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Ah, the Championship! Just days after we entertained West Brom here on Friday we're back again here as we welcome Cardiff City - the relentless nature of the second tier continues at pace.

After undeservedly falling behind against the Baggies, the boys showed great character to come back and earn a point. Slowly, those who have been out injured are beginning to return. How great was it to see the likes of Teden Mengi and Amari'i Bell back on the field?

With Alfie Doughty and Tom Holmes back from suspension tonight, Rob Edwards has an even stronger squad to pick from tonight which bodes well as we gear up for a busy few months.

Please get behind us tonight! Come on Luton!

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**“THANK YOU FOR YOUR
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ADDED URGENCY IN OUR PLAY
WHEN YOU’RE BEHIND US”**

| ROB EDWARDS | THE BOSS

Good evening and welcome back to Kenilworth Road to you all for this important Championship clash with Cardiff City.

I'd like to extend those greetings to Omer Riza and his Cardiff side who arrive here in Bedfordshire in great form. They have improved considerably since Omer has gone in, so congratulations to him.

Therefore tonight represents another difficult game as they come thick and fast, especially here at the Kenny where our performances have been to a very good level recently.

The challenge is to maintain that consistent level of performance. All we need now is to turn those displays into

victories. Our last three games here have seen us win, lose and draw and personally I believe we should have taken nine points from those matches.

That's football – sometimes you don't always get what you deserve. We just have to take the positives from those performances going forward and turn them into points.

Against West Brom last Friday there were a lot of encouraging aspects of our play. We enjoyed a lot of the ball, our press was excellent and we forced a good team into playing directly and restricted their opportunities.

We also created chances, but we want to be in a position where we're creating more chances and better chances as

we strive to improve. The lads are giving everything at the moment, and you could see that on Friday – they kept going and showed great character after going behind. In the end it was a decent point but obviously we're looking for wins.

Thank you for your support the other night – you can always feel an added urgency in our play when you're behind us, and there's no doubt the lads thrive off of your energy. Please keep it up!

We've had an extra day's rest after West Brom to prepare for tonight which will be vital as we enter another big week of Championship action. But there's no rest bite, as come full-time tonight we have to prepare for a lunchtime kick-off at Middlesbrough on Saturday. The 60-hour

turnaround time will test the players' physical efforts, but – touch wood – we are slowly, thankfully, seeing our injury list diminishing which will ease the burden considerably.

Safe travels to those making the early trip to the north east on Saturday – we'll be giving it everything tonight to ensure we head north with three points in the bag this evening.

Thank you for your brilliant support and enjoy the game.





| TOM LOCKYER |

CLUB CAPTAIN

So here we are back at the Kenny for another home game in the Championship as we welcome Cardiff City.

Friday night's game against West Brom saw us earn a decent point against a team who have started the season well.

The start of the first half was very encouraging, we played some really good football and had them penned back for large periods. However, the game got a bit scrappy as half-time approached and it was frustrating to fall behind with what was their only real attack.

However, this group are made of great character and quality and I thought that showed throughout the second half. Rob made a few changes and it had the desired effect as we dominated and created a number of decent openings.

I thought we fully deserved to get back on level terms and what a great finish it was from Chongy. I thought he was everywhere and it was great reward for his performances this season.

We kept banging on the door in search of a winner and we could have been awarded a penalty for a handball. Perhaps last season a decision like that might go our way, but we accept it and move on.

A point's a point, so they say, and there is plenty from the performance to give us encouragement. With Amari'i and Teden back on the pitch, we have more and more bodies back. Our squad is looking much stronger as we enter a hectic few months of the season. With Alfie and Tom available again tonight, the boss has

more options to choose from and that strength in depth will be vital as we aim to move up the table.

Our results and performances, especially here at Kenilworth Road, have shown plenty of promise. We know from previous experience of this division that all it takes is a run of results to shoot up the table. Look at the league table and see how a good run has improved the positions of the likes of Coventry, Millwall and tonight's visitors Cardiff.

My hometown club have won four and drawn two of their last six matches and have gone from being bottom of the league to three points above the relegation zone. Not only does that go to show how a run of form can improve your fortunes but also means we will be in for a tricky assignment this evening.

Since Omer Riza has taken charge they are playing with confidence but confidence isn't something we're short on either. With your backing and understanding from the stands I believe we can be celebrating a positive result come 10 o'clock tonight.

Keep up your great vocal encouragement of the lads and here's to a great evening under the lights.

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BOARDROOM TOM SCHOFIELD

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Welcome back everybody, to Kenilworth Road, where we find ourselves a little over a quarter of the way through this season and now well and truly reminded of the relentless nature of Championship football, with yet another midweek fixture under the lights about to kick off.

It's fair say, that even as the squad has adapted back to the packed schedule, they have yet to hit the heights of which we all know they are capable. There are though encouraging signs that better form is just around the corner. I am no football expert but, like every other fan, I've never let that stop me giving an opinion on exactly what has just gone right or wrong out on the pitch. One thing I do understand

is that there is a degree of randomness to the game, a 50-50 call from the officials that goes in the opposition's favour, a deflection that loops agonisingly over the bar when it could just have easily dropped into the net. And it does feel to me as though right now our luck is not in.

As a finance professional, the other thing I obviously understand are numbers. Some people will tell you that the only statistic that counts in football is the final score, and you can't argue that they have a point, in this industry you live and die by results. But there is a good reason why data is such a large part of football now and that is because it is predictive. So, although the league table doesn't look particularly inspiring as a Luton fan today, the data suggests that we are not

getting the results that we deserve. The feeling at the club remains that we must hold our nerve and results will follow.

Thankfully the squad is now nearing full strength, with several key players welcomed back from long term injuries on Friday and a number of others serving suspensions over the last few games, it will be interesting to see what starting line-up Rob and his staff go with tonight.

“THANKFULLY THE SQUAD IS NOW NEARING FULL STRENGTH, WITH SEVERAL KEY PLAYERS WELCOMED BACK FROM LONG TERM INJURIES”

Whichever way they go, they will have strong options on the bench.

It always takes new player a significant amount of time to fully hit their stride at a new club, but we are happy with the progress being made by all of our recent signings. Mark McGuinness is looking more assured with every game, Tom Krauß's high energy pressing and eye for a killer pass are showing us exactly why he was a regular starter in the Bundesliga, and Victor Moses is displaying all the versatility that has made him such an elite player, whilst still putting in some serious minutes for us.

There were some big milestones hit against West Bromwich Albion

last Friday night with Tahith Chong scoring on his 50th appearance for Luton, whilst Jordan Clark not only made his 350th career start, but also his 150th for us. Unfortunately, despite creating the better chances, the match ended in stalemate, which makes this another big week for the club. Given we came from a goal behind and it lifted us out of the bottom three, we can still view that draw as a point gained. But we must now look to back it up with more points and good performances tonight and on Saturday, so let's hope for more fireworks!

The first of those tasks will not be an easy one as we welcome a Cardiff City team who are currently top of the

Championship form table. Their squad includes a familiar face from our promotion winning team of 2022/23, goalkeeper Ethan Horvath, who we look forward to welcoming back to Kenilworth Road and thank for the part he played in that historic campaign, although we all hope he leaves with less fond memories on this occasion.

In the wider world, the Football Governance Bill and independent Regulator, are high on the political agenda once again. This is welcome news for us at Luton Town, as we remain advocates and, in some cases early adopters, of many of the measures it will look to enshrine in this new legislation. The primary purpose remains

to ensure that clubs are sustainably run for the benefit of fans and the local communities they serve. As Chief Financial Officer I am clearly most focussed on the financial aspects including new regulations to improve resilience and fairer distributions down the pyramid. You can rest assured that it remains very much a part of the club's DNA to operate sustainably and we will continue to support this process.

There was great news for the Luton Town Ladies team as they progressed into the second round of the FA Cup and remain on course to emulate last season's achievement of reaching the fourth round, where they eventually lost to WSL outfit Brighton. We have

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recently formalised closer ties with the women's team and we are looking forward to supporting them as they progress to new heights over the coming seasons.

And finally, as Remembrance Day fast approaches, please join us all at Kenilworth Road tonight in honouring the contribution of Armed Forces communities,

past and present, with a period of silence before kick-off as a mark of respect to servicemen and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in armed conflict.

We will always remember them.

Enjoy the game.

Tom



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AROUND TOWN

RBL POPPY APPEAL



The Hatters, the EFL and its clubs are supporting the Royal British Legion's (RBL) Poppy Appeal as the national charity leads the nation in a period of Remembrance honouring the contribution of Armed Forces communities, past and present.

EFL Clubs, along with clubs from the Premier League and Women's Super League will wear special-edition shirts featuring the RBL's poppy emblem which has been the RBL's insignia for over 100 years and has become an enduring symbol of support for Armed Forces communities.

Before kick-off tonight we will, like all clubs playing at home this week, will hold a period of silence as a mark of respect to all those that have made the ultimate sacrifice in armed conflict.

