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Good evening and welcome back to Kenilworth Road once more as we entertain Stoke City here under the lights.

The relentless nature of the Championship continues at pace as we enter a traditionally busy time of year on and off the pitch.

Inside tonight's issue you will see photographs from the squad's visit to the children's ward at the Luton & Dunstable Hospital which brought smiles to so many.

We've got one more home game before Christmas and there are plenty of points up for grabs on the horizon so stick with the boys and make some noise.

Up the Town.

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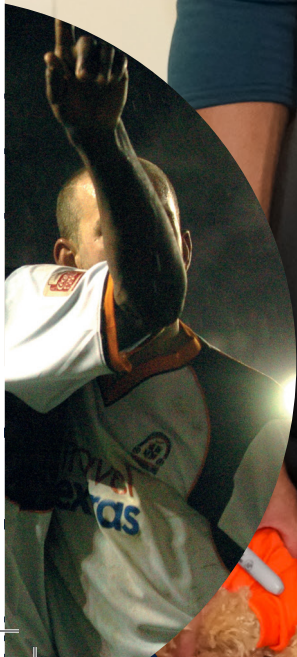
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| **ROB EDWARDS** |

THE BOSS

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Good evening and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for the second time in the space of a few days following the weekend draw with Swansea.

A warm welcome to everyone from Stoke, including Narcís Pèlach and his staff and players plus the supporters from the Potters who have made this midweek trip to Bedfordshire.

I'd like to start these notes by saying a huge thank you to the supporters, staff and paramedics whose quick actions before kick-off helped save the life of one of our fans in the Kenny end. It was a worrying and distressing moment and my best wishes go to the supporter involved, who, thankfully, left the ground for hospital in a stable condition.

The game was a challenging one against a possession-based team

in the shape of Swansea and I felt there was a lot to like about aspects of the performance but showed plenty of room for improvement.

Reviewing it back in the cold light of day I thought out of possession we were great and our pressing was equally as good. We forced Swansea into loads of turnovers, winning the ball back multiple times.

They were the encouraging things. Our issues, however, came in the final third and when we got the ball in our possession. Having done the hard work of winning the ball we then needed to be quicker and smarter with it at our feet. It meant we didn't get into the opposition box enough and that, of course, means there are less chances for us to create goalscoring opportunities.

Occasionally we would take too many touches,

or turn and go backwards when opportunities were there to take someone on or make a forward pass. But I get it, I think you can see there is a lack of confidence right now. We need that to change and I know it can.

But nobody else is going to change that other than ourselves and the message to the players is simple: be brave and try and take more risks with the ball, especially in the final third. That is the place for us to be that little bit braver, taking opponents on in wide areas and in the box.

Saturday's game saw us lose Amari'i Bell late in the second half and in the lead-up to the game we also found out that we will be without Teden Mengi for some considerable time after having a knee operation. It means that the defence will be stretched but opportunities will now come for others to stake a claim in the side.

Thank you for your backing of the teams on Saturday. Storm Darragh certainly did not make Kenilworth Road the most comfortable place to be but despite the cold, wet and wind your support was excellent and we'll need that once more tonight under the lights.

Please continue to get behind the players and enjoy the game.





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| TOM LOCKYER |

CLUB CAPTAIN

Good evening everyone, I hope you're all well and looking forward to another important Championship game as we entertain Stoke.

My notes in Saturday's programme were dominated about the importance of learning and knowing CPR as the game saw us welcome members from the British Heart Foundation who were around the ground giving information on how to save someone's life if they are having a cardiac arrest.

So you can imagine our collective shock when one of our supporters collapsed with a suspected cardiac arrest inside the Kenny shortly before kick-off. On behalf of everyone here I'd like to thank the St John's and East of England Ambulance services, plus stewards, police and fire and rescue services who were involved in the treatment and evacuation of our supporter from the ground.

I'm also informed that our supporters were involved from the start, including helping hold up privacy screens while the treatment was being administered. Thank you so much for that. It was great news to hear the fan was in a stable condition in hospital.

So a huge, huge shout out to everyone for their swift response that ultimately helped save a life. That is now two cardiac arrests that have taken place in or around the ground since mine, so while I am thankful both supporters are okay, it goes to show that this is a common issue, so if you haven't learned CPR yet, please don't wait for another reminder to realise how important it is.

Don't be selfish thinking that 15 minutes of your time is more important than saving someone's life. Chances are it is likely to be someone that you know and love. Just think about that for

a second. So if you are yet to know what to do in this situation, scan the QR code on this page to direct you to the BHF's RevivR tool.

Matters on the pitch have been frustrating in recent weeks, but we earned a point on Saturday in conditions that were hardly ideal. The lads battled and Eli tucked home another goal after doing what he does best – scaring opposition defences.

We couldn't hold onto the lead but it's a point and we move on and go into tonight's game aiming to maintain our decent home form. We've lost once in seven here, and even in that one game against Sunderland our performance was excellent, so we need to take encouragement from that into this evening.

With games coming thick and fast as the festive period approaches,

please continue your great support of the lads. We're not going to pretend everything's rosy as the table doesn't lie, but with the quality we have in the squad I know that this group is well capable of stringing together a run of positive results.

Bring the noise and join me in getting behind the boys tonight. Come on Luton.



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HR DIRECTOR JENN SMITH

Good evening, and a warm welcome to Kenilworth Road.

We'd like to extend a special welcome to those who have travelled from Stoke to join us this evening.

Following Saturday's game against Swansea, the Club would like to express our heartfelt thoughts to the Luton supporter who was taken unwell before kick-off. A big thank you goes out to those who acted swiftly, including our club staff and the match officials.

I am pleased to confirm that the fan is in a stable condition in hospital after an operation. The fact the incident happened on the day of our match to promote the great work of the British Heart Foundation serves as a reminder to us all to learn CPR. The swift reactions

of those around the supporter helped save a life. If you don't already know how to administer CPR, please check out the BHF's website and RevivR tool. It only takes 15 minutes.

As you know, boardroom programme notes are shared amongst the board of investors – with David and Gary carrying the bulk – and, occasionally, amongst the executive board. Hence, this is my scheduled turn.

As I sat down to write these notes ahead of tonight's match, I couldn't help but feel a mix of nerves and excitement. For one, this is my very first attempt at writing boardroom notes, and secondly, there's something nostalgic about today's fixture. My first-ever Luton Town game was also against Stoke City, back in November 2021. We won't mention the result, but here's hoping for a more favourable

outcome on the pitch this time!

Before I dive in, let me take a moment to introduce myself. I'm Jenn Smith, and I have the privilege of serving as HR Director here at Kenilworth Road. My role is all about people – recruiting, developing and supporting the individuals who work tirelessly behind the scenes to keep this club thriving. While writing these notes is new for

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me, as a born-and-bred Lutonian, one thing that isn't new is my deep admiration for this club and the incredible community that surrounds it.

Luton Town is more than just a football club – it's a family. And like any family, it's the people who make it special. While fans often see the players on the pitch and the coaches on the sidelines, there's a vast network of dedicated individuals working tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure everything runs smoothly.

There's a common misconception that only a small team is required to manage a matchday. In reality, it takes the collective effort of around 125 people working behind the scenes to bring it all together – and that doesn't include the many more staff members you see in action on matchdays. From the ground staff preparing the pitch to stewards ensuring safety, from caterers to media teams, everyone has a crucial role to play.

It's this collective spirit – rooted in teamwork, commitment, and a shared love for Luton Town and for Luton – that makes our club so much more than the sum of its parts. It's not just about football; it's about creating an environment where everyone feels they belong, whether they're in the stands or behind the scenes. Every role matters, every contribution is valued, and together – with your support – we bring

The Hatters executive team at the CEO Sleepout



Kenilworth Road to life, match after match.

Recruitment at Luton Town goes beyond simply filling roles. For us, the ideal candidate isn't just someone with the right skills; it's someone who embodies the values that make this club unique. Skills can be taught, but passion, dedication, and a sense of community cannot. These are the qualities that make our team – from the office to the stadium – truly exceptional.

One of the things I'm most proud of is how charity lies at the heart of everything we do. This club has a long-standing tradition of giving back, and it's a legacy we carry forward with pride. Whether through the efforts of the Luton Town Community Trust or events like the CEO Sleepout UK, we are committed to making a real difference in the lives of those who need it most, especially here in Luton.

Last week, I had the humbling experience of participating in the CEO Sleepout at Kenilworth Road, alongside our executive team and business leaders from across the town. Spending a cold, uncomfortable night with the peaceful soundtrack of Hatters Way in the background was a stark reminder of the daily challenges faced by those experiencing homelessness. But it was also a powerful example of what we can achieve together. Through this event, we raised over £50,000 to support homelessness initiatives in our town – a remarkable effort made possible by the generosity of our community.

