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Midfielder Luke Freeman celebrates his first goal for Luton Town after opening the scoring in the 2-1 win at Cardiff City on Tuesday night

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GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME BACK TO KENILWORTH ROAD FOR THIS SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP FIXTURE AGAINST WIGAN ATHLETIC.



I'd like to welcome Leam Richardson, his staff, their players and all officials and supporters who have made the journey south today. Wigan are a club with whom we have a good relationship, having loaned Glen Rea to them last season to help in their bid for promotion from League One. It was a shame that Glen picked up his injury and couldn't play more of a part up there, but we congratulate them on their success and a solid start to life back in the Championship.

Every week at the moment we seem to be playing a former Premier League side, and although they've been away from the top division for longer than Burnley, Swansea, Sheffield United and Cardiff, they are former FA Cup winners and another club with real pedigree; one we know will present us with a real tough test this afternoon.

We come into the game having gathered momentum recently with seven points from our last nine available. Of our seven matches so far this season, we've played well in five, did enough to take something from Preston and were disappointing against Bristol City. We should be at least four points better off than we are and with players coming back from injury by the day, we are in a good place.

I thought the Sheffield United game was a real good advert for the Championship, with the old place rocking under the lights and Sky no doubt glad they chose the fixture. Apart from a brief spell after half-time, my team were magnificent, and so were you in the stands. We were all let down by a poor decision in the build-up to their goal, but still could have won it as we grew stronger towards the end.

That momentum followed us down the M4 again where we were excellent at Cardiff on Tuesday. I was so proud

of the team because you have to be strong going down to south Wales, and we were so resilient when we came under pressure in the first half. Then we brought on a game changer in Fred first, followed by Gabe, and we took our chances as they arrived.

As you know, I love going home. Not only to see my family, but also to bring the points back to my adopted home, and I'm really proud to say that we've managed to win at both Swansea and Cardiff for the second season in a row. It shows how far we've come since the behind closed doors season and we all have every right to celebrate that.

Make yourself heard again today. Last Friday was the first taste of what a packed Kenny is all about for the new signings, and they fed off your energy. To the 421 who made that repeat journey on Tuesday, you have our complete respect considering the miles you've already clocked up this season. And we've only had August!

Let's hit the road running in September, too. Enjoy the game and COYH!

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DAVID WILKINSON

Chairman



Good afternoon everyone and a very warm welcome to Kenilworth Road for another Championship match.

Today we face recently promoted Wigan Athletic. The Latics have sold out their allocation so we can expect another lively atmosphere today. Their only defeat so far was 5-1 at home to Burnley, who are showing early signs of being promotion contenders. Anyone can beat anyone in this fantastic competition, so yet again we look forward to a tense and challenging afternoon.

After a slow start we have begun to put together some impressive performances, which have resulted in seven points from the last nine available. When we first saw the early fixtures, we couldn't believe that the schedule had given us three long trips down the M4 in just two weeks, shortly after a trip to one of the fancied parachute clubs, Burnley.

Sandwiched in between was the brilliant game here against Sheffield United, with two teams going toe to toe against each other. Physical, but not dirty – no time wasting or feigning injury – played in the right spirit throughout. It was an example of how football should be played and what we should continuously aspire to.

Six points gained in South Wales from our last two away games. It is gratifying that we seem to be beginning to earn the respect of more established Championship clubs, who are being more gracious in defeat. It's no longer such an embarrassment to lose to "little old Luton."

We are also delighted to hear that players are coming back from injury and it seems that apart from our two long termers, Glen Rea and James Shea, everyone is back on the grass and nearing availability for selection. We all know that the injury list played havoc to our options at the end of last season, so we hope that we have a bit more luck this time.

We have strengthened our squad in this window, which when you read this will have closed, so all those involved will get a bit of a break from what seems like perpetual game-playing over transfers and loans.

Gary tells us that it gets harder the higher we go. However, we have had a good one and our thanks to all those who have lived through the frustrations and irritation to bring in some wonderful players. In my last notes I welcomed all our newcomers, some of whom have already made a significant difference to the quality on the pitch and recent results. We hope that as they all find their feet we'll all be able to enjoy their talent first hand.

Football finances continue to be a basket case. You've probably had enough of us flogging to death the enormous canyon between the Premier League and the Football League, but we can't afford to let it lie because if we do, this beautiful game will never recover.

The 2022 Deloitte Annual Review of Football Finance has just been published and is well worth reading in full, but I thought it might be of interest to extract some facts relevant to the Championship.

The report covers 2021/22, a year in which the Championship received £456m, of which £236m went to seven clubs by way of parachute payments



“Leadership is a privilege to better the lives of others. It is not an opportunity to satisfy personal greed”

Mwai Kibaki

ranging from £16m to £44m. Five of the clubs receiving parachute payments finished in the top eight. By way of comparison, the Premier League had £4.9bn of revenue compared to £600m for the Championship. Strip out the parachute money and the Championship gets about 7.5% of Premier League income and has net debt of £1.8bn.

The revenue range for the year reported clearly skewed by parachute payments is from Bournemouth £72m to Sheffield Wednesday £11.6m. Highest wage bill was Norwich £66m, who were promoted as champions, and lowest was Rotherham £8.2m who were relegated in 23rd place. It looked as though Brentford broke the trend because their revenue was reported as £16m, but their wage bill was £41m.

In that season Bournemouth and Stoke underperformed their budgets, but aside from them the three biggest payers – Norwich, Watford and Brentford – were promoted. At the other end the lowest payers Rotherham and Wycombe were relegated along with Sheffield Wednesday, who suffered a points deduction.

The average wages to revenue ratio is 125% with the worst being over 200%, which without continuing investment by owners or successful player trading, cannot be sustainable.

The fans led review has come to the obvious conclusion that a level of redistribution down the pyramid is required, a lower percentage of income should go on wages and clubs should be encouraged to use extra funds on capital projects improving facilities.

The government seemed to be prepared to act in the event that the Premier League didn't, but in the current political hiatus, who knows? Let's hope that the beautiful game wins over the self-interest of the few.

“Leadership is a privilege to better the lives of others. It is not an opportunity to satisfy personal greed” – Mwai Kibaki

Before I go, I feel compelled to comment about the BBC's decision to exclude Football League results from the Final Score on Saturday afternoons. Another established tradition bites the dust with the ludicrous explanation that it takes too much time and people have online access. What about the visually impaired and elderly who enjoy their entertainment and information through the radio? The BBC continues to broadcast the shipping forecast despite it having little relevance in today's world.

Enjoy the game.

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David



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The Hatters will once again have the Star Platforms logo emblazoned on the away shirt this season, as has been the case since the team's promotion from League One in 2019.

Steve Simmons, joint Managing Director at Star Platforms, commented: "When we signed the first sponsorship deal with Luton Town FC, they were in the fourth tier of English football, and Star Platforms had just one depot in Luton.

"Since then, both LTFC and Star Platforms have improved their positions incredibly, with Luton Town now being on the cusp of the biggest league in the world and Star Platforms running a national business with seven depots, employing more than 150 people.

"It's a journey we are pleased to have taken together, and we look forward to what the next few years hold for us both. As an avid Luton fan for over 40 years, I am very proud for Star Platforms to continue to partner the club."

Chris Bell, Commercial Director of Luton Town Football Club commented: "We are delighted that Star Platforms has continued their away shirt sponsorship with the club. The company has been a huge, good luck charm for us over the years, and continues to add value as a sponsor and partner. We are looking forward to many more great years working together."

Star Platforms first started its sponsorship of the Luton Town Football Club in 2018.



LOAN MOVES

Before going to print with this edition of 'Our Town' on Thursday afternoon, we had announced loan moves for two members of the Town squad.

