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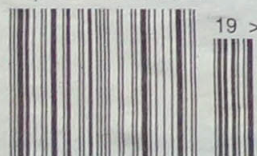


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Thousands cheer Hatters heroes on parade

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Each and every



John Still, Andre Gray, Alex Lawless, Scott Griffiths and Fraser Franks celebrate the Hatters' success on stage.

one a hero



John Still and the squad applaud the fans for their support this season.



The squad outside the town hall, above. Left, Jonathan Smith, and, above, Luke Guttridge blows a kiss to the crowd in St George's Square.

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One young fan gets a better view of proceedings.



The only way is up!

Hatters fans hail their title-winners

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Thousands of Hatters fans heralded their Skril Premier title-winning heroes at a packed St George's Square on Sunday afternoon.

The Luton squad and management staff boarded an open top bus to parade their champions trophy around the streets before joining the party and taking to the stage in front of a sea of orange.

After an address from Mayor Sheila Roden, a host of players were interviewed, while manager John Still and managing director Gary Sweet both addressed the huge crowd as well.

There was a video message from chairman Nick Owen, while Matt Robinson per-



Marvellous scenes: Luton Town fans turn out in their thousands to celebrate Hatters' return to the Football League

formed his champions rap once more, before the players went to a civic reception at the Town Hall.

As part of his message, chairman Owen said: "The results simply got better and better during the season."

"The fans responded to our magnificent players and the players responded to our magnificent fans."

"Thank you to our inves-

tors who have done so much in these perilous years to keep the club moving forward, they are all seriously committed fans."

"Thanks to everyone who works at Kenilworth Road and finally thanks to all of you here who've continued to fly the flag for Luton Town football club, we're one big team."

Boss Still said: "The challenge of doing this is what I

think life is all about.

"To take something on that some people think is not possible, well we made it possible."

Midfielder Alex Lawless added: "It just makes it 10 times better to have gone through the lows and to see everyone so, so happy."

"I'm just glad to be have involved in this and not have had to watch it."



Up to 15,000 Hatters supporters packed in to St George's Square to cheer on their title-winning heroes.

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The crowd were treated to beautiful weather on the day of the parade.

Young fans take a rest as they wait for the team.

Supporters proudly fly their colours.

The town centre was a sea of orange on Sunday.

Supporters of all ages turned out in force.

After eight years of relegation and failed promotion attempts, Town fans were finally able to celebrate on Sunday as the team held an open top bus parade around Luton.

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The open top bus makes its way past the Galaxy Centre to St George's Square.



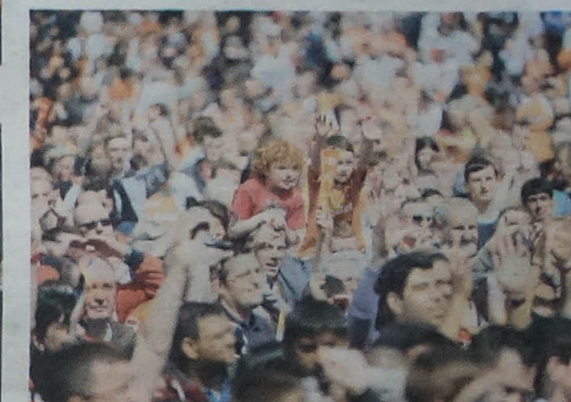
Hatters' players show off the Skirill Premier trophy.



Ronnie Henry and Pelly Ruddock show off the Conference trophy.



The Town squad on stage during the celebrations.



Supporters show their appreciation for the players' efforts this season.



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