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So here we are back at Kenilworth Road. After back-to-back defeats away from the Kenny we return home aiming to bounce back to winning ways.

Having taken maximum points from our last two home games we go into today's game against Swansea aiming to maintain that strong home form in a bid to move up the Championship table.

We welcome everyone associated with the Swans to Bedfordshire and wish them all a safe journey home but any pleasantries will be put to one side once the first whistle goes.

As always, your support has been fantastic in the face of some difficult times on the road recently, so please get behind the lads this afternoon.

Enjoy the game. Come on Luton!

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| **ROB EDWARDS** |

THE BOSS

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Good afternoon and welcome back to you all for this important Championship game with Swansea City.

I would like to extend that welcome to those who have made the journey from Swansea, including their manager Luke Williams and his staff and players. They are, like all clubs at this level, a talented team capable of producing excellent results and recently ran Leeds close.

It seems a while ago since we were last here at the Kenny when we beat Hull. That was a good afternoon for us when the lads showed great character and determination to earn us victory to make it back-to-back home wins.

Since that win, however, we've endured two tough

away games. The Leeds game was always going to be one of the most difficult matches of the season and on the night I thought they were excellent. That said, we created some clear-cut chances, especially in the first half, but their second goal before half-time made it an uphill task against a very good side.

At Norwich we were all very disappointed. I felt we did enough to get something from the game but we made errors and that cost us. Having led 1-0 and got back into it at 2-2 I thought we looked in control. However, mistakes were punished and we were left to reflect on a really frustrating afternoon. There were parts of our performance that we really need to rectify going forward, starting this afternoon.

We had a good debrief afterwards and the players have reacted well this week. We now need to show some character and keep fighting to work through this difficult time as we go into an important part of the season.

On the plus side, our levels here at Kenilworth Road have been consistent and this afternoon we go into the first of two quickfire home games as we aim to improve our fortunes in the league table.

A huge thank you to those supporters who made the journeys to Leeds and Norwich. That's a lot of time and money you have invested following us on the road and believe me, it really is appreciated because your backing means the world to me.

We are all striving to find that level of consistency that I believe will lead to an upturn in our performances on the road, and having your support is vital for us to do that.

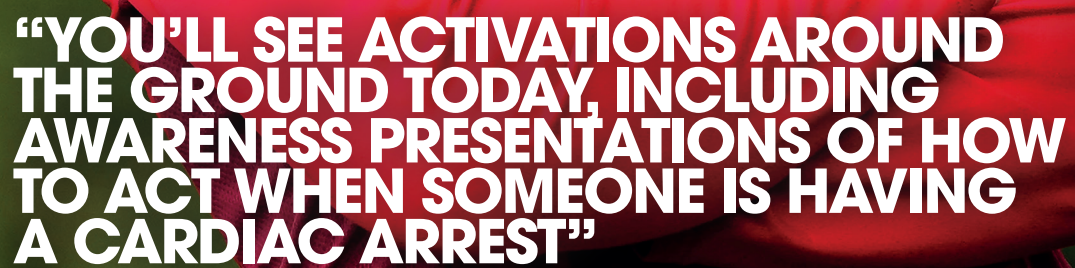
Please get behind the lads this afternoon – so many times in the past your backing has led to positive outcomes on the pitch.

Enjoy the game.



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| TOM LOCKYER |

CLUB CAPTAIN

Welcome back to the Kenny to all you Hatters as we take on Swansea aiming to make it three wins in a row here.

Our form at home has been decent this season and has got more consistent in recent weeks with back-to-back 1-0 wins. They are results that remind me of us when we won promotion two years ago: grinding out the narrow wins, keeping clean sheets and being generally hard to beat.

We need to maintain that and take that consistency on our travels. There's no doubt in my mind that we have the quality to be able to do that. For some reason it's not happening for us right now, but football works in mysterious ways and sometimes all you need is something to click and all of a sudden things become easier and the results start to flow. Kenilworth Road has been a bit of a safe haven for us so that form in recent months should stand us in good stead

today and on Tuesday when Stoke come to town.

This weekend's game is dedicated to the British Heart Foundation which is a charity that is very important to me. You'll see activations around the ground today, including awareness presentations of how to act when someone is having a cardiac arrest.

On Tuesday night, I was so happy to see that the heroes who saved me at Bournemouth almost a year ago won the British Heart Foundation's Heart Heroes award. Our very own Chris Phillips, Simon Parsell and Amos Ogunkoya, together with the paramedics at Bournemouth, picked up the award. It was great to see them recognised and nominated in the first place but to see them win was extra special. I am grateful every single day for their actions at the Vitality Stadium as, if it wasn't for their professionalism, quick thinking and expertise,

I would not be here to see my daughter's smile, watch today's game or even write these notes.

Thank you each and every one of you for doing what you did that day. It means so much, so congratulations on your well-deserved award.

This is exactly why I am so committed to raising awareness of the importance of knowing CPR. It can save lives just like it did mine. Please learn it! Check out the BHF website and take 15 minutes of your busy lives to learn how to do CPR properly. Scan the QR code on this page and check out their RevivR tool.

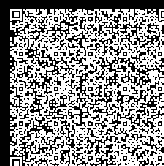
Back to the football and yes, results in the past two games have been disappointing, but we need to stay positive. Leeds and Norwich away back-to-back would be tough for any team but we know that's no excuse. With two home games now we have an opportunity to build some

momentum going into the Christmas and New Year period where there are lots of points up for grabs.

Thank you to the fans that have backed us in the past two games. I know it's not cheap, and to get to Leeds I know some of you had to take time off work. The support really is appreciated by all the lads and they are all disappointed they could not reward you with any points from those two games.

Remember we've got to stick together! So join me in getting behind the boys this afternoon.

Up the Hatters.





BOARDROOM DAVID WILKINSON

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Good afternoon everyone and a very warm welcome to Kenilworth Road.

Today's visitors are Swansea City, who we last played towards the end of our last Championship season winning 1-0 here at the Kenny. We first played each other in Division Three (South) in 1920 since which time we have met 58 times winning 25 and drawing 12.

One of their most notable achievements was their rapid rise from the lower reaches of League Two to the Premier League between 2004 and 2011 and winning the League Cup two years later by the biggest-ever margin. The Swans were relegated in 2018 and today sit in the middle of the table.

Sometimes these notes are easy to write, in fact there haven't been many occasions in the last 16 years that the message has been anything but positive and joyous. Alas not today, because we have been struggling a bit of late. I've been coming here for 66 years and have seen us all the way to the top and bottom of the Football League three times and sometimes it's easy to forget that many of you have only seen us go one way until last year's relegation.

In a way, we should not have been too surprised or disappointed that it happened because we have out-performed our budget since being promoted from League One, but we did so well and made so many friends for the way we played that it just felt worse.

We are not a typical club in today's game and I would say a rarity in the top three leagues. Most clubs are owned by investors whose principal aim is profit, whereas we

are locally owned, locally run and locally funded with the aim of securing the long-term future of the club we love in the town we care about.

We all have to remember what the 2020 vision that Gary brought to us was: the Championship, a new stadium and a self-sustainable club so when that's all been achieved we don't have to rely on outside investors or continually having to sell our best players. However, we have to be

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realistic. We may never be as big as a Leeds. Gary pointed out last week that their crowd against us at Elland Road was bigger than we have ever had at the Kenny, or most likely will have at Power Court – and they're owned by the San Francisco 49ers!

This isn't to say we are not ambitious and I believe that because of what and who we are we can continue to out-perform.

We can all see that we have suffered a Premier League hangover. We lost at least one player, who in my opinion is irreplaceable and learned

to accept defeat. On the other hand, many of the players who got us there had a chance to play in the Premier League.

Plus we have a highly skilled and talented team looking after our squad from medical and sports science, data analytics and recruitment to management and coaching, and the efforts put in behind the scenes are impressive and encouraging.

So much sport is played in the head, something I know well as a somewhat errant golfer. However good you are in whatever role, confidence and

momentum play a major part and, in this instance, it falls upon all of us to do what we can to regain our mojo.

"A great King summoned his most learned men to find words that when he was happy would make him sad and when he was sad would make him happy. After much consideration, they returned to the king with the words 'THIS TOO SHALL PASS.'"

It sums up the cyclical nature of football I think. Would anyone have put money on Manchester City not winning for seven games in a row?

On a lighter note a mention for our academy. On Tuesday our under-21s beat Notts County 13-2 and our under-17s beat Northampton 6-0 in the Premier Development Cup. It has been difficult at times for Alex Lawless as he is rarely able to select his best players for the under-21s due to loans out and others training with the first team squad. It is pleasing that they are getting some good recent results, which hopefully will continue into next year when the secretary of state permits we'll be a category 2 academy and part of the games programme.



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Today's game is dedicated to the British Heart Foundation, rated as one of the top charitable organisation in the UK. It was formed in 1961 by a group of medical professionals concerned about the increasing death rate from cardiovascular disease.

It has been brought home to us by what happened

to Tom Lockyer, but there have been so many recent instances affecting young people involved in sport. It is clearly something that merits intensified research so I'm sure your support will be very much appreciated.

Finally, and on the subject of our club captain, huge congratulations go to our medical staff

and the paramedics at Bournemouth who were recognised by winning a Heart Hero award at the BHF's awards night earlier this week for their actions on that afternoon at the Vitality Stadium.

Enjoy the game.

