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# From the BOARDROOM

WITH CHIEF EXECUTIVE **GARY SWEET**

GOOD AFTERNOON ONE AND ALL FOR THIS FINAL LEAGUE 2 ENCOUNTER OF THE 2015/16 SEASON. A WARM WELCOME TO THE GRECIANS, ESPECIALLY THOSE LOYAL FOLLOWERS WHO HAVE MADE THE 380-MILE ROUND TRIP. I HOPE YOU HAVE AN ENJOYABLE DAY.



It is customary, in the final league programme of the season, to take stock and acknowledge the season's trials and tribulations. Whilst some have suggested this season isn't necessarily one to 'write home about', I beg to differ. 2015/16 was a momentous season for football – and in future years could be recognised as a momentous season for Luton Town.

Firstly, reflecting on the football season in general, I couldn't possibly write this without congratulating Leicester City for their superlative achievement. Not only was their success wonderful for The Foxes and for the beautiful game, it also acts as a very inspirational example to clubs like our own. The sentence "If Leicester can do it then why can't we" will have been spoken by many a club manager, kit man, groundsman or supporter across the country and beyond. Maybe including us!

Their example will also send out a political message demonstrating how footballing success can benefit a town or city in terms of image, morale, culture, growth and economics.

Closer to home, whilst I'll be the first to admit that the first team's performance was under par and

well below our expectations, I'd also argue that the season was far from wasted.

We now have a core coaching staff of Nathan Jones, Paul Hart and Kevin Nugent. Who could fail to be excited by the prospect of this team leading our football aspirations? We have also found an exciting new young striker in Jack Marriott who fully deserved last week's award accolades – well done Jack (and well done Luton Town Supporters' Trust for superbly organised evening).

## AMAZING

Most enjoyably, this season witnessed a most amazing feat by our fantastic Under-18s; a League and League Cup double topped up by a quarter-final appearance in the FA Youth Cup. Their achievements made us all immensely proud –

not just the board and staff but supporters and the town too.

Then we come on to the most significant event of all this season. The developments at Power Court and Newlands Road. Since we launched our 3D models and further images of the schemes the feedback has been incredibly positive with negligible negativity (and what there is of that will be answered entirely when more information can be released).

I have previously stated that we intend to submit our outline planning application this summer. I can confirm that this is indeed the case. In fact, our planning application is on course to be delivered at the end of next month.

This will be preceded by a few weeks of public consultation which gives you an opportunity to discover everything about the schemes at



Our vision for Luton Town - but we need your support to help make it a reality!

Power Court and Newlands Park, to ask questions of us and our expert consultants, to suggest changes (and even an opportunity to object, should you wish to do so) and to identify how they will have an impact on the regeneration of your club and town. Importantly, this consultation period will also give you an opportunity to support our planned developments and be involved in our regeneration.

**We will exhibit morning, noon and night over eight days and three local venues starting in the Eric Morecambe Suite on 21st May – in a fortnight from today.**

Please come along, we'd like to see you. The 3D models will be on show alongside many more images of the stadium and the other elements of both schemes, which represent a giant leap forward in the regeneration of our town. We are particularly keen to meet people who may have concerns about the scheme to understand how we may be able to improve the developments even more.

For those further afield or unable to make one of the dates, tonight we will be launching a lot more information on our development website [2020developments.co.uk](http://2020developments.co.uk) where you'll be given the chance to register to receive more details as and when they are released. All of the information being exhibited at our public consultation roadshow will be made available online, and we'll be showing live images and social media feeds from the events.

As well as collaborating with a wide range of stakeholder groups in order to gain their feedback, we have also presented much of this information to Luton Town Supporters' Trust, Loyal Luton Supporters' Club and Luton Town Disabled Supporters' Association (along with a couple of other groups) – mostly dealing with the stadium design, the planning process and the viability of the build. Each group came to their meeting with a shopping list of features they'd like to see... and whilst some elements of the finer detail (such as the naming of

stands) are things we intend to manage once consent is granted, I don't believe there was a single issue that hadn't been thought of already – and everyone left with promise and a smile.

**So, with our application set for submission and soon to be in the public domain, the power to influence transfers to you to make your voices heard.**

We are closer now to building a new home for our Club than we have been for almost 60 years, when it was first envisaged that a relocation was needed to match the ambition and potential of the club and town. It has been an exhilarating, white knuckle rollercoaster ride which seems to have seen as many downs as ups and a way only us Mad Hatters can appreciate. There's no other club quite like ours!

Similarly, our wonderful town has been kicked in the teeth rather too many times for our liking and it's great to see that our Council





A shape of things to come - hopefully! Make sure you come along to our roadshow - if you've got a burning question come and ask us!



has the appetite and vision to create game-changing strategies – and not be afraid to make bold decisions to put our town back on the map. This positioning is already reaping rewards as we see progress unfolding in front of our eyes – from the announcement for a Mass Passenger Transit to the airport to Galliard successfully selling studio apartments in town like hot-cakes at prices 50 per cent above our forecasts two years ago.

### PROPHECY

Even my slightly tongue-in-cheek prophecy of Luton becoming the next Shoreditch at last year's MIPIM UK may not be too far from the truth... just in the last week Luton was judged to be the 6th trendiest town to live in the UK according to Trinity Mirror Data Unit and now known as the UK's start-up capital. To quote half of a well-known slogan, 'The Future's Bright...'

I'd like to sign off with some welcomes, goodbyes and thank yous.

As we warmly welcome Paul Hart into the happy camp as Nathan's assistant I'd like to thank Dave Richardson, who leaves us today as fitness coach, for his help over the last two-and-a-half-years. Dave's attitude and aptitude has always been refreshing. We also say goodbye and thank you to Ray Williams – our FD over the last season. Although Ray will continue to use his experience with Grosvenor to assist on property matters I'd like to thank Ray personally for his hard work over the last year.

### CREDIT

We also see a few players leave us too. It's always difficult to part company with young players but it was a particularly tough decision for us all to make in releasing Luke Trotman and Isaac Galliford. Two

lads who have always been a true credit to themselves, their families and Luton Town. Huge thanks also go to Ryan Hall and Mark Onyemah who depart today – but in particular to Paul Benson and Scott Griffiths, who have been loyal servants and vital components of our promotion success. Thank you all, and you go with our best wishes for the future.

It goes without saying that we look forward to welcoming you all back to Kenilworth Road or maybe even Power Court.

Finally, I need to thank you personally for your support on and off the pitch and my staff for their hard work (and for putting up with my mild occasional cantankerousness!).

Enjoy and savour the game today – you know we'll all be missing it by the end of the month!



# NATHAN JONES

## NOTES FROM THE MANAGER

GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME TO KENILWORTH ROAD FOR THE FINAL TIME THIS SEASON FOR THIS SKY BET LEAGUE 2 FIXTURE AGAINST EXETER CITY.

I would like to welcome everybody from our visitors; their players, staff, supporters, directors and especially manager Paul Tisdale.

Today is the last game in what has been a very interesting campaign for Luton Town. I know that many of you had certain expectations for this season and I know that these hopes have probably not been met. However, now it's time for us all to look forward to what I believe will be an exciting future for this Club.

Since my arrival in January there have been many foundations put in place to make us a stronger Club both on and off the pitch. On the pitch, throughout the summer, we will be working hard to strengthen the squad to ensure that this year's experience has not been a wasted one.

Off the field the Club is submitting plans that will springboard Luton Town to another level, and it's important that the footballing philosophy – in structure and performance – matches this high-class vision. I've seen the plans and I am looking forward to being part of the exhibition roadshow. The developments are a real game changer for Luton so make sure you get behind it.

In my time here so far I have been greatly encouraged with the

strides we have made on the pitch. It's been a short but productive time and I think, on the whole, there have been some heartening results and performances – especially away from Kenilworth Road.

### PRIDE

Today we host Exeter for this final game of the season. These last matches come in various shapes and sizes and, while no important promotion or relegation matters can be decided, we still have to make sure we go out onto the pitch with pride and to ensure a positive performance. Hopefully it can be an entertaining one, too – that's something we are determined to do this afternoon.

For me one of the pluses this season has been the number of our Academy products knocking on the door of the first team. Earlier this week we added goalkeeper Liam Gooch and midfielder Alex Atkinson into the fold on professional forms, and I'd like to congratulate them and wish them all the very best of luck. I hope to be able to blood a few of these young faces in some way this afternoon.

A completely brand new face into the building, however, is Paul Hart, who I am delighted to welcome to Luton Town as my assistant manager. Paul has a wealth of experience in the game which I got to see first-hand in my time as a development coach at Charlton.

### TRUST

I am very pleased to have him alongside me in the dugout, he is someone I trust and have learned from and I believe he will add something different but vital to the excellent staff we have here.

Finally, I'd like to thank everyone for the phenomenal welcome and constant support I have received since I set foot inside Kenilworth Road. I'm now looking forward to repaying your faith in me for many years to come.

Thank you for the support of the team home and away, enjoy your summer and see you back here at the start of next season.

Enjoy the game.

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# From the BOARDROOM

WITH CHAIRMAN **NICK OWEN**

GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME TO KENILWORTH ROAD FOR OUR FINAL MATCH OF THE 2015-2016 SEASON IN SKY BET LEAGUE 2 – AGAINST EXETER CITY WHO ARE JUST ONE POINT ABOVE US IN THE TABLE.

A warm welcome to all who've made the journey here from Devon; players, staff, directors and, of course, supporters.

A win for either side could make a significant difference to the final positions so there's no way in which it should be a meaningless end-of-season encounter. There's pride at stake too!

Our first game of the season, way back in August up at Accrington Stanley, seems an age away now because so much has happened since then. Our form has been variable, to put it kindly, and, bearing in mind we had stated that we wanted to finish in the Play-Off positions at worst, our disappointing showing by mid-December led to the departure of John Still.

It's interesting to reflect that only three people who lined up at Accrington on that summer's day actually started at Northampton last Saturday. That can only indicate an unsettling season of unfulfilled ambition, a campaign of transition and transformation.

Northampton last weekend was a sickener for all of us at the ground

when Danny Green went down with a broken leg. It goes without saying that we wish him all the best on his road to recovery. It's horrible to witness something like that and I have no doubt it had an effect on his team mates.

Certainly, Northampton looked every inch the champions they are. They were robust, quick, positive, confident and convincing in everything they did and, as Nathan has observed, gave us a gauge to judge how much we need to do to challenge at the top next season. It was extremely sobering. Nathan is nothing if not decisive when it comes to planning for the future and he is unwaveringly clear about what he wants for next season. He absolutely knows what is required and he doesn't do mediocre.

I think we have seen enough on the pitch since he joined to know we can display some electrifying football. It's the consistency that we need and the ability to make Kenilworth Road a fortress again.

My highlights of the season are largely focused around away matches. That terrific run in September into October when we won five out of six, including two wins in a week at far away Morecambe and Hartlepool. But it petered out.



Then, more recently, those stunning away wins in the space of four days against two sides above us in the table, Oxford and Carlisle. In fact, our away form under Nathan has been outrageously good. Think of Wycombe, Plymouth, Leyton Orient, York and Mansfield where we witnessed the welcome re-birth of the enigmatic Pelly!

So why have results been so poor at home? After all, home matches over the years (and I am now finishing my 58th season as a supporter) have often been spectacularly exciting, with plenty of goals amid a thumping, vibrant atmosphere, and ultimately a Luton victory.

Is the size of the crowd (very good by lower league standards) intimidating? Do the players sense the fans' anxiety when we fail to take the lead early on and the other side starts to get into the game? Are players weighed down by the feeling of expectation at a club that's used to life in the top two divisions?



The Town clear their lines against Newport in our last home game here

Is it the way the opposition lines up against us and frustrates us before seizing on a chink in the defence and nicking an infuriating one-nil? Hopefully, time will tell, but it is baffling.

There've been some outstanding performances this season and I would like to congratulate the lads who won awards last weekend, particularly Jack Marriott who almost swept the board! Well done, Jack. His goalscoring displays, so full of energy and determination, have been a real highlight for me.

Also some of the exhilarating performances from our Under-18s who were honoured en bloc at the awards night. Congratulations to them and let's hope their talents and successes are the shape of things to come. It's really exciting to see more and more of them come on board as full-time professionals and start to appear in and around the first team.

I'd like to welcome Paul Hart to Kenilworth Road. I have known him for some time as we've actually played some dodgy cricket together for the renowned Bunburys charity! He comes with a wealth of footballing experience, of course, as a player, coach and manager and we are all thrilled to have him here. His reputation for bringing youngsters through is outstanding.

Paul's joining at an exciting time. So much is happening off the field, as you know, and as you have heard from Gary, with the thrilling prospect of our re-location at the

hub of a major revamp of Luton town centre, and Paul and Nathan can work together in the summer break to shape our future on the pitch.

I have to mention Leicester City. What a sensational story it is! The headlines both here and round the world show how much people love a tale of success-against-the-odds and it's also a shining example of how a winning and popular football club can do wonders for a community's image and profile. National and international interest in the city of Leicester must have been ramped up a thousandfold and it's likely to boost tourism no end. It's really put the place on the map. With a following wind, I am sure we can do the same for the town of Luton!

So the season draws to a close. I hope you have an excellent summer and thank you as ever for the marvellous support the players have received over the last eight months or so. It is always appreciated and never taken for granted. We have already sold more than 4,000 season tickets for 2016/17 which is enormously encouraging. Many thanks.

Make the most of the final game and let's head for the hills with a warm glow inside plus plenty of hope for things to come.

Bye for now.



- Littlewoods Challenge Cup:**  
Winners 1988, Runners-up 1989
- FA Cup:**  
Runners-up 1959  
Semi-finalists 1969, 1985, 1988, 1994
- Johnstone's Paint Trophy:**  
Winners 2009
- Simod Cup:**  
Runners-up 1988
- Football League Division Two:**  
Champions 1981/82  
Runners-up 1954/55, 1973/74
- Football League Division Three (South):**  
Winners 1938/37  
Runners-up 1935/36
- Football League Division Three:**  
Runners-up 1969/70
- League One:**  
Champions 2004/05
- Football League Division Four:**  
Champions 1967/68
- Football League Division Three:**  
Runners-up 2001/02
- Skrill Premier Champions:**  
2013/14
- Blue Square Premier:**  
Runners-up 2009/10
- Southern League Division One:**  
Runners-up 1894/95, 1895/96
- Southern League Division Two:**  
Runners-up 1913/14
- United League:**  
Champions 1897/98  
Runners-up 1896/97, 1900/01
- Southern Alliance:**  
Runners-up 1913/14

# BOARDROOM EXTRA

WITH FINANCE DIRECTOR **RAY WILLIAMS**

GOOD AFTERNOON AND A WARM WELCOME TO OUR LAST GAME OF THE SEASON AT HOME TO EXETER.

The season has again just flown by and for this lifelong fan it has been an interesting one to say the least.