Another key focus of our work is inclusion, which is at the heart of our recently launched 'We're All Luton' campaign. This isn't just a slogan; it's a reflection of who we are as a club and as a community. Luton is a town defined by

its diversity, and we embrace that with pride. Whether you're a fan in the stands, an employee behind the scenes, or someone touched by our community programmes, you are part of the Luton Town family.

Through this campaign, we are working hard to ensure everyone feels welcome, valued and included. This commitment extends beyond the stadium to every corner of our operations. To bring this vision to life, we're introducing proactive measures like new reporting systems to ensure that matchdays are safe and inclusive for everyone. QR codes and a dedicated email address now provide easy ways to raise concerns, ensuring that no one feels excluded or unheard.

I'd also like to reveal that, despite a disappointing first third of the season, the team unity amongst everyone is still as strong as ever. We all

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feel that it's our collective responsibility to ensure that our results improve and everyone's brief in the Club is to provide the requisite support to the players and coaching staff to give them the best chance to succeed and get things right. I can also reveal that when our footballing fortunes don't quite live up to expectation – as they are presently – we all feel the hurt. Indeed it changes the mood amongst the staff 'during the week', but it also strengthens our determination and resolve to get things going in the right direction more than ever, which is something you should know is constantly happening.

Our values and culture are everything to us, so as we support everyone on the pitch to get back to winning ways or as we prepare for our move to Power Court, we are more determined than ever to embed our values into everything we do. Our new stadium will

not just be a home for football – it will be a place where the entire Luton community can come together. It will symbolise the unity, diversity, and resilience that define us as a club.

Current season aside there is a genuine air of excitement at the moment. Next Monday is the evening we should see the detailed plans for Power Court consented at the Council's planning committee meeting. Recently, as those detailed plans are refined and the future operation of the stadium is structured, it has taken huge amounts of time from the executive and management teams into shaping our future.

Once detailed planning is granted, the Power Court team will then move into a phase of engaging with contractors and professional services to ensure piling can begin as quickly as possible and as soon as the small

matters of the sub-station and river have been dealt with.

As I wrap up my first boardroom notes, I want to express my gratitude. Whether you're a fan cheering us on, an employee working tirelessly behind the scenes, or someone who benefits from our community programmes, you are the reason we do what we do.

Luton Town Football Club is built on the belief that we are stronger together. This belief guides us every day, from the people we hire to the causes we support. Together, we are all Luton, and together, we will continue to grow and thrive – on and off the pitch.

Thank you for reading. Enjoy this evening's game, stay warm, and sing loud.

COYH.
Jenn

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



LIFE-SAVERS RECOGNISED

With the first anniversary of our captain Tom Lockyer suffering a cardiac arrest on the pitch at Bournemouth approaching this weekend, Saturday's match against Swansea was dedicated to the British Heart Foundation and the importance of learning CPR.

At half-time two presentations were made by chairman David Wilkinson to Luton Town supporters who in recent months have saved lives with their knowledge of CPR.

Firstly, you may have seen the story of Paul Rodell (pictured above, left), who collapsed on his way up Kenilworth

Road to the stadium for the Chelsea match last season. Walking closely behind was, luckily, was Sue Collins who performed CPR and used a defibrillator to save Paul's life.

Secondly, at the recent Love Luton Runfest, when one of the runners suddenly collapsed, suffering a cardiac arrest

just by the finish line, a local nurse, Wayne Pavey (above right), quickly stepped in to perform CPR. His swift action saved a life and the runner is recovering well.

Search 'RevivR' and learn CPR for free in 15 minutes – like Sue and Wayne, you could help save a life.



SATURDAY 3PM FOR FOREST TIE

The Hatters' Emirates FA Cup third round tie away at Nottingham Forest has been confirmed for Saturday 11th January, with a 3pm kick-off.

The tie which pits us against the side we drew

with twice in the Premier League last season has been selected for live international broadcast, but not in the UK.

Tickets details for the trip to the City Ground will be released in due course.

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ACTION REPLAY



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Adebayo 17'



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Grimes 64'

The points were shared at Kenilworth Road, as a goal by Elijah Adebayo, who pounced on a mistake by Swansea defender Ben Cabango in the first half, was levelled by a well worked corner routine by Swansea midfielder Matt Grimes.

Under the swirling rain and winds of Luton, Adebayo opened the scoring in the 17th minute, pouncing on an under hit back pass by Cabango and then taking it round the goalkeeper Lawrence Vigouroux and finishing from an acute angle to put the Town 1-0 up.

The visitors then instantly almost hit back with Thomas Kaminski pulling off a strong save to deny Josh Tymon from close range.

Kaminski was then once again called into action as Tymon found himself completely free at the back post and met Grimes' cross into the box, but his header was weak and went straight into the arms of Luton's number 24.

Shortly before half-time, from a set piece, Jordan Clark whipped in a dangerous ball which Adebayo couldn't quite make the right connection with and just headed wide.

The Hatters remained firm in defence for the rest of the half to hold the visitors and go in 1-0 up at half-time.

After the restart the Town came close to making it 2-0 when Adebayo's fine shot, after taking a pass from Daiki Hashioka, was turned around the post by Vigouroux.

Early into the second half, Goncalo Franco struck well from the edge of the box, destined to find the back of the net, but Kaminski once again pulled off a wonder save with his fingertips to push the ball wide.

Minutes later, Swansea equalised through Grimes who was unmarked at the edge of the box and met a cut back from a corner and smashed into the top left corner of the net.

At around the 70th minute mark Luton had a positive attack through Carlton Morris who squared it across the box, but no one was there to knock the ball in.

Around five minutes later, Kaminski once again came to the rescue as he saved a low driven shot by Florian Bianchini for Swansea.

In the closing stages, Swansea had another great chance to win it when substitute Jisung Eom got his header all wrong from close range as he met a left-wing cross by Bianchini.

The Hatters held on however, and fought out for the 1-1 draw against a battling Swansea side in the stormy conditions at Kenilworth Road.

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ACTION REPLAY



Unwrap the gift of perfect Wi-Fi for your business this Christmas



The image features a laptop screen showing a football match. In front of the laptop is a large, yellow, 3D gift box with a white Aruba Wi-Fi antenna on top. To the right of the gift box is a purple Wi-Fi symbol. In the foreground, two football players in red kits are wearing Santa hats and clapping. The player on the left is wearing a kit with 'umbro' and 'switchshop' logos. The player on the right is wearing a kit with 'umbro', 'switchshop', and 'Luton Town Football Club' logos.

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POSTMATCH

ELIJAH TAKING THE POSITIVES

Goalscorer Elijah Adebayo took the positives from Saturday's "ugly" point gained in the 1-1 draw with Swansea City at Kenilworth Road.

In a match severely hampered by Storm Daragh, Adebayo gave the Hatters an early lead before Swans captain Matt Grimes squared things up after the break.

The 26-year-old expressed his disappointment at not being able to hold onto that advantage, but saw it as another point added to the Town total as we look to climb the Championship table.

"It was a difficult game with the conditions, of course," said the striker. "We knew it was going to be that type of game, we knew it was going to be ugly, we essentially said that we'd have to win ugly and it takes that in this league to climb up the table.

"Unfortunately, for a lapse in concentration from our point, we conceded at a set piece, which obviously we pride ourselves on, so we are very disappointed to come away with a draw.

"It could have gone either way. We have to be honest and take that, they had a few opportunities, but the main thing is that it's a point on the board and we just have to go again on Tuesday."

For his fourth goal of the season, and second in as many matches, the former Fulham and Walsall man pounced on a short back-pass to round City keeper Lawrence Vigouroux and slot home from a narrowing angle.

"Again, with the conditions there are bound to be mistakes, and you almost have to sniff it out as any good centre-forward would, to try and capitalise on any errors," he said.

"Hard work and chasing down defenders and goalkeepers is something that everyone knows that I do, so to get my reward from it was great. It was a tight angle, but I managed to squeeze it in."



Elijah also stressed the importance of using his second goal in as many matches as a springboard for the rest of the season.

The frontman said: "Yes, it's a good confidence boost but I want more, we want more, the staff are demanding more and we know that we need to start putting some points on the board and some good performances for the fans, because they come home and away, and we understand it's tough - it's cold, it's windy, it's wet and for us as players, when we cross that white line we need to be able to give them something to get behind.

"They were once we got the goal, and then we obviously just fell away a little bit. We've been a little bit guilty of that over a large amount of games.

"I understand it's tough and yes, conditions play a part, but as the players, we've got to be focussed for 90-odd minutes, or however long it is."







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HATTERS SPREAD FESTIVE CHEER

The Town players brought joy and smiles to young patients during their heartwarming visit to the children's ward at the Luton & Dunstable Hospital last week.

