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WELCOME BACK!

It's not been long – just 80 days to be precise – since the last campaign ended, but haven't you missed your football fix at the Kenny?!

What we hope will be a successful campaign for the Hatters kicks off today with several new faces in Nathan Jones' squad, and we have a new name for the matchday programme too: 'This Is Our Town' – a nod to the campaign for a new stadium at Power Court and our pride at being at the heart of our local community.

Those supporters who are online will have noticed a gleaming new website (same address though – www.lutontown.co.uk), and the iFollow Hatters digital video and audio service that replaces Hatters Player (details can be found on page 67 of today's issue). We hope you enjoy some of the new features in today's programme – there will be more to come – and if you have any feedback, please get in touch via any of the means on this page.

Don't forget we are back here on Tuesday for the Carabao Cup (League Cup in old money) visit of Ipswich Town, then again seven days later to welcome new entrants Tottenham Hotspur U21s in the Checkatrade Trophy Southern Group F. Enjoy today's game – and the minimum nine months that lie ahead!

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[THE MANAGER'S NOTES]



THE MANAGER

NATHAN JONES

Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for the first competitive game of what we hope will be a big season for Luton Town Football Club in Sky Bet League Two.

For the fourth time in my year-and-a-half in charge of the Hatters, the visitors this afternoon are the familiar faces from my old club Yeovil Town.

Firstly, I would like to welcome everybody from Huish Park; supporters, directors, officials, management and players, among whom I have many friends from my seven years in Somerset as a player and coach. As always, it will be good to catch up with manager Darren Way and his number two Terry Skiverton, two good pals of mine.

It seems we've been destined to meet on a regular basis since I took over here in January 2016. We hosted them very early on in my tenure, then for the opening league game of last season, a repeat today and, of course, the Checkatrade Trophy quarter-final in between.

They are always keenly-fought contests that have produced plenty of entertainment for the supporters, and we look forward to another game of the same ilk this afternoon.

It's been shorter break than usual after our involvement in the play-offs, but I believe the work we have done in the transfer window – both in terms of those we've allowed to leave and the players we've recruited – has made us stronger, and I thank Gary Sweet and the board for their backing.

We've brought in a combination of higher-level and promotion-winning experience with three goalkeepers of our own in Marek Stech, James Shea and Harry Isted, plus right-back Jack Stacey, midfielders Alan McCormack and Andrew Shinnie and forwards James Collins and Elliot Lee.

We signed almost every target we went for and were able to use the wonderful new training ground and plans for Power Court as tools to sell them what we're about here.

The players came back for training in great shape with attitudes to match, determined to improve on last season and the disappointing finale we experienced in the play-offs. We've had a productive pre-season with some tough friendlies and an excellent week in Slovenia, all building up to today.

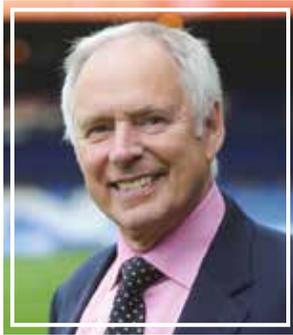
We've managed to stay injury-free apart from the routine operation Danny Hylton required after last season's endeavours, and the need to ease James Justin back in to full training after his involvement with England Under-19s.

On the subject of JJ, it was a real boost to have him sign a contract extension this week after the recent transfer speculation. It's a credit to him, his family and people who look after him that they see this as the perfect place to continue his development, not to mention the club for rejecting a sizeable offer – as they have for other members of our squad coveted by those higher up. Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu putting pen to paper until 2020 on Thursday was another huge positive for us.

Our goals remain the same as last year, but we feel we are better equipped now to go at least one place better and secure that automatic promotion position

We'll need your help, and 8,000-plus Lutonians in full voice at Kenilworth Road can be a wonderful weapon in our armoury. Let's embrace the challenge of the season ahead and work together to get to where we all aspire to be, starting today.

Enjoy the game.



FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH OUTGOING CHAIRMAN NICK OWEN

Good afternoon and welcome to Kenilworth Road for the start of a brand new season and I am sure that, like me, you are filled with hope and expectation.

A warm welcome also to our friends from Yeovil – their players, directors and, of course, supporters. Our manager, Nathan Jones, spent seven years with the Glovers, so I am sure he'll enjoy meeting up with old friends.

Also, I would like to welcome our new players who have joined us over the summer. Some fabulous signings with intriguing and exciting possibilities for the campaign ahead. While I dearly hope they all have a hugely successful time at Kenilworth Road, I would also like to wish our departing players all the best and hope they take some happy memories of Luton Town with them and will always hold the club in affection.

This is the last time I will be writing our programme notes because, as you may know, I am stepping down from my role as chairman of Luton Town FC after nine years. It's a decision I've made with some regret, as you can imagine, because I have been indescribably proud to be so closely involved with the club I have loved and followed for nearly 60 years.

It is simply that I have found it particularly difficult in recent times to give the role as much attention

as it really demands. Because of varying working commitments and the distance I live from Luton, I have not been able to attend matches or club associated events as frequently as I would like. However, the club has kindly made me a Vice President and I will still be coming to as many games as I possibly can, both home and away.

The last nine years have certainly put us all through the mangle, haven't they? Some terrific highs, some appalling lows, which I suppose epitomises the life of most football fans, but particularly if you are a Hatter!

Becoming involved in the group that saved the club from extinction in 2008 was a thrill and a privilege. Then came that unprecedented penalty of a 30 points deduction from the Football

League and the Football Association. We all accepted that we would be penalised for events that occurred under previous regimes, quite right, but the outrageous severity of it all, affecting innocent supporters the most, will never cease to infuriate me. It felt harsh and vindictive.

Losing our league place was, of course, shattering, as was losing in the Conference play-offs on three occasions, particularly the finals against Wimbledon and York. Losing on pens in one and falling to an offside goal in the other – agony!

On the other hand, there was the utter joy of winning the Johnstone's Paint Trophy in such dramatic style at a sunny Wembley in 2009 with Mick Harford in charge – a legend who won at Wembley for us both as a player and manager.



Quite brilliant, even if I did have to encounter the club's nemesis, Lord Brian Mawhinney, chairman at the time of the Football League. The orange vision that day of 42,000 Luton fans, converging from all over the UK and 20 countries across the world, was an utter inspiration and indicative of our magnificent support and the galvanising effect of how we'd been treated by the authorities.

High on my memory list will be the emergence of Andre Gray. He played for Hinckley United against us in the FA Trophy, created a good impression and ultimately signed for £30,000 in 2012. What a fantastic player he turned out to be. In our glorious Conference winning season, he scored 30 goals, as we blazed our way in glorious style back up to the Football League. He's had a stellar career since then, way up to the Premier League, which has been very good for us financially because of the astute manner in which his move away from Kenilworth Road was handled.

Also, during that time, I treasure getting to know and becoming friends with John Still. He was such a character and did so much with senior players to transform the vibes around Kenilworth Road. There were lots of heroes in and around that squad. And I must mention the phenomenal efforts of SOLYD, the Supporters of Luton Youth Development, who made sure we

kept our wonderful youth policy going, which is paying serious dividends now. Most clubs in our position, out of the FL, would have had to drop it. Thank you, SOLYD.

We never really expected to spend five years in the Conference, so winning the title was all the sweeter. Having said that, I thoroughly enjoyed the experience of meeting diehard football fans and officials at non-league level who work so hard and so selflessly to keep their clubs afloat. Real football people. The same applies, of course, to clubs in the lower reaches of the Football League. I find that much more edifying and appealing than the rarefied environs of the Premier.

As Luton fans we have the unique attribute – questionable perhaps – of having played league games against a wider variety of clubs than any other. Think about it. From Arsenal to Alfreton, Man U to Macclesfield, Tottenham to Tamworth, Newcastle to Nuneaton – that's quite a broad CV! In a weird sort of way, I am quite proud of that!

I would like to pay tribute to all those who contributed in such determined fashion to keeping the club afloat during our darkest hours and continue to do so. The investors stepped up generously and selflessly when the club was on the brink. They will all deservedly take their place in the history of this wonderful club.

I am enormously grateful for the way our fellow fans have been so supportive of 2020 (and indeed me) and stayed with the club through the turmoil of the last nine or ten years. Our unwavering support is the envy of many. You are simply amazing! Thank you.

I am proud to say that four generations of my family are part of that support. My father brought me here to my first game in 1958 and I was smitten. My four children are equally passionate and now my grandchildren have started coming to games. Nothing will shake our passion for the Hatters.

Finally, rest assured that 2020, plus those that help them significantly in various ways at the highest level, and the club's terrific, loyal staff are all committed to creating a stable and glittering future for Luton Town Football Club in a beautiful new stadium a few years from now. No agenda – purely the good of the club and indeed the wider community.

Here's to a great season. All the best to Nathan, his team of coaches and, of course, the players – enjoy the game, enjoy the season, all the best,

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THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Good afternoon and welcome to Kenilworth Road for the opening game of the season, as we take on Yeovil Town.

First and foremost, I am proud to be captain of this fantastic football club for another season. When I was originally given the armband it was a really proud moment for me, and that sense of privilege continues to this day.

Our target for this season is clear. Promotion. We wanted to do it last year and we came a little bit short. We are confident we can do it this season, especially with the calibre of player we have brought in and the promotions that they have won. We are a side to be feared.

Even without their previous promotions, the quality of player the gaffer has brought in is different class. It's an unbelievably competitive squad and everyone is on their toes, there's competition all over the pitch. It's a good thing, the standard of training has been through the roof.

A lot of people were saying that we didn't have enough experience last season across the pitch, but I think the gaffer has addressed that. Alan McCormack is the first name to spring to mind, he's made nearly 450 career appearances and has certainly been in the thick of the action even in our pre-season games.

People say that pre-season games don't matter, but I feel that they do. It's good to get that winning mentality. We took a lot from the Leicester game, especially the younger players involved. Scunthorpe was a really good test and with the ball we were superb. We have just got to iron out the wrinkles of last season and aim for more clean sheets.

One player who we know will be involved in trying to help us do that this season is James Justin – who we were all delighted to see sign a new contract earlier on in the week. Everyone at the club knows he has the potential to go on and play at the highest level. It just shows you the ambition of the club that they were able to turn down offers for him from the Championship and tie him down to a new long-term deal. It's now up to him to ensure he carries on that upward trajectory and I don't see why that wouldn't happen because he's a fantastic lad.

[SCOTT CUTHBERT]

GREAT SCOTT

Today's visiting side have a face we are very familiar with – Jake Gray – and he is one of a few good Yeovil additions. They're a big strong side who push you high up and put pressure on you. It's going to be a tough test. But it's important, especially at home, that we start well and get a good result.

Finally, it's cliché, but you, our fantastic supporters, can be the twelfth man. When you're all cheering us on it makes an absolutely huge difference. So we are hoping that we can put a smile on your face, not only today but throughout this campaign. We need your help in making this place a fortress.

I hope you enjoy the game!



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NEW SEASON, NEW FACES...

It's been a busy transfer window for the Hatters, with eight new signings arriving at Kenilworth Road by the time This Is Our Town went to print, and nine departing. Excluding goalkeeper Marek Stech, who you can read all about in the Big Interview from page 13, here's a brief introduction to the faces who'll become more than familiar over the next nine months...



ALAN MCCORMACK
POSITION: MIDFIELDER | AGE: 33
PREVIOUS CLUB: Brentford

HE SAID: "I am very demanding on myself of putting in performances. Not everything is perfect, but one thing you will get from me is 100 per cent effort and commitment to winning a game of football."



ANDREW SHINNIE
POSITION: MIDFIELDER | AGE: 28
PREVIOUS CLUB: Birmingham City (signed on season-long loan)

HE SAID: "People might say you're dropping down a few leagues, but Luton Town is a big club to come to. The facilities are outstanding. It's set up to be a bigger club and progress through the leagues."



JAMES COLLINS
POSITION: STRIKER | AGE: 26
PREVIOUS CLUB: Crawley Town

HE SAID: "The game we had at Kenilworth Road this year was a real good one played in a great atmosphere. I can't wait for that to be my home ground and crowd this season."



ELLIOT LEE
POSITION: STRIKER | AGE: 22
PREVIOUS CLUB: Barnsley

HE SAID: "My brother Olly and I spoke about it and we realised it would be a great experience to play together. The club has come on a lot since I was here last time. We've got a positive future."



HARRY ISTED
POSITION: GOALKEEPER | AGE: 20
PREVIOUS CLUB: Stoke City

HE SAID: "It feels great to be here. It's an excellent club that promotes youth and I really feel I can be competition for the other two keepers. It's somewhere I think I can progress."



JACK STACEY
POSITION: DEFENDER | AGE: 21
PREVIOUS CLUB: Reading

HE SAID: "I spoke to the manager and he outlined his vision for the club, and how the main aim of the season is to get promoted. That's why I'm here."



JAMES SHEA
POSITION: GOALKEEPER | AGE: 26
PREVIOUS CLUB: AFC Wimbledon

HE SAID: "As soon as I turned up I knew it was the place I wanted to come. You see the training ground, the facilities here – it's unbelievable. It's Championship at worst really."

OLD FACES, NEW DEALS!

After the great news at the end of June that left-back Dan Potts had put pen to paper on a new one-year contract, everyone at Kenilworth Road was boosted earlier this week by sought-after defender James Justin and midfielder Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu both signed contract extensions to 2020, with an option for a further year after that.



JJ's new deal comes after the 19-year-old's breakthrough season in which he made 39 appearances for Nathan Jones' side, scoring once, and ended with a call-up to three England Under-19 training camps.

Justin joined the Town in 2005 aged seven, progressing through the youth ranks at his hometown club before making his first team debut on the final day of the 2015/16 season as a substitute in the 4-1 win over Exeter City.

