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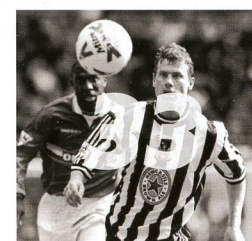
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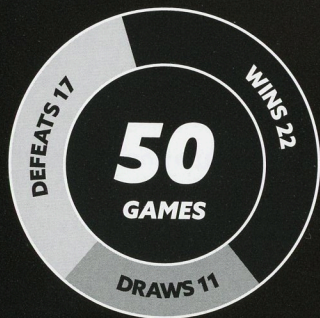
# THE SCENE SETTER



## NEWCASTLE UNITED HOME FORM GUIDE

	30.12.2017 <b>BRIGHTON &amp; HA</b>	<b>D 0-0</b>
	27.12.2017 <b>MANCHESTER CITY</b>	<b>L 0-1</b>
	13.12.2017 <b>EVERTON</b>	<b>L 0-1</b>
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## LUTON TOWN AWAY FORM GUIDE

	30.12.2017 <b>PORT VALE</b>	<b>L 0-4</b>
	26.12.2017 <b>SWINDON TOWN</b>	<b>W 5-0</b>
	16.12.2017 <b>FOREST GREEN ROVERS</b>	<b>W 2-0</b>
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## LAST TIME OUT

4-2-3-1 Newcastle United (vs. Stoke City, 01.01.2018)



4-3-1-2 Luton Town (vs. Lincoln City, 01.01.2018)

## UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

<b>27</b>	AGE	<b>28</b>
	NATIONALITY	
<b>174</b>	HEIGHT	<b>181</b>
<b>19</b>	APPEARANCES	<b>24</b>
<b>3</b>	GOALS	<b>15</b>
<b>25</b>	SHOTS	<b>55</b>
<b>15</b>	SHOTS ON TARGET	<b>30</b>
<b>14</b>	FOULS	<b>45</b>
<b>2</b>	YELLOW CARDS	<b>6</b>
<b>0</b>	RED CARDS	<b>0</b>

**DWIGHT GAYLE**

**DANNY HYLTON**



# THIS MONTH JANUARY 1976

Each week, we take a look back at a memorable month from the Magpies' past...



A hectic four-week period saw United involved in nine different games – six of them in cup competitions – but in the end, all of their efforts were certainly worthwhile.

Progress to the last 16 of the FA Cup was sealed with victories over Queens Park Rangers and Coventry City. The Magpies drew 0-0 at Loftus Road before beating the Hoops 2-1 on Tyneside (turn to page 53 for more on the latter clash), while a replay was also required to see off Gordon Milne's Coventry.

United enjoyed an unbeaten spell in the First Division, thumping Everton 5-0 before picking up useful points from trips to Aston Villa and Middlesbrough. They were 3-1

down against the Teessiders with two minutes to go, but goals from Alan Kennedy and Irving Natrass salvaged an unlikely draw.

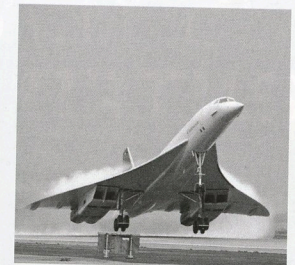
The highlight of the month, though, came on an unforgettable Wednesday night against Tottenham Hotspur, when Newcastle progressed to their maiden League Cup final thanks to a 3-1 win at a raucous St. James' Park. They had lost 1-0 at White Hart Lane the previous week, but efforts from Alan Gowling, Glenn Keeley and Geoff Nulty turned the tie in their favour and sent the Toon Army back to Wembley.

## ELSEWHERE...

**FOOTBALL** > Third Division Crystal Palace stun top-flight Leeds United in the Fourth Round of the FA Cup, winning 1-0 at Elland Road.

**IN THE NEWS** > The first commercial Concorde flight takes off.

**ENTERTAINMENT** > ABBA top the UK singles charts with *Mamma Mia*.



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# Rafa BENÍTEZ

**H**appy New Year to you all, and welcome back to St. James' Park for this afternoon's FA Cup Third Round tie against Luton Town.

We approach today's game with a lot of confidence after our win at Stoke City on Monday, but at the same time we know how difficult and dangerous the FA Cup is. If you become overconfident, it can make you vulnerable and lead to mistakes, and we must make sure that does not happen this afternoon.

I'd also like to welcome Nathan Jones, his staff and their fans who have made the journey north today. We have a lot of respect for Luton – they are a good team, they are scoring goals and they have a lot of energy. I'm sure they will play with a lot of belief, and it is an opportunity for them to play in front of a big crowd. It will certainly not be an easy afternoon for us.

They are doing really well in League Two at the moment, and I hope they can continue to do well until the end of the season and win promotion; it would be a great achievement for them. I wish them all the best – but only after this game.

In terms of our own preparations for today's game, the players have been doing well after having just one day of rest, and that is good for us going forward into the rest of the season. We are positive that we have dealt well with the busy schedule we have been faced with in recent weeks.

I always praise the effort of our players, but especially in our last two away games

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at West Ham and Stoke, our work rate until the very last minute was fantastic. That is a quality I like – to see the players fighting for every ball until the end and trying, successfully, to secure the result is great for the confidence of the team.

The fact that, after a bad run, the players have reacted well shows that they care. I have always said this, and it is a guarantee – they are a team that will not give up. They always try to find solutions, and that is very encouraging for the future.

Enjoy the game.




RAFA BENÍTEZ





# Jamaal LASCELLES

**G**ood afternoon everyone, and welcome back to St. James' Park for today's FA Cup Third Round tie against Luton Town.

Firstly, I'd like to wish all of you a Happy New Year. We've had to be patient for our result on Monday. The football we've been playing in the last four or five games has been really good, and I thought we fully deserved to win against Stoke. We pretty much dictated the game throughout. We were strong at the back and created a lot of chances, as well. Credit to the boys – they were spot-on in the way they conducted themselves.

That was our third away win of the season, but we will only look to add to that in the months to come. We still have a long way to go. I want to start putting a gap between us and the bottom three because it is so tight. Other teams will pick up points, so we need to make sure we're doing our job.

I thought the Brighton game last week was weird. I think both teams held back a little bit because they didn't want to lose. I still thought we played well and we had a few chances, while they didn't really create anything. It was frustrating for us and I imagine it was frustrating for the fans, as well, because you want us to go out and be on the front foot and get after the opposition to pick up the three points. Unfortunately it didn't happen but we got it right against Stoke.

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Today, we turn our attention to the FA Cup. As I write, I'm not sure if we'll be playing our normal team, but either way, we'll be looking to win. It's a cup game, but it's about momentum and building confidence going into the league. It's going to be difficult – Luton will probably be a physical side – but we have a lot of quality and the boys are confident going into it. It'd be nice to go as far as we can in the competition, we'll have prepared like we do for any game and whatever team is put out, we'll be aiming to progress.

Enjoy the game!

JAMAAL LASCELLES





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Introducing

# LUTON TOWN



WORDS Matt Smith

**L**uton Town will be backed by over 6,000 away fans for today's FA Cup Third Round clash against Rafa Benítez's Newcastle United after the Hatters sold out their initial allocation and were handed extra tickets by the Premier League side.

Luton – who knocked Newcastle out of the FA Cup in the 1993/94 season after a replay – have enjoyed their 2017/18 campaign so far and sit at the top of the League Two table, four points clear of Kevin Nolan's Notts County. Nathan Jones' side are one of the top-scoring teams in the country and had found the net a whopping 58 times before the turn of the year – adding four more on New Year's Day against Lincoln City – greatly helped by two merciless 7-0 and 7-1 league victories over