The players took time out from training to meet with children and their families, spreading cheer and offering encouragement to those facing difficult times.

During the visit, the team members handed out club merchandise, signed autographs, and posed for photos, creating memorable moments for everyone involved, as shown by our photographs.

A huge thank you to all the staff at the L&D and our Christmas love and best wishes go to all the patients who will be spending the festival time in care.





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WELCOME



The Hatters welcome Stoke City to Bedfordshire for the second game in just four days at Kenilworth Road. The Potters have had an up and down start to the season and sit in 15th place in the Championship standings.

The Potters are currently five games without a win after a run of difficult games. Draws against Millwall, QPR and Preston were followed by losses to Burnley and Sunderland.

Prior to this run, Stoke were doing well and picked up big wins against Derby County and Blackburn Rovers. The 2-0 away win against Blackburn in particular was an impressive one.

Notably, the Potters got one of the most comprehensive wins in the division so far this season when they beat Portsmouth 6-1. Striker Tom Cannon scored four goals in the demolition all within the space of a few minutes.

Last time out, Stoke lost 2-1 away at Sunderland in a tough game at the Stadium of Light. A brace from Tom Watson saw the home side come from behind to win.

The Town won on Stoke's last visit to 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.

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



THE SQUAD



- 1 GK Viktor Johansson
- 2 MF Lynden Gooch
- 3 DF Enda Stevens
- 4 MF Ben Pearson
- 5 DF Michael Rose
- 6 MF Wouter Burger
- 7 FW André Vidigal
- 9 FW Tom Cannon
- 10 MF Bae Jun-ho
- 11 FW Lewis Koumas
- 12 MF Tatsuki Seko
- 13 GK Jack Bonham
- 14 FW Niall Ennis
- 15 MF Jordan Thompson
- 16 DF Ben Wilmot
- 17 DF Eric Bocat
- 18 MF Bosun Lawal
- 20 FW Sam Gallagher
- 22 DF Junior Tchamadeu
- 23 DF Ben Gibson
- 24 MF Andrew Moran
- 26 DF Ashley Phillips
- 30 MF Sol Sidibe
- 34 GK Frank Fielding
- 37 FW Emre Tezgel
- 41 DF Jaden Dixon
- 42 FW Million Manhoef
- 43 DF Freddie Anderson

PROFILES

Words by Zac Neal

THE BOSS

NARCIS PELACH

Spanish coach who predominantly managed in Spain before becoming interim Huddersfield Town boss. Appointed Stoke manager in September this year.

GOALKEEPER

VIKTOR JOHANSSON ▼

Former Rotherham United shot-stopper who signed for Stoke in the summer. Been on top form since joining the Potters.

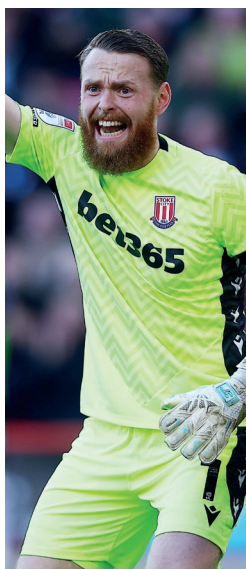
DEFENDERS

ASHLEY PHILLIPS

Centre-back on loan from Tottenham who spent last season on loan at Plymouth. Scored in Stoke's Carabao Cup defeat to Southampton.

MICHAEL ROSE

Came through the Aberdeen academy and made his name at Ayr United. Has spent years at Coventry before joining Stoke in the summer of 2023.



ERIC BOCAT

French left-back who spent two years at Saint-Truiden before signing for Stoke last summer. Been a regular in the team this season.

JUNIOR TCHAMADEU

Cameroonian international who spent three years at Colchester United before making the move to Stoke in 2023.

BEN WILMOT

Years of experience in the second tier with the likes of Watford and Swansea. Made over 100 appearances for Stoke in over three years at the club.

MIDFIELDERS

TATSUKI SEKO

Japanese midfielder who has spent most of his career so far in Japan before making the move to England in the summer. Been in and out of the team at Stoke since signing.

ANDREW MORAN

Irish international who signed for Brighton in 2020. He didn't break into the team with the Seagulls and is now on loan at Stoke after a spell at Blackburn.

WOUTER BURGER

Came through the Feyenoord academy before moving to Basel. Spent two years in Switzerland and then made the move to Stoke in 2023.

LYNDEN GOOCH

Former Sunderland man



who joined Stoke in 2023 after 11 years with the Black Cats.

MILLION MANHOEF ▲

Dutch youth international who signed for Stoke in February 2024 after years at Vitesse. Been a regular in the team for the Potters since then.

FORWARDS

TOM CANNON

Currently on loan at Stoke from Leicester. Scored four goals in the Potters' emphatic 6-1 home win against Portsmouth.

LEWIS KOUMAS

Welsh international on loan from Liverpool at the Potters. Scored in Stoke's recent 2-1 loss against Sunderland.

JUNHO BAE

South Korean international who signed for Stoke in the summer of 2023 and has been a regular in the team since arriving at the club.

ANDRE VIDIGAL

Winger who signed for Stoke from Maritimo in Portugal a year-and-half ago. Scored seven goals for the Potters in his last campaign.

STOKE KITBAG



1995/96 AWAY

Black and green stripes with a British beer sponsor? It's not something you see (or write for that matter) very often. This Stoke offering for their away shirts in the mid-90s gave the Potters faithful something more exciting to wear rather than the age-old traditional red and white stripes.

A FOOT IN BOTH



CAMERON JEROME

Plenty of big names have served both so it's hard to pick one but Cameron Jerome made significant contributions for the Town and the Potters. After spells at Cardiff and Birmingham he joined Stoke in 2011/12 and went onto score seven times in the Premier League. The striker's career took him to the Kenny in 2021/22 where his experience was vital across two seasons as we twice reached the play-offs.

POTTERS CULT HERO

A cult hero at the Britannia Stadium for his unparalleled contribution to the club's success during their Premier League years, primarily through his iconic long throws, **Rory Delap** signed from Sunderland in 2006.



He initially seemed like a solid but unspectacular midfielder, however, his ability to hurl the ball into the penalty box with remarkable accuracy and velocity turned him into a game-changer for Tony Pulis' Potters.

The long throws were effectively set pieces

in themselves, often wreaking havoc in opposition defences. These not only led to countless goals but also defined Stoke's physical, direct style of play under Pulis. For Stoke fans, his throws embodied the team's gritty ethos

and ability to punch above their weight in the Premier League with his contributions instrumental in Stoke's promotion to the top flight in 2008 and subsequent survival in the top-flight.

Beyond his throws, Delap was a tireless worker in midfield, embodying commitment and professionalism. He endeared himself to the fans through his humility, work ethic, and loyalty, spending six years at the club during a transformative period in Stoke's history.

FIXTURE FLASHBACK

TOWN 6-2 STOKE 23rd NOVEMBER 1993

A hat-trick from Kerry Dixon inspired the Hatters to hit Stoke for six and become the first Luton player to score a league treble at Kenilworth Road in five years.

The Town found themselves two goals behind to the Potters after just 20 minutes as a Dave Regis strike and a Des Linton own goal had City 2-0 up.

But the Hatters stormed back. Dixon's 25-yard curler got one back before a 35-yard rocket from Ceri Hughes brought the Town level.

Scott Oakes then completed the turnaround, putting the Town in front seven minutes before the break.

And the goals continued after the interval as Dixon made it four and

five with two goals in the space of eight minutes.

The *coup de gras* was then added in the final moments when John Hartson made it six in injury time to seal an afternoon to remember.

Stoke, however, would go on and enjoy the majority of the 24 meetings that followed - as the Town would win in only five of those





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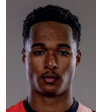
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COMMERCIAL

A warm welcome to all of our commercial guests and sponsors and partners as we return under the lights for this evening's game against Stoke.

At our last home game here against Swansea on Saturday saw goalkeeper Thomas Kaminski rewarded with his fine performance with the man-of-the-match award.

The Belgian was presented with his trophy by match sponsors Bidwell Accountancy, before posing for photographs, signing autographs and answering questions post-match in the Eric Morecambe Lounge.

We also welcomed three mascots and matchball sponsors J Keane Exhibition Services who got the VIP treatment on a wet and windy day at the Kenny.