COYH

David



Tom Lockyer meets the staff at Bournemouth who helped save his life last season

CLUB HONOURS	LEAGUE CUP Winners 1988 Runners-up 1989	THIRD DIVISION/ LEAGUE ONE Champions 1936/37, 2004/05, 2018/19 Runners-up 1935/36, 1969/70
	FA CUP Runners-up 1959	FOURTH DIVISION/ LEAGUE TWO Champions 1967/68 Runners-up 2001/02, 2017/18
	FOOTBALL LEAGUE TROPHY Winners 2008/09	CONFERENCE PREMIER Champions 2013/14
	SECOND DIVISION/ CHAMPIONSHIP Champions 1981/82 Runners-up 1954/55, 1973/74 Play-Off Winners 2022/23	



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AROUND TOWN



UP FOR THE CUP!

The Hatters will travel to Nottingham Forest in the third round of the FA Cup following last Monday's draw.

The two sides played out two draws in the Premier League last term, including a 2-2 draw at the City Ground, with the tie a replay of the 1959 final that Forest won at Wembley.

It will be the fifth time the two clubs have met

in the competition's history, with the Hatters winning the last meeting, a 1-0 second round tie at Kenilworth Road in December 2007 with Calvin Andrew's strike earning a third round tie with Liverpool.

This season's tie will take place over the weekend of 11-12th January. Full date and ticket information will

be announced in due course.

Meanwhile the Town Under-18s will host Crewe Alexandra in the FA Youth Cup at Kenilworth Road next Friday, 13th December, with kick-off at 7pm.

Tickets will be on sale from Tuesday 3rd December with admission £5 for adults and £3 for seniors over 65 and 17s.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JOHN!



On 4th December long standing Town supporter John Hall celebrated his 90th birthday. A season ticket holder since the 1970s, John still attends as many homes games as he can.

John's father used to watch the Hatters in the 1930s and the baton has been passed to children and grandchildren – so we may be close to 100 years of support as a family if not already!

He currently sits in the Kenilworth Road End with sons, son in law and grandson but he has attended all our victories at Wembley – and missed out on a 1959 FA Cup Final ticket but did witness the semi-final victory against Norwich.

A member of the old 'Century Club', John also claims he was tasked with barricading the door from intruding Millwall fans at the infamous FA Cup quarter-final in 1985!

Many happy returns from us all at Kenilworth Road.

BEST EFL CLUB AWARD

Since our last print deadline, we were proud to pick up the Best Football League Club Gold award at the 2024 Football Content Awards.

The Town media team were present to receive the award ahead of Watford, who came third, and Wrexham in second, while beating other shortlisted finalists including fellow Championship clubs Bristol City, Burnley, Derby County, Hull City, Norwich City and League One sides

Exeter City, Shrewsbury Town and Stockport County.

Explaining why the Hatters were awarded gold, the Football Content Award judges said: "Luton Town FC has produced exceptional content during their journey from non-league football to the Premier League.

"Their behind-the-scenes series Un-masked and present-led Instagram stories offer fans a unique

look at life inside the club, blending dynamic storytelling with fan interaction. Luton Town's content has been a cornerstone of their remarkable rise and has set a high standard for clubs with modest resources."

We thank everyone who voted for Luton Town, as well as our ever-supportive staff, players and colleagues throughout the club for all their help and buy-in to give us so many great stories to tell.

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ACTION REPLAY



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McGuinness 33'



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The Hatters showed spirit and togetherness to record a fourth home win in their last seven at Kenilworth Road as Mark McGuinness' first goal in Town colours earned victory over Hull.

As Rob Edwards alluded to post-match, it was a response that gave him heart as the Town dug deep as they were made to work for their three points as Hull spurned a series of good chances to take a point.

Hull started the brighter and almost took an early lead inside three minutes only for Teden Mengi to clear inside the six-yard box with the goal gaping – but soon the Town found their feet.

A succession of corners from Shandon Baptiste got the visitors on the back foot but in truth, in difficult conditions as the rain poured on a grey day, it was a scrappy affair.

However, those set-pieces from Baptiste were causing the Tigers a problem and on 33 minutes they proved particularly problematic as the Town led from one. To end a week in which he celebrated making his international debut against England at Wembley, McGuinness got on the end of the corner brilliantly, volleying a low finish home for his first goal in Luton colours.

Ahead, the Town breathed a sigh of relief shortly before the break when the visitors' Joao Pedro's glancing header missed the target when well-placed from close range.

The second half was only seconds old when Tom Holmes' superb cross from the right picked out Elijah Adebayo but the striker couldn't make a clean connection with a header inside the penalty area.

Back came Hull and on 52 minutes the Town survived after Regan Slater's low cross was poked onto the post by Pedro from close range.

Mengi was then in the right place at the right time once more just after the hour mark to thwart Pedro after a pacey counter attack.

With 14 minutes to go Thomas Kaminski was called into action for the first time to paw away a low fizzing effort from Kasey Palmer and as the game entered closing stages the Town put everything on the line to keep their lead intact.

With 60 seconds left of the 90 Hull spurned another glorious chance to level with substitute Chris Bedia flicked wide at the near post with the goal at his mercy when it seemed harder to miss.

Six minutes were added by the officials and a minute into the additional time Kaminski came to the Town's rescue to keep it 1-0. Palmer's shot from the edge of the box cannoned off McGuinness but with the ball diverting goalwards, Kaminski's knee thankfully saved the day and the Town could celebrate victory.

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ACTION REPLAY



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Byram 10'
Piroe 45+1', James 81'



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The Hatters slipped to a fifth consecutive defeat away from Kenilworth Road as they were comfortably beaten by league leaders Leeds.

It took the hosts just 10 minutes to break the deadlock. Manor Solomon's left-wing cross found Sam Byram in the six-yard box and, after seeing his initial shot blocked, the Leeds full-back was quickest to the loose ball to finish past Thomas Kaminski.

The Hatters' first foray forward into the hosts' half almost resulted in an equaliser. Victor Moses took Jordan Clark's pass, bursting into the box. The former Chelsea man clipped a deft left-foot effort past Leeds goalkeeper Illan Meslier but with the crowd expecting the net to bulge, home skipper Pascal Struijk acrobatically cleared the ball off the line.

It should have been 2-0 on 29 minutes only for Wilfried Gnonto to side-foot straight at Kaminski. However, the Hatters then spurned another great opportunity to level three minutes before the break. Carlton Morris' curling cross from the left found Reece Burke unmarked at the back-post but the defender could not guide his header on target.

On the stroke of half-time the hosts doubled their lead. From Joe Rothwell's left-wing corner, Kaminski parried away as the ball bounced goalwards but Joel Piroe was quickest to the loose ball and the forward slammed home from two yards out.

On the hour Edwards made a double change in attack, introducing Joe Taylor and Elijah Adebayo for Morris and Brown, but Leeds' pressure continued and Piroe wasn't far away with a free-kick from the edge of the box that was deflected over the bar with 14 minutes left.

For all the home possession the Town weren't still totally out of it at 2-0 and on 72 minutes Teden Mengi saw a shot blocked from distance before Adebayo nodded over when well-placed on 76 minutes when rising to meet Clark's corner.

But on 81 minutes Leeds made the game safe when Jayden Bogle's fine pass released Dan James and he clipped a cool finish over Kaminski.

Kaminski then needed to be alert to prevent Mateo Joseph's header from creeping home but, as the final moments ticked down, the Hatters continued to force half-chances. Shandon Baptiste's fine low drive from the edge of the box was turned away well by Meslier before the Leeds keeper then pawed away a pot-shot from Clark in the third minute of time added on.

Kaminski kept out a fourth with the last action but it mattered not as the hosts were able to celebrate victory seconds later with the three points taking them back to the top of the Championship.

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ACTION REPLAY





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ACTION REPLAY



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Crnac 25', 33'
Marcondes 81', Sainz 86'



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Adebayo 20'
Brown 48'

23

The Town went down to another defeat away from home as two goals in the final 10 minutes earned Norwich all three points at Carrow Road.

The Town took the lead on 19 minutes when Jordan Clark's press rushed Anis Slimane into a poor pass and Elijah Adebayo was onto the loose ball in a flash. The forward made no mistake with the finish for his third goal of the season.

Sadly the Hatters' lead did not last. Four minutes later the Canaries were level. The Town could not clear a Norwich set-play with Thomas Kaminski's attempted punch landing at the feet of Ante Crnac who took a couple of tidy touches before slamming home from eight yards.

All of a sudden it was all Norwich and on 33 minutes the Hatters' lead had evaporated. Tahith Chong allowed former Town man Jack Stacey to cross from the byline and Crnac was free to turn home in the penalty area for his second.

The Hatters then had Kaminski to thank for a superb fingertip save to turn Shane Duffy's goal-bound header around the post two minutes before the break.

But the Town would go in at the break rueing a big chance for 2-2 when neither Adebayo or Carlton

Morris could apply a finishing touch with the goal at their mercy following Jacob Brown's inviting low cross.

Yet the Hatters came out fighting after the restart and Jacob Brown hit the equaliser on 48 minutes. Shandon Baptiste's left-wing corner caused panic in the Norwich penalty area with the ball eventually falling at the feet of Brown who hooked an effort home for his third of the campaign.

Level, the Town were in the ascendancy and twice came close to taking the lead shortly before the hour only for Morris to have a shot blocked and Brown and Adebayo off target with headers.

However, with 10 minutes left the home side restored their lead. This time Crnac turned provider with a touch and turn of real class to beat his man and lay the ball on a plate for Emiliano Marcondes to slide home from close range.