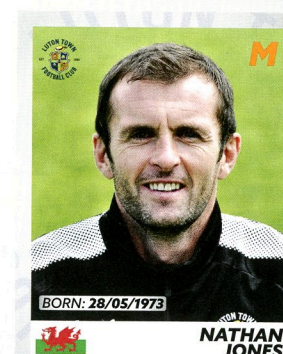
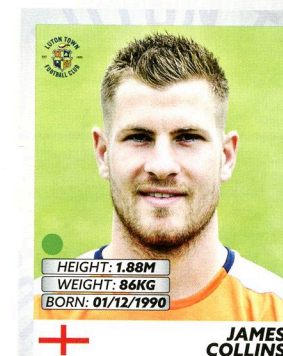
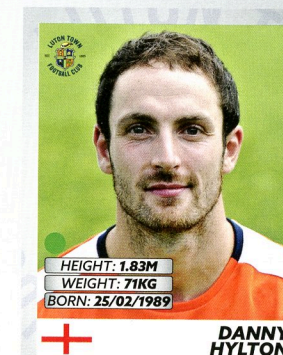
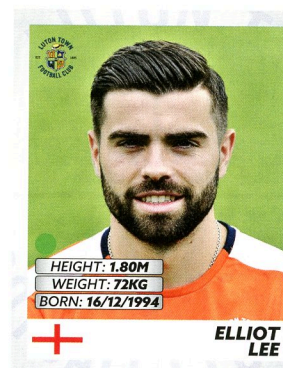
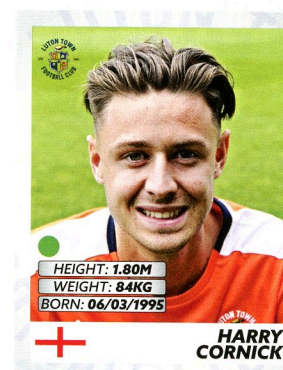
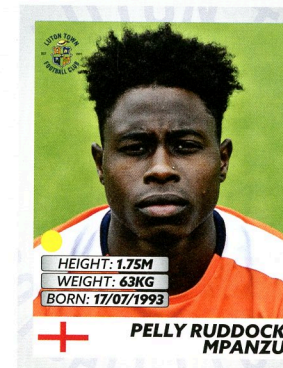
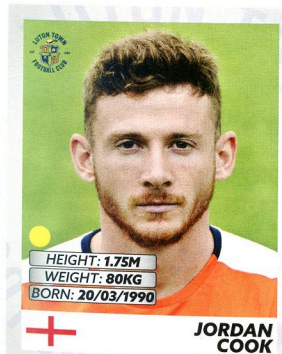
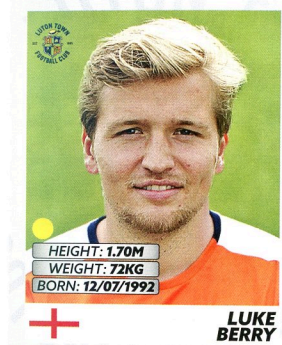
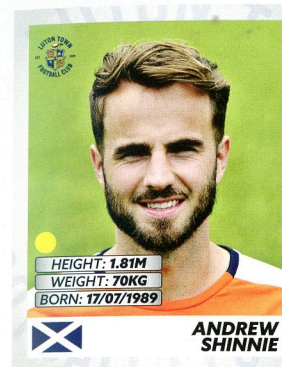
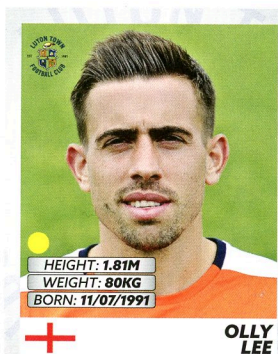
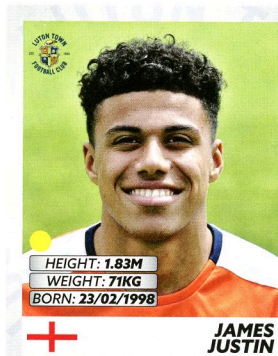
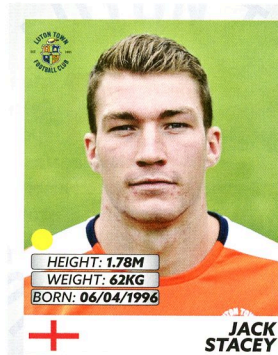
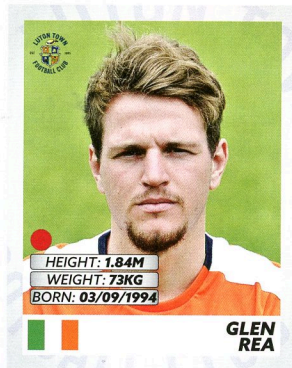
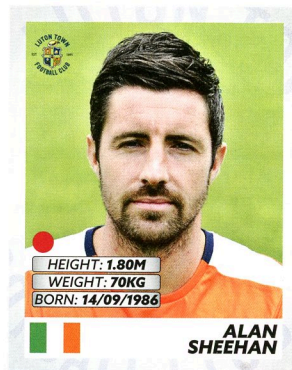
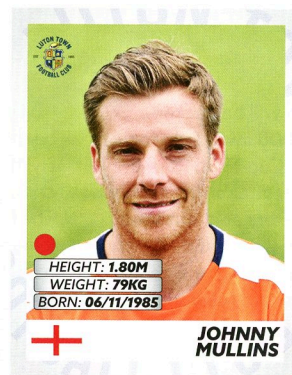
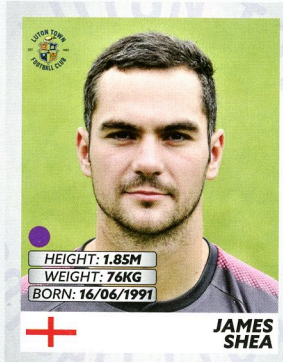
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Stevenage and Cambridge United. They also thrashed Gateshead 5-0 in the previous round of the FA Cup at the beginning of December and have a history of causing problems for Premier League teams, having famously knocked out Norwich City as a non-league side in 2013.

Luton's recent goalscoring success has been spearheaded by their No. 9, Danny Hylton, who has netted 16 times in all competitions and grabbed two assists. The former Oxford United striker, who joined the Hatters in the summer of 2016, has scored 35 goals in 62 appearances since arriving at Kenilworth Road and currently averages a goal every 122 minutes. Unsurprisingly, he is League Two's top goalscorer, ahead of County's Jorge Grant. Hylton's strike partner, James Collins – who arrived at Kenilworth Road at the beginning of the season – has also moved into double figures after scoring the first of five in Luton's 5-0 thrashing of Swindon Town on Boxing Day.

The Bedfordshire club will be hoping that their return to the North East is as plain sailing as their trip to the International Stadium last month, but Benítez will be anxious to stop today's in-form visitors adding a giant-killing to the Magpies' disappointing FA Cup record, which has seen them knocked out at the Third Round stage in five of the last seven seasons. Today's fixture will also see Toon legend Rob Lee's two sons, Olly and Elliot, line up at St. James' Park, in what will be a proud moment for the former United midfielder.





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# COOKING ON GAS

It took Jacob Murphy a little time to get into his stride after his summer switch to Newcastle United, but now, with his first Premier League assist under his belt, the 22-year-old is up and running. The boyhood Magpies fan went for a walk in Jesmond Dene with **UNITED** to reflect on his start to life at St. James' Park, growing up with his twin brother at Norwich City and his relationship with social media...

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WORDS Tom Easterby PICTURES Serena Taylor LOCATION Jesmond Dene



**I**n his first interview after realising a childhood dream, Jacob Murphy was visibly enthused at the prospect of walking out at St. James' Park in black and white. "I've already started thinking about that day," he smiled. "It's going to be special for myself and my family. Wearing the Newcastle badge on my chest - I couldn't think of anything better."

Almost six months on, the 22-year-old reflects on that interview and what he really felt, deep down. "It was excitement," he insists, "and then a bit of pressure, coming in to such a big club. But I was mainly just excited to get involved and play."

There have been a few hurdles for Murphy to clear since his arrival at St. James' Park. He found a starting berth hard to come by at first, but an injury to Christian Atsu afforded him an opportunity and a first real taste of the Premier League. "Well, now I can say I've found my feet," says November's FUN88 player of the month. "To start with, it was difficult. I was eager to just get in, play games and be a regular starter straight away. That didn't go quite to plan, so it was a case of biding my time and working hard until the chance came."

"It's difficult playing eight minutes, ten minutes or 12 minutes here and there, especially at this tempo when I wasn't used to it. It was like, 'wow'. But then it's a lot different when you start a game - you can get into it, and I'm finding my rhythm now."

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**"I PLAY OFF THE CUFF A LOT, THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE WHICH CATCHES MOST PEOPLE OFF GUARD. IF YOU'RE PLAYING PRETTY SAFE THEN YOU'RE EASY TO PLAY AGAINST. I LIKE TO PLAY OFF THE CUFF, AND JUST BE A BIT OF A MAVERICK FROM TIME TO TIME."**



The former Norwich City winger, whose parents both hail from the North East, felt a need to impress in those early cameos. "I was just dying to play. And then when I was coming on, I was putting pressure on myself, trying to do things that I don't normally do because I was trying to catch the eye, get the fans off their seats and stuff," he says. "Then I just thought, 'wait – stick to what you know, and it'll come good in time'.

"Once I started the games, from the Manchester United game, it took me ten or 15 minutes to settle into the match, but then things were coming off for me and I started finding more confidence. As each game's gone on and I've played more minutes, I've relaxed into it.

"I like to think I'm a confident boy. But when I was coming on and not doing well, people weren't really taking to me straight away, it was quite frustrating. It was a bit like, 'am I ever going to play well?' But I knew that in time it would come good. All I needed was a run of games to find my feet, and then I'd be cooking on gas."

As 2018 begins England Under-21 international Murphy, quiet and polite, is relishing the benefits of moving him to a city with which he was familiar. Born in Wembley, he lived in London for 11 years, visiting family in Newcastle on school holidays. His aunts, uncles and cousins all live in Gateshead, and being "round the corner" is comforting. "I love being

around my family," he says. "Family is what keeps me going, and I've needed a lot of their support since coming up here, being by myself quite a lot. Now is a good time to build better relationships with them, get to see them more often and speak to them more often. It's been good in that aspect. But it's just mainly missing my brother."

Murphy's twin, Josh, is excelling on the wing back at Carrow Road, scoring eight in 25 appearances so far this term. It's the first time they have been separated by such distance. "We speak most days. The thing he'll say the most is - he'll just say it randomly and come out with it - 'Jake, I can't believe it - you play in the Premier League mate'" Jacob laughs. "He says that all the time. He's so happy for me. I think this is spurring him on to get to the level he knows he's capable of."

"Growing up, people used to talk about twin telepathy. When we started playing in the first team at Norwich, all the older boys would be shouting 'stop passing it to each other!' But it always used to work - Josh would cut in, I'd start making runs inside then he'd pass it to me, and then I'd do the same. We're quite similar - I knew his runs, he knew my runs and we'd know where each other were. It was a natural thing - dead easy."

"A good part of my move was giving him the freedom to spread his wings a bit more at Norwich. He needed game

time, he's got it and he's doing what I was doing last season."

The winger's move to Tyneside in July separated him from the area where he had become a man. An advocate of the loan system, he spent six separate temporary spells away from Norfolk. Each added something to his make-up, but having a base at Norwich brought its own comforts. "I've been with all my pals, so I could get away with being as childish as I want. But here, I've had to be a little bit more mature. The lads still see the silly side and quite a lot of the staff see the silly side to the things that I do, but I'm getting older now, so I need to be more mature and professional. But I miss it, I miss the mischievous side of it," he says, with a grin.