As part of the support for the Poppy Appeal, a number of clubs, including ourselves, across the Championship, League One and League Two have committed to donating signed match-worn shirts and memorabilia to the RBL's online auction. For more information on this initiative, turn to page 33. In 2023, over £203,000



was raised by EFL Clubs to help the RBL continue its vital work.

Trevor Birch, CEO of the EFL, said: "The EFL has a proud history of using its platform, and its reach in communities across the country, to support the vital work of the Royal British Legion. Just this year we launched the first RBL Football Cup, supporting the physical and mental wellbeing of veterans and serving personnel through the power of football, helping them to rediscover the camaraderie and teamwork that many have missed since coming out of service.

"The Armistice Day tributes in stadiums are always one of the most poignant moments of the domestic season, and I've no doubt that supporters up and down the country will get behind the range

of activities taking place through their Clubs to support the Poppy Appeal once again this year."

Ben France, Head of Corporate Partnerships, from the Royal British Legion said: "Battlefield trauma and mental health issues can manifest at any time in life and in different ways, including addiction, debt, homelessness and relationship breakdowns.

"Your poppy enables the RBL to support those who struggle with the upheaval and disruption of service life, and life after service. The Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal raises vital funds to support the Armed Forces community whenever they need us."

For more information about the Royal British Legion and its 2024 Poppy Appeal, visit www.britishlegion.org.uk.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY JOHN

Many happy returns to Hatters fan **John Casey** who is here this evening with family and friends to celebrate his 70th birthday!

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ACTION REPLAY



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Chong 60'



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Maja 45'+4'

The Town had to settle for a share of the spoils in a scrappy draw against draw-specialists West Brom.

Showing two changes to the side that lost at Coventry the previous weekend with Amari'i Bell and Teden Mengi replacing the suspended Tom Holmes and Alfie Doughty, the Town started well.

But both sides struggled to find their passing accuracy in a turgid first half.

Carlton Morris' shot on the turn on 24 minutes was held by Alex Palmer in the Albion goal before the visiting keeper then stopped Elijah Adebayo's shot moments later.

But just when it looked as though both sides would go in at the break level with the score blank, the Baggies led in the fourth minute of added time at the end of the half. Karlan Grant's low cross from the left was back-flicked goalwards by Josh Maja and his effort bobbled through the legs of Jordan Clark and rolled agonisingly into the net.

At the start of the second half, the Town made a change, Shandon Baptiste replacing Victor Moses and shortly before the hour mark, a double change saw Adebayo and Tom Krauß make way for Liam Walsh and Jacob Brown.

And the changes had the desired effect as the Hatters began to reassert the pressure and on the hour it was

level. Tahith Chong pounced on a loose ball 25 yards from goal, raced forward and swept a fine, low, left-foot finish past Palmer's out-stretched hand.

Four minutes later the Kenilworth Road end appealed in vain for a penalty after the ball appeared to bounce off the arm of Albion's Callum Styles only for referee Dean Whitestone to wave away the shouts.

It was then Albion's turn to press and the Hatters were thankful to some strong defending from Mark McGuinness to get in the way as the shots from the visitors headed goalwards.

Chong came mighty close to putting the Town in front with 15 minutes left only for Palmer to get a glove on the midfielder's deflected effort.

Half chances came and went for the Town. Walsh whizzed a shot wide and Baptiste's header at the back-post was cleared by the Albion back-line as the Hatters pushed for a late winner.

Then, with six minutes left, the Town thought they'd got all three points when Daiki Hashioka's header from a Baptiste corner crashed off the woodwork.

The final chance fell to the visitors and the Hatters had Thomas Kaminski to thank for pushing away Devante Cole's overhead kick with a minute left and it proved to be the final chance.

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TATITH CHAMPIONS BOSS' TEAM TALK

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Goalscorer Tahith Chong paid tribute to boss Rob Edwards for his reaction at half-time as the Hatters came from behind to earn a point against West Brom in our last match here on Friday.

The Town conceded a goal against the run of play against the Baggies to go into the interval behind.

But Chong, on his 50th appearance for the club, levelled the score on the hour with a superb low shot to give the Hatters a share of the spoils.

And afterwards the Dutch youth international had nothing but praise of the manager for his calm pep-talk during the break.

"The manager made his adjustments so it's compliments to him as well and compliments to the boys for taking it on board," said Chong.

"He's positive and still being critical, and we knew we had to give more. We knew we had to come out flying in the second half and give more energy and press more and kind of go after the game and that's basically what he said to us.

"The boys took that on well, but we're still slightly disappointed as we really wanted to win the game.

We felt like we deserved to win but sometimes that's football and you don't always get what you deserve.

"We felt very unlucky to concede right before half-time.

"It's kind of been a season this year where sometimes we play well and then, for the first time or second time, they get into our box and they score and you go in at half-time 1-0 down.

"But I've got to give compliments to the manager as well, the way he came in and made adjustments and the calmness but still motivated us to go back out there.

"The way he spoke to us, he knew we didn't deserve to be 1-0 down, so he was very calm and tried to motivate us to give that same energy again and try and get that last bit of quality."

His thoughts were echoed by captain Carlton Morris, who said afterwards: "When it's going that way for you at the minute, that's how football tends to go, but no-one was down at half-time.

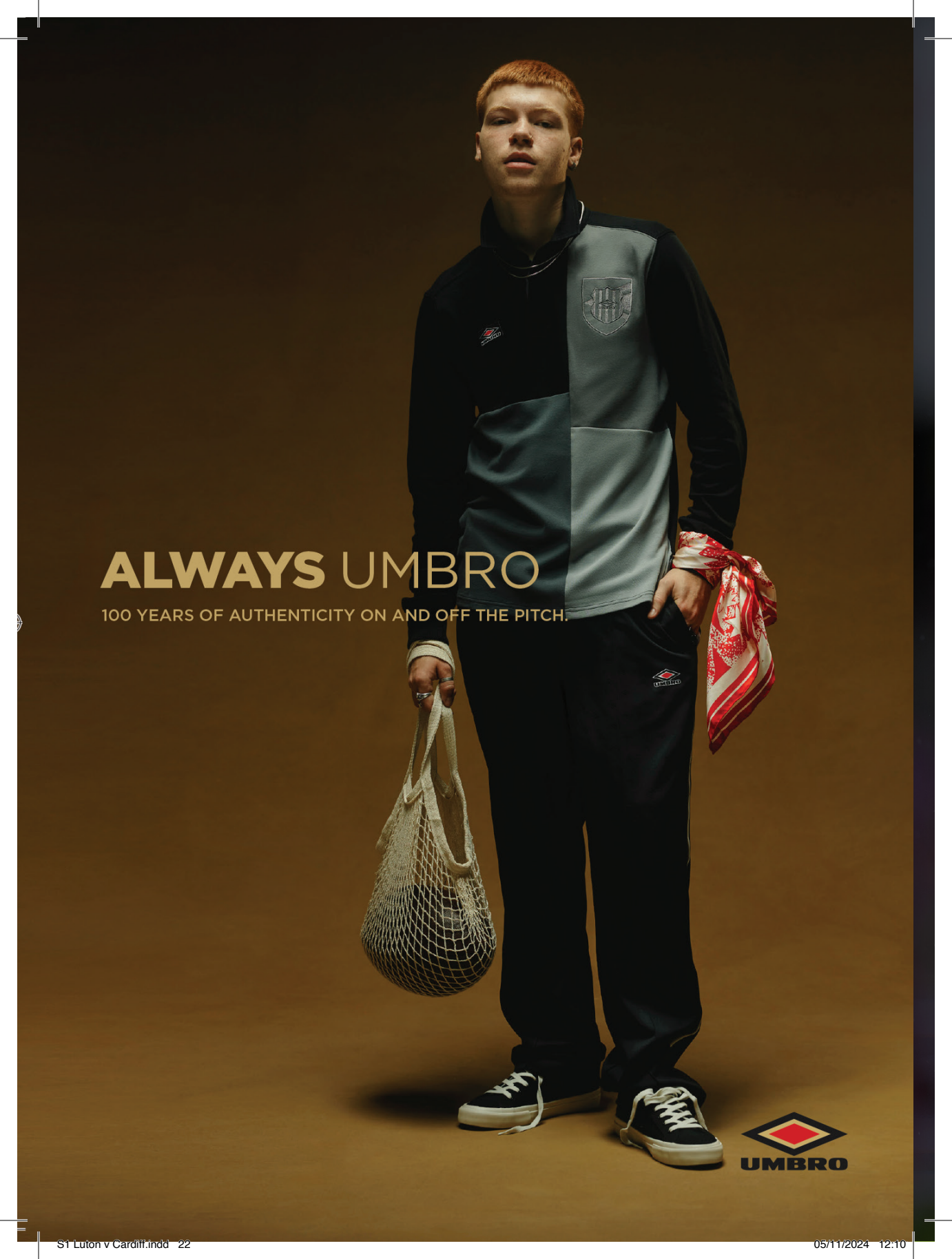
"The gaffer gave a great talk that got us all motivated to come out second half and put on that display."





