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Good evening and welcome back to Kenilworth Road tonight's televised Championship clash with Derby County.

We extend that welcome to two familiar faces in the Rams' dressing room – Sonny Bradley and James Collins. The duo made a combined 358 appearances between them for us and we look forward to giving them a warm welcome back to their old stomping ground.

This week's most important news came on Monday when the final plans for Power Court were given the green light – and you can read more about what that all means for us all across Gary Sweet's boardroom notes.

League points on home turf are up for grabs this evening in what is our final home game before Christmas and New Year's Eve so everyone at Kenilworth Road would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and hope you see 2024 out in style.

Enjoy the game and get behind the boys. Up the Town!

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| ROB EDWARDS |

THE BOSS

Good evening and welcome back to Kenilworth Road to you all as we host Derby County in the Championship.

I would like to welcome Paul Warne and his staff and players, including Sonny Bradley and James Collins – two players who have made significant contributions to this club's success in the past. A big welcome to them as well the supporters of the Rams who have made the trip south this evening.

Tonight's game represents our final home game of 2024 in which we have experienced the highs and lows of football. The year started with wins over Bolton and Everton in the FA Cup, including a last-minute winner at Goodison and, in one of our last home games of the year, it has ended with a last-minute winner thanks to Elijah's goal against Stoke.

Over the past decade or so, this club has

always been on an upward trajectory. Now we're facing the first challenge we've had in a really long time – dealing with inconsistent performances and results. It's something we're frustrated with and working hard to improve in order to move forward again.

January is on the horizon, a month in which we'll be able to make one or two adjustments that we're going to need. It's clear we've had a lot of challenges through injuries, including some really unexpected ones, including Locks.

As I mentioned in my press conference yesterday, he has suffered a serious and innocuous injury in training just when he was on the cusp of a return for us.

This incident, as well as what happened to Locks at Bournemouth, together with a couple of serious injuries, have meant we've really missed some key personnel. In the

summer we worked hard to keep the players we wanted and, yes, we lost some too, but we're aiming to rediscover the kind of form that led to success over the past couple of years.

At our home last home game the lads showed great character to bounce back from conceding an early goal to beat Stoke. In the first half I thought we played some excellent football and in the second half we dug in, defended well and deservedly secured the points late on.

We challenged the lads to follow that victory up with a positive performance at Blackburn. Once again, however, consistency eluded us, and we were left to reflect on a defeat against an in-form opponent. Other than the two goals I felt there wasn't much in the game but we were hugely disappointed in the manner of the goals we conceded.

A big thank you to those supporters who made

the long trip to Blackburn and to everyone who has backed us home and away throughout 2024.

Have an amazing Christmas with your family, friends and loved ones. Let's look forward to an exciting year. Life is never dull at this football club so let's get ready to back each other and go again in 2025.

I wish those travelling to Bristol and Swansea safe travels before we look forward to welcoming you back here on New Year's Day against Norwich.

Enjoy the game and bring the noise.





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| TOM LOCKYER |

CLUB

CAPTAIN

Welcome back to you all to Kenny for this important Championship clash against Derby.

A big welcome back especially to Sonny Bradley and James Collins, who both played massive parts in the history and rise of this club.

Sonny always led by example and was brilliant off the pitch. He's someone who I learned a lot from while he was here. Collo scored a lot of goals, and some important ones at that, including one big one against Watford. I am sure they will both get a deserved reception from you tonight.

It's mad to think it's been one year since I suffered a cardiac arrest

at Bournemouth and in my last notes I was pleased to reveal those who saved my life were recognised at the British Heart Foundation's annual awards night. We didn't have the photo through, but now we do – see below! Huge congratulations once again.

An incident at our home game against Swansea a couple of weeks ago saw one of our own fans need CPR to save his life after suffering a cardiac arrest. Therefore, I will continue to plead to anyone who does not know how to administer it: learn it – you don't know when you might need to step up and save someone's life.

On the pitch, our away form continues

to frustrate us. It's something we're obviously looking to rectify but I wish it was as straightforward as finding a solution but unfortunately, it isn't. On a positive note, our home form has been good, and we will be hoping for that to continue tonight.

Derby are a good side, still carrying momentum from promotion last season. They enjoyed a thumping 4-0 win over Portsmouth on the telly last week so we know how dangerous they can be. We'll have to be on top of our game but, with your support behind us, I know we can maintain our solid form here at Kenilworth Road.

On a personal note, sadly I must inform you of a setback I've suffered in my bid to return to football. First of all, let me make this clear: my cardiac rehab is totally fine. However, in training I suffered an absolute freak injury and I've had to have an operation on the subsequent ligament damage. So I'm now on crutches and it means I'm out for a few more weeks.

