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WELCOME



So here we are again. It's Luton versus Watford and we all know what it means. Especially here at Kenilworth Road and especially when this place is bouncing and the Hornets are in town. An atmosphere like no other.

We all know that this very fixture here on our own home turf is on borrowed time. There will not be many more Luton-Watford derbies left to play at the Kenny before we move to Power Court. So embrace it. Enjoy it. Sing loud. Be proud. Come on Luton.

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**“THERE IS NOTHING
MORE IMPORTANT IN
LIFE THAN FAMILY AND
HEALTH BUT FOOTBALL
PROBABLY COMES
NEXT, DOESN'T IT?”**

| **ROB EDWARDS** |

THE BOSS

Welcome everyone to today's game. It's a huge derby fixture and our most important home match of the season.

Before I touch on football, I'd like to start my notes this week on a different note. On Tuesday this week we had the pleasure of welcoming a young lad, Ellis Rudelhoff, to The Brache. Ellis is a six-year-old from a family of Hatters who has been through a really difficult period. He was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer which led to a bone in his leg being removed.

Given the level of such adversity, Ellis and his family showed

remarkable strength and bravery to come through it. Sitting in a wheelchair with a huge scar on his leg, you would barely realise what he is going through such was his incredibly warm and infectious personality.

Ellis was a real inspiration for me, the staff and the lads and I told him that. For a six-year-old boy to be so strong and resilient is a testament to his parents, Dean and Rachel. We all want to be able to take the pain away from our children, don't we?

There is nothing more important in life than family and health but

football probably comes next, doesn't it? On a day like today, on derby day, everyone here understands the importance of this fixture and we're one big family here at Luton Town.

I know I can't compare our difficult time on the pitch to Ellis' situation, but if there's anything we've learned from a six-year-old of his and his family's determination, it's sticking together. We are a family and it's important we all stick together – especially this afternoon.

The international break has allowed us time to focus on the training pitch and reiterate the message to the lads of the significance of this afternoon. Fortunately, we have several players in the squad who have experienced winning and losing in a Luton-Watford derby. They know the importance of today, and those who are new to the group have been informed just how much it means.

But words are all well and good – today we know

your demands. We need to come together. It's time to show it in a really crucial game.

Your noise can make a difference – previous derby matches here testify to that. So please get behind the lads as soon as you're in the ground and don't stop until the final whistle. This famous old ground won't have many more of these days so make the most of it and get behind us.

Finally my thanks to Ellis and his family and those at Sporting Wishes for arranging his trip to the training ground. If we're on the right side of a result this afternoon, that's for you, Ellis.

Enjoy the game.



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| TOM LOCKYER |

CLUB CAPTAIN

It's Luton v Watford at the Kenny and if there's one game we as players look forward to during a season it's a local derby.

The passion, spirit, noise and colour of matches like this make the hairs on the back of your neck stand on end. It was that kind of atmosphere the last time we locked horns with today's opponents. It was one of the most beautifully hostile performances from the stands I've experienced and I have absolutely no doubt it played a key role in ensuring we walked off the pitch at the end deserved 2-0 winners.

Days like those make you long for more of them. Today gives us, as players, the opportunity to do that. We know how important the match is for you, the fans, but believe me it's huge for us, too. As professionals, you don't want to be responsible for losing a game of this magnitude - letting down supporters is not an option.

Again, I'm talking from experience, we took a hiding at their place the season before last and that was a dark, dark day. We certainly made up for it in the return game and we made sure of that.

As a collective, we have discussed how important today is and what is expected of us this afternoon. It's a big one in many ways. We know we have not started the season well and today's game offers us the opportunity to kick-start our season.

We need to get Kenilworth Road back to being a fortress, a place where our opponents

fear to tread. We've shown in glimpses this season that there is a good team in there and I said in my last programme notes that it is important we stick together. The Championship is a marathon not a sprint. Today is only our fifth home game of the season. There's such a long way to go and I can assure you the staff and players are all working hard at The Brache to get where we want to be.

As I've touched on already, your support can be the difference. So please get behind us from the start and stay with us until the very end.

Bring the noise and be positive - we're all Luton, remember.

Big congratulations to those lads who were out on international duty and represented their countries in the past week. Now's the time to focus on club matters and we hope their experiences can help us fight for three important points this afternoon.

Up the Hatters.



“AS PROFESSIONALS, YOU DON'T WANT TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR LOSING A GAME OF THIS MAGNITUDE.”





BOARDROOM GARY SWEET

One of our great men once said, "the stronger the team, the stronger the team!"

For most, he needs no introduction, and his words need no explanation. However, for those who read these notes today having gained entry with a younger concessionary ticket, what John Still meant by the sentiment was that everyone is a part of this team. Not just the 11 talented players starting and performing today – all of you. And, most importantly, you can all contribute to the strength of our performance by remaining strong, remaining positive and resolute.

There's no better occasion to remember John's wise words than today, as we face 'the old enemy', from down the road. At a time when the team on the pitch has endured a tough period – falling short of reaching our own pre-season self-assigned expectations

– our 'off-the-pitch', wider team have had various important key roles to play in preparation for derby day.

Today, I'm asking us all to put thoughts of that disappointing run to one side and get behind the team the way only a Kenilworth Road crowd can. Even before kick-off – so our opponents come out to the unique, intimidating atmosphere that has the power to buckle any opposition. Just as we all did the last time the teams met each other at home – and we all know how that victory was the catalyst to push us on to an amazing end to the season. With the hope this could also be a turning point, let's all play our part today to get the lads off to a positive start.

Following our uncharacteristically disappointing performance at Bramall Lane, we've had a fortnight to regroup and plan for today's exciting match. After a below par spell, this particular

fixture must be seen as a perfect challenge for us as there will be no shortage of motivation, desire or work-rate from the referee's first blow of his whistle onwards.

The players and staff know the importance of a result this afternoon, even those who have only spent a few months in our environment who need to experience the old girl rocking – so let's stick together today and bring the noise!

Today, we are all Luton.

That's one of the things that makes this club so unique. We stand together when times are tough, and that's what has seen us rise from the

depths – as we did under the guidance of that great man, John Still – to the heights, under another great man, Rob Edwards.

Every second of Rob's consciousness at the moment is totally dominated by finding solutions to help us improve, little-by-little, and, like most of you, Rob feels the intense pain when our performance levels don't meet the high standards we have set ourselves.

I'm immensely proud of the manner in which Rob and his team has gone about their work these last few days, addressing meticulous detail, leaving no stone unturned, and it's this approach that

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will make us stronger, more resolute and more determined to get it right.

Our coaching staff and players are doing that under today's relentless commentary on social media, too. Generally, I, and we, tend to choose to avoid social media because it can be a distraction to the clarity and focus of us being efficient in our work. On occasion, however, it's impossible to filter everything out and, whilst constructive supporter opinion is really valuable to us, being thick-skinned has to come with the territory.

I think we can all see both the good and the bad in the variety of platforms of opinion the internet provides – which

is mostly good, of course. However, I often question the purpose, validity and balance of some usage – especially when it's blatantly 'fake news' or 'opinion' created to attract clicks to boost an ego or to crave attention with no care for its accuracy, or consideration for its subject matter.

We frequently meet with John Still, and David Pleat, and seeing them and Rob together it is so apparent that their experiences, pressures and methods of doing the same job are quite different, separated by the characteristics of the three eras.

Indeed, David acknowledges in his recently released, and excellent, book that

he's happy to have managed at the time he did. Having discussed the matter with them, both David and John have admitted that they would struggle with the instantaneous and intense scrutiny – often falsely negative – that exists in and around today's game, in general.

While we can't change social behaviour, those of us in the Club can and will remain united in our unwavering support of our squad and coaching team while we learn and progress to our next goal. I would urge every one of you all to join us.

It's within the very fabric of our Club culture to nurture and develop deep-rooted and ever-maintained

values. With a respect for those people within our community fostering a track record for positivity, resilience, fighting back, overcoming those tough times and, ultimately, achieving what we've set out to do. We see ourselves as a big family, forging relationships amongst our kin on and off the pitch.

In absence of league matches, our Club's social media content this last couple of weeks has been dominated by stories of heart-warming positivity. From welcoming 20-year-old supporter Holly Hamill to The Brache to bravely share her mental health challenges with our first team squad, to the inspirational visit of six-year-old Ellis Rudelhoff who, despite being diagnosed with a rare form of cancer, brought waves of joy across the faces of Rob and the players.

We're an essential part of what makes Luton such a unique town – as the world seemed to discover when we were promoted to the Premier League. We all connect!

This past month has also seen our staff run various daily distances to raise funds for Prostate Cancer UK, and last week our staff – including David Wilkinson, Mick Harford and Alex Lawless – joined the rest of the town to take part in the Love Luton runs.

On the day I pen these notes, Rob Edwards and David Wilkinson will accompany Mick



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Harford and David Pleat in participating in 'Ron's March' in aid of Prostate Cancer UK from The Eric Morecambe Centre in Harpenden, Hertfordshire.