It has been a privilege to have been involved in the football administration of our great Club and I will always be grateful to the Board for giving me the opportunity. However they say life is too short and for me I imagine I will be no exception and therefore with much sadness I have decided to stand down from the role of finance director. I will not however be changing a habit of a lifetime. I will continue to support the lads both home and away, the only challenge being to coordinate and fit my wife Tina and I travel retirement plans within the Hatters fixtures timetable. The Board have invited me to help out where I can on the stadium and property development plans. Having spent the majority of my career in finance working within the property sector I am delighted and proud to remain involved in this exciting initiative.

It is often said that the league table over a whole season does not lie and therefore we must feel disappointed overall with the last season. However I don't wish to dwell on the negative, the future is bright, and I am delighted to say that positive sentiment is held by the majority of you judging by the magnificent take up of next year's season tickets.

On the field the dichotomy of results when contrasting home and away performances is somewhat bizarre. That is I guess down to how both our team and our opponents line up for these matches (depending on who has home advantage) but suffice to say on the back of some magnificent away performances, if we can get the Kenny back to being the fortress it once was, we can only but go in an upward direction. In Nathan we have the manager with the desire and passion to take our Club forward.

Another on field highlight of the season for me has been the youth team performances. Some of the best football I have seen this season has been watching these lads play their fluent pass and move football and this has now resulted in a number of the lads signing professional contracts with the Club. The Board should be congratulated that in those dark days of the Conference it continued to invest in its Academy and this vision is now being rewarded. We fans all want to see home grown players in the first team and the academy gives me real optimism for the future.

Off the field this is an incredibly exciting time within the planning process of the new stadium. Both Power Court and Newlands Park



(M1 Junction 10) are being worked on tirelessly and diligently by Gary Sweet and an excellent team of dedicated property professionals. The two schemes will have huge positive impact for both the Club and the Town. Big projects of this nature are complex but we have reason to be optimistic of watching our team perform in the new stadium by 2020. I mentioned earlier that I will be helping out Gary and the project team where I can and of course you can help by supporting both schemes at the forthcoming public consultations.

Lastly but certainly no means least, having had the opportunity during the past 12 months to work closely with the Board and in the management team I am left in no doubt that everybody is working hard to see the Club progress in tandem both on and off the field. Football success is often viewed in the short term but here at Luton Town Football Club investment is being made today to secure the Club's long term future.

I hope you have an enjoyable summer. The July friendlies and August fixtures will be with us again in no time. I look forward to seeing you at the Kenny again next season and of course at some distant away grounds. COYH. **Ray**

# GREAT SCOTT

THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Welcome back to you all for the final game of the season. I am sure you are like me in thinking where did the time go?

It doesn't seem all that long ago that we were reporting for pre-season training in July and then kicking-off the campaign at Accrington a month later. The time certainly has passed quickly and frustratingly for us, some 50-plus games later in all competitions we are well short of the places where we wanted to be back last summer.

There have been a few high spots to the season but overall it has been largely disappointing. Our form here at Kenilworth Road has been a major disappointment.

To have only won six matches at home and to have scored just 23 is not good enough and it goes without saying that we must improve on this next season. In front of you, our home support, we should be doing much, much better. That's an aim for next season sorted already.

Away from home it has been the reverse. They say football is a funny old game. Wins at Plymouth, Orient and Oxford to name three were absolutely fantastic. Our performances on the road have been one of the high points of the season and it's so very frustrating that we have not been able to replicate that on home soil. It remains a mystery why but here's to continuing in the same vein next season.

Since my last notes we have picked up just the one point from our last two matches. Against Newport it looked as though Jack's goal would be enough to win us the points and keep

the momentum going after two superb away results. However it wasn't to be and we allowed Newport a route back into the game with a late goal to nab a point.

## BRIGHTER

Last weekend we were privy to Northampton's championship celebrations. They gave us a reminder of what we need to be if we're to be successful next season. They are deserved champions and from our point of view it was disappointing to be chasing the game so early in the match. I thought we were much brighter in the second half but, by that time, Northampton were already well in control. As the gaffer eluded to afterwards, that was a gauge of where we need to be next season.

Turning attention to today we welcome Exeter. They have been in decent form of late but have left it too late for the Play-Offs. They play a very attractive style of football but the result down there in December thanks to Benno's 100th-minute winner won't be forgotten easily! All we are hoping for today is that we can end the season on a high, especially here at home where our form hasn't clearly been good enough.

Last Sunday saw the supporters' awards night and congratulations to Jack, Pelly and Cam for their awards, especially Jack who picked up just the five! It included the supporters' and our own players' player and it they are well-deserved. Well done mate.

So that's that. On behalf of all the lads a massive thank you to you all who have supported us home and away with such passion and loyalty. It's something we really, really appreciate.

Finally a word on the future stadium announcements. As a group of players we are really excited about them. It shows the level of ambition this club has so it is therefore even more important that next season we are a success on the pitch.

Have a great summer.



# WELCOME PAUL!

Earlier this week we were delighted to announce the arrival of Paul Hart as assistant manager.

The 63-year-old has enjoyed a long and fruitful career in the game as a player, coach, manager and scout and teams up with Nathan Jones having worked together during their time at Charlton.

Hart watched on from the stands at Northampton on Saturday and joins the Hatters having left the position of academy director and Under-21s Manager at Leeds United.

He will bring 45 years of football experience with him to Kenilworth Road. He made over 600 appearances as a player and

has spent the last 28 years of his career in a variety of management positions. These include spells with Chesterfield, Nottingham Forest, Barnsley, Rushden & Diamonds, Crystal Palace, QPR, Portsmouth, Swindon Town and Notts County.

"It feels great to be here," Hart told our official YouTube channel. "I've been looking forward to this and I feel very lucky. I've had 45 years in football and to come to a prestigious club like Luton, especially in this position as assistant manager is great, I'm very lucky."

"I knew Nathan from our time at Charlton, and I know Mick Harford. I spoke to Gary Sweet about the organisation above the Football, and I was very impressed. It feels great to come to a place that has a pathway to future success."



"My priority over the summer will be to make sure that our pre-season is bang-on and we get exactly what we can from that and that we're flying when we come back."

The size of the support at Luton is incredible and we're looking to give the supporters quality, winning football."

## WALKING FOR LAMP!

Many congratulations to Town supporter Brian Anley who successfully walked 37 miles from his home to Northampton last weekend - dressed as the Mad Hatter from Alice in Wonderland.



Brian has so far raised an impressive £776 for supporters' charity LAMP, which will be added to already superb £622.47 that was raised through a bucket collection for the same charity at our game with Newport.

LAMP are also due to benefit from at least another £2,800 in the

coming weeks with three members of Hatters behind-the-scenes staff undertaking a sponsored skydive.

Siobhan Kos, Ranga Nasho and Sian Murray will throw themselves out of a plane all in the name of charity. They've already exceeded their £2,500 target so why not tip them over the £3,000 mark for Lamp? Full details can be found on our website. Good luck guys!

## FIXTURE RELEASE DAY

Our season may be coming to a close this afternoon but fear not you only have to wait until Wednesday 22nd June to find out all of the fixtures for next season.

The Football League will release the who, what, where and when the Town will be playing in 2016/17 next month - and the first place to find out the information is of course on our own official website.

Meanwhile a match you can add to your diaries is the pre-season friendly at Boreham Wood in July. The Town will travel to Meadow Paek on Tuesday 11th July, kick-off 7.45pm.

## REST IN PEACE RUSSELL

We are saddened to learn of the death of fellow Hatter, Russell Dilley at the young age of 53.



Russell, who lived in Shefford and was a veteran of the Falklands War, originally attended matches with his dad Peter and older brother Mark but in more recent times with his daughter Danielle and son Darryl all of who are still season ticket holders and sit in the Kenilworth Road stand.

We would like to wish everyone that knew Russell our sincerest condolences. Another Hatter lost too soon.

## COMMUNITY TRUST & CHUMS RECEIVE CHEQUES

At our home game with Dagenham we were delighted to welcome Grange Academy to Kenilworth Road following their FA People's under-16 pan-disability Cup triumph.



The boys are all coached by the Hatters community coaches as part of the Club's School Sport Programme and also recently received their Luton Town kit from Craig Mackail-Smith and Jack Marriott.

As part of the £2,000 which the Club received for taking part in the first round proper of the FA Cup, we were only too happy to hand over a cheque for £1,500 to the Community Trust which will go towards funding our disability programme.



The remaining £500 was donated to our official Charity of the Year, CHUMS, and the cheque presentation was also made at the Dagenham game with Jeff Hewitt and Alex Marvin on hand to pick it up from Town operations manager Kevan Platt.

## DUO TURN PRO AND FINALLY

Two members of the successful Town youth team this year, Liam Gooch and Alex Atkinson, have signed professional contracts with the Hatters ahead of next season.

Goalkeeper Gooch and midfielder Atkinson have both been regulars for Paul Driver's Under-18s this term and have also have plenty of development squad football.

The pair join Frankie Musonda and James Justin as graduates from the squad which won the league and league cup double this season. Congratulations to you both.



Liam Gooch



Alex Atkinson

A big thank you to everyone who has contributed and read our matchday programme this season.

Remember if you want to get involved you just have to ask! The editor would like to place on record his whole-hearted thanks to club historian Roger Wash, designer Heather Ellis and Raj Koyes at Barham Group for their help and support over the course of the season.



**Jack Marriott was the big winner at the Luton Town Supporters' Trust presentation evening last Sunday.**

The striker, who has hit 14 goals in his debut season at Kenilworth Road after arriving from Ipswich in the summer, took the top honour of the Player of the Year at Venue 360.

Marriott also scooped the players' player of the year, the internet player of the year and the Bobbers Club away player of the season.



And the 21-year-old shared the young player of the year with 13-goal midfielder Cameron McGeehan. McGeehan meanwhile won the young supporters' player of the season.

Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu won the Ian Pearce Memorial Trophy having won the most man-of-the-match awards at home games and Luke Guttridge's fine strike in September was voted goal of the season.

Finally the biggest cheer of the night was reserved for the Trust's Les Miller, who was presented with the lifetime achievement award for his services to the Club, the Trust and the Bobbers Travel Club. Well done Les! Congratulations to all the winners!



# COMMERCIAL TALK...

WITH COMMERCIAL MANAGER **DAVID HOSKINS**

## MATCH SPONSOR

**ELISHA HOCKHAM**



Elisha is an 11-year-old girl who is a massive fan of Luton Town Football Club. Elisha suffers with Spinal Dysraphism which is a form of spina bifida (split spinal cord) and severe scoliosis (curvature of the spine).

Elisha has spent a lot of time in hospital having to undergo many surgeries, she has all her treatment done at Addenbrookes in Cambridge. Elisha now has metal spinal growth rods in her spine to maintain her scoliosis and she now has to undergo surgery every six months for the rods to be lengthened to allow her

to grow. Despite having to go through so much Elisha is always a happy little girl who is always smiling and doesn't let her disability get in the way of her enjoying life and achieving her goals.

She has had a love for Luton Town from a very young age after latching on to her dad's fondness for the club. Unfortunately she doesn't get to many games but, with technology today wherever she is, she always finds a way to keep up with the scores and results and will watch any highlights available. Elisha's favourite player is Jack Marriott, followed closely by Cameron McGeehan.

## MATCHBALL SPONSOR

**ANDY & DARREN**



Our match sponsors today are father and son, Andy and Darren Pullen. Both life-long Town

fans, the pair have already seen their fair share of highs and lows together. Today they are experiencing the thrill of being match ball sponsors thanks to their daughter and sister, Vanessa. Darren hopes to meet his favourite player today who is player of the year Jack Marriott.



## TODAY'S MASCOTS



We have the pleasure of welcoming not one, not two but 10 mascots to Kenilworth Road for this final game of the season!

Travis Johnson. Age 5. Favourite player Craig Mackail-Smith.  
 Finn Johnson. Age 8. Favourite player Jack Marriott.  
 Kieran Fenney. Age 11. Favourite players Jack Marriott and Pelly Ruddock  
 Logan Barton-Smith. Age 9. Favourite player Jack Marriott.  
 Teegan Barton-Smith. Age 13 tomorrow! Favourite player Cameron McGeehan  
 Miliam Barton-Smith. Age 2 and three-quarters!  
 Matthew Randall. Age 6 – it's his first game today!  
 Cohen Randall. Age 6. Also his first Luton match!  
 Kyle Randall. Age 13. Favourite player Jack Marriott.  
 Sophie Sargeant. Age 12. Favourite player Jack Marriott.

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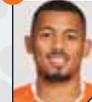


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# Welcome to Kenilworth Road

# EXETER CITY



It gives us great pleasure to welcome everyone associated with Exeter City to Bedfordshire this evening for their final away trip of the season.

Indeed it's the final game of a long season for both sides, with unfortunately nothing to play for in terms of pushing for the Play-Off places for either side.

Exeter come to Kenilworth Road still seeking eighth place in the League 2 table, and while they'd need a barrage of results to go their way, a repeat of last season's 10th spot would reflect a good season for Paul Tisdale and his side.

It was a mixed start for Tisdale and co. this year, losing two of their opening five clashes, but a 4-0 thumping over Leyton Orient and victory over Hartlepool kept them in touch with the leading pack.

But sixth was the best they would end up in the campaign, slipping up to Accrington and Wycombe to slide back down to mid-table – a position they occupied for the majority of the season.

The Grecians lost just two of their subsequent 11 games, but any chance of a revival was truly over after a devastating Christmas period, losing four games in a row, including three at home.

The first of those was arguably the most exciting game of the season when the Hatters went to Town and

stole all three points in a last-gasp 100th minute, courtesy of Paul Benson.

While the New Year may not have had the required league optimism, there was certainly much to anticipate in the cup competitions for Exeter.

Having succumbed 6-3 to Sunderland in the Capital One Cup back in August, Tisdale's (arguably) best-dressed man in football attire was to reach the TV screens as Liverpool came to Town for FA Cup duty.

And the Grecians made sure it was a long trip back north for the Merseysiders, drawing 2-2 at St James Park before Liverpool eventually cruised the replay 3-0.

Lee Holmes was among the scorers in the first leg, one of three men to come from higher league football in the summer, while free agent and experienced forward Clinton Morrison also joined, while Reading man Jake Taylor arrived in January.

Holmes was announced as Exeter player of the season this year, with top-scorer Tom Nichols also netting against the Anfield club. Unfortunately for Grecians fans, Nichols was to go on to depart St James Park on Deadline Day, making the step up to League 1 Peterborough.

But without their star striker, Exeter kept ploughing forward, going unbeaten for 10 matches across

## TEAM PROFILE

### EXETER CITY

Nickname: The Grecians  
 Ground: St James Park  
 Last season: 10th, League Two  
 Manager: Paul Tisdale  
 Last league fixture:  
 Exeter 1-1 Morecambe

February and March to hit as high as ninth. But, similarly to the Hatters, home form let down Tisdale – who's been in charge more than nine years now, bettered in English football only by Arsene Wenger – and his side, who have won just six at home compared to 11 on their travels ahead of their trip to Kenilworth Road this afternoon.