It's unfortunate, and I'm not going to lie, it's been hard. I had got into a position to be so close to returning so it's been really tough for me. But there's nothing I can do now, just work hard and get back fit as soon as possible.

Tonight's game is the final game before Christmas and the last home match before 2025 rolls around. So with that, I'd like to wish you all a happy Christmas and a happy New Year. I hope you enjoy time with those who matter most to you.

Thank you for your support throughout the past year, not just towards the lads, but to me personally – your messages of encouragement mean the world.

Get behind the team this evening and enjoy the game.








BOARDROOM GARY SWEET

Good evening and a warm, festive welcome to our final fixture at Kenilworth Road before Christmas and the final fixture of 2024.

In true Luton fashion, 2024 has witnessed many ups and downs. The rollercoaster rides of football – and, in particular, Luton Town – are what truly grips us, isn't it? Without the emotional highs and lows of the beautiful game, I'm confident I and many others would all be watching another sport. Typically, just last week, in the space of three days, we endured disappointment and elation.

But, without doubt, our biggest victory of the year was played out on a Monday night fixture at the Town Hall, in front of a crowd of dignitaries, resulting in a massive home win for the Town but without a ball being kicked.

All of us present in the Council's chambers, along with the many Hatters watching the live

stream, were thrilled that our detailed planning application for a long-awaited new home at Power Court was given the final green light by Luton Borough Council marking the end of formalities on our new stadium journey as we celebrate the fact that no further permissions are required.

It's another defining milestone in the delivery of our long-held plans for a new stadium against our seemingly disappointing season in the Premier League. In an ironic and bittersweet way, it was last season's short visit to the top table which provided the resources for the redesigned bigger, more ambitious stadium which will provide the foundations for a longer Premier League visit next time.

First and foremost, we would like to thank everyone at the Council – councillors, planning officers, executive officers and the leader – who have all been amazingly supportive during the challenging but enjoyable

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process – to all of those who supported the applications.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your patience and support in enduring this long, extended process. Personally, I consider myself to be a patient person, but as we battled through the numerous challenges since the conception of our original plan, I've had to learn to put my eagerness and frustrations to one side. Patience truly is a virtue when you know you're on the right track (on and off the pitch!).

And this presents the ideal opportunity for

me to briefly elaborate on what comes next now we have no formal incumbrances.

Alas, whilst many may expect piling and brick-building to start immediately, there are still a few agenda items we need to tick off which we can only do when our decision notice is awarded.

Of course, in terms of physical constraints, we do have the small matters of relocating a sub-station and the diversion of the river before we can begin the physical work, which will just take a few months. The latter is more within our control but whilst we are forced to pay for the new sub-



station, we are beholden to UKPN for its installation, switch-over and removal of the old one.

Meanwhile, as this work continues, we have an intensive period of appointing a master contractor – where I can inform you that the selection process has excitedly begun with the initial response being very positive.

Our core focus is structuring the necessary cashflow funding to help pay for the construction of the stadium itself until such a time that the residential development has been completed a few years later and, in particular, we are in dialogue with public bodies for some financial support for the site-wide infrastructure which is key to the town's wider regeneration.

Working with the appointed contractor, we will also need to deal with the many conditions in the planning consent, section 106 agreements and, of course, to meet the numerous compliances set out by the various authorities.

At the same time, we will also be resubmitting new plans for the wider Power Court site – for the residential development – so we can establish a phased construction plan, starting of course with the stadium itself. The work for this masterplan has already been done and these will be made public in the not-too-distant future.

Anyway, enough of this detail, I hear you cry. The plan is to have 'spades in the ground' within about six months. From then we're looking at approximately a two-

year build, as long as we don't experience any further unforeseen obstacles. Now, whilst this may suggest a potential 2027/28 season start, even after fitout and the necessary test events – which is indeed our ideal target – history would suggest that we may be prudent to hope for this but expect the season after. Nevertheless, it's a relief, and long time coming, that we have been given the go-ahead and through the excitement of the news comes the realisation that Kenilworth Road's days are, sadly, numbered. Indeed, we may be down to fewer than 60 matches remaining in our old girl – and maybe fewer than 15-20 under the lights.

That's why making the most of nights, and occasions, like tonight makes it all the more

important to cherish. It's also why, as part of Power Court's designs, we intend to transport the intricacies and uniqueness of Kenilworth Road to our new home.

We all love her and have looked after her well, but last season showed us why we need to move on. We put up a fantastic fight against clubs boasting far superior facilities and associated funds in an attempt to keep ourselves alive at that level. When we re-join the Premier League, despite the odds, we have to stay there and Power Court – even the construction of it – will help enormously. I can't stress enough how the new stadium will give us long-term sustainability as a Club, which has always been the priority for us.