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WELCOME



Tonight the Hatters welcome Cardiff City to Kenilworth Road for yet another big game under the lights.

The Bluebirds are in a very good patch of form under coach Omer Riza and have been climbing the table in recent weeks.

Last Saturday, Cardiff picked up a big 2-1 home win against Norwich City. The Bluebirds were a goal down but two goals in the dying minutes from Callum Robinson and Callum O'Dowda saw the home side get the three points.

Cardiff are currently unbeaten in their last six games and have only conceded twice in this period and have scored 11 times.

Some of these results include impressive wins such as a 5-0 victory over Plymouth, a 2-0 win against Portsmouth and a 1-0 win against Millwall. Our visitors, however, are looking for their first away win of the season this evening.

The Hatters and Cardiff haven't played each other in almost two years now. The last match between the sides was in early 2023 and the Hatters won 1-0 at Kenilworth Road thanks to a late Elijah Adebayo winner.

We wish everyone associated with Cardiff a warm welcome to Kenilworth Road and a safe journey back home.



CRISTIAN

THE SQUAD



- 1 Ethan Horvath
- 2 Will Fish
- 3 Manolis Siopis
- 4 Dimitrios Goutas
- 5 Jesper Daland
- 8 Joe Ralls
- 9 Kion Etete
- 10 Aaron Ramsey
- 11 Callum O'Dowda
- 12 Calum Chambers
- 14 David Turnbull
- 15 Wilfried Kanga
- 16 Chris Willock
- 17 Jamilu Collins
- 18 Alex Robertson
- 19 Yakou Méité
- 20 Anwar El Ghazi
- 21 Jak Alnwick
- 23 Joel Bagan
- 27 Rubin Colwill
- 32 Ollie Tanner
- 33 Ryotaro Tsunoda
- 35 Andy Rinomhota
- 37 Tom Davies
- 38 Perry Ng
- 39 Isaak Davies
- 41 Matthew Turner
- 45 Cian Ashford
- 47 Callum Robinson
- 49 Luey Giles

PROFILES

THE BOSS OMER RIZA

Forty-four-year-old interim manager who joined Cardiff in the summer as a coach. Was made interim manager following the sacking of Erol Bulut in September.

GOALKEEPER JAK ALNICK

Experienced goalkeeper who has previously played for the likes of Newcastle United, Port Vale, Rangers, Scunthorpe, Blackpool and St Mirren.

DEFENDERS CALUM CHAMBERS

Came through the ranks at Southampton before joining Arsenal. Signed for the Bluebirds in the summer after leaving Aston Villa.

DIMITRIOS GOUTAS
Greek defender with years of experience in the Greek, Belgian and Polish leagues. Been a regular at the back for Cardiff since signing.

CALLUM O'DOWDA
Left-sided player who has spent time with Oxford and Bristol City as well as the Bluebirds. Scored

the winner for Cardiff on Saturday against Norwich.

JOEL BAGAN
Irish youth international who broke through at Cardiff in 2020. Has scored three goals in over 40 games for the Bluebirds.

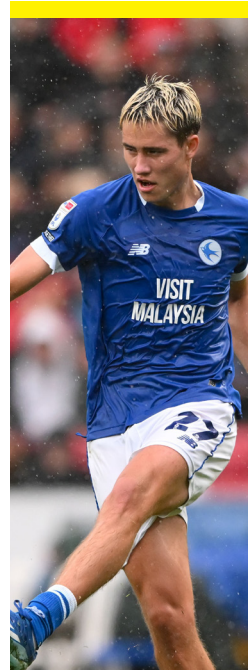
JESPER DALAND
Norwegian defender with previous experience in the Norway youth sides. Signed for Cardiff last summer after spending three years at Cercle Brugge.

**MIDFIELDERS
MANOLIS SIOPIS** – Greek international who started off at Olympiacos and spent years in Turkey and later signed for Cardiff in 2023.

ANDY RINOMHOTA – Began his career in non-league before becoming pro with Reading in 2018. Made over 100 appearances but left in 2022 and signed for Cardiff.

DAVID TURNBULL – Former Celtic and Motherwell man joined the Bluebirds in January this year. Been a regular in recent weeks for Riza's side.

OLLIE TANNER – Started off in non-league with Lewes in the seventh tier and signed for Cardiff shortly after. Scored in the South Wales derby last year.



RUBIN COLWILL – Cardiff academy graduate with over 100 games for the club. Scored against the Hatters in a 2-1 win at Kenilworth Road for Cardiff in 2021.

**FORWARDS
CHRIS WILLOCK** – Former QPR man who has found his new home in South Wales. Scored in Cardiff's 5-0 victory against Plymouth.

CALLUM ROBINSON – Experienced Championship forward and Irish international. Got the equaliser last Saturday for Cardiff against Norwich.

ANWAR EL-GHAZI – Began his career at Ajax and spent time with Lille before signing for Aston Villa. Joined Cardiff this summer and has got one goal and one assist since signing.

YAKOU MEITE – Another experienced striker in Cardiff's squad. Scored four goals in one game at Kenilworth Road for Reading in 2020.



BLUEBIRD KITBAG



2003/04 AWAY

Forgetting the fact that the BLUEBIRDS played in red at home for a short while, our Google results search for 'iconic Cardiff shirts' came back with limited options. However, in our minds nothing screams 'Cardiff are away today' than this black and yellow Puma effort from 2003/04.

A FOOT IN BOTH



JAMES COLLINS

A scholar at Aston Villa, 'Collo' made his name with Shrewsbury where, in two spells, he hit 42 league goals. After goalscoring spells at Swindon, Hibs and Crawley, the striker moved to Kenilworth Road in 2017, enjoying five years with the Town, scoring 68 goals and helping us to two promotions. In 2021 he moved to Cardiff and is still scoring goals now at Derby.

CARDIFF CULT HERO

It's only right we reserve this section for a cult hero who sadly passed away in August. If a headline ever summed up a footballer's personality, then it is a BBC article that leads with 'I'm embarrassed about being a cult hero.' **Sol Bamba** played 118 times for the Bluebirds, dragging them up to the Premier League thanks to his whole-hearted displays from defence. The Ivory Coast international was more than a footballer or a teammate, he was a hero, a leader and an inspiration to many. You will be missed, Sol.



FIXTURE FLASHBACK

CARDIFF 1-2 TOWN 20TH FEBRUARY 1994

After beating Newcastle after a replay in the fourth round, the Town headed to Ninian Park for a FA Cup fifth round tie in 1994.

In the Hatters' first visit to this part of south Wales in 12 years, David Pleat and the Town are met by a hostile crowd but the home support is silenced by Scott Oakes' fine goal.

Ahead the Hatters are looking good but the Bluebirds level thanks to Phil Stant's well-struck equaliser.

All of a sudden the momentum is with the hosts but the Town regain control and David Preece races through on goal and calmly slots home to send the Hatters into the

quarter-finals. The home support are enraged, claiming offside, but there were no arguments at the final whistle.

The Town would go on to beat West Ham after a replay in the last eight before losing to Chelsea at Wembley in the semi-final.



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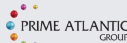
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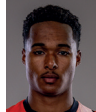
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Our last home game against West Brom saw goalscorer Tahith Chong named man-of-the-match by sponsors the J&P Roofing & Cladding.

Tahith 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.

Friday also saw us welcome three mascots, who all got to enjoy their evening. They were out on the pitch for the warm-ups, met their favourite players and then led the team onto the pitch prior to kick-off.

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HATTERS SUPPORT THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION'S NEW FOOTBALL POPPY SHIRT CAMPAIGN



Town offer match-worn and signed shirts with proceeds going to Royal British Legion

This November, Luton Town is proud to stand together with football clubs throughout the United Kingdom in support of the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal.

As a symbol of respect, the Town players will wear shirts featuring an emblem of the poppy in tonight's match against Cardiff. After the game, these unique shirts will be signed by the players who wore them and made available to own via auction, exclusively on the MatchWornShirt

website and app. All of the net proceeds of these auctions will be allocated to the Royal British Legion.

This is the sixth consecutive year that MatchWornShirt has teamed up with the Royal British Legion, having previously raised close to £3m for the Poppy Appeal. The Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal takes place from Thursday 24th October until Remembrance Sunday on 10th November; every year the RBL leads the nation in Remembrance across

the UK to honour the contribution of our Armed Forces community, past and present.

Since it was first worn as an act of Remembrance just over 100 years ago, the red poppy has become an enduring symbol of support for our Armed Forces. This year, the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal highlights the mental scars linked to military service.

Ben France from the Royal British Legion said: "Battlefield trauma and

mental health issues can manifest at any time in life and in different ways, including addiction, debt, homelessness and relationship breakdowns. Your poppy enables the RBL to support those who struggle with the upheaval and disruption of service life, and life after service."

