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A week is a long time in football. After our fantastic victory over Watford it's been back-to-back defeats in the Championship against Sunderland here and at Coventry last weekend.

Granted it's not been an easy time for us on the pitch but now more than ever we need your backing to give confidence and belief to the lads.

Tonight, under the lights, we welcome West Bromwich Albion to Kenilworth Road and we'd like to extend a warm welcome to all the Baggies who have made the journey down from the West Midlands.

Enjoy the game. Come on Luton!

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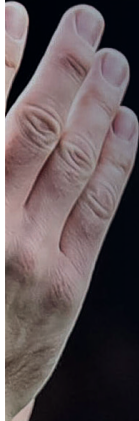
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| **ROB EDWARDS** |

THE BOSS

Good evening and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for tonight's Championship game against West Bromwich Albion.

I'd like to welcome everyone associated with our visitors, including Carlos Corberan, who has done a great job at the Hawthorns since arriving two years ago.

Last weekend was obviously tough to take. We put ourselves in a good position in the game to be 2-0 up but I think anyone who watched it could see that Coventry were never really out of it. They were really threatening and often took our press out of the game. They exposed some of our weaknesses and naturally we were all incredibly deflated to lose.

The lads, however, are giving me everything so I will not blame them at all. To go again after giving their all against Watford and Sunderland, Coventry was perhaps one game too far, especially when you consider we have a number of the squad unavailable through injury.

That includes in central defensive areas where the number of those unavailable for tonight could be as high as six, but that's the challenge. What I do know is whoever is selected this evening will give everything. We are demanding a lot from the lads at the moment and the relentlessness of this division will continue with Cardiff on Wednesday and a trip to Middlesbrough next Saturday.

Tonight we go again against a West Brom side who have lost just twice this season. However, we can be buoyed by our last two performances here at Kenilworth Road which have been excellent. After the deserved victory over Watford I thought we were unlucky not to earn something from the Sunderland game but you don't always get what you deserve in football. We all believed Carlton's goal should have stood and if it had then it's a different game.

Your support has been incredible, even in times of struggle and for that I thank you. Especially the applause the lads received after coming off the pitch against Sunderland. That showed your appreciation for the performance and gives

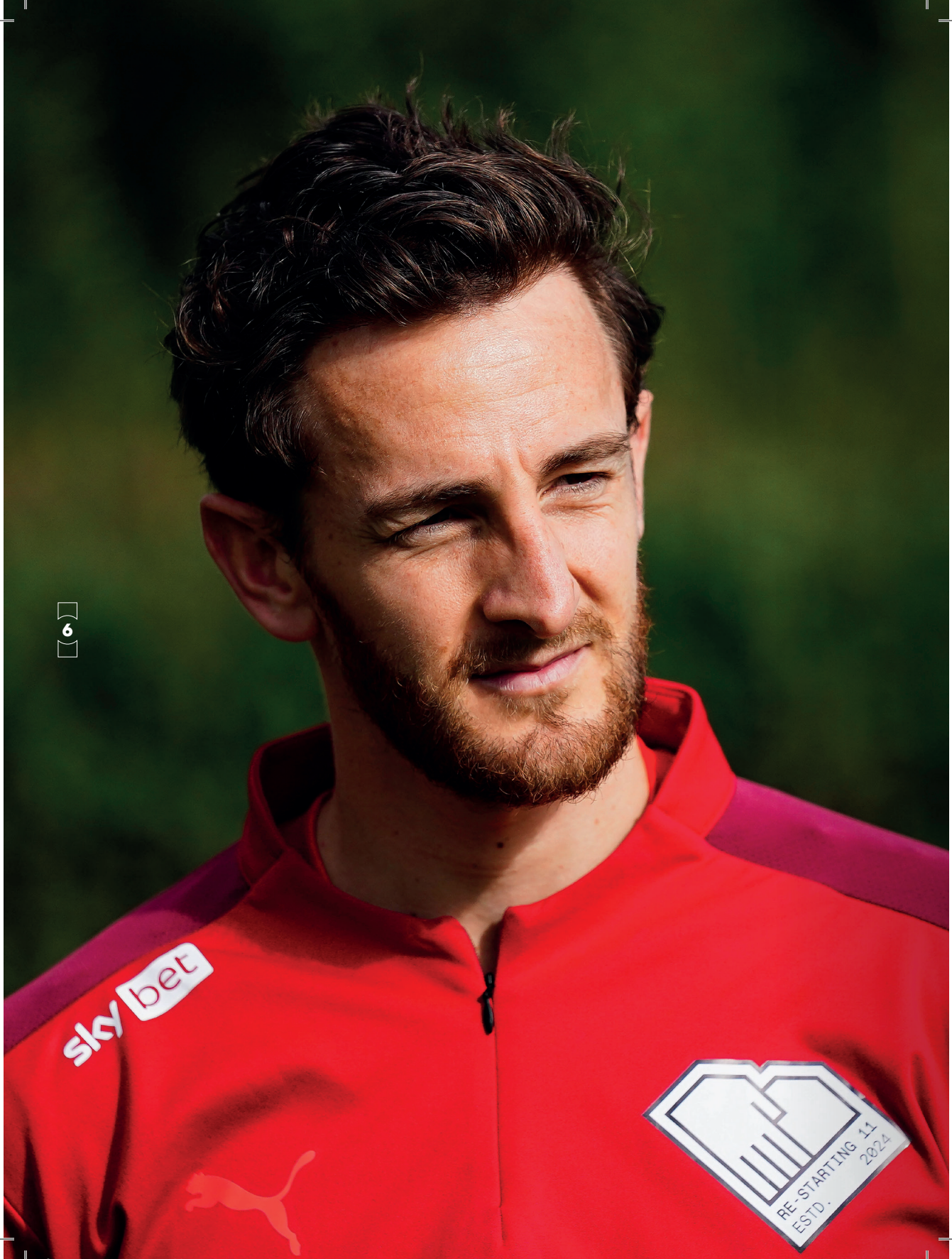
us heart going into this evening's game.

So please continue to get behind us this evening. The lads will be giving everything.

Enjoy the game.



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| TOM LOCKYER |

CLUB CAPTAIN

Good evening and welcome back to you all for this evening's game against West Bromwich Albion.

After the high of beating Watford in the derby two weeks ago we've been hugely disappointed to have not kicked on after that in the two games that have followed.

Against Sunderland the lads put in a great shift. I definitely don't think we deserved to come off the pitch with nothing to show for it. The boys reproduced the same level of intensity from the Watford game but just could not find a way through.

Carlton's disallowed goal was the talking point and, of course, if that stands it's a different game. However, it was disappointing after levelling thanks to Eli's header that we conceded so quickly after that. Fair play to their player who stuck the winner in

probably the only corner of the goal he could.

It was great to see you all applauding the lads off at the end. We all know when you see a good performance and there were loads of positives to take despite the fact the result didn't go in our favour.

It was frustrating therefore that we could not maintain those levels last Saturday at Coventry. They threw everything at us in the first half and I thought we defended brilliantly. That enabled us to soak up the pressure and hit them on the counter and we were naturally delighted to be two goals ahead at the break. As ever Carlton was cool as you like from the spot and then Elijah scored for the second game in a row.

What a boy Eli is. We all love him. After being targeted again by mindless racists he

reacted with a beautiful finish on Saturday. There's no place for racism in any walk of life, let alone football. The statement the club released was really powerful - I doubt anyone who spouts that kind of stuff on social media would ever have the guts to say it to anyone's face. We'll support him unconditionally and always, always have his back.

Back to Coventry and the second half was disappointing to say the least. Having done the hard work to get into such a commanding position, to allow them back into the game and win it was incredibly hard to take.

The past week has seen a sharp focus on ensuring we right the wrongs at Coventry and get back to winning ways tonight against West Brom.

They are a side who share the same lofty

ambitions as ourselves and reached the play-offs last season before going out to Southampton. Like they all are, it's going to be a tough game, but with your support behind us I know we are capable of bouncing back from last week's disappointments.

You only have to look at the power your noise had in helping us win the derby to see how important your backing is.

Please join me in getting behind the lads this evening.



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BOARDROOM DAVID WILKINSON

Good evening everyone and welcome to Kenilworth Road. I hope that those who are here for the first time enjoy the experience.

Most of us on the Board have spent decades visiting the Kenny and still feel the emotion we felt when we first heard the click of the turnstiles.

Tonight, West Brom are our guests. Since our first meeting way back in 1897, which we lost 1-0, we have played each other 50 times. We last met here in our Championship promotion season in January 2023, incidentally losing 3-2 after having led 2-0 thanks to goals from Elijah and Carlton...

I'm writing these notes the day after our disappointing defeat to Coventry so, as with a lot of you, my feelings are a bit raw. However, it's only

a week since we played extremely well to beat Watford.

There was a lot to be frustrated about at Coventry. Of course, nothing is worse than seeing your team surrender a two-goal lead and lose in the last minute while sitting in the directors' box. Believe me, it can be difficult to keep your cool when you witness certain decisions going against you.

While I won't go into detail, as I run the risk of getting in hot water from the powers that be, all I can say is I believe you would share my exasperation if, for example, a player of ours was ever cautioned for, what it might seem from the stands, taking a free-kick too quickly. I could write an entire programme on this subject, including the use

of VAR, but I've learned in life to quickly get over the irritations and frustrations that football gives you and focus on the positives.

Which leads me on to something special that gave me much pleasure last week when, for the first time since the play-off final in May 2023, the whole Board were together in the same room.