The local lad was more than happy to add another year to the extended contract that he signed last December, as he aims to continue his development at Kenilworth Road.

He said: "I am happy to be rewarded for the hard work and all that I did last season, but obviously the focus is this season and getting promoted automatically. I am looking to build on last season with the club.

"There was interest from other clubs, but I am fully focused on staying here and helping the team get promoted.

"I have had a few chats with the gaffer and he reiterated what he said last season about developing this season and seeing where that takes me, just helping the team however I can. My family are happy I am not going anywhere. They're over the moon that I want to stay. My dad played a big part in that as well."



Pelly has been a Hatter since initially joining the club on loan from West Ham in November 2013, before signing permanently the following January.

He has since racked up 118 appearances, including 52 last

term, and he said: "I have been here a while now and I am delighted to have extended my contract. I can't wait to get started and hopefully we can get promotion this season.

"There's a similar vibe around the place in terms of our confidence in getting out of the division as to when I first arrived. Last year was a bit of a disappointment at the end, but we know we can turn it around. My seasons here have been disrupted by injury up until last year when the gaffer brought in Jared Roberts-Smith, who has helped me a lot. I was able to put a lot of games together last season and I really want to push on and do the same this time around."

Congratulations Potts, JJ and Pelly. Here's to a great season – and plenty more – ahead!

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THE BIG INTERVIEW

MAREK STECH

BY STUART HAMMONDS

A big smile breaks across Marek Stech's face when he's reminded of the illustrious company in which he made his first move to English football from Sparta Prague, at the tender age of 16.

We are sitting in the stand next to the 4G training pitch at The Brache, a month into pre-season after his second move to these shores from the club he has always supported back home in his native Czech Republic, when I recount a Daily Telegraph article from 31st August 2006.

It opens by telling how 'West Ham United have pulled off the biggest transfer coup of the summer' with the double signing of Argentina striker Carlos Tevez and his team-mate Javier Mascherano, and ends with: 'Meanwhile, West Ham have also signed Czech Republic Under-17 international goalkeeper Marek Stech from Sparta Prague for an undisclosed fee.'

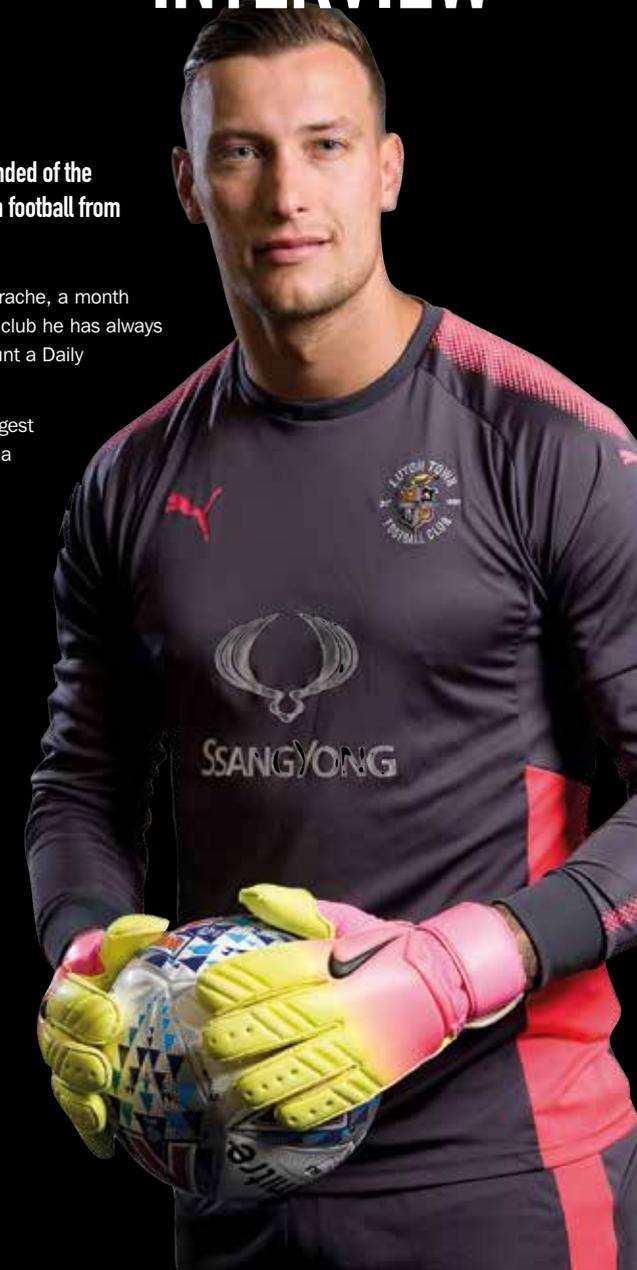
As footnotes go, it's not a bad one. And while third-party ownership infamy, the Manchester giants, Liverpool, Barcelona and Juventus lay in store for the first two players, the Town's summer signing hasn't done badly either.

He's played for his country. He returned to Sparta three years ago to play Europa League football. Before that, of course, he earned cult hero status with today's visitors Yeovil Town.

"They are massive stars now, but the first couple of months were very hard for us," says Stech, his near-perfect English illustrating how he threw himself into life over here after his move to Upton Park, so much so he met Louise when he was only 18.

This summer, nine years on, they married in Marbella.

"The key point for me was the goalie coach Ludo Miklosko being a West Ham and Czech legend. He went over to watch me in the games I played for the U17s when we reached the European Championships final that summer, and was one of the reasons why I went there.





“His wife Ivana helped me by being my English teacher. It was quite nice because I was put in digs with the other lads and had to learn very quickly. Mascherano and Tevez didn’t speak any English at the time. They had a translator. They were very quiet and just did the job.

“As a youngster I never thought I’d be going to a massive club like West Ham and getting a chance.

“I was there with people like Roy Carroll and Robert Green, so it was good for me to work with those kind of keepers who had already played so many games in the Premier League. It was something to always remember about my life.”

Growing up in Prague, Stech – having already chosen to be a goalkeeper at 11 after starting as a striker with Bohemians – had to get used to making big decisions early in life. A talented tennis player, he prioritised football around the same time that Sparta came in for him at U13s.

Then, after starring in the U17 Euros of 2006, came a week’s trial with the Hammers. “They said they wanted me and I signed a five-year deal,” he recalls. “In the space of one week I

had to move, leaving all my family, friends, everyone.”

Having worked through the Upton Park academy and reserves, as much as he loved the experience of travelling around the country, seeing all the big stadiums and players while a regular on the bench in the Premier League, Stech craved first-team football. Three Carling Cup appearances in 2010-11 had him dreaming of facing Manchester United in the quarter-final.

“I had a year left on my contract and there was a clause where if I played five games, West Ham would have to pay money to Sparta,” Stech says. “After the third cup game Karen Brady came to me said, ‘I’m really sorry, but you’re not going to play for this football club any more’.

“That was a big shock for me. We had Man U coming up, but I knew then I couldn’t stay there. I needed to move on.”

He’d already been on loan to Wycombe and Bournemouth, then further moves to Yeovil and Leyton Orient followed before his contract expired at the end of 2011-12. It was in the October of that campaign that he first came across Nathan Jones, then the Glovers’ left-back and assistant-manager.

“I played a couple of games with the gaffer when I was there, and he was giving me grief,” laughs Stech. “He’s always been the same, very demanding on the pitch and giving loads of information. Basically, if someone isn’t doing the job, he will tell you off. He just set up the standard that you have to do well.”

After signing permanently in the summer of 2012, Stech was ever-present as Yeovil won promotion,

keeping 19 clean sheets and turning in a man-of-the-match winning performance in the Wembley play-off final with Brentford.

“Yeovil is such a small, family club, but what we achieved was amazing,” says Stech. “You would never think that first season I went there that we’d get promoted to the Championship for the first time in their history. It was magical. One of the best times.”

Relegation followed at the end of his second season, and at that point, the opportunity to return to Prague (turning down Watford in the process) proved too strong. Now though, he is back – with the playful fixture computer throwing up Yeovil on the opening day!

“Every single boy’s dream is to play in England...”

“I’ve been away for three years, I come back to sign for a new club and it must have been a one in a million chance we’d get a home game against Yeovil on the opening day!” says Stech.

“I’ve been in touch with Terry Skiverton and Darren Way, the old gaffer Gary Johnson, and other players all the time I’ve been at Sparta. The club lifted me up. It gave me the chance that I could prove myself. If I hadn’t got the chance, I don’t know where I might be.

“It was two incredible seasons playing in League One and the Championship, getting loads of games under my belt, which I needed.



Glovers hero

“When we got relegated, it was a big thing, going home having been away for so long. Prague is lovely, my parents are there and all the people around there are really nice, so it was very easy to adjust.

“It was just unfortunate that Sparta sacked the gaffer when I was playing and doing well, and there was a lot of changes.

“For the last year and a half it’s been very difficult because they changed so many people and the other gaffer came in and he wanted to play more experienced goalkeepers.

“I pretty much played all the cup games and Europa League, I did all that. But I haven’t had those week-in, week-out games. Plus, there’s not that many matches overall. You only play 30 during the season there. You can play almost double that here if you do well in the cups.

“I wanted to get back over to the UK because it doesn’t matter if it’s League One or League Two, they are still the best leagues – and every single boy’s dream is to play in England, in any league.

“I was talking to Walsall, but Luton came in at the last minute, three days before our wedding. The gaffer talked me through the project of what the football club wants to achieve, and I was very keen on that.

“Living 30 miles from here, my wife’s mum being around and my daughter Lyla going to school – I made a big

decision there and then because it changes it all, changes everything. Family and football – both of them, the most important things.”

The transition has been seamless; Louise’s family on hand to help at home in Loughton, where the Stechs have moved into a new flat and four-year-old Lyla is preparing to start school.

PUZZLE

And at work, ex-West Ham teammates Olly and Elliot Lee, Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu and Dan Potts, plus Jones, goalie coach Kevin Dearden and captain Scott Cuthbert – the latter two known from his Orient loan – have been familiar faces to welcome him to the Town.

He says: “I spoke to Olly and said ‘It’s pretty much like the whole West Ham Academy – this is brilliant!’ I’ve got about ten people I know here already, I’m living down the road, and when I spoke to the gaffer on the phone, he explained about the new training ground. Looking out here now it’s amazing. This is not League Two. This is Championship, Premier League standard. It was almost like a puzzle and all the pieces came together, it was just meant to be.

“We are in the flat and all settled now. It’s been a big last couple of months, moving here, a new chapter, having my family here, which is very important because you want to be comfortable with that.”

And as for today and a warm reception from all parts of Kenilworth Road?

“It will be a nice feeling. After the game it might be emotional, I will clap to the Yeovil fans and have a nice friendship with them. That is still a big part of my life. In two years we achieved a lot and I will always remember that. Yeovil will stay in my heart, and so will Sparta.

“But now I’m at Luton and my heart will be here. I will try to do as much as I can to get us as a group to where we belong. We have to achieve big things here. The main priority is to get promoted straightaway and then carry on from there.”



West Ham teenager



Luton new-boy

HOME COMFORTS

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WHO? A club with an excellent history and equally good managers over the years, the Tractor Boys weren't quite able to match their recent league finishes from the past few seasons as they ended up in the bottom half of the table last term. Managed by greats such as Sir Alf Ramsey and Sir Bobby Robson, Ipswich now have Championship expert Mick McCarthy at the helm, who will be celebrating five years in charge at Portman Road in November. The 58-year-old took the club closest to Premier League football during his time at the club in 2015, before losing in the Championship play-offs to local rivals, Norwich City.

TICKETS Ticket prices for this fixture can be found on the opposite page.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

Tuesday night's game will mark the 30th meeting between the Hatters and Ipswich, and our first competitive fixture in just over a decade. Our last game against them was a 2-0 home defeat to the Tractor Boys in March 2007. Of the 29 games played, Luton have won 12 times, lost 11 and drawn six.

IN CHARGE Ex-Republic of Ireland international and Barnsley defender McCarthy is in the fifth managerial job of his career, having also been in charge of Millwall, his country, Sunderland and Wolverhampton Wanderers. The 58-year-

old has never been out of a job longer than ten months since he first became a manager in 1992 with the Lions, where he finished his playing career. He made nearly 600 appearances in total, playing across the top four tiers of English football, as well as enjoying spells with Scottish

Premier League outfit Celtic and French top division side Olympique Lyonnais.

KNOWING ME KNOWING YOU

Andy Drury had two separate spells with the Hatters – spending the first half of the 2010-11 season with us before being signed by the Tractor Boys, and then returning for the 2014-15 campaign after 18 months with Crawley, where he'd also spent time on loan. Jack Marriott started his career off with Ipswich where he made three first team appearances, before signing for the Hatters in 2015.

Kevin Foley attended Luton's Cardinal Newman Catholic School, progressing through the youth ranks at Kenilworth Road and going onto make 166 appearances for the Town. He spent a season with the Blues in 2014-15, playing eight times. David Geddis joined the Town on loan in 1977 from Ipswich, making a handful of appearances, whilst more recently Carlos Edwards joined us from Wrexham in 2005 and spent two seasons at Kenilworth Road, then played for the Portman Road outfit for five seasons between 2009-14.



Andy Drury

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CHECKATRADE TROPHY | TUE 15TH AUGUST | 7.45PM

Ticket prices for the fixture are as follows: Adult/concession: £5, Under-16: £1.



