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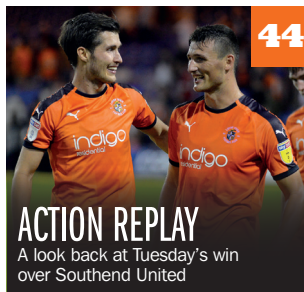
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THE MANAGER



NATHAN JONES

Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for the second home game in five days as we entertain Shrewsbury Town in Sky Bet League One.

I'd like to extend the welcome to Bedfordshire to all supporters who have followed their team down from Shropshire today, as well as Shrewsbury directors, officials, manager John Askey, his staff and their squad, and wish them a safe journey back north this evening.

Shrewsbury have experienced a lot of changes on and off the pitch this summer, but we know that they will present another tough League One test for us this afternoon.

While we continue to adapt to the new level, Shrewsbury have been established in this division since our own James Collins' goals helped them win promotion for a second time three years ago, and last season they came as close as you can to winning promotion to the Championship.

Rocking

It's the kind of fixture we have been looking forward to since winning promotion, and if the atmosphere for the draw against Sunderland and midweek victory over Southend is anything to go by, the old place will be rocking again today.

On Tuesday night I made four changes to the side that lost at Peterborough as I was bitterly disappointed with how we had performed in the first half of that defeat. Southend are a good side with a top manager in Chris Powell, but I thought we were magnificent from start to finish.

Ironically, we probably had less possession and chances against Southend than we did in the previous game, but we defended superbly against one of the more direct teams we'll come up against and could have won more convincingly if we'd taken a couple of our chances on the break in the second half, when some of our attacking play was outstanding.

The ability to rotate players is something we have worked towards over my two-and-a-half years here, with the depth and quality of players in the squad meaning I can pick any combination and be confident that I'm going to get a performance. The competition for each position is there for all to see.

Passionately

Finally, to you, the supporters. We know we need a new stadium for all sorts of reasons, but this place is brilliant when it's packed and when you respond so passionately to what you're seeing on the pitch, as was the case from minute one in midweek, it makes the hairs on the back of your neck stand up.

Please give it everything again today to help us build on the unbeaten start we've had here so far before we head back out on the road for a couple of weeks, when we know you'll be following us in great numbers as ever.

Enjoy the game.

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FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER **GARY SWEET**

Here we go again! The second instalment of a home double-header, and if we all walk out of Kenilworth Road at teatime tonight with the same feeling as we did late on Tuesday, we'll have been treated to another enthralling 90 minutes of League One football.

Before I move on to our performances and results so far this season though, let me start by welcoming Shrewsbury Town to Bedfordshire. The Shrews won promotion in our first season back in the Football League having beaten us 2-0 in Shropshire and drawn 0-0 in front of the Sky cameras here with a certain James Collins leading their line.

They've become a well-established third tier side now and came close to pulling off one of the stories of the season when they reached the play-off final last time out. However, Shrewsbury are much changed this season having recruited a new manager in John Askey, and they come in search of their first victory – something we thankfully managed against Southend in midweek.

Evident

We've already seen a noticeable difference in standard between Leagues Two and One, although travelling to Portsmouth and Peterborough – the two clubs with 100 per cent records so far – as well as hosting the title favourites Sunderland, is as tough a start as we could have imagined. It's evident to the many who have attended so far that we probably deserve more points than we have accumulated.

Even though we know from our outstanding home record last season and unbeaten start to this one that this squad thrives the pressure of expectation here at Kenilworth Road, your patience will be needed. We won't have it all our own way, but we may find that having more adventurous visitors could suit us even more.

New players Matty Pearson, Sonny Bradley and Jorge Grant have already been welcomed in these pages by my colleagues this season, and we have already witnessed the reasons we brought them to the club. Welcome and well done, boys!

Experience

Off the field, we have a few changes too. We are delighted to welcome Paul Watson in to the football club as General Operations and Development Manager, working with me on developing both football and infrastructure projects. Paul's wealth of football and commercial experience will be immensely valuable.

Many of you who came to our public exhibitions a couple of years ago will know our property and planning consultant, Michael Moran.

Having now worked with us for over five years, I'm happy to report that Mike has now joined 2020 Developments permanently as Chief Operations Officer. Alongside me, Mike will continue to manage and progress our projects at Power Court and Newlands Park ensuring our planning applications are delivered.

It is almost becoming an annual event; for me to furnish you with an update as to the progress of our planning applications.

Having just passed our second anniversary of our submission for our schemes at Newlands Park and Power Court, we can feel your frustration and I can be confident that the piece I shall be writing

in my first programme notes of next season will be discussing more definite relocation plans.

And, with our progress on the pitch continuing, it is needed more than ever. With over 6,000 season ticket members, two very well attended home games where fewer than five per cent of our seats remained empty, a very impressive 5,750 in total travelling away and two occasions where demand has exceeded supply, there is no doubt we need a bigger facility.

Most of you will know from the local media that the final hurdle – in the shape of consultation on the Council's Retail Impact Assessment, as written by independent third-party specialists – is now closing during the next week.

Once all responses are properly considered by the planning officer, he will then write his committee report recommending to either support or oppose our applications at a Council committee meeting, which should now take place in a few weeks from then.

Challenge

Once a decision is finally made by our Councillors there will still be a few hurdles to jump while greater powers decide whether to review anything before we receive an official decision notice. And even after that, there will also be several design details and commercial agreements we'll need to reach with development partners before we put a spade in the ground, so, whilst we work as hard and speedily as we possibly can, we will still ask you to remain patient and faithful.

In summary, whilst the process has been prolonged due to the challenge placed upon the Council's planning department and scrutiny of various third parties, we're very happy with the position we are currently in and we're really looking forward to taking the next step. It's not a matter of 'if', it's just a matter of 'when'.

Meanwhile, we still have a duty to look after our lovely old girl, Kenilworth Road. Due to EFL rules we still have regulations to comply with. This week,

we signed a new ten-year rolling lease with Luton Council. This lease not only gives us the required security of tenure throughout our relocation phase, but it also sees an end to Luton Town's rent 'in-lieu or community contribution' contract as we have amicably agreed a fair commercial sum for our tenancy.

There's nothing to read between the lines here. Upon our relocation this lease will terminate allowing for the site to be developed for much needed community use and housing, as determined.

Proud

Finally, on behalf of everyone at the Club, I would like to formally congratulate vice president Emma Banks on the announcement that she will receive the MITS Award 2018, in recognition for her outstanding services to the global music industry.

Coincidentally, this is the identical award won by another vice president, Rob Stringer, only last year. Not only are we so proud to have such wonderful representation within the music industry but we are very confident no other club can boast having two MITS winners as such strong supporters.

Indeed, our strong links into the music business has also been boosted by the arrival of Ian Montone as a new vice president to go with the ever-welcome support we receive from the likes of Cerys Matthews, Steve Abbott and the up-coming talent that is Tom Grennan, who we know well since his time with our academy. On that musical note, let's have plenty more of the supportive songs that bounced around the Kenny on Tuesday night. It was a great atmosphere that I know our players respond to on the pitch.

Come on you Hatters – more of the same today, please!

Gary



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THE SKIPPER

Alan Sheehan

Good afternoon everybody and welcome to Kenilworth Road for what will no doubt be a tough game against Shrewsbury Town.

It was a battling performance against Southend on Tuesday night and it showed how good we are. It's vital to get those first three points on the board, everybody worked so hard for it and it was fully deserved.

The performance was excellent and to go out and keep a clean sheet – plus we could have got a few more ourselves were it not for good goalkeeping – was the icing on the cake. If anybody had offered us a 2-0 win before kick-off, we'd have taken it. It was an unbelievable atmosphere and a great way to get the first win of the season.

achieve what we want to achieve this year. If you're in the team or if you're out of the team, you've got to play your part. We are a team and we're all in it together as it's a long, long season.

The gaffer proved how strong the squad is by making four changes from the team that were defeated at Peterborough. We set high standards here, and we didn't play the way we know we can last Saturday, when we came in at half-time three goals down from three counter attacks, having not defended well.

Tough

In the second half we improved a lot and played our way. It probably would have been harsh on Peterborough if we had nicked something at the end, but stranger things have happened. It's difficult to come back from 3-0 down, but you always give yourself a chance.

Shrewsbury have a former team-mate of ours in their ranks in Alex Gilliead. He had a good time here and we're looking forward to seeing him. We know it's going to be a tough game. They got to the play-off final last season – that shows how hard it's going to be today. They were one goal away from being promoted to the Championship, so we're going to need to bring the same intensity that we've had for the majority of the campaign so far.

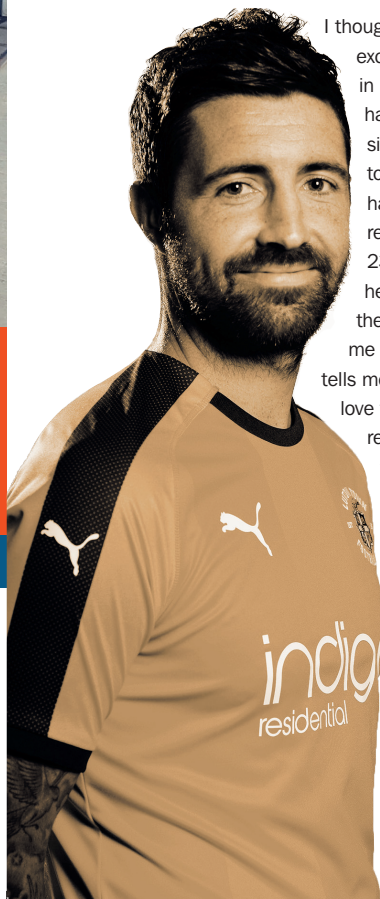
The atmosphere was fantastic here in midweek and having you all behind us will play a massive part, so please give the lads everything again.

I hope you enjoy the game.



I thought Glen was excellent stepping in as captain. He has been brilliant since he came to the club, we have a very close relationship. He's 23-years-old but he deserved to lead the team. He helps me as a captain, he tells me how it is, and I love that about him, it really helps me. I tell him the same and that's why we're really good friends.

I was obviously disappointed not to be involved, but it's going to take the whole squad to



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HOWZAT HATTERS!

Club chairman David Wilkinson and commercial manager David Hoskins were looking the part at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday night as they modelled their Luton Town & Indians Cricket Club ties!

The Hatters big hitters were presented with the neckwear by LTICC chairman David Cunningham and director of cricket Subash Karawadra at our annual LTICC v LTFC cricket match at Wardown Park last week.



GENEROUS TOWN FANS PRAISED

The club were delighted to receive an email from the Portsmouth branch of the Royal British Legion Social Club praising Hatters supporters for their generosity when they visited for a drink before the game at Fratton Park on the opening day of the season.

The group of around 25 Hatters were about to leave for the match when they noticed that the night's entertainment was a fundraiser for a soldier, Mark Ormrod, who had lost both his legs and an arm in action in Afghanistan.

Town fan Fred Dann started a collection which raised over £100 for Mark, and the RBL secretary and treasurer Audrey Kercher wrote: "I would like to thank you for your kind donation to Mark Ormrod, which was passed on to him that evening. I was not in the club on that day but the feedback from the members and Steward of the day was what a nice bunch the Luton fans were."

OPEN TRAINING SESSION ON TUESDAY

A reminder that the Hatters squad will host an open training session at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday morning.

Entry via the press gate at the top of Kenilworth Road and a turnstile on the Maple Road bridge will be from 9.30am, with the training session beginning at 10am. Junior Diamond season ticket holders receive a voucher for free entry and a complimentary hot dog or burger and drink, with the session open to anyone else for a nominal £1 donation to our club charity of the year, Luton Foodbank.

PLAYER SIGNING AT THE MALL!

Anyone who doesn't get Luke Berry and Jorge Grant's autographs on Tuesday morning (and even if you do!) is welcome to the club shop in The Mall on Thursday afternoon, from 2-3pm, for the midfield duo's autograph and photo session.

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CLUB CHARITY OF THE YEAR LUTON FOODBANK

It was with great pleasure that we announced Luton Foodbank as the club Charity of the Year earlier this month.



The Luton Foodbank aims to eradicate food poverty in our town by handing out food parcels to families who are struggling with the pressures of low income.

It also works with partner organisations to support people so that they can take steps to overcome their issues. The charity has been serving the people of Luton for over five years, with the day-to-day operations of the Luton Foodbank run by a committed team, supported by a strong group of volunteers.

"We are quite a small charity but are lucky to have some great people working for us," said Liz Stringer, chairperson of the Luton Foodbank.

Attending the Southend match on Tuesday along with other board members, staff and volunteers (pictured right) Liz went on to thank the club.