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TONIGHT'S FIXTURES

TODAY

7.45pm

Burnley v Derby

Plymouth v Swansea

Portsmouth v Norwich

Sheff Wed v Blackburn

Sunderland v Bristol City

8pm Leeds v Middlesbrough

TOMORROW

7.45pm

Cardiff v Preston North End

Hull v Watford

Millwall v Sheff Utd

QPR v Oxford Utd

8pm West Brom v Coventry



TOTAL PASSES

Pascal Struijk 1,706
Leeds United

Matt Grimes 1,616
Swansea City

Joe Rodon 1,611
Leeds United

Shane Duffy 1,561
Norwich City

Callum Doyle 1,517
Norwich City



GOALS INSIDE THE BOX

Borja Sainz 11
Norwich City

Josh Maja 10
West Bromwich Albion

Vakoun Bayo 7
Watford

Tommy Conway 7
Middlesbrough

Emmanuel Latte Lath 7
Middlesbrough

TABLE AND STATS 2024/25

AS OF 9/12/2024

		P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	PTS
1	Sheff Utd	19	12	5	2	27	11	16	39
2	Leeds	19	11	5	3	33	13	20	38
3	Burnley	19	10	7	2	24	7	17	37
4	Sunderland	19	10	6	3	28	14	14	36
5	Middlesbrough	19	9	4	6	33	22	11	31
6	Blackburn	18	9	4	5	22	17	5	31
7	Watford	18	9	3	6	26	24	2	30
8	West Brom	19	6	11	2	21	14	7	29
9	Sheff Wed	19	7	5	7	23	28	-5	26
10	Norwich	19	6	7	6	35	30	5	25
11	Millwall	18	6	7	5	20	16	4	25
12	Bristol City	19	6	7	6	24	24	0	25
13	Swansea	19	6	6	7	19	18	1	24
14	Coventry	19	5	6	8	25	27	-2	21
15	Stoke	19	5	6	8	20	24	-4	21
16	Derby	19	5	5	9	22	26	-4	20
17	Preston North End	19	3	10	6	18	26	-8	19
18	Luton	19	5	4	10	21	34	-13	19
19	Oxford Utd	18	4	6	8	20	28	-8	18
20	QPR	19	3	9	7	18	26	-8	18
21	Cardiff	18	4	5	9	17	28	-11	17
22	Plymouth	18	4	5	9	18	38	-20	17
23	Portsmouth	17	3	7	7	21	30	-9	16
24	Hull	19	3	6	10	17	27	-10	15

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	17	2	4	1	0	0	18	2	4	1	0	161	46
Mads Andersen	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	13	1
Shandon Baptiste	7	4	0	0	1	0	7	5	0	2	0	12	0
Amari'i Bell	10	0	0	1	0	0	11	0	0	1	0	135	2
Jacob Brown	4	8	3	0	0	0	4	8	3	0	0	34	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	16	1	3	1	0	0	17	1	3	6	0	155	15
Alfie Doughty	13	0	0	1	0	0	14	0	0	5	0	92	5
Daiki Hashioka	7	3	0	0	0	0	7	3	0	3	0	21	0
Tom Holmes	6	3	0	0	1	0	6	4	0	0	1	10	0
Joe Johnson	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	9	0
Thomas Kaminski	18	0	0	1	0	0	19	0	0	1	1	57	0
Tom Krauss	11	3	1	0	0	0	11	3	1	0	0	14	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	17	0	1	0	0	0	17	0	1	2	0	17	1
Teden Mengi	14	1	1	0	0	0	14	1	1	2	0	50	2
Carlton Morris	13	3	4	1	0	0	14	3	4	5	0	111	35
Victor Moses	8	4	1	0	0	0	8	4	1	0	0	12	1
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	1	0	408	23
Marvelous Nakamba	7	4	0	1	0	0	8	4	0	1	0	46	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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WORDS BY ZAC NEAL

Last weekend in the Championship saw drama, entertainment and goals galore. Like always, let's take a look at all that unfolded in these games that went on.

The weekend started with a storm as Storm Darragh saw two games get called off. Cardiff's match against Watford and Plymouth's game against Oxford were both postponed due to the weather.

On Friday night, Burnley drew 1-1 at home against Middlesbrough.

Anfernee Dijksteel gave the away side the lead before Connor Roberts equalised for Burnley.

The following day, Leeds beat Derby 2-0 at Elland Road. Two first half goals were enough to get Leeds the win. Sheffield Wednesday picked up a point at home after drawing against Preston. The Town and Swansea also played out a 1-1 draw at Kenilworth Road with Elijah Adebayo on target for the Hatters.

Sunderland beat our opponents tonight Stoke 2-1 at the Stadium

of Light after the Black Cats came from behind to win the game. Blackburn also continued their winning streak as they beat Hull 1-0.

Frank Lampard got off to the perfect start as Coventry boss as they picked up a 1-0 away win at Millwall. Ephron Mason-Clark got the winning goal for the Sky Blues.

QPR and Portsmouth both recorded huge 3-0 wins on home soil. Rangers eased past Norwich at Loftus Road while Portsmouth

punished Bristol City at Fratton Park.

West Brom also continued their miraculous drawing streak as they drew 2-2 at home to Sheffield United. Torbjorn Heggem and Tom Fellows scored for the home side as they got their 10th draw in their last 11 games. The point for the Blades was enough to take them back to the top of the table.



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HATTERS HERITAGE

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On the 13th of January 1954 a 38-year-old outside right prepared to make his first competitive appearance at Kenilworth Road.

The game was an FA Cup third round replay between Blackpool and Luton, after a 1-1 draw at Bloomfield Road four days previously. Just 8 months earlier he'd played in the FA Cup Final, perhaps the most famous final of all time, one still named for him. He was, of course, Stanley Matthews.

The teams would need four matches to be separated before Dally Duncan's side finally fell to the holders with a 2-0 loss at Molineux. Despite his age Matthews played in all four games and his meetings with the Hatters were only just starting. He took part in four league matches following Town's promotion to the top flight in 1955, of which he won two and lost two.

He was on the pitch for perhaps the most famous game in Kenilworth Road's long history, one which will now forever hold the attendance record of 30,069. It was an FA Cup replay once more and the schools of Luton had emptied to watch Allan Brown's 74th-minute goal send Luton into a

first FA Cup semi-final.

Blackpool's defeat was in spite of their legendary player. "It's Matthews everywhere...at left back, inside left and even outside left, and slowly he inspired Blackpool back into command," it's noted in the match report. Remarkably, he was 44 years old.

He had returned to Stoke City by the time of his last game against the Town, played on the final day of the 1962/63 season. He marked the occasion with a goal, his only one in 12 meetings against the Hatters and the 80th and very last Football League strike of his 697 games, which had been played over an incredible 34 years.

Born in Hanley, one of the six towns of Stoke, and forever linked with the Potters and Blackpool, Matthews actually grew up a Port Vale fan and it was with the Valiants that he, now Sir Stanley Matthews, made his only visit to Kenilworth Road as a manager, a Fourth Division game in March 1968 which Luton won 2-0 thanks to goals from Ian Buxton and Bruce Rioch.

Vale were in a financial mess, fined by the FA due to 'financial irregularities' and threatened with expulsion from the Football League. It's said that only the pleadings from Matthews, and the sheer weight of his name, kept them in.

Will Foster

DID YOU KNOW?

Mitchell Thomas holds the record for appearances in matches between Luton and Stoke, playing 12 times between 1983 and 1999.

48-year-old Stanley Matthews scores his only goal against Luton in 1963 ▼



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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 Potters.

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1 Jimmy Adam heads in the Town's third goal against Stoke during the 3-1 home win in September 1954.

2 Brian Stein heads home during the breathless 4-4 draw at the Victoria Ground in September 1982.

3 The Hatters beat Stoke 6-2 at home in November 1993 after going two goals down early on. Pictured is a young John Hartson after bagging the sixth goal.

4 Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu striking home the only goal of the game the last time Stoke visited Kenilworth Road in February 2023.



ON THIS DAY

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

The Hatters' recent history is always interesting to reflect on. On this day 12 months ago the Town led at half-time against champions Manchester City at Kenilworth Road thanks to Elijah Adebayo's goal.

City came back to earn a win on a day in which 12 years earlier the Town beat Swindon Supermarine in front of 1,200 at the Kenny in the FA Trophy. The scorers that day? Stuart Fleetwood – who's now managing Swindon Supermarine – and Tommy Wright.

Also on this day two years ago a certain Rob Edwards oversaw his first game in charge of the Hatters at Middlesbrough.

Also, back on this day back in 1983, the Town secured a fine 4-2 win at the Victoria Ground against our visitors tonight.

Paul Walsh scores a hat-trick against the lowly Stoke team who had sacked their manager, Richie Barker, the previous day.

Robbie James converts from the spot after Ian Painter drives the ball at the hand of Mal Donaghy.

Walsh, however, is the protagonist with a fine treble that sinks the Potters while a superb headed goal by Ray Daniel is his first goal for the Hatters.

Life certainly is never dull in the rollercoaster existence of Luton Town.



