	3:00pm	Luton Town	FL2	4-3 A	8,792 (1,032)	43/1	Smith	Moloney Buchanan O'Toole 1	Diamond Cresswell Byrom
Sat Dec 19 3:00pm	Portsmouth	FL2	1-2 H	5,859 (938)	43/2	Smith	Moloney Buchanan O'Toole	Diamond Cresswell* 1 Byrom	D'Ath Richards
Mon Dec 28 3:00pm	Accrington Stanley	FL2	1-0 H	5,269 (341)	46/2	Smith*	Moloney Buchanan O'Toole*	Diamond Cresswell Byrom	D'Ath Richards 1
Sat Jan 2	3:00pm	Barnet	FL2	3-0 H	5,153 (398)	49/2	Smith	Moloney Buchanan O'Toole	Diamond Cresswell Byrom
Sat Jan 9	3:00pm	MK Dons	FAC3	2-2 H	5,878 (947)	-/-	Smith	Moloney Buchanan O'Toole	McDonald Cresswell Byrom
Tue Jan 12	7:45pm	Plymouth Argyle	FL2	2-1 A	9,241 (269)	52/2	Smith	Moloney Buchanan O'Toole	Diamond McDonald Byrom
Sat Jan 16	3:00pm	Dagenham & Redbridge	FL2	2-1 A	2,379 (892)	55/2	Smith	Moloney Buchanan O'Toole 1	Diamond McDonald Byrom
Tue Jan 19	7:45pm	MK Dons	FAC3	0-3 A	15,133 (7,040)	-/-	Smith	Moloney Buchanan O'Toole	Diamond McDonald Byrom
Sat Jan 23	3:00pm	Morecambe	FL2	3-1 H	4,652 (92)	58/1	Smith	Moloney Buchanan O'Toole*	Diamond McDonald 1 Byrom
Sat Feb 6 3:00pm	York City	FL2	2-0 H	5,342 (349)	61/1	Smith	Moloney Buchanan O'Toole*	Diamond McDonald Byrom	Martin Richards 1
Sat Feb 13	3:00pm	Leyton Orient	FL2	4-0 A	6,131 (1,135)	64/1	Smith	Moloney Buchanan O'Toole	Diamond McDonald 1 Rose
Tue Feb 16	7:45pm	Oxford United	FL2	1-0 A	9,559 (1,943)	67/1	Smith	Moloney Buchanan O'Toole	Diamond McDonald Rose
Sat Feb 20 3:00pm	Wycombe Wanderers	FL2	1-0 H	5,755 (809)	70/1	Smith	Moloney Buchanan O'Toole	Diamond McDonald* Rose 1	Adams Martin
Tue Feb 23	7:45pm	York City	FL2	2-1 A	2,887 (434)	73/1	Smith	Moloney Buchanan Taylor	Diamond McDonald Rose
Sat Feb 27	3:00pm	Hartlepool United	FL2	0-0 A	4,012 (402)	74/1	Smith	Moloney Buchanan Taylor	Diamond McDonald Rose
Tue Mar 1 7:45pm	AFC Wimbledon	FL2	1-1 H	5,124 (376)	75/1	Smith	Moloney Buchanan O'Toole 1	Diamond Prosser Byrom	D'Ath Adams
Sat Mar 5	3:00pm	Carlisle United	FL2	4-1 A	4,892 (457)	78/1	Smith	Moloney Buchanan O'Toole 2	Diamond Prosser Byrom
Sat Mar 12 3:00pm	Cambridge United	FL2	1-1 H	5,828 (901)	79/1	Smith	Moloney Buchanan O'Toole	Diamond Prosser Byrom	Martin Marquis 1*
Sat Mar 19	3:00pm	Stevenage	FL2	3-2 A	3,102 (1,390)	82/1	Smith	Moloney Buchanan O'Toole 1	Diamond Prosser Byrom
Fri Mar 25 3:00pm	Newport County	FL2	1-0 H	5,630 (222)	85/1	Smith	Moloney Buchanan* O'Toole	Diamond Prosser Byrom	Martin Marquis 1
Mon Mar 28	3:00pm	Mansfield Town	FL2	2-2 A	4,367 (1,667)	86/1	Smith	Moloney Buchanan O'Toole	Diamond McDonald Rose
Sat Apr 2 3:00pm	Notts. County	FL2	2-2 H	6,428 (438)	87/1	Smith	Moloney Buchanan O'Toole	Diamond McDonald Rose	Adams Richards
Sat Apr 9 3:00pm	Bristol Rovers	FL2	2-2 H	7,579 (925)	88/1	Smith	Moloney Buchanan O'Toole	Diamond* McDonald Rose	Adams 1 Marquis
Sat Apr 16	3:00pm	Exeter City	FL2	0-0 A	5,077 (876)	89/1	Smith	Moloney Buchanan O'Toole	Diamond McDonald Rose
Tue Apr 19 7:45pm	Crawley Town	FL2	2-1 H	5,327 (50)	92/1	Smith	Lelan Buchanan O'Toole 1	Diamond McDonald Rose	Adams Marquis
Sat Apr 23	3:00pm	Yeovil Town	FL2	1-1 A	4,008 (754)	93/1	Smith	Lelan Buchanan O'Toole	Diamond McDonald Rose
Sat Apr 30 3:00pm	Luton Town	FL2	H	LIVE ON					Cobblers Player
Sat May 7	3:00pm	Portsmouth	FL2	A	LIVE ON				Cobblers Player