First, we were delighted to share the news that Dion Pereira had put pen to paper on a new contract before agreeing to return to League Two club Bradford City, where he enjoyed a successful loan last season.

The 23-year-old will spend the remainder of the current campaign with the Bantams, while fellow attacker Admiral Muskwe joined League One side Fleetwood Town on the same terms.

The former Leicester City forward, 24, joins up with another Hatter, Carlos Mendes Gomes, who is almost three weeks into his loan at Highbury Stadium and fit again after being forced off by injury on his debut.

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"I thought we were brilliant, we went toe-to-toe, we went aggressive against them, and we were outstanding, but for a seven-minute period after half-time."

NATHAN JONES



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Kenilworth Road – Fri 26th August 2022

Luton Town: Horvath; Bree, Burke, Lockyer, Potts, Bell; Campbell, Clark, Freeman (Berry 86'); Morris (Jerome 75'), Adebayo.

Sheffield United: Foderingham (Amissah 78'); Basham, Egan, Norrington-Davies (Ahmedhodzic 83'); Baldock, Berge, Norwood, McAtee (Doyle 45'), Lowe; Ndiaye (Brewster 84'), McBurnie.

Scorers:

LT: Morris (10')

SU: McBurnie (53')

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JORDAN CLARK

Jordan Clark spoke of a return to the form of last season for the Hatters after last Friday's 1-1 draw with Sheffield United – no more so in midfield, where he, Allan Campbell and summer signing Luke Freeman dominated for large periods against the Blades.

The 28-year-old former Shrewsbury and Accrington man has excelled in a deeper lying role this season, and after the draw that proved a great advert for the second tier in front of the Sky cameras, he said: "We knew of their quality, probably one of the best midfields in the Championship, so we knew we had to be on our game."

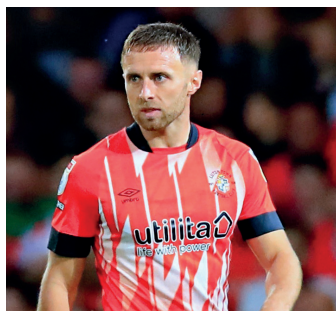
"I think when me, Luke and Allan are all at it, we are a tough three to stop. Obviously we are all dead small, but we've got high energy, we get about players and we make it hard for teams. We are doing all right at the minute, we've just got to start chipping in with more goals and more assists, but I'm sure that'll come as the season goes on."

That proved prophetic with Freeman opening his account for the season, and indeed the Town, four nights later in the 2-1 win at Cardiff.

"Since Luke's come in, he's been a great lad," said Clark. "He's lovely off the pitch, he's fitted in so easily and his performances have been really good so far. Hopefully he can chip in with a couple of goals and assists, which is what the midfield need."

"He's a quality player, he's got a lot of experience, he's always talking in the game. I think he adds to what me and Allan bring already, with his energy and his work-rate. He's left footed, which balances it out as well, but I just loving playing with those two."

"Obviously Bezza as well. Tonight he came on, and it's good to see him back with the energy that the other two bring. It makes me raise my game as well, to match them. I don't want to let them down or the team down."





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"We've been up and down the M4 with this ridiculous schedule and we've shown we're resilient. We've been good on the road, we were excellent at Swansea and excellent again tonight."

NATHAN JONES



1 CARDIFF CITY 2 LUTON TOWN

Cardiff City Stadium – Tue 30th Aug 2022

Cardiff City: Allsop; Romeo, Ng, Kipre, Nkounkou; Ralls (Colwill 59'), Wintle, Rinomhota (Sawyers 70'); Ojo, Harris, Watters (Philogene 59').

Luton Town: Horvath; Bree, Burke (Onyedima 45'), Lockyer, Potts, Bell; Campbell (Berry 87'), Clark, Freeman (Osho 56'); Morris (Jerome 69'), Adebayo (Woodrow 87').

Scorers:

LT: Freeman (47'), Osho (62')
CC: Sawyers (85')

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GABE OSHO

Gabe Osho labelled the Hatters' victory against Cardiff as a 'typical Luton away performance' as they secured back-to-back wins in Wales this season!

The 24-year-old came off the bench to great effect and despite admitting the opportunity was 'so scary', he put the finishing touch to a delicious James Bree cross to score his first Luton goal.

"That is the second of my career, and I think the combined distance of those goals is about six yards, but you take them whatever way they come," he smiled.

"It was an amazing ball. I just had to tap it in, and it was so scary! It was good to score my first goal for the club. The coaches are always on to me about not scoring enough, so hopefully now I've scored one they can all start coming."

Ten days after recording their first win of the season at Swansea City, Nathan Jones' side moved into the top half of the Sky Bet Championship for the first time this term courtesy of what Osho described as a 'typical Luton away performance'.

"We had a lot of those last year, if you can win away from home, you always have a good chance especially with our home record. Everyone is happy. Everyone wants to keep the momentum going, it was a bit of a slow start to the season, but I think we're now just picking up again and everyone is excited."

"The performances in the first three games weren't too bad, obviously we had a little blip against Bristol City and the manager just said let's get back to where we were and the quality, we have brought in will show and I think that has been what has been showing the last three games."

Ahead of today's meeting with Wigan Athletic at Kenilworth Road, the versatile former Reading man insists is keen to help out the team in any way he can.

He added: "Wherever I can help the team is important for me



because the team comes first so I'm happy to play wherever the manager puts me.

"It is going to be another tough game against Wigan, but at home we always back ourselves to go on and win. We need to get that first home win this season. Obviously the fans will be on our side and raring for us to, so everyone is buzzing now."

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Wigan Athletic were founded in 1932 and are back in the Championship after a two-year absence, winning promotion as League One champions last term.

The Latics have been climbing the Football League since 1978, when they were elected as members from the Northern Premier League. They gained promotion to the Third Division for a second time in 1997, having previously gone up in '82 and back down to Division Four in '93, and their steady rise truly started.

After promotion to the second tier, they finally got to the Premier League in 2005 and spent the next eight years there, finishing 10th in their first season. They were relegated in 2013, but just three days before the drop was confirmed, Roberto Martinez's side won the FA Cup in a famous final where Ben Watson scored a last-minute winner to beat Manchester City at Wembley, earning them a place in the UEFA Europa League.

They have been yo-yoing between the Championship and League One since then, and Leam Richardson's side arrive at Kenilworth Road with seven points from their opening six matches back at this level.



LEAM RICHARDSON

MANAGER | Richardson's managerial career started at Accrington Stanley, before spells as Paul Cook's assistant then followed, with roles at Chesterfield and Portsmouth, before Cook took over at Wigan in May 2017. Cook departed in August 2020, with Richardson taking over as caretaker. John Sheridan was named as Cook's successor, but would only last 15 games. Richardson was eventually installed as permanent boss and led the side to the League One title last season.



JAMIE JONES

GK | Born in Kirby, Jones signed his first pro deal at Everton before joining Leyton Orient, where he enjoyed a six-year spell before joining Preston. He failed to establish himself with the Lilywhites, and had loan spells at Coventry, Rochdale, Colchester and Stevenage, eventually joining the latter permanently. After his spell with Stevenage, the 33-year-old joined Wigan in August 2017. This season, Jones has shared goalkeeping duties with Ben Amos.



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TENDAYI DARIKWA

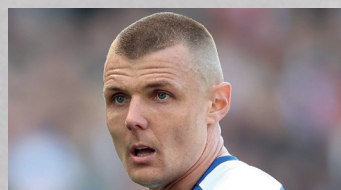
DEF | Zimbabwe international Darikwa began his career at Chesterfield, and gained first-team experience on loan in Non-League at Barrow and Hinckley United. He featured in over 120 league games for the Spireites, before joining Burnley. Chances with the Clarets were limited, and he moved onto Nottingham Forest in July 2017. Darikwa spent three-and-a-half-years at the City Ground, before making the switch to Wigan in January 2021.