On the pitch, this season has not gone as we had predicted – there's simply no hiding from that. But as the players and staff, focus on finding consistency – especially in taking our home form away – in the camp, we do feel as though we have turned a corner, which would be more evident to all if it wasn't for further injuries.

Indeed, if it wasn't also for mind-boggling actions that lead to absence through repeated suspensions! This is certainly not the Luton way – at a time when all of our talent is needed the most. I won't defend Liam for his actions last Saturday, and I can confirm he will be issued the maximum >>

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>> fine permissible for letting down our visiting supporters, staff and his team-mates.

As it stands, but subject to future rescheduling, this evening's clash with Derby is the last to be played 'under the lights' in the evening this season. I know many of you will share a similar affection for evening fixtures here. There is something special, something atmospheric, about these games that makes us wallow in nostalgia. The sights, the smells and the sounds are all different, all unique, and all very Luton.

So while we look forward to our future at Power Court, we welcome once again to Kenilworth Road everyone who has travelled down the M1 from Pride Park, a stadium which had the task of replacing the much-loved Baseball Ground.

Two familiar faces who have happy memories of the Kenny in full voice will be in the opposition dressing room this evening. James Collins and Sonny Bradley

were two magnificent servants for us, helping us with their significant contributions, on and off the pitch, as we rose through the divisions. We look forward to welcoming you back, but any pleasantries will be put firmly to one side once the first whistle goes!

Our consistent form at Kenilworth Road over the past few months has certainly given us cause for optimism and the busy festive period is often sighted as an important phase of the season, with matches coming thick and fast.

From the board down to the players, there is a collective belief that we are doing things the right way but also the understanding that we need to pro-actively take some positive action next month in freshening up the squad, as far as it's possible to do in a winter window.

Before I conclude, may I just thank Jenn Smith for her notes in the last programme versus Stoke and, by contributing, she became the first female

ever to write boardroom notes for the Club. This was not just a proud moment for her and her family, but also for me and her colleagues.

Finally, tonight – as is tradition – we welcome the brass band from the Salvation Army, who will supply a festive soundtrack to our matchday atmosphere. There will be a collection outside the ground, so please donate if you're able to.

So that's almost a wrap for 2024. Thank you for your unwavering support through good times and difficult periods over the past 12 months, it means the world to us supporters on the board who cannot always shout encouragement for the team around the country.

Please join me one last time before the new year in getting behind Rob, his team and the players, and remember to drink in the atmosphere that only Kenilworth Road can give.

COYH!
Gary

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Winners 2008/09

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2004/05, 2018/19
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AROUND TOWN

REST IN PEACE

We are sad to announce the passing of two Hatters supporters since our last home game.

Peter Mooney

was a lifelong Luton Town fan and season ticket holder who died suddenly at the age of 74 on 28th November. He was a gentleman, a husband, a dad, devoted grandad and a true Hatter. Words cannot do him justice.



He loved the atmosphere at Kenilworth Road, he attended every home game and even in his last days he was talking about the craic he had with the people around him watching the games from where he sat Kenilworth Lower C Row K Seat 16.

You will be missed forever. RIP Pete.

Nicola Burke sadly lost her battle to cancer on Friday 15th November, aged 34.

Nicola, a palliative nurse for the MacMillan team, was a huge Town supporter and her favourite player from the past was Super Matty Taylor.

Over the last few years, with Nicola's influence, her little boy Cillian has become Luton's number one fan.

Together they were lucky enough to share special memories, with Cillian mascot against Watford. This was the last match



that Nicola watched and the team beat their rivals. It was safe to say she was a happy fan.

Rest in Peace.

HELLO TO OUR DUTCH VISITORS!

We're happy to welcome members of FC Assen who are making a visit to Kenilworth Road this evening.

FC Assen is a club from the Netherlands and was founded in 1946. The club has 800 playing

members and is one of the largest clubs in the province of Drenthe.

The first team plays in the 4th division of the Dutch Northern League and all players in the first team are products of the club's youth system.

Every year during the winter break they visit a match in a foreign competition and in the past they have been to Belgium, Germany, France and Spain and this time Luton is the destination.

We all hope you have a great evening with us!



CARLTON'S A DIAMOND



Carlton Morris was named the Diamond Player of the Month for November by diamond season ticket holders.

The Hatters striker polled 33 per cent of the overall vote to come out on top and was presented with the trophy after our win over Stoke City by Sienna Starbuck.

We would like to thank all Diamond Season Card holders who took the time to vote this month.

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ACTION REPLAY



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Morris 24'
Adebayo 90'



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Cannon 6'

A last-minute goal from Elijah Adebayo earned the Town a dramatic but deserved victory over Stoke to maintain their good form at Kenilworth Road.