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SKY BET LEAGUE TWO | SAT 19TH AUGUST | 3PM

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SKY BET LEAGUE TWO | SAT 26TH AUGUST | 3PM

We have received a full allocation of 1000 seated tickets for this fixture – which is an ALL TICKET game. Tickets will be available to Diamond season ticket holders at two-per-person from Monday 7th August until close of business on Saturday 12th August. These tickets will be on sale from the Ticket Office via phone or in person only. Season Ticket holders will be able to purchase one ticket each from Monday 14th August online using your individual Client Reference numbers or from the Ticket Office via phone or in person subject to availability until close of business Friday 18th August. Any remaining tickets will be available on General Sale from Saturday 19th August at 9am. Tickets will remain on sale, subject to availability until 3pm Friday 25th August. Supporters who have taken an away season ticket will automatically receive one ticket, which will be processed on Friday 11th August. If any additional tickets are required (Diamond season ticket holders only) or you do not require a ticket for this fixture please advise the ticketoffice@lutontown.co.uk before this date.

Prices: Adult: £20, Seniors (60+): £16, Young Person (18-21): £15, Junior (7-17): £12, Under-6: Free. Disabled / Ambulant tickets are available at normal age related price with a Carer free of charge for those with Higher Rate DLA OR Enhanced Rate PIP.

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SCHOOL ATTENDED:
BRAMINGHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL
HOBBIES:
FOOTBALL & TAEKWONDO
FAVOURITE PLAYER: SCOTT CUTHBERT
ATTENDS GAMES WITH:
UNCLE JOHN AND DADDY



SOPHIA CLARK AGE: 9
SCHOOL ATTENDED:
GREENFIELD LOWER SCHOOL
HOBBIES:
HORSE RIDING, FOOTBALL AND GYMNASTICS
FAVOURITE PLAYER: DANNY HYLTON
ATTENDS GAMES WITH: HIS DADDY



OLLIE BELSOM AGE: 9
SCHOOL ATTENDED:
OAKWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL
HOBBIES:
CAPTAIN OF U9 COYOTES TEAM
FAVOURITE PLAYER: ALL OF THEM!
ATTENDS GAMES WITH: HIS DAD



BYRON JAMES AGE: 9
SCHOOL ATTENDED:
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HOBBIES:
FOOTBALL AND PLAYING GUITAR
FAVOURITE PLAYER: DANNY HYLTON
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WELCOME YEOVIL TOWN

FACTFILE:
NICKNAMES: THE GLOVERS
GROUND: HUISH PARK
MANAGER: DARREN WAY
LAST SEASON: 22ND IN LEAGUE TWO

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

The Glovers sailed a little too close to the wind towards the end of the season, having finished just four points clear of 23rd placed Hartlepool United.

It does however hopefully now spell the end of the rot for the Huish Park outfit, who after their climb into the



Darren Way

Championship, fell straight back down and looked as if they could fall out of the EFL altogether.

Promotion to League One in 2005 – when Nathan Jones

– saw them come close to Championship football in 2007, when the Welshman captained them at Wembley in the play-off final, only to lose 2-0 to Blackpool.

They put it right though in 2013, winning the play-offs and playing in the second tier for the first time in the club's history.

That was as good as it got however, as they finished bottom of the Championship and the following season they ended in exactly the same position in League One.

Now in their third consecutive season in League Two, Darren Way will be hoping to push his side up the table – and having added a couple of new faces to the side, it doesn't seem too far-fetched to expect that either.

Ex-Town midfielder Jake Gray was signed by the Glovers for an undisclosed fee back in June, whilst Connor Smith has joined from promoted Plymouth Argyle.

Gray made 28 appearances for the Hatters scoring four times last season, including the equaliser in our famous 3-1 victory in the first round of the League Cup against Aston Villa.

Already in their ranks they have winger Otis Khan, who had a fantastic first half of the season, only to miss a major chunk of the second half due to an ankle injury. The 21-year-old has signed a new two-year deal with the club, having scored eight goals and assisting five in his first season at Huish Park.

The addition of former Argyle and Bournemouth defender Stephane Zubar will be seen a good replacement for another former Hatter – Alex Lacey – who departed Way's side to join Gillingham.

Veteran striker and Yeovil's top scorer for the past two seasons, Francois Zoko will be hoping to have the goalscoring burden slightly lifted by the arrival of Southampton loanee, Olufela Olomola, with the 19-year-old highly rated by those on the south coast.



Olufela Olomola

Of the eight games contested between the Hatters and the Glovers, today's hosts have won four, whilst Yeovil have only one win to their name. The other three have been draws. Our last meeting was a little bit of a thriller, as the Hatters ran out 5-2 winners in the Checktrade Trophy at Kenilworth Road.

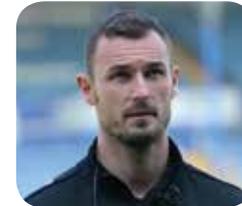
HATTERS v GLOVERS

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THE MAIN MEN

IN BETWEEN THE STICKS

ARTUR KRYSIAK



With nearly 300 career appearances to his name and 105 of those with the Glovers, Krysiak is very much a familiar face at Huish Park. The former Burton Albion and Exeter City man joined Yeovil in 2014 whilst the club was in Sky Bet League One – making 15 appearances that term. Relegation that season into the fourth tier saw the 27-year-old establish himself as the number one and he hasn't looked back since. The Pole and second choice stopper Jonathan Maddison managed 12 league clean sheets between them last season.

THE WALL

NATHAN SMITH



The 30-year-old started his career off at Enfield, before spells with Waltham Forest and Potters Bar saw him picked up by Yeovil in 2008. He went onto make 118 appearances for the Glovers before departing for Chesterfield in 2011 where he spent three seasons, then returning to Huish Park where he has remained ever since. His second spell has seen him take his Yeovil appearance tally to just over 250. He has scored four times in his professional career, all of those coming for the Glovers.

THE MAN IN THE MIDDLE

JAMES BAILEY



The 28-year-old joined Darren Way's side this summer on a two-year-deal, following on from a short spell with Carlisle United last season. After starting his career off with Crewe Alexandra, he joined Championship outfit Derby County in 2010 where he went onto make over 60 appearances in four seasons, as well as go out on loan to Coventry City on two occasions. After his release by the Rams, he joined Barnsley, before moving to Indian Super League team Pune City. He stayed there for six months and then joined Ottawa Fury in January 2016. After his time with the Cumbrians he opted to head south and join the Glovers.

THE DANGERMAN

OTIS KHAN



Khan really could be one for the future and expect him to make a big impact this year having made a fantastic start to life at Huish park last season after leaving Barnsley. Eight goals and five assists to his name in 38 appearances, the 21-year-old could have had an even better term had an ankle problem not hampered the second half of his season. He spent ten years at Manchester United, before signing for Sheffield United in 2012. He failed to make an appearance for the Blades and joined the Tykes in January last year, but was allowed to join the Glovers that summer after making just three appearances.

GOALKEEPER

JONATHAN MADDISON

AGE: 22

PREVIOUS CLUB: LEICESTER CITY

DEFENDERS

BEVIS MUGABI

AGE: 21

PREVIOUS CLUB: SOUTHAMPTON

RYAN DICKSON

AGE: 30

PREVIOUS CLUB: CRAWLEY TOWN

STEPHANE ZUBAR

AGE: 30

PREVIOUS CLUB: WEYMOUTH

KESTON DAVIES

AGE: 20

PREVIOUS CLUB: SWANSEA CITY

TOM JAMES

AGE: 21

PREVIOUS CLUB: CARDIFF CITY

MIDFIELDERS

JAKE GRAY

AGE: 21

PREVIOUS CLUB: LUTON TOWN

CONNOR SMITH

AGE: 24

PREVIOUS CLUB: PLYMOUTH ARGYLE

RHYS BROWNE

AGE: 21

PREVIOUS CLUB: GRIMSBY TOWN

STRIKERS

FRANCOIS ZOKO

AGE: 33

PREVIOUS CLUB: BLACKPOOL

OMAR SOWUNMI

AGE: 21

PREVIOUS CLUB: IPSWICH TOWN

OLUFELA OLOMOLA

AGE: 19

ON LOAN FROM SOUTHAMPTON

THE VIEW FROM THE OAK ROAD



SHERIDAN ROBINS, a Yeovil Town supporter of 10 years and contributor to the matchday programme, gives us her thoughts on what lies in store for her team this season in Sky Bet League Two and this afternoon on their visit to Kenilworth Road... as well as her top XI players to ever pull on a shirt for the Glovers.

GENERAL ENQUIRIES:

Darren Way will be looking up this season after you guys finished 20th last term. where do you expect to see your side end up?

It is really difficult to say, when there has been a large turnover of players. We had a clichéd season of two halves last season and, in my opinion, with the team we had we should have not been looking over our shoulders. With the signings Darren has made over the summer, I am going to go with a conservative 12th place.

You've had a bit of a squad rebuild over the summer, who are you most looking forward to seeing in action today?

Fela Olomola. He made a mark in pre-season and is a signing which excited Glovers fans – that has not happened in a few years! I think him and Francois Zoko could prove to be an exciting partnership and score a hatful of goals between them.

A familiar face to Kenilworth Road now to don a Yeovil shirt is Jake Gray, how has he got on in pre-season?

At the time of writing, I hadn't seen him play in pre-season but from what I have heard, he is one to watch.



If he is half as good as our second-most recent from you guys, Alex Lacey, us Glovers fans will be very happy.

Your media team have come up with a number of inventive ways to announce summer signings this year which appear to have entertained the nation. How have the announcements gone down with Glovers though?

We always pride ourselves on being a family club, and so to get national recognition can only be a good thing.

However, I think our expectations are now super high for any future signings. What will they do next? Maybe we can sign some big players as they may want to be announced in an interesting way!

Otis Khan's season was disrupted by injury last term, but he looks a really good player at this level. How big could he be for you this season?

Huge. I think he could be the next big thing. He reads the game well, knows where the back of the net is and works hard. I have no doubt he would have helped us stay up a lot easier had he not been injured. He is a defender's nightmare.

The Hatters won two of the three meetings between us last season, are you hopeful of a decent result today? What do you think the score will be?

We played the Hatters early on last season and got a decent draw, so I would be happy with that.

1-1 would be a great result for us and every football fan will tell you an away point is always welcome. However, I think it will be a tougher match up this time around.

QUICKFIRE:

Terrace or Seats?

Seats

Who are your rivals?

Bristol Rovers (well, we try) and Weymouth

Favourite all-time manager?

Gary Johnson

Predict your player of the season?

Otis Khan

If you could bring one player from the past back into the Yeovil team, who would it be?

Paddy Madden

Which five current or former Yeovil players or managers would you invite to a dinner party?

Gary Johnson, Joe Edwards, Nathan Jones, Paddy Madden, Arron Davies.



Most treasured piece of Yeovil memorabilia?

Joe Edwards' match-day shirt.

What league will Yeovil be in next season?

League Two

Who will win promotion from League Two?

Luton Town, Coventry City, Carlisle United and Exeter City.

MK ALL-TIME GLOVERS XI...

GK: MAREK STECH

I hate to write this, as he is playing today for the wrong side. But his overall game is outstanding and is one of the reasons we got promoted to the Championship.

RB: LUKE AYLING

This team may look repetitive, but the 2012/13 season was our best team ever, without a doubt. Ayling was the most attacking RB we have ever had.

CB: DAN BURN

Scored the goal which sealed our Wembley triumph and was a rock at the back all of the 2012/13 season.

CB: STEVEN CAULKER

I will always remember saying to my dad: 'He will play for England one day'. And he did. He was outstanding at just 17 years old and I hope he gets his career back on track.

LB: NATHAN SMITH

A true Glover, through and through. He has had two spells with us and he seems to be getting better and better.

RM: KEVIN DAWSON

He may not have been able to tackle, but his speed and power on the wing causing defenders all sorts of problems and that goal in the play-off semi-final will stay with me forever.

CM: JOE EDWARDS

He went from a boy to a man with Yeovil and always gave 100 per cent. When he scored, you knew it was going to be your day...

CM: ED UPSON

Super Ed Upson had an outstanding few seasons with us. He forced his way into the first team and became an important playmaker. He scored many long-distance beauties.

LM: ARRON DAVIES

The first player I ever saw score live for Yeovil Town and I will never forget it. He was the hero when we beat Forest 5-4 in the play-offs.

S: MARCUS STEWART

A veteran who never lost his spark. His passion for the game made him a fans' favourite and he started the comeback at Nottingham Forest.

S: PADDY MADDEN



24 goals in one season – that is unheard of and his signing changed everything in 2013. He made us all believe we could be playing in the Championship.



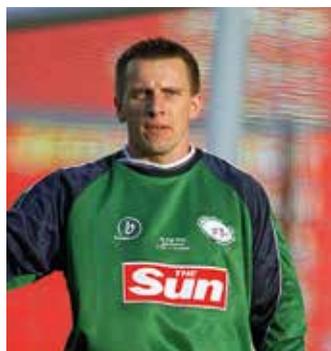
TOP BOYS

TONY CLARK

Goalkeeper Tony Clark was ever-present 'Player of the Year' in Yeovil Town's 1970-71 Southern League title triumph. Previously with Exeter City and Barnstaple, he joined Yeovil in July 1969 and contested a first-team slot with Ken Jones as they finished Southern League runners-up in 1969-70. He helped win at Bournemouth in the 1970-71 FA Cup second round and played against 'double' winners Arsenal in the third round, starring as they were twice FA Trophy semi-finalists. Also helping the Glovers reach the Southern League Cup final in 1976, he made 379 appearances before moving to Bideford in July 1977 and is now a retired postman in Exeter.

TONY PENNOCK

Welsh Semi-Pro international goalkeeper Tony Pennock starred in Yeovil Town's 1996-97 Isthmian League title triumph. Initially with Clydach United, he joined Stockport County in August 1990 and moved



via Wigan Athletic to Hereford United in July 1994. He joined Yeovil in August 1995 and was their 'Player of the Year' in 1995-96. Twice ever-present, he was an important figure as they twice reached the FA Cup third round and starred as they were Conference runners-up in 2000-01. He made 161 Conference appearances for the Glovers before joining Rushden & Diamonds in June 2001, then played for Farnborough Town and Carmarthen Town.

