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And we're off and running! Last weekend's victory at Millwall – always a tough place to go – was well deserved and full credit to everyone who helped mastermind the 1-0 victory, none more so than goalscorer Teden Mengi and goalkeeper Thomas Kaminski, who made two crucial saves.

The success on the field came after a positive and rather busy period off it for us, one which started when we announced that Victor Moses agreed terms to become a Luton Town player.

Then, last Friday, came the significant news that we submitted a detailed planning application for a 25,000-capacity Power Court to Luton Borough Council. You can read all about that across pages 14 and 15.

Back to today, where we'll need your noise and backing of the boys in order to keep up the momentum against Sheffield Wednesday. Come on Luton!

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| **ROB EDWARDS** |

THE BOSS

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Welcome back to you all to Kenilworth Road for another tough Championship encounter as we host Sheffield Wednesday.

I would like to welcome our visitors, Danny Röhl and his players and staff and the Wednesday fans who have made the trip down the M1.

They are a hard-working side, full of running who have real pace in their team. They are going to be difficult opponents, like they all are in this competitive division, but it's a match which are all looking forward to.

It is nice to come into today's game off the back of a win, courtesy of the victory at Millwall last Saturday. It was a challenging game because of the way they play. They were very direct, they pumped lots of balls into our box at

every opportunity and in the main we dealt with it well.

We needed Thomas a couple of times late on and it was encouraging to keep another clean sheet on our travels. It was key, of course, to record our first three points of the season – even if it wasn't in the style we wish to.

Already, even at this stage of the season, it was important to get the win. However, the situation we find ourselves in – coming down from the Premier League – is new for everyone. We're all learning and we're needing to do so quickly.

I'll reiterate what I have said already in these early stages, and that's that we're going to get better and stronger as the season progresses. Many want

immediate success and I understand that, but at this point in the season a number of our players are still improving their fitness but they're improving quickly and working hard in order to get up to speed in the Championship.

We also have new players who are learning how we play and how we do it. That takes time and it's a process we all need to buy into, as difficult as that is. It doesn't mean we can't win games but we're going to have to work hard to get it going in the style we want to play as soon as possible.

This afternoon we want to attack and win the game playing our way and make it an entertaining game to watch – which last week wasn't.

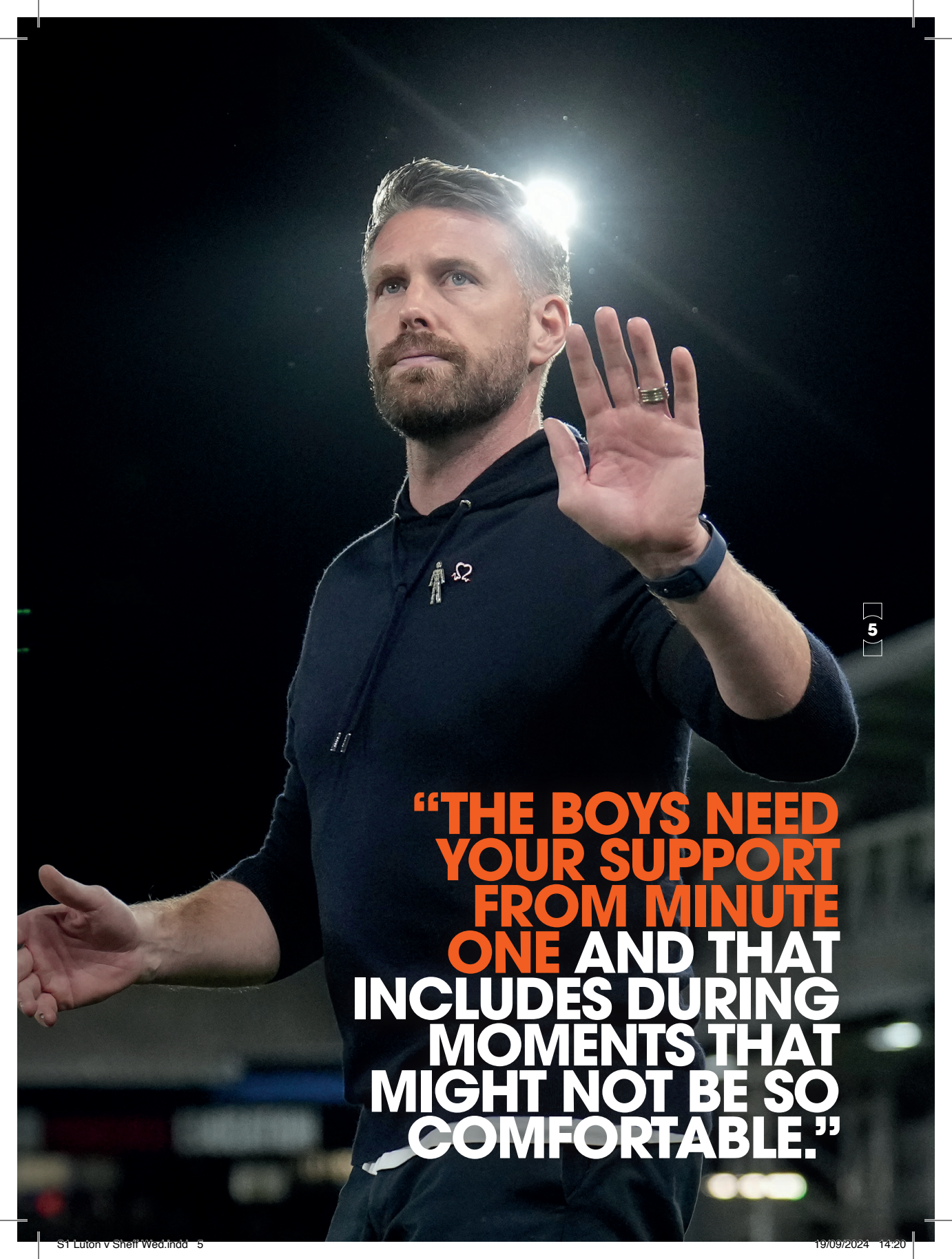
It's important that you maintain your backing of the team. The boys

need your support from minute one and that includes during moments that might not be so comfortable.

Thank you to those supporters who travelled to Millwall and kept up the noise throughout. We were happy to reward your vocal encouragement with three points and we hope you enjoyed your weekend.

Keep it up here at the Kenny this afternoon.





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| TOM LOCKYER |

CLUB CAPTAIN

It was great to see the boys earn our first victory of the season last weekend at Millwall.

It's a bit of a cliché but The Den is always a tricky place to go. They'd just come off the back of a win in their last game and when you go down there you know that you're not always going to have things all your own way.

We started the game really well, though, and felt we were well worth our lead at half-time. And what a way to do it. Teden showed exactly what all us centre-backs are capable of doing with the ball at our feet on the edge of the box. He's shown in training before so it's certainly far from a one-off. A few more of those between now and the end of the season wouldn't go amiss.

After the goal, we looked the likelier to score again and we were unlucky

not to be further in front come the end of the first half. After the break the game got a bit scrappy and that's where we showed the other side of our game, doing what was necessary to keep Millwall at bay as they chased an equaliser. We defended resolutely and Thomas had to make two great saves to ensure we kept another clean sheet on the road.

The manager stressed afterwards that while it was good to get the win, it was far from the way we want to play to be successful this season. Rob wants us to play eye-catching and entertaining football and there have been early promising signs of this. We all know too well that this division is ruthless and sometimes you have to win by any means – even if it's ugly.

Momentum and confidence are crucial in any sport, and in our line

of work, we have seen many times before how a win can breed positivity. We'll be doing all we can to ensure we leave the Kenny this afternoon with three points as we aim to climb the league table.

Last weekend also saw my good mate Carlton Morris make his 100th appearance for this great club. Carlton has been a colossus for us since joining a few summers back. His influence on and off the pitch has been crucial for us and should not be underestimated. Huge congratulations on making the century, mate, and here's to creating more memories together here.

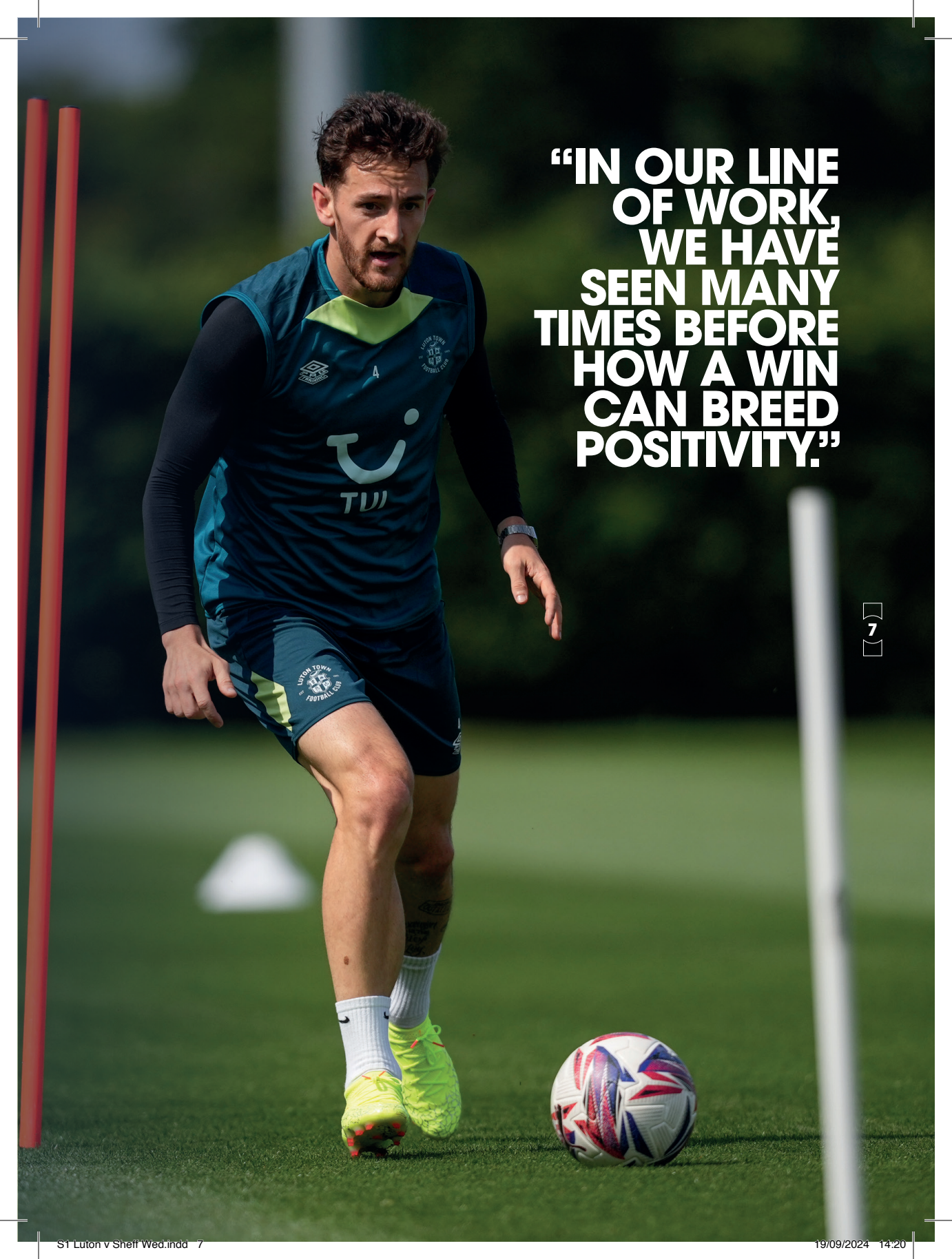
Just a quick one on my rehabilitation. As you know, I'm out on the grass and at The Brache every single day, working hard on my road to recovery. Physically it's been challenging but the progress has been

promising. Mentally it's been wonderful being back with the boys with the banter flying on a daily basis. I'll keep you posted!

