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Recovered yet? Enjoy that much? We can't start this issue without basking in the glory of Saturday's excellent derby win. Togetherness, noise, passion and quality. What a 90 minutes on and off the pitch – and a huge thanks to you all for making it an atmosphere to remember once more.

But this is the Championship and while we'd like to enjoy the weekend's win that little bit longer, we're back at it this afternoon against a high-flying Sunderland side who have started the season brilliantly. The last time we met here was another night to remember so raise the roof once more for a big game as the lads aim to follow-up Saturday's win this evening.

Enjoy the game. Come on Luton!

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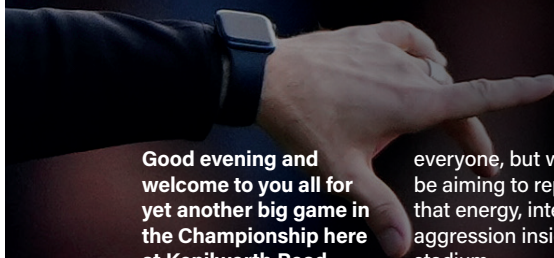
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**“OUR CHALLENGE
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| **ROB EDWARDS** |

THE BOSS



Good evening and welcome to you all for yet another big game in the Championship here at Kenilworth Road.

I'd like to welcome everyone associated with Sunderland and wish them a safe journey home after the game. They arrive here deservedly top of the league so congratulations to Regis and his staff and players. It represents another tough game, as they all are, in one of the most competitive leagues in the world.

We know the importance of this game and between us – the players on the pitch and you in the stands – everyone needs to be up for it again.

I admit that it's almost impossible to recreate a derby-like atmosphere every single week, especially given how much that game means to

everyone, but we should be aiming to replicate that energy, intensity and aggression inside the stadium.

Saturday's victory was hugely important, but it only represents three points. Obviously, we all know how much it means to you all. It meant a lot to me and the lads, too, and they showed that by delivering a terrific performance full of passion and quality.

As I sit here writing these notes on Monday morning, we've just had a good meeting where we reviewed the Watford game. There were a lot of positives – even when things didn't go our way or we didn't get things right – our reactions were brilliant and every single player affected the game in a positive way.

We have now set ourselves a level of

performance which we will be aiming to continue this evening – even though we're not entirely sure who will be able to play following the injuries that we sustained on Saturday. However, regardless of who is and isn't available, we have to show the same level of commitment and passion tonight.

I was delighted for everyone on Saturday. It was big. However, our challenge now is to back that up with another passion-filled performance that is full of all the good things we saw the other day. Night games here at the Kenny are special so let's try and make it another one to remember.

Finally, I'd like to pay tribute to a number of players who have pushed and worked hard to get themselves fit for the weekend. Reece Burke

and Mark McGuinness could have easily said 'I'm not quite ready' but between them and the medical staff, they have pulled together to find a way. For me, that tells me a lot about their character. Likewise, Daiki Hashioka. In what was his first game since early pre-season, to come on at half-time and deliver a performance like that was really pleasing.

Please raise the noise level inside Kenilworth Road once more tonight and enjoy the game.



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| TOM LOCKYER |

CLUB CAPTAIN

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Wow. What can I say? What a weekend. What a derby. What an atmosphere and what a performance from the lads.

Saturday was brilliant in so many ways – okay, maybe not those injuries – but what was the most important was to win and do so in the manner in which we did.

We got off to the perfect start thanks to Clicker's little flick and from that point we didn't look back with goals from Carlton and Brown. We were all pleased for Brown as he's worked so hard to get himself fit after a nasty injury last season.

The noise you made from the stands was deafening, just like it was against them last time and the lads really thrived off it. For a few of them it was their first experience of a Luton v

Watford derby and they loved it. They were made aware of the magnitude of the game and how much it meant to you and they delivered. It highlights the character and personality of our group. Nobody wanted anything else than three points and boy did it show.

Now we need to ensure that that effort isn't wasted tonight when we host a Sunderland side who are absolutely flying this season. Not only are they top of the league, but they have been playing really well and have already posted some very impressive results against the likes of Leeds and Burnley. Like us, they come into tonight's game off the back of a good result, after they edged out Hull on Sunday.

I'd like to welcome my good friend Chris

Mephram, who I know from my time in the Wales squad, although any pleasantries will be on hold for 90 minutes this evening.

The last time we met Sunderland was a special one as we booked our place in the play-off final. It remains one of my all-time favourite games. A clean sheet, a bullet header, a great atmosphere and a trip to Wembley all wrapped into one. If we can show the same intensity and desire as we did on Saturday and the last time against Sunderland it will make for another great spectacle here.

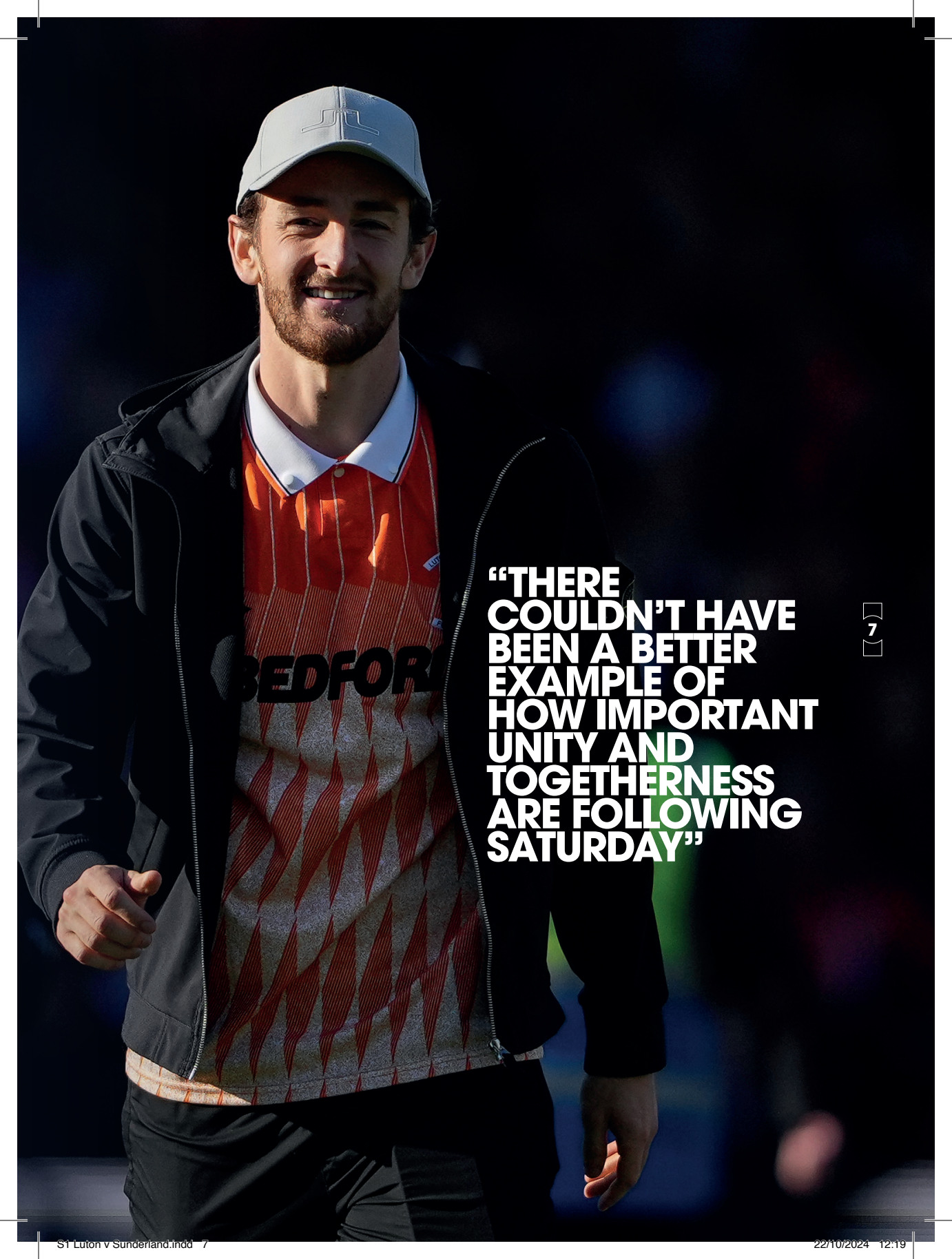
I mentioned in my notes on Saturday that a positive result could kick-start our season and act as the catalyst to pick up results and climb the league table. With a 3-0 win in the bag it's

now on us to back the derby win up tonight.

We've only played 10 games and there's loads of football still to be played this season. If we can get on a roll, I know we have the quality and experience to get to where we want to be. If we are to do that then we need you with us every step of the way. There couldn't have been a better example of how important unity and togetherness are following Saturday, so please keep up your magnificent support of the lads and the management.

Bring the noise once more tonight and enjoy the game.



A man with a beard and a grey cap is smiling. He is wearing a black jacket over a red and white striped Bedfordshire football kit. The background is dark and out of focus.

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BOARDROOM STEPHEN BROWNE

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But the games don't get any easier... After a wonderful Saturday lunchtime, welcome back to the next task in hand as we now face a surging Sunderland side on a wet Wednesday evening. A warm welcome to Regis Le Bris, his staff and team, and all the Sunderland fans who have travelled so far. It's all set up - both teams come off the back of wins, the lights are on, the Kenny is rocking - what an arena!