BRIAN PARKER

England Semi-Pro international goalkeeper Brian Parker was ever-present as Yeovil Town were Southern League Cup finalists in 1978-79. Signing professional for Crewe Alexandra in August 1972, he joined Arsenal for £40,000 in August 1975 and understudied England international Jimmy Rimmer. He moved to Yeovil in July 1977 and featured in their first Alliance Premier League match. Voted 'Player of the Year' as the Glovers reached the FA Cup third round in 1979-80, he played against Norwich City and made 213 appearances while at Huish. He joined Runcorn in May 1981, starring in their 1981-82 Alliance Premier League title triumph.

JOHN MCGINLAY

Versatile striker John McGinlay was capped 13 times by Scotland after leaving Yeovil Town. Initially with Nairn County, he joined Yeovil in

FOOTBALL HISTORIAN LEIGH EDWARDS PROFILES TEN WINNERS OF YEovil TOWNS 'PLAYER OF THE YEAR' AWARD

March 1985 and was leading scorer in 1985-86. He starred alongside Paul Randall in the Glovers' 1987-88 Isthmian League title triumph and netted 56 goals in 147 games. Moving via Elgin City to Shrewsbury Town in February 1989, he had spells with Bury and Millwall, joining Bolton Wanderers for £125,000 in September 1992. He starred in three promotion successes, then played for Bradford City and Oldham Athletic. Later managing Ilkeston and Gresley, he became assistant-coach of Cincinatti Kings.

TERRY SKIVERTON

England Semi-Pro international central defender Terry Skiverton captained Yeovil Town's 2002 FA Trophy final success. Initially with Chelsea, he joined Wycombe Wanderers in March 1996 after a loan spell. He moved to Welling United in August 1997 and joined Yeovil in June 1999. Skipping the Glovers' 2002-03 Conference title triumph, he also led them to the



League Two title in 2004-05 and League One play-off final in 2006-07. He scored 21 goals in a club record 195 Football League games and was appointed Yeovil's manager in February 2009, his testimonial season, becoming assistant-boss on Gary Roberts' return to Huish Park in January 2012.

CHRIS WEALE

England Semi-Pro goalkeeper Chris Weale was an important figure in Yeovil Town's 2004-05 League Two title triumph. He progressed through the ranks made his debut in Yeovil's 2-1 win over Boston United in February 2001. Starring in their 2002 FA Trophy final success, he



also featured as the Glovers won the Conference title in 2002-03 and was selected for the PFA Third Division team in 2003-04. He helped Yeovil win at Rotherham in the 2004-05 FA Cup third round and reunited with Gary Johnson at Bristol City in July 2006. Moving to Leicester City in July 2009, he has since played for Shrewsbury, Yeovil again, Derby and Dorchester Town

GAVIN WILLIAMS

Midfielder Gavin Williams was top scorer and 'Player of the Year' as Yeovil Town narrowly failed to qualify

for the Third Division play-offs in 2003-04. He turned professional with Hereford United in August 1998 and helped take top-flight Leicester City to an FA Cup third round replay in 1999-2000. He moved to Yeovil for £20,000 in May 2002, featuring in the 2002-03 Conference title and 2004-05 League Two title triumphs. Sold to West Ham for £250,000 in December 2004, the Welsh international appeared for Ipswich Town, both Bristol clubs and Yeovil again, helping reach the Championship in 2012-13, becoming Merthyr Tydfil's player-coach.

DARREN WAY

England Semi-Pro midfielder Darren Way was 'Player of the Year' in Yeovil Town's 2004-05 League Two title triumph. A former Norwich City trainee, he turned professional in September 1998 and moved to Huish Park in August 2000. He was an important figure as Yeovil won the FA Trophy in 2002, Conference title in 2002-03 and League Two title in 2004-05. Sold to Swansea City for £150,000 in January 2006, he rejoined the Glovers for £50,000 in July 2008 after a loan spell, netting 16 goals in 121 League games overall before a car crash ended his career in February 2010. He joined Yeovil's coaching staff, becoming manager in December 2015.

STEVE MILDENHALL

Goalkeeper Steve Mildenhall was ever-present 'Player of the Year' as Yeovil Town reached the League One play-off final in 2006-07. Initially with Swindon Town, he joined Notts County for £150,000 in July 2001 and had a spell with Oldham Athletic before moving to Grimsby Town in July 2005. He was ever-present in 2005-06 and joined Yeovil in July

2006. Deputising as captain when Terry Skiverton was unavailable, he made 75 League appearances while at Huish Park. He moved to Southend United in August 2008 and has since played for Millwall, Scunthorpe United on loan and Bristol Rovers where he was ever-present in 2013-14.

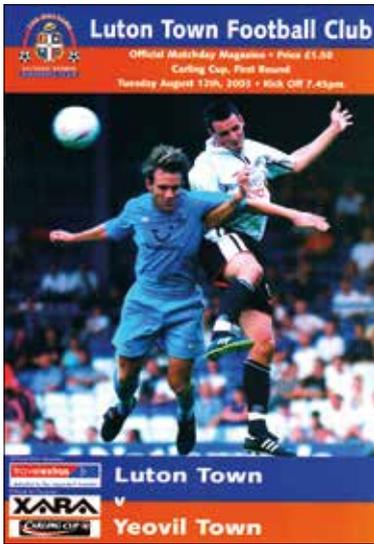


STEVEN CAULKER

England Youth central defender Steven Caulker was Yeovil Town's 'Player of the Year' in 2009-10. Signing professional for Tottenham Hotspur in July 2009, he was promptly loaned to Yeovil and became the Glovers' youngest-ever League player at 17 years 222 days old in their 2-0 win at home to Tranmere on the opening day of the season. He made 44 League One appearances while at Huish Park. Loaned to Bristol City in 2010-11 and Swansea City in 2011-12, he represented Team GB in the 2012 Olympic Games. The England international joined Cardiff for £8m in July 2013, since playing for QPR and on loan at Southampton and Liverpool.

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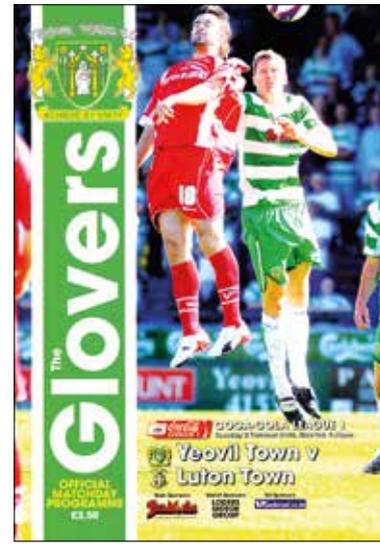
◀ AUGUST 2003

Following promotion from the Conference, Yeovil visit Kenilworth Road for their first ever League Cup tie.

Harsh lessons are learnt as they go down 4-1 to goals from Kevin Foley, Tony Thorpe, Courtney Pitt and Steve Howard.

▶ OCTOBER 2007

Our first League meeting at Huish Park finishes 0-0. Nathan Jones and Lloyd Owusu are in the opposition ranks

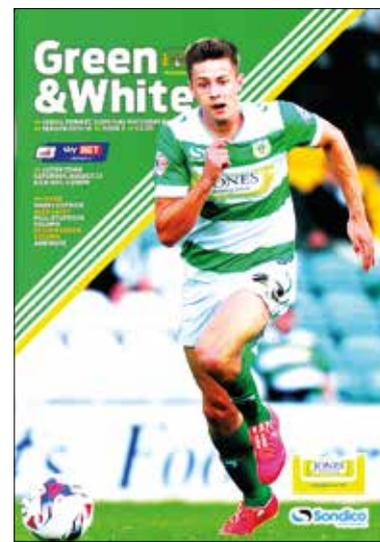
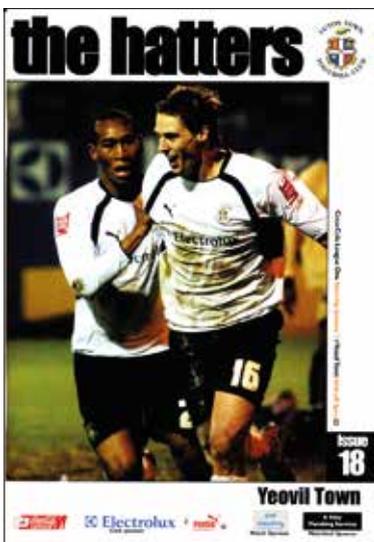


◀ JANUARY 2008

The return fixture sees the Town win 1-0 to go four games unbeaten. Calvin Andrew nets the goal in front of a crowd of 6811.

▶ AUGUST 2015

The Town's poor start to the campaign continues going down 3-2 after being 2-0 up at one stage. Craig Mackail-Smith opens his Luton account with an unstoppable volley.

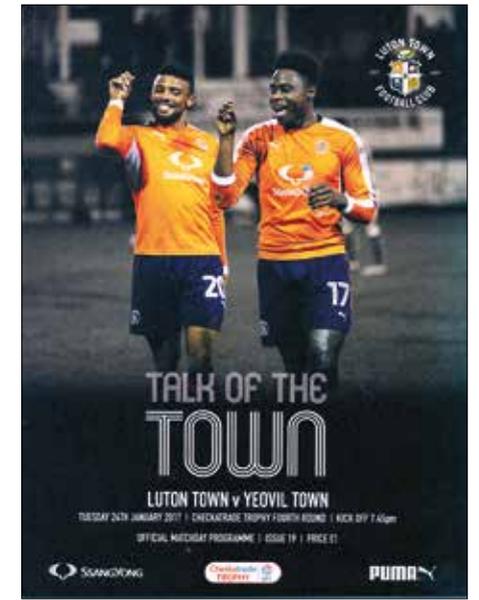
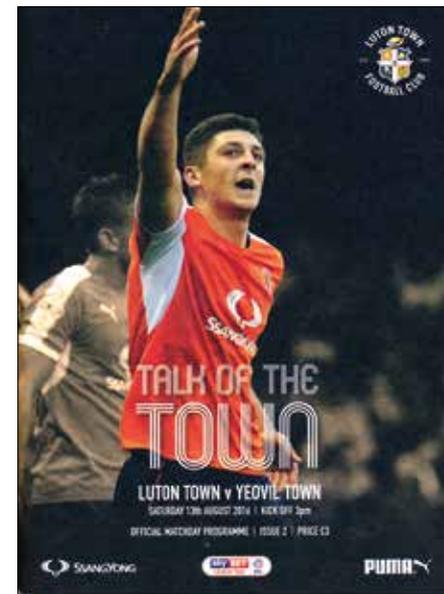


▲ FEBRUARY 2016

In the return, Alan Sheehan scores the Town's first home goal in over six hours of football. The game however finishing a disappointing 1-1.

▼ AUGUST 2016

Stephen O'Donnell nets what is eventually voted the 'Goal of the Season' but again the two sides cannot be separated.

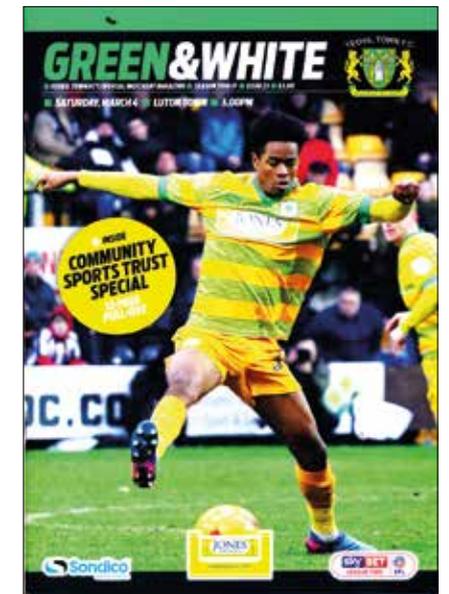


▲ FEBRUARY 2017

In a re-arranged Checkatrade Trophy game the Hatters are emphatic 5-2 winners and now look forward to a semi-final tie with Oxford.

▼ March 2017

Our first ever win at Huish Park with a relentless performance and a 4-0 scoreline. Danny Hylton with two, Glen Rea and Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu are on the scoresheet.





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DANNY HYLTON'S

TOWN TEAM-MATES

Who do you travel in with?

I'm a loner, I travel in on my own from Potter's Bar.

Who do you sit next to in the dressing room?

It was Jack Marriott at the stadium and Cameron McGeehan at the training ground, but they've both gone higher. Maybe I'm a lucky omen for them!

Who do you room with?

My partner in crime, Johnny Mullins.

Most annoying on away trips?

It was Ollie Palmer last season – he was the biggest joker and would always do our rooms. Relentless!

Best trainer?

Everyone's good – the gaffer always makes sure it's a high standard.

Worst trainer?

Pelly can have a torrid sometimes. He doesn't like Monday mornings!



Strongest in the gym?

Vass is an absolute animal (above).

Quickest feet?

Gambo's got quick feet – and Pelly is

really agile with his snake hips.

Nutmeg king?

In small-sided games you've got to be wary of Pelly because he's tricky and can nutmeg you quite easily.

Biggest moaner?

Sheez, Glen or myself. Us three are always shouting or moaning in training.

Gaffer's pet?

I can't say myself, so I'll go for Glen.

Best taste in music?

There's a little group of us who listen to music on the bus to away games – me, Mulls, Sheez, Scotty Cuthbert, Olly Lee. We sit closely together and we get some good music going. Some people aren't too happy but it's normally of the older generation, some good 80s and 90s tunes.

Worst taste in music?

I'm always hammering Pelly about his music and the same-old songs he plays on matchday.

Best initiation song?