It was tough on the Town who had battled all afternoon but, as they searched for an equaliser, Norwich made the game safe with five minutes left when Onel Hernandez sped down the right to deliver a low cross that Sainz swept home – and that was that.



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WELCOME



Today the Hatters welcome Swansea City to Kenilworth Road for yet another big Championship fixture. Luke Williams' side currently sit in 13th place and will be looking to continue climbing the table.

Last week, the Swans came from 2-0 down at home to Portsmouth to grab a 2-2 draw. However, Swansea will feel they should have won the game, but they struggled to convert their chances.

Prior to this, the Swans beat Derby 2-1 away from home. Two early goals were enough to see out the win for Williams' side.

Also recently, Swansea played out a seven-goal thriller at home to Leeds. It was a back-and-forth game with plenty of goals at both ends. However, Leeds won the match 4-3 thanks to a late Willy Gnonto winner.

Swansea have won three of their last six games and are beginning to hit some decent form after a period of scoring no goals in five games beforehand.

The Town have a strong overall record against Swansea down the years, stretching back to our first meeting in Southern League Division 2 in 1913. However the Swans have won three of their last five visits, and came from three goals down to earn a draw here in 2021.

On their last trip here, however, a Carlton Morris goal sealed all three points from the Town in September 2021.

A warm welcome to Kenilworth Road to all those associated with Swansea City.

OPPORTUNITIES

THE SQUAD



- 1 GK Andy Fisher
- 2 DF Joshua Key
- 3 DF Kristian Pedersen
- 4 MF Jay Fulton
- 5 DF Ben Cabango
- 6 DF Harry Darling
- 7 MF Joe Allen
- 8 MF Matt Grimes
- 9 FW Žan Vipotnik
- 10 MF Eom Ji-sung
- 11 MF Josh Ginnelly
- 14 DF Josh Tymon
- 17 MF Gonçalo Franco
- 19 FW Florian Bianchini
- 20 FW Liam Cullen
- 21 DF Nathan Tjoe-A-On
- 22 GK Lawrence Vigouroux
- 23 DF Cyrus Christie
- 25 MF Myles Peart-Harris
- 26 DF Kyle Naughton
- 29 GK Nathan Broome
- 31 MF Ollie Cooper
- 32 DF Nelson Abbey
- 33 GK Jon McLaughlin
- 35 FW Ronald
- 37 MF Aimar Govea
- 41 MF Sam Parker
- 47 MF Azeem Abdulai

PROFILES

Words by Zac Neal

THE BOSS

LUKE WILLIAMS

Former Notts County boss who he got promoted back to League Two. Been at Swansea since January 2024 replacing Michael Duff.

GOALKEEPER

LAWRENCE VIGOUROUX

Chilean shot-stopper who signed for Swansea from Burnley last summer. Was teammates with Hatters midfielder Jordan Clark at Hyde.

DEFENDERS

HARRY DARLING

Been a regular starter for Swansea over the last three seasons. Scored in the Jacks' 4-3 thriller against Leeds a few weeks ago.

BEN CABANGO ▼

Welsh international centre-back who has spent the last six years in the Swansea first team. Almost made 200 appearances for the club.



JOSH TYMON

Came through the ranks at Hull and now vastly experienced full back in the Championship. Signed for Swansea last year from Stoke.

JOSH KEY

Former Exeter defender who spent five years with the Grecians before leaving to sign for Swansea in July 2023.

KYLE NAUGHTON

Swansea City legend who has been at the club since 2015. Has been a regular for the Swans every season and made over 300 appearances for the club.

MIDFIELDERS

JOE ALLEN

Former Liverpool midfielder and Welsh international. Years of experience in the Premier League and in the Championship.

MATT GRIMES

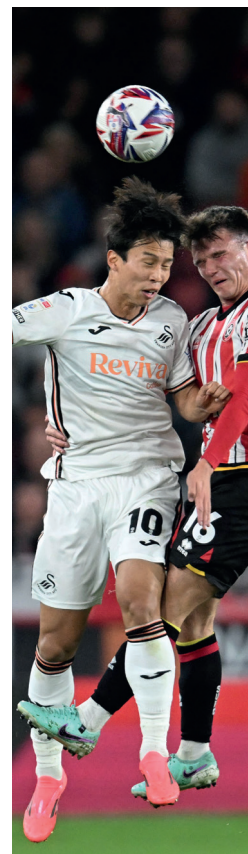
Another Swansea legend who has been at the club since 2015. Made over 300 appearances for the club and been a regular in the midfield.

LIAM CULLEN

Welsh international who has been key for Swansea in recent years. Scored the equalising goal in the Jacks' recent draw against Portsmouth.

MYLES PEART-HARRIS

Came through the Chelsea academy but moved to Brentford in 2021. Third loan away from the Bees but also his first loan spell in the Championship.



JI-SUNG EOM ▲

Played for Gwanju FC in South Korea for three years before joining Swansea in the summer. Has featured three times for the South Korea national team.

FORWARDS

ZAN VIPOTNIK

Slovenian international who has previously played for Maribor and Bordeaux. Scored in Swansea's recent away win against Derby.

RONALD PEREIRA

Brazilian winger who signed for Swansea in January 2024. Also scored in Swansea's win at Pride Park.

FLORIAN BIANCHINI

Signed for the Swans in the Summer from Bastia. Scored in the thriller against Leeds United recently.

SWANS KITBAG



1994/95 AWAY

Orange, blue and white vibes from the Swans right here in the mid-90s. If ever the Town were in the need for inspiration, they could take a quick peek at this MatchWinner effort to get the creative juices going. Recently made a retro return and you can see why.

A FOOT IN BOTH



ADRIAN FORBES

'Forbesy', who recently left Kenilworth Road to take charge of Texoma in the US, joined the Town from Norwich in 2001. He scored 20 times in 79 appearances, helping us to win promotion in 2002. He then made the move to Swansea where he netted 20 goals in 86 games at the Vetch, where he won the Football League Trophy in 2006 before moving to Blackpool and then Millwall.

SWANSEA CULT HERO

Think Swansea in the Premier League and one man's name springs to mind: Michu.

The Spaniard is widely regarded as a Premier League cult hero, celebrated for his remarkable 22-goal debut season in South Wales in 2012/13.

Michu joined from Rayo Vallecano in the summer of 2012 for just £2m and he quickly announced himself, scoring six goals in his first eight matches. It led to half the country hastily adding him to their Fantasy Football teams.



Helping the Swans on their way to winning the League Cup – scoring two goals against Bradford in the final – he was soon being linked to some of the world's biggest clubs.

However, injuries halted his progress and he netted just twice in the following season before moving back to Spain in 2015.

But nothing will stop the Swans faithful remembering that season of Michu mania.

FIXTURE FLASHBACK

TOWN 5-3 SWANSEA 17TH FEBRUARY 2001

The Town hit five goals for the first time since 1997 as the terrific start under new manager Koe Kinnear continued.

The win saw the Town leapfrog Swansea in an entertaining game of defensive errors. Venezuelan striker Giovanni Savarese,

thrown out after a Luton trial by ex-manager Ricky Hill, grabs a hat-trick for the visitors but they have no answers against a rampant Town attack.

Lee Mansell scores twice in the rout and he's joined on the scoresheet by Stuart

Douglas, Keith Rowland and Liam George.

While over 7,000 Hatters fans left the Kenny dreaming of Division 2 (League One) survival, the Town would only win two of their next 17 games and were relegated together with the Swans come the end of the campaign.





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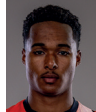
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COMMERCIAL

Our last home game against Hull City saw match winner Mark McGuinness named man-of-the-match by sponsors Hardings Accident Repair Centre.

Mark was in the Eric Morecambe Lounge post-match to receive his award and took in the congratulations from all of our guests as did Tom Krauß, who was presented with his Diamond Player of the Month award for October.

We also welcomed six mascots, who all got to enjoy their day and celebrate three points.

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.

Today we welcome three mascots who will enjoy that matchday experience, plus match sponsors Bidwell Accountancy and matchball sponsors J Keane Exhibition Services.

There is still selective availability for sponsorship and mascot packages for our remaining home fixtures this season, so if you're interested please get in touch with our hospitality team. Call 01582 411622 or email commercial@lutontown.co.uk.