James Flude, Head of Business at MatchWornShirt said: "The Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal serves as a powerful reminder of the sacrifices made by our Armed Forces community, and we're incredibly proud to support this cause for the sixth consecutive year. At MatchWornShirt, we're passionate about giving fans the chance to own a piece of football history. Each signed, match-worn shirt from this campaign not only captures a unique moment in sport but also helps ensure that vital support continues for veterans and service personnel."

Every donation to the RBL's Poppy Appeal helps to provide vital support to the Armed Forces community and ensures their unique contribution is never forgotten.

To help the Royal British Legion continue its vital work, head to MatchWornShirt's website and get involved in one of the many auctions for this year's Poppy Appeal: MatchWornShirt.com/poppy.



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 4/11/2024

		P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	PTS
1	Sunderland	13	9	2	2	23	9	+14	29
2	Leeds United	13	7	5	1	22	8	+14	26
3	Sheffield United	13	8	3	2	16	6	+10	25
4	Burnley	13	6	5	2	17	6	+11	23
5	Watford	13	7	1	5	22	21	+1	22
6	West Bromwich Albion	13	5	6	2	14	8	+6	21
7	Millwall	13	5	4	4	16	12	+4	19
8	Blackburn Rovers	13	5	4	4	16	14	+2	19
9	Bristol City	13	4	7	2	17	17	0	19
10	Norwich City	13	4	6	3	23	18	+5	18
11	Middlesbrough	13	5	3	5	14	15	-1	18
12	Swansea City	13	4	4	5	10	9	+1	16
13	Coventry City	13	4	3	6	17	17	0	15
14	Derby County	13	4	3	6	16	17	-1	15
15	Hull City	13	3	6	4	15	17	-2	15
16	Stoke City	13	4	3	6	15	18	-3	15
17	Cardiff City	13	4	3	6	13	19	-6	15
18	Sheffield Wednesday	13	4	3	6	15	24	-9	15
19	Oxford United	13	3	5	5	16	17	-1	14
20	Preston North End	13	3	5	5	14	20	-6	14
21	Luton Town	13	3	3	7	15	21	-6	12
22	Plymouth Argyle	13	3	3	7	13	25	-12	12
23	Queens Park Rangers	13	1	7	5	11	19	-8	10
24	Portsmouth	13	1	6	6	13	26	-13	9

PLAYER STATISTICS

PLAYER	LEAGUE			THIS SEASON CUP			TOTAL			DISCIPLINARY		LTFc CAREER TOTAL	
	APP	SUB	GLS	APP	SUB	GLS	APP	SUB	GLS	YELLOW	RED	APP	GLS
Elijah Adebayo	13	(0)	2	1	(0)	0	14	(0)	2	1	0	155	44
Mads Andersen	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(2)	0	0	0	12	1
Shandon Baptiste	4	(2)	0	0	(1)	0	4	(3)	0	1	0	7	0
Amari'i Bell	5	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	6	(0)	0	1	0	130	2
Jacob Brown	1	(6)	1	0	(0)	0	1	(6)	1	0	0	29	4
Reece Burke	7	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	8	(0)	0	3	0	91	4
Tahith Chong	11	(0)	2	1	(0)	0	12	(0)	2	3	0	50	7
Jordan Clark	12	(0)	2	1	(0)	0	13	(0)	2	4	0	150	14
Alfie Doughty	12	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	13	(0)	0	5	0	91	5
Daiki Hashioka	3	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	3	(1)	0	1	0	15	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	12	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	13	(0)	0	1	1	51	0
Tom Krauss	7	(1)	1	0	(0)	0	7	(1)	1	0	0	8	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	11	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	11	(0)	0	1	0	11	0
Teden Mengi	9	(1)	1	0	(0)	0	9	(1)	1	1	0	45	2
Carlton Morris	8	(2)	4	1	(0)	0	9	(2)	4	3	0	105	35
Victor Moses	6	(2)	1	0	(0)	0	6	(2)	1	0	0	8	1
Pelly-Ruddock 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	(5)	0	0	(1)	0	2	(6)	0	0	1	8	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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Another week in the Championship done and it was a busy and chaotic one yet again. The weekend brought last minute winners, goals galore and big results at the top and bottom of the table.

On the Friday night, the Hatters played out a 1-1 draw with West Brom. Josh Maja put the Baggies ahead before Tahith Chong equalised for Luton in style.

The following day, Sheffield United got an important 2-0 win against Blackburn Rovers to continue their strong

start. Swansea put an end to Oxford's good home run and recorded a 2-1 away win at the Kassam Stadium.

Stoke beat Derby 2-1 in a fine win for the Potters and Portsmouth got a point on the road away at Hull. Leeds also won at home, defeating Plymouth 3-0 at Elland Road.

Today's opponents Cardiff got a huge win at home to Norwich City, coming from behind to win 2-1. Two last gasp goals from Callum Robinson and Callum O'Dowda sealed the deal

for the Bluebirds. Watford won on the road away at Sheffield Wednesday and QPR drew 0-0 with leaders Sunderland.

Bristol City continued their strong run of form with a 3-1 win at Deepdale against Preston North End. Coventry also continued their good run at the Riverside Stadium, winning 3-0 on their visit

there this season.

On Sunday, Millwall got a huge win at home against Burnley after winning 1-0. A Jake Cooper header was enough for the points and move the Lions up to seventh in the Championship table, just two points off the top six.

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Who's the most skillful footballer you've ever seen in a Hatters' shirt?

The answer will likely depend on your age. We've been spoilt by Ross Barkley. Marveled at Jean-Louis Valois. Thrilled by Ricky Hill.

For Brian Swain, legendary Town journalist, the answer was clear, "ask 100 fans of my generation to name the most complete footballer...I'll bet you would get the same answer at least 90 times: George Cummins."

On his day, according to Swain, "he could do the sort of tricks George Best produced at the height of his career". Roger Wash, writing in 1993, was equally as effusive, "he was capable of carving open a defence with a single touch. A player of skill and vision".

Cummins was born in Dublin in 1931. He'd won schoolboy honours while playing for St. Patrick's Athletic and took a summer holiday to Merseyside at the age of 19 for a trial at Everton.

Though returning home thinking he hadn't

made the grade, the next day brought an offer from Toffees manager Cliff Britton. Everton were chosen ahead of Manchester United because of their stronger Irish contingent.

His time at Goodison Park was not without its high spots, including an appearance in the 1953 FA Cup semi-final, but it proved a struggle to hold down a first team place. Approached by Town chairman Charles Jeyes, he had no hesitation about moving south. The fee was £12,000, a record for Luton, but it would prove to be a bargain.

Immediately, second division defences

struggled with his perceptive play and natural ability and promotion to the top-flight came in 1955.

"There has always been a good spirit at Luton. It was that, plus excellent football, that won us promotion," he said in a 1959 interview.

Speaking later in life to Roger Wash, he marked out the big wins against Sunderland (7-1 and 8-2) as particular highlights and, like everyone else of that great 50s team, the 1959 FA Cup final as the low point.

He would prepare for home games by visiting the cinema the night before with Billy Bingham.

George played 19 times for Ireland while at Kenilworth Road, a club record until passed by Mal Donaghy.

A family man, he settled in Aintree after retirement and worked as an electrician, though his ties to Luton were maintained by his son Brian, who lectured at Luton Sixth Form college.

George passed away in 2009, one of the very finest of any generation to wear the shirt.

Will Foster

George Cummins is welcomed to the club in 1953. Flanking him are Chairman Charles Jeyes and manager Dally Duncan ▼



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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 Bluebirds.

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1 The legendary Joe Payne goes for goal in the 8-1 home win over Cardiff in January 1937.

2 Billy Arnison nets one of his hat-trick goals during the 3-0 win against the Bluebirds at Kenilworth Road in August 1948.

3 Bob Hatton bangs in the second goal past former Hatter Keith Barber during the 7-1 home win over Cardiff in September 1978.

4 Elijah Adebayo heads in the only goal of the game the last time the Bluebirds came to Luton in January 2023.



ON THIS DAY

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



Back on this day in 1982 the Hatters fought back from two goals down to earn a point in a pulsating 2-2 draw with Arsenal at Kenilworth Road.

In the first half the Town had goalkeeper Jake Findlay to thank in the first half to keep the Gunners at bay but was powerless to see the London side race into a two-goal lead shortly after the restart.

Graham Rix opened the scoring on 53 minutes and two minutes later Brian Talbot doubled the Gunners' advantage.

Yet back came the Town with a two-goal burst of their own to earn a share of the spoils. First David Moss raced onto Brian Horton's clearance to chip Arsenal goalkeeper George Wood with a delightful finish.

Five minutes later we were level when a move involving Moss, Horton and Ricky Hill led to Paul Walsh finding space in behind the Gunners defence to drive a shot goalwards that took a deflection off David O'Leary.