With more minutes, Murphy has begun to show glimpses of his talent, most evident in the run and cross which allowed Ayoze Pérez to snatch the winner at Stoke. His endeavours during a tricky spell for the team prior to Christmas rightly earned him plaudits, but he has a love-hate relationship with the platform on which many of those comments were sent his way. "I'm on and off Twitter - I delete it, re-download it and delete it again - but the majority are fantastic, they're really supportive. You get the odd egghead, but then there's people there to fight your corner and they're the people I've got a lot of love for."

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It is a very modern conundrum for footballers navigating the minefield of social media. "I learned from my experience at Coventry that you shouldn't read too much into what people say," he says. "Twitter is a dangerous place – you get the good and the bad. But the way I see it is that if you don't want to see all of the bad, then you can't take in the good as well. It has to be like that, because you can't just look through all the good comments and think, 'yeah, that's great' and then when the bad comments come in, it's like 'why's everyone coming at me?'"

"There's times I'll have it, but most of the time I don't. I flick on and off to see what's going on. The negativity can eat you up. The way that the brain works is you notice all of the bad comments more than you notice the good comments. Why take in the hate when you don't need that kind of thing?"

He still appreciates, but does not dwell on, the kind words that are sent his way though he is also conscious that his style, the way he presents himself on the pitch and plays the game, can exasperate. "The type of player I am, not everyone's going to love me. I give the



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"That's what's helped me get to where I am now. I score goals and create goals, but in that there will be times I give the ball away or do a sloppy pass and stuff like that. But people have got to be patient with that, because the next chance could be a good effort on goal, or I might score."

That goal is yet to arrive, but there have been signs that it may not too far over the horizon for a player who feels there is plenty still to come from him. For Murphy, each time he looks down and sees the badge on his chest is a little pick-me-up, another moment of a dream fulfilled.

"It's just exciting. In the black and white strip every time you look down you see the crest on your chest. It's a proud feeling," he smiles.

"It's weird. I always used to do it with England. I'd look down and think 'yeah, I play for England'. It was always a great feeling. Now, I do that here."





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## PETE GRAVES

TALKING POINTS

Sky Sports' PETE GRAVES – a boyhood United fan – pens his latest column of the 2017/18 campaign...

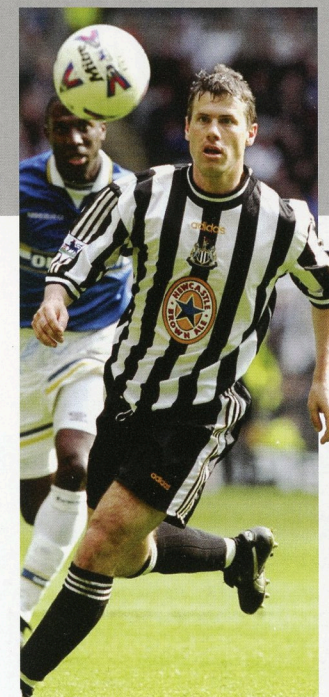
### MAGIC OF THE CUP

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to St. James' Park for this FA Cup Third Round game against Luton. There's nothing quite like the magic of the FA Cup and I know it's a competition that Newcastle fans still rate highly in their list of priorities. Newcastle's history in this competition, particularly in the 1950s, will bring back wonderful memories for some of our more senior supporters, and it would be wonderful if this current squad could somehow put a run together this year.

It has been said time and time again, but the Magpies' long wait for a trophy has to end at some point, and hopefully it can be this year, in this competition. From a personal point of view, the FA Cup will always hold a special place in my heart as my first ever Newcastle game was a Third Round tie against Derby County in the early 1990s. I'm sure there'll be some young supporters who'll be here at their first game this afternoon and I hope they all have as magical a time as I had on my first visit to this amazing stadium.

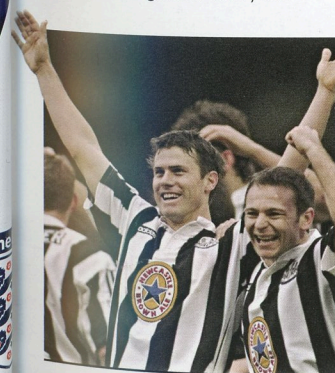
### FESTIVE PERIOD

It's been a successful festive period on the pitch for Newcastle. Back to back away wins and a very respectable seven points from four games has given us a little bit of breathing space in the Premier League table. It'll be nice to have a break from the pressure of the Premier League this weekend, although next week's match against Swansea City here already looks massive. Hopefully this upturn in form can continue long into 2018 and as I've said before, with one or two quality additions in January we can still secure a respectable league finish this season.



### ROB LEE

One of the brilliant subplots to this afternoon's game is the fact United legend Rob Lee will be here watching his two sons line up against his beloved Newcastle. I think Rob can be forgiven for supporting Luton this afternoon and I'm sure every single Newcastle fan will be watching Elliot and Olly Lee very closely. Rob was one of the best players to ever grace the black and white stripes and his two sons are having a great time in a Luton side that have been in superb form this season. Make no mistake, this afternoon's game will be a tricky encounter for Rafa Benítez's side. And in Rob's two boys, they'll come up against two very talented young players.



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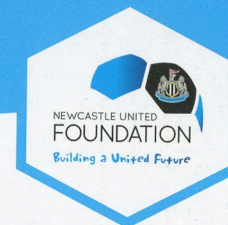


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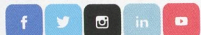
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## A FINE BIT OF BUSINESS

It was from our visitors today that Malcolm Macdonald, one of the finest strikers in the Magpies' history, arrived at St. James' Park. Macdonald played more than 100 times for Luton, scoring 58 goals.

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# GLASS HARF FULL

A man who knows this afternoon's opponents better than just about everybody else, ex-England international **MICK HARFORD** took in just over half a season at St. James' Park during Arthur Cox's time in charge. Here, he looks back at that eight-month spell and gives **UNITED** an insight into the feelgood factor taking hold at Kenilworth Road under manager Nathan Jones...

WORDS Rory Mitchinson

**H**e may have grown up in the North East and turned out for both United and Sunderland, but it is perhaps with our visitors today that Mick Harford's name is most synonymous.

Now 58, Harford spent two spells with the Hatters as a player, and has since been deployed in a string of different roles at Kenilworth Road, including coach, director of football and manager. Today, he is the club's head of recruitment, working closely with the League Two pacesetters' talented young boss, Nathan Jones.

A trip to Tyneside in the Third Round of the FA Cup is the latest step in Luton's recent renaissance, something that Harford is understandably pleased to be playing his part in.

"I supported Sunderland as a kid, but I have a great affinity for Luton. I live in the area, my son was born here, and it's a great club – a fantastic club," he tells **UNITED**. "I've got the utmost respect for the club. To be a Luton Town fan, you have to be very thick-skinned – where they've come from, where they've been, and the problems they've had down the years. Being a Luton fan is like being on a massive rollercoaster. You're up one moment and you're down the next. That's part and parcel of football, but I think that Luton have had a rougher time than most clubs."

Prior to their return to the Football League in 2014, it is certainly hard to disagree. The Hatters were League Cup winners in 1988 and runners-up 12 months later, but then suffered three relegations in little more than ten years. They quickly plummeted from the Championship to the Conference in successive seasons amid financial turmoil off the pitch. In the end,



their drop to the non-league game was all but inevitable, having been hit by a 30-point deduction ahead of the 2008/09 League Two campaign.

Harford was in charge that year, and had it not been for their hefty penalty, Luton would have secured a comfortable mid-table berth. Still, the season was not a complete write-off, as the Hatters lifted the Johnstone's Paint Trophy in front of more than 55,000 fans at Wembley following a dramatic extra-time victory over Scunthorpe United.

"There were mixed emotions," says Harford. "We were more or less relegated by then because of the 30-point deduction, but the players and the club showed great heart to win that day and it

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just epitomises what Luton are all about. You go to Wembley, play very well and beat a team that's in the league above you while you're bottom of the Football League – it just shows you the spirit and the courage that the players and the club have."

Harford was 25 when he first arrived at Kenilworth Road in December 1984, already the fifth major move of his career by that point. Born and bred on Wearside, he had emerged as a potent frontman on a local level, but none of the region's major clubs had been willing to take a punt.

"I had a trial at Sunderland when I was 16 – that was when Jimmy Adamson and Stan Ternent were in charge. I got rejected and I was disappointed. I never had a trial for Newcastle, I just played for a boys' club in Sunderland called Lambton Street Boys' Club," he recalls. "We had a very good team there. We used to have great games against Redheugh Boys' – I can remember playing against the late Nigel Walker, Peter Harrison and lads like that.

"The manager of the team was good friends with a player at Lincoln City. He mentioned my name and Graham Taylor came to watch us two or three times, and in the end he signed four of us."

Harford enjoyed a successful three-and-a-half-year spell at Sincil Bank, netting more than 40 goals in 115 appearances. Midway through the 1980/81 campaign, though, he returned to the North East, linking up with the Magpies for a fee of more than £200,000.

**"I'VE GOT GREAT RESPECT FOR NEWCASTLE UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB. WHEN I CAME THERE, I WAS A YOUNG LAD. IT WAS A MASSIVE EXPERIENCE FOR ME AND A MASSIVE LEARNING CURVE."**

Despite being quick to open his account – against Luton, of all clubs, in a 1-0 win at Kenilworth Road – his stay was to prove a brief one. Still, he looks back at his time in a black and white shirt with fondness.