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12.30pm
Leeds United v Derby County
Sheffield Wed v Preston NE
Sunderland v Stoke City
3pm
Cardiff City v Watford
Hull City v Blackburn Rovers
Millwall v Coventry City
Plymouth Argyle v Oxford Utd
Portsmouth v Bristol City
QPR v Norwich City
SUNDAY
3pm
West Bromwich v Sheffield Utd



HIT THE
WOODWORK

Myles Peart-Harris	3
Swansea City	
Elijah Adebayo	2
Luton Town	
Ryan Andrews	2
Watford	
Mohamed Belloumi	2
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Ryan Porteous	7
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Jayden Bogle	6
Leeds United	
Joe Bryan	6
Millwall	

TABLE AND STATS 2024/25
AS OF 03/12/2024

		P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	PTS
1	Sheffield United	18	12	4	2	25	9	16	38
2	Burnley	18	10	6	2	23	6	17	36
3	Leeds United	18	10	5	3	31	13	18	35
4	Sunderland	18	9	6	3	26	13	13	33
5	Middlesbrough	18	9	3	6	32	21	11	30
6	Watford	18	9	3	6	26	24	2	30
7	West Bromwich Albion	18	6	10	2	19	12	7	28
8	Blackburn Rovers	17	8	4	5	21	17	4	28
9	Norwich City	18	6	7	5	35	27	8	25
10	Millwall	17	6	7	4	20	15	5	25
11	Bristol City	18	6	7	5	24	21	3	25
12	Sheffield Wednesday	18	7	4	7	22	27	-5	25
13	Swansea City	18	6	5	7	18	17	1	23
14	Stoke City	18	5	6	7	19	22	-3	21
15	Derby County	18	5	5	8	22	24	-2	20
16	Coventry City	18	4	6	8	24	27	-3	18
17	Oxford United	18	4	6	8	20	28	-8	18
18	Preston North End	18	3	9	6	17	25	-8	18
19	Luton Town	18	5	3	10	20	33	-13	18
20	Cardiff City	18	4	5	9	17	28	-11	17
21	Plymouth Argyle	18	4	5	9	18	38	-20	17
22	Hull City	18	3	6	9	17	26	-9	15
23	Queens Park Rangers	18	2	9	7	15	26	-11	15
24	Portsmouth	16	2	7	7	18	30	-12	13

PLAYER STATISTICS

PLAYER	LEAGUE			THIS SEASON CUP			TOTAL			DISCIPLINARY		LIFECAREER TOTAL	
	APP	SUB	GLS	APP	SUB	GLS	APP	SUB	GLS	YELLOW	RED	APP	GLS
Elijah Adebayo	16	2	3	1	0	0	17	2	3	1	0	160	45
Mads Andersen	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	12	1
Shandon Baptiste	7	4	0	0	1	0	7	5	0	2	0	12	0
Amari'i Bell	9	0	0	1	0	0	10	0	0	1	0	134	2
Jacob Brown	4	7	3	0	0	0	4	7	3	0	0	33	6
Reece Burke	9	0	0	1	0	0	10	0	0	4	0	93	4
Tahith Chong	15	1	2	1	0	0	16	1	2	3	0	55	7
Jordan Clark	15	1	3	1	0	0	16	1	3	6	0	154	15
Alfie Doughty	13	0	0	1	0	0	14	0	0	5	0	92	5
Daiki Hashioka	6	3	0	0	0	0	6	3	0	3	0	20	0
Tom Holmes	5	3	0	0	1	0	5	4	0	0	1	9	0
Joe Johnson	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	9	0
Thomas Kaminski	17	0	0	1	0	0	18	0	0	1	1	56	0
Tom Krauss	10	3	1	0	0	0	10	3	1	0	0	13	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	16	0	1	0	0	0	16	0	1	2	0	16	1
Teden Mengi	14	1	1	0	0	0	14	1	1	2	0	50	2
Carlton Morris	12	3	4	1	0	0	13	3	4	5	0	110	35
Victor Moses	7	4	1	0	0	0	7	4	1	0	0	11	1
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	1	0	408	23
Marvelous Nakamba	6	4	0	1	0	0	7	4	0	1	0	45	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	9	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	1	0	15	0
Andros Townsend	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	32	1
Liam Walsh	3	6	0	0	1	0	3	7	0	0	1	10	0
Reuell Walters	6	2	0	1	0	0	7	2	0	3	0	9	0
Cauley Woodrow	1	7	0	0	1	0	1	8	0	1	0	73	6



LEAGUE LOOK

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As always in the Championship, the second tier delivered non-stop action, drama and entertainment last weekend. Let's delve into the action that unfolded and take a look at how each club got on.

On the Friday night, Sheffield United got a huge 1-0 win against Sunderland at Bramall Lane. Patrick Roberts saw his penalty saved after half an hour and both sides were reduced to ten before the break. Tom Davies bagged the winner for the Blades in the second half.

The following day, Middlesbrough eased

to a 3-1 win against Hull City at the Riverside Stadium. Oxford got a good point at home to Millwall after a late Tyler Goodrham equaliser was enough for a 1-1 draw.

Blackburn got a huge win over Leeds United at Ewood Park. A Todd Cantwell penalty was enough for the three points. Watford also drew 0-0 with QPR.

Bristol City beat Plymouth Argyle 4-0 with all goals coming in the second half and two of them coming from Anis Mehmeti. Coventry and Cardiff also played out a 2-2 draw in Frank Lampard's first game in the dugout as Coventry manager.

Burnley beat Stoke 2-0 away from home in an easy win for the Clarets. Norwich beat the Town and West Brom were held to a ninth draw in 10 matches, this time against Preston North End.

Today's opponents Swansea City drew 2-2 with Portsmouth in South Wales after the Jacks came from 2-0 down to draw. Sheffield Wednesday got a huge win on the road and beat Derby 2-1 thanks to a last-minute Jamal Lowe winner.

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On Sunday 13th October, Love Luton hosted its 11th running festival, a unique event that includes a half marathon, 10k, and 5k starting and finishing in our vibrant town centre.

It was a record-breaking success, with nearly 2,200 participants enjoying the running courses, which offer a picturesque journey through the charming Luton roads, Wardown Park and Luton Hoo estate.

However, mid-way through this year's event, one of the runners suddenly collapsed, suffering a cardiac arrest just by the finish line. The medical team were immediately radioed, but one of our runners, a local nurse, Wayne Pavey, quickly stepped in. On assessment, Wayne immediately knew what had happened and started to perform CPR.

His swift action not only saved a life but also highlighted the crucial role of CPR in our events. The runner is recovering well and is incredibly grateful to Wayne, our local hero.

We approached the club to ask if we could formally recognise Wayne's outstanding bravery at one of their up-and-coming games. The club, in their true community spirit, were more than happy to support and suggested it form part of the game where they would be working with the British Heart Foundation to mark the first anniversary of Tom Lockyer's cardiac arrest at the Bournemouth game.

We are delighted to be part of today's event, where we shine a light on the importance of CPR, recognise the fantastic heroes in our community, and, of

course, grateful that it has saved the lives of so many. Unfortunately, cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in Luton, accounting for nearly one-third of all deaths, so it is more important than ever that people are trained in CPR and actively follow a healthy lifestyle.

Love Luton has held a strong partnership with the club since its formation back in 2010. We have been very fortunate to have the club's management and staff take part in RunFest, with Rob Edwards joining us in 2023. This year, we welcomed Mick Harford, David Wilkinson, and many LTFC staff. The club and Love Luton are part of the town's DNA; we always come back bigger and stronger and are one of the most resilient places in the country. A big part of Luton's transformation is centred

around Power Court, which will reimagine our town centre and put Luton back in the spotlight.

Love Luton celebrates its 15th anniversary next year, and we would love to welcome all the Luton Town Club fans to participate. The club is a testament to this event being all-age and something for everyone. To mark the anniversary, we will be running a limited 25 per cent discount code up to 20th December. To claim your discount, visit the website and enter the code **LOVELUTON25** to save.

Over the next 12 months, you will see lots more Love Luton activity, and we will be working closely with the club throughout 2025 and beyond.

To find out more about Love Luton, visit our website www.loveluton.org.uk or follow us on social media.





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HATTERS HERITAGE

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

Today we swing back to 1983. Luton Town are in the top flight for the first time in nearly a decade, and this would be a memorable season.

Spoiler alert, it ended with "ANTIC!" and a fancy beige suit and loafer sporting David Pleat, jiggling on the pitch at Maine Road. But prior to that famous escape, Luton Town were putting in the hard yards to be in a position for that final day survival.

Starting in April with a tight 1-0 loss to Norwich at home and then an absolute horror show down the M1, losing 5-2 to Watford, the tide began to turn.

Aston Villa and Birmingham arrived at Kenilworth Road, with the Town beating them 2-1 and 3-1, respectively, when they should have just stayed in the Midlands. A 1-1 draw at Notts County followed before, on 23rd April 1983, the Town beat fellow struggler Swansea City 3-1 at Kenilworth Road.

The highlight of this victory was the hat-trick scored by a player who had been brought to Luton by David Pleat for the princely sum of £400,000 from Charlton

at the start of the season – Paul Walsh.

Paul was a spectacular footballer, as shown by his PFA Young Player of the Year win in 1984 whilst still with the Hatters.

He had already announced himself to the Luton faithful with a string of sublime performances, grabbing a hat-trick against Notts County in a 5-3 victory earlier in the season, scoring a screamer against Stoke City and tying future teammate Mark Lawrenson in knots at Anfield.

However, his hat-trick against the Swans at Kenilworth Road was his re-announcement to the Kenilworth Road faithful, with these goals being

scored off the back of a 13-game dry spell.

David Pleat knew exactly what Paul Walsh was about, describing him as having "a touch of Jimmy Greaves". Regardless of the performance, against a Swansea side that sat back to try not to concede but then have Walsh dismantle them, it was just the tonic required in the perpetual battle to survive in the First Division during the 1982/83 season. Together with the 2-2 draw away at Southampton a week later, it turned an April that started as a nightmare into an absolute dream and a perfect platform to fight for survival.

Older supporters all remember the man who

scored the goal that kept us up on that iconic day at Maine Road, with that moment not only written into Kenilworth Road folklore but in the annals of football history, but it was the extreme performances of unsung heroes like Paul Walsh, throughout the 1982/83 season, that built the platform for a truly great escape.

We still see his goals dotted around social media, but for the younger fans like myself, not only Walsh's impact but the likes of Horton, Donaghy, Moss, Hill and Stein all need to be remembered and celebrated.

Ollie Kay

Paul Walsh heads in the first goal of his hat-trick against the Swans ▼



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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 Swans.





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1 Carlton Morris scores the only goal of the game the last time the Swans were in these parts in March last year.