Elijah Adebayo heads in the opener against Manchester City last season

Stuart Fleetwood hooks in a goal against Swindon Supermarine in the FA Trophy





Pelly Ruddock-Mpanzu and Jonny Howson go boot to boot at Middlesbrough two years ago



Paul Walsh celebrates his hat-trick against Stoke on this day in 1983



2004/05
history

Champions!

Over the course of the season we'll be looking back 20 years to the glorious League One championship winning season of 2004/05.

So many club league records were tumbled during a momentous campaign which was even more remarkable considering that the summer of 2003 saw the arrival of new 'owner' John Gurney and his crackpot ideas, which ultimately led to the Hatters needing to enter administrative receivership, with all its problems, to get rid of him. Club historian Roger Wash tells the story of a season to remember.

Ahmet Brkovic wheels away after scoring his spectacular winner against Port Vale



Following the 2-0 physical battering at Brentford the previous Tuesday the Town were now back on home soil where lower mid-table Port Vale were the visitors.

A surprise choice to replace the suspended Steve Howard was 17-year-old Calvin Andrew who was preferred to Enoch Showunmi.

The Valiants were forced to name two YTS youngsters on the bench, as well as youth team manager Andy Porter who had not played a game for two years. As predicted, Vale defended in depth from the start which was going to make a for a long and frustrating afternoon.

Andrew went close with a header that was cleared off the line while skipper Kevin Nicholls forced Vale keeper Jonny Brain into a fingertip save from a 25-yard effort but the Town could not force their way through with the frustration on the pitch seeping onto the terraces.

Both Chris Coyne and Rowan Vine picked up silly bookings for late challenges as things began to boil over but the introduction of Showunmi for Andrew gave everyone a lift as the Town continued to plug away.

After Stephen O'Leary volleyed against the crossbar, the

breakthrough came on 84 minutes in spectacular fashion. Kevin Foley sent over a cross from the right and despite a crowded penalty area, Ahmet Brkovic found space to control the ball on his chest before executing a perfect overhead kick that flew into the net. A goal worthy of winning any game.

A relieved manager Mike Newell said afterwards: "Sometimes you have to grind out results. They set their stall out to snatch a point and this win is as important a three points as we've got all season. We know there will be off days but as long as the players keep giving their all as they have today I'm happy."

A week later the Town were on the road again, this time to Ashton Gate, Bristol where they had not won since 1973. Showunmi kept his place for his first start of the season after 14 substitute appearances, while midfielder Peter Holmes also made his first start replacing flu-sufferer Stephen O'Leary.

Bristol City were just outside the play-off spots and started the game well but the Hatters were soon on the front foot with both skipper Kevin Nicholls and Paul Underwood forcing saves from Robins goalkeeper Steve Phillips.

The goal the Town deserved for their first-

Chris Coyne exerts pressure on the Port Vale keeper





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half play came in the 34th minute when Chris Coyne, still upfield following a free-kick, rose unopposed to head in a cross from Paul Underwood.

Soon afterwards Coyne was on the receiving end of a flailing arm from City's Steve Brooker, similar to the one that saw Steve Howard dismissed at Brentford. Coyne needed to change shirts such was the amount of blood loss from his nose but Brooker merely received a caution.

Just before the interval the Town had a stonewall penalty appeal turned down after a clever piece of skill saw Underwood through on goal only to be upended. The referee waved away the appeals and instead awarded the Town a corner even

though Underwood was the last man to touch the ball!

Early in the second period City player-manager Brian Tinnion made a triple change, including himself, to try to salvage something from the game. Re-energised, City took the game to the Town and levelled on 66 minutes when Leroy Lita somehow adjusted his body to send in a brilliant scissors kick which flashed into the net.

That was as good as it got for the Robins though as it was the Hatters who controlled the rest of the game with both Holmes and Underwood going close. The deserved winner came rather late as there was only a minute left on the clock when

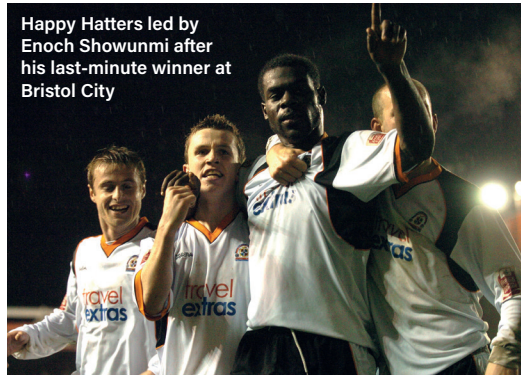
Underwood sent in a low cross for Showunmi to poke the ball home at the near post. Cue delirium among the Luton faithful behind the goal.

"It's always a difficult place to come to, but I think on the first half performance we deserved to be in front. We took the sting out of the game and our passing was good

although until we scored we didn't seem to have an end product," said a contented Mike Newell at the end.

"We are missing Steve Howard and need to get goals from somewhere else while he is suspended but we're not a one-man team. We came here today with a patched up side and got a terrific victory."

Happy Hatters led by Enoch Showunmi after his last-minute winner at Bristol City



Chris Coyne heads the Town into the lead at Bristol City



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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 1982-1984 home shirt is a classic piece of Luton Town football shirt history and represents a vibrant period in the club's history with two seasons in the top-flight.

Renowned for its distinctive design and colours, this shirt is one of the most popular designs within our history, reproduced many times and often considered one of the best.

Manufactured during our legendary collaboration with Adidas, the shirt features the club's traditional colours of orange, white and navy blue. This design was

somewhat ahead of its time, introducing a dash of flair and style to the English football leagues, where plainer designs were more common.

The body is our traditional white, with the iconic Bedford Trucks sponsor and that lovely 80s Luton Town badge on the chest. The sleeves are blocks of orange, with the famous Adidas stripes going down the sleeves. It also has a lovely orange neckline, that just brings the whole shirt together.

This shirt holds a special place in the hearts of Luton Town supporters, representing a period

of both top division success and wonderful memories of mixing it with the big boys. It also represents an era where football shirts started to become a fashion – with designers starting to think a bit more about what will sell and therefore having a more creative freedom that the historic, traditional shirts.

Its debut season saw us survive on the last day of the season in that famous away win at Manchester City, but that was in the orange away shirt, so we'll save that for another article!

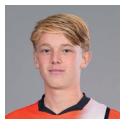
In 1982/83, key matches in this shirt included

a 3-3 away draw at Liverpool, beating Brighton 5-0 at home thanks to a Brian Stein hat-trick, another draw with Manchester United at Kenilworth Road (1-1), and beating Watford 1-0 thanks to a Clive Goodyear goal.

The following campaign saw us finish an improved 16th in the table to retain our top-flight status. Wonderful players like Raddy Antic, Mal Donaghy, Brian Stein, Paul Walsh, Kirk Stephens, Brian Horton and Ricky Hill adorned this iconic shirt. What a classic!

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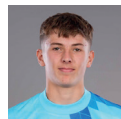
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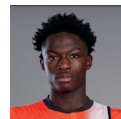
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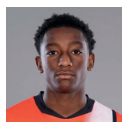
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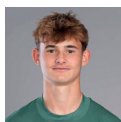
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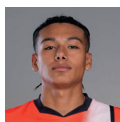
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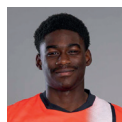
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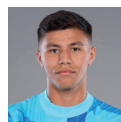
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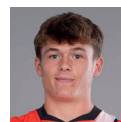
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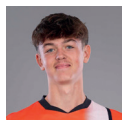
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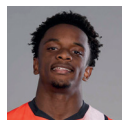
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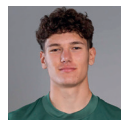
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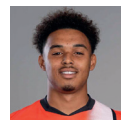
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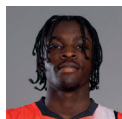
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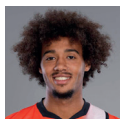
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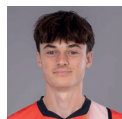
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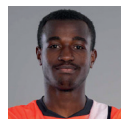
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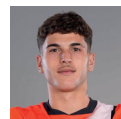
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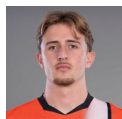
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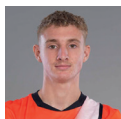
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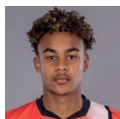
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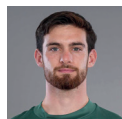
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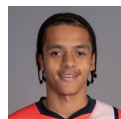
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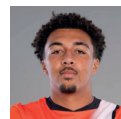
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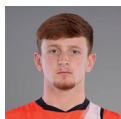
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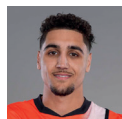
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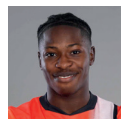
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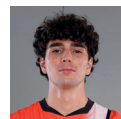
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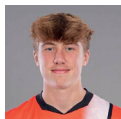
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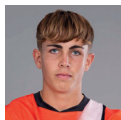
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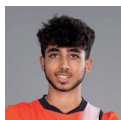
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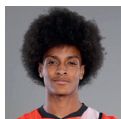
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THE YOUTH OF TODAY

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

Name... Kyron Roberts-Edema

Date of birth...
05/02/2008

Born... Luton

Position...
Right-back,
right-wing back
or right-sided
centre-back

Joined Luton... As
an under-9/10

Previous clubs...
Stevenage, St
Joe's, Dunstable
Town

**Boots I'm
wearing...** Puma
Futures

**First teamer's
boots I'm cleaning...**
All of them

Earliest Luton Town memory... On
tour with the centre of excellence in
the Netherlands

Coach who had the biggest impact...
Taff Rahman. Taught me the basics of
football the best

Football memory that makes me smile... The
2021/22 season with Taff. We went unbeaten
from the New Year until the penultimate game
of the season



Best moment of career so far... Getting offered my scholarship

I would be a better player if... my left foot as as good as my right

Dream first team squad number...
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Player I used to be in the playground...
Neymar

Player that could go all the way... Me!