Then, on 28th November, I, along with a number of brave colleagues and some of the leading lights of the Luton business scene are taking part in the CEO Sleepout. We'll be curling up in our sleeping bags under the stars and the shelter of the rafters of the David Preece Stand to raise funds for local charities who support those who

have no homes of their own and who are facing the impacts of poverty and exclusion, in and around Luton.

It would be wonderful if any of you could donate to any of these charitable initiatives, the details of which can be found below and on our website. Please give generously if you can.

But for now, let's put charity to one side for 90 minutes and focus on the job in hand – roaring our team on to yet another victory against our biggest rivals. (Check those

record books if you're reading, Hornets, we're well ahead in the history stakes and we intend to add to that today!)

Finally, to quote another famous 'Stillism', "Control the controllables!"

What we can control today is non-stop, ear-splitting noise and support for the lads on the pitch. So, stop reading these notes, and start singing – there's a derby to be won!

COYRRH!

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

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

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AROUND TOWN

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Many happy returns to **Tommy Kerr** who turns 13 on 21st October. A devoted Hatter, Tommy's first game was against Wycombe Wanderers, sitting in the Kenny with his Dad and Pops in 2018.

Since his 'debut' Tommy's highlights have been walking out with Luke Berry as a mascot, the play-off final at Wembley, watching us beat Watford in 2023 and every time he watched Ross Barkley play.

Every inch of Tommy's room is covered in Hatters memorabilia and he loves a pre-match J20 in the Bricklayers Arms. We have it on good authority he can cross the ball into the box like Alfie Doughty. Happy 13th Birthday Tommy!

REST IN PEACE

It is with sadness that we report the passing of two ardent Hatters supporters since our last home fixture.



Brian Woolford passed away on 13th October 2024. A lifelong Hatter who started attending in the 1950s alongside his brother Pete, Brian's favourite player was Ron Baynham and his last game was the glorious play-off final win at Wembley. He will be sorely missed by his friends and family.

Robert 'Nobby' Donohue sadly and unexpectedly passed away on the 24th October aged 64.

Rob was a long-time diamond member season ticket holder where he would watch games from his seat in the David Preece stand.

He followed the club home and away making journeys from his home in Newton Aycliffe, County Durham where he moved after retirement to be closer to his daughter, grandchildren and great grandson.

During his working career as a plumbing and heating engineer, Rob's love for the club was immense and he was proud to be associated with LTFC where he often assisted the club's stadium manager Peter Kemp with various maintenance projects. Rob will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.



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ACTION REPLAY



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J. Clark 10'
T. Krauß 37'



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T. Goodrham 45'
R. Rodrigues 54'

The Hatters had to settle for a point after letting a two-goal lead slip at home to Oxford.

Jordan Clark had the first chance of the game shooting wide in the seventh minute before the visitors nearly took the lead moments later. Oxford worked the ball out to the left-hand side after a well-worked counter, with the ball was played across the face of the goal by Owen Dale but Teden Mengi made a last-ditch challenge to prevent a tap in.

But after 10 minutes, the Town led. Tom Krauß won the ball back inside the Oxford box and the ball fell kindly to Clark in front of goal. The skipper composed himself to finish smartly with his right foot for his first goal of the season.

Thomas Kaminski was called into action for the first time two minutes later. Idris El Mizouni's shot from the edge of the area deflected off of Mark McGuinness, but Kaminski was equal to it, making a great save. El Mizouni then had a shot on the rebound which was superbly cleared off the line by Mengi.

However, the Town didn't need long to score again to double their lead through Krauß. Oxford keeper Jamie Cumming failed to collect Reece Burke's long ball and Jacob Brown, making his first start since December last year, picked up the ball. He checked his right

shoulder to lay the ball off to Krauß who slotted the ball into the bottom right corner for the German's first goal in Luton colours.

Just before the break, Oxford pulled a goal back. Tyler Goodrham, who had already sent a shot onto the roof of the Kenilworth Road end, made no mistake with this finish, his first-time effort curling beautifully into the top right corner beyond the reach of Thomas Kaminski.

The visitors then equalised 10 minutes after the restart through Rodrigues. Substitute Kyle Edwards sped down the right to cross for the unmarked Rodrigues to fire home.

The Hatters then had heroics from Kaminski to thank for keeping it level as Mark Harris, Goodrham and Edwards all fired consecutive shots at goal only for the Town stopper to make three incredible saves to keep the Hatters in the game.

The Town's task then became tougher with 13 minutes left on the clock when Liam Walsh was red-carded within a minute of his introduction from the bench after a lunging tackle on Siriki Dembele.

After the red card the Town re-organised and ended the better side with Elijah Adebayo denied a tap-in by Cumming's save in the closing stages but it finished all square.

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ACTION REPLAY



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J. Rak-Sakyi 12', 52'



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The Town fell to another defeat on the road as a goal in each half from Jesurun Rak-Sakyi gave Sheffield United all three points.

It was uphill early on for the Hatters at Bramall Lane when Rak-Sakyi gave the hosts the lead in the 12th minute. Anel Ahmedhodzic hooked a ball into the Town box and after getting the better of Reuell Walters and Mark McGuinness, the winger blasted beyond Thomas Kaminski.

Clear-cut chances were at a real premium after the Blades' opener and it wasn't until the 34th minute that the hosts threatened again when Rak-Sakyi shot wide.

Two minutes later the Hatters had Kaminski to thank for keeping it 1-0 when his outstretched leg turned away a goal-bound shot from Kieffer Moore.

As half-time approached the Blades continued to push for a second. Kaminski beat away a piledriver from Vini Souza on 37 minutes before the goalkeeper then denied Rak-Sakyi once more after the winger had tiptoed into the box.

Behind at the break, the hosts started quickly at the beginning of the second half. Kaminski stopped Callum O'Hare's volley and Rak-Sakyi was then inches away from converting a dangerous low right-wing cross from Rhian Brewster.

Back came the Town and, on 49 minutes, they forced their first real chance of the afternoon when Jordan Clark's shot was saved by Michael Cooper.

However, within three minutes of that opportunity, the hosts doubled their advantage. Rak-Sakyi received the ball in the box, drove down the right and buried a low shot through the legs of Kaminski.

The Town then needed their goalkeeper to prevent it becoming 3-0 on 56 minutes when Kaminski flung himself to his right to keep out Brewster's drive as the hosts looked to kill the game off.

Rob Edwards introduced Jacob Brown, Cauley Woodrow, Joe Taylor and Shandon Baptiste from the bench and, with 18 minutes left, the Town fashioned a chance but Clark was denied once more by Cooper.

The game was almost up for the Hatters on 77 minutes when Alfie Doughty and Clark failed to clear their lines on the edge of the box, enabling Vini Souza to charge into the box and fire a shot goalwards that came back off the post with Kaminski beaten.

Doughty came close to pulling back a consolation in injury time but Cooper was equal to it and that proved to be the final chance as the Town were left to reflect on a third defeat in four on the road in the Championship.



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ACTION REPLAY





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WELCOME



The Hatters host rivals Watford in what promises to be an exciting Championship derby at Kenilworth Road.

Tom Cleverley's side have had a decent start to the season and face the Hatters for the first time since April 2023.

The Hornets started the season well with wins against Millwall, Stoke and Derby before being defeated for the first time away at Sheffield United.

A draw against Coventry and a 4-1 away loss to Norwich was to follow before a home win against Sunderland. The Hornets suffered a 3-0 defeat away to Preston but went on to beat Middlesbrough the next week at home.

Over the summer, Tom Cleverley made a few new signings ahead of the campaign. Moussa Sissoko, Angelo Ogbonna, Yasser Larouci, Kevin Keen, Vakoun Issouf Bayo, Daniel Jebbison and Festy Eboese all joined the club.

The Hornets also have former Hatter Tom Ince in their squad. Ince played for the Hatters briefly in 2021 before joining Watford in 2023.

Not since 2006 have the Town lost a home derby to the Hornets – admittedly we have only met twice here since we returned to the Football League in 2014. But both times saw the Hatters triumph, with James Collins scoring a penalty in a 1-0 win behind-closed-doors in April 2021 before goals from Gabe Osho and Allan Campbell scored in a 2-0 victory in April 2023.

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THE SQUAD



- 1 GK Daniel Bachmann
- 2 DF Jeremy Ngakia
- 3 DF Francisco Sierralta
- 4 DF Kévin Keven
- 5 DF Ryan Porteous
- 6 DF Mattie Pollock
- 7 FW Tom Ince
- 8 MF Giorgi Chakvetadze
- 10 MF Imran Louza
- 11 FW Rocco Vata
- 12 MF Ken Sema
- 13 DF Kayky Almeida
- 14 MF Pierre Dwomoh
- 15 DF Antonio Tikvic
- 17 MF Moussa Sissoko
- 18 FW Daniel Jebbison
- 19 FW Vakoun Bayo
- 20 FW Mamadou Doumbia
- 21 DF Angelo Ogbonna
- 22 DF James Morris
- 23 GK Jonathan Bond
- 24 MF Tom Dele-Bashiru
- 34 FW Kwadwo Baah
- 36 DF Festy Ebosele
- 37 DF Yasser Larouci
- 39 MF Edo Kayembe
- 45 DF Ryan Andrews

PROFILES

THE BOSS

TOM CLEVERLEY

Thirty-five-year-old manager who was appointed Watford boss earlier this year. Formerly played for Manchester United, Everton and Aston Villa.