To prove the strength of The Championship - and that anyone can beat anyone - one of the few poor results for the Black Cats so far this season was against a team the lads vanquished on Saturday. It is a really tight table and, with three games in a week, a lot can change very quickly so both teams will be up for it.

Earning the points will be hard. There are many recent memories between the two teams especially as we have both been in League 1 and we have met in the play-offs, with every game being exciting and full of incident. I think we can all look forward to 'more of the same' with both teams giving everything, hard but fair.

Ending a poor run was in no small part due to the atmosphere everyone in the Kenny created on Saturday. A cauldron. We all witnessed the whole Luton Town family giving it their best. We all know it's taken a while to 'click' but what we saw on Saturday was exactly what we all wanted to be part of and we all left The Kenny very proud.

Every player will say that the wonderful support you give makes

a difference. Home and away. They know you are part of the team just as much as they are. Thank you. It was great to see Locks after the game, which also brings home that today's elite sport needs a huge team off the pitch and it's not just about those on it.

"WE ALL KNOW IT'S TAKEN A WHILE TO 'CLICK' BUT WHAT WE SAW ON SATURDAY WAS EXACTLY WHAT WE ALL WANTED TO BE PART OF"

Everyone plays a part, covering every walk of life. Together we made a spectacle that I still can't believe was ignored by live tv.

Even those not that interested in football will have seen and heard the latest news for Luton and the Club regarding the progress of Power Court. I know the wait for news has been frustrating but now it is all in the public domain I'm sure you'll agree this will be a home to be proud of. There are extensive details now on the Council Planning portal and I thoroughly recommend a browse.

Very quickly you will see that the level of expertise, thought and consideration for our neighbours and Luton couldn't be higher.

You can see that the wait has been worth it. Every member of the development team has been immense, along with the partners that have been on this long journey with us. When this stadium hosts its first game, there will be so many people who will be able to say they played a part. And it will get even better because as we progress through the construction process,

our focus will be on local materials, local skills and talent, local people. Power Court will be for Luton, by Luton. It is so exciting – everyone, take a bow.

How times have changed. Deep in the memory banks I can recall a time when we could not really afford to repair the Kenny properly, let alone dream of such a high-quality stadium. The CGI images that have been distributed show how iconic our new home will be but I have been lucky enough to see many more images and I can tell you that it only gets

better. I can't wait for our first game there.

Returning to the events of Saturday, I'm so pleased our friends from Hertfordshire could experience the sights of Luton. They came, they saw, we conquered. Personally, I think the way Carlton rose unmarked and the way Brownie slotted home can be added to Clicker's deft touch and rank as three of the best sights of the day. 5 stars on TripAdvisor from me.

To be honest though, if ever 2020 tell you that you have to ask the

Celebrations in the directors' box during Saturday's derby day victory



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Sorting Hat for a ticket to travel on The Knight Bus to an away game, you have full permission to cast your spells and turn us into Blast-Ended Skrewts. Last time the Oak Road was a sight to behold as buses lined up with pictures of wizards and wands, although I did shiver thinking how embarrassing it must have been to be one of those skulking back down the M1 post-match...

Ending these notes, I would like to draw your

attention to two very important campaigns. Today we are marking the EFL's Together Against Racism Campaign and October is Black History Month. We will each have wonderful memories of so many people from so many cultural backgrounds that have helped Luton Town throughout the years. Ricky's tricks, Claude's Wembley winner, Bruno's goals...so many things that make us all smile. Luton Town is one big family no matter who

you are so let's celebrate that and also welcome all those yet to come who will help us on our journey.

Getting back to another wonderful night under the Kenny lights, sing like you did on Saturday. Another three points are up for grabs and we can make a difference. Hold on to your hats and let's give this a right go!

COYH!

Stephen

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Winners 1988
Runners-up 1989

FA CUP

Runners-up 1959

FOOTBALL LEAGUE TROPHY

Winners 2008/09

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Play-Off Winners 2022/23

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2004/05, 2018/19
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WE'RE ALL LUTON

We are excited to officially launch the "We're All Luton" campaign, which many of our fans may have seen referenced in recent communications.

This campaign serves as the overarching initiative for our inclusion strategy, embodying our commitment to creating a welcoming environment for everyone connected to Luton Town.

Through "We're All Luton", we aim to celebrate our diverse community and ensure that every fan, employee, and member of the community feels valued and included.

At Luton Town Football Club, "We're All Luton" isn't just a campaign – it's at the heart of who we are. Inclusion has always been an important value for us, and while we recognise that we are still on our journey, we are making significant strides in how we monitor and ensure that we're on the right path.

Our aim is simple: to create a club where inclusion continues to be not just an idea but a fundamental part of our daily operations. This

campaign forms a key part of our long-term vision for growth, guiding us as we look ahead to the next decade.

Luton is a town with a strong, diverse identity, and we're proud of that. The term 'Lutonian' captures the essence of what makes this town special – it's a badge of pride for anyone who calls Luton home, regardless of where they're from. We believe that, no matter your background, if you're part of this town or this club, you're a Lutonian. And that's something worth standing together for.

"We're All Luton" is also about more than just matchdays. It reflects our wider inclusion strategy, which touches every corner of our club. We're working hard to ensure everyone who engages with our club feels welcome – whether you're cheering us on from the stands, working behind the scenes, or benefiting from the services we offer through the Luton Town Community Trust.

Looking forward, our goal is to grow in a way that reflects these

values. We're focusing on building a more diverse workforce, ensuring equal opportunities for underrepresented groups, and expanding our community programs. By continuing to embed inclusion at the heart of everything we do, we'll become a stronger club – both on and off the pitch.

Our work doesn't stop at the turnstiles. Through the Luton Town Community Trust, we're reaching out to make a real difference in the lives of local people. Whether it's through education, sport, or health programs, we're ensuring that the values behind "We're All Luton" are felt throughout the community. By offering opportunities for everyone – no matter their background – we're showing what it truly means to be a Lutonian.

As we look ahead to our future at Power Court, inclusion will remain at the heart of our journey. The new stadium isn't just about football – it's about creating a place where everyone in Luton can come together and feel part of something bigger. We want Power

Court to be a space that represents the diverse, united spirit of Luton and welcomes everyone, no matter who they are.

To reinforce this commitment, we've introduced reporting systems that make it easier for anyone to report discrimination or abuse. QR codes around the stadium and a dedicated email address provide simple ways to raise concerns, ensuring that our matchdays remain safe and inclusive for all.

"We're All Luton" is more than just a phrase – it's our commitment to every single person who engages with our club. Whether you're a fan, an employee, or part of the wider community, we want you to know that you play a vital part. As we move toward the future and our new home at Power Court, we are more committed than ever to creating a club where everyone feels they truly belong.

Together, we're all Lutonians, and together, we'll continue to grow as a club that welcomes and celebrates everyone.

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ACTION REPLAY



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Clark 11'
Morris 47'
Brown 90+1



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Come the end of this one-sided derby, the Town players and staff took in the deserved acclaim of their 10,000 supporters as Kenilworth Road bounced to a fine tune of three points and three goals against their old enemies.

It showed unity and togetherness after a 90 minutes in which the Hatters thoroughly earned to make it three home wins in a row in this fixture and seal their biggest win in this derby since two goals apiece from Brian Stein and David Moss secured a 4-1 victory here back in 1981.

The Town led after just 11 minutes. Alfie Doughty's left-wing corner was half-cleared by the visitors and Tom Holmes hammered the ball back goalwards. Jordan Clark stuck out a leg inside the six-yard box to divert the ball beyond Daniel Bachmann and Kenilworth Road erupted.

With Carlton Morris and Adebayo tormenting the Watford defence at almost every opportunity, the pair combined seven minutes before the break with Ryan Porteous on hand to clear the danger with Adebayo lurking, inches away from making it 2-0.

But the Hatters needn't have worried. Less than two minutes into the second period it was two. Doughty's corner did the damage, curling invitingly from the

right to the back post where captain Morris was free to power a downward header past an exposed Bachmann.

Up until this point in the contest, Thomas Kaminski had largely been a spectator but the Belgian was needed on 55 minutes to deny the visitors, flying to his left to keep out Tom Dele-Bashiru's low goal-bound effort from the edge of the penalty area. It was a crucial save at a vital time with the Town rearranging things at the back.

With the Hatters in control, it was almost 3-0 with 21 minutes left when Doughty – now operating in central defence – drove forward and fed Adebayo and his lay off for Jacob Brown saw Bachmann save.

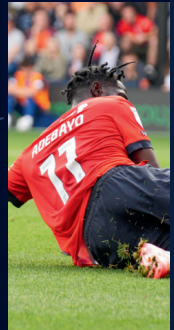
Bachmann then denied Adebayo what would have been a deserved goal with six minutes left but the visiting keeper was beaten for a third time in injury time when Brown raced clear and coolly slotted home.

At that point it was done – with no way back for the Hornets and the Town could toast a famous victory in front of their supporters as the old ground shook in celebration of a 58th win in the history of this derby.

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THE BEST MOMENT OF MY CAREER

Brown's delight at derby day goal

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Hatters forward Jacob Brown described scoring his first goal of the season and wrapping up the 3-0 derby win over Watford as one of the best moments of his career.