"Listen, I've got great respect for Newcastle United Football Club. When I came there, I was a young lad. It was a massive experience for me and a massive learning curve," he reflects.

"I'll be honest – I struggled. I don't think the fans took to me, in terms of me coming from Sunderland. I didn't perform particularly well, I think my confidence was affected a little bit, and it learnt me a lesson when I moved on in my future career – to never let anyone affect you, to just be your own person and be strong.

"Some clubs you go to, it works out for you. It didn't work out for me at Newcastle but it was a part of my career I'll never forget. I played with some fantastic players – I played with Chrissy Waddle and Kenny Wharton. We were the young lads there at the time, mixed with the experience of Stuart Boam, John Brownlie and John Trewick, to name but a few."

Despite that blend, the Magpies struggled to assert themselves in the second tier, ultimately ending the season midway down the table after 14 wins, 14 draws and 14 defeats. Ahead of the new campaign, boss Arthur Cox sold Harford to Bristol City.

In the years that followed, though, he did more than enough to prove himself as a proficient marksman, excelling with the Robins, Birmingham City and during his first spell at Luton before being re-signed by Cox – by then at Derby County – in 1990.

"I've got a hell of a lot of respect for Arthur. He signed me for Newcastle and then he signed me again, for Derby, so he must have seen something in me and he must also have thought that my experiences at Newcastle helped me in my career," says Harford.

"He's a top man, one of the best managers I ever worked under. I bumped



## FACTFILE

**Age:** 58

**Nationality:** English

**United**

**Appearances:** 19

**United Goals:** 4

**Career Clubs:** Lincoln City, UNITED, Bristol City, Birmingham City, Luton Town, Derby County, Chelsea, Sunderland, Coventry City, Wimbledon



into him on holiday in Majorca about 18 months ago. It was great to see him and he is still the same. He still had the same enthusiasm and the same buzz for football that he always had."

Harford only spent a season and a half at Derby, returning to Luton the following year. After another productive stint, he represented four more clubs before calling time on his career in 1998. Among that quartet were Sunderland, a boyhood dream fulfilled.

He took up his latest post at Kenilworth Road in January 2016, the same month that Welshman Jones was handed the managerial reins. Harford is quick to pay tribute to the former Brighton & Hove Albion, Southend United and Yeovil Town defender's accomplishments in the time since.

"It was a no-brainer when I was asked to come back in, and Nathan has been great to me. He has been fantastic – he has basically turned the football club around in the two years he has been in charge," says Harford. "The club's on the up. There's a great positivity around here at the moment and we're in a good place. We're looking forward – the first hurdle is to get out of League Two. We're in a good position but we don't take anything for granted. We keep working day after day to try and get out of this league. There's a big effort going on here to get Luton back to where they were again."

Today, more than 7,000 Hatters fans will be reminded of those former glories – hopefully setting the tone for more of the same – when they arrive at a Premier League venue for the first time since their side clambered out of the non-league abyss.

"As a football club, we were absolutely delighted to draw Newcastle, either home or away," says Harford. "We'd have preferred it at home, but it's quite ironic that we played Gateshead in the Second Round and now we've got Newcastle in the Third.

"We're absolutely thrilled to be coming up against a big club, and Newcastle are a big club. It'll be a great experience for our players."

# THE BLACK 'N' WHITE CLUB

Paul Joannou keeps track of former United players – members of a special club for life.

## UNITED'S CUP FINAL REF

**I**'m never surprised when new tales pop up regarding Newcastle United players. There are endless hidden stories to unearth over the years featuring United's great and good. When the doyen of the Northern Echo and Northern League, Mike Amos, chatted to top ex-referee Peter Willis when he turned 80 at the end of October, the story caught my eye. On Mike's excellent blog, Peter revealed he was once a reserve goalkeeper for Newcastle back during the Fifties.

That had passed me by and I immediately turned to the registration and reserve team ledgers to track him down. From County Durham, Peter was indeed on United's books, during season 1954/55. There were too many rivals at St. James' Park for him to progress, including Ronnie Simpson and Stewart Mitchell. He played once for the reserve side against Everton before heading for the non-league game and a



career as a policeman as well as referee.

Peter of course was famously the official in charge of the 1985 FA Cup final between Manchester United and Everton and sensationally sent off Kevin Moran. And that's another Newcastle United first.

## HAT-TRICK KINGS

United have experienced many good days – and a few bad days – on Third Round weekend of the FA Cup since 1960. Three Newcastle players have registered hat-tricks at this stage of the competition. Duncan Neale hit a treble on Tyneside as United won 5-0 against Fulham in 1961 and the Welsh Flier, Wyn Davies, scored a memorable trio as Coventry City were narrowly beaten 4-3 at Highfield Road six years later. Much more recently, Peter Løvenkrands made the headlines when Plymouth Argyle were convincingly knocked out, the Dane hitting all three of United's goals in the 3-0 success in 2010.

The bad days? Yes, there have been a few, too many to relate. But for the sake of editorial balance, history includes United falling at this stage to Bedford Town (1963/64), Carlisle United (1967/68), Chester (1979/80) and latterly Stevenage (2010/11). And of course, say it quietly... the H-club... Hereford United in 1971/72.

## RON'S FULL HOUSE

Burradon-born and bred and a United supporter as a lad, Ron Guthrie has the distinction of appearing in every stage of the FA Cup – a full-house from the qualifying rounds to the final itself. The former Magpie full back's record is not unique, but there are not many footballers to have played from the humble start of the famous competition with non-leaguers to the glamour stage of Wembley.



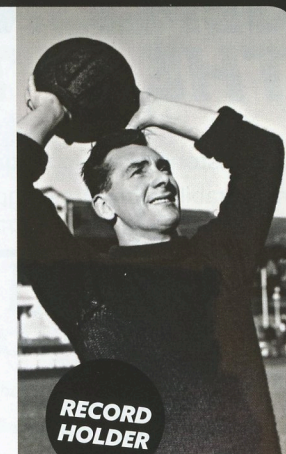
Ron didn't do it for the same club of course, but achieved the feat appearing for United, Sunderland and Blyth Spartans. He took part in two famous cup runs, firstly when Second Division Sunderland lifted the trophy by defeating hot favourites Leeds United in 1972/73, then as the Spartans reached the quarter-final draw in 1977/78.

While Ron only appeared once in the competition for the Magpies, he played seven of the nine games for the Wearsiders and was an ever-present in Blyth's celebrated run. Included were four qualifying fixtures against Shildon, Consett, Crook Town and Bishop Auckland before reaching the First Round proper.

Living in Killingworth, Ron was on United's books for ten seasons and registered 66 games for the Magpies. His brother Chris Guthrie also turned out for United.

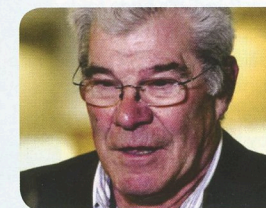
## JACKIE MILBURN: MOST FA CUP GOALS

Being at the very heart of United's illustrious Fifties FA Cup side, Jackie Milburn has scored the most goals for the Maggies in the competition, netting 23 in his appearances between 1945 and 1957. Along the way he won three winners' medals which are now on display at the Players' Entrance foyer. He also scored three of those goals in Wembley finals.



## AT ST. JAMES' PARK MALCOLM MACDONALD

**1971-1976**  
**257 (+1 void) appearances,**  
**138 goals**



For many years now, Malcolm Macdonald has hardly missed a match at Gallowgate, often in the Media Suite or Guest Lounge. Supermac had many a stirring day in the FA Cup for both United and his former club, visitors Luton Town. In the 1970/71 competition, he netted a fabulous hat-trick for the Hatters in a 4-3 defeat to Nottingham Forest, a side against whom he was to be the hero for United in the quarter-final of 1973/74.

## 42 THIS MONTH NICKY BUTT

**2004-2010**  
**171 appearances, 5 goals**  
Winner of the FA Cup on three occasions with Manchester United and semi-finalist with the Black 'n' Whites at the Millennium Stadium in 2004.



# GEMS IN THE ATTIC

Club Historian *Paul Joannou* unearths memorabilia from the Magpies' past.

## RARE & CURIOUS CUP RELICS

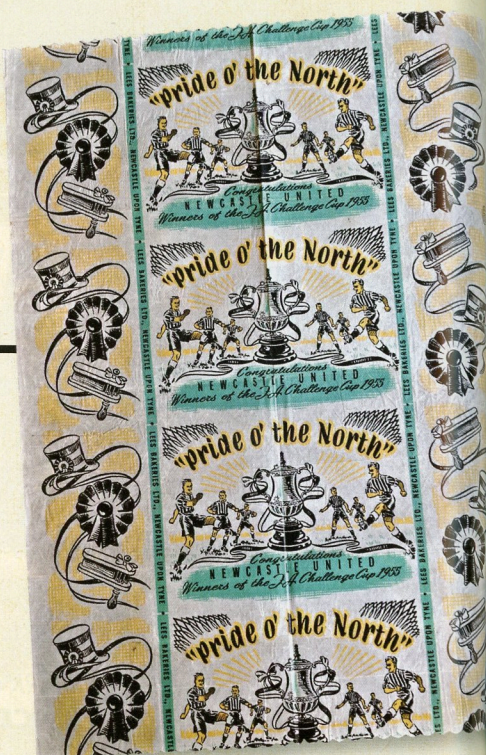
**T**o many football supporters the mystic and magic of the FA Cup is still very much alive and kicking. Despite recent disappointments, Newcastle United have a long and proud history in the competition – 13 finals and plenty of cup thrills, glory, as well as shocks. Souvenirs from the tournament are plentiful and we have highlighted several player medals, shirts as well as special programmes and tickets before. There are many other mementoes in the club archive, though, several rare and curious.