Despite their good run, Exeter are winless in their last four, but will be looking to end their season on a high when they make the trip to Bedfordshire and a win today would break a club record for away wins in a season.

## LAST MEETING

Exeter 2-3 Hatters  
 (19/12/2015)

## HATTERS v EXILES

Luton wins: 24  
 Draws: 11  
 Exeter wins: 13

# Meet the VISITORS



OUR GUIDE TO THE MEN FROM ST JAMES PARK

## THE BOSS

PAUL TISDALE



The longest serving manager in the Football League, Tisdale has been at the helm since 2006, leading the side to eighth in League 1 in 2011, a joint best finish for them.

## BETWEEN THE STICKS

BOBBY OLEJNIK

Vienna-born Olejnik has played a staggering 53 games for Exeter this season, including every League 2 clash. The stopper signed from Peterborough last summer following spells with Scunthorpe and York.

## IN DEFENCE

CRAIG WOODMAN

Despite having far more than 500 appearances, Woodman only has seven goals to his name in professional career. Starting at Bristol City, this is the full-back's fourth season at St James Park having signed from Brentford in 2012.

JORDAN MOORE-TAYLOR

Exeter marks the first club for Moore-Taylor having been born in the city. The defender, signed from Stoke Hill AFC, developed through the youth setup to become a Grecian regular since signing on permanent forms.

TROY BROWN

Welshman Troy Brown has been on the eye of the national side at youth level, but at 25 years of age, international experience may be beyond the former Cheltenham man, who joined last summer.

CHRISTIAN RIBEIRO

After numerous loan spells around the country, Ribeiro has found a permanent loan in the south, signing from Scunthorpe in August 2014.

DANNY BUTTERFIELD

An ex-Premier League star with Crystal Palace, 36-year-old Butterfield boasts a plethora of experience for the Grecians, occupying a player-coach role at the club.

## IN THE MIDDLE

DAVID NOBLE

Former Arsenal trainee Noble is on his second permanent spell at St James' having played between 2010 and 2012. Noble rejoined on loan in September 2014, earning a new contract the subsequent January.

JAKE TAYLOR

Taylor is a new addition to Tisdale's arriving just a few months ago in January. He previously played in Scotland this season, for Premiership outfit Motherwell, where he was on loan from Reading.

JOEL GRANT

Grant had a different summer to most in League 2, plying his trade for Jamaica for whom he has 13 caps to date. Domestically, Grant signed on a free from Yeovil last August.

ARRON DAVIES

Davies, a former trainee with fellow Grecian Matt Oakley, Davies boasts one Welsh cap after impressing for Yeovil, scoring 27 times in just more than 100 games for the Glovers.

MATT OAKLEY

A Southampton legend, who played more than 300 times in 13 South coast years, Oakley joined Tisdale in 2011 on loan, permanently a year later, but he has yet to register a goal for his side.

## UP FRONT

OLLIE WATKINS



Former Weston-Super-Mare loanee Watkins had a slow start to the season, scoring in just one of his first nine, but

a strong spring saw him net eight in ten, including two in the crucial derby victory over Plymouth.

JAYDEN STOCKLEY

No stranger to Luton fans after 11 Bedfordshire appearances, Exeter marks the eighth loan club for the 22-year-old Stockley, whose played two league games for parent club Boumemouth – when they were in League 2!

CLINTON MORRISON

Football League legend Clinton Morrison is on a non-contract deal at Exeter, with the 36-year-old worth close to £5m during his prime with Birmingham City and Crystal Palace.

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# DEFINING MOMENTS

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

## 1964 FIRST PROMOTION SUCCESS

Alan Banks was leading marksman with 18 goals as Exeter City won promotion for the first time in 1963/64. Jack Edwards' team kicked off with a 2-1 victory at Bradford City but won just three of their next 13 matches. They hammered Tranmere 5-0 shortly before Alan Banks was signed from Cambridge City in October. The Grecians soared up the table with a 10-match unbeaten run and maintained their challenge with just one defeat in their last 15 games, including a 6-1 win over Chesterfield. They clinched fourth place with a 0-0 draw with fellow promotion winners Workington at Borough Park on 25th April 1964.

## 1977 PROMOTION WINNERS

City clinched promotion with a 3-0 Fourth Division victory over Doncaster Rovers at Belle Vue on 7th May 1977. Alan Beer gave Bobby Saxton's side the lead after 14 minutes and had an effort disallowed seven minutes later. Exeter were well on top and Dennis Peacock saved well from Graham Weeks and Beer before Tony Kellow doubled their advantage on 34 minutes with a shot into the bottom corner. Beer made it three a minute later and promotion to the Third Division after an 11-year absence was confirmed with defeats for rivals Swansea City and Colchester United. The Grecians finished Fourth Division runners-up.

## 1990 RECORD BREAKING CHAMPIONS

Exeter stormed to the Fourth Division title with a club record 89 points in 1989/90. Terry Cooper's side won their opening two matches and beat Swansea City 4-1, Blackburn Rovers 4-2 and Blackpool 3-0 in the League Cup before taking Sunderland to a fourth

round replay. They went top of the Fourth Division with five straight wins and took Norwich City to an FA Cup third round replay. The Grecians regained pole position with a 3-1 victory over York City in early March and remained top for the rest of the season despite losing leading marksman Darran Rowbotham with injury. They won the title by a ten-point margin.

## 2008 FOOTBALL LEAGUE RETURN

Paul Tisdale plotted City's 2007/08 Conference Play-Off final triumph. The Grecians raced to the top with three wins in their first four games. They won just one of their next nine, including six draws, but then lost only two of their following 21 games. Richard Logan was leading scorer as they finished fourth. Exeter netted four second-half goals in a stunning fight-back to defeat Torquay United 5-3 on aggregate in the Play-Off semi-finals. Rob Edwards' first-half goal beat Cambridge United 1-0 in the Play-Off final at Wembley Stadium on 18th May 2008 as Exeter regained Football League status after five years' absence.

## 2009 PROMOTION WINNERS

Exeter clinched promotion for the second consecutive season as Richard Logan's goal gave them a 1-0 League 2 win at Rotherham United on 2nd May 2009. They began life back in the Football League with a 1-1 draw at Darlington and secured their first victory, 1-0 at AFC Bournemouth, rising to third place by the end of October with five wins in a seven match unbeaten run. Paul Tisdale's side bounced back from a 6-1 defeat by Chesterfield and remained in the promotion race. They finished League Two runners-up after losing just two of their last 19 matches. Paul Jones was ever-present and Adam Stansfield leading scorer.



# COVER STORY

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

## LUTON TOWN 3 EXETER CITY 0

12th March 2002

With the Town finding themselves back in the football basement in 2001 for the first time in 33 years, it could be understood if everyone around Kenilworth Road would be allowed to feel a little sorry for themselves.

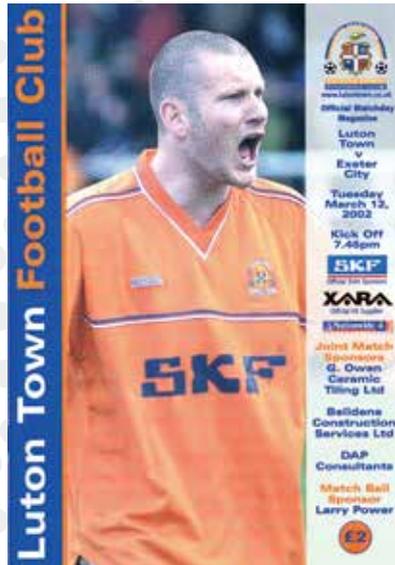
There was no chance of this though, as manager Joe Kinnear and his number two Mick Harford wheeled and dealt over the summer with players coming and going at alarming speed, leading to five new players making their debuts in the opening day win at Carlisle and two more the following week when Cheltenham were overturned at Kenilworth Road.

Despite these two victories the Hatters did not go steaming away at the top of the table and after a string of draws plus a defeat at Bristol Rovers it was only the introduction of Jean-Louis Valois in late September that ignited the season.

The mercurial Frenchman put "bums on seats" in the words of Kinnear and on his day was unplayable with his ball control, close skills, vision and a terrific eye for goal, especially from long range.

Despite all this the Hatters were still on a rollercoaster ride with some outstanding victories interspersed with unexplained and totally unforeseen defeats. As such, they were always playing catch up with leaders Plymouth who had become remarkably consistent.

The Town enjoyed an eight game unbeaten run over Christmas and into the New Year to prove their doubters



wrong, before another one of those unforced defeats, this time at Darlington, took the wind out of everybody's sails once more.

The defeat came at the worst possible time as next up were Plymouth at Kenilworth Road in an eagerly awaited top versus second clash which everyone thought would be a solid pointer for the rest of the season and a potential title decider.

As it turned out the Hatters were worthy winners against Plymouth in a bone-jarring thriller but they then spoilt all the good work with a defeat at Rochdale and a home reversal against Scunthorpe.

The supporters could now see the season unravelling, but the players were urged to make a big push in the final third of the campaign and they responded in style



Matthew Taylor's looping header makes the game safe at 3-0. A certain Paul Buckle admires the effort...

starting with a home game against Bristol Rovers on a cold, wet February night.

The Pirates were swept aside 3-0 with no-one realising that this was the start of a remarkable run of victories which took in York at home, Lincoln and Torquay away and Leyton Orient at Kenilworth Road before fellow promotion chasers Rushden and Diamonds were beaten 2-1 at a windy Nene Park.

In the days leading up to the clash with mid-table Exeter, the talk around Kenilworth Road was of Premier League clubs sniffing around, with most casting envious eyes on attacking left full-back Matthew Taylor. The 20-year-old had been at Luton for six years and his partnership down the left with

Valois was one of the main reasons why the Town were flying high.

A crowd of 6,327 turned up at Kenilworth Road to see if the Hatters could extend their run to seven straight wins but it was Exeter who were first to show when Christian Roberts sent in a volley which Luton goalkeeper Carl Emberson saved comfortably.

Hatters top scorer Steve Howard then blazed over on the turn at the other end before Adrian Forbes headed narrowly wide from a Kevin Nicholls free-kick.

The goal the expectant crowd demanded eventually came on 27 minutes when Howard netted his 15th of the season from another pin-point Nicholls free-kick.

At the interval Valois was brought off leaving Taylor to move into left

mid-field where his energy, speed and crossing ability would hopefully provoke more urgency in the Luton forward line.

The change worked as it became one-way traffic in the second period with Matthew Spring hitting a post and Forbes denied by Grecians goalkeeper Arjan Van Heusden before Howard doubled the Hatters lead after 65 minutes when he stabbed the ball home following a corner from Nicholls.

The Town made it three with 10 minutes to go when the overlapping Taylor looped a header from a floated free-kick from Nicholls over the head of Van Heusden. Howard was then desperately unlucky not to register his first hat-trick for the Hatters when his 20 yard strike narrowly cleared the crossbar.

# THE PROGRAMME



The Town produced a 56-page programme for the visit of Exeter priced at £2.

It was reported that 19-year-old reserve striker Daryl Murphy had been loaned to Harrow Borough to give him a chance of regular football. Murphy is still banging in goals for Ipswich 14 years later!

New Stevenage manager Wayne Turner had taken the Town's Jude Stirling on a free transfer. Stirling would be joining up with ex-Hatters Jamie Campbell and Scott Houghton who had also recently moved to Broadhall Way.

Manager Joe Kinnear was praising the playing efforts of Matt Taylor who looked likely to be leaving the club at the end of the season having turned down a contract renewal. Taylor was to move to Harry Redknapp's Portsmouth before enjoying a good career at the top level.

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## THIS SEASON...

After a 10th place finish in League 2 last season after what was a decent season, what were expectations for this campaign back in August?

Minimum expectation was reaching the Play-Offs. We had a horrendous start last season so this was a realistic expectation given the better pre-season

This season has been pretty similar with another above mid-table finish on the cards. How has your campaign been, are you happy with it - what could have the side done differently to reach the Play-Offs?

Not much really. There have been too many draws, especially at home. Our away record is excellent. If we win today that's our most ever away wins in a season. To me we lack a bit of tempo at times and enable teams to sit in and maintain their shape too easily.

You took Liverpool to a replay in the FA Cup and almost knocked them out. What were your favourite memories of that tie and was there that little part of you that was disappointed you didn't beat them?

The mayhem of going a goal up - twice! Conceding a fairly scrappy equaliser was disappointing but gave us a day out on Merseyside. The most disappointing was the performance in the replay. We never really got going and Liverpool were comfortable winners.



Paul Tisdale. He's got the best fashion sense of any manager, hasn't he? But what's he like? He's been with you for ages - do you love him, and if so why? Are you surprised he hasn't been looked at for so-called 'bigger jobs'?

He has, reputedly, turned down Swansea and Southampton before. He appears a bit aloof as he has a very pragmatic approach. Rarely will you see him too animated on the touchline. But speak to him and he's articulate, intelligent and passionate about what he wants to achieve. As he says, if you think the aim of getting Exeter into the Championship is not ambitious then you should look at our average league position in our history. But I wouldn't say I love him - I think he's a really decent manager but has to deliver something next season.



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Lee Holmes, Jim's 'Player of the Season'



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

Don't think we've really had any one stand out performer. Tom Nichols was in double figures before going to Peterborough in January. Bobby Olejnik has been our best, most consistent keeper in a few years. Jordan Moore-Taylor and Ollie Watkins have both made great progress. Noble has been classy but not played the minutes we probably needed and Jayden Stockley has given the attack a different potency in the last half of the season. Maybe that's why we've ended mid-table as we haven't had that one player that's made a significant difference.

**SEASONS PAST...**

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

I don't remember my first Exeter game but it was in 1979/80. Was taken to it by Harold Thresher, dad of my best mate at Primary School in Axminster. I still bump into him a few times a season. My first live game was Bristol City versus Leeds in the First Division which was a school trip around the end of 1978/79 season.

What is it like supporting Exeter? Like Luton you faced time out of the Football League before coming back - what was that like?

Supporting Exeter seems perfectly rational and normal. I live in London now so every game is an away game. The days out are much more than about the football. You need a certain gallows humour to get up at 6am to go to Hartlepool in late January, or to Bury anytime (our record there is appalling). In the Conference we got back to winning games! We were a basket case when we got relegated. Despite being there for five years it gave us some of our most memorable games - the two second leg Play-Off semi-finals, drawing with Manchester United at Old Trafford and two trips to Wembley.

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

You want just one? I think it has to be Rio. Our pre-season trip in July 2014 to celebrate the centenary of Exeter being the first opponents of a full Brazil national side was surreal, extraordinary and utterly superb.

**LUTON AND EXETER**

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

Last Easter where we came from 2-0 down and at Kenilworth Road in 2008/09 where Adam Stansfield scored a towering

header right in front of the away end stick in the mind. Funnily enough I can't remember anytime Luton won... ;-)

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

Do we have to sit down? It should be a good atmosphere, under cover and close to the pitch. I expect nothing but a City win. History tells me I should usually be disappointed but we've got a chance to make a bit of club history so we should be up for it. Let's go for a goal fest - 4-3 to Exeter!