Back to today and a big three points up for grabs against Sheffield Wednesday. We know we owe you a result here at Kenilworth Road after the results against Burnley and QPR, so we'll be aiming to kick on after that win last weekend.

Get behind us and enjoy the game.





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CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER TOM SCHOFIELD

It is a privilege to be making my debut in this section of the match programme today. I joined the club during the 2017/18 season and still occasionally have to pinch myself to believe what I have witnessed us achieve during that relatively short time.

It's an added little bonus that today coincides with a traditional, but now rare, Saturday 3pm kick-off and the opposition also provide a bit of personal nostalgia. My first real memories of falling in love with the game date back to the late eighties when both we and Sheffield Wednesday were competing in the top-flight, and although it was not one of the fixtures my dad brought me to watch at Kenilworth Road back in the day, writing these notes now brings back some fond football memories from those times.

Therefore, it gives me pleasure to welcome everyone associated with the Owls to Kenilworth Road this afternoon for this Championship fixture. Both clubs have experienced some turbulent periods in subsequent years but I, for one, am very much looking forward to what should be an exciting game, with the two teams level on points and having the opportunity to make a significant leap up the table with a win today.

But beyond the personal indulgence, and much more importantly, this is a

truly momentous time for the club itself. Yet another huge milestone for Power Court came last Friday, with the submission of the detailed planning application for our new stadium. At the time of writing, the submission is still being reviewed by Luton Borough Council's planning officers who will validate the application in the next week, at which point it will all be in the public domain for everyone to see.

Enormous efforts have gone into what is a hugely impressive piece of architecture, one

that will embody the uniqueness of Luton – both the club and the town. Everyone at the club is excited to see this shared, with further details on the wider site to follow in due course. We all look forward to seeing the project spearhead the redevelopment of the town centre, helping to return it to all its former vibrant glory.

It would be fair to say that last Saturday's result at Millwall was welcomed with some sense of relief around the club. To finally chalk up the first win that

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our recent performances have been threatening has only added to this week's feel-good factor. With the transfer window now closed and long-term absentees getting minutes for the first team again, it feels like our season has really started now.

It's important that we managed to retain most of the squad that won so many admirers in the Premier League last season and it's also been pleasing to add some real depth. The squad looks in great shape for the demands of a long Championship season and it will be exciting to see what Rob and his staff can get out of this talented group now they are back to full strength and have so many more options available.

On that same subject, there was yet more good news this week

with the agreement of a new contract with Alfie Doughty, one of the key members of last season's Premier League squad. On the back of much speculation about his future, this was clearly a top priority for all parties and it was great to finally get this over the line.

Since our last home game here against Queens Park Rangers, we also announced the arrival of Yousuf Sajjad, who has joined us as player recruitment manager, where he will work alongside Phil Chapple, Jay Socik and Mick Harford in identifying our future new talent. Welcome, Yousuf!

For our part, my finance team and I are busy working on both the past – in terms of last year's Premier League accounts – and the future, where the club's

long-term investment strategy requires financial planning and funding. In one very significant way, these two things are linked, with the profits generated by our season in the Premier League and the subsequent parachute payments being fully reinvested in the playing squad, the club's existing infrastructure and, of course, the new stadium. With hindsight, it is tempting to wonder what might have been if we had spent more of this money during the last January transfer window, but it is impossible to say how that might have turned out.

What is certain is that we have stayed true to the principles that have brought the club so much recent success, by living within our means >

Congratulations to Alfie Doughty on putting pen to paper on a new contract



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and always looking to get the most out of every resource at our disposal. You can all rest assured that while you may not necessarily agree with every decision we make, every decision is made with the long-term success and sustainability of Luton Town firmly in mind while protecting against the short-term thinking that so often blights the wider game.

It's an interesting time in the world of football finance right now – if that's not a contradiction in terms – with financial controls remaining a hot topic in the sports media. I spent a morning down at the EFL offices in London earlier this week as part of their working group on that particular subject. It was also a lively debate at the EFL CEO's meeting on Thursday, which Gary attended. Since the publication of the Fan Lead Review, the sustainability of football clubs has been the rightful primary focus

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of the long-standing initiative's objectives. But somehow this needs to be reconciled with the need for a competitively balanced league, while also avoiding the creation of barriers to new investments in clubs.

Whichever angle you come at it from – and there are many different ways to run a football club – this is an extremely difficult circle to square. The good news for us is that we continue to be, by any definition, a good model for a sustainable football club, so while it is essential that we are at the table to have our views heard – and we will – we will continue to thrive whatever the ultimate outcome by being loyal to our principles.

Finally, I would like to pay tribute to former Hatter

Mick Cullen who passed away earlier this month. Those supporters of an older generation will remember his tricky wing play for us in the top-flight in the 1950s. Before kick-off today there will be a moment's applause in Mick's honour.

But now for the best part of the job that any accountant could wish for, as all the reporting, modelling and planning my own exceptional team produce, is brought to life where it really counts – out on the pitch. So, fingers crossed for another strong performance, a little more luck in front of goal and a first home win of the season.

Please keep up your wonderful support and enjoy the game.

Tom

CLUB HONOURS

LEAGUE CUP

Winners 1988
Runners-up 1989

FA CUP

Runners-up 1959

FOOTBALL LEAGUE TROPHY

Winners 2008/09

SECOND DIVISION/ CHAMPIONSHIP

Champions 1981/82
Runners-up 1954/55, 1973/74
Play-Off Winners 2022/23

THIRD DIVISION/ LEAGUE ONE

Champions 1936/37,
2004/05, 2018/19
Runners-up 1935/36, 1969/70

FOURTH DIVISION/ LEAGUE TWO

Champions 1967/68
Runners-up 2001/02, 2017/18

CONFERENCE PREMIER

Champions 2013/14



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AROUND TOWN

REST IN PEACE



News has reached Kenilworth Road of the sad passing of 1950's winger Mick Cullen at the age of 93.

Born in Glasgow, Mick played junior football in the area and was just starting out as an apprentice sheet metal draughtsman when he was spotted by scout and ex-Town player Doug Gardiner who recommended the 17-year-old to the Hatters as a centre-forward, but manager Dally Duncan soon moved him out to the wing.

He made his League debut for the Town in a 3-1 defeat at Birmingham in April 1952 and starred for the Town as they won promotion to Division One (now Premier League) in 1955 and earned a Scottish cap against Austria a year later, the first Luton player to do so.

Surprisingly transferred to Grimsby in 1958, Mick then finished his career at Derby.

Mick remained in Luton and worked at Vauxhall and the railway station car park and was a regular visitor to Kenilworth Road.

Latterly, Mick lived at Trefoil House Care Home in Luton where a delegation from the club, including fellow Scot Kal Naismith, visited him on his 90th birthday.

There will be a period of applause before kick-off to remember him. Rest in peace, Mick.

It is with regret to report the death of loyal Town supporter Philip Charleson following a short illness.

A supporter from the age of six, his uncle would take him during his younger years to nearly every match. However, if Phil found this was not possible, his mum was coerced into taking him.

As the years went by he became a season ticket holder and attended all away matches when he could.



INS AND OUTS



Since our last home took place on transfer deadline, the club would like to place on record updates to the first team squad.

The Hatters have added **Victor Moses** to the squad – which you can read more on page 35 – and have agreed terms with midfielder **Lamine Fanne**.

Fanne, 20, who was born in Senegal before moving to Spain as a child, has agreed to join from Swedish top-flight club AIK.

Fanne has returned to Sweden where he will finish the season which ends in November and will come to Kenilworth Road permanently in January.

"Lamine is a really exciting young player that has been identified by the recruitment team, and kudos to them for their swift and decisive action," said manager Rob Edwards.

"He's one we all think has really high potential. He is a strong boy but can take the ball. He's more of a defensive midfielder and can be really comfortable holding the ball under pressure.

"He's aggressive and strong in the tackle, and is very skilful."

Meanwhile, **Chiedozie Ogbene** and **Andros Townsend** both left the club, moving to Ipswich and Antalyaspor respectively.

Young striker **Bim Pepple** joined Southend on a season-long loan while academy graduate **Jayden Luker** signed on loan for Grimsby.

The club also mutually agreed the termination of **Louis Watson's** contract.



14 DETAILED PLANS FOR POWER COURT SUBMITTED

Last week, on Friday 13th September Luton Town Football Club's development company, 2020 Developments, formally submitted a detailed application for a new 25,000-capacity stadium at its Power Court site in the heart of Luton town centre.

The submission of detailed plans to Luton Borough Council is a defining milestone in the delivery of a sustainable long-term home for Luton Town Football Club, the increasing ambitions the Club has for its football team and as a vital catalyst

in marking a regenerative era for the town.

The hybrid application will provide full detail on the stadium and will also include an updated outline submission for the hotel and music venue. This pack, which includes a core Design and Access Statement supported by a variety of technical reports, was delivered to the Council's Planning Office on 13th September and will now be formally validated by officers once everything is found to be complete. This process could take up to two weeks and, once validated

all documents will be in the public domain.

Gary Sweet, Chief Executive of Luton Town Football Club and 2020 Developments:

"This important announcement is a pivotal moment for all supporters, residents and businesses of Luton. It also marks an important milestone for everyone who has worked tirelessly and diligently on the project over the last few months to shape it masterfully into the magnificent building we have presented to the planning officers.

"Once our lives changed 16 months ago with promotion at Wembley, concurrent to the gargantuan task of getting Kenilworth Road Premier League ready – which naturally dominated our workload for most of last year – we decided to reassemble a design team to take a fresh look at the whole Power Court project from foundations upwards. All in light of the new ambition, we wanted to embrace for our Club going forwards, demonstrated by the proposal to build a 25,000 stadium capacity in one phase.

"We hand-picked and structured an elite design team of architects, engineers and technicians who have been working with us, crafting every floor and corner of our new stadium to a detailed stage such that it can now be submitted, publicly aired and presented as a well-prepared detailed design instruction for contractors.

"I personally want to take this opportunity to give a huge thanks to the entire team of specialist technicians who have submerged themselves into this colossal task so efficiently and to do so by breaking the mould in stadium design. They have pushed the boundaries beyond the norm in order to remain loyal to our original desired look and feel and have incorporated more unique cultural characteristics that will make this a familiar home for us all."

Together with sustained progression on the pitch and re-stating the Club's cultural identity and community work off it, the delivery of a new home was going to be the key cornerstone to be accomplished when the 2020 group became custodians of the Club in 2008.

It was known from the very outset that identifying a site such as Power Court, with all its inherent technical and commercial challenges, was an ambitious ask – but the 2020 board was unwavering in its desire to embed the Football Club into the heart of the community and town.

Furthermore, there was a robust belief that the technical brief that challenged the design team needed to include characteristics that embodied the atmosphere, intimacy and intensity of Kenilworth Road; that positive emotional spirit that has been precious to so many past generations will be carried forward for the future generations of Luton to enjoy in an innovative, modern form.

The Club will now focus on engaging with and assisting Luton Borough Council's officers to work towards a determination date before the end of the year, thereby enabling material stadium construction to commence on site within six months of such determination, as we move towards a target completion of 2027.

Michael Moran, Chief Operating Officer of 2020 Developments:

"Beginning with the original purchase of this site back in 2016, it has been a long process of concluding all the various associated land deals and legal consents, outline planning applications and then the various infrastructure challenges of moving a major sub-station and diverting the River Lea.

"Together with the recent confirmation of planning approval for our earthworks and site remediation efforts, our project team are now fully engaged on a construction timeline that would complete in 2027.

"In addition to, we hope, a truly unique stadium that will resonate with all football supporters, we are committed to achieving a BREEAM 'Excellent' rating to demonstrate our intent to achieve a sustainable environment in support of the Luton 2040 initiative."

Chairman of Luton Town Football Club and 2020 Holdings, David Wilkinson:

"As an invested observer into this project it was staggering to see the amount of work that has gone into every detail, with such exceptional craftsmanship.

"We appreciate some may be anxious to see some visible progress – as indeed we all are – but the sheer volume of forced changes brought about by society, politics, economic forces and our very own growth, has ultimately led to a bigger, better, more ambitious, more beautiful and more sustainable end product which we are all excited to present.