The 26-year-old Scotland international has had a horrible 2024 after a knee injury ruled him out of most of the second half of the Premier League campaign, and subsequently the summer's European Championships for his country.

Having made his return to action in the defeat at Plymouth last month, Brown went on as a substitute for his fourth appearance of the current season against the visitors from down the road – and produced a finishing touch to them back on a miserable bus journey down the M1.

"I don't think I can explain it, it was probably one of the best moments I've had in my career, just with the magnitude of the game and how long I've been out for, it's been a mad journey," Jacob said. "To come on, score and kind of kill the game in front of the home fans against Watford, it was perfect."

On his injury-time goal, he went on: "When I saw it went over, I thought the defender was going to get

there, but when I got there, I just thought, just calm myself, hit the target. It went in the back of the net, and then the rest was just a bit of a madness."

The former Barnsley and Stoke man was full of praise for the Kenilworth Road faithful, saying: "Literally from the first minute, the atmosphere was crazy – one of the best atmospheres that I've been a part of, and you could see how much difference it made.

"The boys were at it, the fans were at it. They just couldn't handle us and it was just like that for the whole game, and you could see how much difference it makes. So for us to pay them back and see the smiles on the faces at the end, it was top."

Asked about the importance of the result, Brown replied: "To be fair, the gaffer didn't have to say too much. We know how much it means to the fans. It means the same to us.

"We knew it was the biggest game of our season so far and we had to win it, and we went out there and did that. But I think the message is now that that's where we're at, we need to play like that every week, and we're going to try our best to do that."





ACTION REPLAY





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WELCOME



It's the Black Cats who come to town this evening and look to continue their strong start to the season.

Regis Le Bris sees his side sit top of the table after 10 games and are looking in strong shape.

On Sunday, Sunderland picked up an important away win against Hull City. A second half Wilson Isidor winner sealed the deal for the team as they returned to the top of the table.

Prior to this, the Black Cats drew 2-2 against Leeds United in remarkable fashion. A stoppage time equaliser after a goalkeeping howler from Illan Meslier gifted the home side a point.

Sunderland have only lost two league games so far this season and have got an impressive seven wins under their belt already. Those defeats both came on the road – away to Watford and Plymouth.

Sunderland haven't visited Kenilworth Road since the 2023 Championship play-off semi-final second leg which the Hatters famously won 2-0 that sent the Town to Wembley.

A warm welcome to all those associated with Sunderland today.

WELCOME TO SUNDERLAND

THE SQUAD



- 1 GK Anthony Patterson
- 2 DF Niall Huggins
- 3 DF Dennis Cirkin
- 4 MF Dan Neil
- 5 DF Daniel Ballard
- 7 MF Jobe Bellingham
- 8 MF Alan Browne
- 10 MF Patrick Roberts
- 11 MF Chris Rigg
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- 32 DF Trai Hume
- 33 DF Leo Hjelde
- 36 MF Ian Poveda
- 40 FW Tom Watson
- 41 DF Zak Johnson
- 42 DF Aji Alese
- 45 DF Joe Anderson

PROFILES

THE BOSS

REGIS LE BRIS

Former Lorient manager who joined Sunderland this summer. Awarded Championship manager of the month for August.

GOALKEEPER

ANTHONY PATTERSON

Sunderland youth product with over 100 appearances for the club. Has hardly missed a league match in the last two seasons.

DEFENDERS

LUKE O'NIEN

Fans' favourite with the Black Cats in six years at the club. Played well over 200 times and a regular face at the back for Sunderland.

DENNIS CIRKIN

Former England youth international who has been at the Stadium of Light for four years. Played a big part in the Black Cats promotion to the Championship a few seasons ago.



CHRIS MEPHAM

Welsh international with almost 50 caps to his name who joined Sunderland on loan this season from Bournemouth.

TRAI HUME

Northern Irish international who has been a regular at Sunderland since 2022. Scored against Luton in the Championship playoff semi-final first leg in the 2022/23 season.

MIDFIELDERS

DAN NEIL

Boyhood Sunderland fan who broke into the first team in 2021. Got an assist in the Black Cats' win over Hull City on Sunderland.

CHRIS RIGG

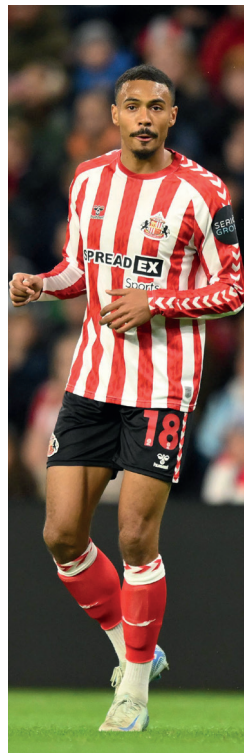
Talented 17-year-old midfielder with two goals already this season. Second youngest player to ever play for Sunderland.

JOBE BELLINGHAM

Another big talent in the midfield for Sunderland who signed from Birmingham City last season. Scored seven goals in the league last campaign.

◀ ALAN BROWNE

Experienced midfielder with years of Championship experience. Gained almost 400 appearances for Preston prior to signing for Sunderland.



PATRICK ROBERTS

Former Manchester City winger who has now found a home at the Stadium of Light. Plenty of experience in the second tier and abroad.

FORWARDS

WILSON ISIDOR ▲

French striker on loan from Zenit who has three goals so far for Sunderland. Also played for Lokomotiv Moscow and Monaco. Scored the winner at Hull on Sunday.

ROMAINE MUNDLE

Exciting young prospect who signed for Sunderland last season. Previously played for Standard Liege before joining the Black Cats.

NAZARIY RUSYN

Ukrainian striker who joined Sunderland in 2023. Came through the ranks at Dynamo Kyiv and has scored twice for Sunderland since signing.

BLACK CATS KITBAG



1991-94 HOME

Nothing comes close to this to matching this early 1990s effort from Hummel (who else?) Red and white stripes are magnificently defined, helped by the black sponsorship and badge. And don't you dare think we're ignoring that collar, either. No wonder they have retro versions available on the club shop.

A FOOT IN BOTH



MICK HARFORD

As if there was another player to feature here. Essentially a fan of both teams, Big Mick was born in Sunderland but did not play for his boyhood side until 1993 when scoring twice in 11 league games in a short spell. That had come after two legendary spells with the Hatters that saw him score 92 goals in 217 games.

MACKEMS HERO

There have been plenty of candidates but one unsung cult hero to have been loved by the Sunderland faithful was **Nyron Nosworthy**, whose arrival at Sunderland in 2005 was hardly met with fanfare.

Signed by Mick McCarthy on a limited budget, Nosworthy joined from Gillingham after impressing against Sunderland the previous season. His debut against Charlton highlighted the team's struggles, as they were eventually relegated with 15 points. Early on, Nosworthy appeared out of his depth, plagued by errors.

However, Roy Keane's appointment as Mackem boss proved pivotal for Nosworthy with the manager seeing potential in him as a central defender, and his partnership with Jonny Evans helped Sunderland secure promotion. Nosworthy's commanding

performances and risk-taking endeared him to fans, making him a cult hero on Wearside.

Though his opportunities diminished after Keane's departure, Nosworthy played over 100 games for Sunderland and left a lasting legacy. His efforts during that era were vital to the club's success.



FIXTURE FLASHBACK

TOWN 2-0 SUNDERLAND 16TH MAY 2023

Sunderland have enjoyed the upper hand against the Hatters throughout history, coming into tonight's game having won 33 of the 63 meetings, the Town winning just 15 of those.

With just 15 wins to choose from (which to be fair, have included 8-2, 7-1

and 6-2 triumphs in the 1950s), who can forget our last meeting here at a white-hot Kenilworth Road in the play-offs in May 2023.

Trailing 2-1 from the first leg the Hatters came out all guns blazing and by half-time had already wiped out the deficit

and taken the lead on aggregate thanks to goals from Gabe Osho and Tom Lockyer.

The Town held out in the second half to secure their place at Wembley and we know what happened in that fixture.



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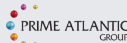
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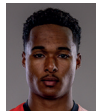
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COMMERCIAL

Saturday's fantastic derby win over Watford at Kenilworth Road saw goalscorer Carlton Morris named man-of-the-match by sponsors the Toureen Group.

Carlton was in the Eric Morecambe Lounge post-match to receive his award from the sponsors and took in the adulation from all of our guests.

Saturday also saw us welcome M&S Water Services as matchball sponsor and nine mascots who all got to enjoy a day to remember as the boys on the pitch did the business against the Hornets.

Our mascots were out on the pitch for the warm-ups, meeting their favourite players before leading the team onto the pitch prior to kick-off.

There is still selective availability for sponsorship and mascot packages for our remaining home fixtures this season, so if you're interested please get in touch with our friendly hospitality team.
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Holly's special day at The Brache



Ahead of World Mental Health Day earlier this month, lifelong Luton Town supporter Holly Hamill was invited by manager Rob Edwards to come along to The Brache to watch training, have lunch and meet the Hatters squad.

Holly is 20 and has suffered with mental health disabilities since she was six years old and was diagnosed with acute anxiety at 12.

Having faced family bereavements and illness as a child and a tic disorder which means she suffers constant shoulder dislocations, she left school and started working in the NHS, but recently had to stop her nursing degree due to her mental health.