"Furthermore, we have found that over the years that we have benefitted from the generous nature of people from our town. Luton Town adopting us as their Charity of the Year is a great example of that."

"We have people from all walks of life that give their free time to the charity, whether that be collecting food donations for us, or helping us in our warehouse operations."

One of the youngest supporters is Dirk Withnail (pictured far right with his father, Greg and brother, Jasper). In 2016, Dirk, then just ten years of age, raised over £1,000 for Luton Foodbank by completing the Ridgeway National Trail, a 139-kilometre walk between Avebury, in Wiltshire, and Ivinghoe Beacon, in Buckinghamshire.



Dirk was named Young Hero of the Year at the 2016 Luton & Bedfordshire Community Awards. He has also taken part in the Luton Foodbank Colour Run as a runner and as a helper, and has often used his pocket money to buy items for the charity.

"It is sad that in the world that we are living in that we still have people going hungry," said the 12-year-old.

"A few years ago, our family was struggling, so I know what it is like to be in that position. I'm glad a charity such as the Luton Foodbank exists as it does a great job in looking after those families."

Luton Foodbank service users are able to benefit from food parcels, which are supplied free of charge, are nutritionally balanced and appropriate to their needs.

In addition, the charity supports healthy eating initiatives in local schools as well as Fairtrade programmes.

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Alan Sheehan's ALL-TIME XI

[ALL-TIME XI]

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The captain gives us the rundown on the best players he has ever lined up alongside, but didn't want to include any of his current team-mates so he didn't offend anybody!



Bartosz Bialkowski

Played with at: Notts County

He was both footed, a big, commanding, great shot stopping keeper. He's at Ipswich now and I believe he was Player of the Year for the last few years. Close to a complete goalkeeper.



Richard Stearman

Played with at: Leicester City

A very good friend of mine, we came through together at Leicester, then he went to Wolves and played in the Premier League. Quick and calm on the ball, an excellent defender.



Gareth McAuley

Played with at: Leicester City.

He was excellent. He has gone onto play for Northern Ireland and West Brom in the Premier League. A great professional, he loved a goal from set-pieces as well!



Patrick Kisnorbo

Played with at: Leeds United

He was probably the hardest guy I have ever played with! He was tough as nails. A real character in the dressing room and a very tough defender. Good on the ball.



Aiden McGeady

Played with at: Republic of Ireland U21

He was unbelievable when he was younger – some of the skills he used to do, it was just incredible. He would destroy full-backs all the time. We roomed together with Ireland.



Jonathan Douglas

Played with at: Leeds United & Swindon Town

Another close friend of mine, the type of player you don't actually know how good of a player he is, but you see him on the team sheet every week. I always looked up to him.



Fabian Delph

Played with at: Leeds United

He burst onto the scene. He was a few years below me at Leeds when I signed, but from his first training session he laid down a marker. He was unbelievable. I knew he was going to be worth millions.



Robert Snodgrass

Played with at: Leeds United

We were both young lads there and we used to hang around together, what a character he was. He was/is the life of the party. We used to argue over set-pieces! He's the funniest guy I have ever played with.



Jack Grealish

Played with at: Notts County

Me and Jack played down the left together for a full season. What an absolute talent. Unbelievably gifted. Nobody can get the ball off him, he's a top four player – I have had arguments over it!



Paddy McCourt

Played with at: Luton Town

I have to put him in. When I came to Luton at first, he was the first name that I saw in the squad, I had watched him for years. When you play with him, you think 'oh my god!' He was frightening!



Dion Dublin

Played with at: Leicester City

When I was breaking through at Leicester, he used to take a lot of time out to help the younger lads. He was always very good to us. He was the perfect professional.

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TODAY'S MASCOTS



JOSEPH HARDY

Age: 8 | **School:** Cranfield Academy | **Hobbies:** Football and Fortnite | **Favourite Player:** Danny Hylton | **Who do you attend games with:** My dad, Reece Kenyon and Liam McTague



MAIA ARACI

Age: 10 | **School:** Oscar Mayer Magnet | **Hobbies:** Football, gymnastics, horse riding | **Favourite Player:** James Collins and Marek Stech | **Who do you attend games with:** Mum, dad, grandad, uncle, auntie and granny (who is attending her first game)



JOE MCMAHON

Age: 8th birthday today! | **School:** Barefield National School | **Hobbies:** Sports and reading | **Favourite Player:** James Collins | **Who do you attend games with:** My dad (I call him Daddy Hylton)

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[OUR VISITORS]

WELCOME SHREWSBURY TOWN



The Hatters would like to extend a warm welcome to the staff, players and supporters of today's visitors, Shrewsbury Town.

How close can you go? It was a case of in any other year, this game probably wouldn't have happened. The Shrews amassed 87 points last season and somehow missed out on automatic promotion, with both Wigan Athletic and Blackburn Rovers beating them to the top two spots. They reached the play-off final – but a 2-1 defeat to Rotherham United defeat consigned them to another season in the third tier.

That was all achieved under former Grimsby Town boss Paul Hurst, who arrived at the Montgomery Waters Meadow with the club in a bit of relegation trouble, but he successfully guided them away from there before taking them so close to Championship football – as well as a Checkatrade Trophy final.

He departed in the summer, taking the job at Ipswich Town. He also took with him a couple of key players – Jon Nolan and Aristote Nsiala joining the Tractor Boys in a combined £2million deal. Last season's top scorer Stefan Payne has also moved on, signing for Bristol Rovers for an undisclosed fee.

Salop have brought in a new manager in John Askey, who guided Macclesfield Town back into the EFL in the last campaign, and he's recruited well. Lincoln City captain Luke Waterfall was brought in as well as former Hatters striker Lee Angol and loanee Alex Gilliead. However, it hasn't been the start they would have hoped for. Defeats to Bradford and Charlton then successive goalless draws against Blackpool last Saturday and on their midweek trip to Doncaster.

A Conference side for a season in 2003-04, they spent a number of years plugging away in League Two, before going up in 2012, with their top scorer that season bagging 16 goals in all competitions – a certain James Collins.

The striker has had two spells with Salop, having left boyhood club Aston Villa for them in 2011, spending that promotion-winning season with the Shrews. He returned in 2014 after a spell in Scotland with Hibernian, his goals again propelling them to League One football under Micky Mellon.

HEAD-TO-HEAD

LUTON WINS:	11
DRAWN:	5
SHREWSBURY WINS:	6
LAST MEETING:	LUTON 0-0 SHREWSBURY JANUARY 2015

FACTFILE:

NICKNAMES:	SALOP, THE SHREWS
GROUND:	MONTGOMERY WATERS MEADOW
MANAGER:	JOHN ASKEY
LAST SEASON:	3RD IN LEAGUE ONE

MEET THE SQUAD

THE GAFFER

John Askey | Age: 53

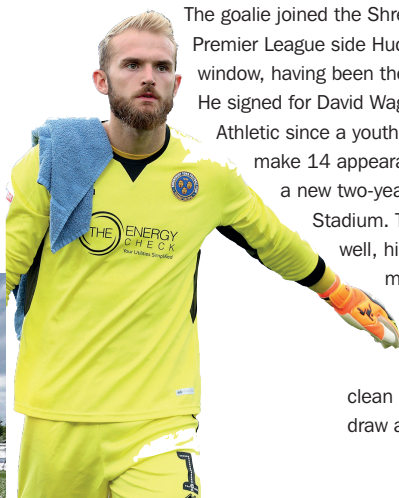
Took over: June 2018



A Macclesfield Town stalwart – both as a player and a manager – the 53-year-old clocked up 34 years with the Silkmen until he departed Moss Rose in the summer. After starting out at Port Vale, he joined Macc in 1984, going onto play for over 19 years for them, netting 106 goals in 490 appearances. He was appointed assistant manager following his retirement, taking the reins full-time in 2013, having had a brief spell in the 2003/04 season. He guided them back to the EFL last season after taking them to the FA Trophy Final the year before. He hasn't held back in his recruitment either, bringing in a number of signings as Salop try to match last season's third-place finish.

THE STOPPER

Joel Coleman | Age: 22



The goalie joined the Shrews on a season-long loan from Premier League side Huddersfield Town in the transfer window, having been the Terriers' number two last season. He signed for David Wagner's side having been at Oldham Athletic since a youth team player, and has gone onto make 14 appearances for his parent club, penning a new two-year contract at the John Smith's Stadium. The 22-year-old knows this level well, his time with the Latics saw him make 45 appearances in the third tier, before leaving in 2016. He has been first choice since his arrival at Salop, keeping his first clean sheet of the campaign in the 0-0 draw at Blackpool last weekend.

GOALKEEPER

STEVE ARNOLD

AGE: 29

A summer signing after departing Barrow, the stopper signed a two-year deal with the Shrews. The ex-Stevenage man began his career at Norwich City.

DEFENDERS

JAMES BOLTON

AGE: 24

An ever-present for the Shrews last season, he joined Salop on a two-year deal for an undisclosed fee from Gateshead in July 2017.



MAT SADLER

AGE: 33

The club captain, he is now in his second spell with the club, having previously been on loan with Salop in 2010/11. Began his career at Birmingham City.

RYAN HAYNES

AGE: 22

Haynes joined from League One rivals Coventry City this summer, having progressed through the youth ranks at the Ricoh Arena.



DID YOU KNOW?

Shrewsbury made history earlier this month as the first club in the EFL or Premier League to be given permission to convert an area of their all-seater stadium into a safe standing zone, with 550 supporters able to take advantage at their opening home game of this season. Before kick-off a balloon was released for every one of those fans in the Salop Leisure South Stand – but a 1-0 win for Bradford City popped the celebratory atmosphere!

THE WALL

Luke Waterfall
Age: 28

The centre-back was a key part of Danny Cowley's Lincoln City side that climbed out of Non-League, as well as helping the Imps reach the quarter-finals of the FA Cup and winning the Checkatrade Trophy last year. He joined the Shrews on a three-year deal for an undisclosed fee, having worked with Askey before at Macclesfield. The 28-year-old made his senior debut in the 2008/09 season for Tranmere Rovers, before leaving for Ilkeston Town and then

Gainsborough Trinity. He impressed with Trinity, as Scunthorpe United signed him in 2013, winning promotion to League One. Loan spells away from the club followed before he joined Wrexham.



IN THE MIDDLE

Greg Docherty
Age: 21

The 21-year-old progressed through the ranks at Hamilton Academical, spending 13 years with the club, before joining Rangers in January this year on a four-year deal – the club he grew up supporting. The box-to-box midfielder played 14 times for 'Gers last season, having played over 100 times for Hamilton. Capped at Under-17 and Under-21 level by Scotland, he has eight career goals to his name. During his time with Accies, he bagged the only goal in the play-off tie against Dundee United, keeping his team in the Scottish Premiership.



OMAR BECKLES
AGE: 26

Got his first taste of EFL football in 2015 when he was signed by Accrington following a good spell at Aldershot Town. Began his career at Millwall.

KEIRAN KENNEDY
AGE: 24

Kennedy followed his manager to Salop, joining from Macclesfield Town in the summer.

Came through the ranks at Manchester City and Leicester City.

LUKE HENDRIE
AGE: 23

Signed by former boss Paul Hurst in January, the versatile defender joined from Premier League outfit Burnley.

MIDFIELDERS
SHAUN WHALLEY
AGE: 31

A part of the Hatters side that won promotion to the EFL, Whalley

joined Salop in the summer of 2015. Now a fan favourite with the Shrews.

JOSH LAURENT
AGE: 23

Signed from Wigan Athletic in July for an undisclosed fee, featuring four times for the Latics during an 18-month spell there.

ANTHONY GRANT
AGE: 31

A late signing in this transfer window, the Chelsea youth product joined Salop on a one-year deal from Peterborough United for an undisclosed fee.



WATCH OUT

Lenell John-Lewis

Age: 29

The striker began his career at Grantham Town, impressing early on and going on trial at a number of clubs before signing for Lincoln City in 2006. He spent four years at Sincil Bank, before leaving for Bury. He spent another three years there before being recruited by Paul Hurst at Grimsby Town in 2013. Thirty goals in three seasons in the Conference National earned him a move to Newport County, but an injury-hit two years at

Rodney Parade saw him reunited with Hurst last season, who took him to Shrewsbury. He broke the record for the most amount of substitute appearances for the Shrews last season, coming on 44 times. Opened his account for the campaign with a strike against Charlton Athletic.



IN NUMBERS...

Stadium Capacity:	9,875
Miles from Kenilworth Road:	128
Year opened:	2007
Average crowd last season:	6,249
Seasons in League 1:	4

RYAN BARNETT

AGE: 18

The youngster signed a two-and-a-half year pro-deal with the Shrews in February last year, having joined the club as a seven-year old.