2 Dally Duncan advances down the wing during the 3-0 win over Swansea at Kenilworth Road in March 1947. Remnants of the harsh winter just suffered can still be seen.

3 Ricky Hill heads home the Town's first goal during the pulsating 2-2 draw at the Vetch in April 1981.

4 Happy Hatters at Swansea as a 3-1 win confirms promotion from Division Three (now League Two) in March 2002.



ON THIS DAY

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



The Hatters produced a stunning performance to equal their biggest victory away from Kenilworth Road when they put five past Alfreton in the Conference on this day in 2013.

We deservedly took the lead on 10 minutes with a lovely goal. Luke Guttridge was the creator, bursting forward from the left flank to thread a perfect pass through to Andre Gray and his finish exhumed confidence, a low shot that flew past Ross Atkins.

It got better for the Hatters two minutes later when Paul Benson doubled the lead. This time Gray and Guttridge combined to feed Benson and the former Dagenham striker clipped a wonderfully cool finish over the advance Atkins for his seventh goal of the campaign.

Incredibly the Hatters made it 3-0 on 14 minutes as Gray got his second when Benson squared to his strike partner to tap home inside the six-yard box for his 12th goal in 11 starts.

The Town looked dangerous every time they attacked and, unbelievably, it was 4-0 on 18 minutes. A high ball into the air was controlled by Guttridge and the midfielder rounded Atkins.

After the break Alfreton rallied but failed to test Mark Tyler. Ronnie Henry blocked a goal-bound free-kick from Bradley Wood on 55 minutes but after weathering that storm the Town made it five on 67 minutes when Gray released Alex Lawless and he did the rest, finding the corner of the net.

Scott Griffiths and Andre Gray celebrate the latter's goal



Alfie Mawson (centre) on his only appearance for the Hatters





Paul Benson dinks the ball over the goalkeeper



Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu about to be fouled

ALSO ON 7TH DECEMBER...

The Town's first ever win on this day came against Watford at Dunstable Road on this day in 1901... The Hatters were then humbled by Corby at Kenilworth Road in (infamous) cup shock in 1965... The Town went down to Chelsea at Stamford Bridge in 1974 but beat Newcastle 2-0 thanks to goals from Mick Harford and Mark North in 1985 here at Kenilworth Road... and the Town were victorious in their last game on this day as late goals from Callum McManaman and George Moncur earned a 2-1 win over Wigan.



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.

Stephen O'Leary, watched by Calvin Andrew, nicks the ball away from the Wycombe goalkeeper



Still sitting four points clear at the top of League One, the Town needed to divert their attention to the FA Cup where the second round draw took them to Wycombe, who were safely placed mid-table in the division below.

The Hatters had never lost at Wycombe (and still haven't!) but took nothing to chance and retained the same side that had drawn with Doncaster the week before apart from Keith Keane replacing the injured Kevin Foley.

Wycombe had John Gorman in charge for the first time and his new players, no doubt out to impress, set about the Town from the start but were undone on 20 minutes when top scorer Steve Howard, possibly in an offside position, opened the scoring. An Ahmet Brkovic cross saw Howard send in a looping header over the advancing Wycombe goalkeeper Frank Talia which nestled into the net.

Despite a few scares brought about by the speed of Wycombe's Nathan Tyson, the Hatters went further ahead through the boot of skipper Kevin Nicholls now fully back to his best in the side following his dismissal at Hull, and subsequent ban. On 70 minutes the skipper fired home from 20 yards and more or less put the game to bed.

The icing on the cake of a fully professional performance came with 10 minutes to go when Howard rose to net another Brkovic cross with a textbook header.

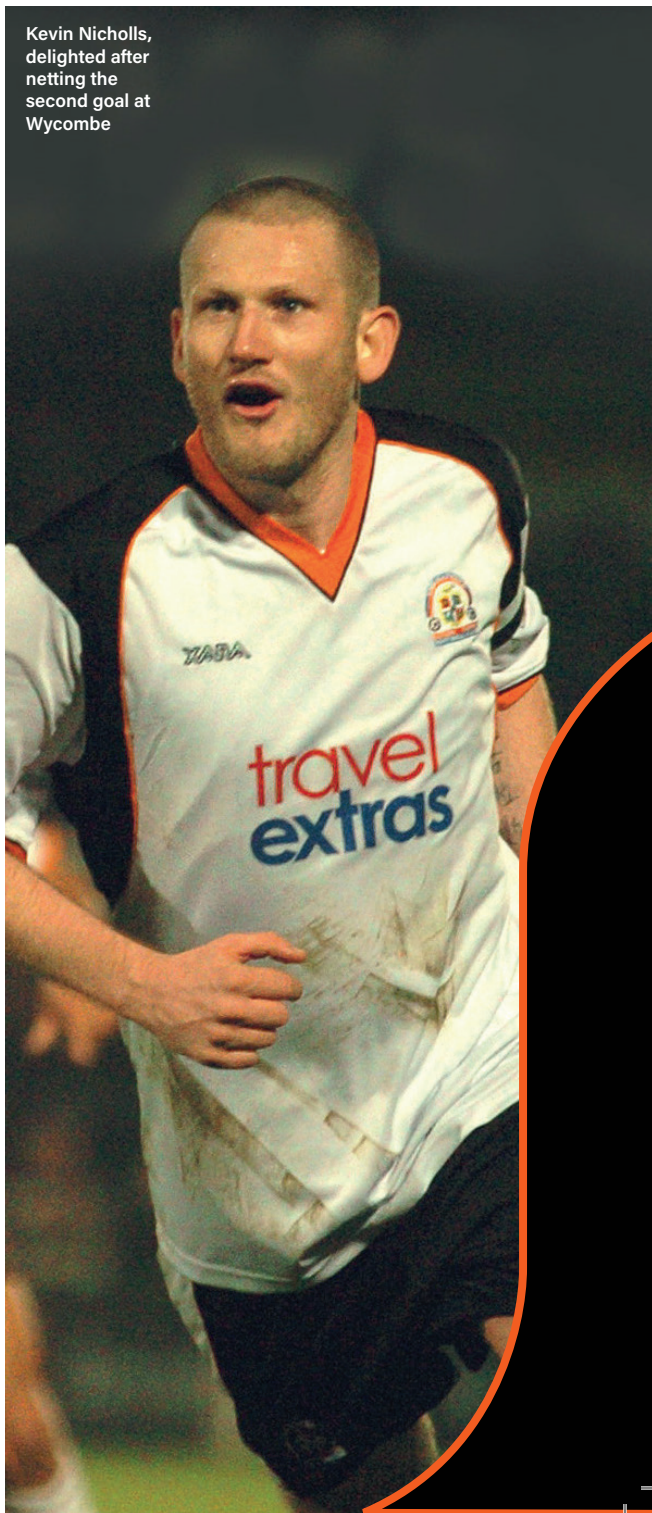
"With them getting a new manager you never know what is going to happen, but the lads controlled it really well and got the result we wanted," said manager Mike Newell afterwards. "Fortunately, we got the second goal at a crucial time. They were starting to get a bit more pressure on the ball, but we contained them well.

"It's all about getting into the next round and we have done that. It would nice to have a home draw now. I have had 11 out of 13 away since I have been here. If I can't have that then either Manchester United or Liverpool away – I'm not fussy."

There was no time to think about the cup draw as the Town were due to play at Brentford, in a return to League action, on the following Tuesday. Driving home from watching Brentford play Hinchley in a televised Cup tie, Newell and his assistant Brian Stein heard the draw for the next round – Brentford at home!

The Town remained unchanged from the Wycombe game and were forced to go on the back foot from the start as the Bees forced the issue. Home skipper

Kevin Nicholls, delighted after netting the second goal at Wycombe





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Stewart Talbot blasted a presentable opportunity over before Ben May saw a shot well saved by Luton keeper Marlon Beresford.

The game turned on an incident in the 18th minute when talisman Steve Howard was dismissed. After having a penalty claim turned down when Sam Sodje climbed all over him in the area, the incensed Howard appeared to throw out an arm and caught Bees defender Michael Turner in the face during an aerial challenge on the halfway line.

Turner went down as if struck by a sniper leaving referee Andy D'Urso no option but to send off the big striker which then left the 10 men to face a

spirited side who were up for it.

Although the Town battled gamely, the Bees made their extra man count and took the lead just before the interval when Deon Burton turned both Keith Keane and Curtis Davies in one movement and fired home past Beresford.

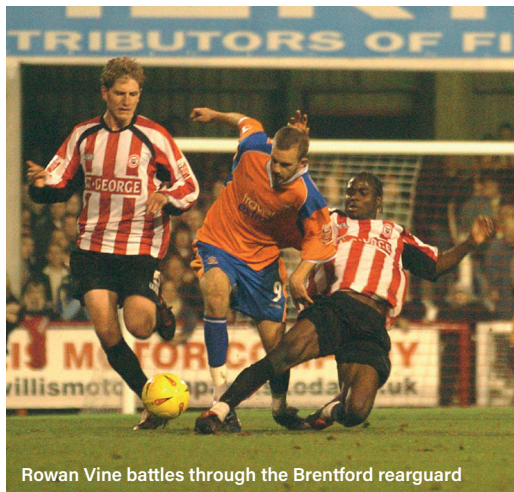
The second half was pretty much one-way traffic with the Bees hitting the woodwork and seeing Beresford pull off three outstanding saves before Kevin O'Connor crossed from the right to allow May to tap in from close range. The Hatters were left well beaten.