Paul Wash takes on the Arsenal defence



Paul Wash levels the score at 2-2



David Moss watches his chip from in front of the Main Stand float in the top corner



Brian Stein in full flow

ALSO ON 6TH NOVEMBER...

It's now 20 years and four games that a Town team won on this day when in 2004 the Hatters beat Wrexham 5-1 in League One. You have to go back to 1973 for the last time we won away on this day when triumphing 3-2 at Bury in a League Cup replay. For all the bad: losing at Hereford in the Conference in 2012, drawing at Corby in the FA Cup in 2010, there's the good: beating Blackburn 4-1 in 1937 and Bristol Rovers in 1976 – both in today's Championship equivalent.



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.

Luton Town 5 Wrexham 1
6th November 2004

The players can't believe that Sol Davis has scored!



2004/05 history

After the resounding 4-0 home win over Bradford City all was well again at Kenilworth Road but as so often happens in the life of a Hatter someone spins a googly to throw you off track.

As the Town prepared for the visit of Wrexham, the Hatters Director of Football, Mick Harford, announced that he was off to Nottingham Forest as assistant to his old friend Joe Kinnear.

Nobody at Kenilworth Road let on that Mick's departure would be anything other than a huge miss and instead concentrated on the job in hand – beating a Wrexham side who faced a winding up order over an unpaid £900,000 Inland Revenue bill.

Typical of the man, Mick left a message on a flip-chart in the home dressing room saying: "I believe this dressing room is full of champions – go and do it!"

Keeping the same side that beat the Bantams the previous week the Town had an early let-off when former Tottenham striker Chris Armstrong missed a sitter. Undeterred by this the Hatters swarmed forward and took the lead on 13 minutes when Steve Howard headed a cross from Kevin Foley to the waiting Ahmet Brkovic who nodded in from ten yards.

Four minutes later came a goal that took the roof off. Full-back Sol Davis had never netted in professional football but that all changed when

he accepted a chip from Brkovic before blasting the ball past Matt Baker, who was deputising for ex-Luton hero Andy Dibble in the Wrexham goal.

Stephen O'Leary then bagged his first goal of the season when he fired in a cross from Rowan Vine before top scorer Howard got in on the act, heading in Foley centre a minute before the break.

In the second half the Town continued to press and the fifth goal duly arrived when Brkovic took advantage of a goalkeeper flap and headed the ball into an unguarded net. The clean sheet the Hatters craved did not materialise as Wrexham's Hector Sam scrambled in a consolation with 17 minutes to go.

Manager Mike Newell was particularly pleased with the first-half performance. "The goals were the icing on the cake but we played some decent stuff," he said.

"It sends out a message and people will be in fear when they come here. I want it to be a fortress here and for us to give teams a good hiding and we've done that two weeks in a row now."

Six points clear at the top the Town could now forget about League football for two weeks and instead concentrate on the FA Cup and a pairing with League Two Southend at Roots Hall.

The tie caught the imagination to such an extent that the Sky cameras chose the game for live broadcasting in the

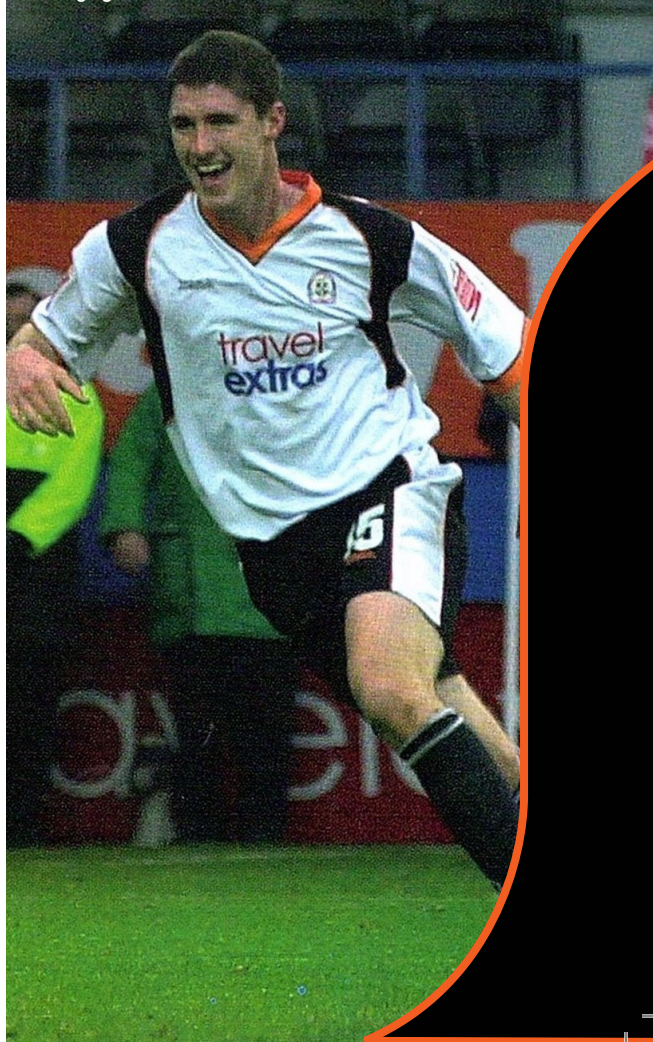
UK, USA and Canada. This meant that the match was to be brought forward to the Friday evening but that did not deter 551 Luton supporters from making the trip to swell the crowd to 6,683.

Southend were going well in their division and boasted new forward sensation Freddy Eastwood who had been signed from Grays, and had banged in six goals in his previous seven matches. He could do

little though as the Town attacked with purpose from the start and made the game safe after only 33 minutes having netted three times.

The Hatters took a deserved lead in the 12th minute through Howard who took advantage of hesitancy in the Shrimpers box and neatly converted from three yards after a blocked shot spun in the air with the big striker the first to react.

Stephen O'Leary wheels away after netting against Wrexham





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The lead was doubled three minutes later with a goal of real class. Vine broke down the wing and cleverly held the ball up before playing a delightful pass to Howard who blasted home from just inside the penalty area.

Two became three on 33 minutes when Vine again played a clever pass to Brkovic who rounded Bart Griemink in the Southend goal before coolly slotting home.

The second half was played at the Town's pace and long before the end the Sky representatives realised that there was no likelihood whatsoever that a upset was on the cards.

Again, Mike Newell was more than content with the performance. "It's all about getting through to the next round and we did that with a fully professional performance, particularly in the first half," he said.

"We were winning all the first and second balls all over the place in the first half and the goals were a bonus. The second and third goals especially were really good footballing goals."

The draw for the second round pitched the Town away to Wycombe but before that could take place there was the little issue of a trip to Milton Keynes!



Steve Howard delighted to get the Town on their way at Roots Hall

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Ahmet Brkovic rounds the Southend keeper before slotting in 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.

As this shirt is now over 20 years old, can we now call it a classic? It certainly deserves to be called as such.

Today, we are focusing on the lovely 2002/03 third shirt, made by Xara. This was a lovely navy blue colour with orange stripes down both sides and orange accents on the sleeves and collar. This shirt is so nice, you still see at least one fan wearing this on a match day at Kenilworth Road.

That might be due to the sheer weight and thickness of this shirt. It has certainly been able to stand the test of

time. It was so thick and heavy to wear and was a material that was not kind in the summer months or for the players when they sweat (or when it rained!).

The old Nationwide oval sleeve patches are on the sleeves for those match-worn or issued to the players, and the name set was in white with a silver outline. The colour combinations make this shirt look superb.

What wasn't superb was this shirt's only appearance; a 5-2 defeat on the road to Blackpool in August 2002. We actually went 3-0 down

and got back to 3-2 thanks to Steve Howard and Tony Thorpe, before Blackpool scored two late goals.

We have trawled through Hatters Heritage and YouTube and cannot find another competitive game that this shirt was worn in! Surely a shirt with one of the fewest appearances for one of our home, away or third shirts!

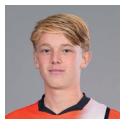
Still, despite only one competitive appearance, the likes of Matthew Spring, Chris Coyne, Ahmet Brkovic, Kevin Nicolls and Howard wore this shirt during that

game at Bloomfield Road.

And, of course, we had two-time FA and League Cup semi-finalist, a left-back who made over 200 appearances in the Premier League and made over 580 career appearances, 12 of those with the Hatters yes, Alan Kimble played in that game, wearing that shirt.