ALEX GILLIEAD

AGE: 22

A former Hatters loanee, Gilliead began his career at Newcastle United, going on loan to Carlisle United and Bradford City. Joined the Shrews on a permanent deal in the summer.



DOUG LOFT

AGE: 32

The experienced midfielder signed for Salop after a successful two-week trial period in the summer. Has previously played for Port Vale and Gillingham.

STRIKERS

LEE ANGOL

AGE: 24

The former Hatter joined Salop from Mansfield Town over the summer – becoming Askey's 15th signing of the window. Former clubs include Wycombe Wanderers and Peterborough United.



FEJIRI OKENABIRHIE

AGE: 22

The former Stevenage man was Askey's first signing, joining from Dagenham & Redbridge for an undisclosed fee, having bagged 19 goals in 68 appearances.

[ROGER WASH]

CLASSIC CLASH WITH THE SHREWS

CLUB HISTORIAN **ROGER WASH** DELVES INTO HIS ARCHIVES...

30TH APRIL 1982 • LUTON TOWN 4 SHREWSBURY TOWN 1

After winning 3-1 at Norwich over Christmas 1981, the Hatters found themselves sitting proud at the top of Division Two (now the Championship), seven points clear of the next side with two games in hand.

Unfortunately, bad weather then set in and it was to be over three weeks before another League game was played and in a frantic contest played on a sea of mud at The Valley, the Town fought out a 0-0 draw with Charlton in a less than convincing performance.

The free-flowing football which had been the Town's trademark in the period leading up to Christmas was no longer in evidence and was creating a few worries behind the scenes as the chasing pack began to close the gap.

Away wins turned into draws and the games at home were not easy on the eye as, although Oldham and Cambridge were seen off at Kenilworth Road, they were turgid affairs, leaving rumblings of fear that the Town's campaign would end in major disappointment after the brilliant start.

There then followed our worst spell of the campaign, with a string of five games without a win, culminating in the loss of top spot to Watford.

Supporters were beginning to sense the alarm bells ringing after the Hatters went down 4-3 at windswept Barnsley for our first defeat of the year, and nerves were really jangling when, from a leading 3-2 position at Crystal Palace, the Town were stung by a late equaliser.

A 0-0 draw at Derby and loss of top spot seemed to be the kick up the backside the players needed, and three days later pole position was regained

after Orient were seen off at Kenilworth Road. All was then set fair when the Town beat a physical Blackburn side at home the following Saturday to open up a lead again.

Over 4,000 Luton supporters made the short trip to Cambridge on Easter Saturday to witness a tense 1-1 draw before Norwich, on the crest of a wave, visited Kenilworth Road on the Monday and did everything but score in a one-sided first half.

The interval team talk, which went along the lines that the Canaries could not play any better in the second period, proved to be true as goals from Brian Stein and on-loan Billy Jennings settled the issue.

Then, in a terrific game at Kenilworth Road, Newcastle took a 2-0 lead before Brian Stein stepped up to win the match for the Hatters, scoring a hat-trick, including two of the poorest penalties ever seen on this ground!

Next in line were Chelsea, who pulled in a crowd of 16,185 to Kenilworth Road and were fortunate to escape with a point from a 2-2 draw, as the Town laid siege on their goal for almost the whole match.

Despite the loss of two points, the Hatters were still pulling away from the pack and promotion was looking an increasing certainty.

The visit to Rotherham was seen as a tough test as the Millers had enjoyed a terrific second half to the season, and were seeking a first ever promotion to Division One. The match was petering out to a 2-2 draw when Rotherham were awarded a dubious penalty which was well saved by reserve goalkeeper, Alan Judge – effectively ending the Millers' promotion challenge.



	
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STEPHENS	MACLAREN
MONEY	GRIFFIN
HORTON	KEAY
GOODYEAR	JOHNSON (PETTS)
DONAGHY	TURNER
HILL	MCCALLY
STEIN	TONG
WHITE	BATES
FUCCILLO (ANTIC)	ATKINS
MOSS	CROSS

Ricky Hill volleys the Town ahead

When the dust had settled, it could be seen that a win over struggling Shrewsbury at Kenilworth Road the following Friday evening would clinch promotion back to the top flight.

A tense crowd of 14,563 gathered to watch and transmitted their anxiety on to the pitch, where it became obvious that the Shrews were hoping for a point.

Nerves were settled for a while when Brian Stein latched on to a route one clearance from goalkeeper Jake Findlay in the 14th minute to cleverly lob the Town into the lead.

The Hatters, however, failed to control the midfield and stuttered through the rest of the first half

without playing any of the free-flowing football that had brought them to the gates of promotion.

Hearts sank when Ian Atkins, with just about the Shrews' only real attack of the game, equalised on the hour with a brilliant volley, but when Raddy Antic was brought on a few minutes later we started to look a team again.

It is now written in Kenilworth Road folklore as to how Ricky Hill ended the stalemate with a volley, after a corner was headed to him by Mal Donaghy in the 78th minute, and with the floodgates now open, goals from Steve White and David Moss secured a flattering victory. But did we care? We were up!

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Luke Wilkinson climbs highest against the Shrewsbury defence

THE LAST TIME SHREWSBURY CAME TO TOWN

CLUB HISTORIAN **ROGER WASH** REPORTS ON THE SHREWS' LAST VISIT TO KENILWORTH ROAD

8TH JANUARY 2015

LUTON TOWN 0 SHREWSBURY TOWN 0 (LEAGUE 2)

In their first season back in the Football League the Town started off tentatively before hitting a run of form that saw them top the table in mid-November.

A narrow and undeserved defeat at Burton on 22nd November started a slump from which the team never fully recovered.

By the time of the visit of high-flying Shrewsbury on 8th January, the Hatters were still hovering around the play-off positions but a lack of goals was hindering any further progress.

Attempts were made to sign 33-year-old free agent Andy Johnson, but when that avenue looked closed Luton manager John Still brought in 21-year-old Jayden Stockley on loan from Bournemouth.

Stockley made his debut against the Shrews in a game that was shifted to a Thursday evening to accommodate the Sky TV cameras. The cameras affected the crowd with the result that only 7,666 were in attendance, the lowest of the season.

Shrewsbury made it pretty obvious from the start that they had come for a point, but their plans were almost upset when Jake Howells saw his shot come back into play off a post in the fourth minute.

Stockley led the line well but it was not until Shaun Whalley was introduced off the bench late on, and Shrews defender Nat Knight-Percival was dismissed for two yellow cards in quick succession, that the Town looked really threatening.

At the other end Luton goalkeeper Mark Tyler had a quiet night as Steve McNulty handled the threat of Shrewsbury danger man James Collins well.

Luton Town: Tyler, Harriman, Griffiths (Miller), McNulty, Wilkinson, Doyle, Smith, Rooney (Whalley), Drury, Howells, Stockley.

Shrewsbury Town: Leutwiler, Ellis, Goldson, Knight-Percival, Lawrence, Woods, Wesolowski, Gayle, Demetriou, Akpa-Akpro, (Grant), Collins.

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[ROGER WASH]

COVERED!

CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH PICKS OUT EIGHT PROGRAMME COVERS FROM PAST GAMES WITH OUR OPPONENTS

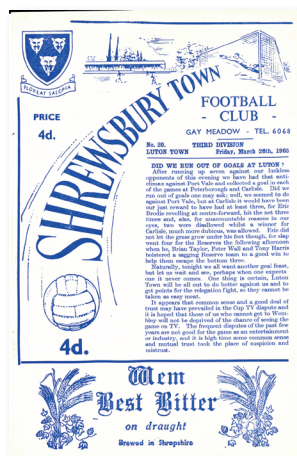


February 1964

In the first League meeting between the sides at Kenilworth Road the Town win 2-0 courtesy of a penalty from Tommy McKechnie and a strike from John O'Rourke. This makes it seven goals from nine starts for new scoring sensation O'Rourke

March 1965

Two weeks after a 7-2 home drubbing at the hands of the Shrews the Town win 2-0 in the return at Gay Meadow! Ted Phillips and Billy Harber score the goals in an amazing turnaround of fortune.

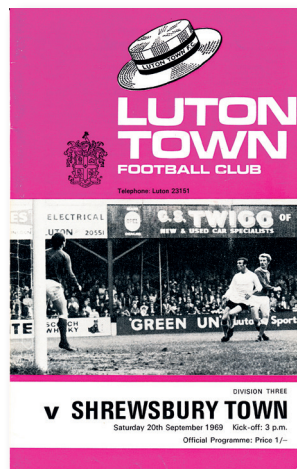


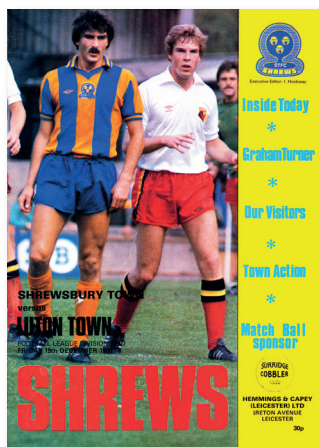
March 1969

Promotion chasing Luton are made to struggle against the rock-bottom Shrews but eventually win through 2-1. Keith Allen, one of the Luton goalscorers, has the chance to make the game safe but blasts a late penalty over the bar.

September 1969

Table-toppers Luton are held to a 2-2 draw by lowly Shrewsbury. The Shrews defence takes no prisoners with the uncompromising Alf Wood behind most fouls. Alan Slough scores at both ends in an entertaining clash watched by a Kenilworth Road crowd of 15,396.





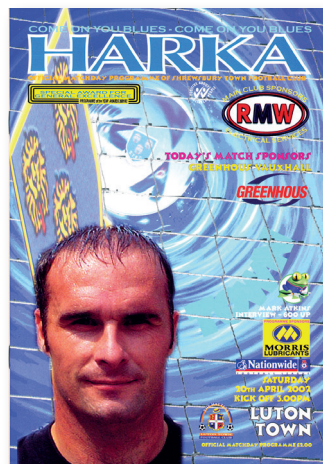
▲ December 1980

The Town record a surprisingly comfortable 1-0 win at Gay Meadow with local schoolboy star Godfrey Ingram netting the only goal.



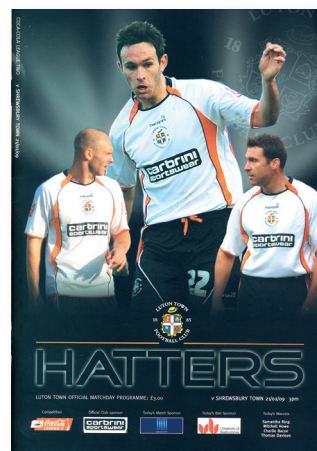
▲ April 1997

Tony Thorpe, with his eighth penalty of the season, and Dwight Marshall score the goals in a less than convincing 2-0 win over soon to be relegated Shrewsbury. The Hatters have now slipped out of the top two spots and will have to make do with the play-offs.



▲ April 2002

Already promoted Luton visit Gay Meadow for the last time to take on a home side who must win to get into the play-offs. An own goal from Gregor Rioch and a late strike from Steve Howard break the hearts of the home fans.



▲ February 2009

All but relegated Luton (a 30-point deduction has not helped) have secured a Wembley place in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy in midweek and carry the momentum into a home clash with high-flying Shrewsbury. Goals from Tom Craddock, Sam Parkin and Asa Hall secure a hard-fought 3-1 win.

DEADLY DUOS

FOOTBALL HISTORIAN LEIGH EDWARDS PROFILES FOUR NOTABLE POST-WAR SHREWSBURY TOWN GOALSCORING PARTNERSHIPS

FRANK CLARKE & HARRY MIDDLETON

Striker Frank Clarke was leading marksman as Shrewsbury Town reached the FA Cup fifth round in 1965-66. The eldest of five footballing brothers, he joined Shrewsbury from Willenhall in November 1961 and also featured in their 1967-68 promotion near-miss. He netted 77 goals in 188 League games while at Gay Meadow before moving to QPR in February 1968, helping them clinch promotion to the top-flight.

Joining Ipswich Town in March 1970, he moved to Carlisle United August 1973 and was an important figure as they reached the top-flight in 1973-74. He later became a supervisor at the Adams Sports Centre in Wem.

Ex-England Youth forward Harry Middleton was Shrewsbury Town's leading marksman in 1963-64. Signing professional for Wolves in August 1954, he joined Scunthorpe United in September 1959 and moved to Portsmouth in June 1961. He featured in their 1961-62 Third Division title campaign, moving to Gay Meadow in February 1962. Scoring 36 times in 85 Third Division games for Salop, he joined Mansfield Town in November 1964 and was top scorer in their 1964-65 promotion near-miss, then played for Walsall, Worcester City and Tamworth. He later ran his own insurance brokers business in Tamworth.