"I'VE LEARNED IN LIFE TO QUICKLY GET OVER THE IRRITATIONS AND FRUSTRATIONS THAT FOOTBALL GIVES YOU AND FOCUS ON THE POSITIVES"

Despite all coming from the local area, half of our board do not live locally and we hadn't met in person since that glorious day at Wembley in May last year.

Therefore, we arranged a get together last week for the day after the Sunderland game.

Our first trip was to The Brache where, despite playing the night before, all the players were in for training. Normally only injured players would be in for treatment and recovery but they were there preparing with just two days before leaving for Coventry.

It was good to see them around at breakfast and feel the atmosphere and morale, which was excellent. Even those of us who visit regularly

found something new, and we were all able to see recent additions and improvements, such as the new academy accommodation, offices and laundry room.

We were also impressed by the work done on the first team training pitches and the new high-tech medical equipment acquired to improve treatment and recovery. There was also time to meet those in the medical team and discuss what they are doing to improve our injury record for our vulnerable players in order to get more minutes on the pitch.

To a man, the Board were impressed with what has been created, and we all noted the positive energy around the place.

We then went on to our headquarters for lunch which gave directors, seldom seen, to introduce themselves and put faces and job specs to those staff they hadn't met. As with The Brache, it was a spirited, fun event and we all left with a comfortable and positive feeling that we are being well looked after.

In the afternoon we met club historian Roger Wash and Brian Webb from Hatters Heritage to join a tour of the club's early history. We started in High Town, where the club was first conceived, and finished at the site of our first ground on Dallow Road. None of us had done this before and it was fascinating. We would recommend those

of you who like history to listen to Brian's talk and certainly check out the Hatters Heritage website, where they are close to finishing digitising all club data back to its formation in 1885.

We then moved on to Power Court. Most of us had not been on site since groundwork began. For years now we have been looking at plans, models and computer-generated images of the proposed stadium and associated developments, but it's only by being there and seeing the people and machines at work that make it feel alive. It is a huge project, and a cornerstone of the 2020 vision is now a reality.

The day ended with an enjoyable dinner. There

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is no substitute for being together in person. We are lucky to have such a supportive Board which retains its love for and commitment to 2020's original plans for the club.

Perhaps what the day did most was remind us of where we have come from and how much progress we have made. It makes me very proud of everyone who has made a contribution however small.

Finally, we were horrified to see that Elijah has yet again been subjected to racist abuse. As a Board we abhor discrimination of any kind and celebrate the diversity within our community. Elijah is a lovely man and this behaviour just goes to demonstrate how ignorant and small-minded the perpetrator is. As a Club we will do all we can to weed out these morons and

make sure they aren't able to darken our doors again.

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere" – Martin Luther King.

Enjoy the game.

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David.

Your Hatters Board standing on the centre circle at Power Court



CLUB HONOURS

LEAGUE CUP

Winners 1988
Runners-up 1989

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Play-Off Winners 2022/23

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AROUND TOWN

CEO SLEEPOUT

Luton Town FC have teamed up with CEO Sleepout to raise funds for Club charity of the year NOAH Enterprise, who seek to help the most disadvantaged in the local community.

Primarily, the charity is concerned with providing a practical, empowering and caring service to people who are homeless, particularly those who are temporary or entrenched rough sleepers, and those who are marginalised and socially excluded, or have simply fallen into poverty.

CEO Sleepout Luton Town FC is promising to be a phenomenal night, with Luton's big-hearted business leaders dusting off their sleeping bags in preparation for our night sleeping under the stars at Kenilworth Road on Thursday 28th November.



Our own CEO Gary Sweet and the Club's executive team will be there - will you join them?

Nobody should have to live on the streets or in housing that is unfit for human life, but that's the reality for over 282,000 people in England today.

We are sure you agree that everybody deserves a secure roof over their heads and access to life's basic essentials.

We're bringing business leaders just like you together for an unforgettable night as we unite to

fight homelessness in Bedfordshire.

Can we count you on you on the 28th of November? Are you ready to change somebody's life?

Join your fellow business leaders as we tackle hardship & homelessness in Bedfordshire. All you need is a big heart and a sleeping bag!

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The app is also ideal for LTFC+ subscribers, who can stream live matches, audio and highlights through the app.

Please note, this is the first release of the app, with additional features - including synchronisation with ticketing and the club shop - following in future updates.

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REST IN PEACE ADRIAN

It is with sadness that we learned of the news that ardent Town supporter Adrian Cross passed away suddenly at the age of 58.

Adrian Cross, pictured in the hat on the right, passed tragically died in a walking accident on Snowden in August.

Born and raised in Dunstable, Adrian was a life-long Hatters fan and was a constant companion at matches with Richard and Julie (also pictured), home and away.

One comfort was the joy he had visiting many Premier League grounds with his

friends. Much loved by all, his friends and family will all miss him dearly.



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ACTION REPLAY



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Adebayo 63'



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Rigg 55'
Mundle 66'

At the end of a pulsating second half that had seen Sunderland come out victorious, the Town players were deservedly applauded off the pitch by their supporters who had urged their heroes along for 90 minutes against the Championship league leaders.

It was a testament to a performance that warranted better on a night that saw the Hatters unfortunate to leave the field defeated after a display which showed similar spice to the superb derby day win over Watford.

For the neutral, this was a good one. The Hatters pressed and pushed high up the pitch but just could not find a way past a stubborn Sunderland defence that dealt with almost everything that was thrown their way. At the end, the visitors registered 42 clearances to the Town's four.

For all the forward momentum the Hatters could not force visiting goalkeeper Anthony Patterson into a save in a first half that ended when Carlton Morris' finish – reacting quickest to Daiki Hashioka's flick-on from an Alfie Doughty corner – was harshly ruled out for offside.

Goalless at the break, three minutes after the restart the Town almost led only for Patterson to throw up a strong hand to brilliantly keep out Elijah Adebayo's close range header following Jordan Clark's cross.

On top and looking for the opener, the Hatters then suddenly trailed on 55 minutes. Tahith Chong's touch fell invitingly at the feet of Chris Rigg who, after holding off

three Town defenders, struck a left-foot finish beyond Thomas Kaminski.

However, the Hatters responded well and were level just eight minutes later. Doughty's free-kick from the right was beautifully volleyed goalwards by Morris at the back post and Adebayo was on hand to nod home from close range for his first goal of the season.

Sadly for the Hatters that noise was muted as Sunderland regained the lead in style three minutes later. Romaine Mundle dashed past two challenges on the left-hand edge of the box before finding the perfect low finish beyond Kaminski.

Up went the decibel level from the Town faithful with their side trailing once more, and on 72 minutes, it was almost 2-2 when Patterson blocked Doughty's left-foot drive after being teed up by substitute Jacob Brown.

As time ticked down the Hatters continued to push for an equaliser only for half-chances to fall at the feet of man-of-the-match Tom Holmes, Morris and Clark.

In the dying moments and with the Town getting desperate, birthday boy Kaminski went up for the latest of late corners but Sunderland – who had cleared cross after cross all night – dealt with the final one and that was that.

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Simms 59', Torp 76'
Wright 90+1



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Morris (p) 15'
Adebayo 37'

The Hatters surrendered a two-goal half-time lead as they went down 3-2 at Coventry.

Unchanged from the 2-1 defeat to Sunderland in the week the Town rode their luck early on with a combination of good defending and profligacy from the hosts keeping the score blank.

But the Hatters got their noses in front from the spot on the quarter-hour mark when Tahith Chong was upended in the box by Tatsuhiro Sakamoto and Carlton Morris converted the penalty.

Five minutes later it was almost 2-0 when Chong saw a shot on the turn turned away well by Oliver Dovin but in truth the Town were under the cosh as Coventry continued to dominate.

But the Hatters held firm, defending well and on 37 minutes it was 2-0 when Elijah Adebayo struck his second goal in two games to double the lead finishing well after taking Tom Krauß's slide-rule pass.

Coventry began the second half on the front foot. Haji Wright should have done better with a header from close range on 53 minutes before Thomas Kaminski got behind a shot from Ben Sheaf two minutes later.

With the Town pinned back, Coventry's pressure finally paid dividends on the hour when Ellis Simms sent a thumping header from a right-wing corner past Kaminski to halve the deficit.

Now with their tails up, the hosts upped the ante further and with 14 minutes left the Sky Blues were level when substitute Victor Torp curled home a beautiful first-time finish past Kaminski from the edge of the box.

The Hatters had barely had a sniff in the second period with Coventry enjoying almost three-quarters of the ball but they had a chance out of nothing to snatch a third with six minutes left. Jacob Brown chased a lost cause to nip in behind the home backline, nodding the ball into the path of fellow substitute Cauley Woodrow. However, the ball bounced up awkwardly and Woodrow could not divert his shot past the keeper.

It would prove to be a crucial moment.

Then, as six additional minutes were indicated by the officials, the Town were then reduced to 10 men when Tom Holmes was shown a second yellow card.

And within a minute of being a man light, the Town fell behind. Simms' header from a right-wing cross fell into the path of Wright whose initial header was stopped by Kaminski but the striker was quickest to the loose ball to bundle home and spark celebrations among the home crowd.

Trailing at the death the Town couldn't conjure an equaliser and that was that.