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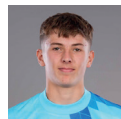
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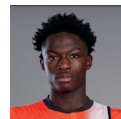
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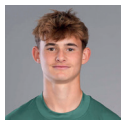
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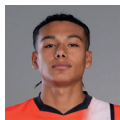
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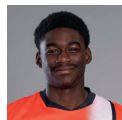
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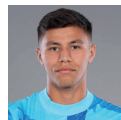
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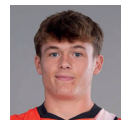
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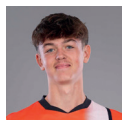
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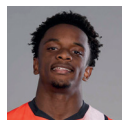
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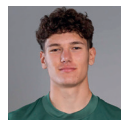
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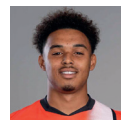
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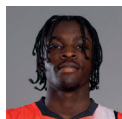
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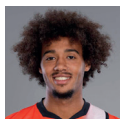
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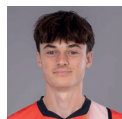
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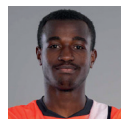
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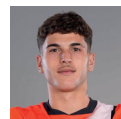
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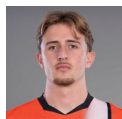
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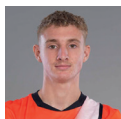
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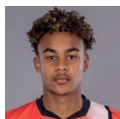
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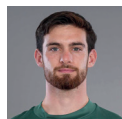
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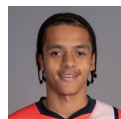
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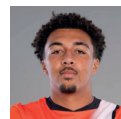
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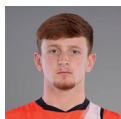
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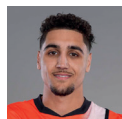
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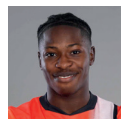
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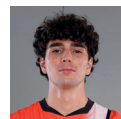
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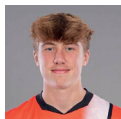
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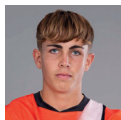
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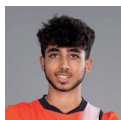
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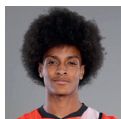
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THE YOUTH OF TODAY

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

Name...Lloyd Asamoah-Junior

Place of birth...
Welwyn Garden City

Position ...Right wing, left-wing, right-wing back, left-wing back or right back

Joined Luton at...
Under-18s

Played for...
Ipswich

Boots I'm wearing...
F50s

First teamer's boots I'm cleaning...
Tahith Chong

Earliest Luton Town memory... The club being in the Premier League

Coach who's impacted me the most... Joe Deeney

Football memory that makes me smile...
Liverpool winning the Premier League

Best moment of my career so far...Scoring the winner in the floodlit cup against Watford

I'd be a better player if I had...better decision-making

Dream squad number...11

Academy teammate that could go all the way...Benny Benagr

Player I used be in the playground...
Neymar

If I could play with any player it would be...Neymar

Favourite food...
Pizza

Favourite training drill...
1 versus 1

Favourite school subject other than PE...Maths

Hobbies outside of football...800 metres.

Something you don't know about me...I was captain of my school team

I am... a player who is very skilful and likes to take players on a lot. I hate losing, I always want to be on the winning team.

I'm a player who started with very little and have always had to work hard to get to where I want to be to help my family. I am a footballer who is always wanting more and always wants to achieve bigger.





Archie Shepherd came close for the Town against Spurs

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YOUTH TEAM RUN TOTTENHAM CLOSE

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With a weekend without a fixture in the Youth Alliance, the Town Under-18s performed with credit as they went down 2-1 to Tottenham Hotspur last week.

The opening 20 minutes saw few clear-cut opportunities for either side as Spurs dominated the ball.

However, on 25 minutes Tottenham took the lead. Having conceded possession high up the pitch, the Town were suddenly on the back foot and Spurs broke at pace and one pass in behind left the Tottenham striker free to plant a fine finish past Charlie Booth in the Town goal.

In truth, it was the

first time Spurs had threatened the Hatters goal and Joe Deeney's side responded brilliantly as, two minutes later, they were level. Harry Fox swung in a dangerous free-kick from the right and Christian Chigozie was first to meet the delivery to power a header past the Tottenham keeper.

It was no more than the Town deserved and as half-time approached, Deeney's side were in the ascendancy. The Hatters' pressing game was causing Spurs no end of problems and that resulted in a number of half-chances for Zach Ioannides and Archie Shepherd.

Level at the break the

Town continued where they left off at the start of the second half as the Hatters kept their shape with admirable discipline as Tottenham remained patient with the ball.

The Hatters continued to enjoy good moments going forward but midway through the second period Spurs took the lead when a cross flashed into the box was volleyed home to make it 2-1.

Buoyed by the goal, Tottenham pressed for a third only to be denied by two superb fingertip saves from Booth.

Shepherd came close to equalising when forcing the Spurs keeper into a decent save with a drilled



effort but Tottenham saw out the victory.

A proud Deeney said: "The lads were outstanding. They kept going right to the end and it was great to see the quality and spirit of the team.

"We had three under-16s starting with the rest made up of the first-year group, and against a Category 1 side like Spurs, who had quality all over the pitch, we performed really well.

"It was a different type of learning experience for us. Spurs had the majority of the ball and the boys needed to show their discipline in keeping their shape when defending and when going forward.

"The reaction of the lads also said a lot. It might

have 'only' been a friendly but they were devastated to lose. But as I said to them at the end, they will be better players for this experience."

The Under-18s head back into Youth Alliance action this coming Saturday when they face Gillingham at Ely Way (kick-off 10.30am).

Spectators are able to attend with a ticket which must be requested via email to emily.howes@lutontown.co.uk before 5pm on Thursday 7th November.

Town v Tottenham: Booth, Roberts-Edema, Fox, Ioannides, Chigozie, Evans, Harvey, Passley-James, Gawel, Hincapie-Alfonso, Shepherd.

Subs: Odegah, Asamoah, Kwame Anson.

DEVELOPMENT SQUAD UPDATE

Meanwhile, the Town Under-21s were victorious in a friendly against the Play Football 247 academy at Hitchin last Friday.

Goals from Jacob Pinnington, Tate Xavier-Jones and Matthew Takawira secured a 3-1 victory.

It's back to Premier League Cup action for the Under-21s later this week

as Alex Lawless' side travel to face Brighton on Friday night (kick-off 7pm).

Under-21s v Play Football 247: Coyne, Pinnington, Giwa, Kayibanda, Paternoster, Francis-Clarke, Phillips, Stitt, Takawira, Trustram, Benagr.

Subs: Hockey, Emery, Xavier-Jones, Lorentzen-Jones

"IT WAS A DIFFERENT TYPE OF LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR US."

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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HE'S ONE OF OUR OWN!

BRUCE RIOCH

We're turning the clock back on tonight's alumni, featuring a Luton boy who went on to play in the top-flight and for Scotland. It's none other than Bruce Rioch.

Born in Aldershot but raised in Luton, Bruce made his League debut as a 17-year-old for the Hatters in November 1964.

He soon had the scouts flocking to Kenilworth Road where they admired his pace, power and fierce shooting.

After helping the Town to the championship of Division Four in 1968 and seeing his colleagues narrowly miss out the following year, Bruce accepted a record fee move to Aston Villa.

Further big money moves to Derby and Everton followed as well as the honour of skippering Scotland, the country of his father.

Bruce then entered into a second career managing, amongst others, Middlesbrough, Bolton, Arsenal – where he signed Dennis Bergkamp among others – and Norwich with some success followed by a spell with Odense.

Bruce hit 52 goals in 167 games for the Hatters – not bad from a kid from Stopsley!

APPEARANCES: 167

GOALS: 52

CAREER TIMELINE



COMMUNITY TRUST

National Care Leavers' Week

National Care Leavers' Week took place throughout the week beginning 28th October.

This is an annual event that gives young care leavers the opportunity to challenge the perceptions given to them and raise awareness of the issues those in care face, whilst also celebrating the incredible things many go on to achieve.

The theme for this was 'All of us, we are one.' For those reaching the age of leaving care, this can be an extremely difficult and worrying time, so it is vital that there is support in place for those over the age of 18 to prepare them for independent living.

Luton Borough Council Care Leavers team fulfils this role and helps these young people through this challenging period of their lives, providing much needed support in a wide range of areas and making them feel part of a strong and loyal community and supportive network.

On the Thursday, the group were treated to a visit from Hatters legend Mick Harford and first team defender Reuell Walters.

Mick spoke to the group about the journey Luton Town Football Club have been on this decade, with Reuell speaking very openly about the battles he has faced and overcome so far in his career.

This showed the group that whilst life can throw you many challenges, there can be light at the end of the tunnel.

The group were then encouraged to ask their own questions, which were answered honestly and eloquently by both Mick and Reuell.

The surprises didn't end there, with Mick announcing the group would be receiving free tickets for the West Brom game.

This was exciting news for the group that was made up of plenty of Hatters fans but also many that had never had the opportunity to visit Kenilworth Road before.

Farah Awan, Deputy

Team Manager for the Leaving Care Team at Luton Borough Council said: "Mick and Reuell's visit was truly inspiring for our care leavers.

"Their openness and encouragement created a sense of belonging and hope within the group.

"They shared their own journeys and challenges, reminding us that with determination and support, anything is possible.

"This experience not only motivated us but also strengthened our sense of community in Luton, showing that we are all capable of achieving our dreams together."