Determined to continue to help others, however, Holly set up her Instagram account – Mental Health & Me – to be an advocate for those suffering with a mental disability, and to provide advice and support for individuals

and their carers, friends and relatives.

To help herself as part of her healing, this summer Holly started making LTFC keychains, bracelets and anklets – which she brought along to the training ground to share with the lads.

“I started making them when I was signed off from work and I was in quite a low place. I had nothing, so I started making jewellery and it really helped me to feel happy, and have a hobby so I was distracted from my thoughts, otherwise I was just alone with my thoughts, which was really difficult,” says Holly.

On her experiences, she says: “I was at a really low point, I didn’t expect to be here right now. It’s something I battled with. Looking back it was horrible, but it’s made me realise how strong I am. Even just being here today, I’ve never felt acknowledged or important – and I feel those things.”

After speaking to her heroes, including favourite player Alfie Doughty, Luton legend Mick Harford and our manager, Rob, she said: “It was overwhelming at first, but in a good way. I’m speechless. It’s probably the best thing that has ever happened to me to be honest.”

And to anyone else living with mental health issues, Holly has this advice: “Make sure you talk about it. There is so much stigma around mental health, and that’s what I’m trying to prevent.

“Just because you’re a man, you’re older or you’re famous, you need to talk about it to

someone. Anyone. A friend, a colleague, a family member. It’s really important to talk about it and just remember it will stop, and there is light at the end of the tunnel.

“It’s really difficult to see that when you’re going through it, but I promise there is.”

Please watch the video of Holly’s day with the Hatters and visit her Instagram page – [hollyhamill.mh](https://www.instagram.com/hollyhamill.mh) – where you can find all kinds of help and advice, and you can also buy her brilliant LTFC keychains.

If you need urgent help, call 999 or 111 (option 2). If you need someone to listen, call Samaritans free 24/7 on 116 123.

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Jacob and Mads support Together Against Racism campaign

Duo visit Ferrars Junior School to spread anti-discrimination message

Jacob Brown and Mads Andersen visited Ferrars Junior School in Luton last week to take part in an anti-discrimination workshop put on by the Luton Town Community Trust as part of the Together Against Racism campaign.

Jacob and Mads answered questions from a group of house captains, ranging from their favourite player growing up (Ronaldinho for Mads and Thierry Henry for Brown) to who has been the biggest influence on their lives and career.

Scotland international Jacob was also asked if he had a special anti-discrimination message to share with the pupils.

"Growing up, some people might have said things about the colour of my skin, trying to put me off my game or whatever. But no matter what the colour of your skin, we're all the same on the inside. Treat everyone with

respect and care for each other no matter what they look like."

At Luton Town, like our forward says, we believe that football is a game for everyone, everywhere, and we are proud of the welcoming atmosphere that you create at Kenilworth Road every matchday. However, every season, there are hundreds of reports of discrimination across the game, and likely more that go unrecorded.

Whether you're a player, manager, watching in the stands or at home – your voice matters. Our voices are a powerful tool for change – when we speak up, come together and use our voices we can drive change.

On speaking to the kids at the school, 26-year-old Brown said: "When you see hundreds of kids there staring at you, it's quite daunting. But it's a good experience and it's one I enjoy doing, coming in and you see the faces of the kids



when you come in, they are so excited. To be able to raise awareness and spread an important message about anti-discrimination is good.

"It is super important (for the younger generation to get that message), obviously with it being the next generation growing up.

"I think to have them educated from such a young age is a really good thing and it's important, because you are putting positive

messages into them from a young age, and hopefully can help them as they get older to spread that message as well."

The former Barnsley and Stoke forward believes it is an important part of a footballer's job to go into schools and act as a role model on topics such as anti-racism.

"It's one of my favourite things about being a footballer, being able to come to places like this and actually make

"YOU ARE PUTTING POSITIVE MESSAGES INTO THEM FROM A YOUNG AGE, AND HOPEFULLY CAN HELP THEM AS THEY GET OLDER TO SPREAD THAT MESSAGE"

an impact," he said. "I think as a footballer it's your duty to do that, because you are in such a privileged position that you can go in and have a positive impact on young kids' lives, which is a great feeling and not everyone can do that."

Another man who used his voice to champion equality and inclusion in football and beyond, was the founder of anti-discrimination charity, Kick It Out, Lord Ouseley, who sadly passed away earlier this month. He dedicated his life to fighting racism and promoting diversity and significant strides have been made in tackling discrimination, thanks to his work.

The EFL stands side by side with clubs, players, managers and supporters and take a zero-tolerance approach to tackling racism in our game. If you witness racist or discriminatory abuse, you can report it directly through Kick It Out, the Club's reporting mechanisms – by emailing myvoice@lutontown.co.uk – or by alerting a steward.

Together with the other footballing bodies, we will continue to make football a safer, more welcoming and enjoyable space for everyone. Luton Town and all of football stands Together Against Racism and all forms of discrimination.



TONIGHT'S FIXTURES

7.45pm
Blackburn Rovers v West Brom
Hull City v Burnley
Millwall v Plymouth Argyle
8pm
Middlesbrough v Sheffield United



INVOLVED IN GOALS

Borja Sainz Egusiza	9
Norwich City	
Josh Maja	8
West Bromwich Albion	
Josh Sargent	8
Norwich City	
Joel Piroe	6
Leeds United	
Duncan Watmore	6
Millwall	



MOST YELLOW

Mark Sykes	5
Bristol City	
Benjamin Whiteman	5
Preston North End	
Vinicius Souza	5
Sheffield United	
Adam Forshaw	4
Plymouth Argyle	
Ryan Porteous	4
Watford	

TABLE AND STATS 2024/25

AS OF 21/10/2024

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

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	10	0	0	1	0	0	10	0	0	1	0	152	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	3	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	26	4
Reece Burke	7	0	0	1	0	0	7	0	0	3	0	91	4
Tahith Chong	8	0	1	1	0	0	8	0	1	3	0	47	6
Jordan Clark	9	0	2	1	0	0	9	0	1	4	0	147	14
Alfie Doughty	10	0	0	1	0	0	10	0	0	4	0	89	5
Daiki Hashioka	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	12	0
Tom Holmes	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	4	0
Joe Johnson	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	9	0
Thomas Kaminski	9	0	0	1	0	0	9	0	0	1	1	48	0
Tom Krauss	4	1	1	0	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	5	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	8	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	8	0
Teden Mengi	8	1	1	0	0	0	8	1	1	1	0	44	2
Carlton Morris	5	2	3	1	0	0	5	2	2	1	0	102	34
Victor Moses	3	2	1	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	5	1
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	407	23
Marvelous Nakamba	4	1	0	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	40	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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Last weekend in the second tier was a crazy one like always. From local derbies to last minute equalisers to controversial moments - this weekend had it all.

On Friday night, there was a Yorkshire derby at Elland Road at Leeds United faced Sheffield United. The home side came out as 2-0 winners thanks to goals from Pascal Struijk and Mateo Joseph.

The next day, there were some big results. For starters, the Hatters thrashed local rivals Watford 3-0 in a superb display. The Hatters delivered a wonderful

performance and deservedly got the three points as they inflicted more pain on the Hornets who continued their torrid away form.

Cardiff thrashed Plymouth 5-0 in the Welsh capital in a brilliant showing from Omer Riza's side while Oxford picked up a point at home to West Brom after a late Dane Scarlett equaliser.

Blackburn beat Swansea 1-0 and Millwall drew at home to Derby following a 1-1 draw. Preston also defeated Coventry 1-0 which condemned Mark Robins' side to another loss.

Bristol City beat Middlesbrough 2-0 at the Riverside Stadium in a huge win for the away side. Burnley also got a big win on the road as they beat Sheffield Wednesday 2-0 that briefly sent them top of the table.

Portsmouth got their first win of the season away to QPR to move off the foot of the table and to make

QPR take their place. Stoke and Norwich also played out a 1-1 draw.

On Sunday, our visitors this evening beat Hull City 1-0 on the road thanks to a second half winner from Wilson Isidor to lift the Black Cats back to the summit of the Championship.

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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 when Luton Town themselves were trailblazers due to the number of black players in the team who wrote themselves into the hearts and minds of Hatters fans, not because of the colour of their skin, but because they are amongst the greatest to have worn the shirt.

During the 1970s more black footballers were appearing in the game and one in particular would go on to shine at Kenilworth Road in 1976. A Hammersmith-born and Wembley-raised 17-year-old, came on as a substitute, scoring in a 3-1 win over Bristol Rovers at Kenilworth Road. Ricky Hill, the son of a Jamaican mother and a Jamaican father with Indian heritage, is

still to this day debated as the greatest to have worn the Luton shirt and quickly became a first team regular for the Hatters, turning out 508 times and also briefly managing the club.

Just over a year later, Ricky would be joined by another sensation. Brian Stein, the Cape Town-born son of a politician whose family had to flee South Africa due to Apartheid, signed from Edgware Town. Stein made the first of his 488 appearances for the Town in a League Cup tie against Manchester

City on 9th November 1977. To this day he is one of the most prolific strikers to have played for the Hatters, with his iconic status secured by his Wembley double capturing the Littlewoods Cup in 1988 during the late turnaround against Arsenal.