ALF WOOD & GEORGE ANDREWS

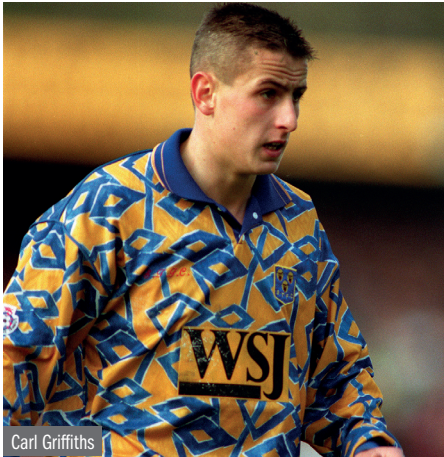
Alf Wood was the Football League's joint leading marksman with 35 goals in 1971-72. An England Youth international, he turned professional with Manchester City in June 1963 and featured in their 1965-66 Second Division title campaign.

He joined Shrewsbury in June 1966 and starred as a central defender in their 1967-68 promotion near-miss, netting 65 goals in 258 League games before moving to Millwall in June 1972. Later with Hull City, Middlesbrough, Walsall and Stafford Rangers, he became commercial manager at Birmingham City, then ran his own promotions business. He has settled in Sutton Coldfield.

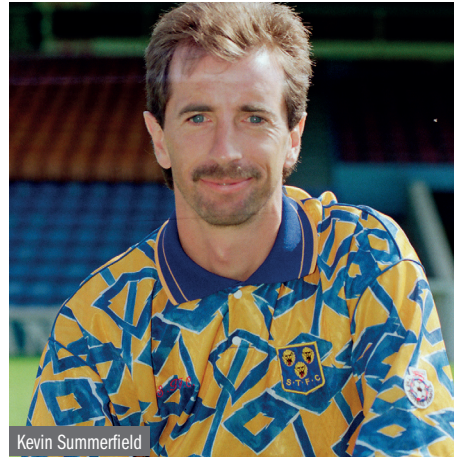
Striker George Andrews was Shrewsbury Town's leading goalscorer in 1970-71. Signing professional for Luton Town in January 1960, he had spells with Dudley and Lower Gornal prior to joining Cardiff City in October 1965.

He was a League Cup semi-finalist in 1965-66 and moved to Southport in February 1967, helping to clinch promotion that season.

Following Terry Harkin to Shrewsbury for £10,000 in November 1969, he netted 49 goals in 124 League games before joining Walsall in January 1973, then played for Worcester, Telford, Oldswinford and Tipton where he worked for the local parks maintenance department.



Carl Griffiths



Kevin Summerfield

RAY HAYWOOD & CHIC BATES

Striker Ray Haywood was ever-present top scorer in Shrewsbury Town's 1974-75 promotion triumph. He was a key figure as Stourbridge won promotion as champions of the Southern League's Division One North and were Welsh Cup finalists in 1973-74, moving to Shrewsbury with Chic Bates in May 1974. Scoring 27 goals in 87 League games, he joined Northampton Town in March 1977, then reunited with Allan Grundy at Kidderminster Harriers in October 1977. He was leading marksman in 1977-78, scoring as they took Cardiff City to a Welsh Cup quarter-final replay. Later at Hillingdon Borough, he returned to teaching and emigrated to the United States, settling in New Jersey.

Striker Bates was also ever-present in Shrewsbury Town's 1974-75 promotion success. Along with Haywood, he had starred as Stourbridge won promotion and reached the Welsh Cup final in 1973-74, moving to Shrewsbury with Haywood in May 1974. Leading marksman in 1976-77, he joined Swindon Town in January 1978 and moved via Bristol Rovers back to Shrewsbury in December 1980. He was player-boss from July 1984 until November 1987, plotting Salop's 1985 Welsh Cup final triumph. Later assisting Lou Macari at Swindon, Birmingham, Celtic and Stoke, becoming manager, he returned to Shrewsbury as head of youth strategy.

CARL GRIFFITHS & KEVIN SUMMERFIELD

Welsh U21 striker Carl Griffiths scored 30 League and Cup goals for Shrewsbury Town in 1992-93. He turned professional with Shrewsbury in September 1988 and featured in their 1993-94 Third Division title campaign, netting 54 goals in 143 League games before joining Manchester City in October 1993. He had spells with Portsmouth and Peterborough, moving to Leyton Orient in March 1997 and was top scorer in 1997-98. Joining Port Vale in March 1999, he rejoined Orient in December 1999 and helped reach the play-offs in 2000-01, then played for the Hatters, Harlow Town and Braintree. He managed Brentwood Town and Aveley.

Ex-England Youth international Kevin Summerfield starred in Shrewsbury Town's 1993-94 Third Division title triumph. He helped West Brom win the FA Youth Cup and joined Birmingham City in May 1982, then Walsall and Cardiff City before moving to Plymouth in December 1984. Helping win promotion in 1985-86 and take Everton to an FA Cup fourth round replay in 1988-89, he joined Shrewsbury in October 1990. He starred in their 1990-91 FA Cup run and 1993-94 Third Division title triumph, netting 22 goals in 163 League games. Rejoining Plymouth as youth coach, he has since held coaching posts at various clubs.

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HEAD OF SPORTS SCIENCE: JARED ROBERTS-SMITH

Welcome back to fortress Kenilworth. It's no surprise that through your support we have got an unbeaten start at home this season and that the last time we didn't get a result at KR was March 10th!

Being a bit of a statto myself I feel our home form will be crucial this season and the fact we have almost always had a full house at home since my arrival in 2016 plays a massive part in our strong home point conversion. Long may your amazing support continue and we hope for another good performance and three points today.

With this being my first column this season there's a lot to catch up on. The lads returned to pre-season in the best shape possible and this gave us a good footing to get some real hard work into the squad throughout the build-up to kick-off.

We had an excellent trip to Slovenia, which was thoroughly planned out and, as you may have seen, was in an amazing setting in the town of Kranjska Gora in the Slovenian Alps. This brought the whole squad and staff together and the group is closer than ever with team spirit at a real high.

I was halfway over the Atlantic Ocean in the summer when the fixtures were released, and seeing the start we had ahead of us I was relishing the opportunity of seeing the lads perform in League One. We've had a real tough start with some good performances, which culminated in a strong display and win on Tuesday night.

I was receiving a bit of stick on Tuesday night as I am a resident of Southend and a boyhood fan. Macca was actually one of my favourite players for Southend growing up, even with the naughty bleached blonde barnet he used to have...check it out above, shocking!! However, it was strictly business and I was buzzing with our first three points in League One.



We have been back in Thursday and yesterday to ensure the lads are fully recovering in our first Saturday-Tuesday-Saturday week of the league season. This year my two sports science interns from last season have progressed to full-time roles at the club, which hugely helps with ensuring everyone gets the optimum sports science support.

Elliott Plant is our new first team strength and conditioning coach, and Luke Sanders is our first team sports scientist. The board have really backed us and we are operating like a top level sports science department, which enables us to implement many strategies to ensure the team is as fit and as strong as possible, and that the manager has as many fit and available players for selection as possible to ensure he has what he needs for our upcoming fixtures.

Hopefully that gives you a snapshot of the last few months and my upcoming columns will aim to give you as much insight as possible from a sports science point of view.

All the best for today and COYH!



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Luke Gambin

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Apple.

Last person you called?

Glen Rea.

Last text sent?

I text Glen – 'Are we doing yoga today?'



Most famous person in your phone?

Graham Stack

Favourite food?

Tapas



Apple or rhubarb crumble?

Apple.

Food you can't stand?

Jacket potato. And gherkins!



Pet hate?

Glen uses two towels everyday for some reason. He also blows cold air in the car in the winter.

Cat or dog?

Dog.

Xbox or PlayStation?

PlayStation.

Karaoke song?

Something by Michael Jackson or Bruno Mars.

Favourite artist?

Skepta

Top of your playlist?

Mist

Last holiday?

Spain. San Antonio.

Can't miss on TV?

The new Power series.

Love Island or Peaky Blinders?

I don't want to make that decision. But Peaky Blinders, very closely followed by Love Island.

Club you support?

Arsenal.



Favourite away ground?

Hampden Park

Best moment in football?

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Jack Senior.

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[ON THE CENTRE SPOT]

ON THE **James Collins** CENTRE SPOT

We asked for your questions on our social media channels to put to James Collins ahead of today's clash with his former club Shrewsbury Town. Here the 27-year-old striker is the latest Hatter to be put On The Centre Spot!

f Hatters Hoare: How old were you when you knew you wanted to play football as a career? And if you weren't playing, what would you be doing for a living?

I first got into seven-a-side when I was seven or eight. The dad of one of my mates from school was setting up a team in Coventry, Morris Rangers, and asked me to come along. After a few games I started enjoying it and doing quite well, and it went from there. If I hadn't become a footballer, I always quite liked the idea of being a fireman. It's funny because my little boy really loves fire engines and Fireman Sam now – and I was the same when I was really young.

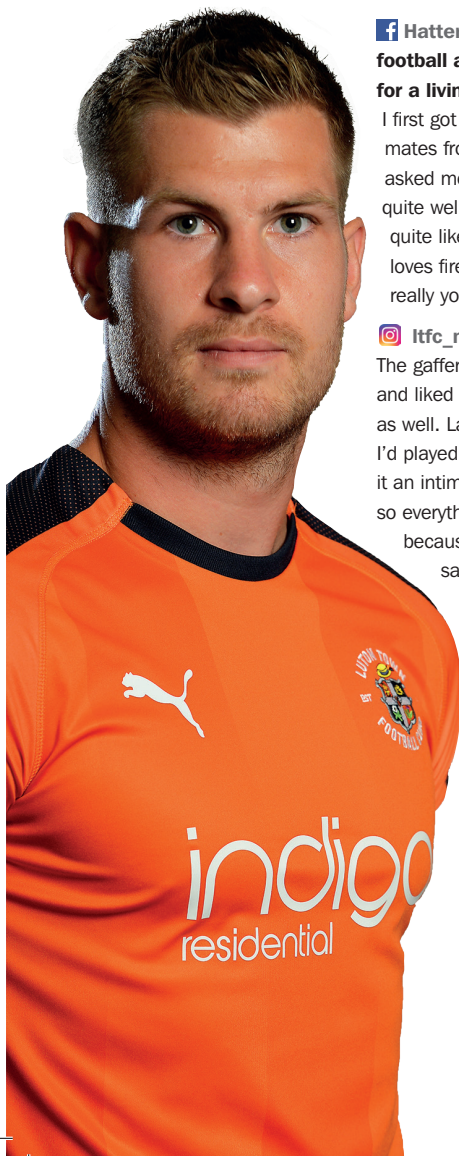
itfc_news: What made you decide to come to Luton?

The gaffer was a big part. I had a couple of options, but then I met the gaffer and liked what he had to say, and the new training ground had just been built as well. Last season was the first full season we had in here at The Brache. I'd played against Luton a few times at Kenilworth Road and always found it an intimidating place to come. It's not too far from home for me as well, so everything ticked the boxes. It turned out to be a good move in the end because we achieved what we wanted to last year, and we want to do the same again this year.

baileyneale06: How did you feel after your first game for the Hatters?

It was surreal, really. To score a hat-trick on your debut – the first game of a new season – it was what dreams are made of. To play in front of a full house and to win 8-2 as well – to be a part of that – was amazing. The fans were great with me. We couldn't have got off to a better start.

Debut hat-trick complete





With son Cooper at the Forest Green game

f Derek S Borino: What is Danny Hylton like as a strike partner compared to previous strike partners?

Hylts is a unique figure, isn't he? He is desperate to do well and score goals, and that's a good trait to have. He wants to be on the scoresheet, and I think every striker needs to be like that. We get called selfish as strikers, but he really wants to do so well for himself and the team, and he works so hard. He's good to play with because he takes a lot off the stick off the opposition, and fans, and it's not easy sometimes so the rest of us get away with a little bit. His record for this club and his work-rate is phenomenal, and that's why the fans love him. The lads do too. He's a big player for us.

Instagram james_rutherford: Do you and Hylton have much chemistry off the pitch?

Yes, I get on really well with Hylts. A lot of people asked us that last year – 'do we get on?' And 'why do we not pass to each other?' Stuff like that, but I think that's just people picking up on stuff that's not really there. We have coffees together, we sit near each other in the dressing room. I think what it is, we both want to do so well and we push each other. He pushes me and I push him. We do gym work together, so we both bounce off each other because we both want to be the best. I think that's a good thing for the team.

Twitter @LutonTownExile: Couple here: What is the best bit of advice you've received from Mick Harford since being at the club? And what do you think is the single most important attribute for a successful goalscorer in modern football?