United's treble of victories between 1951 and 1955 caused a great stir on Tyneside as could be expected – then in an era before European competition and the League Cup, when only the league title and FA Cup were

up for grabs. At that time, seemingly everything in the city had an FA Cup flavour to it: sweets, magazines, clothes and even groceries. One item which has amazingly survived the 61 years is a wrapper from a locally-produced large loaf of bread!

In excellent condition and pictured, it's been folded and kept neatly since it went on sale back in 1955 to celebrate United's Wembley success over Manchester City. Produced by Lees Bakeries, based at Melbourne Street then later on the Coast Road, it is decorated with the football regalia of the era – top hats, rosettes and rattles.

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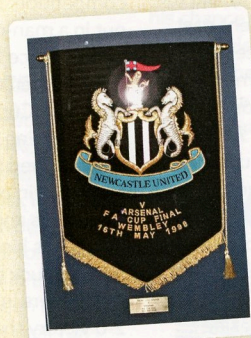
Emblazoned is the banner, "Pride O'the North... Congratulations Newcastle United Winners of the FA Challenge Cup".

Some 45 years before, during the Edwardian era, it was condiment manufacturer Coleman's that was associated with the FA Cup, producing an appealing series of Vesta cases to hold matches, decorated in blue enamel. The well-known

manufacturer, founded in 1814 and based near Carrow Road in Norwich, is still very much on the go and back then sold a series of mementoes branded with their Coleman's Mustard marking cup victories during the 1900s and 1920s.

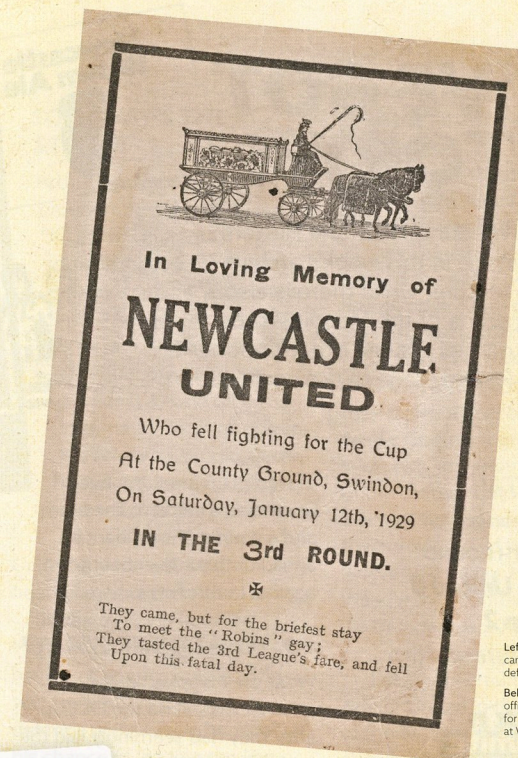
Included was United's victory over Barnsley in 1910, the Magpies' first FA Cup success, at the fourth attempt. They won 2-0 in a replayed final at Goodison Park with centre-forward Albert Shepherd scoring both goals, including the very first penalty kick. Other similar items have been seen for FA Cup wins by Manchester United and Wolverhampton Wanderers, the latter in another final against the Magpies.

More in living memory, Newcastle reached two finals at the old Wembley Stadium just before its demolition and transformation, in 1998 and 1999. There was very nearly a third too, United losing a semi-final a year later, again staged at Wembley. The official cup final pennants exchanged between the two clubs at kick-off remain at St. James' Park. Illustrated is the smartly-embroidered souvenir for the contest with Arsenal. These are rare items with only a handful produced – one for the opposition, one for United, and usually one for the officials.



including embarrassing exits. In days gone by a trend was to issue what were termed "funeral cards" to mark a giant-killing feat. A few have survived from pre-war years.

A third-tier club in 1929, Swindon Town caused an upset when they knocked the Black 'n' Whites out of the competition.



Left: a football "funeral card" issued for United's defeat at Swindon Town.

Below left: the club's official pennant issued for the 1998 FA Cup final at Wembley.

Of course, FA Cup history is not only about victories and cup finals. There have been spine-tingling matches at every stage over the years, many to end in defeat – and often for the big clubs,

Newcastle were a top side then, Football League champions in 1927 and full of star names. In the Third Round they humbled the Tynesiders and won 2-0 at the County Ground. The club produced a "funeral card", much like a postcard, in the style of the era marking the Robins' success. The card noted:

*They came, but for the briefest stay  
To meet the Robins gay  
They tasted the 3rd League's fare  
And fell upon this fateful day*

Other examples with similar poetic verse have been found from other United FA Cup setbacks. We just don't do things like that anymore – a great pity!

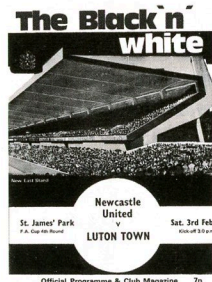
# WE'VE GOT HISTORY!

Past FA Cup meetings with the Hatters take centre stage in this week's archive programme feature, while there is also a look back at some of the Magpies' most memorable games against other opponents at the Third Round stage of the competition.

## MATCH DETAILS

Saturday, 3rd February, 1973  
FA CUP FOURTH ROUND  
**Newcastle United 0  
Luton Town 2**

Attendance: 42,276



## SETTING THE SCENE

Despite an impressive 2-2 draw at Arsenal a week earlier, the programme reports that a tinge of disappointment emerged, but that was outweighed by the satisfaction enjoyed from the result. The disappointment surrounded the fact that a two-goal lead slipped away after goals by Malcolm Macdonald and "Jinky" Jimmy Smith had seemingly put the Magpies out

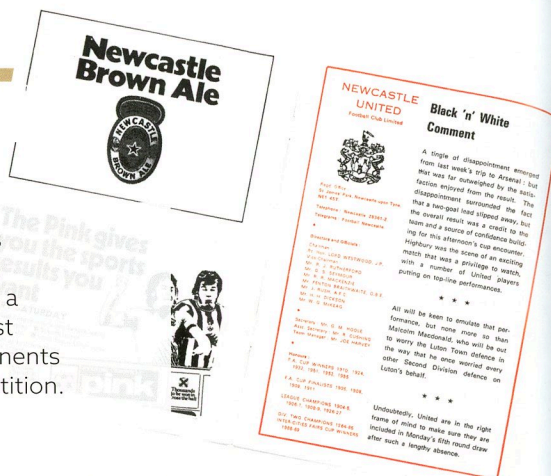
of sight. However, the overall result was a credit to the team and a source of confidence ahead of this cup encounter against Luton Town.

## SO, WHAT'S THE STORY?

Were the Magpies set for another assault on the FA Cup after they had seemingly laid the underdog ghost of recent past to rest when they successfully negotiated a tricky home tie against AFC Bournemouth in the previous round? As for league matters, the foundations for another crack at European qualification had been laid as the point secured at Highbury seven days earlier cemented a top-six place in the First Division. The Hatters arrived on Tyneside with two players in their ranks with a point to prove to Magpies boss Joe Harvey. Former United winger Gordon Hindson and loanee striker Viv Busby – the latter seemingly discarded as a consequence of the FA Cup disaster at Hereford United – would both have preferred to be wearing black and white stripes that afternoon, which added

extra spice to the tie.

However, it was a player who slipped under the radar slightly who won the day for the Hatters, as they added their name to the growing list of so-called minnows who had seen off the Magpies in cup competition. John Aston had put in a man-of-the-match performance for Manchester United when they lifted the European Cup at Wembley in 1968. Playing as a winger, he had followed in his father's footsteps in playing for the Red Devils and no wonder that night tops his footballing CV! Aston struck both goals for the Hatters in a convincing 2-0 victory that stunned the Magpies into a state of shock. That defeat immediately affected their league form and they were held to consecutive draws in their next two games against Coventry City and Wolverhampton Wanderers, home and away respectively, before returning to winning ways after a Macdonald strike sealed victory at Norwich City.



## MATCH DETAILS

Saturday, 24th January, 1981  
FA CUP FOURTH ROUND  
**Newcastle United 2  
(Clarke, Martin)  
Luton Town 1**

Attendance: 29,211

## SETTING THE SCENE

The two clubs had met in the league at Kenilworth Road seven days earlier when a most welcome goal for Mick Harford settled matters in favour of the Magpies. That victory had stopped the Hatters in their tracks as they had been in fine form, winning five in their run of eight games undefeated. United now had the upper hand as they had also won 2-1 at St. James' Park back in August. However, with Harford cup-tied, Ray Clarke was given another opportunity to lead the frontline as he had done successfully in the Magpies' victory over Sheffield Wednesday in the last round.

## SO, WHAT'S THE STORY?

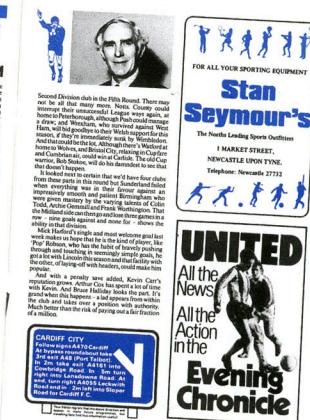
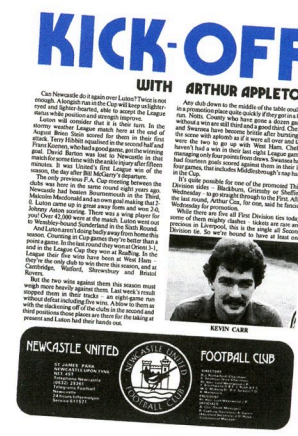
Arthur Appleton's popular programme column "Kick-Off" offered a comprehensive preview of the day's cup tie. As a scene-setter, Appleton had proved to be one of the best with a number of anecdotes providing a mine of informative football gossip. His brief was simple, Luton were not doing badly away from home this season, but a league double by United already will weigh more heavily against them than us.