JAMES McCLEAN

ONE TO WATCH | Into his second spell at the DW Stadium, McClean made his senior debut for Institute in Northern Ireland, before joining Derry City. After impressing for Derry, McClean made the move to Sunderland and went onto make 59 Premier League appearances. He later joined Wigan, spending two seasons at the club. Three-year stints at both Stoke and West Brom followed for the Republic of Ireland international, before his return to the Latics in August 2021.



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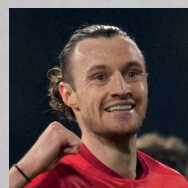


MAX POWER

MID | Joining the Tranmere Rovers academy at the age of eight, Power progressed through the system at Prenton Park and went onto feature in over 100 league games for the club. He made the switch to the DW Stadium in July 2015, and was a regular in the Latics' midfield. Power would later join Sunderland on loan, a deal which would be made permanent. In 2021, he re-joined Wigan and won his third League One title with the team last season.

WILL KEANE

ATT | A product of the Manchester United academy, Keane a handful of first-team appearances for the Red Devils and had loans at Wigan, QPR, Sheffield Wednesday and Preston. Hull City was Keane's first permanent move, where he made 22 league appearances, before a loan spell at Ipswich, who he would later join on a permanent basis. In October 2020, the 29-year-old signed for Wigan and last season he netted 26 goals in League One.



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Under the spotlight is a player with a connection to both the Hatters and today's visitors, as club historian ROGER WASH looks back at Emmerson Boyce's first and last appearances for the Town.

Aylesbury born Emmerson was one of the many players to come through Luton Town's schools and youth development programme prior to signing YTS forms in the summer of 1995.

After making an appearance in an Auto Windscreens Shield game against Walsall in January 1999, he made the breakthrough into the Hatters' League side at home to Lincoln three months later before becoming a regular and a crowd favourite during the following season. A fast and reliable overlapping right back, 'Boycie' saw an offer from Premiership Crystal Palace in the summer of 2004 as too good to turn down, and where he found himself catapulted into the first team earlier than expected following a series of injuries to established regulars, a place he held on to.

Emmerson made a big money move to Wigan in 2006 and skipped the side to the 2013 FA Cup final win over Manchester City. After a short spell at Blackpool, Emmerson rejoined Wigan as an academy coach.

The Barbados international is owner and ambassador of the Emmerson Boyce Academy and Foundation.

FIRST GAME: LUTON TOWN 0 WALSALL 3 AUTO WINDSCREENS TROPHY (5/1/99)

Manager Lennie Lawrence made numerous changes to the side that had drawn 2-2 at Colchester the previous Saturday and brought several players back in from the cold as well as handing debuts to Emmerson, Tresor Kandol and loan signing Sean Dyche.

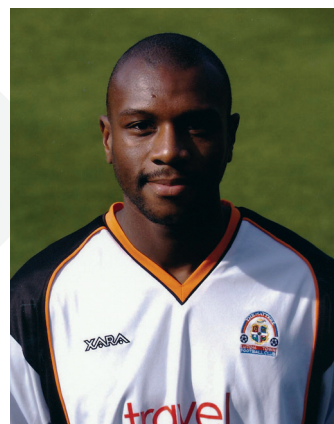
Walsall, who had won 1-0 at Kenilworth Road earlier in the season, were virtually full strength and overwhelmed the Town, winning easily - although a penalty miss from Herve Bacque may have warmed the hands of the 1,870 present.

LAST GAME: CHESTERFIELD 1 LUTON TOWN 0 DIVISION TWO (8/5/04)

The last game of the season saw the mid-table Hatters with nothing to play for while their opponents needed a win to escape relegation at the death.

FIRST AND LAST

EMERSON BOYCE



In front of a feverish crowd the Town put in a professional performance, defending intelligently and causing problems at the other end in their role as 'party-poopers'. With the game drifting to a scoreless draw, a route one clearance from Spireites goalkeeper Carl Muggleton was inadvertently back-headed by Sol Davis into the path of Chesterfield's Glynn Hurst, who scampered through to net and cue a pitch invasion.

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HATTERS TALES

WITH ROGER WASH
CLUB HISTORIAN

BONUS BOMBHELL

Matt Woods, signing autographs in happier times.



Following their first appearance in an FA Cup final in 1959, the Town made a dramatic drop through the divisions and by the spring of 1965 were destined to be relegated to Division Four (now League Two).

Manager Bill Harvey had resigned in November 1964 and with no-one looking to steer this sinking ship, it was eventually left to chief scout George Martin to very reluctantly take up the reins three months later.

Martin had previously managed the Town, but that was almost 20 years before, and he had not been in charge of a side since leaving Aston Villa in 1953. He was by now 64 and looking forward to retirement but the persuasive tongue of chairman Tom Hodgson made him take up the position no-one else wanted.

Martin could do little to prevent the club being relegated, but with a clean slate was tasked with earning first time promotion and return the club to former glories. Using his contacts he brought in Matt Woods, the dominating centre-half the Town had missed since the retirement of Syd Owen six years before, tough defender Bobby Thomson and a certain John Moore.

With striker John O'Rourke fully fit following an injury ridden 1964-65 campaign, supporters could see a chink of light at the end of the tunnel with a solid defence at one end of the pitch and a goalscorer at the other.

The first hint of trouble between the 'modern day footballer' and a manager and Board probably a little out of touch came when Martin, a renowned disciplinarian, demanded that all players should live in Luton, or close by. O'Rourke, Ray Whittaker and Billy Harber commuted from London while Ted Phillips lived in Colchester.

All four were reluctant to accept this 'draconian' measure but the reasons for the demand were made clear when O'Rourke, Harber and Whittaker were late for a pre-season friendly at Colchester having made their own way to Essex. They were each fined £10, which was a considerable sum in those days, and although they

agitated and complained to the FA, the matter was eventually smoothed over as they fell into line. Phillips was the only one who continued to dig his heels in and was unceremoniously packed off to Colchester United.

After six dismal years of turgid football, season 1965-66 turned out to be a breath of fresh air with the forwards, particularly O'Rourke, banging the goals in for fun and the team always in the mix at the top of the table.

Following a tough, but unbeaten, Easter the Town remained in the top six, but with either three or four games in hand on the teams above them. One of those games in hand came at Chester on 11th May where, in torrential rain, the players put in a blistering first half performance and were two goals up at the break. With the rain continuing to fall 'at almost tropical intensity', the referee abandoned the game shortly after the start of the second period. This abandonment was to have significant implications as we shall see.

With three games left, four points were needed to be certain of promotion at the first time of asking. Barrow were seen off 3-2 in the final match at Kenilworth Road leaving re-arranged away games at Newport on 25th May and Chester three days later.

The players had asked as to bonuses for winning promotion and, after a Board discussion, it was agreed that £10 would be paid on top of the normal £4 win bonus. This seemed to satisfy the players until they found out that an un-named club, but probably Colchester, were offering £300 a man.

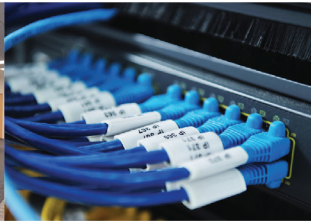
The Town's Board reluctantly increased their offer to £50 and then £60 with the players paying their own tax, but this was still not enough, for when the party stopped at Chepstow 'for tea' on the way to Newport, a major row broke out.