The next decade would see Luton set setting their own trailblazer status for black athletes, culminating in our League Cup tie at Orient on the 25th September 1984 where the Town lined up with six black players in their starting

lineup: Mitchell Thomas, Paul Elliott, Hill, Stein, Vince Hilaire and Emeka Nwajiobi. This was unheard of at the time, and much was made of it leaving manager David Pleat to brush away all the comments by saying, "The only criteria is, are they better players?"

Ollie Kay

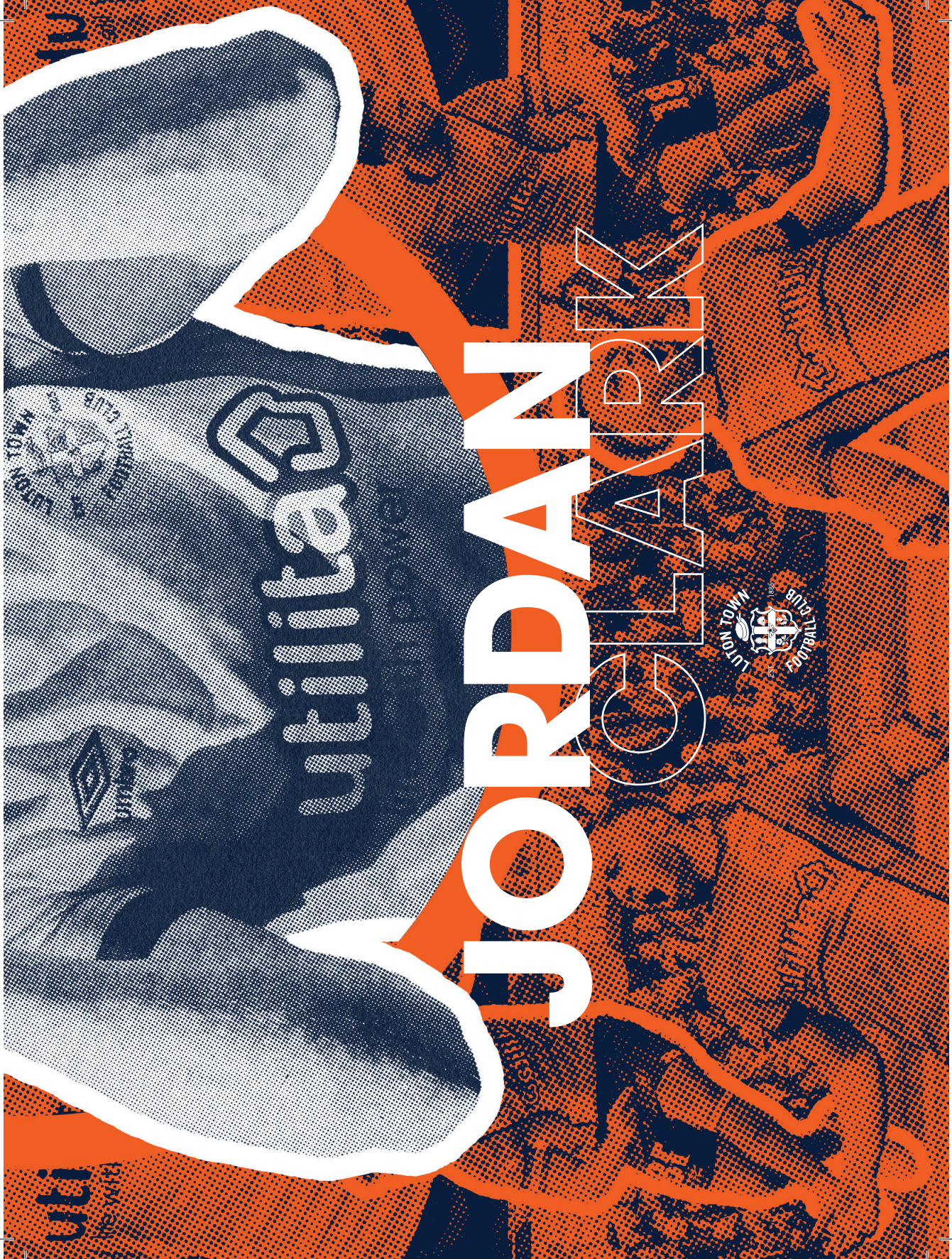
Brian Stein slips the ball under the Orient goalkeeper at Brisbane Road in September 1984 ▲

Ricky Hill gets in a low header in the same game ▼

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JORDAN CLEARK





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HATTERS HERITAGE

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

There was a raucous atmosphere at the Grand Theatre on 1st February 1907 for a performance of Aladdin with the Luton side in attendance.

Miss Blanche Marion, in the lead role, picked out Sandy Brown, Town's 'Glenbuck Goalgetter', and gave her advice on how the men could win their big game tomorrow. The audience roared its approval.

The match in question was a second round FA Cup tie against the mighty Sunderland, a first meeting between the two sides. The Black Cats had offered £150 and half the gate receipts to switch the game to Roker Park but Town's directors had stood firm, therefore serving as the first real test of Kenilworth Road's capacity.

The Sunderland players travelled down on the Thursday and stayed in Hitchin, attending a smoking concert at the football club the night before the game while the Town players took the adulation of the Grand Theatre crowd. A team full of internationals, they were not expected to have too much trouble seeing

off Southern League Luton, though secretary Bob Kyle played down expectations, saying "we do not believe in blowing our own trumpet".

Eventually, around 10,500 would cram into the ground. Such a large attendance brought problems with 'Beware of Pickpockets' signs erected in the area and 20 special constables employed. Mostly though the crowd was in a frenzy, helped by a large blue and white plait being placed in front of the Main Stand with the words, 'Play Up Luton', emblazoned on it.

The game was played at a fierce pace in the first half.

The best chance for the Town came early on when a Bill McCurdy free-kick landed at the feet of Billy Barnes, who somehow managed to miss the target. The visitors created chances too, with the best falling to usually deadly George Holley, who shot just over the bar.

The second half slowed somewhat. Bob Hawkes, who had played in an international trial match the week before, put his 'wandering' style of play to good use as he somehow found himself in a position to rob Sunderland forward Angus MacIntosh as he raced through on goal. It would prove to be the last

big moment of the match, the two sides shaking hands at 0-0.

The replay took place at Roker Park four days later. The Town gave a good account of themselves again but would fall to a 1-0 defeat, with MacIntosh scoring the winner.

Will Foster

The Luton Town 1906/07 team. Back row (left to right): Lawson (Trainer), F. Hawkes, Warner, Latheron, Bygrave (Groundsman). Second row (left to right): Dow, White, Jackson, Hogg, Platt, McCurdy, Watkins, Gallacher, Green (Secretary). Third row (left to right): McDonald, Schofield, R. Hawkes, Gittins, Barnes. Front row (left to right): Brown, Pickering, Jones. ▼



LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL TEAM, 1906-7.

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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 Black Cats.

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1. Allan Brown taps in the second goal during the 7-1 home win over Sunderland in February 1958.
2. Ron Futchter nets the Town's second in the 2-0 home victory against the Black Cats in February 1976.
3. David Moss coolly scores his and Town's second goal in the 2-0 win against Sunderland in October 1979.
4. Tom Lockyer heads in the crucial second goal in the play-off semi-final second leg 2-0 win against Sunderland in May last year.



ON THIS DAY

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



Danny Hylton scored a hat-trick as the Hatters climbed into the League One play-off places with a comfortable 4-1 victory over Accrington on this day in 2018.

The Hatters went ahead in the fifth minute when a fine counter-attacking saw James Justin cross for Hylton to volley home from close range.

Stanley levelled when Offrande Zanzala equalised after 27 minutes with a powerful header but the Hatters took control after the break when Andrew Shinnie found the bottom corner from 20 yards after 53 minutes.

Shinnie then turned provider for Hylton to sweep home less than a minute later and with 20 minutes left Hylton secured the match ball when nodding home from close range.



Danny Hylton watches the ball go in the back of the Accrington net



Hylton with the match ball



Hylton opens the scoring



James Collins
keeps his eyes
on the ball



Andrew Shinnie
celebrates

ALSO ON 23RD OCTOBER...

Well, last time on this day we lost 4-0 at Watford two years ago, so moving swiftly on... in 2021 Elijah Adebayo scored the winner in a 1-0 win over Hull in 2021. Back in 2010 an Amari Morgan-Smith hat-trick helped the Hatters beat St Albans 4-0 in an FA Cup qualifier. Joe Kinnear's side won 4-2 at Halifax in 2001... While in 1993 and 1999 we earned 1-0 wins away at Oxford...



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 bursts through the Huddersfield defence



2004/05 history

After 12 games the Town remained unbeaten, and with 32 points sat nine points ahead of second place. It was a remarkable start to the season.

Next to visit Kenilworth Road was Huddersfield, who sat just outside the play-off positions, with the crowd of 8,192 settling back to witness more of the same as the Hatters moved serenely towards promotion.

What happened next was certainly not in the script. The Terriers came out all guns blazing against a strangely subdued and lacklustre Luton side and took a deserved lead on 14 minutes when Junior Mendes cut inside full-back Kevin Foley and fired a blistering shot past Dino Seremet from 20 yards.

The Town almost levelled when Sol Davis headed a Michael Leary cross over the bar from 10 yards out but that was as good as it got in the first half as, two minutes later, a Huddersfield corner was cleverly dummied by Mendes with the ball flicking in off the unfortunate Davis.