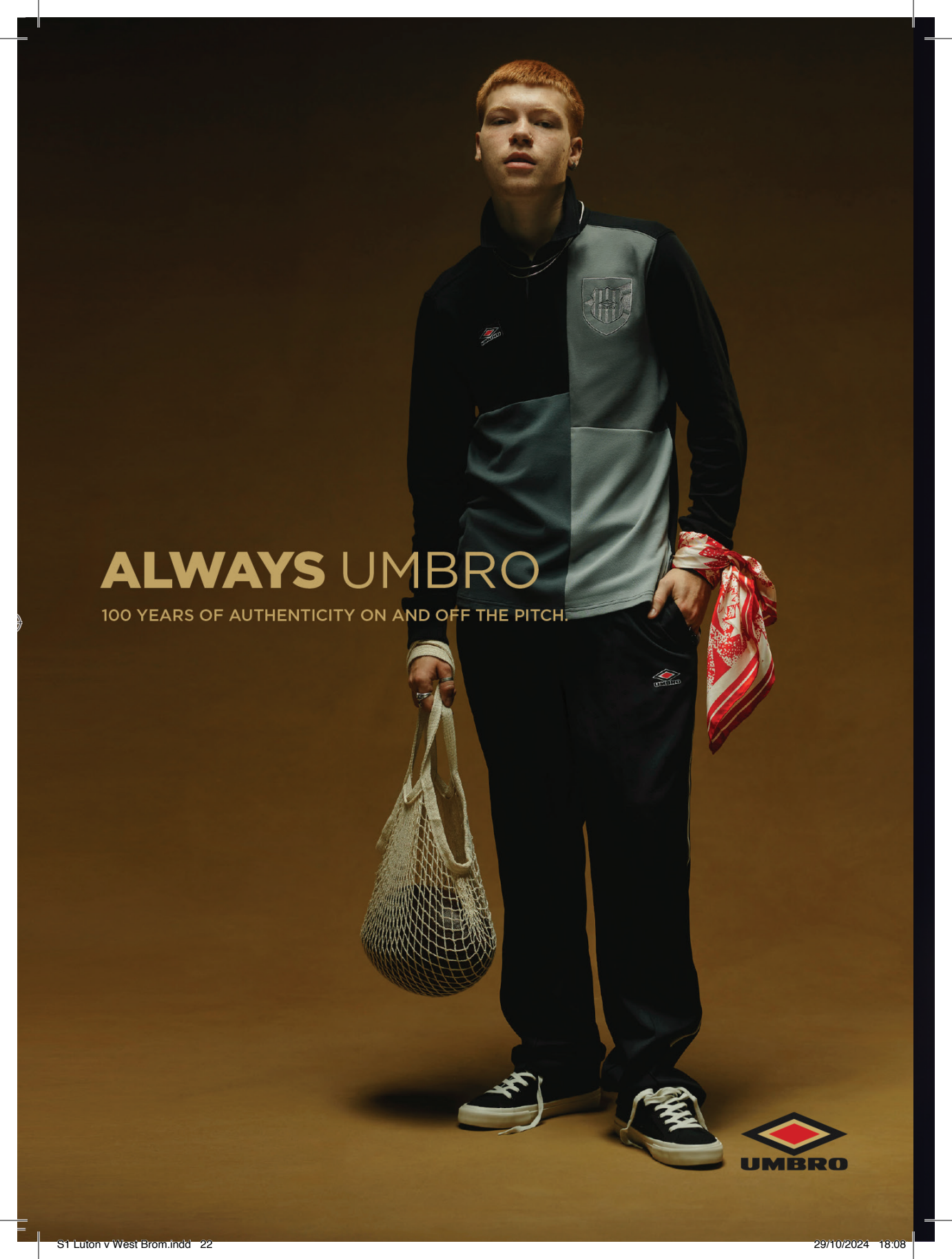
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WELCOME



The Hatters welcome West Bromwich Albion to Kenilworth Road for what shapes up to be an important night under the lights for both sides.

The Baggies have started the season well and sit in fifth place but come into the game this evening without a win in six matches.

Carlos Corberan's side came up short in the play-offs last season and were beaten in the semi-finals by Southampton, who were eventually promoted to the top tier.

West Brom got off to an electric start to the season and picked up five wins and one draw in their first six matches. Since then, form has dropped off slightly and they are yet to win a match since September.

Interestingly, Albion have drawn their last four games in a row. Out of these draws against Millwall, Oxford United, Blackburn Rovers and Cardiff, three of these games finished goalless.

West Brom striker Josh Maja has had a great start to the season so far and sits on seven goals out of the first twelve games and is one of the top scorers in the league.

A warm welcome to Kenilworth Road to all those associated with West Bromwich Albion, who have fond memories of their last visit – a 3-2 win in January 2023 that saw the Baggies overturn a 2-0 deficit.

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STREET

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THE SQUAD



- 1 GK Alex Palmer
- 2 DF Darnell Furlong
- 3 DF Mason Holgate
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- 31 FW Tom Fellows
- 44 FW Devante Cole

PROFILES

THE BOSS

CARLOS CORBERAN

Spanish manager with previous experience with Leeds Under-23, Huddersfield Town and Olympiacos. Been in charge at the Hawthorns for over two years.

GOALKEEPER

ALEX PALMER

West Brom academy product with almost 80 games for the Baggies under his belt, also had a brief loan stint here at Kenilworth Road in 2022.

DEFENDERS

SEMI AJAYI

Experienced centre-back who has made hundreds of Championship appearances, including over 150 for the Albion.

DARNELL FURLONG

Born in Luton, the 28-year-old right back joined the Baggies in 2019 and has now almost reached 200 games for the club.



TORBJORN HEGGEM

Norwegian defender who signed for Albion in the summer on a three-year deal from IF Brommapojkarna.

MASON HOLGATE

Previous experience at the likes of Everton, Barnsley, Southampton and Sheffield United. Now on his second stint at the Hawthorns on loan.

MIDFIELDERS

ALEX MOWATT

Box-to-box midfielder with years of Championship experience. Amassed over 100 appearances for Leeds and Barnsley and nearing that for West Brom.

UROS RACIC

Serbian midfielder who joined West Brom on loan this summer from Sassuolo. Already played eight times and registered two assists.

JOHN SWIFT

Chelsea academy product who has been a regular in the second tier since 2016. Joined the Baggies in 2022 after leaving Reading.

TOM FELLOWS

West Brom academy graduate making a name for himself in the second tier. Scored at Kenilworth Road for England Under-21s in September.

CALLUM STYLES

Hungarian international who started off at Bury before becoming a



highly rated midfielder at Barnsley. Signed for West Brom in the summer after multiple loans away.

FORWARDS

JOSH MAJA ▲

Former Sunderland frontman who is back in the Championship scoring goals. Has scored seven goals in 12 games so far this season.

GRADY DIANGANA

Technical winger who signed for West Brom permanently in 2020 following a successful loan spell. Scored two goals at Kenilworth Road against Luton in 2019.

MIKEY JOHNSTON

Former Celtic man who enjoyed a successful spell on loan with the Baggies last season. Has since signed on permanently and been a regular so far this term.

KARLAN GRANT

Striker with vast experience in the second tier. Has scored over 20 goals in around 100 games for the Albion.

BAGGIES KITBAG



2020/21 HOME

As recent shirts go, Albion's iconic navy and white striped effort from 2020/21 takes some beating. The 'barcode' design is a nod to the Baggies' 1992-94 home shirts. Puma take the credit making a crisp effort, complimented by sponsors Ideal Boilers (minus the mascot).

A FOOT IN BOTH



CURTIS DAVIES

Academy graduate Curtis joined the Town as a 16-year-old and broke into the first team at 18, helping the Hatters win League One in 2004/05. In August 2005 he made a £3m move to the Hawthorns where he was a mainstay in central defence before joining Aston Villa. After spells at Birmingham, Hull, Derby and Cheltenham he retired this summer.

HAWTHORNS HERO

Dutchman **Richard Sneekes** rocked up the Hawthorns in 1996, a £400,000 signing from Bolton after helping the Trotters reach the Premier League in 1994/95.

Then-boss Alan Buckley claimed the midfielder would take time to make a difference but he almost immediately became a cult hero. So much was the impression he made on the Baggies faithful that many of them were seen sporting long blonde wigs.

Sneekes scored 10 goals in his last 13 games in

his first season in the West Midlands, helping them to avoid the drop in the process, before going on to spend

seven seasons at the Hawthorns. In total he made 253 appearances for the Baggies, scoring 34 goals.



FIXTURE FLASHBACK

ALBION 0-2 TOWN 2ND APRIL 1996

Both clubs are struggling at the wrong end of the Division One (now Championship) table before this one.

The Hatters hadn't won in eight games, losing six of those, but Lennie Lawrence's side bounced back to form to secure

a much-needed victory thanks to a spirited performance.

Bontcho Guentchev heads in the opener following Tony Thorpe's cross before Kim Grant seals the points when racing away and beating two defenders and goalkeeper.

It was the first time in over a year that the Hatters had scored twice in away game but the joy was short lived. The Town would not win in their next six matches and were relegated to Division Two (League One) after losing at home to Barnsley.



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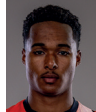
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Our last home game against Sunderland saw defender Tom Holmes named man-of-the-match by sponsors the MuscleSquad.

Tom was in the Eric Morecambe Lounge post-match to receive his award from the sponsors and took in the congratulations from all of our guests. The defender was also on hand to give out prizes to our competition winners.

Wednesday also saw us welcome and six mascots who all got to enjoy their evening despite the result. 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.

Tonight we welcome match sponsors J&P Roofing & Cladding, matchball sponsors Snoxell and Gwyther and three mascots who will get the VIP treatment as we host West Bromwich Albion tonight under the lights.