"We all need to positively get behind our team now to hope that, while we watch the cranes put the concrete and steel in place, the wonderful new stadium debuts as the home to a Premier League team."

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ACTION REPLAY



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Dunne (og) 18'



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Madsen 59', Frey 62'

The Town were narrowly beaten 2-1 by QPR as the visitors came back from a goal to win at Kenilworth Road.

The visitors had the first attempt of the game. The ball dropped to Michael Frey and he was able to find Kader Dembele who dragged his shot wide.

However, the Hatters took the lead in the 18th minute, a powerful header from Mark McGuinness was parried back into defender Jimmy Dunne who turned it into his own net.

The Town thought they had a penalty when Carlton Morris was deemed to be brought down following an Alfie Doughty free-kick from the edge of the Rs box, but the referee waved the protests away.

The Hatters would keep up the persistent attacks; this time Doughty finding space down the left side before whipping a delightful low cross across the face of the goal as Elijah Adebayo was unable to get enough on it to score.

It could have been a second on the half-hour mark when Adebayo was played through by Doughty but the shot was deflected just wide.

QPR had a couple of corners on the stroke of half-time, but they would both be dealt with well by Town's defence as we went into the break ahead.

Reece Burke made way at the break for Teden Mengi as the Town would start the strongest in the second half with Adebayo and Morris linking up well.

Rangers goalkeeper Paul Nardi prevented the Hatters from doubling the lead, a fantastic through ball from Shandon Baptiste found Adebayo but he was unable to put it through the keeper's legs.

The Rs would hit back on the hour mark making the most of the missed Luton chances, Nicolas Madsen tapping it in from six yards after a breakaway from Frey.

Rangers then took the lead minutes later with a cross from Kenneth Paal met by a clean volley from Frey.

The Town looked for an instant response. Adebayo yet again found space in behind the Rs defence, this time firing off a shot at the QPR goal which was saved comfortably at his near post.

It could have been three for the visitors, this time Dunne's header was cleared off the line by Thomas Kaminski before it was knocked out of play.

The Town then twice came close to finding a late equaliser. Firstly Morris' shot was saved well by Nardi before substitute Joe Taylor thought he had levelled the score right at the end but his header flew agonisingly over the crossbar.

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Mengi 10'

The wait is over. Teden Mengi's goal early in the first half together with two crucial late saves from Thomas Kaminski got the Hatters' season up and running with their first win of the campaign at The Den last weekend.

It was achieved thanks to centre-half Teden Mengi's fine strike as early as the 10th minute and those vital pieces of Kaminski goalkeeping.

Showing three changes to the side that lost to QPR last time out, including a first start for Marvelous Nakamba in league action since December, the Town's enterprising start was rewarded thanks to the former Manchester United centre-half.

Alfie Doughty, employed in the right-wing-back role in the absence of the ill Reuell Walters, saw his shot saved. The Hatters remained patient when receiving the ball back, Liam Walsh – making his first start for the club – laying the ball off to Mengi on the edge of the penalty area. The defender took aim early and his firm strike gave the unsighted Lukas Jensen no chance.

Ahead, the Town comfortably kept the Lions at arms' length and it was almost 2-0 on 22 minutes when Tahith Chong's wonderful shot on the turn back across goal rebounded off the post.

Whenever Millwall pushed forward the Hatters defence coped easily with the Lions' threat and moments before

half-time Mengi came close to doubling his tally when his low shot following a Town corner was kept out well by Jensen.

After the break, with Elijah Adebayo battling well in attack against the Millwall defence on his own, he was replaced with 20 minutes to go for Carlton Morris to make his 100th appearance in Luton colours and moments later Walsh spurned a good chance for 2-0, shooting straight down Jensen's throat.

That would prove to be the Hatters' final chance of the afternoon as Kaminski took centre stage. With nine minutes to go Macaulay Longstaff raced clear of the Town defence with only Kaminski to beat. With 1-1 at his mercy the Millwall substitute's low shot was denied by the outstretched right boot of the Hatters' Belgian international and the Hatters' lead stayed intact.

As time ticked down into five additional minutes it looked as though the Hatters had done enough – but there was to be one final chance for the hosts.

In the sixth added minute, a left-wing corner was met by a towering header from Lions sub Shaun Hutchinson. The ball flew towards the top corner – but just when you thought the Town would be deflated by a last-gasp equaliser, Kaminski stuck out a strong right hand to turn the ball away to safety and seconds later the referee blew for full-time.

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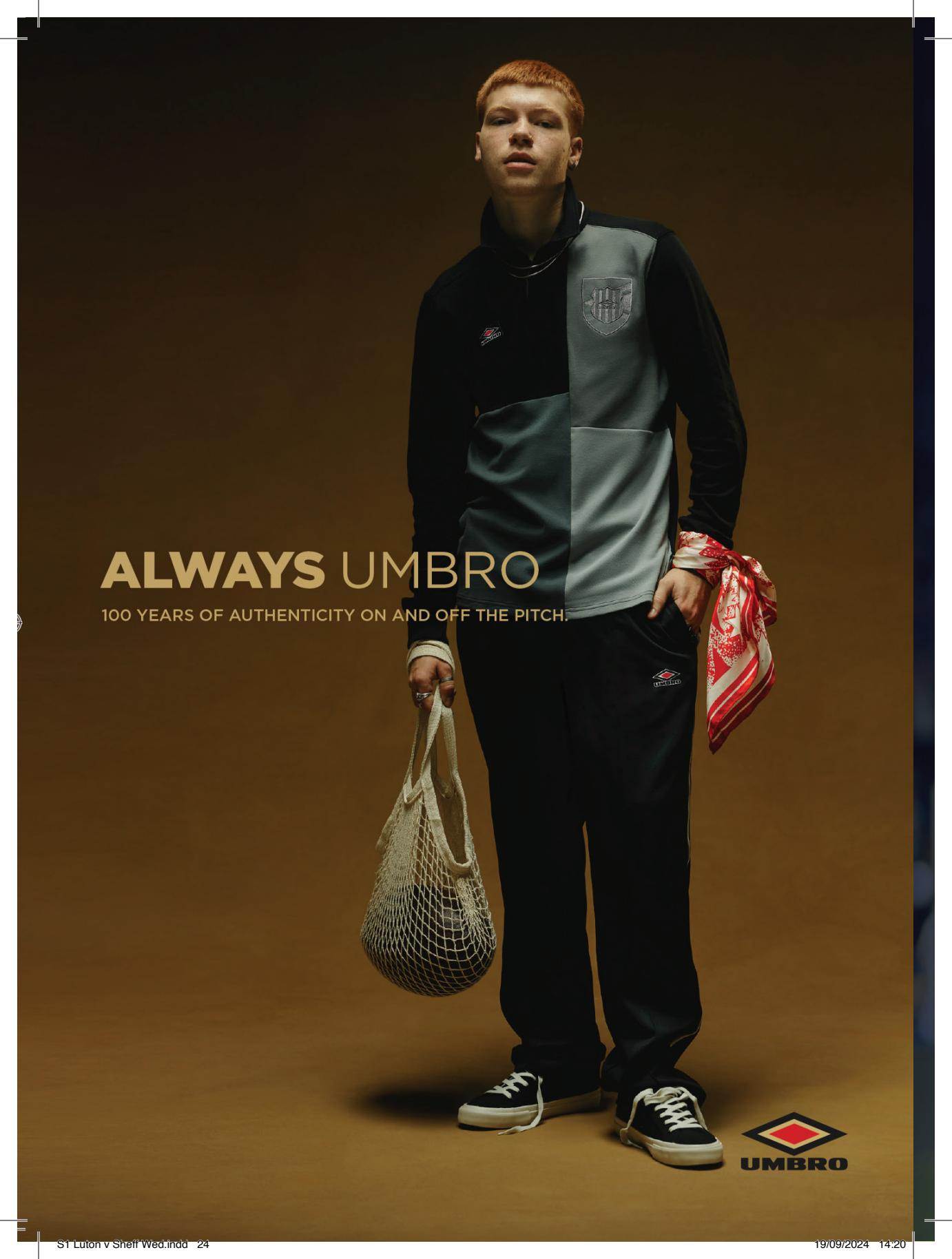
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WELCOME



Today, we welcome Sheffield Wednesday to Kenilworth Road who have travelled from Yorkshire for this second-tier fixture.

Danny Rohl's side finished 20th last season, surviving relegation in remarkable fashion having been in the relegation zone for large periods of the campaign.

Wednesday were busy in the summer and brought in some new recruits. Max Lowe, Yan Valery, Jamal Lowe, Olaf Kobacki, Ike Ugbo and Shea Charles were among the names to arrive at Hillsborough.

The Owls got off to a flying start to the season, beating Plymouth Argyle 4-0 at Hillsborough but Wednesday were then beaten by the same scoreline at the Stadium of Light in their next fixture in a day to forget in Sunderland.

Wednesday then lost 2-0 at home to Leeds in a Yorkshire derby. A trip to the capital was next for Rohl's side but the Owls fell to a 3-0 defeat against Millwall.

Most recently, Wednesday drew 1-1 at home against QPR after some late drama. Barry Bannan thought he got the winner for Wednesday in the third minute of injury time but this was cancelled out by an even later Alfie Lloyd equaliser for Rangers.

A warm welcome to Kenilworth Road for all those associated with Sheffield Wednesday today.

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THE SQUAD



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- 3 DF Max Lowe
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- 6 DF Dominic Iorfa
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- 9 FW Jamal Lowe
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- 12 FW Iké Ugbo
- 13 FW Callum Paterson
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- 17 FW Charlie McNeill
- 18 MF Marvin Johnson
- 19 FW Olaf Kobacki
- 20 DF Michael Ihiekwe
- 23 DF Akin Famewo
- 24 FW Michael Smith
- 26 GK Ben Hamer
- 27 DF Yan Valery
- 30 MF Sean Fusire
- 41 FW Djeddi Gassama
- 44 MF Shea Charles
- 45 FW Anthony Musaba
- 47 GK Pierce Charles

PROFILES

THE BOSS

DANNY ROHL

Former assistant manager of the German national team. Joined Sheffield Wednesday in October 2023 and guided the team to survival.

GOALKEEPER

JAMES BEADLE

England U21 international who featured for the Young Lions at Kenilworth Road earlier this month. On loan at the Owls from Brighton.

DEFENDERS

YAN VALERY

Tunisian international who has spent the last two years at Angers in France. Has also played for Southampton and Birmingham City.

AKIN FAMEWO

Hatters academy product who joined Wednesday in 2022 and has been a regular in the side ever since. Featured a handful of times for the Town.

MAX LOWE ▼

Full-back with plenty of Championship experience for various sides. Signed for Wednesday in the summer after being released by Sheffield United.



MICHAEL IHIEKWE

Experienced centre-back who has hundreds EFL appearances to his name. Signed for Wednesday two years ago from Rotherham.

LIAM PALMER

Wednesday legend with over 400 appearances for the club. Scored the late equaliser for the Owls to complete a massive comeback in the League One play-offs against Peterborough.

MIDFIELDERS

BARRY BANNAN

The Owls' captain who has been at the club for nine years and made over 400 appearances. Scored last week against QPR.

JOSH WINDASS

Scored the winner for Wednesday against Barnsley in the League One play-off final. Been with the club since 2020.

OLAF KOBACKI

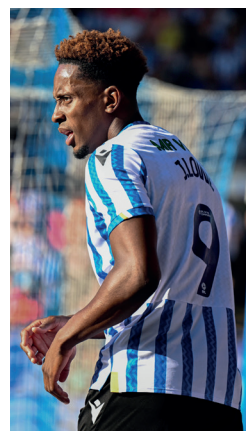
Signed for Wednesday in the last transfer window. Experience in the Polish league with Arka Gdynia and Miedz Legnica.

SHEA CHARLES

Manchester City academy product and Northern Ireland international who joined Southampton last year. Signed for the Owls on loan for the season.