In truth, Huddersfield could have been more than two goals to the good at the interval as the Town could not have played any worse. Things improved in the second period with Paul Underwood reducing the deficit just before the hour mark with a superb curling effort and Steve Howard hitting a post.

However, the Town had left themselves with too much to do especially as Huddersfield continued to be dangerous on the break.

Manager Mike Newell, reflecting after the game said: "We've lost a game, but I don't agree that it had to happen sooner or later. We put in a poor performance, particularly in the first half, and it could have been more than two at half-time.

"We weren't in the game at all and we got a bit desperate at times. We didn't show any patience or play the sort of football I know we're capable of."

Due to the relentless nature of League One the Town players did not have much time to dwell on the defeat as, three days later, they were on the road for a trip to the Bescot Stadium, Walsall.

The Hatters made one change to the side that lost to Huddersfield with Steve Robinson returning after suspension in place of Michael Leary but the Town got off to the worst possible start when Saddlers player-manager Paul Merson put the home side ahead on seven minutes.

Walsall's Zigor Aranalde managed to get behind

Foley and from his cross Darren Wrack pulled the ball back for Merson to slide home. Former Arsenal and England regular Merson, now 36, rolled back the years with a virtuoso performance and pulled all the strings in the Walsall midfield as the Town came under increasing pressure.

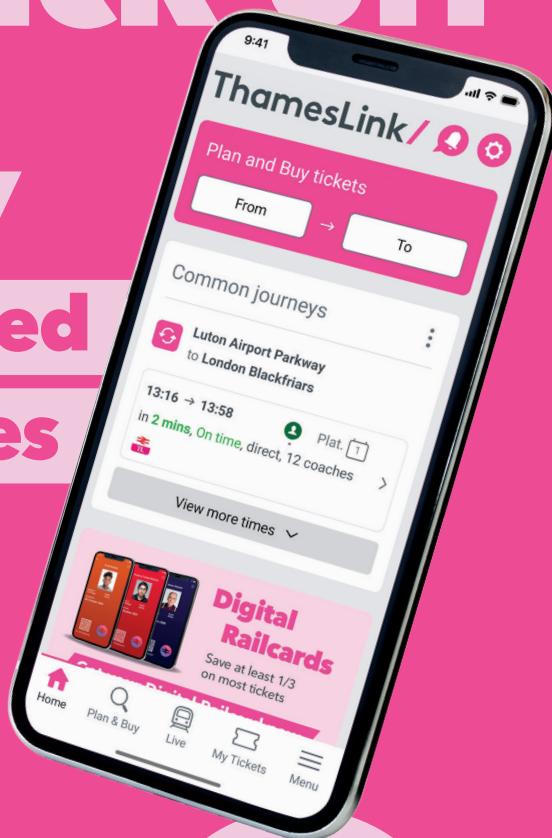
Despite this the Town had their moments with Howard seeing a fierce shot tipped over by Saddlers goalkeeper Joe Day and the same player heading against an upright before Rowan Vine, put through on goal by Ahmet Brkovic, ran

Steve Howard tussles with Huddersfield's former Hatter Efe Sodje



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out of pitch after trying to round the goalkeeper.

Walsall certainly had the lion's share of the play though with Merson dictating play and setting up several chances which were spurned by his teammates. With the Hatters chasing the game the scoreline was doubled in the 72nd minute when Merson set up Wrack to cross for substitute Matt Fryatt to net via a deflection off Foley.

As in the previous game, manager Mike Newell felt his players abandoned their passing game too easily. "At the end of the day we've tried to force



Steve Howard
up against
Walsall's Neil
Emblen

the game too much at 1-0 and ended up paying the price," said the manager. "We've got to believe in our ability and believe we've got enough to beat teams over 90 minutes and not have to chase it at 70 or 75 minutes.

"Yes, we've just lost two on the bounce, but that happens to the best of them in football. We weren't getting too excited when we were unbeaten and when the lads won 10 out their first 12 and we certainly won't

be getting too excited now we've lost two on the spin.

"The last couple of games we've had a few players who haven't performed as we know they can. When it's one or two you can get away with it, but not more than that. Maybe it's catching up with us a little bit, because a lot of our players have played in nearly all the games so far. But I'm not going to start moaning or focusing on individuals – they can be proud of a terrific start to the season."

Substitute Enoch Showunmi tries to get the Luton attack moving at Walsall



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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.

Cast your minds back to the 2007/08 season if you dare! A season that saw us relegated from League One, enter administration and saw us owned by a bloke who drove British Touring Cars for a hobby.

This season was a "one season wonder" for Puma. Sandwiched between our deals with Diadora and Cabrini, Puma stepped in for one season to provide us with two smart looking shirts (and great coats, they were super warm!)

Today's focus is on the orange and white away

shirt. The shirt was a slightly lighter orange than what we were used to, or use today, and featured a white round neck collar, white trim on the sleeves and a white trim down the sides. The Puma logo and sponsor Electrolux stood out on the front in a bold, black print.

It was a comfortable shirt to wear too, with Puma's version of the 'moisture wicking' material which did its job when playing 5-a-side! We also had the red Coca Cola sleeve patches for this shirt, like the previous season. I'm not sure if it's the brand, colour scheme or general

memories, but the Coca Cola sleeve patches must be some of the best looking out there.

Personally, this shirt brings back memories of players such as Chris Perry, Sam Parkin, Darren Currie and of course, Paul Furlong.

We didn't have much to cheer that season, but veteran striker Furlong certainly got us off our seats with his 12 goals, along with Matthew Spring who also scored 12 from midfield.

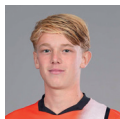
The Hatters wore this shirt in a hard fought 0-0 away game at

Millwall, a 2-1 loss away at Carlisle United, with David Bell getting our goal and a 4-3 defeat away at Bournemouth (Spring, Furlong and Dean Morgan on the scoresheet).

Sure, it may not have had success on the pitch, and, at one point, you could buy these for £5 outside the stadium, but now we can appreciate that this is actually a smart, understated shirt.

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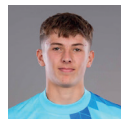
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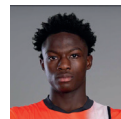
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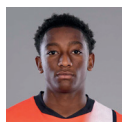
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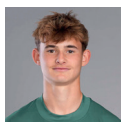
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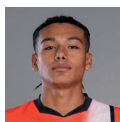
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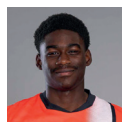
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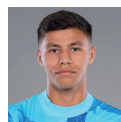
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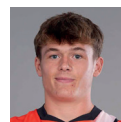
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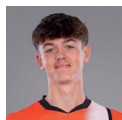
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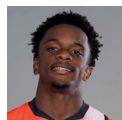
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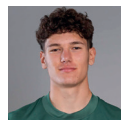
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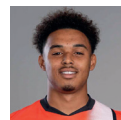
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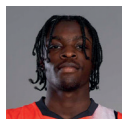
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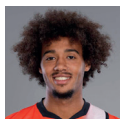
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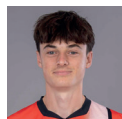
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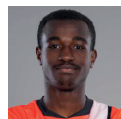
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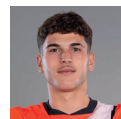
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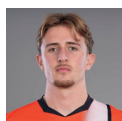
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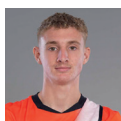
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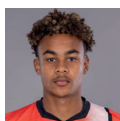
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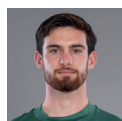
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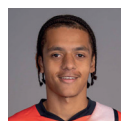
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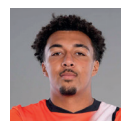
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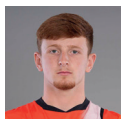
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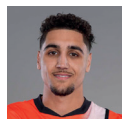
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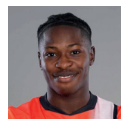
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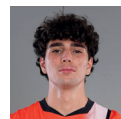
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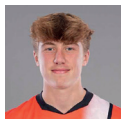
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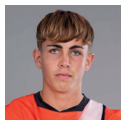
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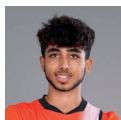
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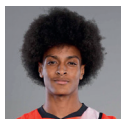
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THE YOUTH OF TODAY

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

Name... Harry Fox

Place of birth...
Luton

Position...
Central midfield
or left-back

Joined Luton at... Under-8s

Played for...
Harpenden Colts

Boots I'm wearing... F50s

First teamer's boots I'm cleaning...
Alfie Doughty

Earliest Luton Town memory...

Scoring the winner against Man City in the semi-final in Germany

Coach who's impacted me the most... Taf Rahman – he taught me the fundamentals and little details of football the best.

Football memory that makes me smile...
Luke Shaw's third-minute goal against Italy in the Euros final.

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



I'd be a better player if I had... a right foot.

Dream squad number... 3.

Academy teammate that could go all the way... Albie Fox

Player I used be in the playground...
Kevin De Bruyne.

Favourite film... No Time to Die

Favourite food... Pasta

Favourite training drill... Small sided games or 50 pass possession

Favourite school subject other than PE... Geography

Hobbies outside of football... Table tennis, darts, tennis, Playstation, piano

Something you don't know about me... I scored 100 goals in my first season for Luton as a nine-year-old. I also taught myself to play the piano to a good level.