GOALKEEPER

JONATHAN BOND

Re-signed for Watford in the summer after spending nine years away. Has been a regular between the sticks so far this season for the Hornets.

DEFENDERS

ANGELO OGBONNA

Offers years of experience to the back line. Spent most of his career with West Ham and Juventus as well as the Italian national team.

RYAN PORTEOUS

Played for Hibernian before signing for the Hornets last year. Represented Scotland at the Euros last summer but was sent off in the first match.



MATTIE POLLOCK

Yet to miss a minute of league action for Watford so far this season. Scored in the Hornets' 5-0 win against Milton Keynes in the Carabao Cup in August.

RYAN ANDREWS

Youth product who came through the ranks at Watford before breaking into the first team in 2023.

MIDFIELDERS

MOUSSA SISSOKO ▶

Former French international with over 70 caps. Has previous experience with Tottenham, Newcastle United and Nantes.

EDO KAYEMBE

Signed for Watford two years ago from K.A.S Eupen. Scored in Watford's recent 2-1 win against Middlesbrough.

GIORGI

CHAKVETADZE

Joined the Hornets permanently in the summer following a loan spell with the club. Represented Georgia at Euro 2024.

TOM DELE-BASHIRU

Came through the ranks at Manchester City before going to Vicarage Road in 2019. Scored against Sunderland last month.

◀ KWADWO BAAH

Played for Whyteleafe in non-league before signing for Rochdale. Joined the Hornets soon after and now a regular on the team sheet.



KEN SEMA

Played over a century of games for Watford, he made his 150th appearance for the club in February.

FORWARDS

VAKOUN ISSOUF BAYO

Experience in the Scottish, Belgian and French leagues. Signed for Udinese in the summer but loaned back to the Hornets.

TOM INCE

Attacking midfielder or forward who played on loan with the Hatters has a vast amount of EFL experience. Scored a hat-trick against Milton Keynes in the Carabao Cup this season.

DANIEL JEBBISON

Started off at Sheffield United but signed for AFC Bournemouth in the summer. Was loaned out to Watford at the end of the month.

HORNETS KITBAG



1985-88 AWAY

Imagine us scrolling through the internet trying to find a Watford shirt we like! Google images was a sea of yellow! Not the nicest results, admittedly. However, the Hornets' white away number from the mid-80s gets the nod. Umbro keeping it classy with this clean and sharp offering.

A FOOT IN BOTH



PAUL FURLONG

The bustling striker left Coventry to sign for the Hornets in a £250,000 deal in 1992, scoring 41 goals in 92 games. Spells at Chelsea, Birmingham and QPR followed before he arrived at Kenilworth Road in the twilight of his career, impressing for a relegated-haunted Hatters side in 2007/08 where he scored a respectable 12 goals in 39 games.

HORNETS HERO

Having played the majority of his career at Vicarage Road, **Tommy Mooney** helped the Hornets to two

promotions, scoring goals in three divisions – from League One to the Premier League – during his time at the club.



After signing from Southend in 1993, Mooney would go on and score 65 times in 288 games for the Hornets but it was his passion, commitment and aggressiveness that made him a darling for the Watford supporters.

Many believed his sheer determination made up for a supposed lack of natural skill but his performances belied that. His most famous goal for the Hornets was the winner at the Kop end in a 1-0 victory at Liverpool in the Premier League in 1999/2000.

FIXTURE FLASHBACK

WATFORD 2-4 TOWN 17TH SEPTEMBER 1994

Not for 30 years have the Hatters won at Vicarage Road in the league so let's revisit one of our most memorable recent (ish) trips down the M1.

Hessenthaler allow Scott Oakes to score from 25 yards and Kerry Dixon from the edge of the box to set up a famous victory.

Mistakes from Watford skipper Andy

The Hatters are totally dominant in the last

quarter of the game and play 'keep-ball' reminiscent of Leeds in the 1970s and the victory – in front of just 8,880 – is secured by two goals from Paul Telfer.



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At our last home game here at Kenilworth Road against Oxford United, goalkeeper Thomas Kaminski was named man-of-the-match.

Daniel King, managing director of Teng Tools, was on hand to present Thomas with his award in the Eric Morecambe Lounge post-match.

We also had the pleasure of welcoming two mascots for our game with the U's who experienced all the pre-match entertainment, warming up on the pitch before leading the team out before kick-off.

For this afternoon's derby we would like to wish a warm welcome to match sponsors Toureen Group and matchball sponsors M&S Water Services and nine mascots. We hope you all have a fantastic day with us.

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INTERNATIONAL HATTERS

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Academy graduates represent Young Lions

Hatters academy graduates Zack Nelson and Joe Johnson added to their growing collection of England age group caps over the international break.

The Hatters duo went away with the Men's Elite League Squad (formerly Under-20s) and Under-19s respectively, and both gained further experience with their national teams – Zack winning his second and third caps, while Joe took his tally to 11 in total since his Under-17 debut a year ago.

Zack started as Paul Nevins' squad secured a 2-1 win over Italy in the Stadio Benito Stirpe last Thursday, with our

19-year-old playing the full 90 minutes as goals from Plymouth Argyle's Manchester City loanee Darko Gyabi and a late winner from Gent forward Max Dean secured all three points.

Zack then played his part as a 65th-minute substitute in Monday's 3-0 win over Czechia, with Dean scoring two more before assisting the third for Norwich City's Kaide Gordon at Doncaster's Eco-Power Stadium.

Joe travelled to Spain with the Under-19s and played his part in all three of Will Antwi's squad's friendlies over at the Marbella Sports Centre.

He went on as a 74th-minute substitute in the 2-1 defeat to Portugal last Wednesday, before starting and playing the first 74 minutes of the 4-1 win over the Netherlands on Saturday.

Our 18-year-old defender then completed a successful camp by playing an hour in the 4-2 victory over France as the Young Lions wrapped up their preparations for the UEFA Euro Under-19 qualifiers that begin next month.

Meanwhile, midfielder Marvelous Nakamba captained Zimbabwe to a 1-0 victory over Namibia in a match played behind closed

doors at Johannesburg's Orlando Stadium, before being rested for Monday's return fixture at the same venue, which our Marv's Warriors won 3-1.

That triumph saw Zimbabwe return to second position in Group J of the 2025 Africa Cup of Nations qualifiers with eight points, two behind Cameroon who are on 10 points.

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TIME TO GET NASTY AGAIN

Defender Reece Burke says the Hatters need to stop being too nice ahead of today's derby

Reece Burke thinks the Town need to rediscover their horrible side after we went down 2-0 in our last match at Sheffield United two weeks ago.

Burke, who made his 90th appearance for the Hatters in the defeat at Bramall Lane, believes the Hatters need to stop being 'too nice' if they are to return to winning ways in the Championship – starting today against local rivals Watford.

"I'm sure the gaffer is going to go away and look at it, but we need to be horrible to play against. At the moment we're being too nice," said the defender.

"We need to start fighting and showing some fight in games, winning our duels, one v ones all over the pitch, second balls and getting in opposition

faces as that's how we used to be and that's how the fans used to love watching it.

"The Kenny was always a difficult place to play and we were always difficult to play against and it was the same for me when I wasn't at Luton and we played against Luton. It was tough, so we need to start being more nasty. We need to go back to basics, do the basics well, be horrible to play against and especially at home, make it difficult for the opposition to come and play as that's what we need to get back."

Having arrived at Kenilworth Road in the summer of 2021, Burke knows full well how slowly the Town have started seasons in the past before finishing campaigns strongly.

"It's been a slow start but I think for me I look at the boys in the changing room, I look at the squad we've got, even the players we managed to keep hold of and we've got more than enough," said Burke.

"That's why it's frustrating, especially from the fans' point of view as I'm sure they know we've got a good team. I know we've got a good team, we've got good players and we shouldn't be in the position that we are now, but we need to start doing the basics well as I think we've been too nice to play against recently. The main thing for us is trying to keep positive, being negative and keeping our heads down isn't going to change anything."

With the Town aiming to bounce back to winning

ways this afternoon, Burke says now is the time for everyone to stick together.

He said: "When you're out there, when you're going through a bad patch of games and results, it's tough.

"We need to be mentally strong, we need to stick together, as at the end of the day it's us, the players, the staff, everyone needs to be together. I can understand it's frustrating for the fans, but listen we don't want to lose games, so it's frustrating for us as well. There were a few words after the game, we know we have to be better."