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Favourite all-time manager?

Terry Cooper

Guess your player of the season.

Lee Holmes ;)

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

Danny Bailey

Most treasured piece of County memorabilia?

No 13 Squad shirt from 2006/07

What league will you be in next season?

League 2

Who will win promotion from League 2 NEXT season?

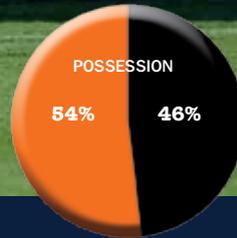
Exeter, one of Portsmouth, Bristol Rovers if they don't go up this season, Colchester and Ply\*\*\*h (well, they're not going up this season)

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Jack Marriott heads home his 14th goal of the season



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## WHAT'S THE STORY?

Jack Marriott's 14th goal of the season was not enough to give the Hatters three points after a frustrating home performance against Newport County.

Marriott came off the bench to win with less than 10 minutes remaining, nodding home Olly Lee's cross after a quiet first half at Kenilworth Road.

But just as the Town thought they had nicked three points, substitute Souleymane Coulibaly headed beyond Elliot Justham to keep Newport in the Football League, ending the Hatters' slim Play-Off hopes.



## JONES SAID:

"I'm a bit baffled by the points haul we've had here, because we've had more possession, more chances, more crosses, more shots than we have away from home. We win games away from home on a regular basis. We're probably one of the league's best, I'd imagine.

"We need to give the fans something to get behind. In the first half I was disappointed. I couldn't wait to get them off because I just felt that we were nowhere near. Then when we up the tempo, when we press and when we do what we do very well, then the fans get behind that."

In the second half we did, but theoretically we gave ourselves 45 minutes to win a football match because we didn't turn up in the first half.

"It shouldn't take me to get into them at half-time, they should want to do that. I know, sometimes, that's what I'm here for, that's my job, but at home we haven't started.

"I know, sometimes, sides sit-in and frustrate us, but I've said that is going to happen and we need to handle that. But I just felt we were lacklustre, we didn't have any energy about us."



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# HOME IMPROVEMENTS

## TOP SCORER SAYS TOWN NEED TO MAKE THE KENNY A FORTRESS NEXT TERM

Hatters striker Jack Marriott insists Nathan Jones' side will have a resurgence in form at Kenilworth Road next season.

The Town dropped points with a 1-1 draw against Newport County a fortnight ago, ending any slim chances of reaching the League 2 Play-Off places.

But Marriott is adamant the Hatters can make Bedfordshire a fortress once more next term ahead of their final match with Exeter this afternoon.

"We all know it's not been a great record, we know that's something that needs to improve and it will improve," said Marriott.

"We've got the right people in the right places, but things have got to change when it comes to playing here. We just need to go out with a bang in our last game and then take that forward into next season.

"Everyone has their different ways of getting up for games, whether that's different home or away I don't really know, it's an issue that's been quite confusing across the year."

Marriott was the first to admit it wasn't the best performance from his side, who have won just six home league games.

The 21-year-old came off the bench to score just nine minutes from time, but a late Newport leveller robbed the Hatters of the points, keeping the side 13th.

He continued: "We weren't at it at certain points of the game, it's a difficult one to really be able to put your finger on, but we're disappointed.

"We've had a couple of long trips [to Oxford and Carlisle], so it could be down to fatigue, but it's really difficult to say.

"I've been on the bench, so I can't really say from the point of view from someone who's played 180 minutes across the week, but that's a possible cause with all the travelling."

From a personal perspective, Marriott has enjoyed a good season, despite the disappointments he and the team have suffered.

In his first season with a Football League club, the talented youngster has notched 14 goals in spite of injury, targeting plenty more already next year.

But following his recovery from injury, the striker has been forced to take his place on the bench following Joe Pigott's three goals in two games.

### PLEASING

"I'm delighted to have 14. If someone had said I'd have that tally with two games to go then I'd have been very happy, it's very pleasing, but a disappointing result to go with it," Marriott added.

"I've been fine with being on the bench, biding my time. It was a frustrating injury, I didn't want to be missing the games that I did, but that's football, and now I just want to keep playing.

"I didn't have a target with this being my first full season, you have a slight incline of what you hope to get, but I'm wanting to push towards 20 next season.

"Joe's had a difficult time, and I couldn't be happier for him. He's a great lad, and a good player, so I'm pleased he's been getting among the goals.

"It's good for the team to play well away, but we want to do that at home too. We want to show the fans here what we can do, because when they're good they're the best, they give you that extra adrenaline on the pitch and that really helps."



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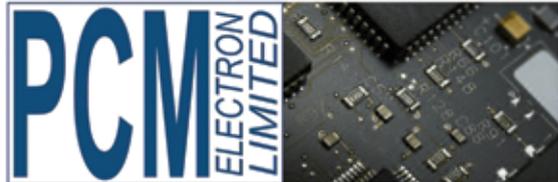
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# Kick-on next year

LEE AIMS TO EMULATE COBBLERS AFTER DEFEAT TO CHAMPIONS

Hatters midfielder Olly Lee admits the better team won after the Hatters suffered a 2-0 defeat at Northampton last Saturday.

Nathan Jones' side took a trip to Sixfields in a bid to ruin the Champions' title party, but fell short in their final away game of the season.

And Lee admitted that while the side put in the hard yards, Northampton showed their quality to come away with all three points.

"It was a frustrating game," Lee conceded. "The better team won, they're high on confidence and it wasn't to be for us today, we weren't able to spoil their party.

"We didn't start well, and that's where we let ourselves down.

"We know we can make chances, it's all about being tighter at the back and being more clinical up top, but all round it was a disappointing day. We wanted to come here and beat the champions, but it wasn't to be."

The Town were behind within four minutes after Zander Diamond headed home from a corner, before John Marquis gave the Cobblers a second before half-time.

The afternoon was soured further after just 20 minutes when Danny Green was caught late, stretchered off with what is expected to be a long-term injury on his return to Sixfields.

Speaking on the early goal, Lee said: "It's exactly what you don't want, and it wasn't the best first half as a whole for us. It was one of those days, wasn't meant to be, we fancy ourselves to come back against anyone, but it was their day and we weren't able to ruin that for them.

"We're disappointed for Danny, he's a great lad and it's a setback for him, but hopefully now he can come back stronger.

"We thought it could have been a red, you could see he's in agony, and it's not nice to see him down for five or six minutes writhing in pain, but we hope for him he comes back stronger."

While Saturday ended on a disappointing note, the week off the pitch was a positive one for Lee, signing an extension on his contract to keep him at Kenilworth Road until 2018.

The 24-year-old former Birmingham man, who also had loan spells at Plymouth, has featured 39 times for the Town this term, netting on three occasions, including a stunner at Hartlepool and a last-gasp winner at York

It marks the second extension of the season for the Hatters midfielder, who admits there are still parts of his game that could be strengthened over the off-season.

"I'm really pleased to be here, hopefully we can kick on next season under the gaffer," he continued.

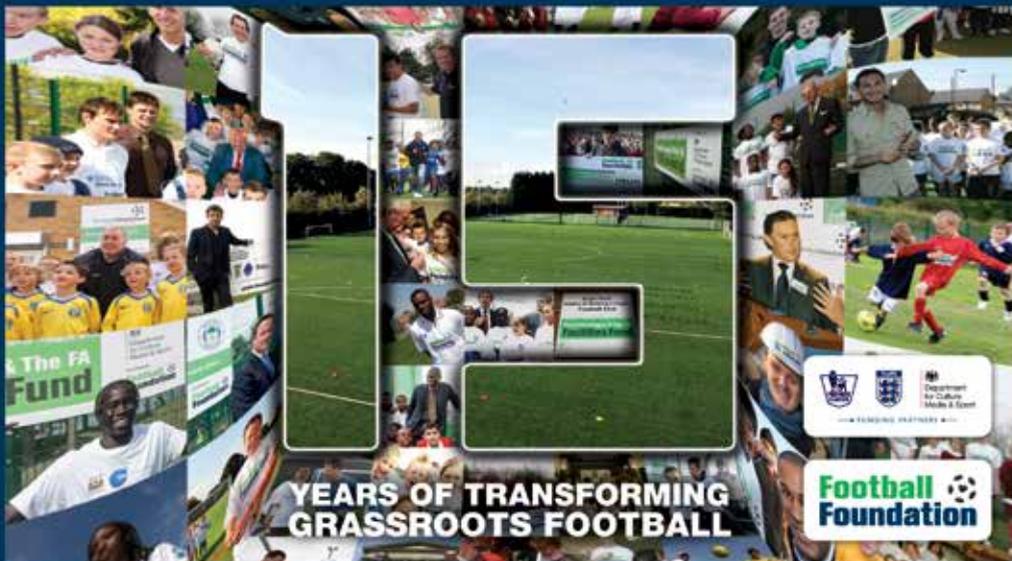
"It's been in the pipeline for a bit, but it's nice for it to be sorted, the gaffer's been brilliant and I'll be looking to kick that on for next season.

"It's a great group of lads, and I'm looking forward to showing what we can do. There's a lot of hard work to be done, there's a lot of improvements can be made, but I enjoy the way the gaffer plays and trains and I'm pleased he's shown that faith in me."

Manager Nathan Jones said on Lee's contract extension: "He's a good age, wants to learn, get better, will have to get better if he really wants to kick on in his career."



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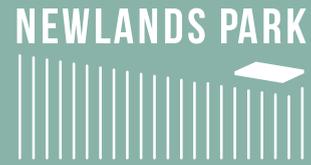
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## WHAT'S THE STORY?

The Hatters ended their campaign away from Kenilworth Road with defeat after suffering a 2-0 loss to champions Northampton at Sixfields.

Zander Diamond opened the scoring just four minutes in heading home from close range from a corner before John Marquis doubled the advantage before half-time with a tap-in.

Cameron McGeehan and Joe Pigott both had goals disallowed for the Town while Pigott also missed a glorious chance with a header. But the Hatters were unable to spoil the champions' party.

But the Town's afternoon was made doubly disappointing following a first-half injury to Danny Green that saw the winger stretchered off with a broken leg.



Northampton	Luton Town
SMITH DIAMOND ADAMS HOLMES LELAN HOSKINS BUCHANAN (C) O'TOOLE PROSSER ROSE MARQUIS	JUSTHAM O'DONNELL POTTS SMITH REA McGEEHAN GREEN RUDDOCK MPANZU LEE SHEEHAN (C) PIGOTT
<b>SUBSTITUTES</b>	
TAYLOR, CROOKWELL, FATH, PITTER, COLLINS, MULLINGS, CLARKE	LARKINS, BAKER, HARRIS, WATSON AND VICTOR, HOWELL

7	CORNERS	0
2	SHOTS ON TARGET	1
4	SHOTS WIDE	4
12	FOULS	7
2	OFFSIDES	5



## JONES SAID:

“Realistically, they were better than us and they showed why they're champions and I'm glad we played them, to be honest, because it's a gauge of where we want to be and these have been the best side all season, they must have been because the league doesn't lie.

“I'm glad we've had this, glad we haven't gone to another side in a similar position to us, glad we've had a gauge because this is what we have to attain, this is the levels week in, week out, we have to attain if we want to do anything.

“Days like today are disappointing, a few home games have been disappointing, but it's all a learning curve and ones that are vital for me in terms of moving forward.”

# Traveller's TALES



CAN YOU BELIEVE IT? THE CAMPAIGN COMES TO A CONCLUSION TODAY AND, LAST WEEK, THE CURTAIN CAME DOWN ON OUR ADVENTURES ON THE ROAD THIS SEASON. LOYAL TOWN FAN **KEVIN HARPER** HAS SEEN IT ALL, AND WAS THERE AT SIXFIELDS LAST WEEK. HERE'S HIS TAKE ON FINAL AWAY GAME OF THE SEASON AT NORTHAMPTON

## The journey

One of the shortest journeys of the season was saved for last. After the previous week's disappointing draw with Newport, we went to Northampton with little but pride to pay for but even before we left the day had the thought of being uninvited guests to a party feel to it which is never good.

Two Bobbers coaches left Luton Interchange shortly after 12.30pm and made the mini trip a few miles up the M1. We arrived at Sixfields just after 1.35pm to be greeted by a fleet of police vans from all areas. You just knew then it was going to be one of those days!

Rating:

## The ground

Since we were there last Sixfields has gained a stand! (It is amazing what can be done when a title is secured and there are tickets to sell!). That aside it is much the same as it always has been. It is a nice little ground for the level Northampton play at, fairly basic but everything is spaced out enough and the facilities are up to date etc.

The Town fans were housed in the South Stand behind the goal. It isn't a bad away end. You can make some noise in there and the left hand corner is near the rowdy end of the home support so I would imagine it can get a bit lively. The only downside was the stewarding

and policing which was way over the top.

Another weird thing I noticed was the goal at the far end was a good yard to the left of the one nearest to us. Not sure how that came about but it proved significant later on!

Rating:

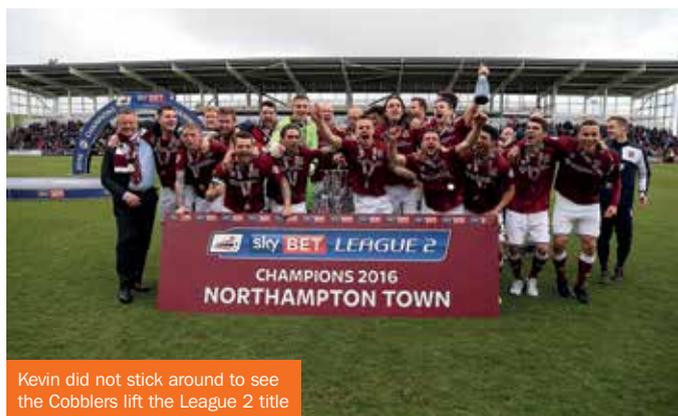
## The food

Having got there early I met up with my friends 'Part Time Pete and Judy' and went for a KFC as I'd experienced Northampton's food before and while the food was ok last season the queues were long and I couldn't be bothered to stand up queuing to be honest! Those I know who had the food had nothing bad to say about it and I glanced at the price list and it seemed reasonable unlike their programmes!

Rating:

## The programme

I know that Northampton are champions (and if I didn't I certainly wasn't short of reminders on the day!) but £5 for a programme is a bit steep especially for away fans who got little out of it unless they cared much for Northampton's season! A classic case of fan exploitation at its finest there!



Kevin did not stick around to see the Cobblers lift the League 2 title



## DID YOU KNOW?

In the past five seasons the Hatters have been privy to four championship party celebrations. In 2011 at Crawley, 2012 at Fleetwood, 2014 for our own and now Northampton last week.