A disappointed Newell reflected following the disappointing defeat and

said: "I don't think it was an elbow. I think Steve Howard was just trying to shrug Turner off. But we're not playing the same game as we used to years ago. It's supposed to be a physical game played by men, but it's

more of a non-contact sport now unfortunately."

The Hatters would now be without Howard for three crucial games as they sought to consolidate their place at the top.



Rowan Vine battles through the Brentford rearguard

Paul Underwood on the ball at Brentford



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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.

The Luton Town 1987-1989 home shirt, produced by Adidas, is an all-time classic, and the most important shirt in our history.

It is a classic and understated design. The base white is accentuated with the 1980s Adidas logo, and that 80s/early 90s raised (embroidered on match shirts) Luton badge. It has that dark navy V-neck collar, and the famous Adidas three stripes down both sleeves. The long-sleeve version of this even trumps the short-sleeves, those stripes go on and on!

During this period, the Hatters competed in the First Division, the top tier of English football. This era in our history is notable for our solid performances in the top division, where we more than held their own against more financially powerful clubs.

It is also remembered for the 1988 Littlewoods Cup Final, our first major trophy. 24th April 1988 was sadly before my time, but hearing the stories and watching the videos of that immense day makes you really appreciate what that final, and win meant to the club, supporters but also the town.

This shirt was seen around the world as the mighty Hatters came back from 2-1 down against Arsenal, only for "who put the ball in the Arsenal net? Bruno, Bruno Stein," to bag a 90th-minute winner and cue wild scenes at Wembley from the Luton faithful. Danny Wilson started the comeback though, with an 82nd-minute equaliser to set up a frantic final 10 minutes.

Watch it on YouTube, it's an amazing match. We also must mention that penalty save from Andy Dibble, even if he was wearing a yellow goalkeeper shirt!

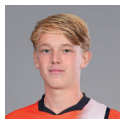
Other heroes who wore this shirt in the league or cup include Tim Breaker, Rob Johnson, Ricky Hill, Steve Foster, David Preece, Kingsley Black, Ashley Grimes and Mal Donaghy.

But the biggest legend of all, Mick Harford, also wore this classic shirt many, many times in the league and Littlewoods Cup!

A classic, a beauty, an icon. Is this the ultimate Luton shirt? I cannot think of many that would beat this...

ACADEMY SQUADS

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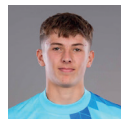
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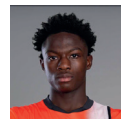
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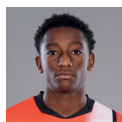
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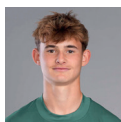
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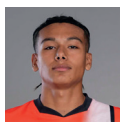
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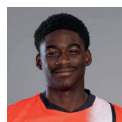
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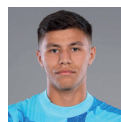
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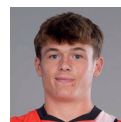
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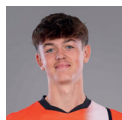
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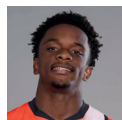
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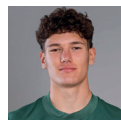
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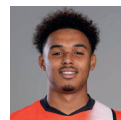
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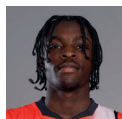
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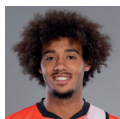
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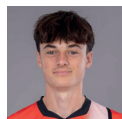
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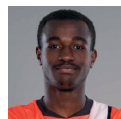
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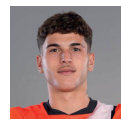
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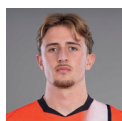
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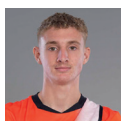
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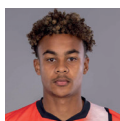
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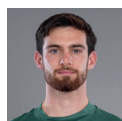
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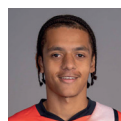
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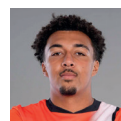
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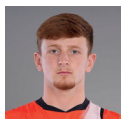
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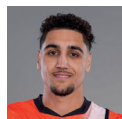
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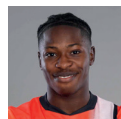
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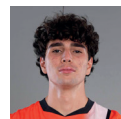
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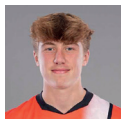
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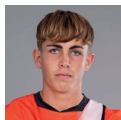
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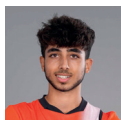
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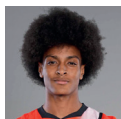
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THE YOUTH OF TODAY

Hopes and dreams, favourite boots and triple jumping... we get the lowdown on our academy stars

Name... Jordan Iwhiwhu

Date of birth...
27/09/2006

Place of birth...
Nigeria

Position...
Striker

Joined the club... As an under-17

Former club...
Bristol Rovers

Boots worn... Nike Mercurials

First teamer's boots I clean...
Anyone's

Earliest Luton Town memory...
Signing my pro contract

Coach who made the biggest impact on me... David Hockaday – he was my college coach last season and was the one who pushed me and taught me everything I need to be able to do to become a professional

Football memory that makes me smile...
My year at the SGS College Football Academy

Best moment of career so far...
Being selected for the England College's Football Team



I'd be a better player if...
I exploited my physicality even more

Dream first team squad number... 9

Teammate that can go all the way... Christian Chigozie

Player I'd like to play with the most... Kevin De Bruyne

Favourite film... Up

Favourite food... Beans and plantain

Favourite training drill...
Crossing and shooting

Favourite subject at school other than PE... Biology

Favourite thing to do in my spare time... Meeting friends

Something you don't know about me... I'm a bronze medalist triple jumper at under-17 level

I am... a quick and powerful striker who loves scoring goals as well as creating for teammates. I'm direct in front of goal and enjoy 1v1 opportunities. I don't mind holding up or running beyond and I'm very both footed.



LTFC ACADEMY ACADEMY UPDATE WITH LEE COWLEY

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Good afternoon and a warm welcome to all Luton Town supporters, colleagues, and friends.

My name is Lee Cowley and I am the Head of Academy Recruitment at Luton Town, and I oversee a team of scouts whose intentions are to bring in potentially talented young players into the Academy. I have been in this role for many years now and to my knowledge, I am the first person appointed to this specific role.

We currently have several part-time scouts, who are working extremely hard, and actively looking for local talent, which is where we found James Justin, as well as covering a vast area and scouting all over the country, including overseas.

Without our dedicated scouting team and my admin support Emily Howes and Dale Brunton (who would have thought working a laptop was so difficult for me), this operation would not run as efficiently and as smoothly as it does.

My role links in with the emerging talent Under-21s and I work closely with first team scouts. The support from each other allows our knowledge of all aspects of the club to be of high quality.

Through these years I have gained some high-level qualifications; including Talent ID 4 and UEFA A Licence in coaching. With the support of the club, I have been able to learn and grow with ideas which has allowed me to proceed with the career I have today.

My journey at Luton started as an Under-8s coach. My first coaching session was the same day as Kevin Foley's first training session. Since being at the club I have coached various age groups, managed teams, and have been Head of Coaching at Academy level. It would be safe to say my career here at Luton has been a long one, and I also hope it has been a successful one.

I have been lucky enough to work with many talented individuals, past and present, I could be here all-day reminiscing. It really is a team effort and spirit within this club and I feel privileged to be a part of it and included in many of this club's success stories.

A big thank you to everyone I have worked alongside it has been, and still is, a pleasure.

Moving forward, our team will continue to organise mini tournaments which allow us to exclusively recruit from them and these tournaments are vital in giving us the opportunity to not only invite elite teams to participate, but also local grassroots teams from the surrounding areas who all battle it out for the Kenilworth Cup.

As we fast approach the festive season, I would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. A special shout out to my grandson Caelan Cracknell who will be turning 13 on Christmas Eve.

COYH!

UNDER-18S FIGHT BACK TO WIN AGAIN

For the second week running the Town Under-18s fought back from a losing position to earn victory as Joe Deeney's side saw off Cambridge United in the Youth Alliance.

Despite starting the game well, the Hatters could not take their chances, and three minutes before the break, the U's took the lead when the striker capitalised on a loose ball and drilled home.

After the interval, the Town upped the ante and two goals in the space of five minutes turned the game in their favour.

Firstly, on 53 minutes, Dylan Stitt fizzed in a cross and Tate Xavier-Jones had a simple tap-in from a yard out to equalise.

And just before the hour it was 2-1. Enoch

Sampson's ball down the left was held up well by Jamie Odegah and he unselfishly squared for Stitt to take a touch and fire home.

Cambridge pushed for an equaliser in the closing stages. Cai Hockey made a crucial save from a free-kick and the Hatters defended stoutly to earn a big three points.

A delighted Deeney said afterwards: "I was proud and pleased of how we stepped up and how much we defended the big moments.

"We showed guts, put bodies on the line and did the ugly side of the game really well.

"I was pleased with the desire we had to defend our box and perhaps six or seven weeks ago Cambridge might have equalised.

"I'm delighted how the boys worked together and added that clinical edge at the other end."

Lee Cowley



"I WAS PROUD AND PLEASED OF HOW WE STEPPED UP"

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	W 3-2
Sat 23rd	Mansfield Town PDLC	W 3-1
Sat 30th	Cambridge United	W 2-1

DECEMBER

Sat 7th	MK Dons Cup	10:30am
Fri 13th	Crewe Alexandra FAYC	7pm
Tue 17th	Sutton United	1.30pm
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 8th	AFC Wimbledon	11am
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!