If I could play with anyone it would be... Prime Eden Hazard

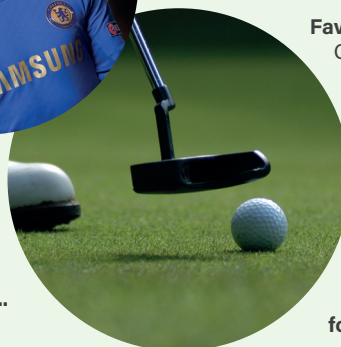
Favourite food...
Chinese

Favourite training drill... Small sided games

Favourite school subject other than PE... Media

Hobbies outside of football... Golf

I am... Hard-working and have a lot of desire and passion when I play.





LTFC ACADEMY **ACADEMY UPDATE** WITH CHARLIE POYTNER

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I joined the club in July this year taking on the role of Head of Academy Medical, after spending last season as first team physiotherapist at Cambridge United Women.

My previous job roles include course leader and university lecturer of sports therapy degrees at a couple of local universities and clinical lead and proprietor of my own private physio and sports therapy clinic.

In my current role, day to day I assess and manage injured players predominantly those in the Under-21 and Under-18 squads covering both training and match days.

As head of academy medical, I oversee all age

groups and lead a team of full-time and part-time therapists who manage players across age groups from under-9 to under-21.

Within the department we have welcomed two new part-time staff members, adding expertise and medical cover across our younger age groups for fixtures. They enable us to support a greater offering of football within the academy and are looking to expand the part-time staff numbers to be able to create a greater opportunity for matches.

Within the Under-18 and Under-21 age groups, Taylan Harris is due to make his return to competitive fixtures at the end of December

following his injury during the PDL Cup fixture away at Reading. In the new year, we will also see the return of Under-21 goalkeeper Henry Blackledge.

In recent months, we saw the return of Jayden Luker to full fitness following a hamstring injury. The academy medical team led his rehabilitation in collaboration with the first team medical staff, to ensure he was fit to start his loan with League Two side Grimsby. Jayden has now played competitive minutes for Grimsby and scored his first Football League goal for the Mariners last week. Congratulations, Jayden and we look forward to seeing him have

SIX OF THE BEST FOR UNDER-18S

The Town Under-18s continued their rich vein of form to beat Milton Keynes 6-1 in the Youth Alliance Cup on Saturday morning.

Joe Deeney's side had a dream start inside two minutes when Tate Xavier-Jones headed home Benny Benagr's corner at the near post.

However the lead would last 10 minutes as the visitors equalised when a wind-assisted effort flew past Charlie Booth.

Having been pegged back the Town youngsters found another gear and were 3-1 in front come half-time.

The lead was restored on 33 minutes when Dylan Stitt muscled his way through midfield to slide in Xavier-Jones to finish well for his second.

And four minutes before the interval, Archie Shepherd did well down the left to feed Stitt. His cut-back saw Xavier-Jones' shot blocked but Jamie Odegah was on hand to bundle home from close range.

The Town then made it 4-1 six minutes into the second half when Charlie Trustram seized on a loose ball and drove goalwards before slipping in Xavier-Jones to complete his hat-trick with an emphatic finish from the edge of the box.

Three goals ahead the Hatters continued to look for more goals and a fifth arrived with seven minutes left when Odegah scored his second of the afternoon after receiving Harry Fox's cross.

The scoring was complete in the 89th minute when Stitt found the net with a fantastic finish from 25 yards to make it 6-1.

After seeing off Northampton 6-0 the week before the Under-17 PDL Cup the result made it 12 goals in two games for the Town ahead of this Friday's FA Youth Cup tie at Kenilworth Road against Crewe on Friday.

Kick-off is at 7pm and entry is £5 for adults and £3 for concessions, so why not get down to the Kenny to see the next generation of Town players in action?

Town: Booth, Roberts-Edema, Benagr, Ioannides, Chigozie, Kwane Anson, Trustram, Stitt, Odegah, Shepherd, Xavier-Jones.

Subs: Hockey, Harvey, Emery, Fox, Asamoah Jnr, Takawira.



Charlie Poytner

“JOE DEENEY’S SIDE HAD A DREAM START INSIDE TWO MINUTES WHEN TATE XAVIER-JONES HEADED HOME”

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	W 6-1
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!

PAUL TELFER

Paul came to Luton Town as a youth trainee in 1988, along with his Edinburgh youth club playing colleague Darren Salton, before signing professional forms in November of that year.

A genuine utility player, Paul made his League debut for the Hatters in a 1-0 defeat at Everton in May 1991 and soon made a first team spot his own, usually playing on the right side of midfield and regularly getting on the goalscoring charts.

It was with great regret that the Town sold the remarkably consistent and popular performer to Coventry for £1.5 million in 1995.

He made over 200 appearances for the Sky Blues before moving to Southampton in 2001, spending five years with the Saints before moving back to Scotland, turning out for Celtic.

Moves to Bournemouth and Leeds followed in the twilight of his career before turning out in non-league for Slough and Sutton.

He hung up his boots with 707 appearances and one Scotland cap to his name.

APPEARANCES: 165

GOALS: 22

CAREER TIMELINE



COMMUNITY TRUST



Education and Football Development: Post-16 Trials for 2025/26

Calling all Year 11 boys!
Our first Post-16 trial for the 2025/26 season is on Monday 16th December.

This is your chance to secure a place on our respected Education and Football Development programme. To register please email us at EFD@lutontown.co.uk.

The programme allows you to combine full-time education with football development, providing:

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 - Access to video analysis sessions to enhance your performance.
 - Official LTFC training and matchday kit.
- We deliver the programme at three Sixth Forms across Bedfordshire:
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 - Queen Elizabeth School
 - Chalk Hills Academy

For more information or to sign up, email EFD@lutontown.co.uk. Take the first step towards combining your education and football ambitions!

The first trial date for girls will be announced soon – keep an eye out for updates.

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This programme provides vital opportunities for those at risk of anti-social behaviour, youth violence, or from high-need areas, offering regular access to football, sport, mentoring, and personal development activities.

Our sessions are inclusive and free to attend, aiming to enhance both physical and mental wellbeing, promote volunteering and social action, and provide positive role models. By working with children and young people, Premier League Kicks helps to reduce violent behaviour, develop pro-social attitudes, and create pathways into education, training, and employment.

We currently run four free Premier League Kicks sessions across Luton and Houghton Regis. To get involved, email plkicks@lutontown.co.uk for a registration form and start your journey with us today!

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INCLUSIVE FOOTBALL SESSIONS

FREE TO PLAY

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Tithe Farm Road, Houghton Regis, Bedfordshire, LU5 5JF
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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 Kevin Harper

Welcome to another match under the Kenilworth Road lights. It is always an occasion to look forward to when we watch our beloved Hatters in the magical atmosphere that the Kenny with the floodlights on creates and hopefully we can get a result to match this evening.

These occasions are to be cherished even more than we usually do because the countdown is on for our move to Power Court, so we are beginning to be limited in the amount of games which will take place under the lights here.

Hopefully our move towards Power Court takes another huge leap forward next Monday evening when the detailed plans are put in front of the councillors. It is great that they have been recommended to be passed and hopefully those making the decision will agree and 2025 can bring about the start of the construction of our new home.

It really is a huge feather in the cap and a massive achievement for all those who have been involved in getting us to this stage with regards to our move and the plans being approved would be an early Christmas present that Luton fans the world over can enjoy.

For now though, Kenilworth Road is our home and we are unbeaten in our last four matches here and hopefully we can extend that run tonight.