I am... a hardworking and composed footballer who can play many positions. I like to be a team-player and lead by example. On the pitch, I like to celebrate my small wins as well as my big wins and I love to score a goal or pick up an assist.





LTFC ACADEMY

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ACADEMY UPDATE WITH DALE BRUNTON

Good evening everyone and welcome to Kenilworth Road for this Championship fixture!

Firstly, I just wanted to say what an amazing atmosphere you all made for the 3-0 thumping of the lot down on the road on Saturday. It's days like that which really remind you of what football is all about and to have an Academy graduate play a part in it for 35 minutes makes it even sweeter.

This week, I wanted to take you behind the scenes of an Under-21's fixture in the Premier League Cup. This is our second season in the competition which sees 36 teams from up and down the country

compete in a group and knock out stage format to see who will be crowned champions.

This season we have been drawn in a group with Burnley, Brighton and Reading with us already having played Burnley at Kenilworth Road.

Our second fixture was away at Reading on Monday evening and we treated this as closely as a first team fixture as we could with one exception. The first team usually travel the day before a fixture and stay in a hotel for the evening and, while we have done this before for some Under-21's fixtures, it was decided that this year we would travel on the day of the fixture.

The players met at the training ground and hopped aboard a coach which took them to the Hilton hotel in Reading which is situated five minutes away from the stadium.

The players and staff then had a chance to relax in the hotel before having their pre-match meal, roughly three to three-and-a-half hours before kick-off. We use the same menu as the first team but a slightly scaled down version which consists of pasta bolognese, chicken, salmon, rice and leafy vegetables, plus scrambled eggs and cereal for those who prefer something lighter.

The players then went through some pre-

match analysis with the coaching staff and the analysts before getting back on the coach to make the short trip to the stadium. During the analysis session, some members of staff took the kit van to the stadium to set up the changing room so that when the players arrived, they could concentrate on the game at hand.

As expected, it was a tough fixture which turned out to be not only dramatic and historic for the boys.

The first half was an even affair with Josh Phillips having our best chance inside five minutes.

However, we took the lead just two minutes

into the second period when half-time substitute Tyrell Giwa found himself one-on-one with the Reading defence before cutting inside and firing a low effort into the bottom corner.

Our advantage would last 14 minutes as shortly after the hour mark the Royals levelled in stylish fashion when Tivonge Rushesha powered a brilliant half-volley from outside the box past Liam Coyne.

Coyne then needed to be alert as the home side went in search of the lead, the Hatters goalkeeper producing an excellent save to deny Joe Barough with six minutes left.

It would prove to be crucial as, just when it seemed the game would peter out to a draw, substitute Under-18

striker Matthew Takawira, on as a second half-substitute bundled home Jacob Pinnington's right-wing cross deep into injury time to spark wild scenes of celebration from the Town contingent.

It was our first-ever victory in the Premier League Cup and you could see at the end just how it meant to everyone involved. Congratulations to Alex Lawless and the staff and all the players on a memorable night in Berkshire.

Hopefully we will see some of you at the upcoming Premier League Cup fixtures at Kenilworth Road which will take place on Friday 13th December against Reading and Friday 31st January when we entertain Brighton.

Enjoy the game this evening and COYH!



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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	P-P
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!

LEON BARNETT

A product of the Luton Town youth system, local boy Leon became the first person to represent the club at Under-17, Under-19, reserve and senior level within one season when coming on as a substitute in a LDV Vans Trophy game at Woking in October 2002.

After several appearances in the same competition and in the FA Cup against Thurrock, Leon made his senior league debut in the 1-0 victory at Hull in the Championship in September 2005.

Although favouring the centre-half position, where due to his amazing spring and pace he was able to dominate forwards, he could play anywhere along the back line.

A regular in the Town defence, Leon scored his first goal in Luton colours in the 2-0 win on the opening day of the 2006/07 season against Leicester and followed up with a second later in August in a 2-2 draw against Stoke.

While the Hatters struggled, Barnett impressed and it came as no real surprise when the defender was transferred to West Brom for a large fee at the end of the season that saw the Town relegated from the Championship after 70 games for the club.

Leon appeared in the top-flight for the Baggies as well as Norwich who he went onto join in 2010. He subsequently turned out for Wigan, Bury and Northampton before being advised to quit the game due to a heart defect leaving Leon to concentrate on his locally based Soccer School.

APPEARANCES: 70

GOALS: 3

CAREER TIMELINE



COMMUNITY TRUST



Hatters Together Against Racism

As part of the EFL's Together Against Racism initiative, Luton Town FC Community Trust staff delivered a very special assembly at Ferrars Junior School in Luton last week.

Focusing on the topics of inclusion and discrimination, our staff delivered a presentation, encouraging the young people to get involved and share their views of how they would make sure their own behaviour was inclusive in specific scenarios.

The pupils were then treated to a Hatters highlights package, and told that instead of being quiet like they normally would be for assembly, cheer every goal they saw as loudly as possible!

The best part of the day was saved until last, with a surprise appearance from Jacob Brown and Mads Andersen.

Jacob and Mads answered some great questions from the pupils about their careers, footballing idols and what they would do if they weren't footballers (Mads would be a ski instructor!). Ferrars Junior School is one of the schools in which we deliver the Premier League Primary Stars programme.

Love Luton RunFest 2024

On Sunday 13th October, Luton Town FC Community Trust staff took part in the Love Luton RunFest, alongside more than 2000 others including our very own Mick Harford and David Wilkinson.

It was a fantastic event, with all staff running on behalf of Community Interest Luton and raising funds for the Curry Kitchen, providing free hot meals for those in the town that need it most.



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.

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

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Hello and welcome to a game which immediately revokes memories of the last time we hosted Sunderland under our famous floodlights, the night we set up our trip to Wembley and the Premier League!

Hopefully the amazing scenes of Saturday continue this evening and we get another result which will take us closer to replicating our promotion to the top flight.

LTST - representing supporters' interests at the Union of European Clubs Forum

With football regulation, governance and sustainability under the spotlight, what's happening across Europe has a massive impact on the state of the game in England - and on us, the supporters who are supposed to be the heart of football, but whose interests are increasingly marginalised.

On 15th October, two of the Supporters' Trust board members went to the annual forum of the Union of European Clubs in Brussels. UEC is a rapidly-expanding body of over 140 small to

medium sized clubs from 25 national associations across Europe, committed to reshaping a football eco-system that's seeing a group of wealthy and demanding clubs dictating how European football is run - the European Club Association, led by the Qatari President of PSG. Sound familiar? There are clear parallels with what's happening here, with the Premier League dictating terms to the rest of the English football pyramid.

An impressive range of speakers from European clubs, player and league organisations - including President of La Liga, Javier Tebas - discussed this unfair, uncompetitive and ultimately unsustainable scenario at the forum: it's a 'money and power grab' approach which will inevitably destroy football as we know it. Other topics included the football calendar - overloaded but causing gaps domestically, and with matches switched and timed to suit TV and the big clubs - not us, the fans.

The Trust, along with Fair Game, the Football Supporters Association and UEC - who funded our trip - are a campaigning and

extremely active voice in initiatives to protect and promote fans' rights and influence.

It's a vital aspect of the Trust's purpose and mission. We're fortunate that our club is run sustainably and with community-focused values throughout, but many other clubs are in dire straits through poor or greedy ownership, or as an effect of the financial imbalance within the game. Football is a community, and the health of that community and the broader communities clubs bring together and serve, is essential to its survival.

Your Trust is committed to football's future and to being a voice for you and the interests of all football supporters - marked by our involvement in events like the UEC Forum.

Watch the UEC forum livestream recording (audio starts on 36 seconds) by scanning the QR code below.





MY FAVOURITE GAME...

Claire Lacey chooses her all-time favourite Hatters game

27 May 2023 Wembley Stadium, London. It goes without saying that this day is up there as being one of the best days of my life.

I really want to say the best day of my life, but I guess wedding day and birth of offspring should have some sort of precedence! Nonetheless, I loved every moment of it, and the result made it especially amazing.

Truthfully, my expectation was that we would come away from the match as runners-up. Not because I didn't believe in our boys, but more because I felt we had ridden our luck in the semi-final play-offs against Sunderland.

What an atmosphere though...the sea of orange and sky-blue shirts snaking their way up Wembley Way, the sunshine, the banter, the singing - it still gives me goosebumps.

Inside the stadium the noise was deafening and it felt like the biggest party in the world was just about to start. We were actually playing for a place in the Premier League.

When Jordan Clark scored in the 23rd minute from Elijah Adebayo's assist, we were ecstatic

only to see Coventry equalise in the second half, again putting us in the familiar territory of having to fight tooth and nail, and so to penalties.

Everyone around me was as tense as the players on the field, staring at the goal, willing Coventry to miss. It was like watching a car-crash. You didn't want to see it but you couldn't look away.

When Fankaty Dabo missed, there was a millisecond of disbelief, then we all went into a frenzy. We'd only gone and done it!

So, it was with anticipation (and a certain amount of trepidation) that I looked forward to my beloved team's first ever season in the Premier League.

It is difficult to single out a player for special recognition, the dogged determination, the team spirit - rarely witnessed in the Premier League, and the willingness to give it a go, makes it hard to praise one individual.