There were half a dozen of the 84 pages highlighting the current Town squad and links between the two clubs with Steve Howard being the obvious starting point in living memory. Apart from that it was all about Northampton's season, what was happening that day and the celebrations to come. This one can be filed in the 'waste of money' draw for me!

Rating:

## The match

All the talk in the build-up was how we were going to go there and look to win the game and be party poopers but that all went out of the window after four minutes when their centre-back, up for a set-piece, had half of Northampton to himself to head home and really and truly it didn't get much better for the Town.

We had a couple of sniffs at goal to level the score with Danny Green pulling a shot wide and Joe Pigott heading wide from a good chance albeit with the cross slightly too high for him. That was pretty much it for us in that half but the second Northampton threatened throughout duly came when the hosts scored a tap-in 10 minutes before half-time.

Apart from that the half was probably only really remembered

for a nasty injury to Green from what looked like a 50/50 tackle at the time. Nobody seemed to react massively so that was an unfortunate incident.

It was also remembered for me making a fool of myself when what should have been a simple throw of the ball back to Elliot Justham slipped out of my hands completely, hit the bar in front of the stand and pinged back into the crowd! #epicfail and not what was needed at 2-0 down!

We had a bit more about us in the second half and threatened for 15 minutes. Joe Pigott hit the post in front of me which would have been a goal at the other end with the goal an extra yard to the left but when that didn't go in our heads dropped. Thankfully Northampton were in full party mode and didn't make the damage any worse and we fell to a tame 2-0 defeat.

With the party about to kick into full swing once the whistle went I was out of there quicker than Usain Bolt starts an Olympic final!

Rating:

## Man-of-the-Match

Not an easy call at all this one but the fact he sparked us into life for 15 minutes when he came on I would give it to Jack Marriott.

I don't normally give man of the match awards to players who don't play more than half the game but so anonymous were we in the first half it seems relevant to do it here.

Marriott got us up the pitch and his work rate reflected and rubbed off on the rest of the side and on what was a really bad day he was one semi bright spot.

## Summary

The last journey of the season and nothing like the way I wanted the away trips to go out with. It isn't nice when the home fans are having fun celebrating and you're going through the motions but hopefully that can inspire fans and players alike to deliver the goods next season.

I was back in the house well before 7pm which was a result as sometimes I've not been out of Sixfields car park by then so if there was one good thing about them celebrating that was it!

## OVERALL RATING

13 out of 25

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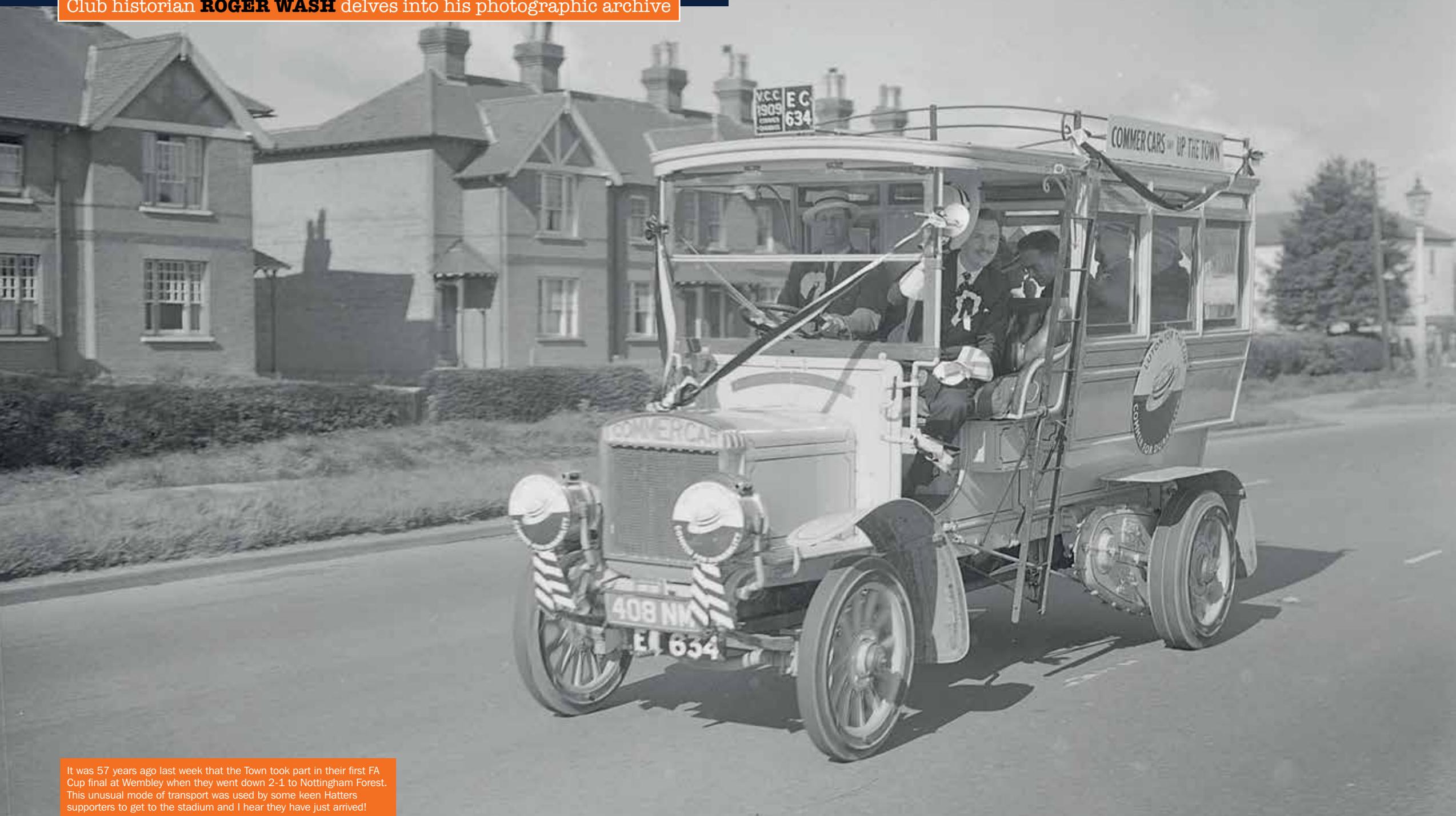
Club historian **ROGER WASH** delves into his photographic archive

Is it really two years since this happened? The Town players celebrate the return to the Football League after five long years away.



# THE CAMERA never LIES

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



It was 57 years ago last week that the Town took part in their first FA Cup final at Wembley when they went down 2-1 to Nottingham Forest. This unusual mode of transport was used by some keen Hatters supporters to get to the stadium and I hear they have just arrived!



# Luton Town in the COMMUNITY

BY KEVIN THOBURN, HEAD OF THE HATTERS COMMUNITY TRUST

We are pleased to report another positive season for the Trust thanks to our second successive season back in the Football League.

Our continued membership of the League has allowed the Trust to again see significant growth in the number of individuals we regularly come into contact with and this has, in turn, meant a significant growth in staff numbers. We now number over 40 fully qualified male and female coaches, half of them full-time, and we now regularly coach over 3,500 individuals every week – more than the Kenny End holds!

Not only does membership of the Football League Trust mean we receive central funding via the Professional Footballers' Association and the Football League, but it also means we are eligible to access Premier League national initiatives and programmes previously denied to us, and we have now successfully incorporated some of these into our already comprehensive community programme. Of course, three year funding cycles means we still have to wait to join some programmes – but we will get there eventually!

Our core community programme is our Free Schools Coaching and School Sport project which sees the Trust deliver over 40 hours of free PE lessons into local schools each week reaching almost 2,000 pupils. We have received fantastic support from easyJet over the last six years for this project and again this season were able to extend the programme with the support of the Premier League Charitable Trust.

We were also into our second year of the FA's national Female Football Development (FFD) Programme and through this funding now run over 12 weekly centres for over 140 school year 9-11 girls. On the back of this we were able to recruit four female coaches for the first time and the girls have now become a vital part of the team and coach on many of the other Trust projects as well. Our relationship with Luton Town Ladies FC continues to grow and we have exciting plans for girl's football in Luton for next season which we will be announcing in the next couple of weeks.

Both the School Sport and FFD programme meant we were able to enter over 30 teams in the national Kinder +Sport Girls and Kids Cup which offers under-13 girls and under-11 boys the chance to play at Wembley. Both of our local finals took place on the pitch in front of a packed Kenny End and was an experience the girls and boys will never forget – the boys from Ramsey Manor in Barton again qualified along with the girls from Chailney High – neither made the final but had a great time at the regionals.

Our integration late night projects have also grown over the season with the Luton KITS Active Luton project for Marsh Farm, Lewsey Farm and Farley Hill going strong and in a couple of weeks we bring all the boys together for a tournament at the Stadium. We've also teamed up with Streetgames and now have four doorstep clubs in Dunstable and Houghton Regis and we have a further late night session in Bedford with the Borough Council's Just Turn Up project. Overall over 200 boys turn up every week to these sessions which over the last year have been supported by the Police Commissioners Office. We hope to join the Premier League's national Kickz programme for next season if we are successful in bidding for extra funds. Our educational programmes have also grown this season with both literacy and mentoring programmes being delivered to local schools with really great outcomes.

Partnerships are very important to the Trust and once again, we've also teamed up with both the Prince's Trust and Luton Adult Learning to deliver community coaching programmes and have qualified over 35 adults as Level 1 coaches this season. Our most satisfying achievement continues to see the growth of our Men's Disability Team in conjunction with Luton Borough Councils New Horizons group and our increased coaching to school disability groups. We've had some great successes on the pitch as well with our Men's team winning the regional FA People's Cup and the schoolboys from the Grange Academy in Bedford winning the national FA People's Cup – watch out for them on the tv as they will be presented with the cup at this year's FA Cup Final – all proudly sporting Luton Town ties!

All in all it's been a great season – but if it sounds



like we are shutting up shop for the summer then as you can read opposite, the Trust is now entering its busiest period of the year and will be flat out all through the close season engaging with our local community and putting the Town out there. Here's to a promotion winning season next year!

## Talent Identification Programme 2015/16 Term 4



Last Saturday we held our end of term 3 assessment games for all of the budding young footballers attending our weekly talent identification programme (TIPs) in Luton.

Over 120 boys turned up for the games as our academy coaches put the boys through their paces to see who might be ready to

begin the journey within our youth development system. Three separate groups of under-7s and under-8s and under-9s to under-11s and under-12s to under-16s played lots of games in an attempt to catch the coaches eye as they all look to make the first step from TIPs into our centre of excellence that train with us once a week with progression to our pre-academy squads which train twice a week and directly feeds the Club's main youth academy.

Next week we start Term 4 which is our last of this season in our search for young talent through our TIPs coaching centres. We have 14 regional football development centres throughout Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire with three in Luton, open to all youngsters aged from school year 2 up to year 11. The TIPs coaching centres offer a nine-week programme ending with a trial match for everyone and a technical report. Successful boys can then progress onto our centre of excellence and pre-Academy development centres with eventual pathways into our Academy.

To receive further details you can download our TIPs leaflet from the Club's main website at [www.lutontown.co.uk](http://www.lutontown.co.uk) or to book a place from next week you can simply email [tips@lutontown.co.uk](mailto:tips@lutontown.co.uk) or call us direct in the community office on 01582 737568.

## Hatters Cup

Hatters Cup Youth Football Tournament played at Kenilworth Road on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th May 2015, Sponsored by Thurlow Nunn



Once again, the Club are turning the Kenilworth Road over to the Community Trust later this month and over three days we will be holding lots of community events.

The major event is our annual two-day six-a-side Hatters Cup football tournament for local youngsters. This has now become the biggest tournament of its kind in the South of England and as usual we were massively over-subscribed within weeks of announcing the dates before Christmas.

Once again, over 160 teams will take part in the tournament and that's over 1,500 young players. The opportunity to play at Kenilworth Road is very exciting for all of the young players and we are grateful to our sponsors of this year's tournament, Vauxhall dealers Thurlow Nunn whose sponsorship helps us with staffing and stewarding the stadium over the weekend.





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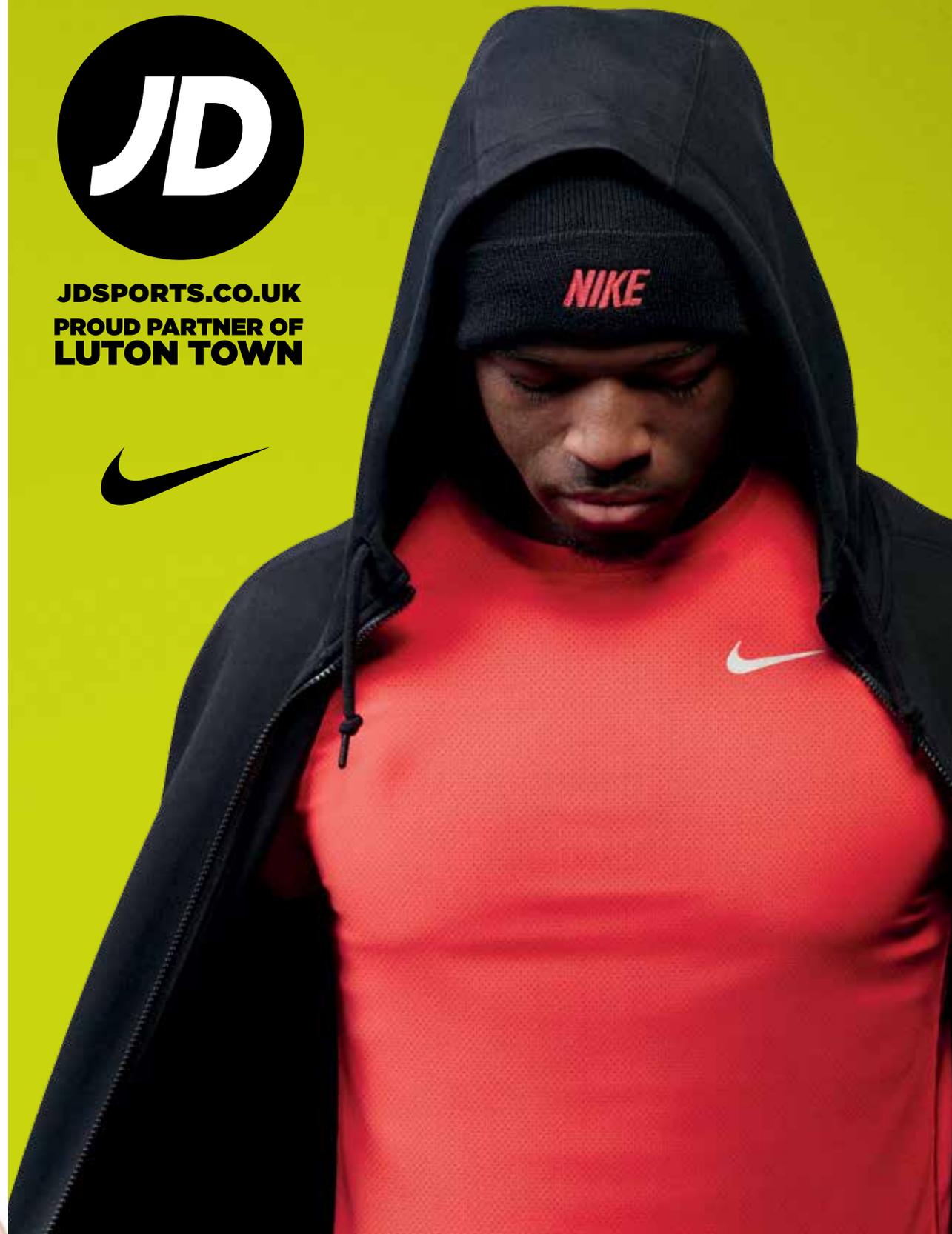
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# ACADEMY UPDATE

WITH DEVELOPMENT & ACADEMY  
MANAGER ANDY AWFORD

## UNDER-18s

It has been an absolute pleasure to work with and look on at our Under-18 squad this season as they have had a truly wonderful season.