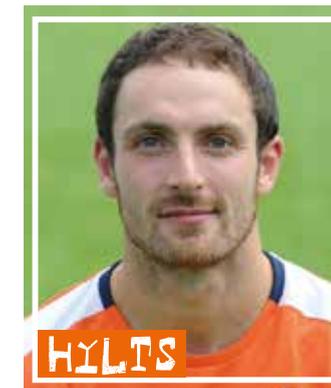
I didn't go to Slovenia, but judging by what people have put on Snapchat, Alan McCormack went down really well. He got everyone lively with the Dubliners' Wild Rover.

Best dressed?

Sheez always looks good, and Glen always has a go. Cookie too, but I'd probably go for Sheez.

Worst dressed?

No-one really. Pelly wears some lively gear – he comes in wearing floral



shirts and bright colours. He won't go safe, but I wouldn't say it's bad. It's just out there!

Who spends the longest time in front of the mirror?

Potts – he's vain, but he's a good-looking boy.

Most intelligent?

I'm going to say Olly Lee or Potts!

Least intelligent?

That's Glen.

Best banter?

Gambo's lively and Mulls can be sharp. Pelly has some funny banter too.

Most likely to be a manager?

I can just see Scott Cuthbert standing at the side of the pitch shouting at people in his Scottish accent – like Sir Alex Ferguson!

Finally, predict your player of the year?

I hope we all have a good year and win promotion...but I'm going to go for Vass to have a really good season.



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A HUMOROUS INSIGHT TO PHYSIO SIMON PARSELL'S WORK

Here we go. Football's back on Saturdays and we can forget those supermarket shopping trips. So many things to do now. Re-join the pub fantasy football league, sort Super Six and my six-a-side team.

My wife says I care more about my dream team than the kids. But in my defence, I have got Kompany, Stones, Vertonghen and Cahill. How could she say football is more important than her. We've been together now for over 20 seasons.

Pre-season has gone well and more importantly we have come through without major injury problems. The facilities at The Brache are top quality and as you know we had a training camp in Slovenia. The facilities there were great and the people were fantastic.

During the trip I helped Darren with the kit collections. We rely on players making kit available when we need it. As you would expect we do receive a variety of excuses for kit being late or even not bringing it back. So when Darren's phone sounded we thought, what's the excuse going to be now. So how about this from Johnny Mullins, the text went like this. 'I was on my way to give you my kit back and a grizzly bear has come out of nowhere. I've fronted him out and we had a little grapple then I managed to escape but he followed me back to the hotel and I think he is still waiting for me outside. This all meant that I

was late giving back my kit and GPS. Sorry but what can you do when you get attacked by a nine-foot grizzly bear.' A round of applause for that excuse.

Hylts is making good progress following his leg problem. We had to have a scan done which I arranged at the Lister Hospital at London Bridge. I stood there waiting when Hylts phoned to say he's driving and will be there in 10 minutes. I said: "You're joking the traffic is horrible, it's the Chelsea Flower Show opposite!" He came back: "No problem I'm on the A1." My response was: "Are you sure you are heading to the Lister Hospital at London Bridge?" He replied: "Yes I know I have it on my Sat Nav." Twenty minutes later I get another call to say he has arrived at the Lister Hospital... Stevenage!

James Justin picked up an injury on England duty and it's taken longer than we thought to sort it out. But he's back on the grass and hopefully not too far away from a return. On the injury front I've managed to recover quickly from getting wiped out against Scunthorpe. You can see the impact coming but can't get out of the way. The worst bit is scrambling

to your feet hoping no one saw it. Unfortunately the camera man captured everything. That's twice now in pre-season.



I would like to say a big thank you to Sue, Les and the members of Bobbers Travel for their continued support. They have been able to support two projects, namely Aeroflooring and a Watt Bike, which is fantastic. It is going to assist greatly during the season.

Well here we go, the first game of the season. COYH!



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[THE LUTON TOWN LINE-UP 2017/18]

INTRODUCING...

YOUR LUTON BOYS FOR 2017-18!

Hatters boss Nathan Jones has assembled his squad for the bid to win promotion to Sky Bet League One – and on the following pages eight pages we present you with your Luton boys for the long road ahead!

First of all though is the team in the dugout behind the gaffer, and it's as you were from last season with the vastly experienced Paul Hart assisting Nathan, and Joaquin Gomez starting his second campaign as first-team coach.

Luton lad Kevin Dearden still has his hands full looking after the Town's three new keepers as goalkeeper coach, while physio Simon Parsell, head of sports science Jared Roberts-Smith and masseur/kitman Darren Cook will be keeping them all fighting fit.

Performance analyst Peter Booker and Hatters legend Mick Harford, now chief recruitment officer at Kenilworth Road, complete the backroom staff working hard to the manager is armed with all he needs for the nine months ahead...



Paul Hart



Joaquin Gomez



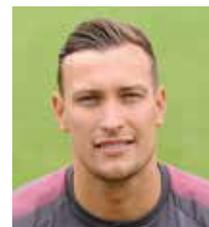
Jared Roberts-Smith



Darren Cook

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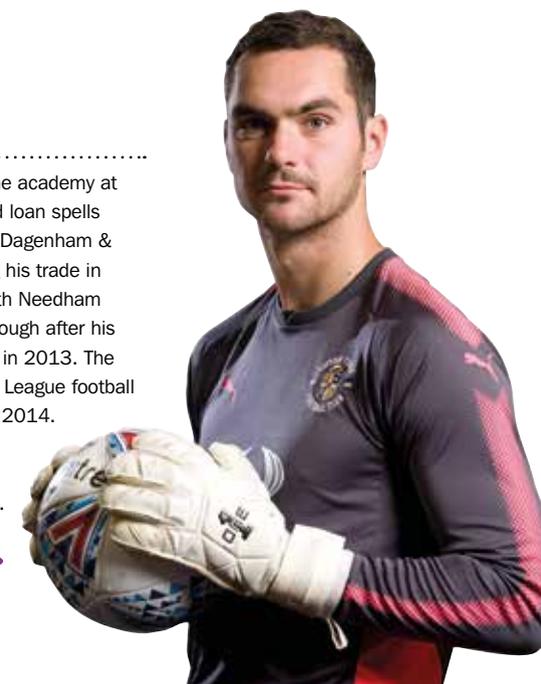
A Czech Republic international – winning one cap in 2014 – the 27-year-old joined the Hatters in June 2017 from

Sparta Prague. He started his career in his home country as a schoolboy with Sparta, before joining West Ham United at 16, going onto make a name for himself with Yeovil Town.

JAMES SHEA

After coming through the academy at Arsenal, the keeper had loan spells with Southampton and Dagenham & Redbridge before plying his trade in Non-League football with Needham Market and Harrow Borough after his release by the Gunners in 2013. The 26-year-old returned to League football with AFC Wimbledon in 2014.

Signed a one-year deal with the Hatters as a free agent in July 2017.





HARRY ISTD

A summer arrival from Stoke City on a one-year-deal, the 20-year-old made one first team appearance for the Potters before he left the Britannia Stadium. A regular in their Under-23s side after he signed for them from Southampton in January 2016, the stopper now provides competition for Marek Stech and James Shea.

and Exeter City, but really found his feet with the Grecians last term. Joined the Town on a two-year deal this summer.

DAN POTTS

Potts is predominantly a left-back whose aerial ability also makes him an option at centre-half. The 23-year-old joined the Hatters in summer 2015 from West Ham



United and made 44 appearances in his first two seasons with the Hatters. He signed a new one-year deal with the Town in June.

JOHNNY MULLINS



The vastly experienced centre-half made his 500th career appearance in 2016-17,

coming on as a substitute in the 1-0 home win over Accrington Stanley in November, although suspension and a hamstring problem made the second half of the 31-year-old's first campaign stop-start, limiting him to 29 appearances.

SCOTT CUTHBERT



A centre-half who came through the ranks at Celtic, Cuthbert signed for the Hatters

in the summer of 2015 having spent two years at Leyton Orient. The club captain activated a clause in his contract to extend his stay at Kenilworth Road until the summer of 2018 after making his 50th start against Carlisle United in December 2016.

GLEN REA

Defender or midfielder who joined the Hatters on loan from Championship



club Brighton & Hove Albion in March 2016 before signing permanently in June 2016. Rea

made 49 appearances, 46 of them starts, in his first full season with the Town. He found the net three times.

JACK SENIOR



A 2016 summer transfer deadline day signing from Huddersfield Town, the left-back's EFL debut

came on 14th January, the day after his 20th birthday, when he appeared as a second-half substitute in the 2-1 win at Crewe – going onto make 16 appearances in his first season at the club. He was also named in the Checktrade Trophy team of the 2016-17 season.

JAMES JUSTIN



Luton-born right-back who signed a professional contract in November 2015. The academy product

made 39 first team appearances in 2016-17. He finished his breakthrough campaign by earning a call-up to the England Under-19 long squad for training camps ahead of the 2017 UEFA European Championships in Georgia.

FRANKIE MUSONDA



Centre-half and captain of the 2015/16 hugely successful youth team,

the 19-year-old penned his first professional contract with the Hatters in November 2015. Made five starts for the Town in the Checktrade Trophy, scoring his first senior goal in the win at League One Gillingham last season.

AKIN FAMEWO



Powerful central defender from Beeston near Sandy, who joined the club as an Under-11. The

18-year-old signed his first pro contract in July 2016 and made his first start at Gillingham in the EFL Trophy the following August, and his full Football League bow came at Hartlepool United in late September.

ALAN SHEEHAN



Irish defender who joined the Hatters on loan from Bradford City in January 2016,

making the move permanent the following May. Made 41 appearances in his first full season, including his 50th in a Luton shirt in a 0-0 draw at Carlisle. He has four goals to his name, including three stunning free-kicks that were all nominated for 2016-17 goal of the season.

MIDFIELDERS

ALAN McCORMACK

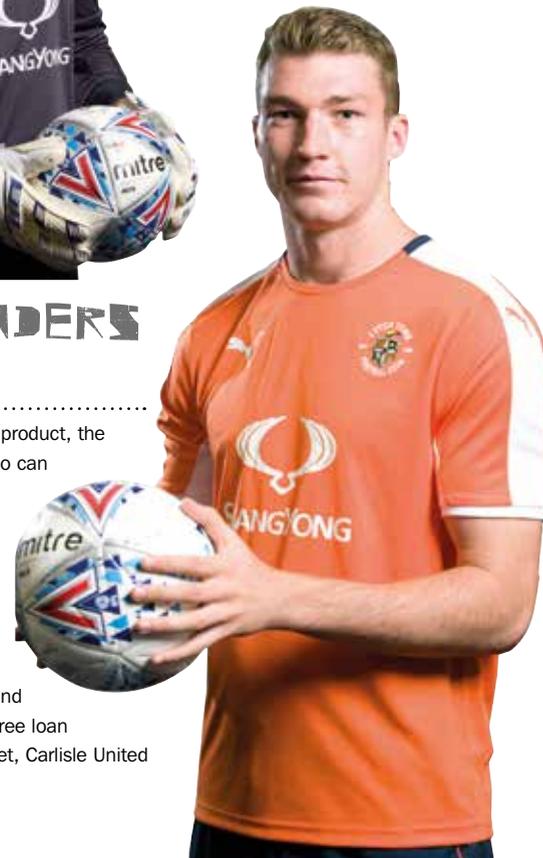
The 33-year-old defensive midfielder (left) joined the Hatters in July after his contract expired with Brentford. With a number of promotions to his name, including from League Two with Swindon Town and League One with the Bees, McCormack's arrival was a signal of intent for what Nathan Jones aims to achieve in the 2017/18 season.



DEFENDERS

JACK STACEY

A Reading youth product, the 21-year-old – who can operate at right back and in midfield – played six times for the Royals in the Championship. Between 2015 and 2017, he had three loan spells, with Barnet, Carlisle United





LUTON TOWN 2017/18

BACK ROW (from left to right):

Jack Senior | Lawson D'Ath | Jordan Cook | Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu | Akin Famewo | Dan Potts | Frankie Musonda | James Collins | Alan McCormack

MIDDLE ROW:

Simon Parsell (Physiotherapist) | Peter Booker (Performance Analyst) | Jared Roberts-Smith (Head of Sport Science) | Kavan Cotter | Ollie Lee
Andrew Shinnie | Glen Rea | James Shea | Marek Stech | Harry Isted | Tyreeq Bakinson | Jack Stacey | Elliot Lee | Luke Gambin

MIDDLE ROW (Cont):

Kevin Dearden (Goalkeeper Coach) | Darren Cook (Kitman/Masseur) | Dr Paul Deeley (Club Doctor)

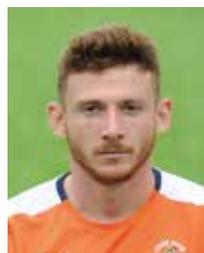
FRONT ROW:

Isaac Vassell | Danny Hylton | Scott Cuthbert | Joaquin Gomez (First-Team Coach) | Nathan Jones (Manager) | Paul Hart (Assistant-Manager)
Johnny Mullins | Alan Sheehan | James Justin



ANDREW SHINNIE

Signed on a season-long loan from Championship side Birmingham City, Shinnie has played over 200 first team games across the top three tiers in Scotland as well as the English second tier. The 28-year-old has been loaned out for the past 18 months, first to Rotherham and then on a full season loan in 2016/17 with Neil Lennon's Hibernian.



Cats debut as a substitute against Manchester United on Boxing Day 2010. Made 42 appearances

and scored four goals in his first campaign at Kenilworth Road.

PELLY-RUDDOCK MPANZU



Former West Ham United academy graduate Mpanzu was an instant hit when signed on-loan

midway through the 2013-14 season. Joined permanently the following season and has pulled on a Town shirt 118 times, scoring seven goals going into the new season.