TODAY'S
FIXTURES

12.30pm
Cardiff City v Plymouth Argyle
Oxford United v West Brom

3pm
Preston North End v Coventry City
Blackburn Rovers v Swansea City
Middlesbrough v Bristol City
Millwall v Derby County
QPR v Portsmouth
Sheffield Wednesday v Burnley
Stoke City v Norwich City



TOP
SCORERS

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Borja Sainz Eguskiza	7
Norwich City	
Josh Maja	7
West Bromwich Albion	
Duncan Watmore	5
Millwall	
Thomas Cannon	4
Stoke City	
Yuki Ohashi	4
Blackburn Rovers	



CLEAN
SHEETS

Michael Cooper	6
Sheffield United	
Illan Meslier	5
Leeds United	
Alex Palmer	5
West Bromwich Albion	
Anthony Patterson	5
Sunderland	
Freddie Woodman	4
Preston North End	

TABLE AND STATS 2024/25
AS OF 16/10/2024

		P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	PTS
1	Sunderland	9	6	1	2	18	8	10	19
2	Sheffield United	9	6	3	0	12	3	9	19
3	Burnley	9	5	3	1	14	4	10	18
4	West Bromwich Albion	9	5	2	2	12	6	6	17
5	Leeds United	9	4	4	1	15	7	8	16
6	Watford	9	5	1	3	14	14	0	16
7	Norwich City	9	4	3	2	16	10	6	15
8	Blackburn Rovers	9	4	3	2	15	11	4	15
9	Middlesbrough	9	4	2	3	10	7	3	14
10	Oxford United	9	3	3	3	13	11	2	12
11	Swansea City	9	3	3	3	8	6	2	12
12	Derby County	9	4	0	5	12	12	0	12
13	Hull City	9	3	3	3	12	13	-1	12
14	Plymouth Argyle	9	3	2	4	10	13	-3	11
15	Sheffield Wednesday	9	3	2	4	11	15	-4	11
16	Bristol City	9	2	5	2	10	14	-4	11
17	Stoke City	9	3	1	5	10	12	-2	10
18	Millwall	9	2	3	4	12	11	1	9
19	Preston North End	9	2	3	4	7	12	-5	9
20	Coventry City	9	2	2	5	10	13	-3	8
21	Luton Town	9	2	2	5	8	15	-7	8
22	Queens Park Rangers	9	1	4	4	9	16	-7	7
23	Portsmouth	9	0	5	4	9	20	-11	5
24	Cardiff City	9	1	2	6	4	18	-14	5

PLAYER STATISTICS

PLAYER	LEAGUE			THIS SEASON CUP			TOTAL			DISCIPLINARY		LIFECAREER TOTAL	
	APP	SUB	GLS	APP	SUB	GLS	APP	SUB	GLS	YELLOW	RED	APP	GLS
Elijah Adebayo	9	0	0	1	0	0	10	0	0	1	0	151	42
Mads Andersen	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	12	1
Shandon Baptiste	4	1	0	0	1	0	4	2	0	1	0	6	0
Amari'i Bell	4	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	129	2
Jacob Brown	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	25	3
Reece Burke	6	0	0	1	0	0	7	0	0	3	0	90	4
Tahith Chong	7	0	1	1	0	0	8	0	1	3	0	46	6
Jordan Clark	8	0	1	1	0	0	9	0	1	3	0	146	13
Alfie Doughty	9	0	0	1	0	0	10	0	0	3	0	88	5
Daiki Hashioka	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0
Tom Holmes	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0
Joe Johnson	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	8	0
Thomas Kaminski	8	0	0	1	0	0	9	0	0	1	1	47	0
Tom Krauß	3	1	1	0	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	4	1
Tim Krul	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0
Tom Lockyer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	117	7
Mark McGuinness	7	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	7	0
Teden Mengi	8	1	1	0	0	0	8	1	1	1	0	44	2
Carlton Morris	4	2	2	1	0	0	5	2	2	1	0	101	33
Victor Moses	2	2	1	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	4	1
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	406	23
Marvelous Nakamba	4	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	39	0
Zack Nelson	2	4	0	1	0	1	3	4	1	1	0	9	1
Chiedozie Ogbene	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	39	5
James Shea	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	110	0
Joe Taylor	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	12	0
Andros Townsend	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	32	1
Liam Walsh	2	3	0	0	1	0	2	4	0	0	1	6	0
Reuell Walters	6	2	0	1	0	0	7	2	0	3	0	9	0
Cauley Woodrow	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	69	6



LEAGUE LOOK

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The last week in the Championship before the international break was a big one with plenty of clashes up and down the table catching the eye.

On the Friday night, there was a huge game at the Stadium of Light between high-flying Sunderland and Leeds United. The Black Cats took the lead but were soon 2-1 behind.

In the dying seconds of the game, Sunderland found an equaliser in incredible fashion after a goalkeeping howler from Illan Meslier gifted the home side a point.

On Saturday, a local derby between Burnley and Preston ended 0-0 at Turf Moor. Norwich City picked up an impressive 4-0 win against Hull City in a superb display.

Portsmouth should have had their first win of the season but were denied as Oxford United took a point from Fratton Park. Sheffield Wednesday picked up a huge win away at Coventry thanks to a last-minute winner.

Derby beat QPR 2-0 at home and Plymouth beat Blackburn at Home Park. The Hatters were defeated 2-0 away at Sheffield

United and there was a stalemate in South Wales between Swansea and Stoke.

West Brom were held to a 0-0 draw at home to Millwall and Watford beat Middlesbrough. On Sunday, the Severnside derby finished 1-1 at

Ashton Gate after goals from Ollie Tanner and Luke McNally cancelled each other out.

“SUNDERLAND FOUND AN EQUALISER IN INCREDIBLE FASHION AFTER A GOALKEEPING HOWLER FROM ILLAN MESLIER GIFTED THE HOME SIDE A POINT.”



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BLACK HISTORY MONTH



During Black History Month, we at Hatters' Heritage will be recounting some of the iconic black players who have turned out for Luton Town.

This week we will be taking a look at a modern-day legend in the ranks at Luton Town, Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu, who captured the hearts and minds of the world when he became the first player to go from non-league to the Premier League with one club.

Born in Hendon, Mpanzu joined Boreham Wood, trialling and then breaking into their first team at the age of 16 before West Ham, at that time competing in the Championship, signed him in 2011.

Although never making a league appearance for the Hammers, Mpanzu made his West Ham debut alongside future Hatter Dan Potts in a 2-0 League Cup win over Burnley. To continue his

development, he moved to Kenilworth Road on loan in November 2013 making his debut against Staines in the FA Trophy just two days later. Mpanzu became an instant fans' favourite, but the Hatters faithful would have to wait to see more, when he was recalled by West Ham due to injuries in their first team squad.

However, with a route to the first team at the Boleyn Ground looking increasingly unlikely, early in 2014 Mpanzu took, in his own words, "a step out of his comfort zone" leaving behind the glitz and glamour of a Premier League training facility and replacing it with the portacabins and dog muck of Ely Way by joining the Town, still in the Conference, on a permanent basis, in a move that John Still described as a "major coup".

It also paid off instantly with a Conference title medal to his name by

the end of that season, along with two goals, one in particular that Hatters fans recall as being amongst the best they saw during our Conference years: the half-volley in a late 2-1 victory at Dartford.

Each season with the club saw Mpanzu continue to grow into the new level the Town had attained, with more and more memorable goals scored each step of the way as we climbed the leagues.

He left the Premier League as a 19-year-old for a new challenge, but Mpanzu blazed his path back to the Premier League as a 29-year-old, a modern day club legend and is now on the cusp of breaking into our all-time top 10 appearance list.

Ollie Kay

Mpanzu in action against Arsenal last season ▲

Pelly on his debut at Staines in 2013 ▼



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HATTERS HERITAGE

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

HOW THE RIVALRY BEGAN *By Brian Webb*

St. Albans was Luton's main economic rival in the hat industry as in 1832 the city had 18 listed hat manufacturers, Luton had just 13. Local newspapers sniped at each other on this and every other subject including football.

The rivalry between football spectators was mentioned in a report from a January 1884 game between Luton Excelsior and St. Albans.

After formation in 1885, Luton Town rose to become one of the best teams in the area. St. Albans, troubled by finances, faded and so did the rivalry. However, a game in November 1891 saw the birth of a new rivalry, this time with the West Herts Club and Ground based in Watford.

The game was coming to a close with West Herts 4-3 ahead. At this time, there were no goal nets and the crowd was held back by ropes around the pitch. In the last minute, a Luton header hit a spectator standing in the goalmouth and bounced away. The referee, a Luton club committee

member, refused to allow a goal (he later admitted he made an error).

The Watford newspapers gloated over the victory and made disparaging remarks towards the Luton club. The Luton newspapers replied thus setting the tone for the return game in January 1892. This time the referee was a West Herts man who gave a goal that no one appealed for. The Lutonians voiced their disapproval, but the Town men came back to draw the game.

As Luton Town entered the Southern League in

the autumn of 1894 they left Hertfordshire teams far behind. West Herts had entered a dismal period and their first two games of the 1897/98 season saw attendances of 128 and 134. They were in serious financial trouble with debts over £800. Their saviour would be Watford St. Mary's who were well-run club showing a profit three years running. In April 1898 West Herts and Watford St. Mary's agreed an amalgamation which the full council of the Football Association approved. A new club, Watford F.C., was formed on the 15th April 1898.