Chairman Tom Hodgson said: "The manager told the players of the decision but they were not happy and just before the match I went into the dressing room because it had been said that the chairman was afraid to show his face."

Hodgson went on: "Matt Woods immediately confronted me to say that the players were not satisfied and that they wanted £300. I asked them where they thought the money was coming from and John O'Rourke described the offer of £60 as an insult. Woods then asked when the next Board meeting



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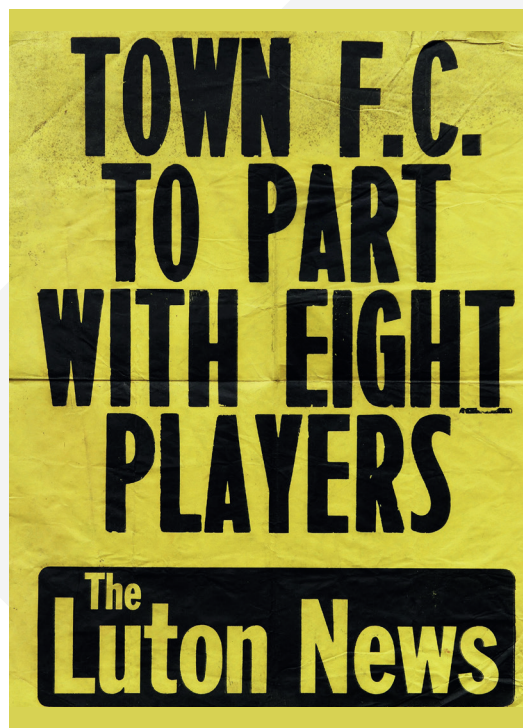
was and after I replied that it was not until the following week and that I could not offer them £300 each, he said 'That's it'."

Out on the pitch the Town were well beaten 3-1 by a Newport team with little to play for. Whether the pre-match 'discussions' had anything to do with the defeat, where we showed 'no form, no fight' according to Martin, is anyone's guess. But one wonders that if £300 had been on offer then the result would have been different.

Woods immediately asked for a free-transfer which was granted, and with Harber, O'Rourke, John Reid as well as Woods 'unavailable' for the final game at Chester, it was a makeshift side that took to the field at Sealand Road in bright sunshine this time.

A good number of Luton supporters travelled to Chester as a win would have confirmed promotion. A goal after five minutes from Billy Stark settled the nerves but 19 minutes from the end, with John Moore down injured, a Chester break ended in an equaliser. Try as they might the winner would not come and the Town ended up falling short on goal average.

The repercussions were loud and long with eight players being given free transfers, another five released and O'Rourke being sold to Middlesbrough. George Martin lasted until November 1966 before, tired and disillusioned, he resigned to be replaced by Allan Brown and the start of another era in our rich history.