To win the league (by 12 points) and cup double and reach the quarter-finals of the FA Youth Cup was fantastic and exceeded everyone's expectations. Obviously, you do not get that sort of success without good players and I believe that within that particular group we do have players that can go on and hopefully push on into our first team squad over the next couple of seasons.

The Under-18s have received great exposure and praise for their achievements this season and rightly so, it is richly deserved. However, the priority for the Academy is not to win leagues and cups but to produce players for the first team. Thankfully we have had a couple from the Academy represent the first team this season and the challenge now is to ensure that we continue to get a steady stream of young home-grown players through the system and into the gaffer's plans.

Liam Gooch and Alex Atkinson have both been recently rewarded with professional contracts – congratulations to them both – and will now join James Justin and Frankie Musonda in making the 'step up' into the professional ranks for the coming season.

## SCHOOLBOYS

Our Foundation Phase (U7-U11) have had some eye-catching fixtures this season, the recent trip to the North West to play away at Manchester United and Liverpool was certainly a valuable experience for the boys, the staff and the parents. We are extremely pleased and satisfied with the overall development of the players and look forward to working with the majority of them again next season.

The Youth Development Phase (U12-U16) has also had a good working season with boys playing 'across' age groups to gain essential experience. We also saw all of the Under-16s step up to play in the U18s at some point, which bodes well for next season.

## SPONSORS

Sincere thanks to all of our Academy sponsors, who have once again supported us financially this season.

There are a couple of individuals who do not welcome the exposure and therefore I will respect their wishes and not name them, but they know who they are - thank you.

Huge thanks to SoLYD and The Bobbers Travel Club for helping to sponsor the costs of the FA Youth Cup away trips. Your support is greatly appreciated.

I would also like to thank University of Bedfordshire and Vauxhall, who have both been extremely supportive and we look forward to building the excellent relationships further next season.

## STAFF

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Academy staff for their hard work and dedication over the last 12 months. When taking over from Wayne Turner as Academy Manager at the start of this season, I had no idea what the current staff were about and I am delighted to say that within a few weeks of arriving I found a good, honest, hardworking set of people striving for success in the Academy.

A lot of the Academy working hours can go unnoticed as the work sometimes requires unsociable hours and can seem endless at times. However, our staff meet this head on with typical Luton spirit, and it will come as no surprise to you that the majority of the current Under-18s squad have been within the Academy since they were under-10s. This is credit to the whole staff currently in post now and those who have worked within the Academy previously.

Thank you to all the staff, have a great Summer break, you deserve it.

## NEXT SEASON

Planning in all Academy departments for next season has been ongoing over the last couple of months as we look to enhance and improve our current programme of work.

As I previously stated we have one overriding priority within the Academy – to provide players for our first team - and hopefully next season we can continue to push the Academy players up through the ranks and have an effect on the first team group.

Enjoy today's game and the summer break.

COYH!  
Andy

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# Luton LADIES



## UNDER-16s GO FOR GLORY

*As a successful season comes to a close it is fitting that we turn to our Under-16 youth squad to celebrate their achievements and look to develop them into senior players of the future.*

With the previous manager stepping down at the end of last season and a few players also moving on, incoming manager Steve Worrell and his new assistant Mick Case had to embark on a recruitment drive during the summer.

## PROMISING

The new girls slotted in well with the existing squad members and things looked promising. Although traditionally slow starters, the team started the season well by beating two of the stronger teams in the league and pushed on from there, winning the first nine games and remaining unbeaten in the league and cup until early April. This run saw the girls wrap up the league with two games to go and reach the cup final.

Although they thought they had a chance of doing well this season, the girls have surpassed all expectations so far. Today sees them play their final league game of the season, keen to sign off with a win against Harvesters, prior to taking them on again next week in the League cup

final, hoping to wrap up a league and cup double. With this group of the girls, the future is indeed bright....

The whole Luton Ladies set-up will be overhauled and reviewed over the summer with the Club seeking players of all ages with the intention of offering any girl of any age the opportunity to represent Luton Town going forward.

## FUTURE

The Club also seeks a new management team for the Ladies development squad as well as a youth development manager to oversee the entire youth section. These positions will be a vital part of the Club's future in moving forward and working within an established management team.

Any player or individual interested in joining the Lady Hatters please initially contact David at [lutontownlfc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lutontownlfc@hotmail.co.uk) for further information.



Jo Rutherford in action against Ipswich last Sunday

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# THE SEASON THAT WAS

In the blink of an eye, another season has passed us by. It's been an up and down season in Bedfordshire, with plenty of new faces both on and off the pitch, but the Hatters once again ultimately just fell short of the Play-Off places in their second season back in the Football League.

It took some time for the Hatters' 12 new signings, including Craig Mackail-Smith, Cameron McGeehan and now-captain Scott Cuthbert, to gel as the side didn't win in League 2 in August, stuttering down in 22nd place.

But a turn in fortune, including Luke Guttridge's stunning goal of the season strike against Cambridge, saw the Town win five in six to propel back to 10th. The signs of a recovery had been evident from weeks past, as John Still's side knocked out Bristol City and took Stoke to penalties in an exciting Capital One Cup campaign.

The downs continued as well as the ups, however, as the Hatters took just five wins from 20 approaching Christmas, four of which were away from Kenilworth Road, although one particular highlight came against today's opponents. Paul Benson's 100th minute winner gave the Hatters a 3-2 win at Exeter, a fortnight after the Town slipped out of the FA Cup to a strong Peterborough unit.

Peterborough were to feature later in the season as Kenilworth Road bid farewell to one of its longest servants. Mark Tyler, 297

Luton games to his name, rejoined the Posh for whom he played almost 500 times, ending a six-and-a-half year relationship with the Town that covered the entire Conference endurance.

We also said goodbye to John Still at the turn of the year. With results and form not in the Town's favour, the man who brought the Town back from non-league football departed after more than two years in charge, leaving just before Christmas after four successive defeats.

## POSITIVE

But a couple of weeks later, we welcomed a fresh face to Bedfordshire in the form of Nathan Jones. Luton marked a maiden managerial position for the Welshman and former player, who brought positive performances even though results weren't always in the Town's favour.

That was none more so than the 4-1 disappointment at AFC Wimbledon, but Jones and his side recovered to win four in a row and reaffirm the Play-Off push. Consistent inconsistency was to blight the Hatters though, winning

three more in a row later on, but that came after three successive defeats, including two at Kenilworth Road, where the side have profited just six times this season before today.

Indeed it's been on the road where most impressive displays have come, earning fine wins at Plymouth, Oxford and Carlisle – the latter two in the space of five days – to name just a few. But a draw at home to Newport County and a loss at champions Northampton crushed any slim Play-Off hopes, and the Town will have to play in League 2 once again next term.

But it's not been all doom and gloom. The emergence of Jack Marriott – in his first full league season – has been a particular highlight with 14 goals thus far, while Jones will look to use summer training to develop encouraging youngsters including Cameron McGeehan, Pelly Ruddock and Zane Banton to their full potential next term.

It promises to be an interesting summer ahead so remember to keep your eyes fixed on our official website and social media channels – and let's see what August brings!

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# FROM LEFT MIDFIELD

WITH KEVIN CROWE

## FAREWELL AND THE NEW FOOTBALL

I genuinely love you, mate. Oi, don't look down at your pint... I'm talking to you.

You can pick out a green shoot from the dullest light of a Luton Town false dawn. You can lasso five minutes of Lutoopia from 90 of the most mundane, and let that orange thread drag you through the cold mud of the fixture list until you find next one. That little run. A bit of form. Season after season. The gentle throb of hope in the sole of each pristine Adidas Gazelle.

They say it's the hope that kills you. And fairy tales born from this forgotten end of football have been few and far between; but whatever your persuasion, so far 2016's had its Roy of the Rovers pyjamas on, and you'd be a cold plastic seat in Milton Keynes if you didn't let it get to you a bit.

Forgetting for a moment that Leicester have a Thai billionaire pouring money into fairly racist pre-season orgies and the pockets of unfancied, but nevertheless well-travelled tinkers and tinkermen, the fact that they've actually won the \*actual\* Premier League off the back of a relegation battle means something.

Just as Jamie Vardy and his next England rival Andre Gray climbing to the penthouse of the English game from its mouldy basement flat in a few short years means something too.

Maybe the money has dulled the senses of football's powerful elite into impotence, leaving the gates to glory unguarded for a spikey-haired non-league underclass to pounce. The Ride of the White Vanaraman they'll call it.

2016's had that feeling of a crumbling status quo about it from the off though hasn't it? Terror, war, fractured Unions from Scotland to Brussels, from classrooms to hospital wards. Bowie. Prince. Foundations creaking; your heroes dead. Could modern football be beginning to topple too?

## NEW ERA

Our own brief dalliance with what passes for continuity in the modern game ended too, with John Still heading back from whence he came and Nathan Jones ushering in a new era, attempting to strike his match on increasingly damp-smelling kindling.

But with that Leicester thing and that Vardy thing, and that Andre thing... In the space of a season it feels like football's gone from being on its arse to being on its head. Like anything might be possible. The New Football.

We had a baby son recently. As a result, my attempts at regularly writing this, let alone getting on

a train to Kenilworth Road have, like Peter Thomson, stumbled, scratched their arse and then just laid down on the floor for a bit. So I've decided it's the right time to draw a line.

## ROMANCE

Since I started it in about 2011ish, this blog has been about the romance of this beautiful old Football Club's decline and rebirth. It's been about the plodding prospect of pubs and terraces, the piss on your shoes and the bruises on your calves. About you and me.

From non-league and no hope, to where we are today: the brink of nailing down a shiny new ground, with a bright young manager in the brave world of New Football. Where there are no rules anymore. Or probably just loads more magnificent, dripping piles of inevitable Luton until we're dead.

So this is the last post on the leftmidfield bugle. I'm off to indoctrinate my son into this weird thing of ours. I haven't worked out if the club matters more now that he's here or less. I'll let you know in a bit, mate. Cheers for reading it all if you have.

Decent when Watford didn't win a trophy again, wasn't it?

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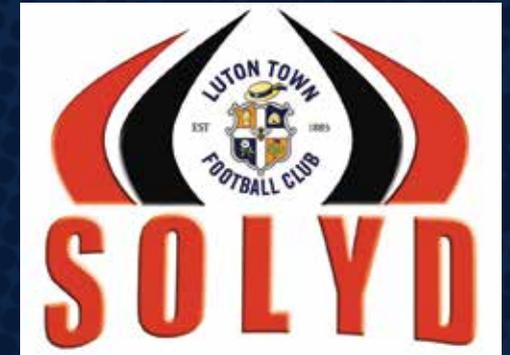
WITH SUPPORTERS OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CHAIRMAN PAUL KING

As we come to the end of the season I thought it would be a good time to update you on what's been happening with Solyd and the club's Academy

First I would like to thank all those supporters who have continued to support Solyd. Since Solyd was formed we have now donated close to £100,000 to the Academy. We have been able to support the Academy at all age levels, from enabling the youngest to go abroad for football tournaments where they have been very successful, to paying for overnight stays for the Under-18s' in the last two games of their excellent run in the FA Youth Cup.

## INVALUABLE

Andy Awford has said that their overnight stays have been invaluable, not only as excellent preparation for the games, but also as an important experience for the lads in their football education on their way to, hopefully, a professional contract. Andy and the staff at the Academy have asked me to pass on their thanks to those fans who have continued their support.



With young players who so spectacularly won the Under-11s 'European Cup' in 2009 – the very year that our FA funding ended with relegation to the Conference – now becoming professionals and breaking into the first team squad, there is wonderful evidence of the value of persevering with youth development, and Solyd's contributions have been a key element in that success.

I think we all love to see homegrown players playing their part – it's an essential element of the Luton Town 'DNA' and the future is looking great for our youngsters.

Thank you again to those who have contributed to Solyd and if you want to help build on the success of the Academy go to [www.solyd.co.uk](http://www.solyd.co.uk) where you will be able to find details of how you can add your support.

Have a great summer, and here's to a successful 2016/17 season!

**Paul**

The Under-18s celebrate their League Cup triumph last month



# A WORD FROM

## The Football League Paper

BY CHRIS  
DUNLAVY

*The greatest upset in sporting history? Leicester's remarkable, bookie-busting title triumph can't be far off.*

Championship winners in 2014, the Foxes have become the first side since Leeds in 1991 to clinch a top flight title within two years of sealing promotion.

In fact, Claudio Ranieri's men are only the seventh team in post-war history to achieve that feat, and in an era where the mountainous finances of the biggest clubs were thought to have crushed all romance like a bug underfoot.

So in tribute to Leicester's miraculous triumph, let's look back on the illustrious names who also rose from the lower echelons to shake the established order.

### Tottenham - 1950/51

Spurs had languished in the second tier for 14 years (albeit with six of them spent at war) when former centre-half Arthur Rowe took charge in 1949.

Following retirement, Rowe had taken a coaching post in Budapest and there helped to develop the famous 'push and run' tactics that would find ultimate expression in the Magic Magyars.

Yet while Ferenc Puskas and his pals would take until the early 50s to perfect their style. Rowe's high tempo Spurs side were playing sides off the park long before that, romping to the Second Division title in 1949/50 before clinching their first top flight honours the very next season.

### Ipswich - 1961/62

In 1957, Alf Ramsey was managing Ipswich in the Third Division South. By 1966, he'd led England to their only World Cup.

In between, he fashioned a side Matt Busby called the "most attractive in England". Led by the free-scoring Ray Crawford, the Tractor Boys won the Second Division in

1961 and the top flight in 1962, scoring over 100 goals in the process.

Incredibly, Ramsey himself was in the Tottenham side that won back-to-back title in 1951.

### Liverpool - 1963/64

When Bill Shankly arrived at Anfield in 1959, one of England's most famous names had degenerated into a bang-average second tier outfit. But, aided by the emergence of Roger Hunt and the inspired signing of Ian St John, Liverpool's star was soon on the rise. Promoted as champions in 1961/62, an eighth place finish served notice of their intentions before the top flight was blitzed in 1963/64. A legend - and an era of dominance - was born.