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HOLMES FEELING AT HOME

Defender looks back on his involvement in our past two home fixtures

It's fair to say it's been a rollercoaster last few weeks for defender Tom Holmes.

The former Reading centre-half was given his first start in the local derby triumph over Watford, produced a man-of-the-match performance against league leaders Sunderland and then was sent-off last weekend at Coventry.

After the defeat to Sunderland, the 24-year-old said: "I've had to be quite patient. Unfortunately, there's been some injuries but it's meant there's been an opportunity there, so I'm just enjoying it, taking each game as it comes"

Having just featured 14 minutes for the Town prior to the Watford victory, Holmes was then frustrated to be forced off at half-time against

the Hornets but was glad to make it back for the midweek clash with Sunderland.

"It was quite a heavy impact. I was unsure whether it might be concussion," he explained. "I didn't feel comfortable going out to play the second half, so I came off and then recovered on the Sunday, felt a lot better on the Sunday and then managed to train, so I felt all right."

On being involved in derby day victory, the centre-half said: "I'd say it was the best atmosphere that I've been a part of in football, it was incredible. I've seen bits, seen previous derbies, seen bits in games, so I kind of had a feel of what it was going to be like and then to play it was electric.

"The crowd is vital, it really adds 10, 15 per cent to

our game. I think they're definitely the 12th man. It's like no other place in the English league, so we can really use that to our advantage."

However after the highs of beating the Hornets the Town were brought back down to earth against the Black Cats, despite an encouraging performance that saw the team applauded off the pitch at the end by the Hatters faithful.

"From start to finish I think we were the better team," said Holmes.

"In the second half there was a little spell where we didn't quite match the

energy. They capitalised on their chances, but on the whole I think we really deserved at least a point from the game.

"Performance-wise, the last two home games, I think the energy and the intensity, the way we're playing, that's typical of Luton teams that I've played against in the past, so I think that will stand us in good stead moving forward.

"Now it's just the standard cliché, recover the wounded soldiers in there and just attack them, keep the intensity, keep the energy to our performances."

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Morris has faith in Town squad to move up the Championship table

Carlton Morris found the target for the fourth time in his last four games at Coventry last weekend but the striker would happily trade those goals for league points with the Town finding themselves in the Championship's bottom three.

And the frontman, who took his tally to 35 in Luton colours since joining from Barnsley two years ago, believes the Hatters have what it takes to turn their fortunes around.

"If I'm honest, I haven't given scoring goals

much thought until right now - I'm just incredibly frustrated with the results at the moment, said the team captain.

"However, I look around the changing room and I see my team-mates, I see the squad, I see the staff and I have faith that we can turn this around, and with the crucial players that we are going to get back in the coming weeks, there's absolutely no reason why we can't go on a run in this division of picking up a lot of points throughout the Christmas period.

"We know exactly what we're capable of and we're not even at full tilt yet, we know we've got a lot more to give going forward, it's just about executing it, not just talking about it. Against West Brom we'll have another opportunity to go out there and show it."

After beating local rivals Watford, the Town have lost back-to-back games. Despite an impressive performance against Sunderland and leading 2-0 at Coventry, they were left empty-handed.

And Morris refused to make any excuses.

"It's been a big week, we've had three massive games, it just shows the importance to win when you're on top and it makes the Sunderland game even more frustrating because the performance was there and the points weren't.

"At Coventry the performance nor the points were there, but that usually balances itself out, so it just shows the importance of winning when you're playing well.

"I'm not going to stand here and make excuses, we know we ultimately we need to be better. We've got enough experience and strong players at this level to do even more, so it's just a lot of frustration at the moment, but we're not just going to lie down and take it, we're going to come back fighting.

"I think we felt like a threat going forward in the first half even though sometimes we are going to be under it. But credit to Coventry they put us under pressure in that first half, but we dealt with it really well and even showed threat going forward.

"This could have been one of those textbook away performances where we dig in, but we weren't able to do that and we're in there having a conversation as players after and we put that on ourselves. We know we need to do more, at 2-0 up at this level we had enough to see that out."



WEEKEND'S
FIXTURES

SATURDAY

12.30pm

Blackburn Rovers v Sheff United

Oxford United v Swansea City

Stoke City v Derby County

3pm

Cardiff City v Norwich City

Hull City v Portsmouth

Leeds United v Plymouth Argyle

Middlesbrough v Coventry City

Preston NE v Bristol City

QPR v Sunderland

Sheff Wednesday v Watford

SUNDAY

3pm

Millwall v Burnley



EXPECTED
GOALS

Josh Maja	7.1
West Bromwich Albion	
Josh Sargent	5.3
Norwich City	
Borja Sainz	5.2
Norwich City	
Elijah Adebayo	5.2
Luton Town	
Haji Wright	4.6
Coventry City	



SHOTS
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Michael Smith	4.5
Sheffield Wednesday	
Fally Mayulu	4.4
Bristol City	
Louie Sibley	4.4
Oxford United	
Delano Burgzorg	4.3
Middlesbrough	
Nathaniel Phillips	4.3
Derby County	

TABLE AND STATS 2024/25

AS OF 28/10/2024

		P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	PTS
1	Sunderland	12	9	1	2	23	9	14	28
2	Burnley	12	6	5	1	17	5	12	23
3	Leeds United	12	6	5	1	19	8	11	23
4	Sheffield United	12	7	3	2	14	6	8	22
5	West Bromwich Albion	12	5	5	2	13	7	6	20
6	Blackburn Rovers	12	5	4	3	16	12	4	19
7	Watford	12	6	1	5	16	19	-3	19
8	Norwich City	12	4	6	2	22	16	6	18
9	Middlesbrough	12	5	3	4	14	12	2	18
10	Millwall	12	4	4	4	15	12	3	16
11	Bristol City	12	3	7	2	14	16	-2	16
12	Derby County	12	4	3	5	15	15	0	15
13	Sheffield Wednesday	12	4	3	5	13	18	-5	15
14	Oxford United	12	3	5	4	15	15	0	14
15	Hull City	12	3	5	4	14	16	-2	14
16	Preston North End	12	3	5	4	13	17	-4	14
17	Swansea City	12	3	4	5	8	8	0	13
18	Coventry City	12	3	3	6	14	17	-3	12
19	Stoke City	12	3	3	6	13	17	-4	12
20	Cardiff City	12	3	3	6	11	18	-7	12
21	Plymouth Argyle	12	3	3	6	13	22	-9	12
22	Luton Town	12	3	2	7	14	20	-6	11
23	Queens Park Rangers	12	1	6	5	11	19	-8	9
24	Portsmouth	12	1	5	6	12	25	-13	8

PLAYER STATISTICS

PLAYER	LEAGUE			THIS SEASON CUP			TOTAL			DISCIPLINARY		LTCF CAREER TOTAL	
	APP	SUB	GLS	APP	SUB	GLS	APP	SUB	GLS	YELLOW	RED	APP	GLS
Elijah Adebayo	12	0	2	1	0	0	13	0	2	1	0	154	44
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	5	1	0	0	0	1	5	1	0	0	28	4
Reece Burke	7	0	0	1	0	0	8	0	0	3	0	91	4
Tahith Chong	10	0	1	1	0	0	11	0	1	3	0	49	6
Jordan Clark	11	0	2	1	0	0	12	0	2	4	0	149	14
Alfie Doughty	12	0	0	1	0	0	13	0	0	5	0	91	5
Daiki Hashioka	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	14	0
Tom Holmes	3	2	0	0	1	0	3	3	0	0	1	6	0
Joe Johnson	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	9	0
Thomas Kaminski	11	0	0	1	0	0	12	0	0	1	1	50	0
Tom Krauss	6	1	1	0	0	0	6	1	1	0	0	7	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	10	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	1	0	10	0
Teden Mengi	8	1	1	0	0	0	8	1	1	1	0	44	2
Carlton Morris	7	2	4	1	0	0	8	2	4	3	0	104	35
Victor Moses	5	2	1	0	0	0	5	2	1	0	0	7	1
PellyRuddock Mpanzu	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	1	0	407	23
Marvelous Nakamba	4	2	0	1	0	0	5	2	0	0	0	41	0
Zack Nelson	2	5	0	1	0	1	3	5	1	1	0	10	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	7	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	1	0	13	0
Andros Townsend	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	32	1
Liam Walsh	2	4	0	0	1	0	2	5	0	0	1	7	0
Reuell Walters	6	2	0	1	0	0	7	2	0	3	0	9	0
Cauley Woodrow	0	6	0	0	1	0	0	7	0	0	0	71	6



LEAGUE LOOK

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Last week in the second tier brought many dramas, controversies and big results as always. All 24 sides were in action so let's see how it all unfolded.

On Friday night, Sheffield Wednesday piled more misery on Portsmouth and picked up a 2-1 win at Fratton Park. This was thanks to a Michael Smith screamer in the last 20 minutes.

The following day, Bristol City and Leeds played out a 0-0 draw at Ashton Gate. The Hatters lost 3-2 to Coventry on the road and Burnley and QPR also drew 0-0.

Derby drew 1-1 at home against Hull after two second half goals meant the points were shared; Watford meanwhile beat Blackburn 1-0.

Plymouth completed a remarkable comeback at home against Preston. The Lilywhites were 3-0 up at Home Park but three second half goals, including an injury time equaliser from Morgan Whittaker, meant that the Pilgrims managed to salvage a point.