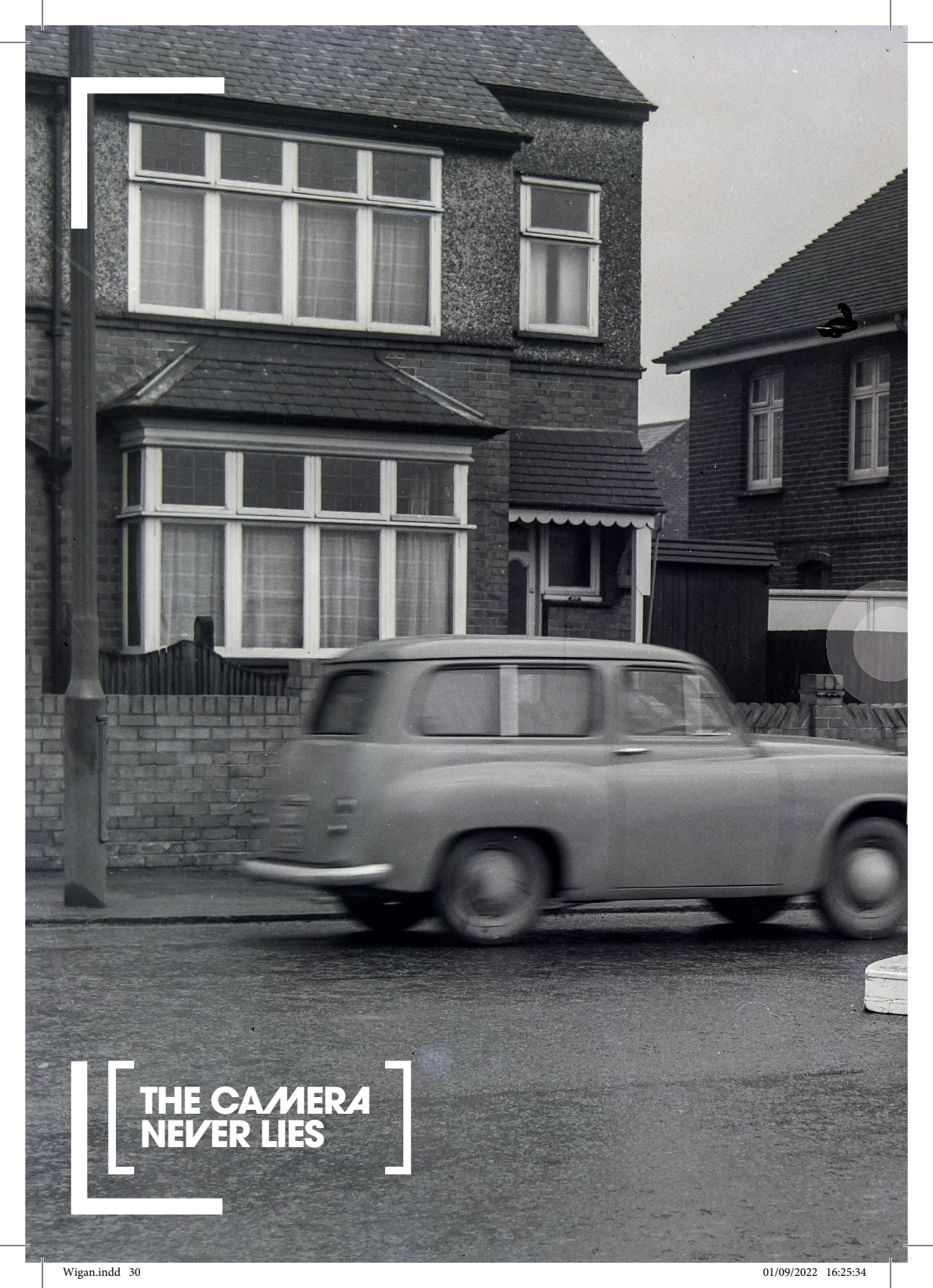


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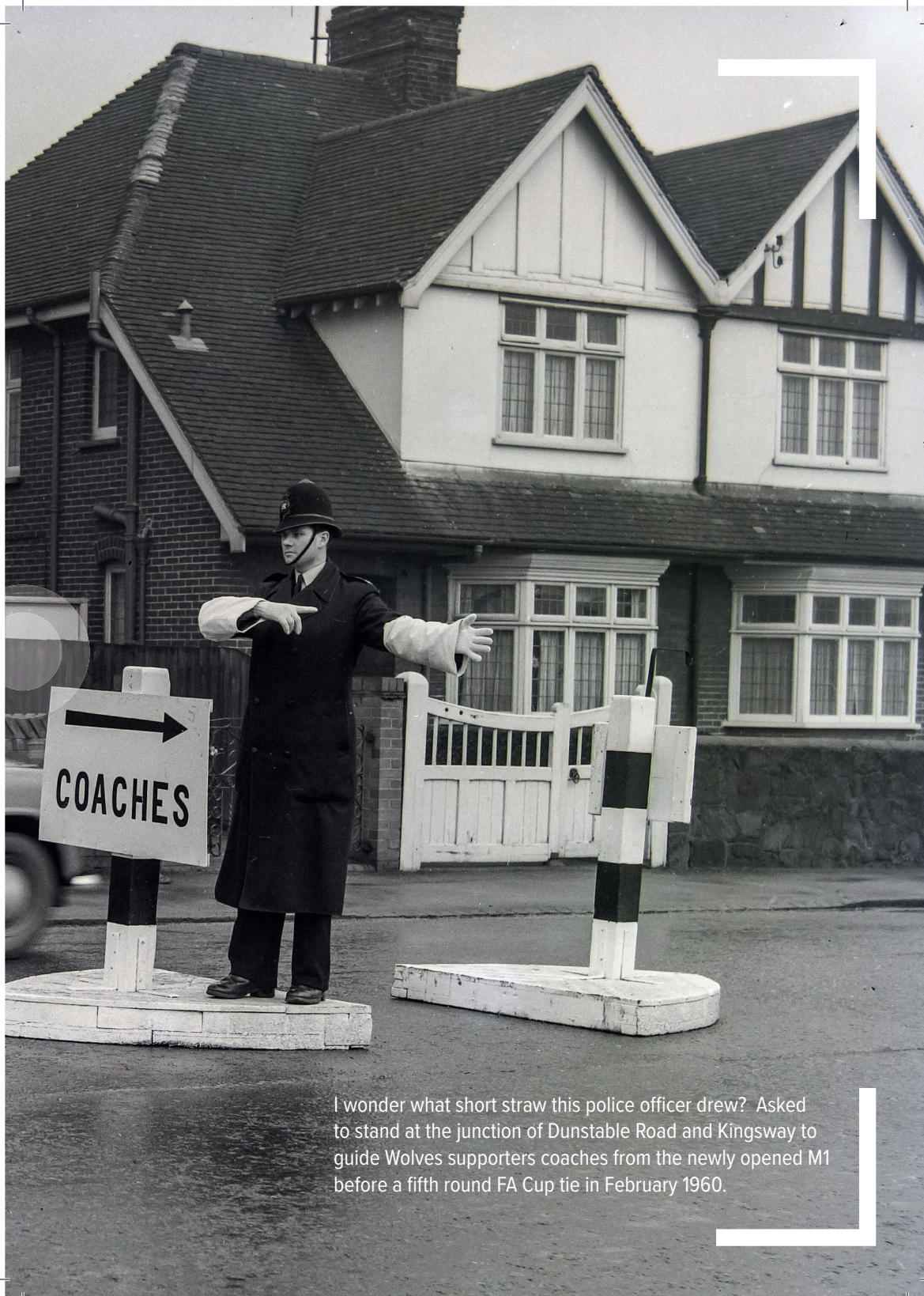
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I wonder what short straw this police officer drew? Asked to stand at the junction of Dunstable Road and Kingsway to guide Wolves supporters coaches from the newly opened M1 before a fifth round FA Cup tie in February 1960.

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A - ATHLETE

If you had to compete, what event would you do?
100m.



B - BOOTS

Favourite pair of boots?
Yellow T90s, the Wayne Rooney ones!



C - CAR

Dream car?
Lamborghini Urus



D - DESTINATION

Dream destination?
Mexico



E - EAT

Favourite food?
African dish, fried yam and plantain.



F - FIVE

What is your all-time five-a-side team?

I've got to put my brother Chris in goal just to get him in the team! Me in defence, David Silva, Eden Hazard and Neymar.



G - GUESTS

Celebrity you'd like to have a drink with?
Chris Tucker



H - HOBBIES

Favourite thing to do other than football?
What every footballer says, just chill.



I - IDOL

Who is your sporting idol?
Has to be Ronaldinho.



J - JOB

What do you see yourself doing after playing?
Something to do with business.



K - KIT

Favourite all-time football shirt?
It's my favourite because I had it as a kid – the Man United AIG home shirt



L - LANGUAGES

How many languages can you speak?
English, Spanish, Yoruba, Igbo!



M - MOMENT

Favourite moment of your career so far?

Winning the Play-off final at Wembley with Wycombe.



T - TRAVEL

Best place you've been to?

Mexico.



U - UNLIMITED

If you could have endless something, what would it be?

Money



N - NOTABLE

Who is the most famous contact in your phone?

Tim Cahill



O - OPPOSITION

Hardest opponent?

I'll say Cyrus Christie.



V - VICTORY

Most memorable win?

Play-off final with Wycombe against Oxford in 2020.



P - PIZZA TOPPINGS

What toppings would you choose?

I don't really like pizza but I'd just have a margherita.



W - WATCH

Favourite film/series?

Series would be Power.



X - X FACTOR

If you had to sing, what song would you choose?

Let Me Love You, by Mario.



Q - QUOTE

Favourite quote?

You come into this world with nothing and you leave with nothing.



Y - YIKES

Biggest fear?

Heights. I've never been to Thorpe Park and never will go!



R - RESTAURANT

Favourite restaurant?

A restaurant I went to in Greece, I forgot the name but it was seafood.



Z - ZOO

Favourite animal?

Dogs.



S - STADIUM

Favourite stadium you've played at?

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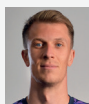
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0 BEDFORD LADIES 2 LUTON TOWN LADIES

An intense and fierce battle saw Luton Town Ladies take three points from local rivals Bedford Town Ladies, making it two wins from two league matches for Rob Burton and his team.

The Hatters Ladies won the game by a scoreline of 2-0, with a goal in each half from Adi Milton and then Elizabeth Sanders, both of which came from well-worked set piece routines.

The Town started the game straight on the attack, and with their skill and aggression, they started creating chances within the opening five minutes. Great link up play between Elizabeth Sanders and Leyah Maddix saw the Hatters win a corner on the five minute mark.

A text book Fiona Constable delivery saw Milton put the ball into the back of the net to break the deadlock.

The Hatters continued to assert their dominance throughout the half, creating chance after chance, but they failed to find the second before the break.

After the interval the game was much more open, with Bedford Ladies trying to attack more. However, thanks to a great defensive display, Luton's centre-back pair Tanya Blacksley and Elly Wade's clean sheet remained intact.

On the 66th minute mark, Bedford missed a penalty after the ref gave a controversial penalty for handball against the Hatters.

With ten minutes remaining, Wade drove out from the back, taking on and beating three Bedford players before getting fouled deep into opposition territory.

McKay stepped up to the free-kick and delivered the ball to the back post, where Palmerio set it back for Sanders to finish into the bottom corner of the net.

In added time Bedford worked the ball into the box and pulled the trigger, but it rattled the crossbar, before the woodwork soon came to the Hatters' rescue again, a cross-come-shot sliding across the bar and wide away from danger as Town saw the 2-0 victory out.

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ACADEMY DIRECTOR

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to today's game against Wigan Athletic.

The last week has seen the U18s and U16s continue their impressive starts to the season, with both continuing their 100% record so far in their respective league competitions. This time it was local rivals Stevenage who were on the receiving end of two very good displays.

The U18s ran out 4-1 winners with Zack Nelson opening the scoring after just two minutes with a free-kick from the edge of the box. Millar Matthews-Lewis, Oliver Lynch and Archie Heron then completed the scoring.

The U16s bettered that score line by hitting half-a-dozen unanswered goals in a 6-0 victory which saw Matthew Takawira grab a hat-trick. Charlie Trustram, Max Scott and Jamie Odegah were also on the scoresheet.

The U18s followed this up with a friendly fixture at Cobham, the training ground of Chelsea, where they took on an U17s



Blues side on Tuesday afternoon. Two goals from second year apprentice Jake Burger (*pictured*), and one from U16s centre-back Jacob Vickers were enough to see Alan McCormack's side come away with an impressive 3-2 victory.