### Man City - 1967/68

Promoted in 1966, a lowly 15th-place finish in their debut campaign convinced managers Joe Mercer and Malcolm Allison that something had to improve. So they hired Joe Lancaster, a former athlete whose fitness regime was so punishing that City's players spent pre-season vomiting and close to collapse. It paid off though - the Citizens, skippered by Tony Book, beat rivals Manchester United to the title by two points.

### Nottingham Forest - 1977/78

The only side who can hold a candle to Leicester's achievements are Forest. Brian Clough had taken just three years to turn Derby County from Second Division winners to First Division champions. At Forest he went even better, sealing promotion by the skin of his teeth in 1977 before upsetting all the odds to win a sensational double of League Cup and title in his first season up. But for a quarter-final defeat to West Brom, they would have added the FA Cup too.

### Leeds 1991/92

After the abject misery of the eighties, the unexpected glory of the nineties. Rejuvenated and drilled to military perfection under 'Sergeant' Howard Wilkinson, Leeds - led by the likes of Gary McAllister and Gordon Strachan - won the final edition of the First Division in 1992, just two seasons after winning promotion. Leicester, though, will hope to avoid the aftermath - burdened by European football and the loss of Eric Cantona, Leeds finished 17th the following year.

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# LEAGUE LOOK

Regular readers of this column will have no doubt been frustrated by the on-going saga of who will win promotion to League 1 this season.

Apart from Northampton of course, it seems that the teams near the top are struggling to put a decent run together in a bid to nail down an automatic promotion berth.

So, as the curtain comes down on the campaign it's just Northampton, the champions, who are guaranteed promotion.

But who else are in the mix? Well let's explain who isn't. Portsmouth, Plymouth and Wimbledon, fifth, sixth and seventh respectively, cannot be promoted automatically. Play-Off places are assured for them.

Now here's where it gets interesting. In pole position for promotion are Accrington. In second place they host Stevenage today. A win guarantees a place in League

1. The same goes for Oxford in third. Win at home to Wycombe and that's it: up.

Bristol Rovers are the only other side in contention. They lie fourth in the table before kick-off, nervously anticipating that Accrington and Oxford slip up. The Pirates are also at home, to John Still's already relegated Dagenham.

Rovers are just a point behind Oxford and two behind Accrington. The Memorial Stadium outfit have a better goal difference than Accrington but it's not as good as Oxford's. So, Accrington cannot rely on a point against Stevenage because if Rovers win they're up. Accrington would then need to better Oxford's result to be promoted. Got

it? No, we're sure we lost you two paragraphs back!

Four teams will be promoted (eventually) and we know Northampton, Dagenham and York are three sides the Town won't face next season.

Coming down from League 1 are definitely Crewe and Colchester while Doncaster are all but down and will need a miracle to beat the drop. Either Fleetwood or Blackpool will be in League 1 next season with Fleetwood two points better off going into their games tomorrow.

In the Conference, Cheltenham bounced straight back up as champions, winning 101 points on the way. Either Forest Green, Dover, Braintree or Grimsby will join them.

## LEAGUE TABLE 2015/16

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
C Northampton Town	45	28	12	5	80	45	35	96
2 Accrington Stanley	45	24	12	9	74	48	26	84
3 Oxford United	45	23	14	8	81	41	40	83
4 Bristol Rovers	45	25	7	13	75	45	30	82
5 Portsmouth	45	21	15	9	74	42	32	78
6 Plymouth Argyle	45	23	9	13	67	46	21	78
7 AFC Wimbledon	45	20	12	13	63	50	13	72
8 Cambridge United	45	18	13	14	66	55	11	67
9 Leyton Orient	45	18	12	15	59	61	-2	66
10 Wycombe Wanderers	45	17	13	15	45	41	4	64
11 Exeter City	45	17	13	15	62	61	1	64
12 Carlisle United	45	16	16	13	62	62	0	64
13 Mansfield Town	45	17	12	16	61	53	8	63
<b>14 LUTON TOWN</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>63</b>
15 Barnet	45	16	11	18	64	68	-4	59
16 Hartlepool United	45	15	6	24	49	67	-18	51
17 Notts County	45	14	9	22	54	78	-24	51
18 Yeovil Town	45	11	15	19	43	58	-15	48
19 Stevenage	45	11	14	20	52	67	-15	47
20 Crawley Town	45	13	8	24	45	75	-30	47
21 Morecambe	45	12	9	24	68	90	-22	45
22 Newport County AFC	45	10	13	22	43	63	-20	43
R Dagenham & Redbridge	45	8	10	27	45	79	-34	34
R York City	45	7	12	26	50	86	-36	33

## PLAYER STATS 2015/16

	THIS SEASON										CAREER TOT		
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		DISP		Y	R	APPS	GLS	
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	Y	R					
Zane Banton	0	(4)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0
Paul Benson	13	(7)	4	1	(2)	1	14	(9)	5	3	1	85	25
Scott Cuthbert	36	(0)	0	4	(0)	0	40	(0)	0	1	1	40	0
Nathan Doyle	6	(5)	0	2	(1)	0	8	(6)	0	2	0	45	0
Danny Green	19	(6)	5	2	(3)	1	21	(9)	6	7	0	30	6
Scott Griffiths	17	(1)	0	3	(3)	0	20	(4)	0	1	0	115	3
Luke Guttridge	6	(2)	2	3	(0)	0	9	(2)	2	1	0	74	19
Ryan Hall	5	(5)	0	0	(3)	0	5	(8)	0	1	1	19	0
Jake Howells	13	(3)	0	0	(0)	0	13	(3)	0	1	0	333	31
Elliot Justham	13	(1)	0	2	(0)	0	15	(1)	0	0	0	39	0
Alex Lawless	20	(7)	1	3	(0)	0	23	(7)	1	6	0	202	22
Oilly Lee	31	(3)	3	5	(0)	0	36	(3)	3	7	0	39	3
Sean Long	7	(2)	0	2	(0)	0	9	(2)	0	2	0	11	0
Craig Mackail-Smith	27	(6)	4	1	(0)	0	28	(6)	4	3	0	34	4
Jack Marriott	20	(19)	12	4	(0)	2	24	(19)	14	2	1	43	14
Paddy McCourt	15	(10)	1	1	(0)	0	16	(10)	1	4	0	26	1
Cameron McGeehan	34	(6)	11	2	(2)	2	36	(8)	13	8	0	77	19
Steve McNulty	9	(1)	0	2	(0)	0	11	(1)	0	3	0	25	2
Josh McQuoid	20	(9)	3	4	(2)	2	24	(11)	5	4	0	35	5
Jonathan Mitchell	5	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	5	(0)	0	1	0	5	0
Frankie Musonda	0	(2)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(2)	0	0	0	2	0
Mark O'Brien	2	(4)	0	3	(0)	0	5	(4)	0	1	0	9	0
Stephen O'Donnell	29	(0)	0	3	(0)	1	32	(0)	1	3	0	32	1
Magnus Okuonghae	7	(4)	0	2	(1)	0	9	(5)	0	2	0	14	0
Joe Pigott	9	(5)	3	0	(0)	0	9	(5)	3	1	0	14	3
Dan Potts	13	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	15	(0)	0	0	0	15	0
Glen Rea	9	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	9	(0)	0	1	0	9	0
Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu	11	(9)	2	3	(0)	0	14	(9)	2	0	0	65	5
Alan Sheehan	19	(0)	1	0	(0)	0	19	(0)	1	2	0	19	1
Jonathan Smith	33	(4)	4	4	(0)	0	37	(4)	4	7	0	141	9
Mark Tyler	27	(0)	0	4	(0)	0	31	(0)	0	0	0	297	0
Luke Wilkinson	20	(0)	3	4	(0)	0	24	(0)	3	3	0	72	7