That's a good question. I get on really well with Mick and he's been brilliant for me since I got here, always asking me how I'm doing and saying 'well done', asking me about what games were like. He's always in and around the boys and it's great



A goal for Shrewsbury at Hereford

having him here because he's a legend, not only at this club but in football. We always pick Mick's brain about who we are going to be playing against, because he's been to watch them ahead of the game. That's the main advice he gives us. Most important attribute for a successful goalscorer... of course, you have to be able to put the ball in the net. If things aren't going well for you, just keep going and getting in the right areas, keep working hard and your chances will come. Eventually once they do go in, they'll keep going in. Just not getting yourself down if they don't.

f Alan Cordt: Who is the most gifted player in the squad?

I'd say the most gifted footballer is probably Elliot Lee or Shins. Those two are both lovely footballers. They've both got great feet, great awareness. I'd say those two are a pleasure to watch in training when they are at it. Sometimes a bit annoying for us strikers because they keep hold of it for a bit too long! But when they are on form, the pair of them are something special.

Twitter @SteveLTFC1: What's your best moment in the famous Hatters shirt? And what was the most important goal you scored in your career?

Definitely Carlisle away. The coach journey home. All the fans up there, during the game. Everything about it. On the pitch, we didn't know the results elsewhere so we didn't know what was going on at the final whistle, but then in the dressing room afterwards...it was just that relief that it was finally done. So many memories. When Olly Lee scored! I knew how he felt – and this answers the second part of the question – because I scored the goal that got Shrewsbury promoted out of League Two in 2011-12. We beat Dagenham 1-0 at home, and that goal secured my first-ever promotion. I was only 21, so I'd say that. It was an amazing feeling. ▶▶

ON THE CENTRE SPOT





 @callumLFC: Did you enjoy playing against Luton, or hate it due to the fans?

The year I played against Luton twice for Crawley, I scored both times. We won the first one and then lost the second one, but it wasn't a team I thought 'Oh Luton, I enjoy playing against them'. I liked playing at Kenilworth Road, even though we lost the game. We were 1-0 up until the 70th minute and then Hylts scored a couple, but I enjoyed it. It's a proper old school stadium and I love playing there now for the club. I really look forward to home games because the crowd really get behind you, and especially the Sunderland game – that was a memorable one because when we scored, the place erupted. Even last Saturday at Peterborough when we were 3-0 down, they were still singing and chanting. Brilliant support!

 charliebunker1: How does it feel when you score and everyone sings with pride and passion?

As a striker, that is pretty much everything that you work all week for. You work really hard in training and do all your finishing, all your tactics – but at the end of the day it's all down to scoring goals and when you score and the fans are singing your name, you're winning the game, there's not many better feelings than that. Maybe the birth of your kids, but apart from that, it's definitely one of the highlights of my life.



@BibleHatters: In training, who is the hardest defender to get past?

Pottsy is really good one-on-one, and JJ as well – but I'm not really a lad who gets running at players. I'm more, just getting myself in the box and holding it up, but all of our defenders are tough in training. We play an 11 x 11 on a Thursday and sometimes that's the hardest game of the week.

@3dw1n_ : Who is the most annoying defender to play against?

Matt Clarke at Pompey was tough to play against, both on the opening day of this season and last year when we played them in the FA Cup. I remember playing against him for Crawley the year before as well, and he was good. The lad at Doncaster as well, Andy Butler. He's always a big strong boy. I try not to worry about who I'm playing against though because I think if you're on it, it doesn't really matter.

@Tom_LTFC: Which of your 19 goals last season was your favourite?

It was 19 league goals and 20 including the FA Cup one against Portsmouth! I enjoyed the Swindon one, and that was probably my best. But the one I enjoyed most was Coventry away because I'm a Cov boy, a Cov fan, all my family and friends were in the crowd. It was the equaliser in the last minute after we'd come back from 2-0 down. It doesn't get much better than that.

@jamesball2481: Is there a competition with you and Hylton over who scores the most goals?
No, not at all. Don't get me wrong, we both want

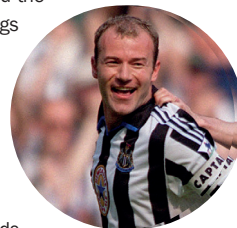
to finish top goalscorer. We both want to be up there in the league, and we talk about it all the time. We're always talking about other strikers at other clubs who are scoring goals, and compare ourselves, but it's not a competition between me and him. It never has been. We both just try and score as many as we can and we always say that if we are both in and around the double figures to 20 mark as individuals, then we'll succeed as a team.

@mattm_01: What rating do you think your FIFA 19 card will be?

What was it last year – 71 or something? Is that's good or bad. I don't really play FIFA. Let's go with 71 again. It can't be any better or worse can it?

@harrison14.13: What was your first pair of football boots? Who was your idol growing up?

My first pair of boots were Adidas World Cups. I used to love them. I used to fold the tongue over and put clothes pegs on them so they'd stay down, then my dad would put dubbin on them and clean them every Saturday morning! I never did it myself and I've always been an old school boot person, always try to wear black. The lads cane me for my old referee boots! My idol growing up was Alan Shearer, which is probably another reason why I've always worn black boots – he was always black Umbro, wasn't he? I loved him and the goals he used to score. His record is a joke. It'll take some player to beat that record – Harry Kane maybe – but hopefully no-one will





Just the one tattoo!

because he's a legend. I'm trying to get Elliot Lee to introduce me to him, even a text would do! It'd be great to get him down here to watch a game.

Instagram mstr.jck: If you could play alongside one player, past or present, who would it be?
I've just answered that. Shearer – he was my hero!

Instagram tombetts44_: What do you think about everyone calling you the biggest moaner on the pitch?

Haha! To be fair, in my defence we've got a few moaners in the team, but none of it's negative. We don't mean it because we don't like each other. It's like I said with Hylts earlier, we all just want to win and want the best for each other, and if someone's not pulling their weight and we think something needs to be said, then we've got a lot of vocal lads in the team who will say it. It can go one of two ways, can't it? You'll get lads who'll just accept it and get on with it, which nine times out of ten is the case. Or you'll get lads who'll take it to heart and start moaning back. But I don't moan just to cane people. I moan because I want to win, and if I think something's not right and someone should be doing better, I'll tell them. And I'll expect the same for me too, if I'm not pulling my weight or doing well.

Instagram loz4090_: The joker of the squad?

Pelly. Whether he's not playing or not playing, whether it's raining or sunny, I don't think I've ever seen him in a bad



mood. He's always messing about, lightening the atmosphere.

Instagram henmanbrett123: What football team do you support? Do you have a pet? If so, how many?

I support Coventry, but I don't have any pets. Kids are enough! Pets have never really appealed for me. I suppose it might change in the future if my kids start asking. Cooper loves dogs, and we've got our second baby on the way in a couple of weeks, so we'll have to see. But my fiancée Georgia's not a fan either so I'll put my foot down and say we're not having any!

Facebook Karen Reader: How many tattoos have you got?

Just the one on my arm, and it hurts too much so I don't think I'll ever get another. I was young and naive when I got this one. It was the craze at the time, I was only 18-19. It cost about seven or eight hundred quid. I like it, but I don't want another. I don't know how Sonny Bradley does it. He's got them everywhere, on his torso and his neck, his legs – he's like a machine!

Twitter @CallumLtfc: When will you join social media?

It doesn't appeal to me now. When I was young I loved it and I was all over it. I was on Facebook, MySpace, Twitter – you name it, I had it. Georgia's got Instagram and I'm logged in to hers, because she puts a lot of stuff on about my boy, so I've got that on my phone and I just have a little look at things on there. But I'd never get my own again. The Hibs fans drove me off Twitter – so never again!

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LUTON TOWN SUPPORTERS' TRUST MEDIA OFFICER **KEVIN HARPER'S** TRIP TO LONDON ROAD

THE JOURNEY

It might have been the shortest trip of the season so far, but it was also the worst journey with the A1 clogged up on the way there. Thankfully we left early enough to make it with plenty of time to spare, but I would imagine many others were not quite so fortunate..

RATING: (OUT OF 5) ⚽

THE GROUND

I've been to London Road many times in the past, but this was the first time I had been in the new Motorpoint Stand behind the goal. When I'd been behind the goal previously, it was a terrace not a nice new stand. The rest of the ground remained the same from the FA Cup tie a few years ago. It is a mix of old and new. We'll go to better.

RATING: ⚽⚽⚽

THE FOOD

There were plenty of burger bars outside the ground but arriving late we went straight in. I grabbed a hot dog and a drink on the way to the seats. Decent enough food and plenty of food and drink options – but fairly pricey, although that is becoming a theme so far!

RATING: ⚽⚽

THE PROGRAMME

We're yet to encounter a club who have not produced a programme, and Peterborough are no different. This one was 68 pages for £3.

Four of them were about the Town with the rest being the usual fare of plenty of adverts mixed in with a couple of interviews and the usual statistics.

RATING: ⚽⚽⚽

THE MATCH

Not our finest performance, particularly in the first half. There were a number of really poor decisions from the officials, almost all of which went against us, but we simply weren't at the races in the first half and the game was done by half time. We rallied in the second half and had most of the play, getting a consolation from Danny Hylton, who was hit by Jack Stacey's cross-shot and the ball went in. It was too little too late though as our search for our first win goes on.

RATING: ⚽

MAN OF THE MATCH

This wasn't a tough choice. Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu caught the eye in this match. He wanted the ball regularly, used it well and when he got the chance he was prepared to go past opponents. He played well in both formations that we used, and was one of few who excelled throughout the match in a white shirt.

SUMMARY

Certainly not the day we wanted, but poor 45 minutes happen from time to time. Thankfully the roads were much clearer on the way home and I got back in good time to drown my sorrows before the pubs closed!

OVERALL RATING: 10

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TOWN GOALS: LEE 2, HYLTON 33 (P)



Elliot Lee fires the Hatters in front



Danny Hylton nets the second from the spot

STORY OF THE MATCH

Town boss Nathan Jones' four changes from the side that was beaten at Peterborough paid dividends as the Hatters picked up their first win of the new campaign at the fifth attempt, including the Carabao Cup.

Man-of-the-match Elliot Lee was moved back up front alongside Danny Hylton, and the ex-West Ham United man made no mistake from close range in the second minute, firing past Mark Oxley after Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu's strike deflected into his path.

The result was sealed just after the half-hour mark when Lee was bundled over by Elvis Bwomono in the Southend penalty area, Hylton taking the resulting spot-kick and dispatching it to the left of the goal, sending Oxley the wrong way. It could have been more had Hylton, Lee and Andrew Shinnie taken advantage of good chances as the Hatters produced some wonderful attacking moves after half-time, plus captain Glen Rea had a header disallowed, as the Town emerged with a first clean sheet of the campaign.



SHEA
STACEY
PEARSON
BRADLEY
POTTS
REA ©
MPANZU
GRANT (JUSTIN 73)
LEE (CORNICK 83)
SHINNIE
HYLTON (COLLINS 90+3)

SUBS NOT USED:

JERVIS
GAMBIN,
SHEEHAN,
STECH

YELLOW CARD:

REA



OXLEY
BWOMONO (McCOULSKY 61)
COKER
TURNER
DIENG (HYAM 46)
HOPPER
COX
McLAUGHLIN (ROBINSON 61)
MANTOM
DEMETRIOU
WHITE

SUBS NOT USED:

KIGHTLY
BISHOP
KYPRIANOU
HENDRIE

YELLOW CARD:

HYAM
DEMETRIOU





JONES:

"The ground was rocking, it really was. It was a pleasing result in a lot of ways. A first

clean sheet in the league which is an important thing, then a couple of changes which were gambles. I thought we were magnificent from start to finish.

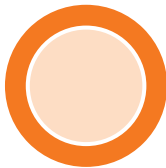
"Southend are a very direct and very physical side, an energetic side. They get on seconds,

they try to get it in your box, we defended – especially the back four – magnificently.

"James Shea didn't have a shot to save. For all their play and all their crosses they didn't have a chance and that was a credit to the centre halves, the back four and Glen, how we defended and how those in front of them press."



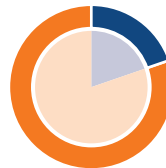
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ELLIOT STRIKES TO HELP SINK SOUTHEND

BY HARRY ROGERS

Elliot Lee was delighted to score his first goal of the season when he slotted in from close range after just 90 seconds in Tuesday's win over Southend United.

A deflected shot from Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu fell to him just outside the six-yard box, and the former Barnsley forward slotted in to help the Hatters pick up their first win in Sky Bet League One this season.

The 23-year-old, who has most recently been playing at the tip of the diamond just behind the strikers, started the game alongside Hylton in his natural position. As long as he is on the pitch, scoring goals and picking up three points along the way though, the striker is happy.