NATHANIEL CHALOBAH

Vastly experienced midfielder joined the Owls in the summer. Played for the likes of Napoli, Chelsea, Fulham and West Brom.



FORWARDS

JAMAL LOWE ▲

Came through non-league and played for local sides such as Hitchin and St Albans City. Jamaican international with plenty of Championship experience.

IKE UGBO

Came through the ranks at Chelsea and seen lots of transfers. Was loaned to Wednesday last season and move was made permanent in the summer.

CALUM PATERSON

Former Scottish international who has featured for Wednesday over 100 times. Also played for Cardiff City and Hearts.

MICHAEL SMITH

EFL target man who has played for Wednesday since 2022. Scored 17 goals for the Owls when they were promoted to the Championship.

ANTHONY MUSABA

Signed for Wednesday last year and played a key role in the Owls' survival in the league. Scored seven times last season in just above 40 games.

OWLS KITBAG



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If ever a kit screamed 'SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY IN THE PREMIER LEAGUE' it's this one. This Puma effort had a lot going on. It's not your full-on, fully-striped Wednesday number, but the thicker stripes still work and, if you had a gun to your head and were told to name a Sheff Wed sponsor, the only answer you're ever going to give would be Sanderson. It's a yes.

A FOOT IN BOTH



PAUL MCLAREN

After coming through the Town's academy, Paul McLaren became a first team regular, going onto make 201 appearances, scoring four goals. His next port of call was Hillsborough, joining the Owls on a Bosman in 2001. After over 100 appearances he then enjoyed spells at Rotherham, Tranmere, Bradford and Oxford.

HILLSBOROUGH HERO

Former Town boss David Pleat could always spot a player. But did he think he would have his picture taken with a new Italian signing eating a bowl of pasta? Probably not, but it did happen.

Benito Carbone signed from Inter Milan in 1996. He went onto score 25 league goals for the Owls before leaving for Aston Villa in 1999.

The forward scored nine goals in his final season at Hillsborough and was voted the club and the fans' player of the season in 1998/99.

Capable of the outrageous, the winger

was a firm favourite on the blue and white side of Sheffield and in an interview with The

Guardian two years ago he admitted he never wanted to leave.



FIXTURE FLASHBACK

TOWN 3-2 WEDNESDAY 27TH FEBRUARY, 2021

Did you know three of our last seven home meetings with Wednesday have ended in a 3-2 victory for the Hatters? Did you know in two of those the Town have trailed 2-0?

Well, the last time we met here came during Covid and, inside an

empty Kenilworth Road, Nathan Jones' side trailed 2-0 at half-time after two goals from Josh Windass had put the Owls in command.

But the Hatters rallied superbly in the second half with Elijah Adebayo at the heart of it. Kal Naismith pulled one

back before Adebayo laid on the equaliser for Ryan Tunnicliffe to draw the Town level.

The Hatters then completed the comeback when Adebayo pounced at the back post, heading home Harry Cornick's perfect cross with four minutes left on the clock.



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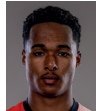
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COMMERCIAL

At our last home game here at Kenilworth Road against Queens Park Rangers, Reuell Walters was named man-of-the-match and the young defender was presented with his trophy post-match.

We also had the pleasure of welcoming four mascots to the game who were thrilled to meet their favourite players and lead the team out onto the pitch prior to kick-off.

This afternoon we have the pleasure of welcoming match sponsors AJ Electrical and seven mascots for today's game against Sheffield Wednesday. We hope you have a wonderful day with us.

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Football managers throw support behind dementia campaign for World Alzheimer's Month



Football managers across the men's and women's game, including Hatters boss Rob Edwards, are uniting behind a new campaign to raise awareness of dementia to mark World Alzheimer's Month.

Alzheimer's Society is working with the League Managers Association to encourage its members to wear the charity's forget-me-not pin badge at games during September. The Football Association, Premier League, Barclays Women's Super League, English Football League and Barclays Women's Championship are all backing the campaign.

The organisations are working together to raise awareness of dementia, the scale of the problem and the importance of diagnosis. By bringing attention to the problem, managers hope to help make sure every football fan learns the signs and symptoms of dementia, so they know what to look out for and where to go for help.

The initiative kicked off at England's UEFA Nations League games against Ireland and Finland on 7 September and 10



Rob wears the forget-me-not pin at Millwall last weekend

September respectively, in which interim head coach Lee Carsley and his coaching staff wore the distinctive blue badge. Alzheimer's Society is the official charity partner of The FA and recently announced the partnership has been extended for a fourth year.

Managers and coaching staff across the men's and women's club game have followed suit and have donned the badges during fixtures following the international break.

Dementia is the biggest health and social care issue of our time and the UK's biggest killer, yet still isn't the priority it needs to be. At least one in three people living with

dementia don't have a diagnosis – over 250,000 people across England, Wales and Northern Ireland. A diagnosis is vital to give people access to the care, treatment and support they desperately need.

LMA CEO, Richard Bevan OBE, said: "We're incredibly proud to be working alongside Alzheimer's Society and some of the game's biggest organisations to raise awareness of dementia. We know it is an issue that impacts a number of our members, as well as so many football fans across the country. Bringing the sport together in this way is hugely powerful, and we hope it can get

fans talking so we are all better equipped to spot the signs and symptoms of dementia."

The forget-me-not is a small blue flower that represents remembrance and is long-associated with dementia. People with the condition may experience memory loss, among other symptoms. If anyone would like to purchase a forget-me-not pin badge in support of the charity, they can do so by visiting the Alzheimer's Society online shop. 100 per cent of profits go towards helping fight dementia.

During World Alzheimer's Month, Alzheimer's Society is not only bringing football together, but also working across a number of other sports including cricket, rugby and golf. The charity works across multiple sports through Sport United Against Dementia (SUAD), a board of leading figures in the industry that works together to raise funds and awareness of dementia.

Sport should be unforgettable. Learn the signs and symptoms of dementia at alzheimers.org.uk/sports.



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welcome **VICTOR MOSES!**

We welcomed a new face at Kenilworth Road last week in the shape of new signing Victor Moses.

The 33-year-old former Nigeria international has most recently been playing his football in Russia with Spartak Moscow, who he joined in 2021 after a successful loan spell from Chelsea in the 2020/21 campaign.

Born in Kaduna, Nigeria, Victor came to the UK as a boy and played for England from Under-16 to U21 while coming through the ranks at Crystal Palace, where he made 69 appearances and scored 11 goals for the then-Championship club.

He stepped up to the Premier League with a £2.5m move to Wigan Athletic in January 2010, netting nine times in 80 appearances before Chelsea paid £9m to sign him in the summer of 2012.

Moses was part of the squad that won the Europa League in 2012/13, but spent much of his nine years as a Chelsea player out on loan, playing for European giants Liverpool and Inter Milan, as well as domestically for West Ham and Stoke and in Turkey with Fenerbahce.

In his time at Stamford Bridge, he made 128 appearances for the Blues, scoring 18 goals, and won the Premier League and FA Cup in successive years in 2017 and 2018, before moving permanently to Spartak for £4.5m in 2021, where he also won the Russian Cup.

Manager Rob Edwards said: "He gives us more strength in depth and versatility, because he's someone who can play both sides or as a number ten.

"He's played for so many different clubs in different ways and shapes, and under different managers, so he's tactically aware. We think he's someone who can provide some really good competition for us.

"I don't want to put too much pressure on him and expect too much too soon. He's not going to come in and start the games straight away. He's got to get used to what we do and how we play, but he's fit, he's able to come in and affect it now, and he definitely makes the squad stronger."

Including 38 caps for Nigeria and 29 for the England age groups, Victor's career spans almost 550 matches,

84 goals, and boasts appearances in two World Cups, the Africa Cup of Nations, Champions League and Europa League, a tournament in which he played in the 2019/20 final for Inter Milan, losing 3-2 to Sevilla.

Victor was excited after putting pen to paper and claiming squad number seven with the Hatters.

"I'm looking forward to it," said Victor in his first interview with LTFC+. "I had a few offers from Europe, but I said to my agent that I set my mind

on staying over here, and here we are. I'm very pleased and honoured to be at this club and I just can't wait to get going.

"I spoke to Rob before I came, I spoke to the directors and they told me the plan and the history of the club, and I just want to be part of the success.

"I want to come here and enjoy my football, work hard for the club and for the team, and get back to where we belong in the Premier League."

NEW DEAL FOR ALFIE!

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We were delighted to announce Alfie Doughty pledged his long-term future to Luton Town by signing a new contract earlier this week.

The 24-year-old has impressed on both flanks, but predominantly as a left wing-back since arriving at Kenilworth Road from Stoke City just over two years ago.

After initially working his way to fitness from an injury suffered playing against the Hatters while on loan at Cardiff on Easter Monday 2022, Alfie made his Town debut in a 1-0 win at Norwich in early October that year and has missed just five of the Club's matches in all competitions since.

He has scored five times in 84 appearances, as well as providing countless assists while becoming a real fans' favourite for his work-

rate, pace, precision crossing and danger from set pieces.

After his impressive performances in the Premier League led to speculation of an England call-up last season, Alfie knows exactly the level he wants to get back to – with the Hatters.

"It's a relief," he said after putting pen to paper. "I've been trying to get this done, when I knew about my situation at the club and I wanted to stay, I want to get back into the Premier League with Luton, especially after this couple of years we've had. It's my third year now, I love the club and I'm happy to stay.

"There is a lot that has happened in these last two seasons. Getting signed, having a rough start just because of injuries, then finding my feet again, playing

and getting promoted – and then in the Premier League, it was a rollercoaster.

"It's been brilliant and I can't say enough about the club, it means a lot to me now. It started my career off again, having gone through a tough time, so there's no reason why I wouldn't have signed this contract. I'm happy now and I want to kick on even more."

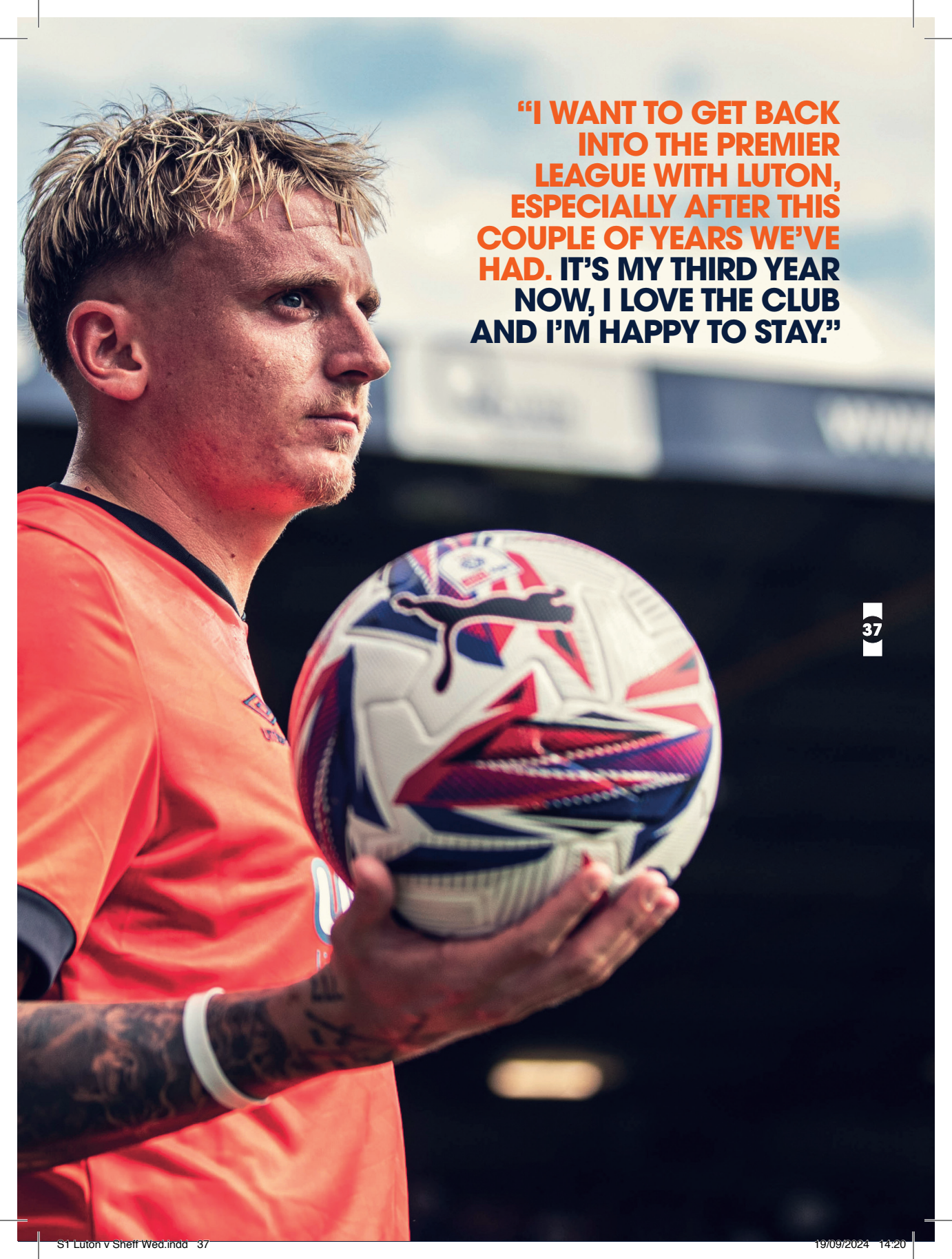
On his special relationship with the supporters, he added: "It's why you play football, isn't it? They come here week in, week out. So hopefully this puts a smile on their faces because I love them, and they love us. It's going to be a good feeling to hear the news."