Adrian Forbes' U21 side were also in action this midweek as they hosted Fulham at The Brache, Daniel Idiakhwa and Josh Allen on target in a 2-2 draw, the latter from the penalty spot after the opening goalscorer had been fouled.

The U9-U16s have also been back in action and have started their pre-season games programme against two Category One sides in Brighton and Crystal Palace. Both rounds of games were competitive with the young Hatters more than holding their own against Premier League opposition.

It is fantastic that the boys within our Academy are able to pit themselves against Category One opposition, and it is even better that we are more than capable of competing with them. It just goes to show that we have some unbelievable potential within our Academy, and the future is very bright indeed.

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GETTING TO KNOW...

JOSH ALLEN

Age: 18

Position: Striker

Where are you from?

I was born in Bedford but I live in Ampthill.

Which junior teams did you play for?

I played for Ampthill Town Under-10s and Kempston Rovers Under-11s.

Which team do you support?

I support Luton but I watch all football.

What age did you join Luton?

I was Under-12s when I joined the main academy.

How did you join the club?

I'd been at the Pre-Academy with the Luton Town Community Trust since Under-9s, while playing for my grass-roots teams. Then I was invited to a trial with the main academy at Under-12s and have been here ever since.

Who has been the biggest influence on your career so far?

I've got to say my parents, Tracy and Richard, for constantly taking me to matches and training.

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Who is your footballing hero?

Neymar. Messi is the best player in the world, but Neymar plays with confidence and I like to take that from him.

What has been the highlight of your career so far?

Getting to the EFL Youth Alliance Cup final last season, when we lost here at Kenilworth Road to Preston, and being on the bench for the Carabao Cup tie against Newport last month.

What are your hopes for the future?

To play in the first team at Luton.



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COMMUNITY TRUST BIDS FAREWELL TO KEVIN...



After a brilliant 14 years in charge, our Head of Community Trust Kevin Thoburn stepped down from the role at the end of July.

Kevin joined the Community Trust before it had even been fully established, and has since led our growth from delivering a few

activities in schools to a million-pound sports, education and social inclusion charity.

As well as leading the creation of a fantastic football development programme, a particular highlight has been the growth of our work in schools. Last year alone, the Trust reached over 3000 children and young people in over 70 primary schools across Luton, Bedfordshire and North Hertfordshire, helping them to grow a love for sport, bring to life educational resources and succeed on and off the pitch.

Since 2021, the Trust has been delivering its 'Reconnecting our Communities' strategy, which seeks to help local people create healthy habits for life, looks to empower the next generation to play and succeed, and provide support for our whole community.

Bob Curson, Chair of the Trust's Board of Trustees, said:

"We're so grateful to Kevin for all his hard work, phenomenal achievements, good cheer and commitment to the charity. Thanks to him and his brilliant team, we're set up to deliver some truly brilliant work. Kevin is leaving behind a Trust with an outstanding reputation, both regionally and nationally, and an excellent set of foundations on which we can grow and develop even further."

...AND WELCOMES A NEW LEADER



We're delighted that Kerry Downes will be joining us as our new Community Trust Director from Monday 5 September. Kerry was

previously the Managing Director of West Ham United Foundation, and brings with her a brilliant track record of designing great education, health and social inclusion programmes and involving members of diverse local communities.

Within her role at West Ham United Foundation, she has led a team which focuses on prevention, intervention and partnership development delivering health, youth work and sports initiatives which give opportunities to all ages and abilities.

Commenting on her appointment, Kerry said:

"I'm very excited about joining Luton Town FC Community Trust, which along with the Club, is delivering exceptional programmes and opportunities across Luton and Beds. Over the coming weeks I will be meeting as many members of our brilliant local communities as possible to continue to build on the life-changing work of the team under Kevin's leadership."

PREMIER LEAGUE YOUTH SUMMIT ENSURES YOUNG PEOPLE FROM LUTON TOWN COMMUNITY TRUST HAVE THEIR VOICES HEARD

Hundreds of young people from across England and Wales have been empowered by the Premier League and professional football clubs to share their views on the issues that are affecting them and their communities, as part of the Premier League Youth Summit 2022.

Held at BBC Media City in Salford, and delivered in partnership with BBC Children in Need, the virtual summit encouraged 11-18-year-olds, representing 61 professional football club community organisations, to engage in discussions around equality, diversity and inclusion.

The Summit brought together young people from across the Premier League Kicks community programme – including those taking part in one-on-one Kicks Targeted support sessions and the female empowerment activity of Change-makers. The participants involved also contributed to discussions on community safety and youth employment in their area.

One person who has benefitted from their involvement in the Premier League Youth Summit is Hafizul, who has been involved in Luton Town Community Trust Premier League Kicks Program activity for 2 years.

"This was an amazing opportunity to break down barriers with local police

and the community. I have never had the chance to sit down and talk to a police officer before, especially someone who represents the Muslim background. Having the chance to ask questions gave me a better understanding of what it is like to police in Luton and how to become a police officer myself."

25 young people from Luton Town Community Trust Premier League Kicks activity took part in this year's Premier League Youth Summit, having regularly attended our Kicks sessions at either Lea Manor, Beds FA or Stockwood Park. As part of the event, Bedfordshire Police delivered an interactive workshop with the participants, offering the young people an opportunity to voice their concerns and suggestions around local issues.

Premier League Head of Community Nick Perchard said:

"The Premier League is committed to promoting equality and giving young people from different backgrounds the opportunity to have their say. The Premier League Youth Summit offers young people from across England and Wales the chance to come together to discuss the topics that matter to them, to help shape their communities."



The virtual Premier League Youth Summit began in the 2020/21 season, with the aim of involving and supporting young people in positive conversation, while empowering them to tackle issues that affect their communities. More than 1,000 young people have contributed to the discussions to date.

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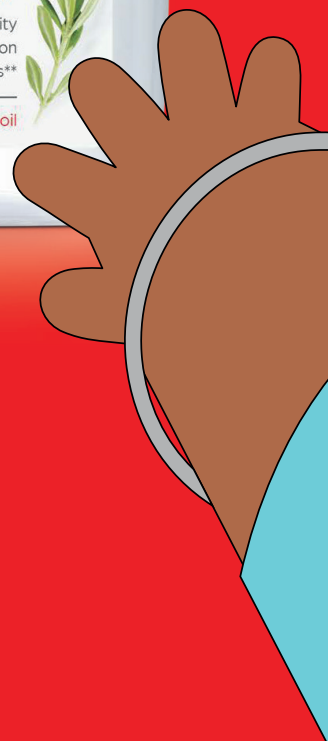
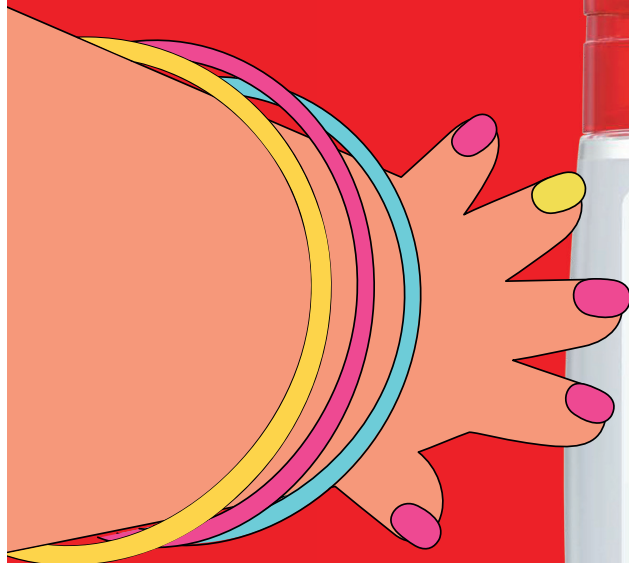
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JUNIOR HATTERS



TODAY'S MASCOT



NAME: Eva 'Chopsy' Holmes

AGE: 5

HOBBIES: Home & Away watching the football with her dad & grandad, attended her first game at 5 months old. Also loves dancing and all things disney!

FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Sonny Bradley





Emoji Quiz: Freeman, Woodrow, Macey, Watson

2022-23 FIXTURES & RESULTS



	DATE	OPPOSITION	POS	SCORE	STARTING XI						
	SAT JUL 30	BIRMINGHAM CITY	H	/	D 0-0	HORVATH	BREE	OSHO	BRADLEY	POTTS	BELL
	SAT AUG 6	BURNLEY	A	15	D 1-1	HORVATH	BREE	OSHO	BRADLEY	POTTS	BELL
	TUE AUG 9	NEWPORT CITY AFC (CCR1)	H	/	L 2-3	MACEY	MENDES GOMES	BURKE	LANSBURY	LOCKYER	PEREIRA
	SAT AUG 13	PRESTON NORTH END	H	20	L 0-1	HORVATH	BREE	BURKE	BRADLEY	POTTS	BELL
	TUE AUG 16	BRISTOL CITY	A	23	L 0-2	HORVATH	BREE	BURKE	BRADLEY	POTTS	BELL
	SAT AUG 20	SWANSEA CITY	A	18	W 2-0	HORVATH	BREE	BURKE	LOCKYER	POTTS	BELL
	FRI AUG 26	SHEFFIELD UNITED	H	17	D 1-1	HORVATH	BREE	BURKE	LOCKYER	POTTS	BELL
	TUE AUG 30	CARDIFF CITY	A	9	W 2-1	HORVATH	BREE	BURKE	LOCKYER	POTTS	BELL

	SAT SEP 3	WIGAN ATHLETIC	H								
	SAT SEP 10	STOKE CITY	A								
	WED SEP 14	COVENTRY CITY	H								
	SAT SEP 17	BLACKBURN ROVERS	H								

	SAT OCT 1	HULL CITY	A								
	TUE OCT 4	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	H								
	SAT OCT 8	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	A								
	SAT OCT 15	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	H								
	TUE OCT 18	NORWICH CITY	A								
	SUN OCT 23	WATFORD	A								

	SAT OCT 29	SUNDERLAND	H								
	TUE NOV 1	READING	H								
	SAT NOV 5	BLACKPOOL / FAC R1	A								
	WED NOV 9	CARABAO CUP R3									
	SAT NOV 12	ROTHERHAM UNITED	H								

	SAT NOV 26	FAC R2									
	SAT DEC 10	MIDDLESBROUGH	A								
	SAT DEC 17	MILLWALL	H								
	WED DEC 21	CARABAO CUP R4									
	MON DEC 26	NORWICH CITY	H								

	THU DEC 29	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	A								
	SUN JAN 1	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	A								
	SAT JAN 7	EMIRATES FAC R3									
	WED JAN 11	CARABAO CUP R5									
	SAT JAN 14	WEST BROM	H								
	SAT JAN 21	WIGAN ATHLETIC	A								
	WED JAN 25	CARABAO CUP SEMI 1									
	SAT JAN 28	CARDIFF CITY / FAC R4	H								

	WED FEB 1	CARABAO CUP SEMI 2									
	SAT FEB 4	STOKE CITY	H								
	SAT FEB 11	COVENTRY CITY	A								
	WED FEB 15	PRESTON NORTH END	A								
	SAT FEB 18	BURNLEY	H								
	SAT FEB 25	BIRMINGHAM CITY	A								

	WED MAR 1	EMIRATES FAC R5									
	SAT MAR 4	SWANSEA CITY	H								
	SAT MAR 11	SHEFFIELD UNITED	A								
	WED MAR 15	BRISTOL CITY	H								
	SAT MAR 18	SUNDERLAND / FAC Q	A								

	SAT APR 1	WATFORD	H								
	FRI APR 7	MILLWALL	A								
	MON APR 10	BLACKPOOL	H								
	SAT APR 15	ROTHERHAM UNITED	A								
	WED APR 19	READING	A								

	SAT APR 22	MIDDLESBROUGH	H								
	SAT APR 29	BLACKBURN ROVERS	A								
	SAT MAY 6	HULL CITY	H								

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SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP 2022/23

#	Team	Pl	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Sheffield United	7	4	2	1	14	5	9	14
2	Norwich City	7	4	1	2	9	6	3	13
3	Burnley	7	3	3	1	13	7	6	12
4	Watford	7	3	3	1	8	6	2	12
5	Blackburn Rovers	7	4	0	3	7	8	-1	12
6	Reading	7	4	0	3	7	10	-3	12
7	Bristol City	7	3	2	2	13	9	4	11
8	Sunderland	7	3	2	2	11	8	3	11
9	Queens Park Rangers	7	3	2	2	12	10	2	11
10	Preston North End	7	2	5	0	2	0	2	11
11	Hull City	7	3	2	2	11	13	-2	11
12	Rotherham United	6	2	3	1	8	5	3	9
13	Luton Town	7	2	3	2	6	6	0	9
14	West Bromwich Albion	7	1	5	1	11	9	2	8
15	Blackpool	7	2	2	3	8	10	-2	8
16	Stoke City	7	2	2	3	7	9	-2	8
17	Cardiff City	7	2	2	3	4	6	-2	8
18	Wigan Athletic	6	1	4	1	5	8	-3	7
19	Millwall	7	2	1	4	7	11	-4	7
20	Middlesbrough	7	1	3	3	10	12	-2	6
21	Swansea City	7	1	3	3	6	11	-5	6
22	Birmingham City	7	1	2	4	4	8	-4	5
23	Huddersfield Town	6	1	1	4	7	10	-3	4
24	Coventry City	4	0	1	3	5	8	-3	1

KEY: GOALSCORER 🏆 | 1ST SUB / 2ND SUB / 3RD SUB / 4TH SUB / 5TH SUB | ■ RED CARD | ■ YELLOW CARD | OWN GOAL 🏆

SUBSTITUTES					ATT.
CAMPBELL	CLARK	FREEMAN	MORRIS	ADEBAYO	MACEY, LOCKYER, CORNICK, WOODROW, LANSBURY, PEREIRA, JEROME 9,921
CAMPBELL	CLARK	FREEMAN	CORNICK	ADEBAYO	MACEY, LOCKYER, BERRY, MORRIS ■, WOODROW, LANSBURY, BURKE 19,628
WATSON	BERRY	WOODROW	JEROME	MUSKWE	ISTED, CORNICK, MORRIS, THORPE, OSHO, WILLIAMS, ALLEN, PETTIT, NELSON 3,827
CAMPBELL	CLARK	FREEMAN	MORRIS	ADEBAYO	MACEY, LOCKYER, WOODROW, WATSON, THORPE, OSHO, JEROME 9,740
CAMPBELL	OSHO	WOODROW	MORRIS	ADEBAYO	MACEY, LOCKYER, MUSKWE, CLARK, THORPE, FREEMAN ■, JEROME 17,329
CAMPBELL 🏆	CLARK	FREEMAN	MUSKWE	ADEBAYO	MACEY, BERRY, MORRIS 🏆, WOODROW, THORPE, OSHO, JEROME 16,323
CAMPBELL	CLARK	FREEMAN	MORRIS 🏆	ADEBAYO	MACEY, BERRY, WOODROW, MUSKWE, ONYEDINMA, OSHO, JEROME 9,882
CAMPBELL	CLARK	FREEMAN ■ 🏆	MORRIS	ADEBAYO ■	MACEY, BERRY, WOODROW, LANSBURY, ONYEDINMA, OSHO 🏆 ■, JEROME 17,202