AGM Update

Since I last wrote this column, I'm delighted to have been re-elected onto the Trust board for another two years. We held our first board meeting since our AGM last week to finalise roles for the next 12 months and I am honoured to have been asked to continue in the role of media officer, a position I don't take lightly and will continue to work hard to represent our members to the best of my ability.

LTST Events

In a recent column, my colleague Helen Gatward informed you that we are holding an evening with David Pleat and Wayne Turner inside the Eric Morecambe Lounge on Thursday 9th January.

I can now announce that tickets for this event are on sale now. We expect this to be a popular event with two men who were hugely important to the success the club had during the 1980s. Head to our website to book your ticket.

Our events team are working hard on a number of events throughout 2025 and if they can bring them to fruition we are really excited to deliver a number of standout nights for Luton fans.

Keep an eye on this column or on our website for our updated calendar as each event is announced.

Until then, enjoy the game and get behind the lads tonight.



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MY FAVOURITE PLAYER...

Chris Johnson pays homage to his favourite player to have worn the town shirt

I could have picked a lot of players for my favourite in my time supporting Luton but when I had to narrow it down to just one I chose the man who lifted silverware for the club on two different occasions in Kevin Nicholls.

My dad started taking me to Luton games in the early 90s and for the first part of my Luton Town supporting career we did not have a lot of success (with the possible exception of the 1996/97 season when a Tony Thorpe inspired Town finished

third in the old Division 2 (now League One) before losing to Crewe in the play-off semi-finals, despite beating them 6-0 earlier on that season, (typical Luton!).

Then in 2001 we got relegated to the old Division 3. I remember Joe Kinnear making lots of signings that summer, players that would go on to become some of Luton's better players in recent memory such as Chris Coyne, Steve Howard and Ahmet Brkovic to name a few, but it was Nicholls who was always my favourite.

I loved his tackling, his leadership, his eye for a pass and his penalties. I once remember him screaming at Dean Morgan when we were in the Championship for not clearing the ball, and I remember how the crowd would 'ooh' at some of his slide tackles.

His penalty against Plymouth in the home 2-0 win while we were chasing them in the 2001/02 season, the long range goal at Doncaster in the final game of our League One title success in 2005 and his penalty against Liverpool in the 5-3 FA Cup game the

next season were also stand out moments. I loved how he drove his team mates on.

I remember being in Australia when I got news of him signing for Leeds. I was gutted, and spent the whole day grumpy.

Although he was not as good when he re-signed, I was there in 2009 in the JPT final where he rolled back the years with a great performance and lifted the trophy. Great memories! I now have a couple of his signed shirts in pride of place in my house.



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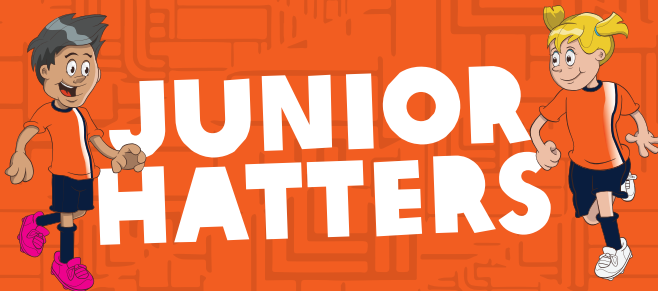
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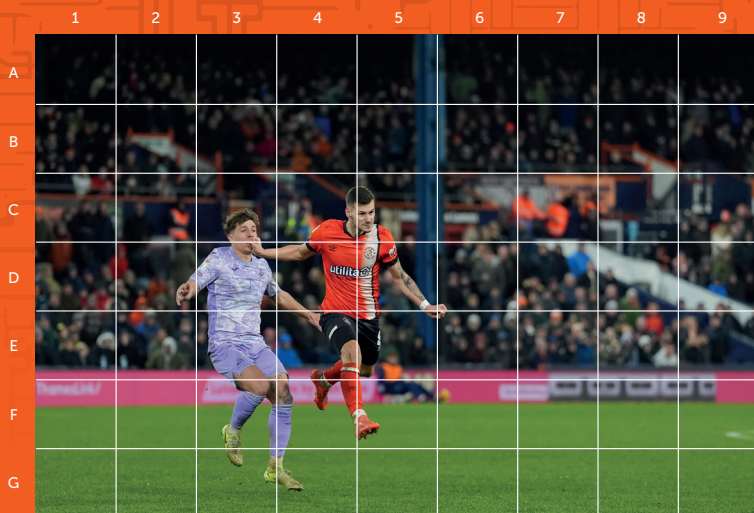
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TOWN TEASERS

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.

- Which player has scored the most goals in a single calendar year in football history?
- Which European club was the first to win the European Cup five consecutive times?
- What is the official nickname of the national football team of Côte d'Ivoire?
- In what year was the first FIFA World Cup held, and which country hosted it?
- Which player scored the fastest goal in a FIFA World Cup match, and how many seconds did it take?
- What was the final score of the highest-scoring Premier League match ever played, and which teams were involved?
- Which Luton player scored the most penalties in the 2013/14 season in the National League?
- Which nation holds the record for the most goals scored in a single World Cup tournament by a team?
- What was the first non-European club to win the FIFA Club World Cup, and in what year?
- Which player has made the most appearances in UEFA Champions League history?

HOW DID YOU SCORE?

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

ANSWERS: 1. Lionel Messi (91 goals in 2012). 2. Real Madrid (from 1956 to 1960). 3. The Elephants. 4. 1930, hosted by Uruguay. 5. Hakan Şükür (Turkey, scored in 11 seconds against South Korea in 2002). 6. Portsmouth 7-4 Reading (2007). 7. Jake Howells. 8. Hungary (27 goals in 1954). 9. Corinthians (Brazil, 2000). 10. Cristiano Ronaldo.

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LUTON TOWN LADIES

Luton Ladies bow out of FA Cup

Luton Town Ladies' FA Cup campaign came to an end on Sunday afternoon after a 5-0 loss to Championship side Portsmouth.

There was one change to the starting 11 which took on Stevenage in the second round last week with Shanice Lewis replacing Cesca Partridge in the front line.

Portsmouth showed their quality early on, forcing Sarah Hudson into a great save, the rebound then fell to Emma Jones who curled her effort wide of the post.

Portsmouth took the lead five minutes in through Ava Rowbotham. Annie Rolf played the Pompey number 8 through on goal and she fired the ball into the roof of the net from just inside the area.

The Town almost replied instantly, Tasha Fensome's attempted lob sailed just over the bar.

On 10 minutes, Hudson made another great save. Portsmouth squared the ball in the box and looked certain to score, but Luton's number 1

got down low to make another great save.

As Pompey pressed, Nicole Farmer produced a great bit of defending, sliding in to halt a promising looking Portsmouth counter attack.

Back came the Hatters and a free-kick, just inside Portsmouth's half, was swung in by Fiona Buttigieg but Portsmouth were able to head clear at the back post.

Hudson produced more incredible goalkeeping, she made a reaction save at her near post as the Hatters were unable to clear and Portsmouth created another chance, which was then held by last weekend's FA Cup hero.

On the half hour mark, Portsmouth doubled their lead when Sophie Quirk netted from close range after a pinpoint delivery from Rolf.

Just before the break it was 3-0 as Quirk scored her second and Portsmouth's third. The ball fell to Quirk after a goalmouth scramble and

she rifled the ball into the roof of the net.

The Town dealt with everything Portsmouth threw at them in the opening 15 of the second half. The Hatters broke free on the left hand side after some blistering pace from Gabriella Spillman, which saw her fly past the Portsmouth right back, who eventually dragged her down.

With 20 minutes played in the second half Portsmouth scored their fourth when Quirk secured her hat-trick with a smart finish into the bottom right corner of the net.

Georgie Freeland then bagged Portsmouth's fifth with five minutes left, arriving at the end of a cross to head the ball home.

It is another FA Cup campaign and performance to be proud of from the Hatters who now turn their attention to Watford Ladies Development in the League Cup next weekend.

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	Portsmouth FAC L 0-5
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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JUST THE TICKET

The latest from the Ticket Office

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.

Prices

Adults - £27
Seniors (Over 65) - £22
Young Adult Under 24 - £17
Junior Under 18 - £12
Under 12s - £9

Please note, any under-12 tickets must be sold with an accompanying over 18.

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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

BRISTOL CITY v LUTON TOWN SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP THURSDAY 26TH DECEMBER 2024, KO 3PM

We have been given an initial allocation of 2,503 tickets located in the Atyeo Stand.

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

Prices

Adult £35
Senior (over 65) £32
Young Adult (under 25) £32
Young Adult (under 22) £28
Junior (under 19) £16
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LET'S GO



Blackburn Rovers will pose a challenging opponent for the Town this Saturday, with recent form suggesting they are on an upward trajectory in the 2024/25 Championship season.