Lee said: "It's always great for one to land to you like that. I like to think I've got a habit of the ball coming to me in the box, but it's great to get off the mark. But the most important thing is the three points.

"The gaffer knows I am a striker, but I can play very well in the number 10 spot and I can play well on the left. As long as I am in the team I will give one hundred per cent, I will try and score goals and I will try and create goals for the team.

"At the end of the day though, I am a striker. I want to score goals and I want to create goals.

"On a personal note, it is great to get off the mark. I felt in the first four games on an individual level I've been playing well, feeling fit and all I was missing was the goal.

"Obviously, we've had some disappointing results.

We don't feel that we deserved them but in football, sometimes you don't get what you deserve.

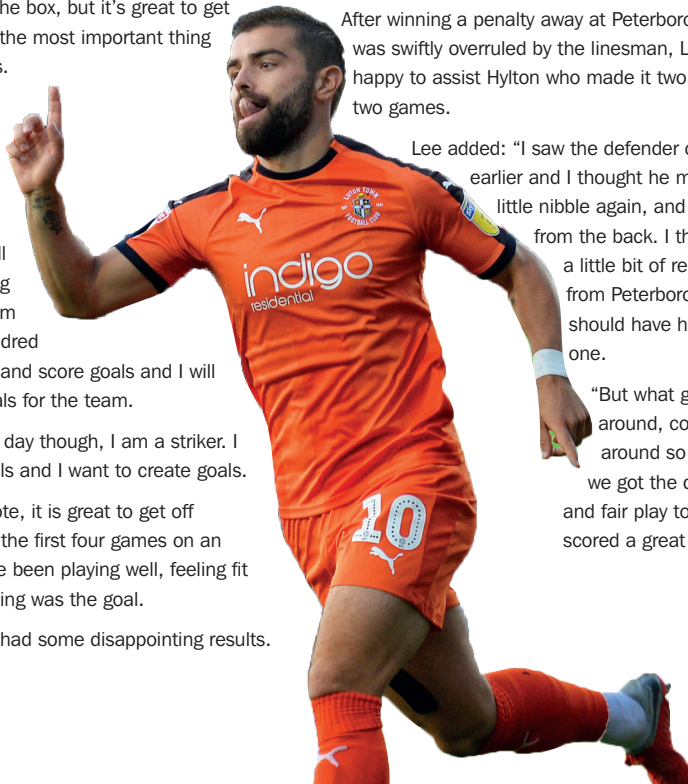
"On a team note, it was fantastic night for everyone. We feel like we worked for the win and we knew it was going to be a tough night, but we knew if we got off to good start then we would give ourselves the best chance, and we did that. I think we put in a thoroughly professional performance."

Lee's creativity in the area caused Southend more problems when he won a penalty in the 32nd minute. His strike partner, Hylton, stepped up to ensure that the Hatters remain unbeaten at Kenilworth Road this season.

After winning a penalty away at Peterborough that was swiftly overruled by the linesman, Lee was happy to assist Hylton who made it two goals in two games.

Lee added: "I saw the defender come in earlier and I thought he might have a little nibble again, and he hit me from the back. I think it was a little bit of redemption from Peterborough when I should have had another one.

"But what goes around, comes around so luckily we got the decision and fair play to Hylts, he scored a great penalty."





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BY HARRY ROGERS

GLEN'S PROUD TO SKIPPER THE SIDE

BUT NOTHING CHANGES AS FAR AS THE 23-YEAR-OLD IS CONCERNED

Apart from Southend United on Tuesday evening, Glen Rea has been unlucky not to start any of Luton's Sky Bet League One fixtures this season.

With such stern competition across the whole team for a starting spot, and slight changes being made in most matches, it came as no surprise when Nathan Jones selected Rea to start the Southend match with McCormack out injured.

The ex-Brighton man worked hard in that defensive midfielder role he made his own during McCormack's six-month absence last season, to make sure the Hatters recorded their first win – and that all important first clean sheet of the season.

With club captain Alan Sheehan also on the bench, Rea was given the privilege of wearing the armband on the night, and the modest 23-year-old says he doesn't let the extra weight on his shoulders affect him.

He said: "It's a proud moment to captain the side but it doesn't change much as Sheez is the skipper

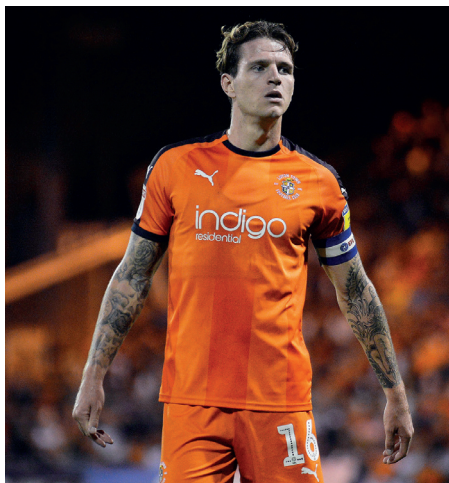
and we all know that. My family were in the crowd as well, so it is a proud moment and of course it's nice to get the armband, but it doesn't change anything."

After a hard-fought win over Southend which could have resulted in many more goals for the Hatters, Rea was pleased with his side's effort and hopes this will build some momentum going forward into today's match against Shrewsbury.

"We've got three points on the board now and hopefully that will give us some confidence to go and build on," said Rea. "We haven't got what we felt like we deserved in the three games before Southend. Obviously Peterborough was a bad performance in the first half, we weren't good enough, but we feel like we maybe haven't had the rub of the green. However, it was nice to get the win against Southend and the clean sheet was even better. We had loads of chances, but we won the game 2-0, we kept a clean sheet and I felt like we did well. It'll give us confidence going into the Shrewsbury game. We're happy with the win."

The defensive midfielder was one of four changes on the night which proved to be successful. Nathan Jones' squad has much depth and talent to make each position in the squad competitive, but whoever comes into the starting XI, Rea is confident in every player's ability in the team.

He added: "We always say that we know we've got strength in depth. We know whoever steps in is going to do as well as the person who has previously been starting. It's unreal that we have that much quality and depth within our squad."



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NEW SEASON NEW CHALLENGES NEW STADIUM

Well, it has been a fascinating start to the season, hasn't it! We've already seen evidence that we really have stepped up a standard with League One football - all the teams we have played so far have provided a stern challenge with some great games, and despite such a tough start we have shown that we are well up for the season.

Southend showed us on Tuesday night that there will be no easy games at this level – what a match that was. And what a welcome three points, with a terrific atmosphere all around the stadium at the end.

Speaking of stadiums, progress towards Power Court and Newlands Park may well be frustratingly slow, but the club are getting there despite all the hurdles and hoops the plans have had to jump over (and through!) to ensure that the process is perfect, and all the obstacles presented by those who care only about their own interests and profits, and not about the essential regeneration which the plans will bring to our home town of Luton.

Disappointed

To say that, as the official representatives and voice of the fans, we at Luton Town Supporters' Trust are excited at the prospect of all that Power Court and Newlands Park will do for the club and the communities of the town and surrounding areas is something of a massive understatement. To use a well-loved phrase: the future is bright, the future is orange!

But we still have a battle on our hands to ensure that 2020 Developments' plans are approved. We are amazed, appalled and bitterly disappointed that Capital & Regional, owners of The Mall, continue to try and obstruct the fulfilment of those plans – despite the overwhelming support for Power Court and Newlands Park from the people, communities and businesses of Luton, along with

the democratically elected MPs who are totally behind what 2020 Developments are trying to achieve.

As you may have seen from our joint press releases and statements, LTST have been working hard behind the scenes with our friends from Loyal Luton Supporters' Club to help ensure the right outcome for the club, the supporters and the community.

We are fully behind #saveourtown, too, and appreciate the great work they have done to engage and spread the word with the local community.

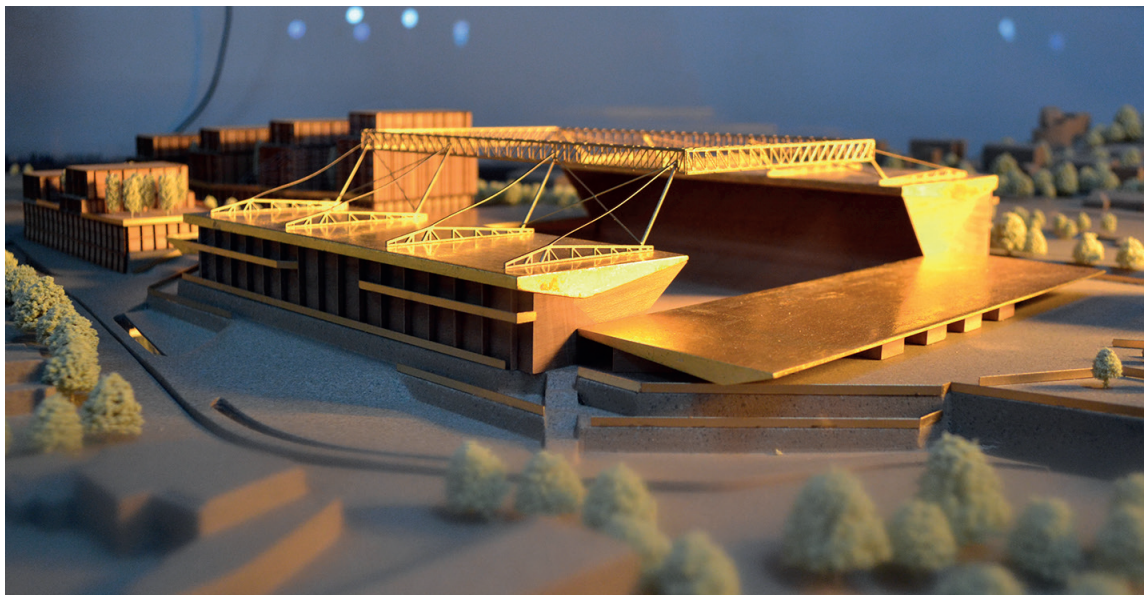
We understand that some people are frustrated with how long it is taking Luton Borough Council to make a decision regarding Power Court and Newlands Park – but due to those delaying and obstructive tactics of Capital & Regional (in their own words, they want to 'kick the plans into the long grass'), every step of the way has had to be carefully taken and scrupulously checked.

Progress

Please, please remember – the Council are not our enemies. They want to see progress and prosperity brought back to Luton as much as any one of us.

We cannot and will not allow a faceless, uncaring and unelected big business hold the town back for their own interests. Interests that fly in the face of what the local community wants and needs – a





community they profess to engage with, but whose wishes and welfare they seem determined to work against.

We won't be deceived. 2020 Developments' plans are designed to enhance and enliven the town centre, to bring 10,000+ new jobs, to attract £250million more a year to the local economy.

To bring life back into the town centre, to bring Luton people's spending back to the town, to give us new facilities and new attractions we can all be proud of. To complement the current town centre shopping and bring it new customers and extra trade.

Benefit

Why on earth can't Capital & Regional see that all of this would benefit them and the traders in The Mall? The traders who tell us that they are fully behind the plans and who can see the massive benefits of the Power Court and Newlands Park developments?

We continue to say to Capital & Regional: work with us and with 2020 Developments, for the good of the town and its future. Open your eyes and embrace this once-in-several-generations opportunity!

Rant over! As we see the club progress and grow, on and off the pitch, we know that we must grow as a Supporters' Trust, too.

We understand that we need to become more organised and professional – it's quite a lot of hard work, as we are all volunteers and most of us are in full-time work as well, but I'd like to assure you that we love it, we are 100 per cent committed to it and we are getting there!

We'd love to see all of you get involved, too, becoming part of the Trust and part of that bright future. It only costs a few pounds - £10, or £5 for concessions - and you can join today at www.lutontownsupporterstrust.com.

Here's to a great match, a great season – and our new stadium!

TONY MURRAY

Chair, Luton Town Supporters' Trust

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HATTERS' HERITAGE

Luton Town Football Club is now 133 years old and has been at the heart of the community for all this time - a longevity record which would be tough to beat.

I can recall my grandfather regaling me with stories of games and incidents from his supporting life – Bob Hawkes, the club's first superstar; Andy Rennie, who used to swing his leg from the hip to produce rocket shots with a heavy leather football; Joe Payne, who netted ten goals in a game in 1936, and Jesse Pye, the finest footballer he ever saw.

I just wish that I had the forethought and ability to record his memories, and those of his friends, for future generations to enjoy, but there is now a once in a lifetime opportunity to finally record, preserve and share all items of interest from the club's rich history. Whether it is programmes, press cuttings, photographs, cups, medals, shirts or, indeed, memories, it is vital that the club's heritage is fully recorded and documented.

Hatters Heritage has been formed with the stated objective 'of the advancement of education to benefit the public by encouraging the preservation and appreciation of the heritage and history of Luton Town FC'.