Manager Rob Edwards added: "This is very good news for the football club, and good news for Alfie as well.

"He's worked really hard for it and what he's got now is a commitment from us, that we are going to give him everything to keep improving, and he's going to give us everything to try and get back to where we were last season.

"I think everyone has seen that Alfie is very motivated. Since pre-season began, there has been a high level of consistency from an out of possession point of view – his reactions when we lose the ball have been better than ever – and he's created a lot of chances for us with it.

"It's a big commitment from a big player for us, everyone knows how popular Alfie is with the fans and within the squad, and we are all delighted to get it sorted."

A male football player with short, light brown hair and a light beard is shown in profile, looking towards the right. He is wearing an orange football kit. He is holding a white football with red and blue patterns in his hands. The background is a blurred stadium setting.

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HATTERS HERITAGE

Preserving and appreciating the heritage and history of Luton Town Football Club

The Hatters flew out of the blocks in the 1939/40 season, including a magnificent opening day win against Sheffield Wednesday on 26th August 1939. They were three-up before half-time thanks to goals from Hugh Billington (2) and Reg Stockhill.

However, the final whistle would not only signify confirmation of an impressive 3-0 victory, but also mark the end of League football at Kenilworth Road for seven long years.

A crowd of only 12,357, well down on the previous season's average, suggested that minds were elsewhere. Two more games would be played before war was declared at which point player contracts were immediately suspended and all competitions cancelled.

The Hatters sat top of the old second Division (now Championship) for the first time in their history when the league was abandoned. "It's a good thing for Hitler and his followers that none of them are within arm's length of Luton Town supporters; there would be a big spot of bother," wrote Crusader in that week's Luton News!

When the Football League resumed for the 1946/47 season, it was decided, for the sake of continuity, that the fixture list of the abandoned season would be repeated. Thus Sheffield Wednesday were the visitors once more as the campaign opened on the 31st August.

A far larger crowd of 21,105 was drawn with queues forming at the turnstiles. The day was sunny but the privations of post-war Britain were never far away. The Bobbers' Club were thanked for arranging a plentiful supply of tea despite rationing, though apologies were made for the need to charge sixpence given the inability to replace cups, which were also in short supply.

Along with Town manager George Martin, three players remained from the pre-war meeting. Hugh Billington and Horace Gager for Luton and Jackie Robinson for Wednesday. Indeed it was Jackie who scored Wednesday's only goal as Town ran out comfortable 4-1 winners. Mel Daniel, father of future Hatter Alan, was the star this time. He scored his first after just three minutes and completed his hat-trick 15 minutes from time, with a strike from Billy Waugh having put Luton 2-1 up.

In his match report, Chiltern ascribed the win to Town's clever tactics. Wednesday, remembering the punishment handed out seven years previously, had closely marked

Billington. To combat this Daniel was pushed further upfield to make use of the space created. "Splendid team work," the reporter enthused.

Four Luton players were lost between the two matches. Goalkeeper Joe Coen, who had played in the 1939 meeting, was killed in an aircraft training accident in Grantham in 1941. Charles Ladd, Charles Clark and James Gillespie also never came home.

"People all over the world trust and pray that never again shall the flower of manhood be called upon to bear arms," was written in the programme notes, "but we have come through, and having done our duty let us to sport, and to the king of sports – Football!"

Queues outside the Kenilworth End, 1946.



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THROUGH THE ARCHIVES

Club historian Roger Wash delves into the Hatters Heritage archives to unearth these hidden gems from encounters between the Town and the Owls.

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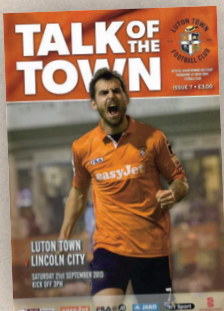
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1. Roy Davies opens the scoring during the 5-3 victory over Sheffield Wednesday at Kenilworth Road in November 1951.
2. Vic Halom wheels away after netting one of his hat-trick goals in the 3-1 home win against the Owls in April 1972.
3. Mick Harford manages to squeeze the ball over the line for the equaliser in the 1-1 draw at Hillsborough in March 1985.
4. Steve White somehow fails to score against the Owls but did manage to get the ball in the net later during the 3-0 home win against Wednesday in November 1980.



ON THIS DAY

We go back in time on this day in the Hatters' history books



The Hatters showed character and quality to twice come from behind to seal a dramatic 3-2 victory over Lincoln City in the Conference at Kenilworth Road on this day in 2013.

Trailing twice to the Imps, John Still's side were 2-1 behind with 13 minutes to go before their grandstand finish.

The Imps held a half-time lead but the Hatters flew out of the traps in the second half and striker Mark Cullen headed an equaliser just 43 seconds after the restart.

The visitors re-took the lead on 51 minutes through Ben Tomlinson's close range header but with the game within the Imps' grasp the Hatters won it.

Firstly a howler from Lincoln goalkeeper Paul Farman enabled Luke Guttridge's low free-kick to squirm through the keeper's legs for the equaliser on 77 minutes.

Then, three minutes later, Cullen scored his second: lashing home from six yards to spark Kenilworth Road into celebration.



Jonathan Smith controls the ball



Mark Cullen heads in the equaliser



Steve McNulty congratulates Luke Guttridge after his free kick made it 2-2

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ALSO ON 21ST SEPTEMBER...

Our first recorded fixture on this day was 5-0 win over Ilford in the Southern League in 1895... Our biggest victory was a 6-0 thumping of Crystal Palace here in 1935... We lost 5-0 to Manchester United at Old Trafford in 1991... And, an injury-time winner from Steve Howard saw us win 1-0 at Huddersfield in 2002.



Goalscorer Mark Cullen gets a ride from Ronnie Henry

2004/05
history

Champions!

Over the course of the season we'll be looking back 20 years to the glorious League One championship winning season of 2004/05.

So many club league records were tumbled during a momentous campaign which was even more remarkable considering that the summer of 2003 saw the arrival of new 'owner' John Gurney and his crackpot ideas, which ultimately led to the Hatters needing to enter administrative receivership, with all its problems, to get rid of him. Club historian Roger Wash tells the story of a season to remember.

Chris Coyne with an overhead kick against Chesterfield



Six straight wins meant that the football world was now looking at the Town. Unsurprisingly, Mike Newell was presented with the first League One manager of the month award by sponsors Coca-Cola and top scorer Steve Howard was pleased to receive the Powerade player of the month. The Hatters were now on a pinnacle waiting to be shot down.

Next up was the difficult trip to Sheffield Wednesday where a crowd of 20,806, which would turn out to be the biggest crowd that season to watch the Town, made it a raucous atmosphere.

Sadly, the game did not live up to the billing with the sides cancelling each other out. The Town, wearing a set of grey socks provided by Wednesday because of a colour clash, saw a Rowan Vine effort disallowed by a fussy referee and a Chris Coyne header hacked off the line – while at the other end a Chris Marsden shot cannoned off the woodwork.

Newell was satisfied with the point and the extension of the unbeaten run although he felt that the Town had enough of the play to take all three points.

With the news that 17-year-old Keith Keane had been awarded a two-year professional contract and that Vine had extended his loan spell from Portsmouth

until the end of the season, the Town set off to Boston United to play a rescheduled Carling Cup game already knowing that the winners would take on Premier League Fulham in the next round.

Putting out a very strong side the Hatters went a goal down on 23 minutes when ex-Town loanee Courtney Pitt fired home. The Town bounced back and levelled through a Jason Lee own goal after the break but the same player put Boston ahead again soon after.

The Town equalised for a second time when Kevin Nicholls netted from the spot, sending former Hatter Nathan Abbey the wrong way, after Mark Greaves had fouled Vine in the box.

The Town hit the woodwork for a fourth time before a frantic finale saw Boston substitute Lee Thompson poke the ball home with his first touch only for Luton sub Enoch Showunmi to do the same moments later.

Thompson scored again in the fourth minute of extra time but try as they might, the Town could not force a fourth equaliser. 'Concentrate on the League' we all thought afterwards but it was still a disappointing defeat considering the chances made and spurned.

The visit of second place Chesterfield drew the largest attendance so far

Paul Underwood gets in a cross at Hillsborough



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2004/05 history



▲ Rowan Vine about to score against Chesterfield after shoving the defender out of the way

▼ Chesterfield's Steve Blatherwick brings down Rowan Vine and receives a red card for his troubles

with 7,532 hoping that the Town's table topping league run would continue.

The first half saw the Spireites set out to frustrate the Hatters which they succeeded in doing with the few chances produced being wasted by Vine. Despite this you could not fault the loanee's work rate and he did not let the misses put him off his game.

Vine's reward came four minutes into the second period when he latched on to a long clearance from Coyne and appeared to shove over Chesterfield defender Alan O'Hare in his pursuit of the ball before smacking home past Carl Muggleton in the Spireites goal.

The complaints from the Chesterfield players and

bench were long and loud but things did not get any better for them on 75 minutes when Steve Blatherwick was given a straight red for bringing down Vine who was through on goal.

To complete a miserable afternoon for Chesterfield their defender Shane Nicholson was dismissed after receiving a second yellow card in stoppage time.

Newell praised the team for their fantastic start to the season but then said: "It wasn't a convincing win in my eyes but the important thing is that we got the three points. We need to put the game out of reach of teams before we get to the 80 or 90 minute mark. At 1-0 Chesterfield are always in it."



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INSIDE A KIT COLLECTOR'S WARDROBE

Town shirt collector, David Foxen, aka @lutontownkits, goes through his selection of shirts in orange, white, blue – and all colours in between.

Our focus today is on a shirt that pays homage to one of our absolute greats. I am of course talking about the 2020/21 away shirt.

The turn of the decade was an odd one; we could not watch football in stadiums so had to make do with iFollow and the radio. What wasn't odd, is this 1991/92-inspired away shirt.

Umbro made a triumphant return, taking over the reins from Puma. And my word, did they do an excellent job with this shirt.

It features a similar pattern style and colour combination to that of the 1991/92 home shirt, with a lovely V-neck blue and orange collar and blue trim on the sleeves. The Luton Town badge is heat pressed onto the shirt, with an embroidered Umbro badge.