MARVIN JOHNSON

Picked up by the Hatters from school football in Aylesbury, Marvin was moved into defence for the youth side before signing professional forms in October 1986.

With an established partnership of Steve Foster and Mal Donaghy in the Town's top-flight defence at the time, Marvin had to bide his time but once he established himself in the side he was difficult to budge and went on to make 373 League appearances for his only club before hanging up his boots in 2002.

A true one-club man, 'Marv' made a total of 439 appearances – scoring 10 times – with his last appearance coming in a Football League Trophy tie at Stevenage in 2002. Only six players in our history have played more games than him.

Showing whole hearted effort and a penchant for spectacular own goals, Marvin was a crowd favourite at Kenilworth Road and it was no surprise when he was offered a coaching position with the club when he stopped playing, moving into youth development after a year shadowing the legendary John Moore. Marvin took over the mantle of head of youth development, overseeing the talent and integration into the first team of players like Kevin Foley, Leon Barnett and Keith Keane.

Marvin subsequently took on a coaching role near Washington DC in addition to writing a book and starting up his own clothing line Marvelous LLC.

APPEARANCES: 439
GOALS: 10

CAREER TIMELINE



COMMUNITY TRUST



POST-16 EDUCATION PROGRAMME

On Wednesday 27th November, students from our Post-16 Education and Football Development course had the opportunity to attend Kenilworth Road for the day.

64 of our students, who study at three separate Sixth Forms across Bedfordshire; Queen Elizabeth School, Cedars Upper School and Chalk Hills Academy, attended Kenilworth Road to participate in workshops on exit routes to the USA as well as a workshop on the importance of living a healthy lifestyle. The students then headed pitch side and into

to the stands for both individual and squad photos.

Following the completion of the day at Kenilworth Road, the students made their way to Queen Elizabeth School where they competed in a small tournament with the 8 winners receiving 2 x tickets to today's game.

Our Post-16 Education and Football Development programme allows students to combine their full-time academic studies with their continued football development.

With the football delivery built into the students timetable, they train

for six hours a week and play in weekly EFL competitions representing Luton Town FC Community Trust without the interruption into their academic studies.

Alex Wallace, Football Development Manager at Luton Town Community Trust, had the following to say on the day: "Days like this are invaluable for both the Post-16 programme and the students involved.

"They not only highlight the importance of education but also provide insight into future career paths and exit options after their studies. The opportunity to visit

Kenilworth Road, wear the club badge, and have photos taken by the pitch allows students to feel a part of the club.

"We hope that experiences like today will create lasting memories and inspire our students as they look toward their future."

Our first trial for current Year 11 students to attend our Education and Football Development programme is just around the corner, on Monday 16th December 2024.

If you are interested or have any further questions on the course, please contact us at EFD@lutontown.co.uk.



Hatters Hub: Bringing Our Community Together

Hatters Hub is a fantastic initiative by the Community Trust aimed at tackling isolation and loneliness among our older generation of supporters.

Running every Wednesday from 10am to 12pm at the stadium, the Hub provides a welcoming space where fans can come together to socialise over tea, coffee and refreshments, enjoy board games, and take part in light exercises designed to keep us active and engaged.

We are proud to support matchday activities such as World Alzheimer's Day and regularly collaborate with the Healthy Hatters

Primary Care Network (PCN), who provide health checks and valuable information on services our fans may find helpful.

The Hub also organises regular outings, creating even more opportunities to connect with others and make lasting memories. We're always on the lookout for more over-50s to join our friendly group, so why not come along, share a chat, and be part of something special?

For more information, or to join us for a cuppa and a natter, please email community@lutontown.co.uk



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MONDAY
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6pm - 7pm for 13 - 16 year olds

THURSDAY
Lea Manor Recreation Centre, Northwell Drive, Luton, LU3 3TL
5:30pm - 6:30pm
Ages 10 - 14

FRIDAY
Stockwood Park Academy, Rotheram Avenue, Luton, LU1 5PP
6pm - 7pm for 11 - 13 year olds
7pm - 8pm for 14 - 18 year olds

Queen Elizabeth School, Crawley Green Road, Luton, LU2 9AG
6pm - 7pm
Ages 8 - 14

Bedford Hockey Club, Chester Road, Bedford, MK40 4HL
5:30pm - 6:30pm
Ages 8-16

For more information please email plkicks@lutontown.co.uk






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SUPPORTERS' TRUST

With Secretary Peter Mitchell

Hello and welcome to today's game, the first of a run of three home matches in four leading up to Christmas which hopefully we can pick up maximum points from and begin to climb the table.

After a couple of disappointing outcomes on our travels since the win over Hull, it is nice to be back here at the Kenny where we are picking up better results, and hopefully that trend can continue this afternoon.

Before I update you on the Trust's progress since our last column, I'd just like to take the chance to welcome Alan Sheehan back to Kenilworth Road this afternoon. He was a hugely popular figure amongst our members and is on the coaching staff at Swansea. I'm sure he will receive a warm welcome but hopefully doesn't get anything in terms of points from the afternoon!

AGM

November and December are usually busy times

for the Trust, largely because it is the period that we hold our AGM. This year it was held on 21st November inside the John Moore Lounge here at Kenilworth Road.

There was one change to our board with Colin Adamson stepping down from his position and being replaced by Claire Lacey. We welcome Claire onto the board and look forward to working with her across her two-year term and we would also like to thank Colin for all of his hard work in his lengthy period on the board and wish him all the best going forward.

I would also like to extend our thanks to David Wilkinson who gave up his time for a Q&A after the official business at the AGM concluded. The club's chairman took a number of questions from members and was very open with us for which we are very grateful.

Award Winners

I am delighted to say that on the same night as we held our AGM,

our increasingly popular podcast won an award at the Football Content Awards. It won the bronze medal in the Best Football League Podcast category.

I am sure Kev won't mind me saying that we are all very proud of him and the team behind the podcast and you can be assured that they are working hard to improve it to see if they can climb a little higher up the ranking for next year!

To have beaten off the competition that they did and highlight the Trust standing in the football landscape was a fine achievement.

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MY FAVOURITE GOAL...

Town fan Mike Simpson looks back on some of the memorable goals he's witnessed

There are a couple of standout candidates for the best performance by a player in a Luton shirt, both of which culminated in the scoring of a hat-trick on the way to a 3-2 victory.

In more recent times was Scott Oakes' masterclass against West Ham United in a FA Cup sixth round replay in March 1994, but for me, even that display is trumped by that of an 18-year-old Ron Futcher on his home debut against Wolves in December 1974.

The Town could barely buy a win at the time, and Harry Haslam's old guard, rooted at the bottom of

the first division, was about to be overhauled with the introduction of young players such as Andy King and Steve Buckley as well as the Futcher brothers. Two days earlier Ron had scored the winner at league leaders Ipswich in the dying minutes of the game, but very few of us knew what to expect of the player who, it was commonly believed, was signed to keep his twin brother, Paul, company.

The first goal, equalising Wolves' opener, followed a long ball out of defence by Paul – a combination we witnessed on many occasions during their time at the club – which

was taken on the chest with back to goal and, after a smart turn, the ball was slotted beyond Phil Parkes. Ron made it 2-1 with a header from a John Aston cross shortly before half-time, but the visitors squared things up in the second half and with time running out it looked like we'd get a point. However, with just minutes remaining, a ball in from Alan West was headed home from, if memory serves correctly, around the penalty spot and suddenly we had a new hero.

It was one of few highlights in what was generally a disappointing season, and it is

tempting to wonder what may have happened if the young guns had been given their opportunities sooner. From being stranded at the foot of the division at Christmas, the Town finished the campaign going very close to surviving, with relegation being confirmed at White Hart Lane when Leeds United fielded a very weakened team at Tottenham, who needed a point to send the Town back to Division Two.

Despite the relegation, those of us who were at the Kenny will remember the day Ron Futcher became a Hatters hero.



Ron Futcher celebrates scoring against Wolves in 1974

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Hobbies: Gaming
Favourite Player: Jacob Brown



**LENNON
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Hobbies: Playing Football
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Elijah Adebayo/Carlton Morris

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WORDSEARCH

Try and find the Championship top eight assist making players this season...

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LUTON TOWN LADIES

Ladies progress after incredible shootout

Goalkeeper Sarah Hudson was the Hatters' hero as her two saves booked the Town's place in the third round of the FA Cup at the end of an epic penalty shootout against Stevenage last weekend.

The Hertfordshire side got off to a quick start when they opened the scoring after just five minutes when the ball deflected off multiple players in the box wrong-footing Hudson.

Twelve minutes later the Hatters were level through a rocket by Amber Leighton. The in-form midfielder picked up the ball outside the area, took a touch and fired the ball into the back of the net for her sixth goal in four games.

After the equaliser neither side managed to create any real goalscoring opportunities with Tasha Fensome coming closest with five minutes of the first-half to play when her outside of the boot shot glanced off the post.

Just after the break Hudson made a big save when Stevenage were

played in one-on-one, but the Town keeper got down low to make a vital save.

Resilient defending from the hosts, kept the Hatters away from goal and the biggest moment of the second-half came in the 88th minute when the ball appeared to have struck the hand of a Stevenage player in the box – but neither the referee or the linesman saw enough to award a penalty.

With the game level after 90 minutes, the tie went to penalties. Each side both converted their first 10 spot kicks, with Fensome, Jess McKay, Leyah Maddix, Shanice Lewis, Shianne Swarres, Liz Mulvaney, Gabriella Spillman, Elly Wade, Fiona Buttigieg and Hudson putting the ball in the back of the net.