Sheffield United beat Stoke 2-0 thanks to goals from Kieffer Moore and former Stoke striker Tyrese Campbell.

Leaders Sunderland also picked up a 2-0 win at home after beating Des Buckingham's Oxford side at the Stadium of Light to five points clear at the top of the table.

Millwall got a big three points away at Swansea City after a last-minute winner from Casper de Norre. The Lions have now won four, drawn four, and lost four.

Today's opponents West Brom played out a 0-0 draw at the Hawthorns against Cardiff City. This was quite the opposite to the game at Carrow Road the next day between Norwich and Middlesbrough which finished 3-3 in what was a remarkable game that saw Boro lead 3-1.

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There's no point sugarcoating it. Luton have a terrible record against West Bromwich Albion.

In fact, of all teams played 10 times or more, only Manchester United have beaten the Hatters a higher percentage of times (73%) than the Baggies (57%).

Wins can be found though. In December 1957 Gordon Turner struck twice in a 5-1 thumping, leaving home fans even more convinced that Turner should be in the England team given he looked a far more complete inside-forward than the Baggies' internationals Bobby Robson and Derek Kevan.

Then, in 1975, the visitors player-manager Johnny Giles was sent off after just 20 minutes for a foul on Ron Futcher, helping Town secure a 2-1 win over their promotion chasing rivals on a day when 2,000 extra supporters swelled the gates as part of the 'Save our Town' campaign.

Fast forward to 1983 and the Albion played their part in an historic event at Kenilworth Road – the first league match to

take place on a Sunday in the 98-year history of the club.

The thinking was pretty straightforward. With the match originally scheduled for the last shopping Saturday before Christmas, the Town's always innovative commercial department felt moving the game back 24 hours would give a boost to flagging attendances, caused in no small part by the wildly unpopular Milton Keynes location plans. Just a few weeks before, 2,000 people had attended a rally opposing the move, marching from Pope's Meadow to Kenilworth Road at a funeral pace.

The shift to a Sunday posed problems. With restrictive trading laws to consider the club were forced to offer a 'free entry' turnstile to the game, an option which around 400 fans took up. Still though, an attendance of 11,566, a reasonable uptick of around 1,000 from the previous home game, was likely higher than it would have been if played on Saturday.

On the pitch it was the Baggies in far more strife. Injury hit, not even the return of Cyrille Regis and the signing of Tony Morley could inspire them. When Ray Daniel was brought down in the box four

minutes before half-time Brian Horton made no mistake from the spot, and the result was in little doubt even before Trevor Aylott's fine goal just after the hour.

The visitors' misery was compounded moments later by the sending off of future Spurs manager Martin Jol. The West Brom press were unsympathetic. "Jol was lucky," one said, "I wish I could have gone home 20 minutes early...."

Will Foster

Brian Horton celebrates after giving Town the lead from the spot against the Baggies in 1983 ▼



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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 Baggies.

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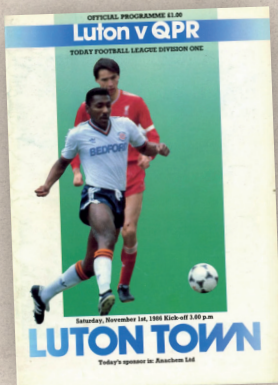
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1. Allan Brown heads in the Town's second goal during the 5-1 victory over the Albion at Kenilworth Road in December 1957.
2. Kim Grant races away to net the Town's second goal in the 2-0 win at the Hawthorns in April 1996.
3. Allan Campbell slams in the second goal in the 2-0 home win over the Baggies in February 2022.
4. Former Baggie, Eddie Connelly, worms his way through the Albion defence during the 2-0 home win in April 1947.



ON THIS DAY

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



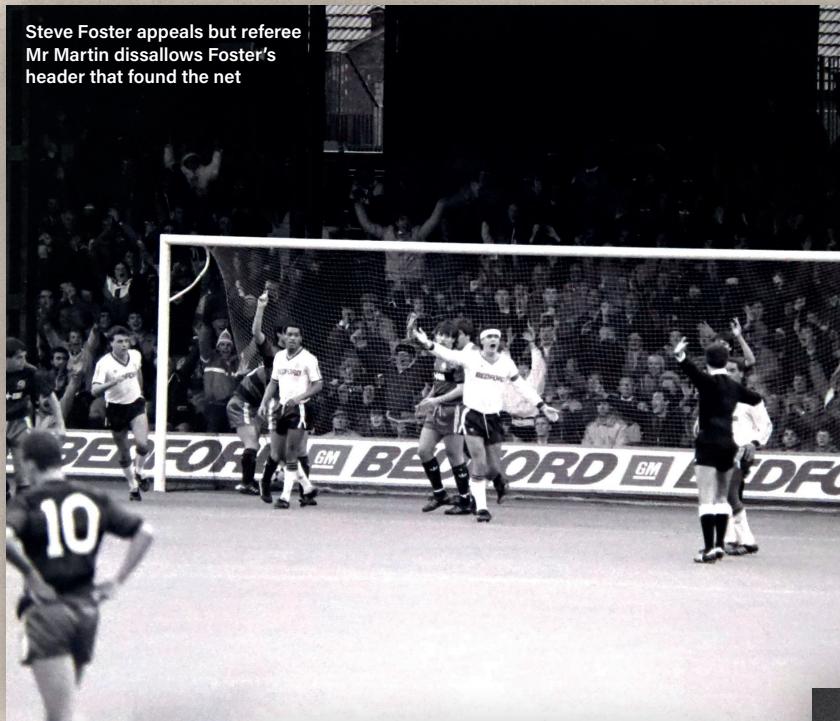
The last time the Hatters won at home on 1st November was way back on 1986 as the Town saw off Queens Park Rangers at Kenilworth Road.

In a miserable game, Rangers' Warren Neill scores the only goal with a back pass which beats his advancing goalkeeper, David Seaman.

Ashley Grimes and Tim Breacker both miss the match through injury for the Hatters and this gives a perfect opportunity for 17-year-old Richard Harvey to make his Luton debut.

At the end of the season the Town finished in their highest position of seventh in the top-flight while Rangers ended the season in 16th.

Steve Foster appeals but referee Mr Martin disallows Foster's header that found the net



Mike Newell shoots from twenty five yards out

Richard Harvey on his debut lets fly from long distance



Mal Donaghy links arms with Warren Neill

ALSO ON 1ST NOVEMBER...

The Town were last in action on this day two years ago, drawing 0-0 against Reading here... Our last win was a 2-0 victory at Dagenham & Redbridge with Luke Guttridge and Alex Lawless on target(below)... In 1980 two goals from David Moss helped us to a home win over Sheffield Wednesday... Two goals from record goalscorer Gordon Turner secured a 2-1 top-flight win over Aston Villa in front of 18,714 at Kenilworth Road... and our biggest victory on this day was a 5-0 victory over Fulham here in 1930.



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.

Steve Howard gets a shot away during the 3-0 defeat at Hull



2004/05 history

After two straight defeats the message from manager Mike Newell was simply "Don't panic!"

He indicated that he was not too excited when the team had won 10 and drawn two of their first 12 games and was not going to get excited now, following two below par performances.

Next up was a first ever visit to the new K-Corn Stadium at Hull. The Tigers were in a play-off position and a crowd of 18,575, including a good number from Luton, gathered to see Stephen O'Leary replace the suspended Ahmet Brkovic in an otherwise unchanged side.

It was O'Leary who came closest in the opening exchanges when his glancing header brought the best out of Hull goalkeeper Boaz Myhill. Straight after this let-off Hull went straight down the other end to take the lead in bizarre fashion.

Out on the left, winger Stuart Elliott swung over a hopeful cross which sailed over Dino Seremet to nestle in the top corner of the net. "Brilliant goal" said the Hull fans – "Complete fluke" said everyone else.

Steve Howard went close at the other end before the second goal came on 22 minutes which again had an element of fortune about it. Myhill punted a long ball forward, Seremet and Paul Underwood got in a tangle leaving Delroy Facey to nip in to net from an angle.

The Town did not give up and thought they had reduced the deficit when Kevin Foley smacked the ball in from 20 yards only for referee Trevor Parkes to disallow the effort because a Luton player was in an offside position, supposedly in line with the goalkeeper, and interfering with his view.

The lead was increased further before the interval when a long throw from Facey caused havoc in the Luton defence leaving Elliott with time and space to nudge the ball over the line with his knee.

The game was as good as over on the hour mark when Kevin Nicholls was dismissed for, according to the referee, leading with his arm in an aerial duel with Elliott. Hull stroked the ball around after this but seemed satisfied with their afternoon's work and did not really trouble the 10 men.

Newell was very annoyed after the game with his rant directed at the referee. "If you have never played the game before, and it's clear that the referee never has just by looking at him, you'll never know that by challenging for a 50/50 ball your arm will come up.

"The referee was arrogant and refused to speak to me but I can't blame him solely for our defeat. We've had a bad week, lost three in a row and need to get out of it as quickly as possible."