Star Platforms, one of our current sleeve sponsors, have their blue and orange logo adorned on the front of the shirt. The colours of the sponsor and the theme of the shirt works so well.

But it's that pattern that really grabs your

attention. The blues, the oranges, the stripes, and the bold lines from the zig-zag type shapes. Just brilliant!

There were two styles of this shirt. One being the standard league shirt, but we had Luton Foodbank on the left sleeve for our away FA Cup tie with Chelsea.

That game saw the Hatters fall to a 3-1 defeat, but we did see Jordan Clark pull it back to 2-1 in the first half.

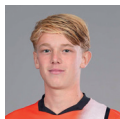
Elsewhere, we had a loan player in the side who just oozed quality

– Kiernan Dewsbury-Hall. His goal away at Bournemouth, in this shirt, is a standout memory.

Other key games with this shirt include a fine 1-0 win at Nottingham Forest, thanks to a Ryan Tunnicliffe goal, a 3-1 win at Wycombe with George Moncur, Kazenga LuaLua and Elijah Adebayo on the scoresheet and a Harry Cornick winner against Bristol City in a 3-2 victory.

ACADEMY SQUADS

U18s U21s



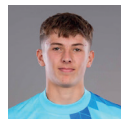
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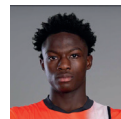
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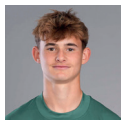
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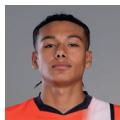
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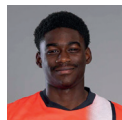
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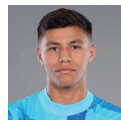
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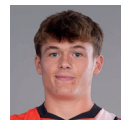
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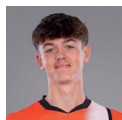
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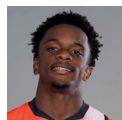
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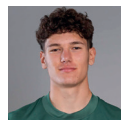
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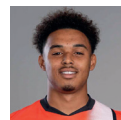
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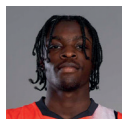
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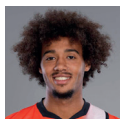
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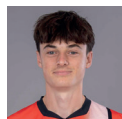
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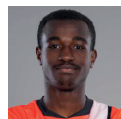
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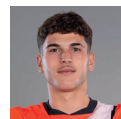
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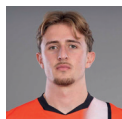
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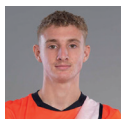
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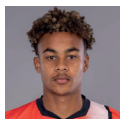
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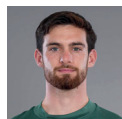
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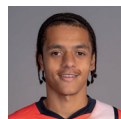
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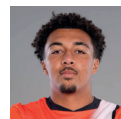
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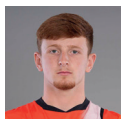
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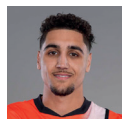
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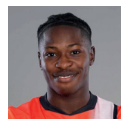
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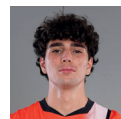
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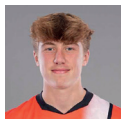
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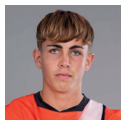
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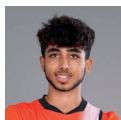
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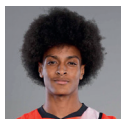
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THE YOUTH OF TODAY

Hopes and dreams, favourite films and Colombian cuisine... we get the lowdown on our academy stars

Name... Samuel Hincapie-Alfonso.

Place of birth... Bogota, Colombia.

Position... Striker or winger.

Joined Luton... As an under-16.

Played for... My grassroots team London Elite from under-13.

I'm wearing... Nike Mercurial Vapours.

First teamer's boots I'm cleaning... Jacob Brown's.

Earliest Luton Town memory... Scoring my first goal against Tottenham at their training ground during pre-season last year.

Coach who's impacted me the most... Joe Deeney. He's pushed me a lot and believed in me since we've met this pre-season.

Football memory that makes me smile... When Colombia reached the Copa America final against an Argentina team who were number one in the world and hadn't lost for 28 games.

Best moment of my career so far... Earning myself a scholarship with this massive club. It was a big step up from grassroots football to a Premier League academy.



I would be a better player if I... Got more shots away in games as I would definitely score more.

Dream first team squad number... 19.

Player you used to be in the playground... Me.

Teammate that could go all the way... Isaiah Harvey.

If I could play with anyone it would be... Kevin De Bruyne.

Favourite film... Hustle.

Favourite food... Anything Colombian (Bandeja Paisa).

Favourite training drill... Shooting.

Favourite school subject other than PE... Art.

Hobbies outside of football... Running, bike rides, more football.

Something you don't know about me...

I moved to the UK when I was nine years old from Colombia not speaking a word of English.

I am... extremely humble, physical, very hard working with the correct mentality/mindset. I'm willing to press until the very last whistle and win back possession for the team. I would describe myself as a technical striker that is direct when approaching defenders and high-pressing, mobile, energetic sprinter with an eye for goal. I'm quite a diverse striker as I can drop and link with teammates, allowing them to join in with counter attacks, I make runs in behind and I can take defenders one v one.





LTFC ACADEMY

The Club and the Academy are delighted to confirm and congratulate players who have signed first-year scholarships and professional development contracts at Kenilworth Road.

SCHOLARS

Benedict Benagr
Luton-born left-sided defender who has been a part of the Hatters academy since he was six years old. A regular for the under-18s last season, he has already featured in the Town development squad.

Charlie Booth
Luton-born goalkeeper who previously played for Luton Nations and Luton Sporting before joining the Hatters academy as an eight-year-old.

Christian Chigozie
Centre-half who was born in Zaragoza before his family moved to the UK as a youngster. Joined the Town academy as an under-7 and impressed the first team coaching staff enough to be included on the substitutes' bench twice in the Premier League last season as a 16 year old.

Harry Fox
Luton-born player who can operate in central midfield or at left-back who has been in the Hatters' academy set-up since the under-8 level.

Samuel Hincapie-Alfonso
Colombian-born striker or winger who arrived in the UK as a nine-year-old, Samuel joined the Town academy at under-16 level.

Kyron Roberts-Edema
Versatile Luton-born Kyron is capable of playing in various defensive positions, either at right-back, right wing-back or at centre-half. Joined the Town academy as an under-10.

Enoch Sampson
Centre-back or left-back Enoch joined the Hatters academy set-up this summer.

Archie Shepherd
Basildon-born Archie joined the Hatters as an under-16. A midfielder or attacking midfielder who can operate in the centre or on the left, he has been on the books of several Premier League London clubs.

Lucas Thomas
Bedford-born goalkeeper who has been with the

Hatters since joining the academy as an under-10.

DEVELOPMENT PROS

Claude Kayibanda
Last season's under-18 head boy was born in Enfield and is a central defender who can also operate at full-back or in midfield. Claude joined the Hatters as an under-12 having previously been playing for Focus Football.

Jack Lorentzen-Jones
Goalscoring midfielder Jack has been with the Hatters since joining from Bromham as an under-8. A regular for the under-18s last season and broke into the development squad under Adrian Forbes.

Tyrell Giwa
London-born right-sided defender Tyrell has been with the Hatters since joining at under-12 level. Previously with Hemel Hempstead Town, Tyrell captained the under-18s last season and was a regular for Alex Lawless' side.

Dominic Dos Santos Martins
Midfielder who joined the Town as an under-18 who, after impressive displays for the academy, was called up to the

first team last season, appearing twice on the substitutes' bench in the Premier League.

Jordan Iwhiwhu
Nigeria-born striker Jordan signed for the Hatters as an under-17 having previously been on the books at Bristol Rovers. The pacey frontman has also been selected for the England College Football Team.

Liam Coyne
Luton-born goalkeeper and son for former Town defender Chris who signed for the Hatters this summer. Grew up in Australia and played for Perth Glory, Sorrento and Bayswater City.

Vladimir Paternoster
Summer 2024 arrival Vladimir was born in Milan. The centre-half was previously on the books at Shrewsbury, Hayes & Yeading and Tottenham.

Henry Blackledge
Australian goalkeeper Henry joined the Hatters last season after a successful trial. Began his career with Western Pride in Australia's third tier, making his senior debut as a 15-year-old, before spells with Brisbane Olympic and Brisbane Roar.

YOUNGSTERS FIGHT BACK THREE TIMES

As the first team were winning at Millwall, the Under-18s fought back three times to earn a 3-3 draw at Northampton in the Youth Alliance Cup last weekend.

After a scrappy start the Town fell behind but were level on 23 minutes when Benedict Benagr rifled the ball home after Northampton failed to clear Tate Xavier-Jones' cross.

A bad injury to a Northampton player at the start of the second half delayed the game for 20 minutes but when play resumed the Cobblers regained the lead with a finish on the counter-attack.

With 15 minutes remaining the Town equalised for the second time when Zach Ioannides was fouled in the box and Dylan Stitt powered home the spot-kick despite the best efforts of the Cobblers keeper.

However, five minutes later, Northampton led again, scoring from the

spot after the referee awarded a penalty.

But not to be denied with three minutes remaining, Jordan Iwhiwhu linked up well with Samuel Hincapie-Alfonso for the latter to blast a 20-yard shot low into the bottom corner to salvage a draw.

On Tuesday night an under-17 side were held by Watford in the PDL Cup with Christian Chigozie on target in a 1-1 draw.



Dylan Stitt: Found the target against Northampton

U18 Fixtures

AUGUST

Sat 10th	Oxford United	L 0-3
Sat 17th	Swindon Town	W 2-1
Sat 24th	Stevenage YAC	L 1-2
Tue 27th	Ipswich Town PDLC	W 6-4
Sat 31st	Exeter City	W 3-0

SEPTEMBER

Sat 7th	Bristol Rovers	W 5-0
Sat 14th	Northampton Cup	D 3-3
Sat 21st	Cheltenham Town	10:30am
Sat 28th	Plymouth Argyle	1pm

OCTOBER

Sat 5th	Peterborough United PDLC	
Sat 12th	Cambridge United Cup	10:30am
Sat 19th	Northampton Town	10:30am
Sat 26th	Bromley	11:30am

NOVEMBER

Sat 9th	Gillingham	10:30am
Sat 16th	AFC Wimbledon	11am
Sat 23rd	Mansfield Town PDLC	
Sat 30th	Cambridge United	11am

DECEMBER

Sat 7th	MK Dons Cup	10:30am
Sat 14th	Leyton Orient	11am
Sat 21st	Stevenage	10:30am

JANUARY

Sat 11th	MK Dons	10:30am
Sat 18th	Northampton Town	10:30am
Sat 25th	Gillingham	11am

FEBRUARY

Sat 1st	AFC Wimbledon	10:30am
Sat 15th	Cambridge United	10:30am
Sat 22nd	Sutton United	11am

MARCH

Sat 8th	Leyton Orient	10:30am
Sat 15th	Stevenage	10:30am
Sat 22nd	Bromley	
Sat 29th	MK Dons	10:30am

APRIL

Sat 5th	Portsmouth	10:30am
Sat 12th	Forest Green Rovers	11am

MAY

Sat 3rd	Newport County	12pm
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HE'S ONE OF OUR OWN!

CERI HUGHES

A product of Luton Town's extensive scouting network in South Wales, Ceri was just 19 when he made his Hatters debut in the top flight and within a few months was a regular first team member.

An aggressive, two footed attacking midfielder, Ceri was sadly dogged by long term injuries that held back his progress and the team was back in Division Two before he enjoyed a virtually injury free 1996/97 campaign which saw the Town reach the play-offs.

A dream move to then Premiership Wimbledon, managed by Joe Kinnear, followed for the Welsh international but a further stream of injuries cut back his appearances.

A final transfer, this time to Portsmouth in 2000 ended with more wretched luck with injury, leaving Ceri no choice but to call it a day.

Overall the Welshman played 205 and scored 20 goals for the Town with his final appearance coming in a 1-0 win at Peterborough in April 1997.