OUR TOWN: The Hatters players celebrate Carlton Morris' opening goal in the draw with Sheffield United in front of both sets of supporters at the Oak Road end



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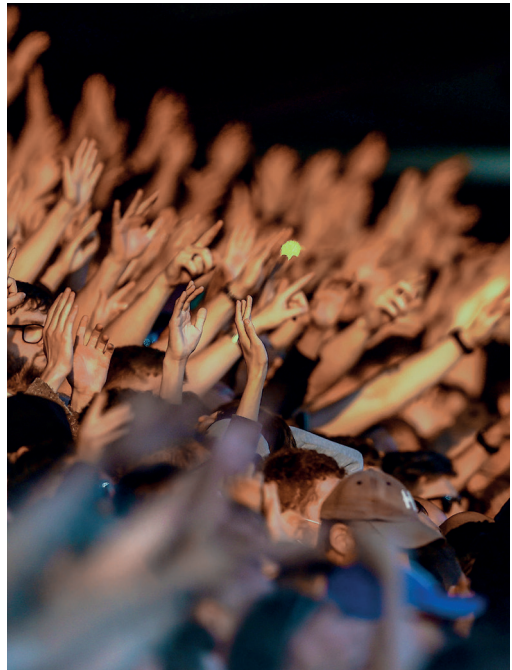
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PLAYER STATISTICS

	2022-23 SEASON											CAREER	
	LEAGUE			CUP			TOTAL		CARDS			TOTAL	
	APPS		G	APPS		G	APPS	G				APPS	G
Elijah Adebayo	7	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	7	(0)	0	1	0	67	22
Amari'i Bell	7	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	7	(0)	0	0	0	53	1
Luke Berry	0	(2)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(2)	0	0	0	140	21
Sonny Bradley	4	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	4	(0)	0	1	0	160	6
James Bree	7	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	7	(0)	0	0	0	121	2
Reece Burke	5	(1)	0	1	(0)	0	6	(1)	0	0	0	39	2
Allan Campbell	7	(0)	1	0	(0)	0	7	(0)	1	0	0	46	5
Jordan Clark	6	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	6	(1)	0	0	0	74	5
Harry Cornick	1	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	1	(2)	0	0	0	215	36
Alfie Doughty	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	0
Luke Freeman	6	(1)	1	0	(0)	0	6	(1)	1	2	0	7	1
Ethan Horvath	7	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	7	(0)	0	0	0	7	0
Harry Isted	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	5	0
Cameron Jerome	0	(6)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(6)	0	0	0	44	5
Henri Lansbury	0	(1)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(1)	0	0	0	39	0
Tom Lockyer	3	(0)	0	1	(0)	1	4	(0)	1	0	0	60	2
Matt Macey	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	14	0
Carlos Mendes Gomes	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	1	1	(0)	1	0	0	15	2
Carlton Morris	5	(2)	2	0	(1)	0	5	(3)	2	1	0	8	2
Peily-Ruddock Mpanzu	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	333	20
Admiral Muskwe	1	(1)	0	1	(0)	0	2	(1)	0	0	0	26	2
Fred Onyedinma	0	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	32	3
Gabriel Osho	3	(2)	1	0	(1)	0	3	(3)	1	1	0	33	1
Dion Pereira	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	3	0
Dan Potts	7	(0)	1	0	(0)	0	7	(0)	1	0	0	195	12
Glen Rea	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	207	8
James Shea	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	106	0
Elliot Thorpe	0	(2)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(3)	0	0	0	4	0
Louie Watson	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	1	0
Josh Williams	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0
Cauley Woodrow	1	(4)	0	1	(0)	0	2	(4)	0	0	0	9	0



THOMAS HAND

21/04/40 - 15/07/22

Season ticket holder Tom Hand followed the Town since the 1960s and would often travel to away games, attending fixtures with family, friends, his daughter and, in the latter years, his granddaughter.

Tom's presence in recent years became less frequent, due to him living with Parkinson's disease, but he watched the games on TV avidly and when in hospital, would follow them on the radio. If he was unable to listen to the radio his first question would always be "What was the Luton score today?" RIP Tom.

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Never in doubt, was it? Despite a slow start, the gears are starting to click and the sense that there's still plenty more to come is ever more evident.

Victories in South Wales are now becoming the norm and, barring a frustrating flag failure against leaders Sheffield United, we should be basking in a nine-point end to August. But that performance against the Blades should give real hope that Luton will be operating at the higher end of the Championship table once again.

I write this with relief after exhibiting a rare, uncharacteristic and unexplained bout of extreme optimism in a Luton Town Supporters' Trust Podcast pre-season prediction of nothing but Ws to start the season.

Yet, as a recovering curmudgeon, humble pie can in hindsight taste sweet. Other than the Bristol blip, all the ingredients were there, just not necessarily added in the right order. And to wilfully over-egg the pudding with this food-based analogy, there's ice cream and sprinkles still to add to the recipe.

Take, for example, a promising back three of Reece Burke, Tom Lockyer and Dan Potts. The latter is experiencing a wonderful revival as a centre-half and leader, as predicted last season by Nathan Jones, who also insisted Jordan Clark's destiny lay in central midfield, even to the bewilderment of the former winger. That prophecy was extended, after the Sheffield United draw, to a comparison as a Championship Thiago Alcantara. Alongside, Luke Freeman and Allan Campbell, Luton have an exceptional midfield, with Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu still to return.

With Carlton Morris settled in nicely and firing up front, there's a solid and exciting spine to the team. And despite

some social media murmurings, there's no need to worry about Elijah Adebayo.

He's back to being a nuisance, he's finding space and he's getting into good positions. His goals will come and, if not for these reasons and the players already outlined, then here are two more words for you - James Bree.

If no one else has, allow me to propose a new and entirely unoriginal but suitable nickname of The Postman.... because of his special deliveries. They went unconverted against Sheffield United, but not in Cardiff for Gabriel Osho's winner. If those supply lines are there for a defensive midfielder to open his Hatters account, then it's only a matter of time before Adebayo benefits too.

And just as Osho returned at Cardiff, so did Fred Onyedinma, straight into a game-changing personification of that Instagrammed training ground Deliveroo prank. The wide man has been missed, but his cameo contribution for Freeman's opener emphasises just what a force Luton can be when injured players return, others take their chance and everything clicks.

Let's not get carried away, but the good times are here to stay if this impressive class of 2022/23 fulfils their potential.

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- 01 JAMES SHEA
- 02 JAMES BREE
- 03 DAN POTTS
- 04 TOM LOCKYER
- 05 SONNY BRADLEY
- 06 GLEN REA
- 07 HARRY CORNICK
- 08 LUKE BERRY
- 09 CARLTON MORRIS
- 10 CAULEY WOODROW
- 11 ELIJAH ADEBAYO
- 12 HENRI LANSBURY
- 16 REECE BURKE
- 17 PELLY-RUDDOCK MPANZU
- 18 JORDAN CLARK
- 20 LOUIE WATSON
- 21 HARRY ISTD
- 22 ALLAN CAMPBELL
- 23 FRED ONYEDINMA
- 28 ELLIOT THORPE
- 29 AMARI'I BELL
- 30 LUKE FREEMAN
- 32 GABE OSHO
- 33 MATT MACEY
- 34 ETHAN HORVATH
- 35 CAMERON JEROME
- 45 ALFIE DOUGHTY

LEAM RICHARDSON

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- 19 CALLUM LANG
- 20 NATHAN BROADHEAD
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