The first aim is to design and build a comprehensive website to include match reports, programmes and photographs for every competitive game played, together with player biographies plus audio and video recordings of player and supporter memories.

To this end Hatters Heritage has applied for Heritage Lottery funding to help with what will be a mammoth task. Input will of course be welcomed from all supporters, especially younger fans who are tech savvy!

To become a member of Hatters Heritage an annual subscription will cost £10, or £2 for under-16s. If you are interested, please contact our secretary Phil Hucklesby at Philippe.Hucklesby@gmail.com.

Membership entitles you to an exclusive pin badge, discounted entry for social events (please see below for the latest planned evening), and regular communications from Hatters Heritage about the progress of the website and of the group as a whole.

Roger Wash (Chairman, Hatters Heritage)

HATTERS' HERITAGE INVITES YOU TO AN EVENING WITH WAYNE TURNER AND MICK HARFORD

On Wednesday 5th September, starting at 7pm in the Eric Morecambe Suite at Kenilworth Road, the Hatters' Heritage Committee would like to invite you to an evening with Wayne Turner and Mick Harford, when it is expected they will give a short talk followed by a question and answer session. It should be a very interesting evening as they both

enjoyed good playing careers with Luton Town FC and were later also involved in management. Admission for Adult HH members is £2 and £5 to non-members. £1 to HH Junior members and £2 to Junior non-members. Payment will be on the night at the door. Free parking available in the club's car park.

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ACADEMY UPDATE

ACADEMY ADMINISTRATOR EMILY HOWES

The U18s have started the season well with another impressive performance, this time against AFC Wimbledon last Saturday. The boys displayed strong individual performances all over the pitch and maintained control of the game with the opposition mustering little attacking threat. A brace from Connor Tomlinson and another from Corey Panter gave us a well-deserved win.

The official schoolboy season kicks off on 2nd September. This will be a test for many of the boys as they adapt to moving up an age group, but with some great fixtures planned it's guaranteed to be an exciting season.

ADMIN

I initially began my role at the club as the academy sports therapist, however I have since taken up the additional role as academy administrator, which I have heard was possibly the transfer of the summer! This role has given me an insight into football that I naively thought organised itself. My role mainly consists of liaising with other clubs and officials, as well as organising venues and transport to ensure fixtures can go ahead. I assist in booking tours and flights for our academy players and communicating any information with parents (they love my countless emails!). I am also responsible for organising the registration paperwork for new trialists and those signing with the academy.

ACADEMY OFFICE?

The atmosphere within the academy office is often reflective of injuries, form and the previous weekend's results. Nonetheless it is a great environment to work in with the best **Kompany**.

How many other jobs can you spend half the day discussing your fantasy football team and convince yourself it's work related?

Working in football doesn't necessarily make you a favourite to win though, as evidenced by academy manager Andy Awford.

Despite previously achieving two manager of the month awards at Portsmouth, he currently sits in the relegation zone of the staff league. Which isn't surprising when he thinks he can go all season without making a single substitution! In fourth position and although expected **Toulouse**, I think I am in contention of winning some **Silva**-ware this season.

There are some strict rules in our office, and failure to comply with these means it is your job to restock the biscuit tin. One thing to be aware of though, is whose **Busquets** you're eating. I am the number one culprit of eating all the **Busquets** and **Depays** in our office. Of course, it would be me to mistakenly eat the manager's biscuits recently. Although he didn't mind, I was mortified so went straight to the shop to buy him some **gaffa**-cakes.

You also need a good sense of humour to work in football and judging by my puns, I'm still working on that!

Enjoy today's game!!!

EFL YOUTH ALLIANCE SOUTH EAST FIXTURES 2018/19

AUGUST

Sat 4	Gillingham	A	L 0-4
Sat 11	Barnet	H	W 2-0
Sat 18	AFC Wimbledon	A	W 3-0
Sat 25	Cambridge Utd	A	11am
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Tue 28 Cambridge Utd (EFL Cup) H 1pm

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LUTON TOWN IN THE COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY TRUST TAKING HATTERS HISTORY TO THE KIDS!

The Hatters Community Trust have received a grant award from the Heritage Lottery Fund to work in partnership with local schools to enable young people to learn about the heritage of the club.

The programme of heritage focused educational activities will develop a greater understanding among the town's youngsters about the club's history to help them gain a greater understanding of how important the history of the club is to the town, and how the two are intrinsically linked.

The town has experienced massive demographic change in the last ten years with families in the town not being aware of the club's amazing 135-year history. While many families have strong ties with the club, many don't.

This project aims to bring Luton Town Football Club into every primary school classroom in Luton to let the next generation of supporters enjoy and celebrate our amazing heritage and to find out who we are, where we came from and where we're going!

The project will provide free schemes of work to over 20 local primary schools that will be a National Curriculum local history project enabling learning in subjects such as Literacy, Numeracy, Science, Geography, Music, Health, Citizenship and PE. Using the power of football and our brand, we will be engaging and motivating children, particularly 'less academic' children, to develop awareness of and pride in the history and heritage of Luton and Luton Town FC.

How many of our older readers can remember getting a wrap across the knuckles for 'decorating' exercise books with club crests and the like? Well, now imagine going to a modern history lesson in the new term to find your exercise book is covered



in Hatters memorabilia! Boy, times have changed and by celebrating our heritage locally, kids can get involved with the Hatters and learn at the same time. Anyone fancy going back to school?!

The benefits to the club of sharing our heritage, ensuring it is better shared and preserved, will be having our history legitimately placed within the school curriculum.

We'll be creating increased interest and enthusiasm among potential future supporters, members and players 'caught' at the right age, and also increasing knowledge, understanding and respect for the club, its history, heritage and importance to the local community.

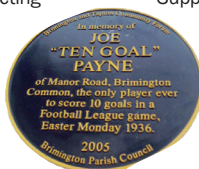


We'll also have dozens of local teachers acting as agents for the club, promoting it to the next generation of supporters building on our already strong long-term partnerships with local schools.

The project has been a year in development and our new Community Engagement Officer will work with teachers, students and education experts to design and deliver our in-school learning activities.

We'll be piloting in at least two local schools and then delivering across 20 primary schools during the new academic year. This delivery will provide direct engagement with over 400 local primary school children and indirect engagement through school assembly presentations of over 1,800.

We're delighted to have attracted Hatters fan Natalie Holt, who was head of history at Challney Girls School last year, to lead the project along with David Cain, another Hatters Fan and historian who originally hails from Farley Hill, as consultant to the project.



Supported by our existing schools' engagement team led by James Hatch, the new team will have to design, develop and deliver the whole project from our existing archive, and we are grateful to Club historian Roger Wash for his input to date – with more to come we're sure!

As well as classroom delivery of the club's history and relationship with the Town, the project will train volunteers in oral history enabling them to support the school children to collect memories from older family members with the aim of creating podcasts for broadcast on local community radio.

We'll also be creating memory boxes for use within the community as well as producing a series of exhibitions to tour in schools and the local community.

Here's to celebrating our past and to celebrating the future!

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HATTERS LADIES

BY DANIEL TAGG

Luton Town Ladies 0-1 Leyton Orient

Luton Town Ladies began their 2018/19 campaign last Sunday with the visit of Leyton Orient, a side who finished just four points above them last year.

Luton made the brighter start, with Jessica McKay impressing in the early stages with some skilful dribbling and great technique to cut in from the left hand side. Town's number four continued to cause problems for Orient's defence, as she seemed to have the beating of the O's right back Pinja Piira in particular.

McKay wasn't the only Town player to catch the eye in the first half; midfielder Zara Carroll snuffed out any chance of attacks, with some firm challenges. Her free-kick delivery didn't go unnoticed either, with her dangerous balls into the box causing problems for the East London side's defence.

Orient grew into the game in the latter stages of the half, but they were dealt with by the assured Luton defence, especially skipper Rachel Carter who ensured she stayed tight to the Orient number 16 at all times.

Luton didn't start the second half too well, though, with Orient enjoying their first good spell of the game. However, the Hatters' defence continued to stay firm, with Rachel Kosky's superb aerial defence and the energy and tenacity of Rebecca Ferris.

The defending was so good that it took Orient until the 57th minute to register their first shot on target. Orient's pressure didn't stop there though, as Carter and Kosky then had to put in some crucial blocks to deny the O's the lead.

Midway through the half, new signing Aurora Ryan was brought on for Naomi Stirling in an attempt to liven up the Luton attack.

Regardless of this change, Orient remained on top, and their pressure eventually culminated in substitute Chanel Richards scoring what turned out to be the winning goal after previously hitting the crossbar.

The game wasn't without its fair share of controversy though, with the ball appearing to be in the hands of Luton keeper Kezia Hassall before it was bundled over the line.

To add to Luton's misery, they had a goal disallowed for offside in the 67th minute and despite their best efforts to equalise in the little time there was left, the game finished 1-0 to Orient.

FA WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE SOUTH EAST DIVISION ONE FIXTURES 2017/18

Sun Aug 19	Leyton Orient	L0-1	Sun Jan 20	AFC Wimbledon	A
Sun Aug 26	AFC Wimbledon	H	Sun Feb 3	Actonians	H
Sun Sep 9	Actonians	A	Sun Feb 13	Enfield Town	A
Wed Sep 12	Enfield Town	H	Sun Feb 17	Billericay Town	H
Sun Sep 16	Billericay Town	A	Sun Mar 10	Ipswich Town	A
Sun Sep 30	Ipswich Town	H	Wed Mar 13	Denham United	H
Wed Oct 3	Denham United	A	Sun Mar 24	Crawley Wasps	A
Sun Oct 21	Crawley Wasps	H	Sun Mar 31	Cambridge United	H
Sun Nov 4	Cambridge Utd	A	Sun Apr 14	Norwich City	H
Sun Nov 18	Norwich City	A	Sun May 5	Stevenage	A
Sun Dec 16	Stevenage	H	(Home games are played at Stockwood Park Athletics Stadium)		
Sun Jan 13	Leyton Orient	A			



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Sat 11	3.00pm	H	Sunderland	D 1-1	10,059	1,047	19	Stech	Stacey	Pearson 1	Sheehan	Potts	McCormack	
Tue 14	8.00pm	A	West Bromwich Albion (CC R1)	L 0-1	10,404	1,175	-	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Justin	Rea ●	
Sat 18	3.00pm	A	Peterborough United	L 1-3	8,016	2,209	22	Stech	Stacey	Pearson ●	Bradley	Sheehan	McCormack ●	
Tue 21	7.45pm	H	Southend United	W 2-0	9,086	916	15	Shea	Stacey	Pearson	Bradley	Potts	Rea	
Sat 25	3.00pm	H	Shrewsbury Town											
SEPTEMBER														
Sat 1	3.00pm	A	Wycombe Wanderers											
Tue 4	7.45pm	H	Brighton & Hove Albion U21 (CT)											
Sat 8	3.00pm	A	Doncaster Rovers											
Sat 15	3.00pm	H	Bristol Rovers											
Sat 22	3.00pm	A	Blackpool											
Sat 29	3.00pm	H	Charlton Athletic											
OCTOBER														
Tue 2	7.45pm	A	Oxford United											
Tue 9	7.45pm	H	MK Dons (CT)											
Sat 6	3.00pm	H	Scunthorpe United											
Sat 13	3.00pm	A	Barnsley											
Sat 20	3.00pm	H	Walsall											
Tue 23	7.45pm	H	Accrington Stanley											
Sat 27	3.00pm	A	AFC Wimbledon											
NOVEMBER														
Sat 3	3.00pm	A	Rochdale											
Tue 13	7.45pm	A	Peterborough United (CT)											
Sat 17	3.00pm	H	Plymouth Argyle											
Sat 24	3.00pm	A	Gillingham											
Tue 27	7.45pm	H	Bradford City											
DECEMBER														
Sat 8	3.00pm	H	Fleetwood Town											
Sat 15	3.00pm	A	Coventry City											
Sat 22	3.00pm	H	Burton Albion											
Wed 26	3.00pm	A	Scunthorpe United											
Sat 29	3.00pm	A	Walsall											
JANUARY														
Tue 1	3.00pm	H	Barnsley											
Sat 5	3.00pm	H	Portsmouth											
Sat 12	3.00pm	A	Sunderland											
Sat 19	3.00pm	H	Peterborough United											
Sat 26	3.00pm	A	Southend United											
FEBRUARY														
Sat 2	3.00pm	A	Shrewsbury Town											
Sat 9	3.00pm	H	Wycombe Wanderers											
Sat 16	3.00pm	A	Fleetwood Town											
Sat 23	3.00pm	H	Coventry City											
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Sat 4	5.300pm	H	Oxford United											

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TODAY'S FIXTURES:

AFC Wimbledon v Sunderland
 Blackpool v Accrington Stanley
 Bradford City v Wycombe Wanderers
 Bristol Rovers v Southend United
 Charlton Athletic v Fleetwood Town
 Doncaster Rovers v Portsmouth
 Gillingham v Coventry City
 Luton Town v Shrewsbury Town
 Oxford United v Burton Albion
 Plymouth Argyle v Peterborough United
 Rochdale v Walsall

LEAGUE TABLE 2018/19

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Peterborough United	4	4	0	0	10	3	7	12
2 Portsmouth	4	4	0	0	9	3	6	12
3 Barnsley	4	3	1	0	10	0	10	10
4 Walsall	4	3	1	0	8	4	4	10
5 Sunderland	3	2	1	0	6	2	4	7
6 Doncaster Rovers	4	2	1	1	6	3	3	7
7 Accrington Stanley	4	2	1	1	6	6	0	7
8 Gillingham	3	2	0	1	6	3	3	6
9 Bradford City	4	2	0	2	2	4	-2	6
10 Blackpool	4	1	2	1	3	2	1	5
11 AFC Wimbledon	4	1	2	1	2	3	-1	5
12 Fleetwood Town	3	1	1	1	4	3	1	4
13 Southend United	4	1	1	2	5	6	-1	4
14 Charlton Athletic	4	1	1	2	4	5	-1	4
15 Luton Town	4	1	1	2	4	5	-1	4
16 Scunthorpe United	3	1	1	1	3	5	-2	4
17 Coventry City	4	1	1	2	2	4	-2	4
18 Rochdale	4	1	1	2	5	11	-6	4
19 Bristol Rovers	4	1	0	3	5	7	-2	3
20 Burton Albion	4	1	0	3	3	6	-3	3
21 Plymouth Argyle	4	0	2	2	3	5	-2	2
22 Shrewsbury Town	4	0	2	2	1	3	-2	2
23 Wycombe Wanderers	4	0	2	2	6	-4	2	2
24 Oxford United	4	0	0	4	3	13	-10	0

PLAYER STATS 2018/19

	LEAGUE		THIS SEASON				LIFC	
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	Y	R
Luke Berry	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0
Sonny Bradley	2	(1)	0	1	(0)	0	3	(1)
James Collins	3	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	3	(1)
Harry Cornick	1	(2)	0	1	(0)	0	2	(2)
Luke Gambin	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)
Jorge Grant	3	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	3	(1)
Danny Hylton	3	(0)	2	0	(0)	0	3	(0)
Jack James	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)
Aaron Jarvis	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)
Jake Jervis	0	(2)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(2)
Lloyd Jones	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)
James Justin	1	(1)	0	1	(0)	0	2	(1)
Elliot Lee	4	(0)	1	0	(1)	0	4	(1)
Alan McCormack	3	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	3	(0)
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	4	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	5	(0)
Frankie Musonda	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)
Matty Pearson	4	(0)	1	1	(0)	0	5	(0)
Dan Potts	4	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	4	(0)
Glen Rea	1	(2)	0	1	(0)	0	2	(2)
Arthur Read	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)
Jack Senior	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)
James Shea	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	2	(0)
Alan Sheehan	3	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	3	(0)
Andrew Shinnie	1	(2)	0	1	(0)	0	2	(2)
Jack Stacey	3	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	4	(0)
Marek Stech	3	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	3	(0)



FORMED: 1887 | NICKNAME: THE CHAIRBOYS | LAST SEASON: 3RD IN LEAGUE TWO | FOLLOW THEM ON TWITTER: @WWFCOFFICIAL | COLOURS: LIGHT AND DARK BLUE SHIRT | GROUND: ADAMS PARK
MANAGER: GARETH AINSWORTH

WHO?

A club that continues to defy the odds, with Gareth Ainsworth leading his side to automatic promotion from League Two last season. One of the smallest budgets in the EFL has seen the Chairboys take on cast-offs from other teams at a similar level and reinvigorate them – Adebayo Akinfenwa a good example, banging in 36 goals in two seasons, now aged 36. In charge since 2012, Ainsworth saw his side bounce between promotion hopefuls to relegation contenders over the years, but his achievement of getting them up last season is one of the fairytales you won't hear as frequently, probably given Accrington's League Two title winning campaign.

STADIUM - ADAMS PARK

With a 9,500 capacity, Adams Park is a delightful little ground standing in between the rolling hills of the Chilterns. Built in 1990, it's located at the end of an industrial estate and now hosts Reading Women's home fixtures.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

Town and the Chairboys got one over each other last season – the Hatters snatching all three points from the jaws of defeat in a memorable 2-1 win at Adams Park, before the reverse fixture saw Ainsworth's team defeat the Hatters 3-2 at Kenilworth Road. Town have won 11 of the 25 meetings between the two, drawing nine and only losing five.

PUBS

At the stadium itself, Wycombe have the Scores Bar and Vere Suite, which welcome away supporters.

TRAVEL

A clear run on the M25 and then M40 would take about an hour, but we all know how likely it is the M25 is going to be a smooth trip. The train route from Luton takes you down into London and back out to Wycombe, and is about a four-and-a-half hour round trip.

RESULTS SO FAR

It's been a difficult beginning to life in League One so far this campaign for the Chairboys, as they sit 23rd in the third tier with two points to their name. A good point away on Tuesday night at Plymouth though has more than shown they are ready to take on some of the bigger players in this league. They're also through to the second round of the Carabao Cup, having beaten Charlton Athletic on penalties.

KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU

Now in the Wycombe ranks, Craig Mackail-Smith played for the Hatters between 2015-17, before his release last summer. He signed at Adams Park shortly before the 2017-18 campaign kicked off and he has netted ten goals in his time there so far.



TICKETS

TICKET OFFICE, THE STADIUM | THE MALL | 01582 416976 | WWW.ETICKETING.CO.UK/LUTONTOWN



**WYCOMBE
WANDERERS**

SATURDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER | 3PM | SKY BET LEAGUE ONE

Any remaining tickets will be available on general sale from 10am online, over the phone and in person on Tuesday 28th August and will remain on sale until 2pm on Friday 31st August.

PRICES: Adult (age 26-59): £20, Senior (age 60+): £17, Young Adult (age 19-25): £15, Juniors (age 13-18): £11, Age 12 and under: FREE.

*Ambulant Disabled supporters will pay the relevant price class to their age with a helper free of charge if they receive Middle or Higher DLA. Wheelchair supporters must contact WWFC ticket office.



**BRIGHTON
& HA U21s**

TUES 4TH SEPTEMBER | 7.45PM | CHECKATRADE TROPHY

Tickets for this game are on sale now. Prices: Adult/concession £5, Under 16s £1.



**DONCASTER
ROVERS**

SATURDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER | 3PM | SKY BET LEAGUE ONE

The Hatters have received an initial allocation of 1,032 seats for their away fixture on Saturday 8th September.

Further tickets are available on request, with a full allocation being in excess of 3,000.

Tickets will be available to Diamond season ticket holders and executive members to purchase now at two-per-person until close of business this evening. These tickets will be on sale from the ticket office via phone or in person only.

Season ticket holders will be able to purchase two tickets each from Tuesday 28th August.

They will be available online using your individual client reference number and also via phone or in person from the ticket office. These will remain on sale until close of business on Saturday 1st September.

Any remaining tickets will be available on general sale from 10am online, over the phone and in person on Monday 3rd September and will remain on sale 2pm on Friday 7th September. Supporters who have taken an away season ticket will automatically receive one ticket which will be processed on Friday 24th August. If you are a Diamond and require two tickets for this fixture please advise to ticketoffice@lutontown.co.uk before this date.

PRICES: Adult: £21, Senior: (60+): £17, 22-24: £17, 18-21: £13, 17-years & below: £8, 11-years and below: £5. Wheelchair / Ambulant Disabled supporters will pay the relevant price class to their age with a helper free of charge.



**BRISTOL
ROVERS**

SATURDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER | 3PM | SKY BET LEAGUE ONE

Tickets for this category B game are now on sale from the LTFC Ticket Office.

HOME TICKET PRICES FOR THE 2018/19 SEASON

	CAT A	CAT B	CAT C
Adult	£26	£22	£18
Senior (65+)	£21	£17	£13
Golden senior (75+)	£18	£14	£10
Young adult (19-21)	£21	£17	£13
Youth under 19 (17-18)	£11	£12	£10
Youth under 17 (10-16)	£11	£8	£6
Junior under 10 (9 & under)	£8	£5	£3

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HOLD THE BACK PAGE

BY JAMES CUNLIFFE THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PAPER'S LTFC REPORTER

The old cliché goes that the league table never lies. It's nonsense.

Even at the end of 46 games, it's arguable whether the League One standings would pass even a daytime TV Jeremy Kyle polygraph test, supposing that were at all possible (it's not, just in case you were hoping to tune into ITV to see Jezza bear-bait a set of statistics).

But the mathematicians among you could work out that, to try to predict each possible outcome of every game in a league, over the course of a campaign, would equate to a very large number – something akin to the amount of atoms in the universe.

So, after just four games, a matching haul of points is by no means an accurate representation of Luton's efforts.

And anyway, those of you mistakenly convinced that things even themselves out over the course of a season, and those more attuned to the sheer chaos of it all, will have likely all heard the same mantra, that the league table is not worth looking at until at least ten games in.

But, here we are, Luton are in 15th position and yet, there shouldn't be too much to worry about, especially as their return to the third tier after ten of the toughest years away, has been the epitome of the phrase, a baptism of fire.

And with the exception of getting burned for 45 minutes at Peterborough, the outlook is largely cheerful.

And no, I'm not still intoxicated from the League Two finale and subsequent celebrations.

There is a school of thought that cold hard results speak the whole truth and nothing but the truth, but try telling that to anyone who was at Portsmouth on the opening day of the season.

So, instead it was Tuesday's 2-0 triumph over Southend that stopped the clock at 3,797 days since Town's last League One triumph. It could've been 4-0 or 5-0 and it wouldn't have flattered Luton after a stellar second half.

More of the same today against Shrewsbury wouldn't go amiss. Nor would the continued renaissance of Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu, the ingenuity of Elliot Lee and a miserly defence that ensured the Shrimpers failed to hit the target once. And that's before you consider James Justin's fabulous midweek cameo, creating another conundrum.

Yet, having lost in the play-off final, you'd expect the Shrews to come good sooner rather than later, too. Preferably the latter.

There's a case to say that their current position in the relegation zone is another example of the League One telling a few fibs, early on.

Thankfully, for Town though, there has been enough evidence so far to suggest that the league table lie won't last long.



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- 2 James JUSTIN
- 3 Dan POTTS
- 4 Alan McCORMACK
- 5 Sonny BRADLEY
- 6 Matty PEARSON
- 7 Jack STACEY
- 8 Luke BERRY
- 9 Danny HYLTON
- 10 Elliot LEE
- 11 Andrew SHINNIE
- 14 Harry CORNICK
- 15 Jake JERVIS
- 16 Glen REA
- 17 Pelly-Ruddock MPANZU
- 18 Jorge GRANT
- 19 James COLLINS
- 21 Jack SENIOR
- 22 Luke GAMBIN
- 27 Aaron JARVIS
- 28 Lloyd JONES
- 34 Jack JAMES
- 35 Arthur READ
- 36 James SHEA
- 37 Frankie MUSONDA
- 40 Harry ISTED
- 44 Alan SHEEHAN

Manager: JOHN ASKEY

- 1 Joel COLEMAN
- 3 Ryan HAYNES
- 4 Kieran KENNEDY
- 5 Mat SADLER
- 6 Omar BECKLES
- 7 Shaun WHALLEY
- 8 Greg DOCHERTY
- 9 Lee ANGOL
- 10 Sam JONES
- 11 Arthur GNAHOUA
- 12 Fejiri OKENABIRHIE
- 13 James BOLTON
- 14 Lenell JOHN-LEWIS
- 15 Steve ARNOLD
- 16 Bryn MORRIS
- 17 Luke HENDRIE
- 18 Alex GILLIEAD
- 19 Doug LOFT
- 20 Aaron AMADI-HOLLOWAY
- 21 Abo EISA
- 22 Luke WATERFALL
- 23 Charlie COLKETT
- 24 George HUGHES
- 25 Zak JULES
- 26 John MCATEE
- 27 Ryan SEARS
- 28 Josh LAURENT
- 29 Ollie NORBURN
- 31 Cameron GREGORY
- 38 Ryan BARNETT
- 39 Christos SHELIS
- 42 Anthony GRANT

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JOE CLARK



MATTHEW SMITH



NICHOLAS COOPER

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BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION U21S
(CHECKATRADE TROPHY)
TUE 04 SEPT 2018 | KO: 7.45PM