APPEARANCES: 205
GOALS: 20

CAREER TIMELINE



DID YOU KNOW?

Ceri and Mark Pembridge were joint winners of the Young Player of the Year award at the supporters' presentation awards night in 1991 - the first time the award had been shared in the club's history.



COMMUNITY TRUST

Utilita and EFL in the Community Football Festival

On Friday 30th August 2024, we were thrilled to host a free Football Festival at Stockwood Park Academy, thanks to the support of our partners, Utilita and EFL in the Community.

The event was aimed at bringing local families together and was a huge success, attracting over 200 young people and their families and offering a day filled with football, fun and community spirit.

Throughout the day, children aged five to 11 participated in the morning session, while those aged 12 to 16 took part in the afternoon session. Both sessions were led by our highly qualified coaches, who provided free, engaging football coaching tailored to all abilities. It was fantastic to see so many young people enjoying the sport and developing their skills.

A real highlight of the day was the chance to see the EFL Championship trophy and the Carabao Cup, which were on display for photos. Attendees also enjoyed a surprise visit from Luton Town's mascot Happy Harry, adding extra excitement to the event.

Beyond football, the festival included a

beginners' boxing session hosted by Boxing Saves Lives, giving attendees a chance to try something new and learn the basics of the sport. Additionally, CHUMS, a local mental health and wellbeing service, were on hand to offer

information and support to families, providing an important resource for those looking to engage with mental health services.

Thanks to our partners, Utilita, EFL in the Community, Luton

Town Football Club and the other wonderful organisations involved, the family fun day was a great success and we're grateful to everyone who made it such an enjoyable and impactful event.



World Alzheimer's Day

September is World Alzheimer's Month and today is World Alzheimer's Day. You may bump into our staff on the concourse outside the Kenilworth Road End today, handing out flyers with information on the support services offered by our partners at Alzheimer's Society.

The Alzheimer's Society can provide a wide range of help and support for those with all types of dementia. Our staff will also be handing out a dementia symptoms checklist.

There are currently tens of thousands of people living with dementia in England without a diagnosis. Receiving a timely diagnosis can help people and their loved ones to plan for the future, receive emotional and practical support and better

manage symptoms. It can make dementia feel less daunting for those affected. For people experiencing the symptoms of dementia, being diagnosed at an earlier stage gives them a chance to adjust and get access to:

- **Support.** There is no cure for the diseases causing dementia yet, but there is lots of support that can help people live as well as possible. As well as helping people plan for the future (such as setting up power of attorney) and access therapies and support groups, diagnosis may also mean that people get access to medicines that can help manage symptoms.
- **Benefits and protections.** Being diagnosed with dementia means you



are protected from discrimination (being treated unfairly) at work by law. It can also give you access to financial benefits.

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SUPPORTERS' TRUST

with Membership Secretary David McCallum

We are very fortunate that we are in the minority of football clubs! Luton Town is run and managed by local people, passionate about the club and the local community, with a financial vision to be run in a sustainable manner, and for the interests of the club, the fans, and the community rather than many other clubs that have foreign or offhand owners with a focus of making money for their business or themselves.

Many of these clubs have withdrawn fans' concessions, increased gate prices beyond the scope of traditional fans, and are focussed on tourists as a strategy and destroying stadium atmospheres. Many have breached financial rules and suffered points deductions. Others have been taken over by equity houses with little regard for the fans or the game and suffered relegation as a consequence.

Because of mismanagement Luton Town suffered more than any other club with a 30-point deduction

kicking us out of the football league. The Luton Town Supporters' Trust was formed from Trust in Luton and the Luton Town Supporters' Club merging and has a seat on the Club's board.

LTST has shares in LTFC and the legal right to veto any changes to our identity – name, nickname, colours, emblems etc, in case of future takeovers. It's essential that the Trust membership remains strong – the more members we have the louder our voice! Hence our motto 'Together We Are Stronger'.

LTST is also part of the FSA – Football Supporters' Association; Fair Game – pushing Parliament for the Football Governance Bill to be passed to ensure the survival and growth of smaller clubs. We fund and support the academy to invest in our youth footballers and team through SOLYD (Supporters of Luton Youth Development), and support other local charities such as Beds Prostate Cancer.

We do fun things too. If you've never attended

the Presentation Evening at the end of the season then you're missing out! It's a fantastic opportunity to meet and chat to the players and management which is organised by the Trust and exclusive to Trust members. There are many more events too.

To become a new member or renew your membership just visit the Luton Town Supporters' Trust website at www.lutontownsupporterstrust.com.

This year season card members cannot renew via the ticket office and so please visit the site above, log in and pay online or download a Direct Debit form.

If you wish to know more about Luton Town Supporters' Trust just drop me an email at membership@lutontownsupporterstrust.com, or have a chat – I'm in the Kenny Upper C Row R Seat 28.

In the words of John Still 'The stronger the team, the stronger the team!'

Join now! COYH!





MY FAVOURITE PLAYER...

Bill Martindale chooses his all-time favourite player to have represented the Hatters

My passion for Luton Town began in 1951 when my father took me on the 321 bus from St Albans to watch my first match at the Kenny. I was nine years old and so began my Hatters adventure that has continued for over 72 years.

I first stood on the Kenilworth Road terrace, then had a season ticket in the Bobbers stand and now sit in Main Stand B. I'm now waiting in anticipation for a seat, without pillars to dodge, at Power Court.

Over seven decades I've experienced so many highs and lows as a Luton supporter as we never seem to do things the easy way. I've been privileged to watch many great players over the years, but if asked to name my favourite player, I'd find it impossible.

A few great players that come to mind include centre half Syd Owen, goalkeeper Ron Baynham, Bruce Rioch, who scored 24 goals for us, and Malcolm Macdonald or 'Supermac', who Luton switched from full-back to a free-scoring centre forward netting 58 times in 101 matches.

I guess while many would have heard of Owen, not many were as fortunate as myself to see him play so I'll elaborate on why I enjoyed him.

Syd was one of the greatest defenders to play for Luton.

Between 1947 and 1959, he played 423 league and cup games for the Hatters. He won three full international caps for England, and would have had more international recognition except for the great Billy Wright

being England captain and centre-half at the time. He played in the 1954 World Cup and was the Football Writers' player of the year in 1959.

I was privileged to watch Syd play between 1951 and 1959. He was an exceptional centre-half, a great leader who marshalled his defence, outstanding at heading the ball and had the skill of always being in the right place and the right time.

When the Luton manager Dally Duncan

left, Owen became player/manager for a short period and had the honour of being in charge for the 1959 cup final.

Was there ever a better Luton Town player? I don't think so!

I now live in Lincolnshire but I still make the 200-mile round trip to join my daughter and grandsons at matches.

Following the Hatters is a lifelong commitment - long may it continue!

Syd Owen, pictured with his Football Writers' Player of the Year trophy in 1959



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Hobbies: Football
Favourite Player:
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**JENSEN
SAPSFORD**

Age: 8
Hobbies: Football
Favourite Player:
Carlton Morris



**AUSTIN
LEWIS**

Age: 7
Hobbies: Football
Favourite Player: Elijah
Adebayo



**DAISY
LEWIS**

Age: 9
Hobbies: Gymnastics
Favourite Player:
Jordan Clark

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**HARRISON
SHAW**

Age: 10
Hobbies: Football,
Gymnastics, Computer
Games
Favourite Player:
Thomas Kaminski



**IZZY
NIEDZWIECKI**

Age: 10
Hobbies: Playing &
watching football,
Plays for girls football
team and her school
football team for the
last 4 years
Favourite Player: Elijah
Adebayo



**JONNY
WARNER**

Age: 7
Hobbies: Football,
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Favourite Player: Alfie
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LUTON TOWN LADIES

Five-star Ladies defeat Needham Market

Report by Owen Williams

After a frustrating outcome the previous weekend, with the game against Wroxham abandoned, Luton Ladies made the trip up to Needham Market, looking to make it back-to-back away victories last Sunday.

As expected, the Hatters started off on the front foot. Jess McKay had two chances early on, the first a curling effort which ended up narrowly wide of the post and a second which was fired over the bar after she found space just outside the penalty area.

Fifteen minutes into the half the Hatters were rewarded for their dominant start. Fiona Buttigieg's corner was fired goalwards by Cesca Partridge, but McKay got her head onto the ball, beating the keeper, to give Luton a deserved lead.

Needham's first attack of the game was abruptly ended by Bridget Adu, who then carried the ball forward and attempted to pick out Partridge,

but she was unable to prevent the ball going out of play.

Luton doubled their lead in the 26th minute through Tasha Fensome. Fensome picked up the ball on the right of the box and attempted to square the ball to Amber Leighton. However, the ball rebounded off a defender and the Luton number 7 poked the ball past the keeper to make it 2-0.

Five minutes later it was three. Fensome sent the ball towards the back post, McKay chested it down and Partridge fired the ball past the Needham keeper.

Just before the break McKay then netted her

second and Luton's fourth. She picked up the ball on the right hand side and curled the ball magnificently into the top left corner.

With 20 minutes left of the match, McKay netted her first hat-trick back in Luton colours. Buttigieg picked up the ball on the left hand side and put in a wonderful delivery, which McKay fired past the keeper to add Luton's fifth of the afternoon to seal a comprehensive victory.

The Ladies are back in action tomorrow when they take on Bowers and Pitsea at Barton Rovers. Kick-off at Sharpenhoe Road is at 2pm.



Fixtures

18/08/24	Royston Town L 2-3
25/08/24	Stevenage W 1-0
01/09/24	Haringey Borough W 4-1
08/09/24	Wroxham A-A
15/09/24	Needham Market W 5-0
22/09/24	Bowers & Pitsea
29/09/24	Dussindale & Hellesdon Rovers
06/10/24	Enfield Town Ladies
13/10/24	St Albans City
20/10/24	Cambridge City
27/10/24	Watford Ladies Development
03/11/24	Hertford Town CUP KO 1.30
10/11/24	Royston Town
17/11/24	Haringey Borough
24/11/24	Wroxham
01/12/24	Needham Market
08/12/24	Bowers & Pitsea KO 3pm
15/12/24	Stevenage
05/01/25	Dussindale & Hellesdon Rovers
12/01/25	Enfield Town Ladies Firsts
19/01/25	St Albans City
26/01/25	Cambridge City
02/02/25	Watford Ladies Development

KO 2pm unless otherwise stated

Home games listed in orange

AVAILABLE NATIONWIDE



KICKS OFF APRIL 2025



JUST ONE MORE GOAL

Graham Miller talks to David Pleat on the former Town boss' new book

David Pleat played a key part in the club's history. Managing the side to the top reaches of Division One, seeing us through the miracle of Maine Road and the vexation at Villa Park - the FA Cup semi-final defeat to Everton.

Overall, his coaching skills and astute transfer dealings created a brand of attacking football that became the hallmark of his time at the club.

David has just published his autobiography, 'Just One More Goal', and he is donating 50 per cent of all royalties to charities researching Motor Neurone Disease (MND).

Pleat, who also managed our visitors today Sheffield Wednesday, describes his years at Luton as the happiest of his long footballing career, beginning with his arrival from Nottingham Forest in 1964.



"The club secretary, Bob Redhead, drove me to the Stockwood Park area when I got here and told me this is where Luton's new stadium would be built. Sixty years later, after many trials and tribulations, Power Court is now on the horizon. The new stadium will be a tribute to the current board of directors, who will finally achieve the dream.

"When I signed as a young winger, I joined survivors of the 1959 Cup Final team, legends like Syd Owen, Dave Pacey, Bob Morton, Ron Baynham and Gordon Turner. Although Turner missed the Final through injury, but the club was faltering.

"I was very lucky. My first chairman, Mr. Mortimer, had great faith in me as a manager even though it was tough trying to balance the books. Sadly, we were always sellers, victims of the big clubs. So many scouts enjoyed Luton's famed hospitality

with regular visits. I recall having to sell Paul and Ron Fletcher to Man City, Andy King, a local boy to Everton, and Peter Anderson, who went to Anderlecht, all victims of our attempt to stay afloat later on.