The first game between Luton Town and Watford took place on the 29th October 1898 at the Dunstable Road ground in the FA Cup. Although Watford were a new club, the rivalry transferred smoothly and two special trains brought nearly a thousand Watfordians to the Dunstable Road ground to see a 2-2 draw.

A photo of the Dunstable Road ground on 29th October 1898 which saw the first ever Luton v Watford game played at the ground also known as the Bury Park Enclosure. Charlie Hare scored twice for the newly formed club nicknamed the Wasps with Jack Durrant and John Dow on target for the Hatters ▼



THE OLD FOOTBALL GROUND, LUTON.

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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 Hornets.



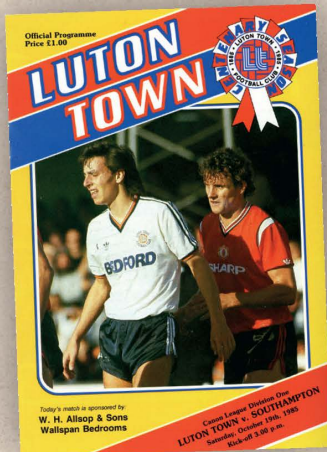


1. Mike Keen rises to head the only goal of the game at Vicarage Road in December 1970.
2. Full-back Kirk Stephens appears from nowhere to power in a last-minute header to secure a 1-0 win at Watford on Boxing Day 1979.
3. Luton boy Wayne Turner, on his 24th birthday, lashes the ball home to settle a twice replayed FA Cup tie against the Hornets in March 1985.
4. Allan Campbell nets the decisive second goal on the occasion of Watford's last visit to these parts in April 2023.



ON THIS DAY

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



The Hatters recorded their biggest-ever win in the top flight on this day in 1985 as Southampton were blown away 7-0 at Kenilworth Road.

With every player on the top of his game, the score could easily have been 10, were it not for Peter Shilton in the Saints' goal.

Brian Stein hits a superb hat-trick and Glen Cockerill, who declined an offer to join Luton, makes his debut for the away side.

Also on target for the Town were Emeka Nwajiobi, Ricky Hill, David Preece and Ray Daniel on a day where only 8,876 were there to see it!

The scoreboard says it all



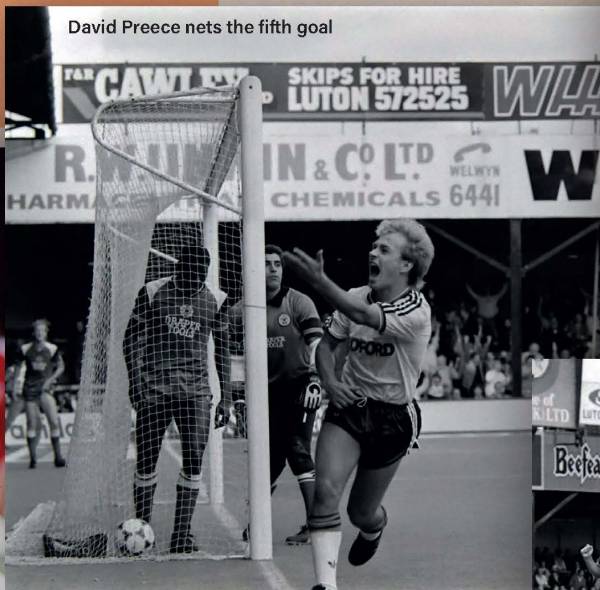
Brian Stein surges through the Saints defence



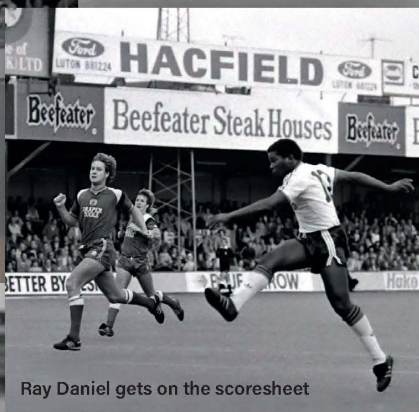
Brian Stein celebrates his hat-trick



David Preece nets the fifth goal



Mick Harford fires in a shot



Ray Daniel gets on the scoresheet



Stein gets a handshake from Saints keeper Peter Shilton



Emeka Nwajobi scores the first

ALSO ON 19TH OCTOBER...

Traditionally a day with plenty of goals... Last time out, in 2021, we drew 2-2 at Derby. In 2019 Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu was among the goals as we beat Bristol City 3-0. In 2013 we came out 4-3 winners over Tamworth in the Conference and in 2010 we put six past Forest Green in a 6-1 win. Further back we beat Bedford Queens Works 4-2 in the FA Cup in 1901 and Treharris 4-0 in the Southern League in 1912.



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.

Ahmet Brkovic away down the win at Prenton Park



Nine points clear at the top after 10 games the Town now needed to face possibly their biggest test of the season so far - a trip to second-placed Tranmere.

A healthy crowd of 10,884 greeted the Hatters with the home side certainly up for the game and putting the Town under some pressure during the first period. The Hatters held out until the 27th minute when Curtis Davies fouled overlapping full-back Ryan Taylor in the box.

Taylor, the regular Tranmere penalty taker, was injured in the clash and went off the field needing treatment leaving Iain Hume to step up to take the spot kick. This was brilliantly saved by Luton's Slovenian goalkeeper Dino Seremet, who was making his full league debut in place of the injured Marlon Beresford.

Joy in the Luton ranks quickly turned to despair when the referee, after conferring with his linesman, controversially ordered the penalty to be re-taken deeming that Seremet was off his line before the ball was kicked. Controversy doubled when Taylor was allowed back on the pitch to take the second kick. Seremet blocked the ball but Taylor, following up, tapped in the rebound.

Stung by this, and the determination to maintain their unbeaten record, the Town stepped up a gear

and deservedly equalised on 76 minutes when Chris Coyne rose like a salmon at the far post to head home a free-kick from Kevin Nicholls.

After the game Hatters chairman Bill Tomlins announced that the club was close to submitting a planning application for a new ground to be situated by M1 Junction 10. He apologised that due to the long drawn-out saga of taking over the club the new ground completion was now likely to be pushed back a year to the summer of 2007!

Also in the headlines was the announcement of a new deal tabled for manager Mike Newell. With his current contract ending in the summer of 2005 and with Leicester now eying up the Luton supremo following their dismissal of Micky Adams, the Town were quickly trying to tie down the 39-year-old.

To avoid a clash with the England v Wales World Cup qualifier, the Town decided to switch their next home game with Hartlepool to the Friday night. Although they would be without Kevin Foley, due to his call-up to the Republic of Ireland under-21 squad, they would welcome back Steve Howard fresh from a one-match ban for accumulating five yellow cards.

A best of the season crowd, so far, of 7,865 gathered under the Kenilworth Road lights



Chris Coyne rises high to head in the equaliser at Tranmere



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Steve Howard heads home the first goal at home to Hartlepool

to see the returning Howard head home his sixth goal of the season, converting Steve Robinson's corner at the back post on 36 minutes.

This came after Hartlepool enjoyed by far the better of the opening exchanges going close on three occasions in a five-minute

spell with one of the chances being missed from 15 yards with the goal gaping.

The lead was eventually doubled six minutes into the second half when a cross from Sol Davis found Rowan Vine, who had just been awarded the League One Player of

the Month for September. His shot was parried by Pools goalkeeper Jim Provett straight to the onrushing Ahmet Brkovic who made no mistake.

The introduction of substitute Gary McSheffrey on 76 minutes saw the Coventry loanee display all his close

control and skill to put the game to bed with a fine individual goal, slaloming through the Pools defence to side-foot home.

Newell was not pleased with the first-half performance and said so at the interval but was much more happy with the showing in the second period. "They were sharper and quicker to the second balls in the first half whereas the only time we looked threatening was from set-pieces, which was how we scored our goal," said the boss.

Newell added: "We played some better stuff in the second half and created chances. It will continue to get more and more difficult for us here, but if we keep playing like we did in the second half we could be on to a winner."



Gary McSheffrey stokes home the third goal against Pools

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INSIDE A KIT COLLECTOR'S WARDROBE

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

Today's feature is another shirt that you have probably banished from your memories and long forgotten. It is the 2015/16 goalkeeper's shirt, but the pink version!

We had several different colourways for this template during this campaign, including navy blue and a green and black version, however, it's the bright pink number we are focusing on.

Manufactured by Fila, this shirt features a bright pink base with a chevron of light blue (I believe they call this

"baby blue" when picking paint colours...!). This light blue also accents the side panels of the shirt, making it a nice contrast and distraction from the bright pink. In my opinion, this colour combination strangely works.

It features a very tight round neck and a cool hexagonal pattern on the underside of the long sleeves. You can't really see this pattern unless you lift the arms up, so it is something of a hidden gem. The sponsor for that season was the local college, Barnfield.