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	-/+	PTS
1 Northampton	44	14	5	3	36	19	13	7	2	42	26	33	93
2 Accrington Stanley	44	11	8	3	43	30	12	4	6	30	18	25	81
3 Oxford Utd	44	9	7	6	34	20	13	7	2	45	21	38	80
4 Bristol Rovers	44	14	2	6	39	20	10	5	7	32	24	27	79
5 Plymouth	44	11	3	8	34	26	12	5	5	31	18	21	77
6 Portsmouth	44	10	7	5	37	17	10	8	4	35	25	30	75
7 AFC Wimbledon	44	10	4	8	29	25	10	7	5	34	25	13	71
8 Cambridge Utd	44	10	5	7	35	26	8	7	7	29	27	11	66
9 Wycombe	44	9	6	7	25	23	8	7	7	20	17	5	64
10 Carlisle	44	10	6	6	38	33	6	10	6	24	27	2	64
11 Mansfield	44	7	9	6	34	26	10	3	9	27	26	9	63
12 Exeter	44	6	10	6	31	32	11	2	9	30	28	1	63
13 Luton	44	6	6	10	23	28	12	3	7	36	30	1	63
14 Leyton Orient	44	10	4	8	32	31	7	8	7	26	30	-3	63
15 Barnet	44	13	3	6	34	23	3	8	11	27	41	-3	59
16 Hartlepool	44	9	3	10	27	30	6	3	13	22	35	-16	51
17 Notts County	44	9	4	9	30	33	4	5	13	23	45	-25	48
18 Crawley Town	44	8	5	9	21	27	5	3	14	24	45	-27	47
19 Stevenage	44	6	7	9	23	32	5	6	11	29	35	-15	46
20 Yeovil	44	6	9	7	23	26	4	6	12	16	29	-16	45
21 Morecambe	44	7	2	13	35	46	5	6	11	32	43	-22	44
22 Newport County	44	4	8	10	21	34	6	5	11	22	28	-19	43
23 York	44	6	7	9	32	37	1	5	16	17	45	-33	33
24 Dag & Red	44	2	5	15	14	37	5	5	12	28	42	-37	31

PLAYER STATS 2015/16

PLAYER	2015/16		NTFC		CAREER	
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS
ADAM SMITH	48	0	48	0	63+0	0
BRENDAN MOLONEY	29	1	51	2	173+27	5
JASON TAYLOR	13+23	2	34+23	2	349+61	22
ZANDER DIAMOND	39+2	1	73+5	3	385+30	30
RYAN CRESSWELL	24+6	2	59+7	7	260+31	27
LAWSAN DATH	29+15	4	63+26	13	101+35	17
JOEL BYROM	38+2	2	78+5	5	149+32	16
MARC RICHARDS	32+6	18	103+37	49	430+116	173
NICKY ADAMS	37+6	3	37+6	3	331+93	41
RICKY HOLMES	20+9	11	41+9	16	170+48	35
JOSH LELAN	9+2	0	9+2	0	14+6	0
SAM HOSKINS	19+21	8	19+21	8	42+65	14
ALFIE POTTER	16+9	1	16+9	1	196+91	31
DAVID BUCHANAN	52	0	52	0	394+36	2
PAUL CORRY	1+3	0	1+3	0	19+8	2
ROD McDONALD	26+2	3	26+2	3	26+3	3
LEE MARTIN	13+8	0	9+1	0	203+69	15
JAMES COLLINS	39+8	14	16+3	7	222+61	86
JOHN-JOE O'TOOLE	37+3	12	65+15	14	225+72	48
LUKE PROSSER	19+3	2	5+1	0	207+24	9
DANNY ROSE	26+6	1	11+2	1	238+31	31
RYAN CLARKE	4	0	4	0	387+7	0
JOHN MARQUIS	22+18	6	23+4	7	98+58	29

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NORTHAMPTON TOWN

Manager: CHRIS WILDER

- 1 Adam Smith
- 2 Brendan Moloney
- 4 Jason Taylor
- 5 Zander Diamond
- 6 Ryan Cresswell
- 7 Lawson D'Ath
- 8 Joel Byrom
- 9 Marc Richards
- 10 Nicky Adams
- 11 Ricky Holmes
- 12 Josh Lelan
- 14 Sam Hoskins
- 15 Alfie Potter
- 16 David Buchanan
- 17 Paul Corry
- 18 Rod McDonald
- 19 James Collins
- 20 Lee Martin
- 21 John-Joe O'Toole
- 22 Luke Prosser
- 23 Danny Rose
- 26 Ryan Clarke
- 27 John Marquis
- 92 Derry Felton

LUTON TOWN

Manager: NATHAN JONES

- 2 Stephen O'Donnell
- 3 Dan Potts
- 4 Jonathan Smith
- 5 Glen Rea
- 6 Scott Cuthbert
- 7 Alex Lawless
- 8 Cameron McGeehan
- 9 Paul Benson
- 10 Ryan Hall
- 11 Danny Green
- 12 Scott Griffiths
- 14 Jack Marriott
- 15 Paddy McCourt
- 16 Elliot Justham
- 17 Polly Ruddock-Mpanzu
- 18 Magnus Okuonghae
- 19 Olly Lee
- 21 Jonathan Mitchell
- 22 Craig Mackail-Smith
- 23 Josh McQuoid
- 26 Nathan Doyle
- 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

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: Mr Darren Bond

Mr Bond is making his second visit of the season to Sixfields today, having been in charge for the 1-0 win over Mansfield Town in November. He was also here in February 2014 for the 2-0 win over Hartlepool United.

Yellow flag: Mr Stuart Eagland
Yellow & red flag: Mr Mark Howes
Fourth Official: Mr Nick Hobbs

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- Exeter v Morecambe
- Hartlepool v Portsmouth
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