The Hatters' 11th penalty saw Tanya Blacksley see her effort saved, meaning if Stevenage had scored their next penalty, they would have progressed, but Hudson made a great save, to her right hand side, keeping the Town in it.

Fensome, McKay, Maddix, Lewis and Swarres all scored their second penalties. Then on the 32nd penalty of the afternoon, Hudson made the decisive penalty save, again to her right-hand side to win the Hatters an astonishing penalty shootout and a place in the third round of the FA Cup away to Portsmouth.

*Report: Owen Williams
Photos: Duncan Jack*



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 FAC W 2-0
27/10/24	Hertford Town LG CUP W 5-0
03/11/24	Hutton FAC W 4-2
10/11/24	Royston Town W 1-0
17/11/24	Haringey Borough W 7-1
24/11/24	Stevenage FAC D 1-1*
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

* Won 16-15 on pens
KO 2pm unless otherwise stated
Home games listed in orange

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The latest from the Ticket Office

LUTON TOWN v STOKE CITY
SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP
TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2024, KO 7.45PM

Tickets are now on General sale (with purchasing history) or Hatters Members (without a previous purchasing history before 1st November).

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Adult £26
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Golden Senior (over 75) £18
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Under 19 £18
Under 17 £10
Under 14 £8

LUTON TOWN v DERBY COUNTY
SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP
FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2024, KO 8PM

Tickets are now on General sale (with purchasing history) or Hatters Members (without a previous purchasing history before 1st November).

Prices (Cat B)

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

BLACKBURN ROVERS v LUTON TOWN
SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP
SATURDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2024, KO 3PM

We have received an initial allocation of 1,909 tickets for the match at Ewood Park.

Tickets are now on General Sale (With purchase history) at one per person to any supporter with a previous purchasing history and any member without a previous booking history.

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UP NEXT



There's no rest for the wicked as the Town are back here at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday with Stoke City the visitors.

The Potters' season under the new management of Narcís Pelach has been a mixed bag, with flashes of brilliance offset by inconsistency. They currently sit mid-table, a position reflective of their uneven form. While they have secured notable victories, such as a 6-1 thrashing of Portsmouth where Tom Cannon scored four goals, they have also suffered defeats to the likes of Oxford, Hull and Watford.

In recent weeks, City have struggled to maintain momentum. November featured a series of low-scoring

draws, including a 0-0 stalemate with Preston and a 1-1 draw with QPR, highlighting defensive resilience but a lack of cutting edge in attack. The Potters' most recent league result was a 2-0 defeat against Burnley at the Britannia Stadium.

On the road, the Pelach's side have won twice – most recently at Blackburn, and at Plymouth – but have only scored four times on their travels in the Championship. Three of those goals have come in their last two games.

Stoke made several key signings in the summer transfer window, aiming to revitalise their squad.

New arrivals include dynamic winger Million Manhoef, whose speed and creativity add flair to the attack, and

midfielder Andrew Moran, who has contributed with crucial goals. These signings have complemented a squad featuring experienced players like Ben Gibson and Ben Wilmot in defence, and midfielders like Wouter Burger, who anchors the central areas.

The Town won the last meeting here at Kenilworth Road in February 2023 when a solitary strike from Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu earned us all three points. That was the first time a Luton side had beaten Stoke at Kenilworth Road in seven previous winless attempts (D3, L4). Since the start of the 1995/96 the Potters have enjoyed the upper hand over us, winning 13 of the 21 meetings in that time.

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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
FRI 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
WED 6	CARDIFF CITY	20:00	19	1-0	10,646	1,035	Kaminski	Hashioka	Doughty	Mengi	McGuinness	Bell	Clark
SAT 9	MIDDLESBROUGH	12:30	21	1-5	23,692	675	Kaminski	Hashioka	Bell	Mengi	McGuinness	Holmes	Walsh
SAT 23	HULL CITY	15:00	16	1-0	11,386	1,049	Kaminski	Burke	Holmes	Mengi	McGUINNESS 1	Nakamba	Krauß
WED 27	LEEDS UNITED	19:45	16	0-3	35,340	1,087	Kaminski	Burke	Moses	Mengi	McGuinness	Bell	Nakamba
SAT 30	NORWICH CITY	15:00	19	2-4	26,719	1,888	Kaminski	Hashioka	Chong	Mengi	McGuinness	Bell	Clark

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



Elijah Adebayo celebrates his goal at Norwich last Saturday

Baptiste	CHONG 1	Morris	Adebayo	Townsend	Mpanzu				Shea, Bell, Woodrow, Taylor, Holmes, Francis-Clarke, Chigozie
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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	KrauB	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
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KrauB	Chong	Morris	BROWN 1	Adebayo	Baptiste	Nakamba			Krul, Holmes, Moses, Mpanzu, Walsh, Woodrow
Baptiste	Chong	Woodrow	Adebayo	Moses	Krauss	Morris	Nakamba	CLARK 1	Krul, Andersen, Brown, Mpanzu
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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. In which year did the Hatters play Nottingham Forest in the FA Cup final?
2. Our last FA Cup tie against Nottingham Forest was a 1-0 win in 2007 – who scored our winning goal?
3. Which team play their home games at the Lamb Ground?
4. Which team are nicknamed the Honest Men?
5. Who is the most capped player for the Republic of Ireland?
6. Which player has played in the Tyne-Tees, North London, Merseyside, Milan and Munich derby?
7. Which two players in the Championship have made the most assists?
8. Which club knocked the Hatters out of the play-offs in 1996/97?
9. Who scored the Town's first goal in the National League?
10. What's Bury's nickname?

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. 1959. 2. Calvin Andrew. 3. Tamworth. 4. Ayr United. 5. Robbie Keane. 6. Christian Ziege. 7. Finn Azaz and Tom Fellows. 8. Crewe Alexandra. 9. Tom Craddock. 10. The Shakers.

LAST WORD WITH



MIKE SIMMONDS

LUTON NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

It was an odd situation watching the FA Cup third round draw on Monday evening and keeping everything crossed that ball number 21 would come out after Salford, Harrogate or Bromley.

In the near 15 years of doing this job, starting out when Town were drawn in the fourth qualifying round of the competition, an Amari Morgan-Smith hat-trick seeing off St Albans City to earn a trip to Corby Town in the first round proper, it would have been all about hoping and praying that the Hatters would get a trip to a Premier League side, or back then, even a Championship outfit.

In fact that first season, having got past the Steelmen following a replay, it led to a visit to Charlton Athletic and the excitement of covering Town at a Football League ground, Luton holding their own to draw 2-2 at the Valley,

defeated on home soil in their second crack at the Addicks.

From then, there were trips to Cambridge United and Nuneaton Town, before the 2012/13 campaign and a match that all fans will never forget – Norwich City, Scott Rendell and Luton making history.

Although matters on the pitch were truly memorable, off the pitch it was that case too, with the Luton press getting pre-game and half-time food, sausage rolls, hot as well, and coffee from memory.

It wasn't just that either, but Carrow Road having a proper press area with desks and plugs, something that hadn't always been the case when Town were on the road, plus an seated interview area to chat with both Chris Hughton and Paul Buckle afterwards, again, unheard of when schlepping round the Conference.

As Town started their climb up the footballing echelon, third round draw day was still exciting, peaking with Newcastle away in 2018, where there was actual waitress service in the press room. Madness.

However, with Luton reaching the highest tier of English football last term, heading to the best grounds in the country on almost weekly basis, there wasn't quite the same desire for Town head to Old Trafford or Anfield when Mark Hughes and Dion Dublin got to down the pulling the balls out on Monday, thoughts turning instead to trying to get what would be another tick on the list of stadiums visited.

With three of the four required still in at the time, AFC Wimbledon, who are now playing their trade at Plough Lane, having gone out, then it was all on the trio mentioned in the opening paragraph.

Unfortunately, it wasn't to be, which could be the end of that dream for another season, as Town were paired with Nottingham Forest. Rewind a decade, that tie would have been cheered to the rafters, rather than the feeling of acceptance this time, especially as it isn't a million miles away. As we are trundling through the old days, it's worth mentioning today is the 11-year anniversary of a game that is definitely in the top 10 of Luton matches attended: the 5-0 triumph at Alfreton.

With Luke Guttridge, Andre Gray and co. scoring with every chance in the opening 18 minutes as Town went 4-0 up, it was a case of sheer disbelief, which turned into pure hilarity at what we were witnessing and is still a fixture talked about to this very day.

Great times indeed.



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Marvelous NAKAMBA	13	14	Josh TYMON
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Teden MENGI	15	19	Florian BIANCHINI
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Jordan CLARK	18	22	Lawrence VIGOUROUX
Jacob BROWN	19	23	Cyrus CHRISTIE
Liam WALSH	20	25	Myles PEART-HARRIS
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Thomas KAMINSKI	24	29	Nathan BROOME
Joe TAYLOR	25	31	Ollie COOPER
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Daiki HASHIOKA	27	33	Jon MCLAUGHLIN
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Zack NELSON	37	36	Ben LLOYD
Joe JOHNSON	38	37	Aimar GOVEA
Aidan FRANCIS-CLARKE	39	41	Sam PARKER
Christian CHIGOZIE	40	43	Daniel WATTS
Benny BENAGR	41	47	Azeem ADBULAI
Alfie DOUGHTY	45	50	Filip LISSAH



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