After a mixed start, Rovers have stabilised, securing three consecutive wins against Leeds, Hull City and Middlesbrough, all by narrow margins. These victories demonstrate their ability to grind out results, particularly in tight matches and sit sixth place in the Championship table.

Their recent matches reflect a defensively solid and opportunistic approach. Their 1-0 wins against Leeds and Hull highlight a resolute backline and efficiency in front of goal. Key players such as Todd Cantwell, who scored a decisive penalty against Leeds, and Dominic Hyam, a reliable presence in defence,

have been instrumental in their success

Manager John Eustace appears to favour a compact setup, prioritising defensive organisation and swift transitions. Their ability to absorb pressure and exploit counter-attacking opportunities will likely be central to their strategy against us at the weekend.

Blackburn's squad this season has seen minimal additions, reflecting a focus on continuity rather than major overhaul. Notable summer arrivals include Owen Beck, on loan from Liverpool, who has added depth to their defensive options, and Balázs Tóth, a Hungarian goalkeeper brought in to bolster competition for the number one spot. Danny Batth, a seasoned defender signed from Norwich, has brought valuable experience

Despite limited activity in the transfer market, Rovers' reliance on

young talent from their academy, alongside experienced heads, has created a balanced squad capable of competing against the league's stronger sides.

The Town will be aiming to continue their good recent form against Rovers. Since our promotion back to the second tier in 2019, we have lost just once in eight meetings, that coming at Ewood Park in January 2021 in a 1-0 defeat.

Our last trip to this corner of Lancashire saw a Tom Lockyer goal give the Hatters a point in a 1-1 draw in May 2023 shortly before the play-offs that we went on to win. The Town won 2-1 at Ewood Park in September 2019 thanks to goals from James Collins and Matty Pearson while two late goals from Luke Berry earned a point in a dramatic 2-2 draw in September 2021.

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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
WED 6	CARDIFF CITY	20:00	19	1-0	10,646	1,035	Kaminski	Hashioka	Doughty	Mengi	McGuinness	Bell	Clark
FRI 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	18	1-1	11,264	1,295	Kaminski	Hashioka	Moses	Holmes	McGuinness	Bell	Nakamba
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TUE 10 STOKE CITY

SAT 14 BLACKBURN ROVERS

FRI 20 DERBY COUNTY

THU 26 BRISTOL CITY

SUN 29 SWANSEA CITY

JANUARY

WED 1 NORWICH CITY

MON 6 QUEENS PARK RANGERS

SAT 11 NOTTINGHAM FOREST (FAC)

SAT 18 PRESTON NORTH END

TUE 21 OXFORD UNITED

SAT 25 MILLWALL

FEBRUARY

SAT 1 SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY

SAT 8 PLYMOUTH ARGYLE

WED 12 SUNDERLAND

SAT 15 SHEFFIELD UNITED

SAT 22 WATFORD

MARCH

SAT 1 PORTSMOUTH

SAT 8 BURNLEY

TUE 11 CARDIFF CITY

SAT 15 MIDDLESBROUGH

SAT 29 HULL CITY

APRIL

SAT 5 LEEDS UNITED

TUE 8 STOKE CITY

SAT 12 BLACKBURN ROVERS

FRI 18 DERBY COUNTY

MON 21 BRISTOL CITY

SAT 26 COVENTRY CITY

MAY

SAT 3 WEST BROMWICH ALBION



*QPR won 4-1 on penalties

Baptiste	CHONG 1	Morris	Adebayo	Townsend	Mpanzu				Shea, Bell, Woodrow, Taylor, Holmes, Francis-Clarke, Chigozie
Baptiste	Chong	Morris	Adebayo	Shea	Holmes	Mpanzu	Taylor		Woodrow, Nelson, Johnson, Francis-Clarke, Chigozie
Baptiste	Chong	Morris	Adebayo	Walsh	Walters	Woodrow	Taylor	Nelson	Horlick, Andersen, Burke, Mpanzu
NELSON 1	Chong	Morris	Adebayo	Holmes	Andersen	Walsh	Baptiste	Woodrow	Shea, Mpanzu, Taylor, Johnson
Baptiste	Chong	Morris	Adebayo	Mengi	Walsh	Taylor	Nelson		Shea, Mpanzu, Nakamba, Holmes, Woodrow
Clark	Walsh	Chong	Adebayo	Morris	Mpanzu	Holmes			Shea, Andersen, Moses, Nelson, Taylor, Woodrow
Clark	Walsh	Chong	Adebayo	Krauß	MORRIS 2	Nelson	Taylor	Moses	Shea, Holmes, Mpanzu, Woodrow
Clark	Nelson	Chong	Adebayo	Andersen	Brown	MOSES 1	Woodrow	Taylor	Shea, Mpanzu, Nakamba, Walsh
CLARK 1	KRAUB 1	Brown	Adebayo	Mpanzu	Walters	Woodrow	Walsh ■		Shea, Holmes, Taylor, Nelson, Johnson
Clark	Krauß	Moses	Adebayo	Brown	Woodrow	Baptiste	Taylor	Nelson	Shea, Mpanzu, Holmes, Johnson
Krauß	Chong	MORRIS 1	Adebayo	Hashioka	Johnson	Nakamba	Mpanzu	BROWN 1	Krul, Nelson, Taylor, Woodrow
Krauß	Chong	Morris	ADEBAYO 1	Nelson	Brown	Woodrow	Taylor		Krul, Nakamba, Mpanzu, Johnson, Benagr
Krauß	Chong	MORRIS 1	ADEBAYO 1	Brown	Nakamba	Walsh	Woodrow		Krul, Mpanzu, Taylor, Nelson, Johnson
Krauß	CHONG 1	Morris	Adebayo	Baptiste	Brown	Walsh			Krul, Woodrow, Nakamba, Mpanzu, Taylor, Johnson
Krauß	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
Baptiste	Chong	Morris	Adebayo	Walsh	Hashioka	Brown	Mpanzu		Krul, Andersen, Moses, Taylor, Woodrow
Krauß	Clark	Morris	Brown	Hashioka	Taylor	Adebayo	Baptiste	Chong	Krul, Holmes, Mpanzu, Woodrow
Baptiste	BROWN 1	Morris	ADEBAYO 1	Moses	Woodrow	Taylor	Krauß	Holmes	Krul, Andersen, Mpanzu, Nakamba
Clarke	Krauß	Morris	ADEBAYO 1	Brown	Andersen				Krul, Woodrow, Chong, Mpanzu, Taylor, Nelson, Johnson



PORTERS WHO BRAVELY BATTLED THE ELEMENTS
FOR SATURDAY'S GAME WITH SWANSEA

LAST WORD WITH



SIMON OXLEY

BBC THREE COUNTIES RADIO

Hand in the air, move it from side to side, and that's us waving goodbye to consideration to the travelling supporter. The new TV schedule has thrown up some shockers but the FA Cup third round has taken it to a new level.

We've had our fair share with the Friday night in Plymouth and the 12.30 at Middlesbrough, not to mention a variety of home kick offs which can be just as annoying.

Our other 3CR clubs have also been affected. Watford also had a Friday night in Plymouth, and have a 12.30 at Sunderland to look forward to. At least common sense prevailed

for their trip to Cardiff on Saturday with a postponement on Friday afternoon. MK weren't so lucky with Barrow waiting until 10.30 on Saturday morning.

The FA Cup schedule has rightly been criticised for having similar disregard for fans. We've been spared with 3pm on Saturday for the trip to Forest. Others haven't been so lucky as the lengthy list of TV commitments is ticked off.

The game provoking most anger is Peterborough's trip to Everton being moved to a Thursday night. The reason is Liverpool also having a home tie, but Sunday is available.

Thursday night will rule out the trip for many Posh fans, especially families who might have been attracted by likely reduced admission prices. Many Evertonians might also miss out on what might be the last FA Cup match at Goodison Park.

Put altogether, with various ownership issues up and down the country, and throw in to the mix Manchester United increasing concession tickets to £66, and you can see why the government is preparing to step in.

We have our own concerns closer to home of course. I enjoyed the reminiscing about the trip to Alfreton in

Saturday's programme. Eleven years have flown by since that pivotal moment in the Conference title winning season and reminds us how much has been achieved. That said there can be no doubt that this season is not living up to expectations.

Councillors are expected to approve the revised Power Court plans next Monday night as we move closer to the stadium we have needed for so long. The announcement about Vauxhall only reinforces the importance of the football club to the town. Longer term and shorter term there is much to consider.

"THE FA CUP SCHEDULE HAS RIGHTLY BEEN CRITICISED FOR HAVING SIMILAR DISREGARD FOR FANS. WE'VE BEEN SPARED WITH 3PM ON SATURDAY FOR THE TRIP TO FOREST"



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