Having said that, in my humble opinion, Alfie Doughty showed his true colours last season. His work ethic, determination

and skill have made him my most admired player. He played week in, week out with a consistency despite the odds being stacked against us.

Now we are back in the Championship, we sadly saw some departures from the team. So, I was relieved when Alfie signed a new long-term contract with us and despite our start to the season it was amazing to see Alfie and his teammates reward us with the same tenacity and effort that we saw last season and beat Watford 3-0 on Saturday.



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WORDSEARCH

Try and find the Championship goalkeepers names in tonight's wordsearch...

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P	P	M	T	T	D	C	Z	W	H
Q	K	X	E	V	L	D	A	H	H

WHO'S UNDER THE HAT?



A



B

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TWO UP TOP

Which two Hatters make up this image?



WHOS UNDER THE HAT: A: Carlton Morris, B: Jordan Clark, CREST MASH-UP: A: Stoke City & Brentford, B: Forest Green Rovers & Newcastle United, C: Southampton & Preston North End. TWO UP TOP: Elijah Adebayo & Amari Bell.

CREST MASH-UP

Can you guess the Club crests?



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LUTON TOWN LADIES

Super-sub Spillman seals Luton Ladies cup victory

Two late goals from Tasha Fensome and Gabriella Spillman earnt Luton Town Ladies a 2-0 victory and a place in the first round proper of the Adobe Women's FA Cup at Barton on Sunday.

After last week's tie was abandoned due to a serious injury to Saints skipper, Jess Burke, both sides had a week to prepare for the tie.

Co-managers Myles Maddix and Fadi Mazloun stuck with the starting 11 that they named last weekend, but introduced Abbie Vizard, Lilac Wilson and Leah Robinson to the Hatters' bench.

It was a slow start for Luton, at a wet and windy Barton. Saints keeper Emily Hemp was tested for the first time after 15 minutes after Shianne Swarres' cross seemed to be dipping in, but for a fingertip save from Hemp.

Luton, in the groove after their first sight of goal, came close through Jess McKay, who was played through on goal but could only poke the ball narrowly wide of the post.

After 20 minutes the Hatters had another

chance, courtesy of a smart free-kick routine, where a dummied run from Fiona Buttigieg allowed McKay to send the ball towards the back post, where Bridget Adu found herself free, but she couldn't get the power behind her header allowing Hemp to hold the ball.

At the other end, an incredible long-range effort from Liv Syson, forces Sarah Hudson into an equally incredible fingertip save, denying the visitors the opener.

The second half saw the Town start brightly again, Cesca Partridge's header glanced wide of the post, just eight minutes into the half.

Just after the hour mark, Adu almost scored a spectacular goal. Following a free kick, Buttigieg sent the ball

into the box where Adu attempted an overhead kick, but Hemp, yet again was equal to it, making a great save.

However with 15 minutes left to go the Hatters took the lead. A Buttigieg corner was headed back across the box by Adu into the path of Fensome, who headed the ball home from yards out.

With 10 to play and in the lead, managerial duo Myles and Fadi made a double substitution with Nicole Farmer and Nancy Tucker replacing Bridget Adu and Liz Mulvaney.

And in the fifth minute of additional time the Hatters sealed victory thanks to Spillman. Using her rapid pace to her advantage, she charged into the box and on her right foot, smashed the ball into the roof of the net.

Luton Ladies: Hudson, Adu, Wade, Blacksley, Buttigieg, Swarres, Leighton, Mulvaney, McKay, Fensome, Partridge.

Substitutes: Robinson, Vizard, Tucker, Spillman, Farmer, Wilson, Lewis.

Owen Williams

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
20/10/24	St Albans City W 2-0
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

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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
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- Members with previous purchasing history before May 2024 – Thursday 24th October
- General sale – Friday 25th October

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LET'S GO



Coventry had a mixed 2023/24 season in the Championship, experiencing both highs and lows as they sought to build on the previous year's impressive campaign that saw them lose out to the Town in the play-off final.

The Sky Blues came into last season with high expectations, however, replicating that form proved tricky as they finished ninth in the Championship but were within a whisker of reaching the FA Cup final after a remarkable semi-final against Manchester United.

Once more their performances under manager Mark Robins had raised expectations but so far this time around City have struggled to meet those. City went into their

game last night away to bottom-of-the-table QPR last night looking to improve a run of results that had seen them win just twice in the Championship this season.

After beating Oxford in mid-August, Coventry have picked up just one win in their following eight games, losing four of their last five, most recently losing 1-0 at Preston on Saturday.

Therefore Robins' side will be hoping to kick-start their season when they host the Town. It will be the first meeting since the 2023 Championship play-off final, a match that ended in dramatic fashion at Wembley. After a 1-1 draw in regulation and extra time, the Hatters triumphed in a tense penalty shootout, securing promotion to the Premier League. It was

a heartbreaking end for Coventry, but they remain determined to return to the top flight for the first time since 2001.

On the Town's last trip to Coventry Tom Lockyer put the Hatters in front in the opening minute before the hosts fought back to earn a point. The Town have won twice in their last five visits, earning a 2-1 win in December 2018 thanks to goals from Matty Pearson and James Collins and then in 2022 with Elijah Adebayo hitting the winner.

Taking into consideration home and away form, the Town are unbeaten in their last 10 meetings with the Sky Blues, with City last coming out on top back in League Two at Kenilworth Road in October 2017.

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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	17	3-0	11,758	1,281	Kaminski	Moses	Doughty	Burke	McGuinness	Holmes	CLARK 1
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.

- Who is the manager of Accrington Stanley?
- How many World Cups have been won by South American nations?
- Which team has lost the most amount of Premier League matches?
- How many times have the Hatters won away at Sunderland in their last 19 trips?
- How many league appearances did Mick Harford make for Sunderland?
- Which club is nicknamed the Grecians?
- How many goals has Carlton Morris now scored for the Hatters?
- Who scored the first Luton goal under Rob Edwards?
- Which club play their home games at Edgeley Park?
- Who is the new assistant coach of the England national team?

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. John Doolan 2. 10 (Brazil 5, Argentina 3, Uruguay 2) 3. Everton (with 452). 4. None. 5. 11 6. Exeter 7. 34 8. Jordan Clark 9. Stockport 10. Anthony Barry

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	KRAUS 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
Krauß	Chong	MORRIS 1	Adebayo	Hashioka	Johnson	Nakamba	Mpanzu	BROWN 1		Krul, Nelson, Taylor, Woodrow

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Many happy returns to life-long Town supporter Ray Castle who is here tonight celebrating his 80th birthday with his family.

Born and raised in Offley, Ray first attended matches with his brother in the early 1950s. He was present at the Luton v Blackpool match in 1959 – the game which remains the highest attendance at Kenilworth Road. As a 14-year-old, he sat on the touchline not far from where the dugout is today to watch the match.

His favourite all-time player was Ron Baynham who he also remembers playing for England. In time he took his son Steve in the mid-1970s before grandson Jamie in 2001, making it a three generation family support.

Although Kenilworth Road has been part of his life for over 65 years, Ray is really looking forward to seeing Luton play in Power Court. Have a good one, Ray!

Happy Birthday today to mad hatter, brother and Uncle, Torri Gillick. Hope you have an awesome day and let's hope the boys gift you three points on the day COYH! Big love from Fife, Darren and your mate Will.



LAST WORD WITH



MIKE SIMMONDS

Well, that wasn't a bad Saturday of Association Football at all was it?

Going into the game there might have been a slight feeling of trepidation from home supporters worried that their proud record in Bedfordshire against that lot from Hertfordshire could come under jeopardy due to the manner in which both sides had started the season.

They needn't have worried though, as things started going wrong from the moment Watford boss Tom Cleverley started going on about 'inflicting some pain' on the Hatters during his pre-match press conference.

Then on the day of the game, whoever decided the social media post about the sights of Luton was a good thing to post before kick-off really does need to give their head a wobble.

Although it couldn't have been pinned up on the

wall of the changing rooms old school style by the Hatters staff, such is the digital nature of football these days, there's no doubt it could have made its way onto whatever screens were available to give the players any extra bit of motivation they might have needed.

From the warm-up you could sense that, like in April 2023, it meant that bit more to Luton too; with fit-again captain Carlton Morris acting as the cheerleader to get the crowd going and then keep them pumped up during the contest.

Once everyone's hearts had been restored to their rightful place after Tom Holmes' backpass flew wide, it became yet another in a long line of derby matches to

remember with Jordan Clark, Morris and Jacob Brown on target to secure a biggest home win since 1981 when Brian Stein and David Moss both netted twice.

What made it all the better was that it was a proper Luton performance, something that fans have been desperate to witness this season.

With Holmes, Mark McGuinness and Reece Burke all doing the dirty work that was required of them in the first half, Daiki Hashioka and Alfie Doughty taking over once injuries struck in the second period, Town simply played to their strengths.

Never letting their opponents settle, Luton won the ball back high

up and often, springing Morris and Elijah Adebayo away whenever they could, the Hatters finally looked like the kind of team who won promotion when last in the Championship.

It was understandably lapped up by the home supporters too, who will now want to watch that kind of 90 minutes over and over again in the remaining 18 home games this season.

With so many players potentially absent this evening, particularly in defensive areas, it might be difficult to do so straight away, but as boss Rob Edwards said afterwards, that is the standard, now it must be repeated.

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Amari'i BELL	3	3	Dennis CIRKIN
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