OLLY LEE



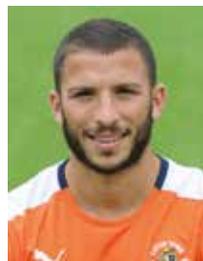
Central midfielder Lee joined the club on an initial short-term deal in August 2015, before

quickly earning a contract to 2017 which was then extended to the summer of 2018 at the end of an impressive first campaign with the Hatters. By the end of 2016-17, Lee had made 80 appearances in a Town shirt, scoring four times.

JORDAN COOK

Former Sunderland youngster Cook penned a two-year contract last year. The 27-year-old began his career in the Premier League, making his Black

LUKE GAMBIN



Maltese international who became Nathan Jones' second signing of the January 2017 transfer

window when he moved from Barnet for an undisclosed fee. Gambin penned a two-and-a-half year contract with the Hatters having an option to extend it to 2020, and he scored his first goal for the club in the 3-0 home win over Hartlepool in February.

LAWSON D'ATH



The attacking midfielder joined the Hatters from Northampton Town at the beginning of the January transfer window in 2017 on an 18-month deal, with

the club having the option to extend it for an extra year. D'Ath made 13 appearances, ten of them starts, during his first half-season with the Town.

TYREEQ BAKINSON



The 18-year-old joined the Town as an Under-10 and signed a full-time scholarship in the

summer of 2015. By March 2016 he had been offered a three-and-a-half year pro deal. Made four appearances last season, all of them coming in the Checktrade Trophy.

STRIKERS

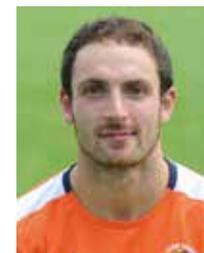
JAMES COLLINS

Having netted over 100 career goals, Collins adds even more firepower to the Town frontline, after signing in June 2017 for an undisclosed fee from Crawley Town on a three-year contract. Since leaving Aston Villa, the 26-year-old pursued a career in the lower leagues, going onto play for Shrewsbury Town and Swindon Town.

ELLIOT LEE

Brother of Olly, the 22-year-old (bottom right) previously had a loan spell with the Town in 2015. Whilst at West Ham, where he began his career, the forward also had loan spells with Colchester United, Southend United and Blackpool, before leaving in 2016 to join Barnsley. He rejoined the Hatters in July 2017 on a two-year deal.

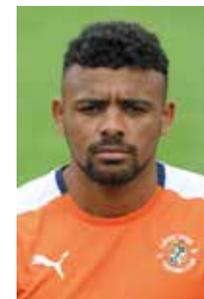
DANNY HYLTON



Joined the Town last summer alongside Oxford United team-mate Johnny Mullins, after the

pair had helped the U's to promotion to League One and the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final. The club's top scorer last season with 27 goals, Hylton came in the top three shortlisted for the EFL League Two Player of the Year.

ISAAC VASELL

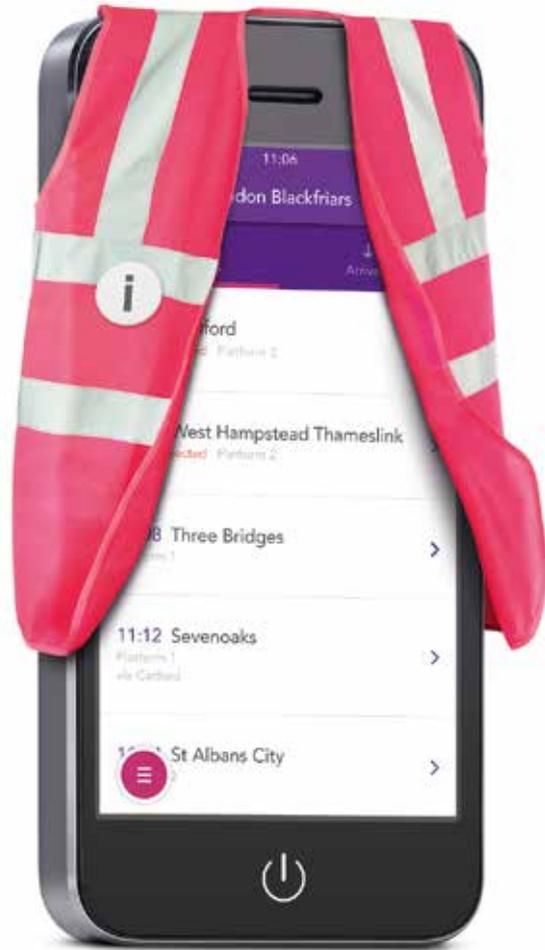


The former Plymouth Argyle forward penned a one-year deal at the end of a successful fortnight on trial in July

2016. Just before Christmas the striker was rewarded with a new contract that runs until 2018, and reached double figures in goals by the end of March. He finished with 14 from 53 appearances in total.



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BEDFORD TOWN 1 : TOWN 2

SAT 8TH JULY | TOWN GOALS: COLLINS 22, POTTS (PEN) 72

The Hatters first team got their pre-season campaign underway with victory – but they were made to work hard for it by Non-League neighbours Bedford Town.

The Evo-Stik League Southern Division One Central side were a completely different proposition to the team who had nine put past them by the Town last July, and they took a tenth-minute lead through Lee Roache.

But a first goal in a Luton shirt from recent signing James Collins and a second-half penalty from Dan Potts was enough for the Nathan Jones' men to come out on top in front of a crowd of 1,279 at a sun-baked Eyrie.



NK BRAVO 2 : TOWN 6

SAT 15TH JULY

TOWN GOALS: VASSELL 8, 40, COOK 42, COLLINS 58, 79, ELLIOT LEE (PEN) 86

The Town had plenty to cheer about when taking on NK Bravo whilst on their pre-season tour of Slovenia – with six goals rattled past the third division champions in Maribor.

Nathan Jones fielded ten different players in each half, but his side's domination of the team who are about to embark on their first season in the Slovenian second tier was equal either side of the break with both halves won 3-1.



HITCHIN TOWN 0 : TOWN 2

TUESDAY 18TH JULY | TOWN GOALS: REA 50, COLLINS 86

The Hatters made it three pre-season wins in a row with second-half goals from Glen Rea and James Collins in a hastily arranged game at Hitchin following the postponement in tragic circumstances of the scheduled match at St Albans City.

A minute's silence preceded kick-off in memory of Saints supporter and volunteer Clive Churchhouse, whose passing as a result of serious injuries suffered in an accident at Clarence Park earlier in the day was confirmed by St Albans on their website as the Town squad arrived at Top Field.

Rea's driven effort from close range and Collins' curling shot from the edge of the box secured the win.



BOREHAM WOOD 0 : TOWN 2

SATURDAY 22ND JULY | TOWN GOALS: MPANZU 8, OLLY LEE 51

The Hatters made it four consecutive victories in pre-season as they ran out 2-0 winners at Vanarama National League side Boreham Wood.

Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu opened the scoring 18 minutes in with a low shot from 12 yards, before Ollly Lee headed home Jack Stacey's cross just after the restart.

Alan McCormack sent Mpanzu through with an excellent pass and the 23-year-old had the simple job of slotting past keeper Grant Smith, which he did so confidently to give the visitors a 1-0 lead.

Ollly Lee doubled the lead six minutes after the restart, as he headed in Jack Stacey's expert right wing cross.



TOWN 0 : LEICESTER CITY 1

WEDNESDAY 26TH JULY

A late goal from Riyad Mahrez was all that separated a young Town team and former Premier League champions Leicester City at Kenilworth Road ten days ago.

Summer signing from AFC Wimbeldon, James Shea was impressive throughout the 90 minutes, denying Marc Albrighton from range, before an unbelievable reflex save saw him tip Islam Slimani's effort over from close quarters.

However, the keeper's efforts were in vain as Mahrez managed to smash the ball home from close range after a counter attack from the visitors with eight minutes to go.



TOWN 2 : SCUNTHORPE UNITED 1

SATURDAY 29TH JULY | TOWN GOALS: COLLINS 22, STACEY 81

The Hatters ended their pre-season programme with a promising victory over Sky Bet League One Scunthorpe United, as they came from behind to win 2-1 at Kenilworth Road.

Paddy Madden gave the visitors the lead after 18 minutes with a tap-in, before James Collins fired home from the penalty spot four minutes later after Isaac Vassell was upended by Murray Wallace.

Town completed the comeback in superb style with nine minutes of normal time left, when Jack Stacey's rocket of an effort from 20 yards found the bottom right corner.



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[ROGER WASH]

WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!

PART ONE

In the summer of 1967, a 15-year-old Luton schoolboy decided to keep a comprehensive scrapbook of the forthcoming Division Four (now League Two) campaign.

It is easy to say now that he knew this was about to become one of the most glorious seasons in the club's history, but looking back it was merely the labours of a boy with too much time on his hands in the days before the internet, social media and mobile phones (or normal phones in his case).

Step back 50 years and let the boy who grew into club historian **ROGER WASH** remind us of the highs and lows of that ultimately successful 1967/68 season...



The Town were relegated from the top-flight in 1960 and five years later were tasting life in the football basement. Although we almost gained immediate promotion in 1965/66, the next campaign was looked on as a disaster with a finish only four points off the re-election places.

It could have been a lot worse though, because if ex-player Allan Brown had not taken on the managerial hot-seat in November 1966 and made a few astute sorties in the transfer market, we could easily have needed to suffer the ignominy of going cap in hand begging for re-election.

Brown had a major clearout over the summer of 1967, with David Pleat probably the most notable name leaving, and lost no time in recruiting the sort of player he believed would bring the glory days back to Kenilworth Road.

Aided by a cash injection, courtesy of soon to be directors Tony Hunt and Reggie Burr, £12,000 – a lot of money

for the club at the time – was paid for midfielder Billy McDerment from Leicester, while the veteran of several promotions at Northampton, centre-half Terry Branston, was signed on a free transfer and was immediately made captain. I remember being thrilled at this big money capture as he had actually played 23 games for the Foxes in the top-flight.

DIMINUTIVE

Big centre-forward Rodney Green came in from Charlton for £7,000, while diminutive inside forward Micky Brown was signed on a free from Millwall. Tough full-back Tommy Hare, who had played 13 times for Southampton, increased the Scottish quota where he joined Max Dougan, Fred Jardine and John Moore, who were already at Kenilworth Road, as well as McDerment, in what was called the 'White Heather Club'.



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HARD TRAINING BEGINS ON MONDAY

PLAYERS RECEIVED

THEIR KIT YESTERDAY

Town trying to sign a big centre-forward

TRAINING begins for the Town players on Monday and when manager Allan Brown says "training" he means just that.

In the past the drill has been to spend most of the first day kitting out the players, but so that a flying start can be made to the hard work on Monday, the manager called on the players to report yesterday when the training kit was issued.

"WE haven't a lot of time before the first friendly match but Watford in a fortnight we shall get stuck into."

...work ultra-strictly, manager told us.

Together with the new trainer-coach, Dennis Evans, he has mapped out an ambitious schedule which includes legging, work with the medicine ball, circuit training and ball practice, while the afternoons will be usually concerned with games like handball.

Wing-half, John Moore, has still not signed a new contract, even though he has been offered increased wages, but the manager is confident that he will sign soon.

Is trying to sign a centre-forward

ALAN SLOUGH, who had a certain reputation at the end of last season, is to fully re-train and is expected to be fit for the upcoming League match.

In fact, the situation seems to be that there will be competition for places in defence at the moment, but at the attack, too.

A big attack, too, yesterday, he was told to ...

...the transfer of ... forward of the ... strong type which he feels is necessary to bring added drive and punch to the front line.

A few are involved, and if this proves at all workable, the Town will be ahead.

If this deal comes off and a forward of the quality type can be signed, then the manager will feel that he has adequate cover for ...

Town FC's full League fixtures

1967	1968
August	1 York City (A)
19 Wrexham (A)	10 Rochdale (H)
26 Barnsley (H)	17 (H) Bradford (A)
	24 Lincoln City (H)
September	March
2 Swansea Town (A)	2 Chesterfield (A)
4 Southend United (A)	9 Port Vale (H)
9 Hartlepool United (H)	16 Exeter City (H)
16 Newport County (A)	23 Darlington (A)
23 York City (H)	30 Aldershot (H)
27 Southend United (H)	April
30 Rochdale (A)	6 Workington (A)
October	12 Notts County (H)
3 Doncaster Rovers (A)	19 Chester (H)
7 Chester (A)	25 Notts County (A)
14 Chesterfield (H)	20 (H) Exeter City (A)
21 Exeter City (A)	27 Crewe Alexandra (H)
25 Doncaster Rovers (H)	24 (H) Bradford City (H)
28 Darlington (H)	1 (H) Exeter City (A)
November	8 Brentford (H)
4 Aldershot (A)	15 Cap Tivet (H)
11 Workington (H)	Copyright of The Football League Ltd. and not to be reproduced without permission.
15 Swansea Town (H)	
18 Lincoln City (A)	
25 Halifax Town (H)	
December	
2 Bradford City (H)	
9 (H)	
16 Wrexham (H)	
23 Barnsley (H)	
26 Bradford (H)	
30 Bradford (H)	
January	
6 (H)	
13 Hartlepool United (A)	
20 Newport County (H)	
27 (H) Port Vale (A)	
February	
3 Millwall (H)	
10 Aldershot (A)	
17 Colchester United (A)	
24 Aldershot (H)	
31 Colchester United (H)	
March	
5 Q.P.R. (A)	
12 Watford (H)	
19 Aldershot (A)	
26 Southend United (H)	
April	
3 Southend United (A)	
10 Watford (H)	

Reserves' fixtures

August	30 Colchester United (A)
September	4 Colchester United (H)
20 Watford (H)	
October	11 Millwall (A)
18 Charlton Athletic (H)	
November	1 Aldershot (H)
7 Charlton Athletic (A)	
22 Southend United (H)	
28 Watford (A)	
December	4 Q.P.R. (H)
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TERRY BRANSTOW

SOCCER STAR

Tuning up for a big bid for honours



DENNIS EVANS



DENNIS EVANS, a former Arsenal full-back, is the Town's new trainer-coach.