On the pitch, this shirt was worn by Elliot Justham and the goalkeeping icon, Mark Tyler. 2015/16 was an eventful season, and our 130th birthday! Maybe that's why Fila gave us bright pink, they were in a celebratory mood, those colours of course our first back in 1885.

It was the season that we said goodbye to a legend. John Still left us in December of 2015 to be replaced by a young, up-and-coming coach called Nathan Jones. He led us to an 11th place in League Two, our second season back in the Football League.

Tyler and Justham shared the goalkeeping duties wearing this template. Tyler unfortunately picked up an injury which restricted him to 27 league appearances, with Justham being called upon during Tyler's injury spells.

Both keepers both appeared to favour the green version of this kit, however, this lovely pink number was used mainly for away games, including at Northampton Town, when the Cobblers beat us 2-0 and won the league. Little did we know that success would be around the corner for us over the years that followed.

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U18s U21s



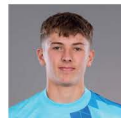
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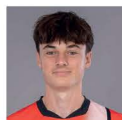
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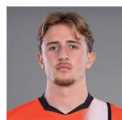
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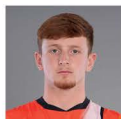
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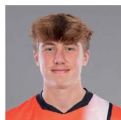
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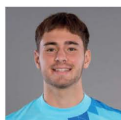
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THE YOUTH OF TODAY

Hopes and dreams, favourite films and small sides games... we get the lowdown on our academy stars

Name... Charlie Emery

Place of birth...
Welwyn Garden City

Position...
Centre-half

Joined Luton at... Under-7.

Previous club...
Wheathampsted Wanderers.

I'm wearing...
Nike.

First teamer's boots I'm cleaning...
Tom Holmes.

Earliest Luton Town memory... Going on tour with the academy in Germany.

Coach who's impacted me the most... Craig Alcock. When he came in as a coach he saw potential and believed in me. He's still currently working with me to develop and get the most out of my ability.

Football memory that makes me smile...
Luton being promoted to the Premier League.

Best moment of my career so far...
Signing my scholarship.



I would be a better player if...

I could use my left foot as good as my right.

Dream squad number... Four.

In the playground I used to be... John Terry.

Teammate that could go all the way... Dylan Stitt.

If I could play with one player it would be...
John Stones.

Favourite film... Bad Boys.

Favourite food... Roast.

Favourite training drill... Small sided games.

Favourite school subject other than PE... Media.

Hobbies outside of football... Spending time with my family.

Tell us something we don't know about you... I've always worn Nike boots.

I am... a leader who looks out for all my players and leads by example. I am someone who isn't afraid to put my body on the line to stop others from scoring and to go to war for the badge.



Charlie Emery celebrates scoring against Cambridge



LTFC ACADEMY

HOME WIN FOR YOUTH TEAM

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The Under-18s secured their first win in the Youth Alliance League Cup with a comprehensive 3-0 victory over Cambridge United at Kenilworth Road last weekend.

The Hatters started the game well and came close to taking the lead when Zach Ioannides saw his shot well saved by the Cambridge goalkeeper.

After dominating the first half for long spells the Town deservedly took the lead eight minutes before half-time when Matthew Takawira headed home Harry Fox's excellent inswinging corner.

And it got better for the young Hatters on the stroke of half-time when Takawira doubled his and

the Town's tally, finishing well after taking Christian Chigozie's pass.

The Town needed the bravery of goalkeeper Lucas Thomas early in the second period to deny Cambridge a way into the game. The stopper was taken to hospital and the game was delayed for a large period after an accidental collision with a visiting player.

When play resumed, the Hatters made the game safe in the 70th minute when captain Charlie Emery converted a wide free-kick at the back post and that's the way it stayed to give the Town their first win in the league cup this term in front of their friends and family watching in the stands.

Boss Joe Deeney said afterwards: "There were a lot of pleasing moments but the most important thing on the day was the welfare of Lucas Thomas who has been in hospital since. He is talking and is his normal jovial self as we would expect. His bravery and courage was admirable and we will miss him in the short term but look forward to his return.

"I would like to thank Charlotte, our physio, the Cambridge United staff, our staff and St John's for looking after Lucas.

"I was really proud of the lads and how well they carried on in difficult circumstances for the remaining 32 minutes of the game.

"There are always things we can improve but

overall I felt we acquitted ourselves well and represented the club well throughout the game and as I said earlier the welfare of the players is always the most important."

It's back to the bread and butter of the Youth Alliance this morning when the Hatters travel to Northampton (kick-off 10.30am).

Town: Thomas (sub Booth), Roberts-Edema, Fox, Ioannides, Emery, Chigozie, Asamoah, Stitt, Takawira (sub Ed-Okungbowa), Trustram (sub Xavier-Jones), Shepherd (sub Harvey).

Sub not used: Evans.

BEDS SENIOR CUP EXIT FOR UNDER-21s

The Hatters Development Squad bowed out of the Beds Senior Cup after a 1-0 defeat at Barton Rovers on Tuesday night.

After a goalless first half, Rovers took the lead six minutes into the second period when Charlie Milton tapped home.

The Town's hopes of getting back into the tie took a turn for the worse when Aiden Francis-Clarke saw red for a second bookable offence shortly before the hour mark.

Despite pressing for a late equaliser, the Hatters couldn't find a way past the Rovers defence and the home side celebrated their place in the next round of the competition.

The Under-21s are next in action when they travel to Reading on Monday for their second match in the Premier League Cup (kick-off 7pm).

Town: Blackledge, Giwa, Pinnington (sub Fox), Paternoster, Bateson, Francis-Clarke, Martins, Kayibanda, Lynch, Lorentzen-Jones (sub Phillips), Harris.

Subs: Coyne, Trustram, Emery.

"DESPITE PRESSING FOR A LATE EQUALISER, THE HATTERS COULDN'T FIND A WAY PAST THE ROVERS DEFENCE"

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	W 4-2
Sat 28th	Plymouth Argyle	D 2-2

OCTOBER

Sat 5th	Peterborough United PDLC	L 2-3
Sat 12th	Cambridge United Cup	W 3-0
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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Jack Bateson



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HE'S ONE OF OUR OWN!

Kelvin Davis

Kelvin made his Luton Town debut while still a youth trainee, appearing between the sticks in a 2-2 draw at Stoke in May 1994, two months before signing a professional contract at Kenilworth Road.

It took some time for Kelvin to claim a regular goalkeeping slot, needing to understudy both Juergen Sommer and Ian Feuer first, but once he became number one choice his shot stopping skills, allied to incredible reflexes, had the big clubs beating a path to Luton's door.

Among his highlights in Town colours was a crucial penalty save in a televised derby against Watford at Kenilworth Road in March 1996. That afternoon the Hatters led through Paul Telfer's goal before Kevin Phillips levelled for the Hornets. Davis brought down Peter Beadle for the penalty but the young stopper atoned by denying Gary Porter from 12 yards.

Having surpassed a century of appearances for the Hatters, a £600,000 bid from Wimbledon took Kelvin into the top flight in 1999.

His career took him to Ipswich and Sunderland before finishing off at Southampton, his final appearance coming in the Premier League making it 687 career outings.

Kelvin joined the coaching staff at St Mary's after hanging up his gloves and is now manager at National League Eastleigh.

APPEARANCES: 107

CAREER TIMELINE



COMMUNITY TRUST

The latest from the Luton Town FC Community Trust

WE'RE HIRING!

Due to the expansion of some of our programmes, Luton Town FC Community Trust are currently looking to fill a number of vacancies. We are looking to recruit for the roles below and are very keen to hear from suitable candidates.

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We are also looking for a number of new casual coaches to deliver sessions across all of our programmes, including our football development programme, Premier League Kicks and our Mini Hatters sessions.

If you are interested in applying for any of these roles, please email us at community@lutontown.co.uk and we will send you an application form to complete.

For further information and a detailed job description for each role please visit www.lutontowncommunity.co.uk/Our-Vacancies.

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October Football Camps

We're excited to announce that booking is now open for our **October Holiday Football Camps**, running from **Monday 28th October to Friday 2nd November**.

These camps will take place at various venues in and around Luton, including Dunstable. Open to all children in school years 1 to 6, regardless of ability or previous experience, our camps provide a fantastic opportunity for young players to develop their skills in a fun, supportive, and safe environment.

Led by professional coaches, each day begins with warm-up activities focused on individual SAQ (Speed, Agility, and Quickness) skills and ball mastery.

As the day progresses, participants will take part in both individual and team games, helping them improve their technique while learning valuable social and teamwork skills. In the afternoon, the focus shifts to football tournaments and matches, with an emphasis on enjoyment rather than competition. We round off each day with a mini awards ceremony, celebrating those who have shown a positive attitude, determination, or outstanding performance.

Adam Woulds, Head of Operations at the Community Trust, said: "We're proud that our

camps are open to everyone, whether you've been playing for years or are just taking your first steps in football. Our aim is to create a sense of community where participants feel supported by both our coaches and their peers. It's always rewarding to

see new friendships form and young players grow in confidence."