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SUPPORTERS' TRUST

With our FSA representative June Adamson

Hello and welcome to tonight's game, one where we will be hoping to continue our good recent record against our Welsh opponent.

My role with the Trust is charity co-ordinator and I thought I would share with you an email I received from our charity of the season, Beds Prostate Cancer Support Group, which highlights why it is a privilege to work with them and how important it is for men to get checked out.

I am working with BPCSG to arrange a date for the annual testing event at Kenilworth Road in 2025 and will announce this as soon as it is finalised.

For more information on Beds Prostate Cancer Support Group visit www.bpcsg.org.uk.

Enjoy the game.

COYH!

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Dear Sirs,

I should have written this thank you note a long time ago, but I guess better late than never.

Back in May 2022, you held a blood test session at Luton Town Football Club, and I attended. My Dad had died of prostate cancer because he avoided the issue – and that was not going to happen to me. I'd had a test at my doctors and was told I had an enlarged prostate – but nothing to worry about apparently.

Since that test, I had not had a repeat and had moved house and doctors surgery – I fell off the watch list.

The results from the Luton Town Football Club test came back at 3.5 – an amber warning notice result for my age at that time and I took the results along to my new GP. He gave me a test and re-did the blood tests. I was referred to Luton & Dunstable hospital and for my 60th birthday received a biopsy! Joy! But not my best present, but my best present too as it happens.

A very blunt surgeon told me in no uncertain terms I had aggressive prostate cancer and that they would be referring me for surgery. I was Gleason 8 and at Stage 2. Bonus! Surgery. That happened in November 2022. Up until just recently, I was getting great PSA test results, but they are starting to climb again, and it looks like I shall be having further treatment in the not too distant future.

If I had not had that test at the Club, I may not be saying how lucky I've been. If I'd not had that test, the outcome could have been so much worse.

I'd no idea how lucky I was that your organisation did what it does until I started to ask about. I am incredibly grateful. My wife is also incredibly grateful.

Please keep up the good work. Please keep banging the drum.

Many many thanks.

For more information on prostate cancer, including symptoms and testing, visit prostatecanceruk.org.





MY FAVOURITE PLAYER...

Town fan Kevin Harper picks his all-time favourite

I've supported Luton for more than 35 years so I have been privileged enough to see so many great players wear the white or orange shirts of our beloved football club.

I am often asked either by friends or in interviews of various kinds who my favourite player has been in my time as a Luton supporter with many expecting the usual answer of Ricky Hill, Mick Harford, Kevin Nicholls or more recently Ross Barkley.

Of course I enjoyed watching all of those fine men strut their stuff for us and appreciated every time I got to see all of them play but one player left a lasting impression on me, as much for his

character as anything he did on the pitch.

Don't get me wrong, Jonathan Smith could play. He wasn't the best player in the team but he was the one player our team needed at the time and when he arrived from York in our time of need in the Conference I was delighted.

I had seen him play against us for York and he was part of a good Swindon side which I had seen too. I have always been a fan of midfielders who do the ugly work and don't necessarily get noticed and Smith was that, although he had a goal in him from time to time.

What made him stand out to me was his

positive attitude, a seeming refusal to believe something was impossible. He was an out and out winner and that came across on the pitch and off it.

He was a part of some of my favourite memories as a Town fan, not least that great day at Carrow Road in January 2013 and of course the Conference winning season, albeit one in which his impact was less than it should have been due to that horrific broken leg he suffered at Barnet on Boxing Day. It was poetic that he scored at Wycombe exactly 12 months later.

The way he refused to let that injury stop him and worked so hard to come back at Hyde

was admirable and that anything can be achieved. His attitude rubbed off on me in my life and made me push myself harder to achieve things I wouldn't have had the confidence to attempt previously.

In my role as media officer of the Trust, I am fortunate enough to have met Jonathan at club functions and other situations on many occasions and have interviewed him a few times, which was a privilege each and every time.

There is a saying that you should never meet your heroes. I'm glad I met mine, a great player and huge role model.



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SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

There are 5 differences between the two pictures below. Can you spot them all?

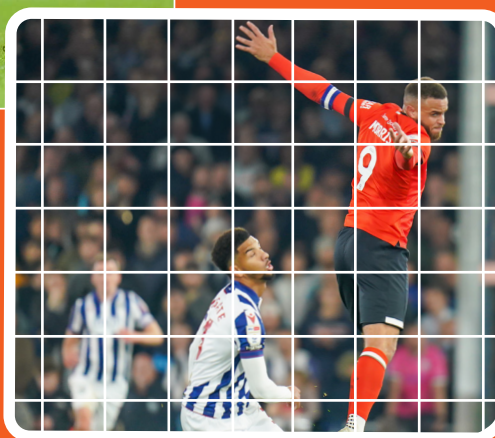
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SPOT THE BALL

We've taken the ball away from the photo of Carlton Morris - but can you guess which square it should be in? Good luck!

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LUTON TOWN LADIES

Ladies complete comeback to progress in FA Cup

Luton Ladies travelled to Essex on Sunday afternoon to take on lower league opposition Hutton Women.

Hutton started off on the front foot and took a shock early lead just three minutes into the game. The goal meant that the Hatters conceded for the first time since the beginning of September.

Tasha Fensome looked to get Luton level just after the 10 minute mark but her effort from just inside the area was well watched and held by the keeper.

On 14 minutes Hutton doubled their lead when they managed to poke the ball past Sarah Hudson in the Town goal.

But less than 10 minutes later, Luton halved the deficit. Fiona Buttigieg whipped in a corner towards Elly Wade whose shot, despite a touch from the keeper, hit the

back of the net.

The Hatters came close to an equaliser on the half-hour when Fensome picked up the ball on the right-hand side and her well disguised shot went narrowly wide of the post.

Chances were few and far between for Luton in the first half. The last chance of the half came from Shianne Swarres, her effort from distance was held by the keeper.

Despite a high intensity start to the second half, Luton had to wait until the 53rd minute for their first half-chance when Buttigieg picked out Liz Mulvaney, but she was quickly closed down, with a defender blocking her shot instantly.

However, just before the hour, the Town equalised. Shanice Lewis' shot was blocked, meaning the ball fell to Amber Leighton who managed to poke the ball past the keeper. In the aftermath of the

goal, Hutton was shown a red card for dissent.

The Hatters clearly benefited from the player advantage and this showed when Tasha Fensome completed the comeback. Quick feet from Buttigieg on the left-hand side created space for her to put an inch-perfect ball in towards the back-post where the ball met the head of Fensome, who made no mistake from yards out.

With a minute left Carla Todd wrapped the victory to make it 4-2. Through on goal with the keeper, she slotted the ball into the net rounding off an impressive second half display.

The Ladies face league leaders, Royston Town, on Sunday at Barton. A potential early title deciding match. Get down to Sharpnhoes Road and support the girls!

Report by 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	Hutton	W 4-2
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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The latest from the Ticket Office

MIDDLESBROUGH v LUTON TOWN
SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP
SATURDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2024,
KICK-OFF 12.30PM

We have received an initial allocation of 971 tickets. These will be reserved seating within the East Upper Stand.

Tickets are now on general sale at one per person to any supporter with a previous purchasing history and any member without a previous booking history.

PRICES

Adults £32, Seniors (Over 65) £24, Under 18s £15.

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LUTON TOWN v HULL CITY
SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP
SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2024,
KICK-OFF 3PM

Diamond season card holders can book a ticket for a guest using one of their diamond vouchers. This method cannot be completed online, as the ticket office hold a list of diamond voucher usage and will advise if vouchers usage is not available. Please email ticketoffice@lutontown.co.uk, phone or visit the ticket office for assistance.

All sales phases are subject to availability and qualifying supporters can purchase one ticket per person unless stated. Available to book online (unique client reference number required), by phone or in person from the ticket office.

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

PRICES (CAT B)

Adult £29

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In return, we will arrange for a £15 voucher (£7.50 for Under 17) to be left for collection from the ticket office at the next home fixture. These vouchers can be used in either club shop or at LTFC catering units throughout the ground on a matchday. Vouchers will need to be used by the end of June 2025.



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UP NEXT



We're back at it on Saturday when the Town make the long - and early! - trip north to Middlesbrough.

Michael Carrick's Boro have had an inconsistent start to the campaign, winning five, losing five and drawing three of their 13 games so far this term.

They go into this midweek round of fixtures and ahead of their game away at QPR last night in 11th place in the table.

A run of one win in their last five games has slightly tempered expectations at the Riverside Stadium that had seen Boro rise to sixth in the Championship and just four points off the summit.

However, you only have to look at the results in these past five games to truly realise how the Championship is one of

the most unpredictable leagues in the world.

Having won at West Brom they led at Watford, only to concede twice in the last 15 minutes to lose 2-1 at Vicarage Road. Two weeks later their unbeaten home record was ended by Bristol City.