A MONTH TODAY, football will be in full swing again, and Luton Town players reported at Kenilworth Road yesterday for the issue of new training kit. On Monday, they begin the hard work of serious training.

Here, Manager Allan Brown and new trainer-coach, Dennis Evans, welcome the players. Left to right (standing): Whiteaker, Slough, French, Reed, Johnson, Hart, Duggan, McDermott, Moore, Brown, Kitch (H.), Brannan. In front are the three apprentices, Munnery, Raven and Wood (S.).



GREEN 'UN 22-7-67

New faces at Kenilworth Road



THE ARSENAL LEFT BACK ... WHICH WAS BAD LUCK ON DENNIS AS THE GAME WAS NOT OVER AND THE REFEREE WAS REPORTING TO THE CENTRE. THE WHISTLE CAME FROM THE GRASS.



TERRY BRANSTOW, stalwart centre-half who twice captained Northampton Town last season. (RMA743).



TOM HARE, a Scottish right-back, who has appeared in Southampton's first team. (RMA744).



MICKY BROWN, former Millwall and Fulham centre-forward, who can fill any position in the front line.

NEW COACH, EX-ARSENAL FULL-BACK DENNIS EVANS, IS INTRODUCED TO THE PLAYERS



'Big money' signing Billy McDerment



Terry Branson protects goalkeeper Tony Read during the pre-season clash with Watford



Allan Brown, who was an ex-Scotland international, liked a core of players from north of the border!

Sassenachs on the books were Keith Allen, who had already become a terrace favourite since he was brought in from Stockport the previous March, mercurial winger Graham French, goalkeeper turned forward then goalkeeper again, Tony Read, and tiny winger Ray Whittaker.

On top of this we also had two local youngsters Alan Slough and Bruce Rioch, who were hoping to make a name for themselves. The new scrapbook was now in overdrive.

Five of the new signings made their debuts at home to Watford in the first of the pre-season friendlies on 5th August. An interested crowd of 5,360 turned up to cast their eyes over the new intake and watch 'Television personality' Zena Skinner kick off the new season.

The Town were already suffering injury problems even before a ball had been kicked in anger with both Dougan and French missing from the Luton line-up and, typical of a local derby between Luton and Watford, no quarter was given leading to both trainers needing to come on to the pitch at regular intervals.

The Town made most of the early running but the Hornets took the lead against the run of play through Stuart Scullion on 25 minutes. The score was level seven minutes later, however, when Allen swept home a perfect pass from Rioch.

Watford made three substitutions at the interval but it was the Hatters who looked the more likely side to secure the win.

The final score remained 1-1 and was regarded as a good start against higher division opponents.

The following Wednesday saw another higher division opponent, with Colchester the visitors to Kenilworth Road. This time 3,593 were present to see another hard tackling game, with the Town perhaps serving notice to Division Four that they were not likely to be pushovers in the coming campaign by putting on a magnificent display.

Two goals from Green only told half the story as shots from Whittaker and Rioch crashed against the woodwork, and only good work from Colchester's goalkeeper Alan Buck prevented a landslide.

The final pre-season game took the Town to Brentwood to take on a side newly-elected to the Southern League. A sparse crowd of 1,200 saw the Town dominate proceedings from the start, and goals from Green and Whittaker produced a comfortable interval lead. The Hatters coasted through the second period, conserving energy ready for the season's opener at Wrexham in a week's time.

THE NEW SCRAPBOOK WAS NOW IN OVERDRIVE.



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Unlike traditional lotteries, where the prize pool is distributed from the

sale of tickets, when you purchase a 'ticket' for Luton Town Lotto you are placing a bet on the outcome of a non-UK lottery. This means you can expect on average jackpots of £7.5M with rollovers of up to £30M!

We have a proud history of bringing local lads through the system at Kenilworth Road, and you can now help fund the discovery and development of future stars like James Justin, who joined his hometown club at the age of seven and made 39 appearances in his breakthrough season last term.

Along with the valuable annual contribution made to the running of



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the Academy by SoLYD (Supporters of Luton Youth Development), each Lotto bet you place will help to secure its future progress.

With lotto draws every Saturday and Wednesday and at just £1.50 a bet, supporters aged 18 and over can get involved and play their part in ensuring the trademark entertaining, attacking football continues from the club's foundations right through to the first team.

To place a lotto bet all you need to do is select six numbers from 1 to 49 and one 'Legend' number from 0 to 9 – including Hatters hero and current chief recruitment officer Mick Harford – and keep your fingers crossed!

Luton Town Lotto is operated in partnership with Lotto Network, who funds and pays all cash prizes in full, so it's a win-win situation for both the Academy and fans.

“Luton Town Lotto is a great way to help fund the running of the Academy while having a bit of fun and the opportunity to win a fortune at the same time,” said academy and development manager Andy Awford. “We have a proud tradition of getting players through to the first team and you never know when the next Mick Harford is going to come along. Having the legendary number nine on your Lotto list is a must!”

For more details on how to open an account and help Andy continue his fine work with the Town youngsters, go to www.lutontownlotto.com and get Big Mick or whichever legend from the ten-strong list you prefer in your lotto line-up!

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MEET THE NEW BOYS!



The Hatters are pleased to introduce their new first year scholars for the 2017/18 season! From left to right: Toby Byron, Jake Peck, Connor Tomlinson, Kai Phelan, Tiernan Parker, Corey Panter, Drew Richardson & Josh Neufville.

ANDY AWFORD'S ACADEMY UPDATE



U18'S

The new apprentices have been back in pre-season training since the last week of June and they have enjoyed working hard at the fantastic new training ground, The Brache.

We have played four competitive fixtures so far and they have all provided the players with different, but excellent challenges. We will continue to stretch, challenge and push them as the competitive games programme gets underway at Dagenham & Redbridge on Saturday 5th August.

Obviously, we try to win every game but the main outcome will again be to try and give the gaffer more young homegrown players to supplement his squad.

STAFF

As yet, we have not replaced our outgoing U18s Coach Paul Driver. We are now in the final stages of the interview process and hopefully will be able to make an announcement in the next couple of weeks. In the interim period, myself and Jordan McCann (Academy Head of Coaching) have taken on the responsibility of coaching the apprentices on a daily basis.

We have both enjoyed it and I would like to place on record my thanks to Jordan for his assistance over the last few weeks.

We are also in the process of bringing in more schoolboy coaches to work within our Under-9 – Under-16 schoolboy programme and wish departing coaches Andy Zeller & Joe Oxley the very best as they both take some time out after serving us for a good few years. I am also delighted to welcome Alasdair Kerr to the Academy team as our full time Lead Strength & Conditioning Coach. Welcome aboard Ali and good luck.

TYRELLE NEWTON

Congratulations to our Academy U14 player Tyrelle Newton. Tyrelle has been selected to meet up with England's U15 players at a training camp at the beginning of August and obviously we are delighted for him and wish him the very best luck.

U8 TOUR

The young schoolboys enjoyed going on tour during May and were very successful too.

Our U8s were victorious away in Germany, playing some fantastic football, representing the club with enormous pride and beating the likes of AC Milan (quarter-final), Rapid Vienna (semi-final) & Manchester City (Final). Well done to the boys, the staff and the parents on a great achievement.

Enjoy today's game. COYH!!

Andy

EFL YOUTH ALLIANCE SOUTH EAST DIVISION FIXTURES 2017/18

Sat Aug 5	Dagenham & Redbridge	A
Sat Aug 12	Leyton Orient	A
Sat Aug 19	Barnet	A
Sat Sep 2	Peterborough United	H
Sat Sep 9	Gillingham	A
Sat Sep 16	Stevenage	H
Sat Sep 23	Milton Keynes Dons	A
Sat Sep 30	Cambridge United	H
Sat Oct 7	Northampton Town	H
Sat Oct 14	AFC Wimbledon	A
Sat Oct 21	Southend United	H
Sat Oct 28	Peterborough United	A
Sat Nov 11	Gillingham	H
Sat Nov 18	Stevenage	A
Sat Nov 25	Cambridge United	A
Sat Dec 2	Milton Keynes Dons	H
Sat Dec 9	Northampton Town	A
Sat Dec 16	AFC Wimbledon	H
Sat Jan 6	Dagenham & Redbridge	H
Sat Jan 20	Leyton Orient	H
Sat Jan 27	Barnet	H
Southend	TBC	A

LEAGUE CUP DATES

Round 1	Tuesday August 29th
Round 2	Tuesday September 12th



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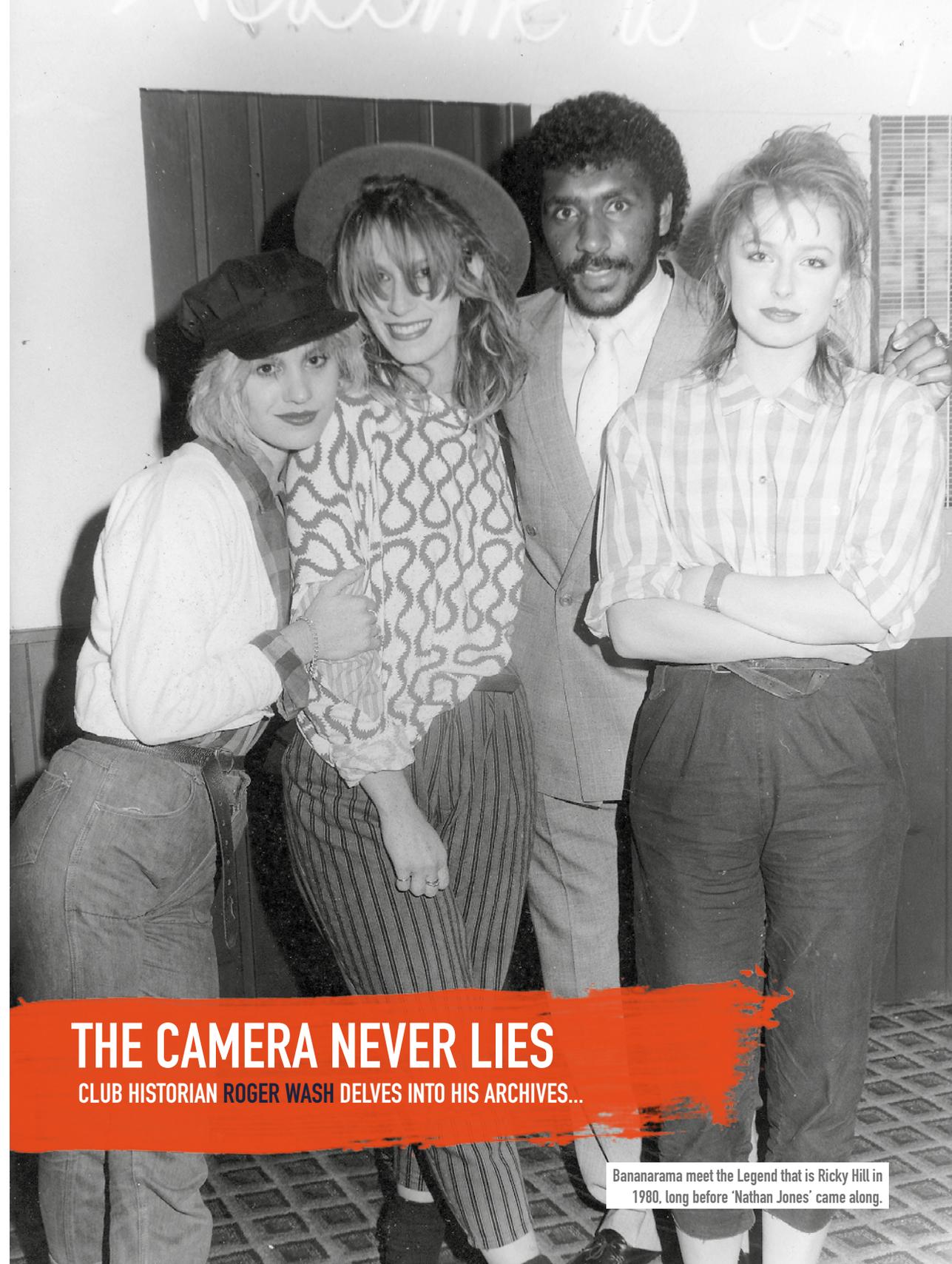
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HATTERSLADIES

POSITIVE PRE-SEASON SO FAR FOR THE HATTERS LADIES

BY ROSIE BONASS

The Hatters Ladies have started pre-season well, just losing out to North Premier league side Leicester City 2-1 and then beating Worthing United Ladies 7-1.

Training has been going well, and with a blend of new faces and youth coming through, the Town boss Nikki Baker is excited for the season to start on the 20th August, at home to Stevenage.

She said: "So far, things have been looking good. The youngsters have stepped up and really impressed and we have a good blend of youth and senior players now.

"We have brought in a young keeper, Grace Brookes from London Bees and she was superb in her first game against Leicester, pulling off some excellent saves.

"On top of this, three or four of last year's Under-18s have made the step up and been an excellent addition to the squad so far".

Sixteen-year-old Jodie Bellinger was unlucky not to score against Leicester, having an early goal ruled out, but went on to score a hat-trick against Worthing.

Fellow attacker Funmi Babalola, another 16-year-old, also impressed on her debut at Leicester, before scoring the second hat-trick of the day at Worthing. Jodie McClelland added the seventh goal, with Nicola Henman scoring at Leicester.



Jodie Bellinger

Baker added: "Leicester are a league above us and we put seven teenagers out. This just goes to show the depth of our club and credit to the youth coaches. To see these youngsters come through is fantastic and really pushes the senior players for their places.

"We have brought in a couple of older players as well and I think we have the perfect blend. The girls have worked hard during pre-season and I can't wait to get going now".