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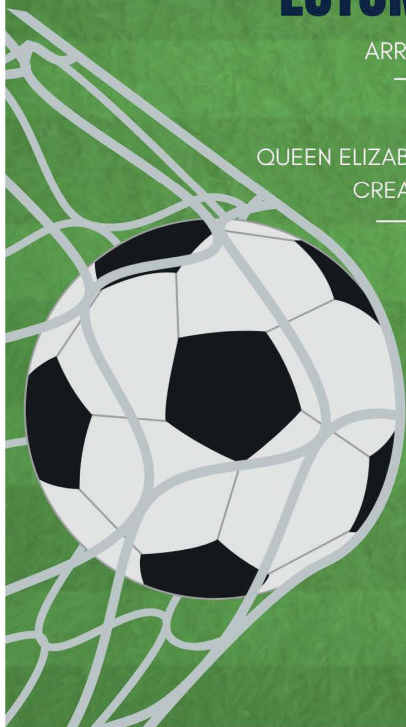
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With SoLYD Chairman Colin Adamson

Hello and welcome to the game I think every Luton fan looked for first when the fixture list came out back in June.

Recent memories of this clash here at our wonderful home are mixed in recent times despite our wins. The first was when we were all huddled around laptops or made up home cinemas when James Collins powered in that penalty in April 2021 and then who could forget April Fool's Day last year when wee AI lifted the roof off the Kenilworth End with the second goal after Gabe Osho had got his own personal redemption at the other end earlier in the game?!

Let's hope for plenty more scenes like that over the course of the afternoon and that this derby clash is the catalyst, combined with a run which sees us at home in four of our next five matches including today, climbing up the table under our manager Rob Edwards.

I am forever proud to be the chairman of SoLYD (Supporters of Luton

Youth Development), a role I take very seriously as we continue to provide support for the academy, who are doing everything they can to continue the stream of players which has seen the likes of Joe Johnson and Zack Nelson become regulars in the first-team matchday squad in recent times.

As you will probably have seen, our Under-21s recently took on Burnley in the first match of this season's Premier League Cup. While Burnley deserved their 4-1 victory, there was much to be encouraged by for the remaining games in the competition, so please keep a lookout for future matches, starting on Monday when the lads travel to Reading.

For the Burnley game, SoLYD was again delighted to provide hospitality in the Eric Morecambe Lounge prior to the match and we were joined by Dale Brunton, the Academy's operations manager.

Dale provided a fascinating insight into all aspects of the Academy, in particular

the improvements and upgrades that are taking place, all of which are big steps on the road to obtaining Category 2 status for next season. Alongside their footballing development, Dale emphasised how important it is for young Hatters to also receive an education that will stand them in good stead whatever the future holds.

The money raised by the evening, almost £1,000, will be used by SoLYD to continue support for the Academy. Thank you to everyone who came along and contributed.

SoLYD also intends to host further events ahead of Under 21 and Academy fixtures at Kenilworth Road this season and will communicate to you details when known.

In the meantime, if you would like to donate to SoLYD please visit www.lutontownsupporterstrust.com/donate.

Enjoy the game, and be loud and proud!

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MY FAVOURITE GOAL...

A Hatters fan for five decades, Derek Sheppard looks back on a special derby day goal

Having supported Luton Town for over 50 years, I've seen many wonderful goals – ones that stand out not just for the movement, the build-up, the finish, the 30-yard bangers, but also for the significance a goal can bring with it.

Given who our opponents are today, and my role within the Supporters' Trust as SoLYD (Supporters of Luton Youth Development) secretary, why should I look anywhere else for my favourite than a great strike from a graduate of our youth and apprenticeship systems? Not only that, but a born and bred Lutonian playing for his hometown

club, which makes it even more special.

Signed as a schoolboy at 14 having played for Lewsey Youth, this player is one of a small band of Lutonians who have actually made it through to the first team. James Justin, Kingsley Black, Mitchell Thomas and Wayne Turner. It's the latter who went from terrace boo boys target to legend with one glorious strike.

It's FA Cup 5th Round day, 9th March, 1985 – second replay to be precise – and Wayne's 24th birthday. He woke up full of flu but ended the day as a hero!

It had been a close tie across all three matches,

but in the 58th minute a superb 25-yard ball from Garry Parker split Watford's left-back and centre-back and into space inside the box – to be met by Turner running into the area. His crisp first-time shot was sent across the goalkeeper and nestled gloriously into the bottom right corner of the goal in front of the Oak Road – greeted by wild celebrations of course. It was the only goal of the game, and a turning point for Wayne. From zero to hero in one.

There's something extra-special when one of our own scores against them down the road and that winning goal helped Luton Town to the semi-

final of the FA Cup, where the Town dominated the eventual winners Everton, and came within five minutes of a second FA Cup final.

This was the start of five seasons when we had some great runs in cup competitions – three Wembley finals and another FA Cup semi-final. That's why I place Wayne's goal so high in my slowly fading memory. It's what it brought to the club in the years after rather than a flashy net-bulging 35-yarder.

Wayne now finds himself back at the club as Head of Academy Development. Wayne Turner he's one of our own!

Wayne Turner with the goal that made him a Luton hero and settled the three tie marathon putting the Town in the quarter finals



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JUNIOR HATTERS

TODAY'S MASCOTS



ALBIE BENNETT

Age: 11
Hobbies: Watching Luton, playing football & skateboarding
Favourite Player: Alfie Doughty



MILO BENNETT

Age: 7
Hobbies: Watching Luton, Building Lego, Swimming
Favourite Players: Elijah Adebayo & Carlton Morris



ANTOINE MATHUVIRIN

Age: 8
Hobbies: Watching and playing football, riding, bicycle, playing Fifa
Favourite Players: Thomas Kaminski and Elijah Adebayo

MY SCORE PREDICTION



ARCHIE ROYLE

Age: 12
Hobbies: Football, Running, Meeting my friends
Favourite Player: Elijah Adebayo



CILLIAN BURKE

Age: 9
Hobbies: Football, Rugby, Gaelic
Favourite Players: Tom Lockyer & Alfie Doughty



FINNLEY FREEMAN

Age: 8
Hobbies: Playing and watching football, watching YouTube, playing out with friends
Favourite Players: Carlton Morris & Elijah Adebayo



HUNTER DOVE

Age: 7
Hobbies: Football, playing for Crawley Green
Favourite Player: Alfie Doughty



ISABELLA CORDWELL

Age: 11
Hobbies: Playing roblox and watching football
Favourite Player: Daiki Hashioka



RYAN CLARKE

Age: 11
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LUTON TOWN LADIES

Ladies edge past Enfield

A coolly converted penalty from Tasha Fensome earned Luton Town Ladies a narrow but crucial 1-0 win over Enfield Town Ladies at Barton on Sunday.

Co-managers Myles Maddix and Fadi Mazloum made four changes to the line-up following their dominant 5-0 victory against Dussindale & Hellesdon. Defensive trio Elly Wade, Tanya Blacksley, and Bridget Adu returned to the starting XI alongside midfielder Liz Mulvaney.

Luton were quick to assert themselves, creating their first chance just six minutes into the match. A well-placed ball over the top from Jess McKay found Tasha Fensome, but her effort flew just wide. Moments later, McKay had another attempt—this time striking a volley from outside the box that sailed over the bar.

Despite dominating early possession, clear opportunities remained elusive. The Hatters' best chance of the first half came 15 minutes in when Mulvaney won

possession on the edge of Enfield's area. The ball broke kindly for Cesca Partridge, who found herself one-on-one with the goalkeeper, only to be denied by a crucial save.

The Town's pressure seemed to pay off in the 19th minute when Amber Leighton was brought down by the keeper inside the box, earning Luton a penalty. Partridge stepped up, but her spot-kick was saved low to the keeper's left.

As the half progressed, Enfield began to find their footing. Their first venture into the Town penalty area was thwarted by a perfectly timed sliding tackle from captain Blacksley.

The second half mirrored the first, with Luton

dictating play but struggling to break down the visitors' resolute defence. However, the breakthrough finally came in the 77th minute after Enfield's attempt to play out from the back led to a defensive error. A mis-hit pass saw the ball bounce up and strike an Enfield defender's hand inside the area, gifting Luton another penalty. This time, Fensome took responsibility and calmly slotted the ball into the bottom left corner.

The Hatters came close to doubling their lead shortly after. A flurry of attempts from substitute Chloe Martin saw her first shot saved, and two more efforts blocked by a determined Enfield backline - highlighting their resilience in defence.



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	Chigwell (FAC) W 11-0
29/09/24	Dussindale & Hellesdon Rovers W 5-0
06/10/24	Enfield Town Ladies W 1-0
13/10/24	St Albans City A-A
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

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JUST THE TICKET

The latest from the Ticket Office

COVENTRY CITY v LUTON TOWN SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2024, KO 12.30PM

Luton Town supporters have received an initial allocation of 1,921 tickets (up to 3,000 available) for our fixture at Coventry.