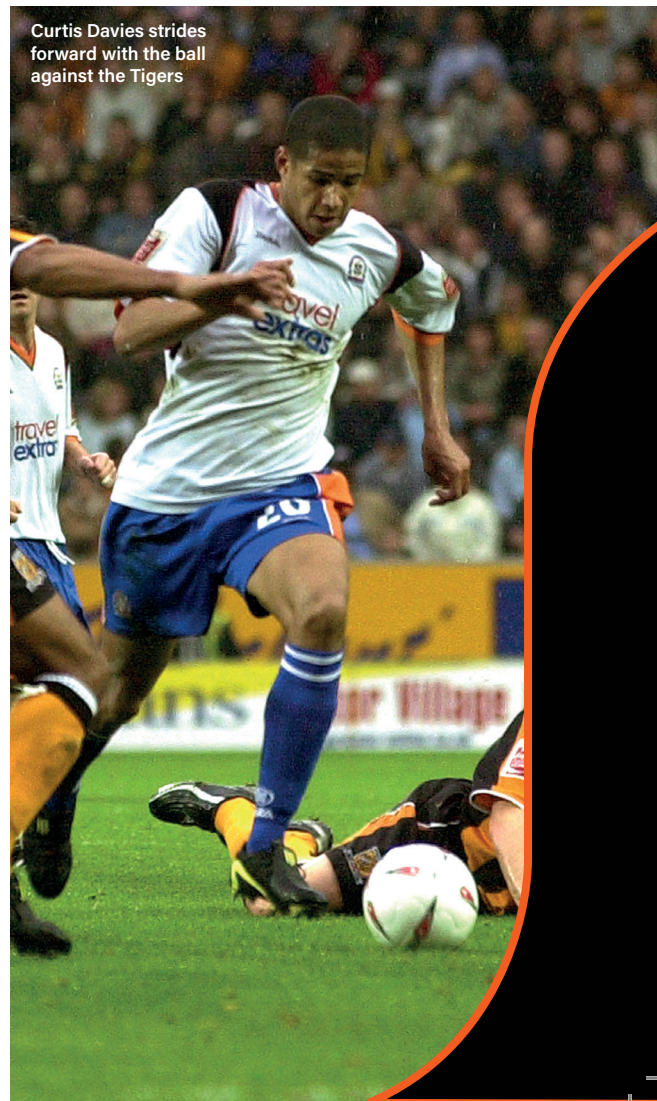
The Town now had a week to put the defeats

behind them and prepare for the visit of second placed Bradford City who had won their last five games in a row.

Before doing so the players and supporters had a chance to see a BBC2 documentary entitled 'Trouble at the Top' which exposed the short reign of unpopular former managing director John Gurney – he of the 80,000 seater stadium on stilts and building a Formula One race track.

It is still available on the Hatters Heritage YouTube channel and still sends shudders down the spine!

With first choice goalkeeper Marlon Beresford still a couple of weeks away from full fitness it was decided to take his deputy Dino Seremet out of the firing line and bring in the experienced Simon Royce on loan from Charlton for a month.



Curtis Davies strides forward with the ball against the Tigers



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Royce lined up in a side that saw the return of the previously suspended Brkovic but missing the leadership of skipper Nicholls following his three match ban for his dismissal at Hull.

Putting their previous week's disappointment behind them the Town put on a superb display and were on the front foot from the first minute.

It was no surprise when the returning Brkovic put the Hatters ahead on 14 minutes but what a goal. Adjusting his feet following a Howard knock back in the area, the 'Croatian Sensation' sent in a perfectly flighted overhead kick which beat

Bantams goalkeeper Paul Henderson all ends up.

Howard doubled the lead shortly after the half hour mark when he took advantage of a low cross from Paul Underwood to convert at the far post. Underwood turned from provider to scorer four minutes later when he drilled the ball home following a clever pass from Brkovic.

With their tails up the Hatters continued to attack in the second period and the game was made completely safe on 69 minutes when Henderson fumbled a Howard shot leaving Brkovic to sneak in for his second goal of the afternoon.



Ahmet Brkovic taps in the Town's fourth goal against Bradford City

Controversy reigned after the final whistle with Hull's Dean Windass dismissed for a second yellow card for confronting the referee Joe Ross. Apparently a frustrated Windass said something to the official only to be greeted with '4-0, 4-0!' Windass took exception and continued to get in the referee's

ear leading to his sending off. Naturally Ross denied goading the visiting striker!

Mike Newell was very pleased. "They showed their belief and ability and there's no doubt that on their day they can beat anyone in the league," he said.



Bradford City defenders look disconsolate after Paul Underwood celebrates the third goal

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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.

Typically our goalkeeper shirts are a lovely blue, green, pink, black, or even yellow, so this shirt is a rarity given it is a shiny silver! I will accept any arguments for saying this is a light grey too, but I am going with silver!

We did have a similar shirt the previous year, but we will save that one for another article...

Made my Diadora, the 2006/07 silver goalkeeper shirt follows the same template as the classic home and away shirt from that era. We have the Diadora spots on the shoulder, the Electrolux

sponsors across the front, the centralised badge and, of course, a splash of orange across the right shoulder.

Where this shirt did differ from its home and away compatriots is in the collar. The home and away shirt featured an orange block on the right-hand side, whereas this shirt features two black blocks on the collar, either side of the neckline. Not exactly groundbreakingly different, but a useful fact for you all!

We typically wore this shirt during away games, with the green version being used for home

fixtures as the silver and white combo was a bit of a clash.

This shirt really reminds me of Marlon Beresford, but there were three goalkeepers who wore this throughout the season, one of which you may have forgotten about.

Marlon was the main man between the sticks for most of the season, but injury saw Dean Brill step in to make 11 league appearances and Ireland international Dean Kiely who joined us on loan from Portsmouth. I remember him making several top saves, and I think most Luton fans

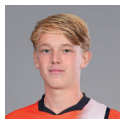
would have taken him permanently if that were possible! After his spell with the Town Dean would go on and serve our visitors West Brom with distinction, helping them win the Championship the following season.

Off the pitch, the 2006/07 season for the Hatters was full of uncertainty, with players being sold, change in club ownership and, ultimately, relegation to League One.

That might be a reason as to why we haven't had a silver or grey goalkeeper shirt since!

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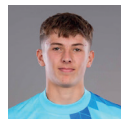
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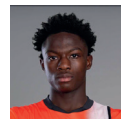
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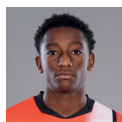
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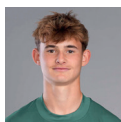
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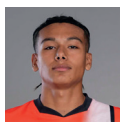
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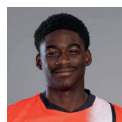
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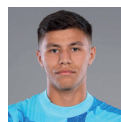
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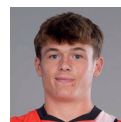
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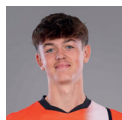
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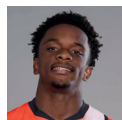
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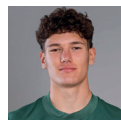
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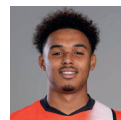
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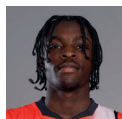
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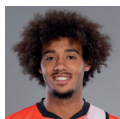
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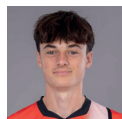
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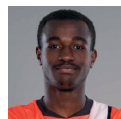
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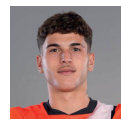
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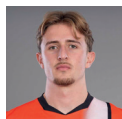
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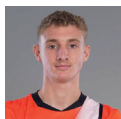
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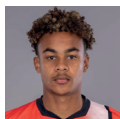
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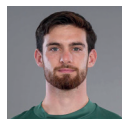
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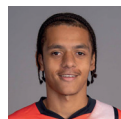
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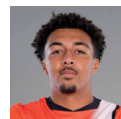
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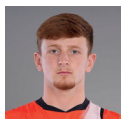
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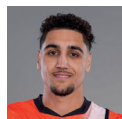
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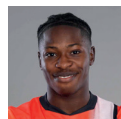
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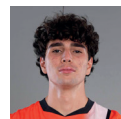
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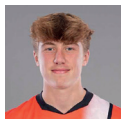
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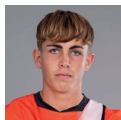
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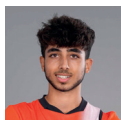
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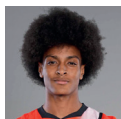
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THE YOUTH OF TODAY

Hopes and dreams, favourite films and 50-pass rondo games... we get the lowdown on our academy stars

Name... Benny Benagr

Place of birth...
Luton

Position...
Left-back or left wing-back

Joined Luton at... Under-6s

Played for...
St Joseph

Boots I'm wearing...
Nike
Mercurial

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

Earliest Luton Town memory...
Winning the Germany tour at under-8s.

Coach who's impacted me the most... Taf Rahman.

Football memory that makes me smile...
Winning the Youth Alliance.

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



I'd be a better player if I was... taller.

Dream squad number... 41.

Academy teammate that could go all the way... Christian Chigozie.

Player I used be in the playground...
Ronaldinho.

If I could play with any player it would be... Lionel Messi.

Favourite film... Avengers Infinity War.

Favourite food... Jollof rice.

Favourite training drill... 50-pass rondo game.

Favourite school subject other than PE... Business Studies.

Hobbies outside of football... Cooking.

Something you don't know about me... I speak three languages.

I am... fast, powerful, left-footed and direct.





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LESSONS LEARNED FOR YOUNGSTERS

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The Town Under-18s slipped to their first defeat in the Youth Alliance since the opening day after going 2-1 down against Bromley on Saturday morning.

Joe Deeney's side got off to the perfect start by going ahead after just 34 seconds. Matthew Takawira sped down the right flank and unselfishly cut the ball back for Tate Xavier-Jones to finish superbly from the edge of the box.

Ahead, the Hatters went on to dominate, creating several chances and winning the ball high up the pitch.