Carrick's side then became the second team to defeat Sheffield United when winning 1-0 at the Riverside two weeks ago.

Boro then seemed set to make it back-to-back wins when they led 3-1 at Norwich. Unfortunately Tommy Conway missed a penalty which would have made it 4-1. Norwich then fought back to earn a point and it ended 3-3.

And just when you thought things couldn't get any worse, last weekend Hayden Hackey was sent-off just 22 minutes into Boro's next game against Coventry. Mark Robins' side took full advantage and ran out comfortable 3-0 winners. So it will remain to be seen which Middlesbrough side turn up at the Riverside this coming weekend.

Since the Town were

promoted to the Championship in 2019, Boro hold the edge in the head-to-head meetings, winning three of the four meetings played on Teeside - including the last three.

The Hatters came out on top in February 2020 with Ryan Tunnicliffe hitting the winner for Graeme Jones' side on our first visit to Boro's new home after we had played in the final league game at Ayresome Park in 1995.

The following season James Collins' penalty was ruled out after his standing foot touched the ball as he slipped in a game Boro went on to win 1-0.

In March 2022, despite a Harry Cornick goal, the Town went down 2-1 at the Riverside and that was the same scoreline on our last visit in December 2022.

In what was Rob Edwards' first game in charge a wonderful strike from Jordan Clark put the Hatters in front. Boro levelled before half-time through Chuba Akpom but Amari'i Bell's dismissal for a second yellow card allowed the hosts to come to win it in the last minute through Matt Crooks.

ON THE ROAD

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AUGUST

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

SEPTEMBER

🏆 SAT 14	MILLWALL	12:30	19	1-0	14,804	1,964	Kaminski	Doughty	Bell	Burke	McGuinness	MENGI 1	Nakamba
🏆 SAT 21	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	15:00	15	2-1	11,805	1,326	Kaminski	Walters	Doughty	Burke	McGuinness	Mengi	Nakamba
🏆 FRI 27	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	20:00	19	1-3	16,616	1,113	Kaminski	Walters	Doughty	Burke	McGuinness	Mengi	Krauß

OCTOBER

🏆 TUE 1	OXFORD UNITED	19:45	18	2-2	11,397	1,322	Kaminski	Moses	Doughty	Burke	McGuinness	Mengi	Nakamba
🏆 SAT 5	SHEFFIELD UNITED	15:00	21	0-2	27,925	1,760	Kaminski	Doughty	Walters	Burke	McGuinness	Mengi	Nakamba
🏆 SAT 19	WATFORD	12:30	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	21	1-1	11,665	1,343	Kaminski	Hashioka	Moses	Mengi	McGuinness	Bell	Clark
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🏆 WED 6	CARDIFF CITY	20:00
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SAT 9	MIDDLESBROUGH	12:30
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SAT 23	HULL CITY	15:00
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WED 27	LEEDS UNITED	19:45
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SAT 30	NORWICH CITY	15:00
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DECEMBER

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

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

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

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

SAT 5	LEEDS UNITED	12:30
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TUE 8	STOKE CITY	19:45
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SAT 12	BLACKBURN ROVERS	15:00
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FRI 18	DERBY COUNTY	15:00
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MON 21	BRISTOL CITY	15:00
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SAT 26	COVENTRY CITY	15:00
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SAT 3	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	15:00
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*QPR won 4-1 on penalties

TOWN TEASERS

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

1. Which French club play their home games at Stade Velodrome?
2. Which club are currently top of Scottish League One?
3. Which Italian referee was known for his strict enforcement of the rules and was often referred to as the 'Policeman of the Pitch'?
4. Which English club was the first to win the European Cup in 1968?
5. Red Bull own a football club based in which Austrian city?
6. What is Juventus' nickname?
7. Which nation has won the African Cup of Nations the most?
8. Which Argentinian club did Lionel Messi play for as a youth?
9. How many countries were represented in the Hatters squad against West Brom?
10. In which city will the 2025 Champions League final be held?

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 Marseille 2 Cove Rangers 3 Pierluigi Collina 4 Manchester United 5 Salzburg 6 The Old Lady 7 Egypt 8 Newcastle 9 14 10 Munich

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
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Krauß	CHONG 1	Morris	Adebayo	Baptiste	Brown	Walsh				Krul, Woodrow, Nakamba, Mpanzu, Taylor, Johnson



ALFIE AND THOMAS TAKE DIAMOND HONOURS

The winners of the Diamond Player of the Month for both August and September will be presented with the trophy in the Eric Morecambe Suite after tonight's game against Cardiff City.

Alfie Doughty narrowly won the vote for August, polling 42% of the vote in a month in which he was ever-present during the Hatters' five league and Carabao Cup matches. He will be presented the Trophy by Diamond Season Ticket holder Andy Gordon.

Youth Diamond Season Ticket Holder Rhyen Dosanjh will then present the Trophy to goalkeeper Thomas Kaminski, who won the vote for September, with highlights including a clean sheet in the 1-0 win at Millwall, before a solid performance in the victory over Sheffield Wednesday a week later. Thomas won after polling 62% of the vote.

We would like to thank all Diamond Season Card holders that took the time to vote for these months.

All Diamond Season Card holders should receive the email with the opportunity to vote for October's Player of the Month very shortly. The presentation for this vote will be after the Hull City game on 23rd November.



LAST WORD WITH



SIMON OXLEY

BBC THREE COUNTIES RADIO

Even after all these years, there's still time for a new experience whilst commenting for BBC 3CR. It came at the Coventry Arena - and I don't mean losing a two-goal lead - and involved play being halted by something.

This time it involved a paraglider, in fact a powered paraglider to be precise, which appeared just above the stadium with about 10 minutes to go. I looked for a banner trailing behind the pilot in case they were attempting some sort of protest, possibly about ticket prices for visiting fans, but there wasn't one. Surprisingly, some might say, referee Bobby Madley had also spotted the visitor, and called a brief halt in proceedings before the pilot headed off.

So 'paraglider' was added to my list of goal celebration, injury, substitution, pitch invasion, loose pipe under the electronic scoreboard (remember that?), weather and animals as a reason to add on stoppage time. I could also add hot air balloon, although that was at a non-league game when I was covering Leighton Town for the Leighton Buzzard Citizen. It landed on the neighbouring cricket pitch for those of you that know Bell Close.

Anyway, along with Elijah's goal, the paraglider was the highlight of the trip to Coventry, and so we moved on to West Brom on Friday.

Now I must admit to approaching the game with some

apprehension, but ended up reasonably pleased with a point as we came from behind to draw. Having key defenders back makes such a difference, and will present some nice selection issues tonight with Tom Holmes also available again. Find the right midfield combination and we can climb the table.

Cardiff came from behind to win on Saturday, to emphasise once again that nothing can be taken for granted in this division. It will not have escaped your notice that the team beaten here on 19th October scored six at the weekend, including four goals from a striker who

barely had a kick at Kenilworth Road.

Safe travels to Middlesbrough. These kick-off times are testing everyone. There has been plenty of notice to make arrangements, but even so, some of the selections are ridiculous. Elsewhere on Saturday lunchtime, tonight's visitors host Blackburn. Our next home game is 3pm on a Saturday...but for only the second time this season.

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Tom LOCKYER	4	4	Dimitros GOUTAS
Mads ANDERSEN	5	5	Jesper DALAND
Mark McGUINNESS	6	8	Joe RALLS
Victor MOSES	7	9	Kion ETETE
Tom KRAUB	8	10	Aaron RAMSEY
Carlton MORRIS	9	11	Callum O'DOWDA
Cauley WOODROW	10	12	Calum CHAMBERS
Elijah ADEBAYO	11	14	David TURNBULL
Marvelous NAKAMBA	13	15	Wilfried KANGA
Tahith CHONG	14	16	Chris WILLOCK
Teden MENGI	15	17	Jamilu COLLINS
Reece BURKE	16	18	Alex ROBERTSON
Pelly Ruddock MPANZU	17	19	Yakou MÉITÉ
Jordan CLARK	18	20	Anwar EL GHAZI
Jacob BROWN	19	21	Jak ALNWICK
Liam WALSH	20	23	Joel BAGAN
Tim KRUL	23	27	Rubin COLWILL
Thomas KAMINSKI	24	32	Ollie TANNER
Joe TAYLOR	25	33	Ryotaro TSUNODA
Shandon BAPTISTE	26	35	Andy RINOMHOTA
Daiki HASHIOKA	27	37	Tom DAVIES
Tom HOLMES	29	38	Perry NG
Jameson HORLICK	31	39	Isaak DAVIES
Jayden LUKER	34	41	Matthew TURNER
Zack NELSON	37	45	Cian ASHFORD
Joe JOHNSON	38	47	Callum ROBINSON
Aidan FRANCIS-CLARKE	39	49	Luey GILES
Christian CHIGOZIE	40		
Benedict BENAGR	41		
Alfie DOUGHTY	45		



MANAGER

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Assistant Referee - Bhupinder Singh Gill
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