In the opening hour the Magpies proved too hot to handle. A young Chris Waddle was tormenting the Hatters defence while Clarke heralded his chance of leading the line in fine style in the fifth minute when he headed United into the lead. In the 60th minute, skipper Mick Martin extended United's

advantage as they looked to kill the tie at the earliest opportunity.

It was as if the players knew United were already in the hat for the Fifth Round as they seemingly took their foot off the gas. For the next half an hour Luton proved just what a good side they were by peppering 'keeper Kevin Carr with shot after shot. And once they pulled a goal back from a terrific Godfrey Ingram cross-shot, only an outstretched arm of the United custodian then the width of a goal post denied them what would have been a deserved replay. However, Waddle may contest that, after his thunderous 20-yard strike rattled the crossbar.

Fate was certainly on the side of United in that last third of the tie, with the Hatters showing their predatory attacking instincts aided by the pace of forwards Brian Stein and Ricky Hill, which proved a difficult threat to control.



# HATTERS HOLD THE UPPER HAND IN THE CUP!

Currently fourth in the Carling Premiership table and having been dubbed as "the Entertainers" by Sky Sports pundits, it was a foregone conclusion that the Magpies would easily overcome First Division Luton in this FA Cup Fourth Round tie – wasn't it? Well, this is Newcastle United we are talking about, and in the cup an upset can happen, of course – and on this occasion, after a replay, it did!

The tie at St. James' Park saw the Hatters take a 35th-minute lead when Tony Thorpe struck to silence the boisterous crowd. In the opening exchanges Luton more than held their own against a lethargic United – something that Kevin Keegan had warned about in his programme notes! The Magpies' boss expected David Pleat's side to come to Gallowgate and play with fire, spirit and commitment – they did not disappoint. And if not for a rather suspect offside flag from the linesman, they could have doubled their advantage before the break.

It took a 65th-minute spot-kick by Peter Beardsley to bring United back on level terms,

which many neutrals thought harsh on the spirited Hatters who had more than matched their Premiership hosts. So it was a trip south for the Magpies and a potential banana skin of a replay at the compact Kenilworth Road.

On a cold February night in Bedfordshire the omens were not good! As the United players did their pre-match pitch inspection, the long faces and turning of heads sent out negative vibes to the noisy early arrivals inside the stadium who had travelled from Tyneside. A crowd of 12,503 witnessed a rather inept display by the

Magpies which left Keegan both seething and embarrassed. After an early onslaught, the Hatters deservedly took the lead when John Hartson struck on 16 minutes. The TV cameras were there to capture it all as events unfolded before the watching millions. Luton, as they say, were at it! Wave after wave of attacks led to Keegan changing his tactics in an attempt to get back into the game – and it almost paid off. However, a Scott Oakes strike put matters beyond doubt, and it was a gracious United boss who stood up to the post-match grilling from the press as Luton gained the upper hand against Newcastle in the cup.



# PAST PROGRAMMES FROM THE FA CUP THIRD ROUND

## HAYNES NO MATCH FOR THE MAGPIES

Saturday, 7th January, 1961

**Newcastle United 5**

(Neale 3, Allchurch, Woods)

**Fulham 0**

In the 16-page programme produced for our tie against Fulham played here at St. James' Park, the "Comment" feature referred to the last occasion when the two clubs clashed in the FA Cup five years earlier, at Craven Cottage, when United prevailed 5-4 in a thrilling clash.

Even the returning Johnny Haynes could not thwart the

Magpies as they again went nap against the Cottagers – this time without reply. Duncan Neale helped himself to a hat-trick – becoming the first United half back to do so in 27 years – with the other goals coming from Ivor Allchurch and Charlie Woods. As the programme had claimed, "United are the best team in the business when the ultimate prize is the Cup", and they displayed that old fighting spirit to overcome the Cottagers.

## QUIRKY RANGERS THWARTED

Wednesday, 7th January, 1976

**Newcastle United 2**

(Gowling, T. Craig pen)

**QPR 1**

Queens Park Rangers were enjoying their best ever season in the top flight – eventually finishing runners-up to Liverpool – and



Craig spot kick that settled the nervous crowd and gave the Magpies a slender 2-1 victory to progress into the next round.

## A SHOCK ON THE CARDS?

Saturday, 5th January, 1974

**Newcastle United 1**

(Howard)

**Hendon 1**

The club produced its standard 24-page programme for the tie against Isthmian League champions Hendon. It was a cautious "Black 'n' White Comment" editorial feature

which reminded readers that the Magpies had already suffered defeat to non-league opponents Bedford Town and Hereford United at this stage in recent years. This time, United seemed more prepared, yet their frailties against so-called lesser opposition reappeared.

When Pat Howard gave United a first-half lead the nerves were settled as the onslaught would surely come after the interval. Hendon had held their own for much of the opening period, though the Magpies had opportunities to go into the break with a much greater advantage. However, Rod Haider levelled for the Greens in the second half, taking the tie to a replay at Vicarage Road, Watford, where United secured a Fourth Round place by virtue of a 4-0 victory.



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**NEWCASTLE UNITED 0**

**WATFORD 3**

(HUGHES, 19, YEDLIN OG, 45+1, GRAY, 62)


**ST. JAMES' PARK**
**52,188**

Referee: Chris Kavanagh

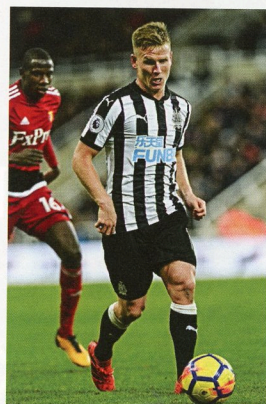
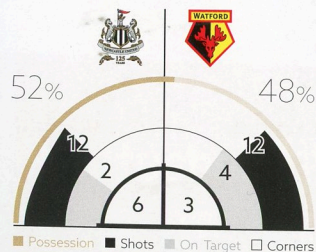
**NEWCASTLE UNITED:** Elliot, Yedlin, Lejeune, Clark, Manquillo, Ritchie, Shelvey, Diamé (Merino, 69), Murphy (Pérez, 77), Gayle, Joselu (Mitrović, 69).

**WATFORD:** Gomes, Mariappa, Kabasele, Britos (Prödl, 52), Femenia, Hughes (Carillo, 84), Cleverley, Zeegelaar, Richarlison (Pereyra, 79), Gray, Doucoure.

### KEY MOMENT

The Magpies never looked like recovering after DeAndre Yedlin put the ball through his own net just seconds before the break, a goal which doubled Watford's lead.