"Harry Haslam was a man with a smile and a joke and a valuable mentor to me. The great comedian Eric Morecambe was always ready to bring humour to the club on television and the ground. And, of course, the club had wonderful leaders on the field.

"Brian Horton and Steve Foster were powerful characters in every way. And hats off to the loyal supporters who saw the club through its painful rehabilitation from non-league to the present day.

"Surely, reviving the club from the non-league through the Football League to the Premier League must be the greatest achievement of all. Luton also had to endure the harshest

punishment of points. A terrible decision.

"Last season's narrow loss of Premier League status was a blow, but the team has won many friends, supporters, and respect far and wide. I have no doubt that Rob will keep them on an upward curve.

"The club retains its warmth and has never lost its charm. It is a club with camaraderie. The current directors under David Wilkinson and CEO Gary Sweet, have put it on a firm footing, so it will be in a good place at Power Court for the next generation of loyal Luton supporters who will continue to enjoy Luton's remarkable ride.

"I'm always made so welcome at Kenilworth Road, and I'm grateful. I learned so much here, and I'm delighted that I was able to play some part in the club's amazing journey. And I'm also flattered that anyone still remembers me!"

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LET'S GO



The Hatters make one of their longest journeys of the season the next time they head out on the road when they travel to Plymouth Argyle in the Championship next Friday.

Don't get us wrong here, Devon's a lovely part of the world and Plymouth a fine city. But to be 253 miles from home on a Friday night at the end of September... Let's just say at least we'll have the Saturday free to do that DIY around the house.

For all the jesting about a Friday night under the lights at Home Park, the Hatters have found in recent times the Devon venue to be incredibly hospitable. The Town are unbeaten in their last four visits, winning three of those and haven't conceded a goal at all across those four games.

We were on our way to the League One title the last time we headed down to this part of the world,

returning home with a point from a goalless draw in March 2019. Our last win at Home Park came on the opening day of the 2016/17 season when goals from Danny Hylton, Jack Marriott and Jonathan Smith earned a 3-0 victory.

Not since November 2006 have Argyle beaten the Hatters on home soil, with the Pilgrims last tasting success against the Town in a 2-1 win at Kenilworth Road in League Two in 2015/16.

All the talk at Home Park this season is, of course, about the man in the dugout. Legendary England striker Wayne Rooney was handed the managerial reigns in the summer and the former Manchester United man recorded his first league win in charge last weekend in Argyle's last-gasp 3-2 win over Sunderland.

The Pilgrims' campaign did not start great: they

were thumped 4-0 at Sheffield Wednesday. Back-to-back 1-1 draws against Hull and QPR followed before a home defeat to Stoke prior to the international break signalled warming signs. However the win over the Black Cats last weekend – who came into the game as the league leaders – will give Rooney's side a real confidence boost.

They will certainly need that once again this afternoon as they play the league's newest leaders once more – this time in the shape of West Brom. Argyle will be hoping they can do the trick against the Baggies at the Hawthorns before returning home for our meeting next Friday.

To all of our fans making the journey south, we wish you a safe trip there and back. Just be sure to tweet us when you're home safe at 3am, yeah? UTT.

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AUGUST

🏆 MON 15	BURNLEY	20:00	23	1-4	11,777	1,335	Kaminski	Ogbene	Doughty	Walters	Mengi	Johnson	Nelson
🏆 SAT 17	PORTSMOUTH	12:30	20	0-0	20,293	2,168	Kaminski	Ogbene	Doughty	Walters	Mengi	Bell	Clark
🏆 SAT 24	PRESTON NORTH END	15:00	23	0-1	15,245	1,248	Shea	Ogbene	Doughty	Mengi	McGuinness	Bell	Clark
🏆 TUE 27	QUEENS PARK RANGERS (CC2)	20:00	-	1-1*	7,132	1,045	Kaminski	Walters	Doughty	Burke	Bell	Nakamba	Clark
🏆 FRI 30	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	20:00	23	1-2	11,798	1,340	Kaminski	Walters	Doughty	Burke	McGuinness	Bell	Clark

SEPTEMBER

🏆 SAT 14	MILLWALL	12:30	19	1-0	14,804	1,964	Kaminski	Doughty	Bell	Burke	McGuinness	MENGI 1	Nakamba
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🏆 SAT 21	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	15:00
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FRI 27	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	20:00
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OCTOBER

TUE 1	OXFORD UNITED	19:45
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SAT 5	SHEFFIELD UNITED	15:00
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SAT 19	WATFORD	12:30
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WED 23	SUNDERLAND	19:45
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SAT 26	COVENTRY CITY	12:30
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NOVEMBER

FRI 1	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	20:00
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WED 6	CARDIFF CITY	20:00
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SAT 9	MIDDLESBROUGH	12:30
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SAT 23	HULL CITY	15:00
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WED 27	LEEDS UNITED	19:45
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SAT 30	NORWICH CITY	15:00
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DECEMBER

SAT 7	SWANSEA CITY	15:00
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TUE 10	STOKE CITY	19:45
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SAT 14	BLACKBURN ROVERS	15:00
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FRI 20	DERBY COUNTY	20:00
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THU 26	BRISTOL CITY	15:00
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SUN 29	SWANSEA CITY	15:00
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JANUARY

WED 1	NORWICH CITY	15:00
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MON 6	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	20:00
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SAT 18	PRESTON NORTH END	15:00
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TUE 21	OXFORD UNITED	19:45
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SAT 25	MILLWALL	15:00
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FEBRUARY

SAT 1	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	15:00
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SAT 8	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	15:00
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WED 12	SUNDERLAND	19:45
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SAT 15	SHEFFIELD UNITED	15:00
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SAT 22	WATFORD	15:00
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MARCH

SAT 1	PORTSMOUTH	15:00
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SAT 8	BURNLEY	15:00
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TUE 11	CARDIFF CITY	19:45
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SAT 15	MIDDLESBROUGH	15:00
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SAT 29	HULL CITY	15:00
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APRIL

SAT 5	LEEDS UNITED	12:30
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TUE 8	STOKE CITY	19:45
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SAT 12	BLACKBURN ROVERS	15:00
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FRI 18	DERBY COUNTY	15:00
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MON 21	BRISTOL CITY	15:00
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SAT 26	COVENTRY CITY	15:00
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MAY

SAT 3	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	15:00
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*QPR won 4-1 on penalties

TOWN TEASERS

Put your football knowledge to the test and answer these Luton Town and general football-related questions. Sadly, you'll win no prizes, just the utmost respect from our editor and quizmaster.

1. Which Luton Town player, who made his debut for the club in 1991 was sold to Sheffield Wednesday in 1996?
2. How many goals did Steve Howard score for the Hatters?
3. Which Turkish club did Victor Moses play for?
4. Which club play their home matches at Dens Park?
5. From which club did we sign Alex Lawless from in 2011?
6. How many clubs in League 2 have a bird as their nickname? Bonus points for naming them all.
7. Against which team did England beat 3-0 in Sven-Göran Eriksson's first game in charge?
8. How many points do last season's promoted teams have combined in the Premier League so far?
9. Who scored England Under-21's first goal at Kenilworth Road against Austria?
10. Who is the only Kenyan to play in the Premier League?

HOW DID YOU SCORE?

8-10 SIMON PITTS. Standing ovation from our #1 commentator.
4-7 COURTNEY PITT. A performance of a half decent loan signing.
0-3 THE PITS. Room for improvement but at least it's not minus 30.

ANSWERS: 1. Scott Oakes, 2. 103, 3. Fenerbahçe, 4. Dundee, 5. York City, 6. Five (Notts County - Magpies, Barrow - Bluebirds, Bradford - Bantams, Swindon and Cheltenham - Robins), 7. Spain, 8. Four, 9. Morgan Rogers, 10. Victor Wanyama

Baptiste	CHONG 1	Morris	Adebayo	Townsend	Mpanzu					Shea, Bell, Woodrow, Taylor, Holmes, Francis-Clarke, Chigozie
Baptiste	Chong	Morris	Adebayo	Shea	Holmes	Mpanzu	Taylor			Woodrow, Nelson, Johnson, Francis-Clarke, Chigozie
Baptiste	Chong	Morris	Adebayo	Walsh	Walters	Woodrow	Taylor	Nelson		Horlick, Andersen, Burke, Mpanzu
NELSON 1	Chong	Morris	Adebayo	Holmes	Andersen	Walsh	Baptiste	Woodrow		Shea, Mpanzu, Taylor, Johnson
Baptiste	Chong	Morris	Adebayo	Mengi	Walsh	Taylor	Nelson			Shea, Mpanzu, Nakamba, Holmes, Woodrow
Clark	Walsh	Chong	Adebayo	Morris	Mpanzu	Holmes				Shea, Andersen, Moses, Nelson, Taylor, Woodrow



100

Congratulations to Carlton Morris who made his 100th appearance for the Town in last weekend's 1-0 win at Millwall. The striker becomes the seventh player in the current squad to have played over 100 times for the club.



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LAST WORD WITH



SIMON OXLEY

BBC THREE COUNTIES RADIO

Well that was quite a week – flags, final designs, and finally some football. Not quite an international “break” but in truth it doesn’t take much to distract me from the Nations League.

The ‘folding over’ prompted even more vociferous singing than usual at The Den, and will doubtless do so again today. What happened in 2008 made the announcement of “final designs” later in the week all the more special. Wow, it looks amazing. The Premier League money has enabled the dream build, going straight in with a 25,000 capacity, and no doubt some welcome extras as well.

I wasn’t born or raised here, but having lived close to, and worked in, Luton for many years I feel able to express an opinion. It will revitalise the town centre, and can be a game-changer for the town and the football club. I posed the question about stand names on social media, and aside

from the usual Pleat and Harford, there’s a lot of love for Mr Still, and a desire to remember Kenilworth Road. Let’s get it done, and I gather it has been noted at senior level that re-routing a river has coincided with signing a player called Moses... which brings me to the football.

I missed the defeats against Preston and QPR, but fortunately the Wi-Fi down in Devon is now on a par with the sea views, so I was able to keep up-to-date with the ever-changing potential ins and outs of the transfer window. Life was simpler when all we had was Harry Redknapp winding down his car window, but whilst we might have all longed for the very best fledglings from the Premier League, or the pick of the crop from those around us,

the club is still, in many ways I believe, punching above its weight in the Championship.

The additions made indicate a broad scouting network, and at a level within our means. Most importantly for me the club has also kept many key players despite daily speculation otherwise. Whether or not that caused minds to wander only they will know, but there was certainly a focus at Millwall. Despite not being in the starting 11, Carlton Morris was in the centre of the huddle in the warm-up, and afterwards as he lifted weights in the subs’ warm down he was busy telling Reece Burke how well he’d played.

There’s no harm in the increased appetite for information, or desire to talk or type about the game, and it should

be welcomed to see younger supporters so invested. I would echo Kevin Lennon’s online article about “bridging the digital divide” with a common goal to want to see the club and the team succeed.

Gone are the days of having to wait for the local weekly paper or the manager’s programme notes. Speaking of the latter, in my time editing this publication, David Pleat was meticulous in dictating his notes and regarded it as a key part of his week. He always had plenty of considered thoughts to offer, and has now put the best part of 60 years on paper. It was lovely to catch up with him again for our breakfast show last week to discuss his new autobiography. He needs a book. A tweet would never do.

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Victor MOSES	7
Tom KRAUB	8
Carlton MORRIS	9
Cauley WOODROW	10
Elijah ADEBAYO	11
Marvelous NAKAMBA	13
Tahith CHONG	14
Teden MENGI	15
Reece BURKE	16
Pelly Ruddock MPANZU	17
Jordan CLARK	18
Jacob BROWN	19
Liam WALSH	20
Tim KRUL	23
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Jameson HORLICK	31
Jayden LUKER	34
Zack NELSON	37
Joe JOHNSON	38
Aidan FRANCIS-CLARKE	39
Christian CHIGOZIE	40
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