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Sun Aug 20	Stevenage Ladies	H
Sun Aug 27	Enfield Town	A
Sun Sep 3	Leyton Orient Women (Cup)	H
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Sun Sep 17	AFC Wimbledon Ladies	A
Sun Sep 20	Denham United Ladies	H
Sun Oct 1	MK Dons Ladies	H
Sun Oct 8	Cambridge United Women	H
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Sun Oct 15	AFC Wimbledon	H
Sun Oct 22	Norwich City Ladies	A
Sun Oct 29	MK Dons Ladies	A
Sun Nov 5	Enfield Town Ladies	H
Sun Nov 12	Haringey Borough Women	A
Sun Nov 19	Ipswich Town Ladies	A
Sun Nov 26	Norwich City Ladies	H
Sun Dec 10	Leyton Orient Women	A
Sun Dec 14	Ipswich Town Ladies	H
Sun Jan 21	Leyton Orient Women	H
Sun Jan 28	Cambridge United Women	A
Sun Feb 11	Stevenage Ladies	A
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We'll be asking a different player each week to join us in the interview room where you will be given 10 quick fire questions to ask the player, along with a question of your own. The lucky winner will have their photo taken with the player, and their interview will be used in the matchday programme! Don't forget to order your lunch bag in plenty of time and...

GOOD LUCK!

MASCOT MAGIC

Here's photo of our mascots Rudy & Sonny who led the team out for our friendly against Scunthorpe Utd with Hatters skipper Scott Cuthbert. Hope you enjoyed yourselves lads!



2017-18

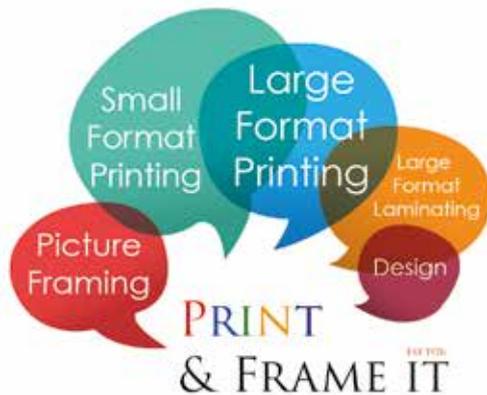


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FIXTURES PILE-UP

WHO, WHEN AND WHERE THE HATTERS ARE PLAYING THIS SEASON

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

DATE TIME H/A OPPOSITION SCORE ATT AWAY POS STARTING XI

AUGUST

Sat 5	3.00pm	H	Yeovil Town							
Tue 8	7.45pm	H	Ipswich Town (Cup 1)							
Sat 12	3.00pm	A	Barnet							
Tue 15	7.45pm	H	Tottenham U21 (Trophy)							
Sat 19	3.00pm	H	Colchester United							
Sat 26	3.00pm	A	Mansfield Town							

SEPTEMBER

Sat 2	3.00pm	A	Lincoln City							
Sat 9	3.00pm	H	Swindon Town							
Tue 12	7.45pm	H	Port Vale							
Sat 16	3.00pm	A	Wycombe Wanderers							
Sat 23	3.00pm	H	Chesterfield							
Tue 26	7.45pm	A	Morecambe							
Sat 30	3.00pm	H	Newport County							

OCTOBER

Tue 3	7.45pm	H	Barnet (Trophy)							
Sat 7	3.00pm	A	Accrington Stanley							
Sat 14	3.00pm	H	Stevenage							
Tue 17	7.45pm	A	Exeter City							
Sat 21	3.00pm	A	Crawley Town							
Sat 28	3.00pm	H	Coventry City							
Tue 31	7.45pm	A	AFC Wimbledon (Trophy)							

NOVEMBER

Sat 11	3.00pm	A	Cheltenham Town							
Sat 18	3.00pm	H	Cambridge United							
Tue 21	7.45pm	H	Carlisle United							
Sat 25	3.00pm	A	Crewe Alexandra							

DECEMBER

Sat 9	3.00pm	H	Notts County							
Sat 16	3.00pm	A	Forest Green Rovers							
Sat 23	3.00pm	H	Grimsby Town							
Tue 26	3.00pm	A	Swindon Town							
Sat 30	3.00pm	A	Port Vale							

JANUARY

Mon 1	3.00pm	H	Lincoln City							
Sat 6	3.00pm	H	Wycombe Wanderers							
Sat 13	3.00pm	A	Chesterfield							
Sat 20	3.00pm	H	Morecambe							
Sat 27	3.00pm	A	Grimsby Town							

FEBRUARY

Sat 3	3.00pm	H	Exeter City							
Sat 10	3.00pm	A	Stevenage							
Tue 13	7.45pm	H	Crawley Town							
Sat 17	3.00pm	A	Coventry City							
Sat 24	3.00pm	H	Barnet							

MARCH

Sat 3	3.00pm	A	Cambridge United							
Sat 10	3.00pm	H	Accrington Stanley							
Fri 16	7.45pm	A	Newport County							
Sat 24	3.00pm	H	Barnet							
Fri 30	3.00pm	A	Colchester United							

APRIL

Mon 2	3.00pm	H	Mansfield Town							
Sat 7	3.00pm	A	Yeovil Town							
Sat 14	3.00pm	H	Crewe Alexandra							
Sat 21	3.00pm	A	Carlisle United							
Sat 28	3.00pm	H	Forest Green Rovers							

MAY

Sat 5	3.00pm	A	Notts County							
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New signing Alan McCormack in action against Scunthorpe



A minute's applause for tragic youngster Bradley Lowery preceeded the friendly at Bedford

SUBS

MEET THE REF

Today's game is to be refereed by Gavin Ward, who took charge of 41 games last season, dishing out 150 yellow cards and six red cards.

He was referee for four of the Town's games last season, the most notable of those fixtures the 3-1 League Cup win over Aston Villa, here at Kenilworth Road.

Ward also oversaw us losing to Colchester United home and away, as well as the away defeat to Crawley Town.



BOBBERS TRAVEL CLUB

FARES AND DEPARTURE TIMES

DATE	MATCH	ADULT	CONC.	TIME
Sat 12 Aug	Barnet	£18	£16	12.30
Sat 26 Aug	Mansfield Town	£23	£20	11.30
Sat 2 Sep	Lincoln City	£23	£20	10.30
Sat 16 Sep	Wycombe Wanderers	£18	£16	12.30
Tue 26 Sep	Morecambe	£30	£27	1.00
Sat 7 Oct	Accrington Stanley	£30	£27	8.30
Tue 17 Oct	Exeter City	£34	£31	1.00
Sat 21 Oct	Crawley Town	£21	£19	11.00

For Bobbers Travel Club bookings telephone: 01234 856542

FINAL PLAYER STATS 2016/17

	THIS SEASON										LIFECAREER TOT			
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		DISIP		LIFECAREER TOT					
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	Y	R	APPS	GLS				
Alex Atkinson	0	(0)	0	(1)	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0			
Tyreeq Bakinson	0	(0)	0	(3)	0	(3)	0	0	0	5	0			
Zane Banton	0	(0)	0	(2)	0	(2)	0	1	0	14	0			
Jordan Cook	31	(4)	3	(5)	2	(36)	(6)	4	5	1	42	4		
Kavan Cotter	0	(0)	0	(1)	0	(1)	0	0	0	0	1	0		
Scott Cuthbert	37	(1)	1	(5)	(3)	(42)	(4)	2	7	0	86	2		
Lawson D'Ath	8	(3)	0	(2)	0	(10)	(3)	0	2	0	13	0		
Akin Fawcett	1	(2)	0	(3)	0	(4)	(2)	0	1	0	6	0		
Luke Gambin	8	(8)	1	(0)	0	(8)	(9)	1	2	0	17	1		
Alex Gilliead	10	(8)	1	(3)	0	(13)	(8)	2	3	0	21	2		
Jake Gray	11	(8)	1	(9)	0	(3)	(20)	(8)	4	0	28	4		
Danny Green	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	30	6		
Freddie Hinds	0	(0)	0	(2)	0	(2)	0	0	0	0	2	0		
Danny Hylton	38	(1)	21	(8)	0	(6)	(46)	(1)	27	13	2	47	27	
James Justin	24	(5)	1	(9)	0	(33)	(6)	1	2	0	40	1		
Craig King	0	(0)	0	(4)	0	(4)	0	0	0	0	4	0		
Ollie Lee	24	(9)	1	(7)	0	(31)	(10)	1	10	0	80	4		
Matt Macey	11	(0)	0	(2)	0	(13)	(0)	0	0	0	13	0		
Craig Mackail-Smith	0	(2)	0	(2)	1	(2)	(4)	1	1	0	40	5		
Jack Marriott	25	(14)	8	(4)	4	(28)	(18)	12	1	0	91	28		
Cameron McGeehan	24	(0)	10	(4)	0	(1)	(28)	(0)	11	7	0	106	31	
Josh McQuoid	1	(2)	0	(5)	0	(2)	(6)	(2)	2	2	0	43	7	
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	34	(8)	2	(8)	2	(0)	(42)	(10)	2	6	1	118	7	
Stuart Moore	8	(0)	0	(2)	0	(2)	(0)	0	0	0	10	0		
Johnny Mullins	21	(2)	0	(6)	0	(1)	(27)	(2)	1	2	2	29	1	
Frankie Musonda	0	(0)	0	(5)	0	(1)	(5)	(0)	1	0	0	8	1	
Stephen O'Donnell	27	(3)	1	(6)	(3)	(2)	(33)	(6)	(3)	1	0	72	4	
Ollie Palmer	4	(13)	3	(0)	0	(1)	(0)	(4)	(14)	(3)	1	0	18	3
Dan Potts	22	(1)	0	(4)	0	(1)	(26)	(2)	1	4	1	44	1	
Glen Reid	36	(3)	2	(10)	0	(1)	(46)	(3)	(3)	11	1	59	3	
Arthur Read	0	(0)	0	(1)	0	(1)	(0)	0	0	0	0	1	0	
Jack Senior	9	(1)	0	(6)	0	(0)	(15)	(1)	0	3	0	16	0	
Alan Sheehan	31	(3)	2	(7)	(0)	(1)	(38)	(3)	(3)	4	1	61	4	
Jonathan Smith	12	(13)	1	(8)	(2)	(1)	(20)	(15)	(2)	(7)	0	176	11	
Jack Snelus	0	(0)	0	(0)	(1)	(0)	(1)	(0)	(0)	0	0	1	0	
Connor Tomlinson	0	(0)	0	(0)	(1)	(0)	(1)	(0)	(0)	0	0	1	0	
Isaac Vassel	22	(18)	8	(8)	(5)	(6)	(30)	(23)	(14)	(2)	0	53	14	
Christian Walton	27	(0)	0	(6)	(0)	(0)	(33)	(0)	(0)	1	0	33	0	



HOLD THE BACKPAGE

WITH **SIMON PITTS** iFOLLOW COMMENTATOR

Well, it's just over 11 weeks since the conclusion of last season here at Kenilworth Road and where has the time gone?!

I really don't enjoy the post season time so I was quite grateful that it appears to have passed me by quite quickly this summer.

In this period of time players have left and players have been brought in, fixtures for the season were announced, there was the unveiling of the new kit, the launch of a new look website and online service "iFollow" which replaces Hatters Player.

A word on the departures first and my thanks and best wishes go to those players who are facing new challenges at other Clubs this season, but also especially to Craig King who faces his own very different personal challenge with life itself.

The Club brought in some significant funds from the transfer fees from the sales of Jack Marriott and Cameron McGeehan and not only will this support the Club longer term, but we've also seen investment this summer too with the eight signings that we have seen to date. I'm sure you've read enough about those players already so I'll just add my best wishes to those joining the Club and hope they have a very successful career with Luton Town.

Fixture release day always has some excitement to it, yes I know that all it confirms is that we'll play another 23 Clubs

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home and away, but looking at specific dates or finding out how far we're travelling midweek just add to the countdown of the season starting.

I really like the new look away kit, as I do the website revamp, and I'm once again proud to be continuing commentary duties for the Club's online service "iFollow".

This season also sees overseas fans being given the opportunity of watching matches live online via iFollow. This really is a bonus for those that can't share our enjoyment and passion of actually being at Kenilworth Road!

With regards to the pre-season matches I've been to Hitchin (twice), Boreham Wood and seen the two home games against Leicester and Scunthorpe. These matches are all about getting players game time and it's been very enjoyable seeing all the squad and young players involved over the past few weeks. I certainly have the pre-season optimism for the campaign ahead which starts this afternoon against Yeovil.

Enjoy the match, support the lads on their quest for the first three points of the season, and don't forget if you subscribe to iFollow you can watch the whole game back again tomorrow!

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- 8 Olly Lee
- 9 Danny Hylton
- 10 Jordan Cook
- 11 Andrew Shinnie
- 16 Glen Rea
- 17 Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu
- 19 James Collins
- 20 Isaac Vassell
- 21 Jack Senior
- 22 Luke Gambin
- 24 Lawson D'Ath
- 27 Tyreeq Bakinson
- 33 Kavan Cotter
- 35 Arthur Read
- 36 James Shea
- 37 Frankie Musonda
- 38 Elliot Lee
- 39 Akin Famewo
- 44 Alan Sheehan



MANAGER:

DARREN WAY

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- 11 Ryan Dickson
- 12 Jonny Maddison
- 13 Francois Zoko
- 14 Sam Surridge
- 16 James Bailey
- 17 Omar Sowunmi
- 20 Stephane Zubar
- 23 Tom James
- 24 Olufela Olomola
- 30 Alefe Santos

MATCH OFFICIALS

-  GAVIN WARD
-  NICHOLAS COOPER
-  GREGORY READ
-  KEVIN HOWICK

NEXT HOME GAME:
IPSWICH TOWN | TUE 8 AUG | 7.45PM