However, for all their dominance, the Town

youngsters could not punish Bromley and a minute before half-time the visitors were level when their centre-half nodded home following a corner.

Bromley almost snatched the lead in first-half stoppage time but they did find the net just four minutes after the restart. After conceding possession high up the pitch the Town were backpedalling as the host attacked. Charlie Booth made an excellent save to deny one effort but the hosts regained the ball and Booth could do nothing about an excellent strike.

It was all the Town after that but the home side defended superbly to

keep the Hatters at bay as they chased an equaliser.

Despite the pressure, Deeney's side could not find a way through the Bromley backline and the Ravens held on to secure all three points.

A frustrated Deeney told lutontown.co.uk afterwards: "We couldn't have got off to a better start but after not taking our chances you always felt, watching from the sidelines, that we were going to get punished and so it proved.

"Credit to Bromley, they put bodies on the line and defended for their lives at times but we couldn't find an equaliser.



"My message to the lads afterwards was that the basics need to be outstanding. For large parts of the game we did that really well: our ball speed, minimum touches, forward progress, closing down, one-versus-ones were all excellent. If anything I think the lads felt the game had become too easy.

"That meant we allowed Bromley back in the match and they managed the game well to take the points.

"There's loads of lessons for our players and hopefully they've been humbled a bit by that. All the stats – regains, chances – pointed to a good performance but, and I know it's a cliché,

it's what happens in both boxes that matters the most and where games are decided. Bromley did that and we didn't.

"There were positives but, when you lose, it's important to focus on the areas in which we need to improve."

Next up for the Hatters Under-18s in the Youth Alliance in a home fixture against Gillingham at The Brache on 9th November (kick-off 10.30am).

Town: Booth, Harvey, Fox, Chigozie, Emery, Roberts-Edema, Ioannides, Stitt, Takawira, Trustram, Xavier-Jones.

Subs: Coyne, Shepherd, Asamoah, Odegah, Hincapie-Alfonso.

"THERE'S LOADS OF LESSONS FOR OUR PLAYERS AND HOPEFULLY THEY'VE BEEN HUMBLLED A BIT BY THAT"

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	L 1-2

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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Home games listed in orange



Matthew Takawira: on target against Bromley

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HE'S ONE OF OUR OWN!

JULIAN JAMES

Town coach John Moore first spotted Tring-born Julian playing in a county schools match at Hemel Hempstead and he eventually signed professional forms in June 1988.

Julian had a debut to forget when he was sent-off for a supposed professional foul when making his full Hatters bow in a Littlewoods Cup tie at Leeds the following season, but his evening was not completely ruined as the Town did go on to win the tie.

First and foremost a defender, James could play anywhere along the back and his versatility became a godsend to a succession of Luton Town managers.

Capped twice for England at under-21 level, he became a regular in the Hatters side in 1991/92 and apart from injuries was a feature in the team until a badly broken leg suffered at Bristol Rovers in April 1998 effectively ended his career.

The game at the Memorial Ground would prove to be one-club Julian's final game for the Town after sterling service which saw him score 14 times in 335 games.

APPEARANCES: 335

GOALS: 14

CAREER TIMELINE



COMMUNITY TRUST

Book now for our Talent Identification Programme

Booking is now live for our Talent Identification Programme (TIPS) starting from next week.

Open to all children in school years 1 to 7, our TIPS centres offer an entry level to our successful football development programme.

Many of TIPS participants are currently signed to local grassroots teams and benefit from our professional coaches

instruction and guidance to support their learning whilst still being able to train and play with their teams.

Other participants are much newer to the game and use the TIPS sessions to learn basic skills and techniques whilst developing their confidence in playing the game.

Those that excel within the TIPS programme

may be offered the opportunity to progress into our main football development system, providing opportunities to represent the Hatters against other clubs development squads. Aside from the football itself, our TIPS sessions provide the opportunity for our young people to meet and play with like-minded individuals and share their passion for the game we all love.

This term sessions will take place in Luton on Wednesday evenings and in Dunstable on Friday evenings. All venues used are excellent, modern facilities.

Each hour-long session costs just £6. For further information please email community@lutontown.co.uk or to book your child's place go to www.lutontowncommunity.co.uk.

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South Asian Football Programme

As part of the Premier League's South Asian Action Plan, Luton Town FC Community Trust are happy to be offering free football sessions for young people of South Asian descent.

The programme is aimed at breaking down barriers and creating a clear pathway for British South Asian youngsters.

There are currently approximately 5,000 professional footballers playing in the UK, but less than 1 per cent of this figure is made up of those with South Asian heritage.

This compares to 9.3 per cent of the overall UK population, who identify as Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh.

We launched the programme earlier this year by taking a group of youngsters to West Ham and running a joint session with a similar scheme being run by the Hammers back in April.

We also ran a talent ID day at Queen Elizabeth School in Luton as part of the scheme this afternoon, with almost

100 young people in attendance.

For those interested in attending the weekly sessions, these take place at Stockwood Park Academy on Friday evenings and are open to 7 to 14 olds. For further information please **contact shippar.miah@lutontown.co.uk**.

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SUPPORTERS' TRUST

With our FSA representative Paul Stephens

Good evening and welcome to another match under the famous Kenilworth Road floodlights.

With our move to Power Court beginning to loom on the horizon we should cherish nights that we get to enjoy under the lights because we don't know quite how many more there will be. Hopefully this is another memorable one!

The last three matches perfectly epitomised the rollercoaster that is supporting Luton Town didn't they?! We had that wonderful win over Watford followed by the impressive performance against the league leaders and then the disappointing finish at Coventry.

The one thing I'm sure we can all take from that week is that whenever everyone is together – on and off the pitch – we can be a huge force and can compete with anyone in this division. I hope we can all get right behind the lads tonight and they can rise to the occasion and give us another showing to be proud of.

As you may know, one of my roles within the Trust is to be our representative with the Football Supporters Association (FSA) and I pen this column after finishing a meeting with the Championship network.

At the meeting three key topics were discussed:

- Away ticket prices in the Championship
- Changes to match days and times due to tv deal
- Championship clubs Fan Engagement Plans

Obviously, we felt the impact of the away ticket prices at Coventry last Saturday, and as further talks take place about that I will endeavour to keep you updated, either via our columns in this programme or via our website.

I should also say that by the time you read this column we should have all the changes to kick-off times for the period from the FA Cup third round weekend up to the first weekend of March 2025 as today was the deadline for that announcement.

The FSA are also working closely with the Government regarding the Football Governance Bill, which we, as a Trust, have a keen interest in – not just because of what the Bill will do for supporters and the game as a whole – but because of the part we played in the process when we gave a presentation to Tracey Crouch during the Fan-led Review which was at the heart of the creation of the Bill.

We will continue to monitor the progress of the Independent Regulator as a Trust board and will provide our thoughts as and when we have them.

If you have any views on the above or any issues you would like me to raise with the FSA please get in touch via email at paul.stephens@lutontownsupporterstrust.com.

Enjoy the game and get right behind the lads!

COYH!





MY FAVOURITE GAME...

Steve Smith picks his favourite time the Town have found the target

My favourite goal came along on 14th May 1983, that famous afternoon at Maine Road when Luton beat Manchester City 1-0 to stay in the first division and relegate City at the same time.

The goal was scored by Raddy Antic and is remembered by me but not just because of David Pleat's pitch dance.

I am sure this is many a Hatters favourite moment but I have a slightly different reason for it being my personal highlight.

My cousin Ian and I were following in our father's footsteps as Hatters fans and season ticket holders.

My best friend then and now, Andy Jones, and Ian's best mate Brian were both Man City fans.

I borrowed my mum's mini metro with the Hatters fans in the front and the City fans in the back as we embarked on our journey north, with much optimism and banter on the upward journey from all sides of the car, as you can imagine.

I had no idea where we were going but managed to park in a terraced side street. We went our separate ways: they went to the Kippax and we went to our corner of the ground, swelling with orange and white pride (much as today).

The game as I remember was nothing to write home about with few chances to either side. City only needed a draw to stay up and seemed content to sit in but Luton couldn't create many openings.

Until, as we know, with about five minutes to go some pressure down the right and a cross from Brian Stein was punched half-clear by the keeper, it fell to our creative Serbian midfielder Raddy Antic who obliged with a volley into the bottom corner. It seemed to all happen in slow motion as if it were a dream but what a goal, what a moment, it was real. The Town are staying up.

As anyone who went to Maine Road will know, we were kept in the ground for about an hour for our own safety, eventually with our scarves well-hidden and not really knowing where we were going we found the car with two forlorn friends standing beside it waiting in silence.

I will let you imagine the atmosphere on the 170-mile journey home. No talking in the back!

I am still best mates with Andy and now that City have won everything I clearly have to bring him back to earth with memories of 1983 every so often!



Raddy Antic jumps highest in celebration after THAT goal at Maine Road in 1983.

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**WILLIAM (BILLY)
WALSH**

Age: 7

Hobbies: Football

Favourite Players: Kaminski,
Adebayo, Nakamba



**LENNON
FOLEY**

Age: 12

Hobbies: Playing football

Favourite Player:
Elijah Adebayo



**KINGSLEY
FOLEY**

Age: 8

Hobbies: Playstation

Favourite Player:
Tahith Chong

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WORDSEARCH

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

**KENILWORTH, DEEPDALE, HAWTHORNS, DEN,
CARROW, LOFTUS, KASSAM**

O	C	Q	L	C	R	C	Z	A	N
W	S	O	H	D	S	T	H	W	H
M	L	E	H	E	C	F	A	W	S
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GUESS WHO?