### STATS



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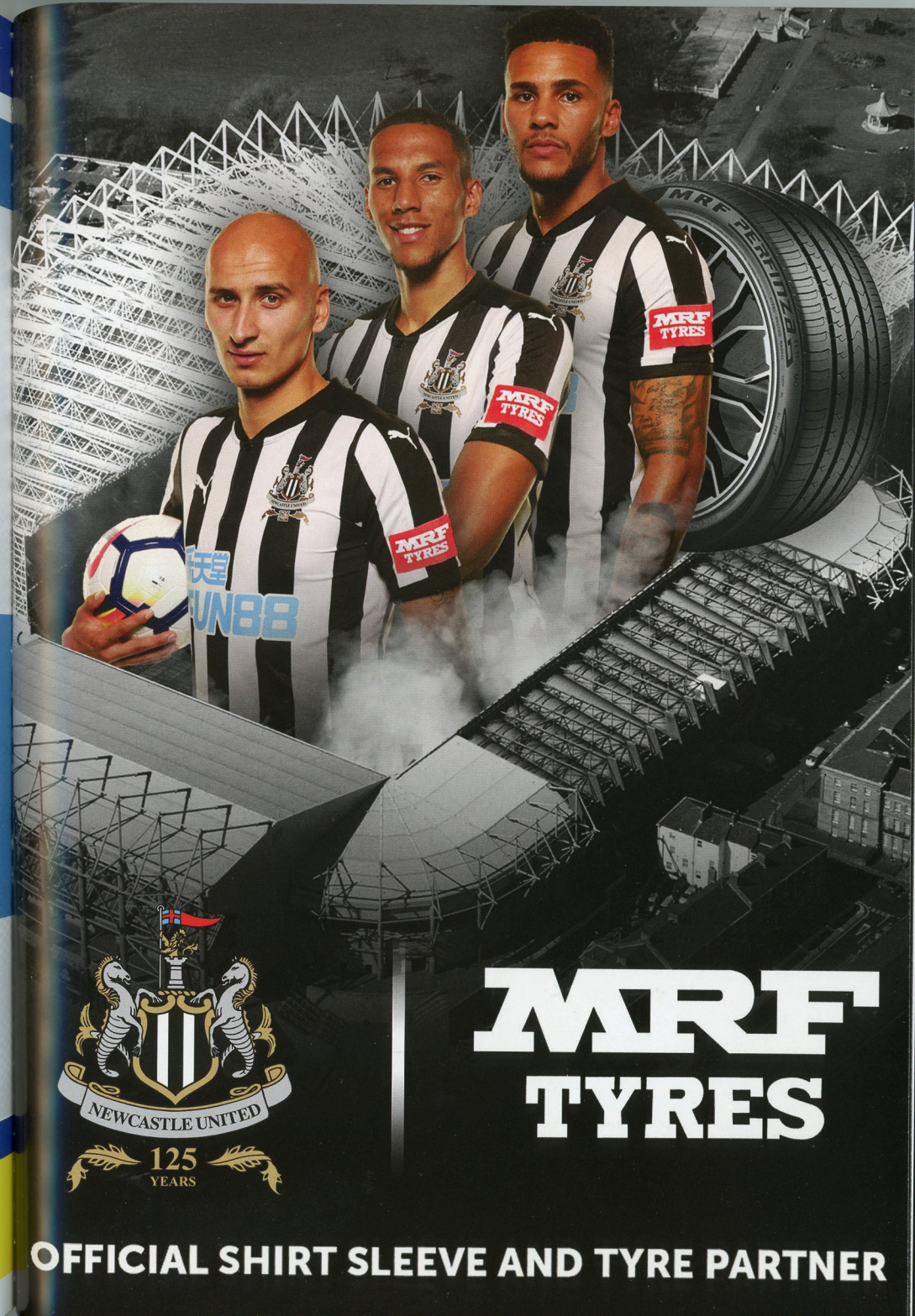
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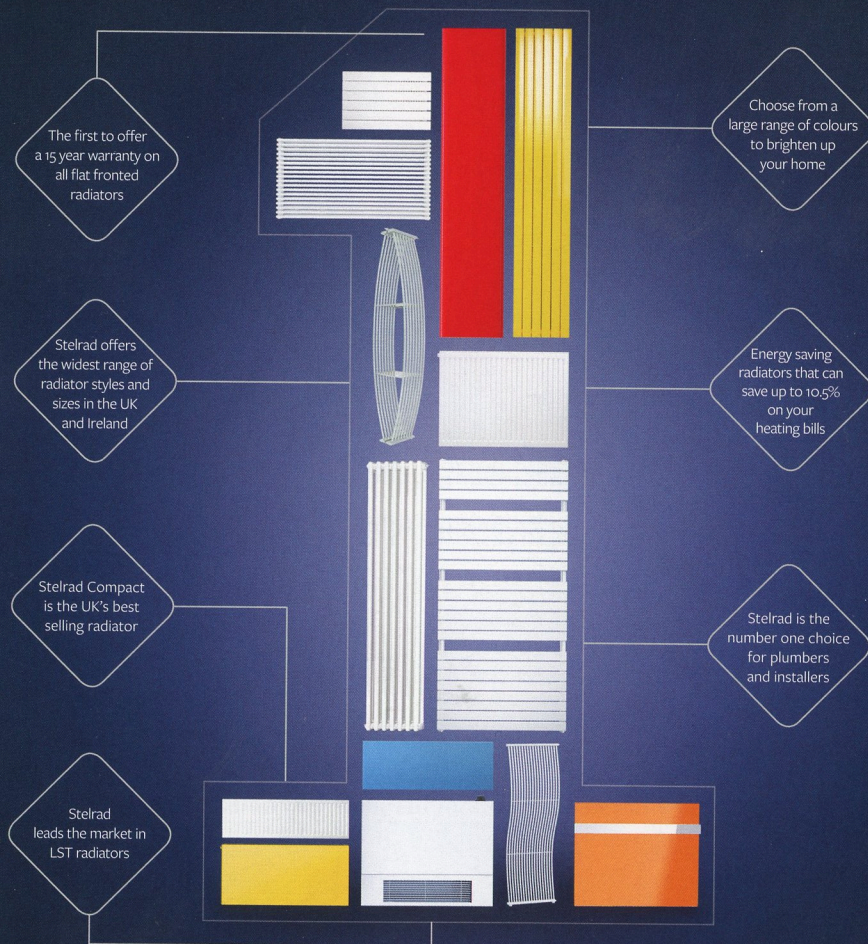
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BARLASER, DAN	18.01.1997	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	3	0		
CLARK, CIARAN	26.09.1989	15(1)	2	0	0	0	0	15(1)	2	49(1)	5	0	0	2	0	0	0	51(1)	5	IRELAND	30
COLBACK, JACK	24.10.1989	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	87(6)	5	1(1)	0	6(1)	0	0	0	94(8)	5		
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GAYLE, DWIGHT	20.10.1990	10(9)	3	0	0	0	0	10(9)	3	36(15)	26	0	0	1(1)	0	0	0	37(16)	26		
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4. LIVERPOOL	22	6	5	0	21	4	6	3	2	29	21	+25	44
5. TOTTENHAM	21	6	3	1	21	8	6	1	4	20	12	+21	40
6. ARSENAL	21	8	1	1	25	10	3	4	4	13	16	+12	38
7. BURNLEY	22	5	2	4	8	8	4	5	2	11	11	0	34
8. LEICESTER	22	5	2	4	16	14	3	4	4	18	18	+2	30
9. EVERTON	22	6	1	4	17	15	1	5	5	8	19	-9	27
10. WATFORD	22	3	3	5	14	23	4	1	6	17	17	-9	25
11. HUDDERSFIELD	22	4	4	3	10	12	2	2	7	8	23	-17	24
12. BRIGHTON	22	3	6	2	12	14	2	2	7	5	13	-10	23
13. NEWCASTLE	22	3	2	6	9	13	3	2	6	11	17	-10	22
14. C PALACE	22	3	4	4	14	18	2	3	6	6	15	-13	22
15. BOURNEMOUTH	22	3	3	5	14	17	2	3	6	8	17	-12	21
16. WEST HAM	21	4	2	4	12	15	1	4	6	12	24	-15	21
17. SOUTHAMPTON	22	3	4	5	14	17	1	4	5	7	15	-11	20
18. STOKE	22	4	2	5	13	20	1	3	7	10	27	-24	20
19. WEST BROM	22	1	7	3	10	15	1	3	7	6	15	-14	16
20. SWANSEA	22	2	2	7	6	17	2	2	7	7	17	-21	16

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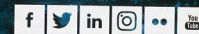
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1. Evacuating the stadium by the nearest emergency exit, or for those on the lower seating decks, evacuating on to the pitch.
2. Any evacuation will be conducted in phases, so please listen to the instructions given. Please note the emergency PA system is separate from the general PA announcement and not affected by power failures.

**ST. JAMES' PARK IS A NO-SMOKING VENUE**



Smoking, including the use of electronic cigarettes, is not permitted anywhere within the stadium. Newcastle United requests all supporters to observe the no-smoking regulations at St. James' Park.

## TACKLING OFFENSIVE BEHAVIOUR:

NEWCASTLE UNITED Football Club is committed to tackling offensive behaviour by supporters to help create a more enjoyable matchday experience.

The Club will not tolerate any form of racist, sexist or homophobic abuse or any persistent foul and abusive language. Such behaviour is a breach of the stadium Ground Regulations which may result in ejection from the stadium and a ban from attending matches.

It may also constitute a criminal offence, which may result in arrest, prosecution and a Football Banning Order.

Any supporter who experiences any such behaviour is urged to report the matter, at the time it is occurring, to a nearby steward or police officer.

An alternative way of reporting is by a service that allows supporters to text the stadium Security Match Control anonymously.

To use this texting service, simply text the word **HELP** followed by the stand, row and seat of the offending supporter, then the nature of the offensive behaviour to 60070\*.

This service allows stadium security staff to monitor and deal with the offensive behaviour as it is happening.