# OUR 130TH YEAR

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

PLAYED: 5,313

WON: 2,121

DRAWN: 1,289

LOST: 1,903

GOALS SCORED : 8,423

GOALS CONCEDED: 7,643

DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS	STARTING XI	SUBS															
<b>AUGUST</b>																								
Sat 8	3.00pm	A	Accrington Stanley	D 1-1	2,359	1,175	13	Justham Cuthbert Griffiths McNulty Wilkinson Doyle	SMITH 1	Green ▲	McCourt ●	McQuoid ●	Mackail-Smith	Tyler	Potts	McGeehan	Benson ●	Marriott ▲	Ruddock ●	Guttridge				
Tue 11	7.45pm	H	Bristol City (Cap One Cup 1)	W 3-1	3,948	427	-	Tyler Cuthbert McNulty Wilkinson Potts	O'Donnell ●	O'Brien ●	Ruddock ▲	McGeehan ●	BENSON 1	MARRIOTT 2 ▲	Justham	Lawless	Griffiths ●	Guttridge	McQuoid ▲	Doyle ●				
Sat 15	3.00pm	H	Oxford United	D 2-2	8,877	781	15	Tyler Cuthbert McNulty WILKINSON 1 Griffiths	O'Donnell ●	Doyle	McCourt ▲	McGEEHAN 1	Benson	Mackail-Smith ●	Justham	Lawless	Potts	McQuoid	Smith ▲	Marriott ●				
Tue 18	7.45pm	H	Bristol Rovers	L 0-1	8,061	553	18	Tyler Cuthbert McNulty Wilkinson Griffiths	O'Donnell	Doyle ●	McCourt	McGeehan ●	Benson	Mackail-Smith ▲	Potts	Smith ●	Lawless	Ruddock ●	Marriott ▲	McQuoid	Justham			
Sat 22	3.00pm	A	Yeovil Town	L 2-3	3,830	820	22	Tyler Cuthbert Griffiths McNulty ●	Wilkinson	Smith	McGeehan	Green ▲	Hall ●	BENSON 1	MACKAIL-SMITH 1	O'Donnell	Lawless ●	McCourt ▲	Ruddock	McQuoid	Justham			
Tue 25	7.45pm	H	Stoke City (Cap One Cup 2)	D 1-1*	6,099	823	-	Justham O'Donnell Griffiths Wilkinson Cuthbert	O'Brien	Smith	Lee	Green ▲	Hall ●	McQuoid	McNulty	Hall ●	McGEEHAN 1	Benson ▲	McQuoid	Griffiths	Tyler			
Sat 29	3.00pm	H	Portsmouth	L 1-2	9,083	1,032	22	Justham O'Donnell Griffiths Wilkinson Cuthbert	O'Brien ●	Smith	McGeehan	Hall ▲	McQuoid	MACKAIL-SMITH 1	Tyler	McNulty	Green	Marriott ●	McCourt	Ruddock ▲	Lee ●			
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>																								
Tue 1	7.15pm	H	Leyton Orient (JPT1)	W 2-1	1,953	300	-	Tyler O'DONNELL 1 Griffiths McNulty Cuthbert ●	Lee	Smith	Ruddock ●	GREEN 1 ▲	Guttridge	Marriott	Hall ●	Justham	Okuonghae ●	Mackail-Smith	McQuoid ▲					
Sat 5	3.00pm	A	Cambridge United	W 3-1	6,298	1,425	19	Tyler O'Donnell Griffiths WILKINSON 1 Cuthbert	Lee	Smith	GREEN 1	McQuoid	GUTTRIDGE 1	Mackail-Smith	McNulty	Hall	Justham	Ruddock	Okuonghae	Williams	O'Brien			
Sat 12	3.00pm	A	Notts County	L 2-3	5,820	1,689	20	Tyler O'Donnell Griffiths Wilkinson Cuthbert	Lee	SMITH 1	Green ●	McQuoid	Guttridge ●	Mackail-Smith	McNulty ▲	McGEEHAN 1	Hall ●	McCourt	Ruddock	Williams	King			
Sat 19	3.00pm	H	Mansfield Town	W 1-0	7,939	262	18	Tyler O'Donnell Griffiths Wilkinson McNulty	Lee	Smith	McCourt ▲	McQuoid ●	McGeehan ●	MACKAIL-SMITH 1	Hall	Green ●	Marriott	Williams	O'Brien ●	Justham				
Sat 26	3.00pm	H	AFC Wimbledon	W 2-0	8,415	588	16	Tyler O'Donnell ● Griffiths ▲	Wilkinson	McNulty	Lee	Smith	McCourt	Guttridge ●	McGeehan	Mackail-Smith	Potts	Lawless ●	Hall ▲	Green	MARRIOTT 2 ●	O'Brien	Justham	
Tue 29	7.45pm	A	Morecambe	W 3-1	1,388	295	11	Tyler Cuthbert ●	Griffiths	WILKINSON 1	McNulty	Lee	SMITH 1	McCourt ●	McQuoid	McGEEHAN 1	Mackail-Smith ▲	Potts	Lawless ●	Green	Marriott ▲	Guttridge	Doyle ●	Justham
<b>OCTOBER</b>																								
Sat 3	3.00pm	A	Hartlepool United	W 4-1	3,876	406	19	Tyler Cuthbert Griffiths Wilkinson McNulty	LEE 1	SMITH 1	Guttridge	McQuoid ●	McGeehan	Mackail-Smith ●	Potts	Lawless	Hall	Green	MARRIOTT 2 ●	Doyle ●	Justham			
Tue 6	7.45pm	A	Gillingham (JPT2)	L 1-2	3,428	193	-	Tyler Lawless Potts O'Brien	Okuonghae	Lee ●	Doyle	Guttridge ●	McQuoid	McGEEHAN 1 ▲	Marriott	Hall ●	Green ●	Griffiths ▲	Wilkinson	Justham				
Sat 10	3.00pm	H	York City	D 1-1	8,612	222	10	Tyler Cuthbert Potts Wilkinon McNulty	Lee	Smith ●	Guttridge ▲	McQuoid	McGEEHAN 1	Mackail-Smith ●	Lawless ●	Hall	Green ●	Marriott ●	Ruddock	Doyle ▲	Justham			
Sat 17	3.00pm	A	Crawley Town	L 1-2	3,335	1,412	12	Tyler Long Potts Wilkinon Cuthbert	Doyle	Smith	Lee ●	McGEEHAN 1	Marriott ●	Mackail-Smith	Lawless	Hall	McCourt ●	Ruddock	McQuoid ●	O'Brien	Justham			
Tue 20	7.45pm	H	Leyton Orient	D 1-1	8,022	638	12	Tyler Long Potts Wilkinon Cuthbert	Lee ●	Smith	McCourt ●	McGeehan	MARRIOTT 1	Mackail-Smith ▲	Lawless	Ruddock	Guttridge ●	McQuoid ▲	O'Brien	Doyle ●	Justham			
Sat 24	3.00pm	H	Plymouth Argyle	L 1-2	8,703	745	15	Tyler Long ●	Potts ●	Wilkinson	Cuthbert	Doyle	Smith	McGeehan	Ruddock ▲	Guttridge	Marriott	Lawless ●	Hall ●	McCourt	McQuoid 1 ▲	O'Brien	Justham	
<b>NOVEMBER</b>																								
Sun 1	2.00pm	A	Dagenham & Redbridge	W 2-0	2,773	1,083	13	Tyler Long Griffiths Wilkinon Cuthbert	Doyle	Smith	LAWLESS 1 ●	McQuoid	GUTTRIDGE 1	Marriott ●	Potts	McGeehan ●	Green	McCourt	Lee	Mackail-Smith ●	Justham			
Sat 7	3.00pm	A	Crawley Town (FAC1)	W 2-1	1,929	487	-	Justham Long Griffiths Wilkinon Cuthbert	Lee	Smith	Lawless ●	McQuoid 2	Guttridge	Marriott ●	Potts	McHeehan	Benson ●	Green ●	McCourt	O'Brien	Tyler			
Sat 14	3.00pm	H	Barnet	W 2-0	8,497	612	10	Tyler Lawless Griffiths Wilkinon Cuthbert	Lee	Smith	McGEEHAN 1	GREEN 1 ●	McQuoid ▲	Benson ●	Potts	Marriott ●	McCourt ▲	Long	Guttridge	O'Brien ●	Justham			
Sat 21	3.00pm	A	Stevenage	D 0-0	4,782	1,892	10	Tyler Smith Lawless Wilkinon Cuthbert	Lee ▲	Smith	McGeehan ●	McQuoid	Green ●	Benson ●	Marriott ●	McCourt	Long	Guttridge	Mackail-Smith	O'Brien	Justham			
Tue 24	7.45pm	H	Carlisle United	L 3-4	7,298	169	12	Tyler Lawless Griffiths O'Brien	Cuthbert	Lee	Smith	McGeehan ●	GREEN 1	MCQUOID 1	MARRIOTT 1 ●	Hall	McCourt ●	Long	Mackail-Smith ●	Williams	Doyle	Justham		
Sat 28	3.00pm	A	Newport County	L 0-3	2,551	451	13	Tyler Lawless Griffiths Wilkinon Cuthbert	Lee ●	Smith	McGeehan ●	Green	McQuoid ●	Marriott	McCourt ●	Mackail-Smith ●	Doyle ●	Okuonghae	Long	Hall	Justham			
<b>DECEMBER</b>																								
Sun 6	2.00pm	A	Peterborough United (FAC2)	L 0-2	8,379	1,740	-	Tyler Long Lawless ▲	Wilkinson	Okuonghae	Lee ●	Smith	Doyle	McCourt ●	McQuoid	Mackail-Smith	Hall	Guttridge	Williams	McGeehan ●	Green ●	Griffiths ▲	Justham	
Sat 12	3.00pm	H	Northampton Town	L 3-4	8,792	1,032	17	Tyler Long ●	Griffiths	Wilkinson	Okuonghae	Lee	Smith	Lawless ●	O'Donnell	McGeehan	Hall ●	McGeehan	Marriott ●	McQuoid ●	Musonda	Justham		
Sat 19	3.00pm	A	Exeter City	W 3-2	3,777	416	13	Tyler Long Okuonghae Howells ●	Cuthbert	Lee	Lawless	McGEEHAN 1	Green ▲	Mackail-Smith ●	BENSON 1	O'Donnell	Griffiths	Marriott ▲	McQuoid ●	O'Brien	Justham			
Sat 26	3.00pm	H	Wycombe Wanderers	L 0-2	9,676	829	15	Tyler Long Howells Cuthbert	Okuonghae	Lee	Lawless ●	McGeehan	Green ●	Mackail-Smith	Benson ▲	Smith	Griffiths	Marriott ▲	Guttridge ●	McQuoid ●	Musonda	Justham		
Mon 28	3.00pm	A	Portsmouth	D 0-0	17,688	1,556	14	Tyler O'Donnell Howells Cuthbert	Okuonghae	Smith	Lawless ▲	Hall	McQuoid ●	Marriott ●	Benson	McGeehan ●	McCourt	Long ▲	Guttridge	Mackail-Smith ●	Wilkinson	Justham		
<b>JANUARY</b>																								
Sat 2	3.00pm	A	Bristol Rovers	L 0-2	9,131	707	15	Tyler O'Donnell Howells ●	Cuthbert	Okuonghae	Smith	Lawless ▲	McGeehan	Hall	Mackail-Smith ▲	Benson ●	Marriott ▲	McCourt ●	Lee	Long	McQuoid ●	Wilkinson	Justham	
Sat 16	3.00pm	H	Cambridge United	D 0-0	9,227	1,022	18	Tyler ●	O'Donnell	Howells	Cuthbert	Lawless	Green ●	Hall ▲	Marriott	Benson	Potts	McCourt ▲	Lee	Mackail-Smith	McQuoid ●	Wilkinson	Justham ●	
Sat 23	3.00pm	A	Mansfield Town	W 2-0	4,245	739	15	Justham O'Donnell Howells Cuthbert	Sheehan	Smith	Lawless	McCourt 1 ●	RUDDOCK 1 ▲	McGeehan	Mackail-Smith ●	Benson	Potts	Benson	Marriott ●	Lee ●	Musonda ▲	King		
Sat 30	3.00pm	H	Notts County	L 0-2	8,147	390	16	Justham O'Donnell Howells Cuthbert	Sheehan	Smith	Lawless	McCourt	Ruddock	McGeehan	Mackail-Smith	Benson	Marriott	Okuonghae	Lee	Banton	Piggott	Tyler		
<b>FEBRUARY</b>																								
Tue 2	7.45pm	H	Yeovil Town	D 1-1	7,538	132	16	Justham O'Donnell Howells	Cuthbert	SHEEHAN 1	Lee	Lawless	Ruddock ●	McGeehan	Mackail-Smith ●	Pigott ▲	Smith	Benson ▲	Marriott ●	McCourt ●	Okuonghae	Banton	Tyler	
Sat 6	3.00pm	A	Wycombe Wanderers	W 1-0	4,597	1,398	14	Justham O'Donnell Howells	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Lee	Lawless	McGEEHAN 1 ▲	Marriott ●	Mackail-Smith	Pigott ●	Smith	Benson ●	McCourt ▲	Ruddock ●	Okuonghae	Banton	Tyler	
Sat 13	3.00pm	A	AFC Wimbledon	L 1-4	4,439	833	14	Justham O'Donnell Howells	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Lee ▲	McGeehan	McCourt ●	MARRIOTT 1	Mackail-Smith ●	Benson	Potts	Smith ●	Green	Ruddock	Okuonghae	Piggott ▲	Tyler	
Sat 20	3.00pm	H	Hartlepool United	W 2-1	7,880	193	13	Tyler O'Donnell ●	Howells	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Lee	Lawless	McGEEHAN 1	Marriott	Pigott ●	Smith	Hall ●	McCourt	Ruddock ●	Okuonghae	MACKAIL-SMITH 1 ●	Justham	
Sat 27	3.00pm	A	York City	W 3-2	3,628	715	13	Tyler O'Donnell Howells	Cuthbert	Sheehan ▲	LEE 1	Lawless ●	McGEEHAN 1	Green	MARRIOTT 1	Pigott ●	Smith ●	Benson	McCourt	Ruddock	Okuonghae ▲	Mackail-Smith ●	Justham	
<b>MARCH</b>																								
Tue 1	7.45pm	H	Morecambe	W 1-0	7,153	56	13	Tyler O'Donnell Howells	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Lee	Smith	McGeehan	McCourt ●	MARRIOTT 1	Mackail-Smith	Lawless	Benson	Green	Ruddock ●	Okuonghae	Pigott	Justham	
Sat 5	3.00pm	A	Leyton Orient	W 1-0	5,684	1,402	12	Mitchell O'Donnell Potts ▲	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Lee	Smith	McGeehan	McCourt ●	MARRIOTT 1 ●	Mackail-Smith	Lawless	Benson	Green ●	Ruddock ●	Ruddock ▲	Pigott	Justham	
Sat 12	3.00pm	H	Crawley Town	L 0-1	8,264	197	13	Mitchell O'Donnell Potts	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Lee	Smith ●	McGeehan	McCourt	Marriott ▲	Mackail-Smith ●	Benson ▲	Green ●	Ruddock	Okuonghae	Ruddock ▲	Pigott ●	Justham	
Sat 19	3.00pm	A	Plymouth Argyle	W 1-0	7,973	554	12	Mitchell O'Donnell Potts ▲	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Rea	Smith	McGeehan	McCourt ●	MARRIOTT 1	Mackail-Smith ●	Lawless	Benson ●	Green ●	Ruddock	Okuonghae ▲	Pigott	Justham	
Mon 28	3.00pm	A	Barnet	L 1-2	4,003	1,823	14	Mitchell O'Donnell Sheehan	Cuthbert	Okuonghae	Rea	Smith	McGEEHAN 1	Ruddock	Marriott	Benson	Lawless	Green	McCourt	Lee	McQuoid	Pigott	Justham	
<b>APRIL</b>																								
Sat 2	3.00pm	H	Stevenage	L 0-1	8,502	347	14	Mitchell O'Donnell Sheehan	Cuthbert ▲	Rea	Lee	Smith	McGeehan	McCourt ●	Marriott	Pigott ●	Lawless	Benson	Green ●	Ruddock ▲	McQuoid ●	Banton	Justham	
Sat 9	3.00pm	H	Accrington Stanley	L 0-2	7,467	123	15	Justham O'Donnell Potts	Sheehan	Rea	Lee	Lee	McGeehan	Ruddock	Marriott	McQuoid	Lawless	Benson	Justin	Musonda	Pigott	King		
Tue 12	7.45pm	H	Dagenham & Redbridge	W 1-0	6,995	67	14	Justham O'Donnell Potts	Sheehan	Rea	Lee	Smith ●	Green ▲	RUDDOCK 1	Marriott ●	McQuoid	Lawless ●	McGeehan	Benson	Banton ▲	Musonda	Pigott ●	King	
Sat 16	3.00pm	A	Oxford United	W 3-2	8,838	826	14	Justham O'Donnell Potts	Sheehan	Rea	LEE 1 ●	Lawless	Green ●	Ruddock	McQuoid ▲	PIGOTT 2	McGeehan ●	Benson ●	Marriott	Banton	Musonda	Howells ▲	King	
Tue 19	7.45pm	A	Carlisle United	W 2-1	3,497	235	13	Justham O'Donnell Potts	Sheehan	Rea	Lee	Lawless	Green ●	Ruddock ●	MCQUOID 1 ●	PIGOTT 1	McGeehan ●	Benson	Marriott ●	Banton	Musonda	Howells ●	King	
Sat 23	3.00pm	H	Newport County	D 1-1	7,606	140	13	Justham O'Donnell Potts	Sheehan	Rea	Lee	Lawless ●	Green ●	Ruddock	McQuoid ▲	Pigott	McGeehan ●	Benson	MARRIOTT 1 ▲	Banton ●	Musonda	Howells	King	
Sat 30	3.00pm	A	Northampton Town	L 0-2	7,746	841	14	Justham O'Donnell Potts	Sheehan	Rea	Lee ●	Smith	McGeehan	Green ●	Ruddock ▲	Pigott	Lawless	Benson	Marriott ●	McQuoid ●	Musonda	Howells ▲	King	
<b>MAY</b>																								
Sat 7	3.00pm	H	Exeter City																					

\*Lost 8-7 on penalties

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



# HOLD THE BACK PAGE

WITH ANDREW BARRINGER

## THE FINAL WORD.

It was a Friday in November 2008. I was in a pub in Northampton. It was lunch time. My phone rang. “Can you go to Shrewsbury tomorrow and be our press officer?” asked the voice at the other end.

I would say there was no hesitation, but I’d be lying. Eventually I summoned in my own inarticulate way “yeah, okay, cool, great.” Perhaps I was aware of what I had just let myself in for.

I hastily arranged transport. 24 hours later I was inside the New Meadow, and there I sat, witnessed and wrote about Luton Town losing 3-0. Two months later, the voice I bumbled that overawed response to, Gary Sweet, was my boss.

It was always my dream to write about this Club of ours. My Dad first took me to watch the Town in October 1990, and I started writing about the Hatters when I was 13. I still have the hand-written reports.

These final words of this programme, however, will be my last for Luton Town. After seven seasons as editor and as press officer, this is it. I’ve decided to swap football for beach volleyball, in Vienna, 953 miles from Kenilworth Road. No, I’m not pulling your leg.

It barely seems two minutes since I celebrated the news that I’d be calling the Kenny my workplace but, just like it started, my swansong ended with defeat – at home to

Stevenage. I joked afterwards that I wouldn’t have wanted it any other way. Defeat in the job always tested your resolve, your patience, your loyalty. Putting a brave face on an away defeat at Forest Green or Braintree, fishing the boss out of a down and disappointed dressing room on a Tuesday night miles from home. It was part and parcel of it all.

So what will I miss? Well, apart from my colleagues around the place – you know who you are – it will be always be the buzz of a matchday. I don’t think that adrenaline rush of game day can be matched. I thrived on it and I loved it.

Memories? Well, they will all be there until my brain decides to tell me otherwise. And there are plenty. A barely believable and devastating opening 17-minute period at Alfreton when the Town raced into a 4-0 lead is up there. The palpable relief when Alex Lawless scored an injury-time winner at Welling on a Tuesday night in the FA Trophy is another.

Then there’s Wembley – twice – one good, one bad. The JPT triumph came just three months



into the job. I was trembling in the tunnel afterwards, interviewing goal hero Tom Craddock. Both of us were realising childhood dreams. He’d scored at Wembley; I was talking to a footballer inside the tunnel. Well I was never any good at football but this was good enough for me.

And I’ll casually throw in a title-winning season, too. That was just champion.

The Luton Town rollercoaster will continue to deliciously twist and turn for another 130 years and we’ll still keep coming back for more no matter what drama the team puts us through.

How many teams do you know could beat a Premier League team in the FA Cup one week and then lose at Barrow in the Conference seven days later. Yep. Only Luton Town.

And perversely, that is why this Club will always hold a special place in my head and my heart. It’s been great. Over and out. #COYH

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



## EXETER CITY

- 1 Bobby Olejnik
- 2 Danny Butterfield
- 3 Craig Woodman
- 4 David Noble
- 5 Jamie McAllister
- 6 Christian Ribeiro
- 7 Ryan Harley
- 8 Matt Oakley
- 10 Lee Holmes
- 11 Arron Davies
- 13 Clinton Morrison
- 14 Alex Nicholls
- 15 Jordan Moore-Taylor
- 16 Will Hoskins
- 18 Jamie Reid
- 19 Emmanuel Oyeleke
- 21 James Hamon
- 22 David Wheeler
- 23 Tom McCready
- 26 Jordan Tillson
- 27 Matt Jay
- 29 Ollie Watkins
- 30 Christy Pym
- 31 Joel Grant
- 33 Jayden Stockley
- 36 Kyle Egan
- 38 Jake Taylor
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