Tickets are on sale to any supporter with a previous purchasing history and any member without a previous booking history.

Prices

Adults £37
Seniors (Over 65+) £32
Young Adults (18-21) £32
Under 18 £25

Wheelchair and Ambulant supporters pay the appropriate age-related age band with a carer free of charge if required.

Under-14s must be accompanied by a supporter over 18.

Under-3s are not permitted into the Away Stand.

Safe Standing

Coventry City offer a section of safe standing. If you intend to stand, please book in the appropriate section highlighted. Coventry City advise only supporters 14 plus should book in the Safe Standing section.

Accessibility

Please note there are steps from the concourse to the seating area. Supporters who are unable to manage steps are advised to book in the lower rows and speak to a steward before entering the ground to allow access through the accessible gate.

Car Parking

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HOME MATCHES

LUTON TOWN v WEST BROMWICH ALBION FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2024, KO 8PM

Tickets are now on general sale to supporters with a previous purchasing history or Hatters Members without a purchasing history (before 1st October).

Prices

Adult £29
Senior (over 66) £25
Golden Senior (over 75) £21
Young Adult (under 22) £25
Under 19 £21
Under 17 £13
Under 14 £10

LUTON TOWN v CARDIFF CITY WEDNESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2024, KO 8PM

Tickets are now on sale to diamond card holders wishing to book a ticket for a guest.

Tickets will go on sale to supporters in the following categories on these dates:

- Three year members – Monday 21st October
- Two year members – Tuesday 22nd October
- Members with previous purchasing history before May 2024 – Thursday 24th October
- General sale – Friday 25th October

Prices

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UP NEXT



The Hatters are back in Championship action here at Kenilworth Road next week when Sunderland visit on Wednesday evening.

The Black Cats, who finished last season in 16th place, go into this weekend's fixtures as leaders of the Championship after an excellent start to the campaign under the new boss Régis Le Bris.

Le Bris, who joined from Ligue 1 side FC Lorient, has brought a fresh tactical approach to the Stadium of Light, and his influence has been felt early on. Sunderland won their first three Championship games without conceding a goal, including an impressive 4-0 victory over Sheffield Wednesday and a 1-0 triumph over Burnley.

The strong start has revitalised the squad's confidence and has fans optimistic about their promotion prospects which have been maintained despite losing two of their past five

games – both away from the Stadium of Light.

Like the Town, the Black Cats were beaten at Plymouth, losing 3-2 at Home Park, while their second defeat of the campaign came against our visitors this afternoon.

They say the sign of any good team is how they react to disappointments and since losing at Vicarage Road, Le Bris' side beat Derby 2-0 at the Stadium of Light before earning a point at the death in a dramatic 2-2 draw.

Among the players to keep an eye out for on Wednesday are two highly-rated stars who are destined for a career at the top.

Jobe Bellingham is no stranger to football fans – but not because of his older brother. Only 19, Jobe signed from Birmingham at the start of last season and scored seven times in his debut season on Wearside

Bellingham continues to play a leading role

alongside another young gun, 17-year-old Chris Rigg. The England youth international attacking midfielder has started this season in fantastic form, scoring twice, including the winning goal in the 1-0 victory over Middlesbrough last month.

With the young duo helping Sunderland solidify their credentials as promotion chasers, the Black Cats have made them one of the Championship's teams to watch this season, and their focus on playing fast-paced, pressing football under Le Bris has energised both players and supporters alike.

However, sustaining this momentum throughout a long and challenging campaign will be the real test for the Black Cats as they aim to secure promotion to the Premier League – starting today as they travel to Hull ahead of Wednesday's long trip down to Kenilworth Road.

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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
SAT 21	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	15:00	15	2-1	11,805	1,326	Kaminski	Walters	Doughty	Burke	McGuinness	Mengi	Nakamba
FRI 27	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	20:00	19	1-3	16,616	1,113	Kaminski	Walters	Doughty	Burke	McGuinness	Mengi	Krauß

OCTOBER

TUE 1	OXFORD UNITED	19:45	18	2-2	11,397	1,322	Kaminski	Moses	Doughty	Burke	McGuinness	Mengi	Nakamba
SAT 5	SHEFFIELD UNITED	15:00	21	0-2	27,925	1,760	Kaminski	Doughty	Walters	Burke	McGuinness	Mengi	Nakamba

SAT 19	WATFORD	12:30
WED 23	SUNDERLAND	19:45
SAT 26	COVENTRY CITY	12:30

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

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

JANUARY

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

FEBRUARY

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

MARCH

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

APRIL

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

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.

- Which goalkeeper saved a penalty in a Luton v Watford derby here in 1995?
- What is the nickname of Grimsby Town?
- Which youth team player scored twice in the Under-18s' 3-0 win over Cambridge at Kenilworth Road last weekend?
- Which club play their home games at Oakwell?
- How many appearances for Luton Town has Reece Burke made?
- Which two players are joint-top goalscorer in the Championship?
- Who scored England's third goal in the 3-1 win over Finland last week?
- Liechtenstein met Gibraltar in the Nations League last week - what was the score?
- Who has won more derby games? Luton or Watford?
- When the Hatters last won at Vicarage Road in 2002, who scored our goals in the 2-1 victory?

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 PITTS. Room for improvement but at least it's not minus 30.

ANSWERS: 1 Kelvin Davis 2 The Mariners 3 Mathew Takawira 4 Barnsley 5 90 6 Josh Maja and Borja Sainz 7 Declan Rice 8 0-0 9 Luton 10 Mathew Spring and Steve Howard.

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
Clark	Walsh	Chong	Adebayo	Krauß	MORRIS 2	Nelson	Taylor	Moses		Shea, Holmes, Mpanzu, Woodrow
Clark	Nelson	Chong	Adebayo	Andersen	Brown	MOSES 1	Woodrow	Taylor		Shea, Mpanzu, Nakamba, Walsh
CLARK 1	KRAUB 1	Brown	Adebayo	Mpanzu	Walters	Woodrow	Walsh ■			Shea, Holmes, Taylor, Nelson, Johnson
Clark	Krauß	Moses	Adebayo	Brown	Woodrow	Baptiste	Taylor	Nelson		Shea, Mpanzu, Holmes, Johnson

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In the event that any Luton supporters do make discriminatory chants, the Club will work with the police and football authorities to help identify such individuals. Any such fans would then face the strictest club sanctions, including football banning orders that would prevent them attending any matches, in addition to any criminal charges.

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We're all Luton.



LAST WORD WITH



FAYE CARRUTHERS

TALKSPORT PRESENTER AND REPORTER

We don't need a pep talk to get up for a game against Watford. When the fixture list came out in the summer, it was the first date I looked for and I'm sure any of you reading this did exactly the same.

It's not been the start to the season we wanted, but I always think through good times and bad, we're stronger when we tough it out together. No better way to remind ourselves of the good times than rewatching the goals from that famous win here at Kenilworth Road back in April 2023.

My cousin had booked the big box in the corner of the old Bobbers stand and I brought my nephew for his first experience of the derby. He wasn't even born the last time we'd hosted Watford at the Kenny! The 17-year wait was worth it - what an atmosphere! It was the best I had ever experienced. Only the Sunderland win in the

play-off semi-final has come close to matching it since.

The first goal epitomised the Hatters that season - a brilliant team goal, from Alfie's long throw-in cleared out to Cody Drameh, swept to the right for Pelly who played a one-two with Locks and drilled the ball low across the face of goal for Gabe Osho to sweep home. The redemption celebration was even better, crying eyes and a kick of the advertising hoardings after that sending off in the reverse fixture we've erased from our memory!

Allan Campbell put the icing on the cake in added time after a deep corner from the right headed into the middle of the box by Morris, hit the

Scotsman's knee and he poked it into the back of the net. Euphoria - with a mixture of giddiness and relief. I had no voice left after that game - not great bearing in mind I talk for a living, but I didn't care!

The memory of that game always makes me smile. That victory moved us 12 points clear of those down the M1 and we went on a seven-game unbeaten run to confirm a third-place finish in the Championship. We all know what happened next.

So let's harness that winning feeling and the indescribable joy of beating them again. I know a win today could galvanise us and bring some much needed momentum. The emotion

of last season took a lot out of everyone, but we will get our mojo back. Everyone is working hard to get us back on track and in a tight league, things can turn around very quickly.

I'm not able to be there today but will be watching with anticipation while on air at Craven Cottage. My family are representing and are under strict instructions to help replicate that atmosphere from 18 months ago. This game means a lot, so let's get behind Rob and the team and make Kenilworth Road a hostile fortress again.

Derby day. We've had some good ones! Let's make this another. #COYH

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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
Thomas KAMINSKI	24
Joe TAYLOR	25
Shandon BAPTISTE	26
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Tom HOLMES	29
Jameson HORLICK	31
Jayden LUKER	34
Zack NELSON	37
Joe JOHNSON	38
Aidan FRANCIS-CLARKE	39
Christian CHIGOZIE	40
Benedict BENAGR	41
Alfie DOUGHTY	45



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