\*Each text message sent will be charged at your standard network rate



# FIXTURES & RESULTS 2017/18

DATE	KO	OPPONENTS	TV	RES.	ATT.	STARTING XI
AUGUST 2017						
SUN 13	13:30	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR		S 0-2	52,077	ELLIOT MANQUILLO LEJEUNE CLARK DUMMETT SHELVEY
SUN 20	13:30	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN		S 0-1	24,128	ELLIOT MANQUILLO LASCELLES CLARK MBEMBA ATSU
WED 23	19:45	NOTTINGHAM FOREST (EFLCC2)		2-3	27,709	DARLOW STERRY HANLEY MBEMBA GAMEZ MURPHY
SAT 26	15:00	WEST HAM UNITED		3-0	52,093	ELLIOT MANQUILLO LASCELLES CLARK1 MBEMBA MERINO
SEPTEMBER 2017						
SUN 10	16:00	SWANSEA CITY		S 1-0	20,872	ELLIOT MANQUILLO LASCELLES1 CLARK GAMEZ MERINO
SAT 16	15:00	STOKE CITY		2-1	51,795	ELLIOT YEDLIN LASCELLES1 CLARK MBEMBA HAYDEN
SUN 24	16:00	BRIGHTON AND HOVE ALBION		S 0-1	30,468	ELLIOT YEDLIN LASCELLES CLARK MBEMBA HAYDEN
OCTOBER 2017						
SUN 1	16:30	LIVERPOOL		S 1-1	52,303	ELLIOT YEDLIN LASCELLES CLARK MANQUILLO SHELVEY
SUN 15	16:00	SOUTHAMPTON		S 2-2	31,437	ELLIOT YEDLIN LASCELLES LEJEUNE MANQUILLO SHELVEY
SAT 21	15:00	CRYSTAL PALACE		1-0	52,251	ELLIOT YEDLIN LASCELLES LEJEUNE MANQUILLO HAYDEN
MON 30	20:00	BURNLEY		S 0-1	21,031	ELLIOT YEDLIN LASCELLES LEJEUNE MANQUILLO DIAMÉ
NOVEMBER 2017						
SAT 4	15:00	BOURNEMOUTH		0-1	52,237	ELLIOT YEDLIN LASCELLES LEJEUNE MANQUILLO RITCHIE
SAT 18	17:30	MANCHESTER UNITED	BT Sport	1-4	75,035	ELLIOT YEDLIN CLARK LEJEUNE MANQUILLO HAYDEN
SAT 25	15:00	WATFORD		0-3	52,188	ELLIOT YEDLIN CLARK LEJEUNE MANQUILLO DIAMÉ
TUE 28	20:00	WEST BROMWICH ALBION		2-2	25,534	DARLOW YEDLIN CLARK1 LEJEUNE MBEMBA MERINO
DECEMBER 2017						
SAT 2	12:30	CHELSEA		S 1-3	41,538	DARLOW MANQUILLO CLARK1 LEJEUNE MBEMBA MERINO
SAT 9	17:30	LEICESTER CITY	BT Sport	2-3	52,117	DARLOW MANQUILLO CLARK LEJEUNE YEDLIN MERINO
WED 13	19:45	EVERTON		0-1	51,042	DARLOW YEDLIN LEJEUNE LASCELLES MANQUILLO MERINO
SAT 16	15:00	ARSENAL		0-1	59,379	ELLIOT YEDLIN LASCELLES LEJEUNE MANQUILLO HAYDEN
SAT 23	15:00	WEST HAM UNITED		3-2	56,955	ELLIOT YEDLIN LASCELLES CLARK MANQUILLO SAIVET1
WED 27	19:45	MANCHESTER CITY		S 0-1	52,311	ELLIOT YEDLIN MBEMBA LASCELLES DUMMETT MANQUILLO
SAT 30	15:00	BRIGHTON AND HOVE ALBION		0-0	52,209	DARLOW YEDLIN LASCELLES CLARK DUMMETT RITCHIE
JANUARY 2018						
MON 1	15:00	STOKE CITY		1-0	28,471	DARLOW YEDLIN LASCELLES CLARK MANQUILLO RITCHIE
SAT 6	15:00	LUTON TOWN (FAC3)				
SAT 13	15:00	SWANSEA CITY				
SAT 20	17:30	MANCHESTER CITY	BT Sport			
WED 31	19:45	BURNLEY				
FEBRUARY 2018						
SUN 4	14:15	CRYSTAL PALACE		S		
SUN 11	14:15	MANCHESTER UNITED		S		
SAT 24	15:00	BOURNEMOUTH				
MARCH 2018						
SAT 3	15:00	LIVERPOOL				
SAT 10	15:00	SOUTHAMPTON				
SAT 17	15:00	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR				
SAT 31	15:00	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN				
APRIL 2018						
SAT 7	15:00	LEICESTER CITY				
SAT 14	15:00	ARSENAL				
SAT 21	15:00	EVERTON				
SAT 28	15:00	WEST BROMWICH ALBION				
MAY 2018						
SAT 5	15:00	WATFORD				
SUN 13	15:00	CHELSEA				



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SUBSTITUTES												REFEREE
HAYDEN	RITCHIE	PÉREZ	ATSU	GAYLE	DARLOW,	LASCELLES,	MITROVIC,	MERINO,	MBEMBA,	AARONS,	MURPHY	A MARRINER
HAYDEN	MERINO	RITCHIE	GAYLE	PÉREZ	DARLOW,	SAIVET,	MITROVIC,	DIAMÉ,	JOSELU,	AARONS,	MURPHY	C PAWSON
SAIVET	BARLASER	AARONS	DIAMÉ	MITROVIC	LASCELLES,	RITCHIE,	HAYDEN,	MANQUILLO,	JOSELU,	LAZAAR,	WOODMAN	D ENGLAND
HAYDEN	RITCHIE	PÉREZ	ATSU	JOSELU	MURPHY,	DIAMÉ,	AARONS,	SAIVET,	GÁMEZ,	WOODMAN,	MITROVIC	N SWARBRICK
HAYDEN	RITCHIE	PÉREZ	MURPHY	JOSELU	SHELVEY,	GAYLE,	DIAMÉ,	LEJEUNE,	YEDLIN,	ATSU,	WOODMAN	M JONES
MERINO	RITCHIE	PÉREZ	ATSU	JOSELU	MURPHY,	SHELVEY,	GAYLE,	DIAMÉ,	MANQUILLO,	LEJEUNE,	WOODMAN	S ATTWELL
MERINO	RITCHIE	PÉREZ	ATSU	JOSELU	MURPHY,	SHELVEY,	GAYLE,	DIAMÉ,	MANQUILLO,	DARLOW,	GÁMEZ	A MARRINER
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HAYDEN	RITCHIE	PÉREZ	ATSU	JOSELU	DARLOW,	DIAMÉ,	GAYLE,	CLARK,	GÁMEZ,	MURPHY,	MERINO	K FRIEND
SHELVEY	RITCHIE	PÉREZ	ATSU	JOSELU	DARLOW,	DIAMÉ,	MITROVIC,	CLARK,	GÁMEZ,	MURPHY,	MERINO	S ATTWELL
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DIAMÉ	RITCHIE	MURPHY	GAYLE	PÉREZ	ELLIOT,	MITROVIC,	HAYDEN,	YEDLIN,	JOSELU,	AARONS,	SHELVEY	K FRIEND
HAYDEN	RITCHIE	MURPHY	GAYLE	JOSELU	ELLIOT,	MITROVIC,	DIAMÉ,	ATSU,	PÉREZ,	LASCELLES,	SHELVEY	N SWARBRICK
SHELVEY	ATSU	RITCHIE	DIAMÉ	GAYLE	ELLIOT,	HAYDEN,	CLARK,	AARONS,	PÉREZ,	JOSELU,	MURPHY	M ATKINSON
MERINO	ATSU	PÉREZ	MURPHY	JOSELU	DARLOW,	DUMMETT,	CLARK,	AARONS,	DIAMÉ,	RITCHIE,	GAYLE	S ATTWELL
RITCHIE	ATSU	DIAMÉ	GAYLE	JOSELU	DARLOW,	DUMMETT,	MURPHY,	AARONS,	PÉREZ,	MBEMBA,	HAÏDARA	L MASON
AARONS	DIAMÉ	SHELVEY	MURPHY	JOSELU	DARLOW,	CLARK,	RITCHIE,	GAYLE,	PÉREZ,	MERINO,	ATSU	A MARRINER
HAYDEN	MERINO	ATSU	JOSELU	GAYLE	WOODMAN,	SHELVEY,	MANQUILLO,	MBEMBA,	PÉREZ,	DIAMÉ,	MURPHY	A TAYLOR
SHELVEY	DIAMÉ	ATSU	MURPHY	PÉREZ	WOODMAN,	DUMMETT,	MERINO,	HAÏDARA,	GAYLE,	JOSELU,	HAYDEN	C KAVANAGH

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In the latest of a new series looking back at some of United's most memorable games, we remember the first of the Magpies' three FA Cup final triumphs in the Fifties...

**Starting XI**JACK  
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MITCHELL

**A** 2-1 semi-final replay victory over Wolverhampton Wanderers had made sure United were heading back to the Twin Towers for the first time since the Second World War. Lying in wait were fellow First Division side Blackpool, who were bidding for a first taste of FA Cup glory. In the Seasiders' line-up was the legendary Stanley Matthews – by then 36, but still barely halfway through his remarkable career!

Though Jackie Milburn saw an early effort ruled out for handball in the build-up, it was Blackpool who almost ended a scrappy first half in the ascendancy, as Stan Mortensen's goalbound header was cleared off the line by Bobby Cowell.

Five minutes after the break, though, it was Newcastle who drew first blood. After a Seasiders attack broke down, the Magpies countered with pace. George Robledo threaded the ball through for Milburn, who managed to beat the offside trap before slotting past onrushing goalkeeper George Farm.

Milburn's second – which arrived with virtually United's next attack – was worthy of winning any cup final just by itself. Ernie Taylor played the ball along the floor, and the Magpies' No. 9 picked out the top corner from 25 yards with a rocket of a shot.

Blackpool – and Matthews in particular – kept plugging away, desperate for a route back into the game. It was not forthcoming, though, as Newcastle held firm to lift the trophy for the third time.

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 6 Jamaal **LASCELLES**  
 18 Chancel **MBEMBA**  
 19 Javier **MANQUILLO**  
 20 Florian **LEJEUNE**  
 22 DeAndre **YEDLIN**  
 25 Massadio **HAÏDARA**  
 27 Jesús **GÁMEZ**  
 42 Jamie **STERRY**

- 4 Jack **COLBACK**  
 7 Jacob **MURPHY**  
 8 Jonjo **SHELVEY**  
 10 Mohamed **DIAMÉ**  
 11 Matt **RITCHIE**  
 14 Isaac **HAYDEN**  
 16 Rolando **AARONS**  
 23 Mikel **MERINO**  
 24 Henri **SAIVET**  
 30 Christian **ATSU**  
 35 Dan **BARLASER**

- 9 Dwight **GAYLE**  
 17 Ayoze **PÉREZ**  
 21 **JOSELU**  
 45 Aleksandar **MITROVIĆ**



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Manager **Nathan Jones**

- 1 Marek **ŠTĚCH**  
 36 James **SHEA**  
 40 Harry **ISTED**

- 2 James **JUSTIN**  
 3 Dan **POTTS**  
 5 Johnny **MULLINS**  
 6 Scott **CUTHBERT**  
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 39 Akin **FAMEWO**  
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- 4 Alan **McCORMACK**  
 8 Olly **LEE**  
 11 Andrew **SHINNIE**  
 17 Pelly Ruddock **MPANZU**  
 18 Luke **BERRY**  
 22 Luke **GAMBIN**  
 24 Lawson **D'ATH**  
 35 Arthur **READ**

- 9 Danny **HYLTON**  
 10 Jordan **COOK**  
 14 Harry **CORNICK**  
 19 James **COLLINS**  
 23 Josh **McQUOID**  
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