MICK OR MORRIS?

Who has scored more goals in a season for Luton?



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LUTON TOWN LADIES

Five-star Hatters progress to League Cup third round

Gabriella Spillman, Tasha Fensome, Cesca Partridge and Shianne Swarres were all on the scoresheet as Luton Ladies progress to the third round of the League Cup with an impressive 5-0 victory over Hertford Town on Sunday.

Less than two minutes on the clock and Luton should have taken the lead, a darting run on the right-hand side from Spillman saw her progress into the box and set up Amber Leighton, but she was unable to keep her shot down.

It took the Hatters five minutes to open the scoring. After the ball fell kindly for Spillman, she made no mistake, firing the ball into the back of the net, from close range.

Despite taking the lead, Luton showed no signs of slowing down and almost added a second on the next attack. Swarres cut the ball back across the box, in the direction of Partridge, who was readied for the tap in,

but a Hertford defender produced a vital piece of defending, clearing the ball off the line and out for a corner.

After 25 minutes Swarres almost doubled Luton's lead. She found herself in space about 20 yards out and fired the ball goalwards, but just as the ball appeared to be dipping in it crashed against the crossbar.

However eight minutes later Swarres got her goal. An out swinging corner from Buttigieg, was met again by the head of Swarres to make it 2-0.

With five minutes of the half to play, the Town scored their third. Partridge got onto the ball just past the halfway line. She played the ball into Leighton, who flicked it on with her head, playing Fensome through on goal and with the keeper rushing out, she expertly lobs the ball over the keeper and into the net.

A fairly quiet start to the second half was interrupted when Partridge got on the scoresheet

on the hour mark. After some quick feet, she found herself one-on-one with the keeper and with the aid of a deflection, slotted the ball into the net.

Moments later, Hertford's shot stopper produced another fine save, this time to deny Spillman. A perfectly weighted pass from Partridge set Spillman off on a run, she took aim at the near post, but no way past the keeper, who was equal to it.

In the fourth minute of additional time, Fensome wrapped the game up with her brace. She found space in behind the defence and with the keeper off her line, she curled the ball into the net with her left foot, to wrap up a perfect performance.

Luton Ladies: Hudson, Adu, Wade, Farmer, Buttigieg, Swarres, Leighton, Tucker, Spillman, Fensome, Partridge.

Substitutes: Mulvaney, Lewis, Todd, McKay, Blacksheley.

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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WEDNESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2024, KO 8PM

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MIDDLESBROUGH v LUTON TOWN
SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP
SATURDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2024, KO 12.30PM

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UP NEXT



The relentlessness of the Championship continues for the Hatters next week when we host Cardiff City here at Kenilworth Road on Wednesday.

The Bluebirds have recovered from a poor start to the season which saw manager Erol Bulut sacked after taking one point from their first six matches and scoring just once in the process.

Omer Riza was handed the role on a temporary basis and he has led City on a fine run of form to leap outside of the relegation zone.

After a 4-1 thumping at Hull, Cardiff have gone five games unbeaten, winning three of those. A 1-0 win over Millwall was followed by a 1-1 draw at Bristol City.

Riza's side then won back-to-back games at the Cardiff City Stadium, thrashing Plymouth 5-0 and then beating Portsmouth 2-0.

In their last game the Bluebirds held our opponents tonight, West Brom, to a goalless draw at The Hawthorns. Tomorrow they host Norwich aiming to make it six games unbeaten.

In recent seasons City have enjoyed their visits to Kenilworth Road, winning three of their last four visits, losing just once in six trips to Bedfordshire.

However the Hatters were victorious in the last meeting in LU4 when a solitary goal from striker Elijah Adebayo earned Rob Edwards' side a 1-0 win in January 2023.

Prior to that fixture, City had won three in a row here, a 1-0 victory in February 2020, a 2-0 win a year later and a 2-1 triumph in November 2021.

Among the squad making the trip along the M4 next week will be one familiar face. Goalkeeper Ethan Horvath joined the Bluebirds permanently this summer from Nottingham Forest. However the stopper is best remembered by Town fans for his role in helping us to the Premier League.

The American keeper missed just two league games as the Hatters finished third in the Championship in 2022/23 before going on to beat Sunderland and Coventry in the play-offs.

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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	19	1-2	11,332	1,252	Kaminski	Moses	Doughty	Hashioka	McGuinness	Holmes	Clark
🏆 SAT 26	COVENTRY CITY	12:30	22	2-3	26,409	1,737	Kaminski	Moses	Doughty	Hashioka	McGuinness	Holmes	Clark

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.

1. How many teams in the top four divisions have yet to win a league game this season?
2. Which club did the Hatters last play in the FA Trophy?
3. West Brom were the opponents for the last game with terracing on the Kenilworth Road end - in which year did this happen?
4. The Town and West Brom have met 18 times since that 1993/94 season but how many times have the Hatters won?
5. Who scored the first goal of the Premier League season?
6. Which Championship club have had the most shots so far this season?
7. Which club used to play their home games at Elm Park?
8. Who won last season's EFL Trophy?
9. What was our first shirt sponsor?
10. Tom Lockyer started his professional career with which club?

HOW DID YOU SCORE?

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

ANSWERS: 1. Four (Southampton, Wolves, Ipswich, Burton) 2. Cambridge 3. 1994 4. Four 5. Joshua Zirkzee 6. Middlesbrough 7. Reading 8. Peterborough 9. Tricentral 10. Bristol Rovers.

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	KRAUß 1	Brown	Adebayo	Mpanzu	Walters	Woodrow	Walsh		Shea, Holmes, Taylor, Nelson, Johnson
Clark	Krauß	Moses	Adebayo	Brown	Woodrow	Baptise	Taylor	Nelson	Shea, Mpanzu, Holmes, Johnson
Krauß	Chong	MORRIS 1	Adebayo	Hashioka	Johnson	Nakamba	Mpanzu	BROWN 1	Krul, Nelson, Taylor, Woodrow
Krauß	Chong	Morris	ADEBAYO 1	Nelson	Brown	Woodrow	Taylor		Krul, Nakamba, Mpanzu, Johnson, Benagr
Krauß	Chong	MORRIS 1	ADEBAYO 1	Brown	Nakamba	Walsh	Woodrow		Krul, Mpanzu, Taylor, Nelson, Johnson



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LAST WORD WITH



JAMES CUNLIFFE

LUTONIAN JOURNALIST

Last night's Halloween ghosts may be gone, but the spectre of a haunting month lingers as November dawns, fresh from an October that gave us some genuine chills.

Tonight, Town face West Bromwich Albion, with few hopes for an easy night. Remember, remember their last visit here, when Carlton Morris and Elijah Adebayo scored in the first half, only to lose 3-2. Sound eerily familiar?

Luton's October was a tale of treats, but many more tricks. The high point? A thrilling 3-0 derby day romp against Watford, and a spirited but albeit defeated fight against Sunderland.

These games showed glimpses of the intense, gritty Luton we know and love.

Yet, the rest of the month was something

of a spooktacular. Dare I remind you of leading Oxford 2-0 only to battle for a draw? And then there was Sheffield United — a performance best left buried — but then rivalled by the painful 3-2 reverse at Coventry on Saturday.

If there's a harrowing pattern here, it's Luton's struggle with holding results, and Coventry's second half surge reopened old wounds.

West Brom arrive tonight in form that could be favourable — which I write while observing any and every superstitious nonsense that will stave off the screams at that prediction.

The Baggies haven't scored much, with just one goal in the last

month, but they're as stubborn as they come at the back, coming to Kenilworth Road from two of three October goalless draws.

Right now, I'd welcome a boring stalemate if it means seeing out a clean sheet.

However, it's trickier tonight with the absences of Alfie Doughty and Tom Holmes due to suspensions. Doughty has been pivotal for Luton's attacking output, while Holmes, despite his red card at Coventry, is carving out the early signs of cult hero status.

Their absence, along with a growing injury list, largely in defence, leaves gaps to fill. So, it's a time for heroes, on and off the pitch.

The stakes only rise from here, and a craving for consistency of a less ghoulish type has rarely been greater. Defeats leave scars, and they're especially deep and fresh from the Coventry loss, but you have summoned a fighting spirit in the last two Kenilworth Road clashes and that will be needed again.

You've spooked the Harry Potter lot and rattled Sunderland, with a night time tale that will frighten most opposition into submission.

If you can keep the Kenny a scary place, that alone could prove a starting point in Town's search for stability — because we've all had our fill of tricks. Treats from here on in?

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Mads ANDERSEN	5
Mark McGUINNESS	6
Victor MOSES	7
Tom KRAUB	8
Carlton MORRIS	9
Cauley WOODROW	10
Elijah ADEBAYO	11
Marvelous NAKAMBA	13
Tahith CHONG	14
Teden MENGI	15
Reece BURKE	16
Pelly Ruddock MPANZU	17
Jordan CLARK	18
Jacob BROWN	19
Liam WALSH	20
Tim KRUL	23
Thomas KAMINSKI	24
Joe TAYLOR	25
Shandon BAPTISTE	26
Daiki HASHIOKA	27
Tom HOLMES	29
Jameson HORLICK	31
Jayden LUKER	34
Zack NELSON	37
Joe JOHNSON	38
Aidan FRANCIS-CLARKE	39
Christian CHIGOZIE	40
Benedict BENAGR	41
Alfie DOUGHTY	45



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Callum STYLES	4
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Ted CANN	30
Tom FELLOWS	31
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