Trailing to Tom Cannon's early goal the Hatters fought back to claim their fifth win in nine home games with Carlton Morris' header levelling midway through the first half.

Both sides had chances in the second half but the Town finished the stronger and, as time ticked into the 90th minute, Adebayo reacted first to Tom Krauß's blocked shot to guide home his fifth goal in his last nine starts to spark scenes of celebration and lift the Hatters further up the Championship table.

Cannon's opener came in the sixth minute, finishing well after speeding clear of the Town defence and beating an exposed Thomas Kaminski.

But as the game settled, so did the Hatters as they grew into the game. Their first big chance arrived in the 13th minute when former Stoke man Jacob Brown – in from the start – slipped Adebayo in behind the Potters defence but his low shot was charged down visiting keeper Viktor Johansson.

However, the Town continued to press and their efforts were rewarded in the 24th minute when Jordan Clark's superb right-wing corner was met by the head of Morris, and his glancing header flew beyond Johansson for his fifth goal of the season.

Level the Hatters then came mighty close to taking the lead on the half-hour in a goalmouth scramble that somehow saw Stoke survive. Clark's corner caused the chaos with a Morris header saved and an Adebayo shot cleared off the line by Ben Wilmot.

The Town started the second half how they ended the first, on the front foot, with Clark's corners continuing to cause panic in the Stoke penalty area.

The Potters rode that storm and enjoyed a decent spell. Kaminski came to the Town's rescue on 56 minutes with a flying save to turn away Lewis Koumas' stinging effort and the same visiting player then spurned a good chance when well-placed moments later.

But, as the game entered the final 15 minutes, the Town found a second wind. Clark shot wide from distance before Morris side-footed a great chance wide of the post from close range after being found by Krauß's cut-back.

Then, with eight minutes left, another clearance off the line denied the Hatters when Adebayo's shot following a right-wing corner was hacked to safety by Cannon.

With time ticking the Hatters continued to push for a winner and in the final minute it came. A left-wing free-kick was half-cleared by Stoke to the feet of Krauß on the edge of the box. His shot was deflected into the path of Adebayo and he reacted quickest to sweep a first-time finish into the top corner.

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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 ribbon. Inside the gift box is a white, circular Aruba wireless access point. To the right of the gift box is a purple Wi-Fi symbol. In the foreground, two football players wearing red kits and Santa hats are looking at the laptop. The player on the left is a Black man, and the player on the right is a white man. They are both wearing red kits with 'umbro' and 'Freemans' logos. The player on the right is also wearing a 'TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB' patch. The background is a light blue gradient.

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ACTION REPLAY



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Cozier-Duberry 32'
Beck 40'



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The Hatters fell to another defeat on the road as they were beaten 2-0 at Ewood Park.

Rovers had looked threatening in the opening exchanges with Amario Cozier-Duberry a menace on the right flank – and it was the on-loan winger who opened the scoring just after the half-hour mark. Makhtar Gueye was the creator, bursting into the box to lay the ball off to Cozier-Duberry whose low shot crept into the bottom corner.

The Hatters' response to going behind was excellent and within two minutes of trailing they came close to a leveller. Firstly Elijah Adebayo's low shot was parried away by Aynsley Pears in the Rovers goal and the home goalkeeper then kept out Tahith Chong's on-target follow-up.

But just when the Town sensed an equaliser, Blackburn doubled their lead five minutes before the break. Joe Rankin-Costello raced down the right and his cross seemed set to be converted by Gueye with the goal at his mercy. The Rovers striker completely fluffed a guilt-edged chance from six yards but the ball spun kindly into the path of Owen Beck who thundered a finish past Thomas Kaminski.

The Hatters number one stopped Rankin-Costello's shot on 43 minutes and Harry Pickering flicked an

effort inches wide in first-half stoppage time as the hosts ended the half in the ascendancy.

Behind at the break the Town started the second half well, and Carlton Morris wasn't far away with a looping header five minutes after the restart following Jordan Clark's right-wing deep cross.

Jacob Brown then sent a low shot on the turn wide of the mark on 51 minutes as the Hatters continued to search for a way back into the game.

As the Town pressed in a bid to halve the deficit, Morris came mighty close to making it 2-1 shortly after the hour when turning brilliantly in the box and sending a shot on the turn millimetres wide of the post.

But the Hatters' hopes of mounting a comeback looked bleak on 73 minutes when Liam Walsh was red-carded for a late, rash challenge on Rovers' Yuki Ohashi.

As time ticked down Rovers ended the stronger with former Rovers stopper Kaminski having to repel efforts from substitutes Ryan Hedges and Harry Leonard and prevent a third.

But the Walsh red card knocked the stuffing out of the Town and the final whistle signalled a seventh straight away defeat.

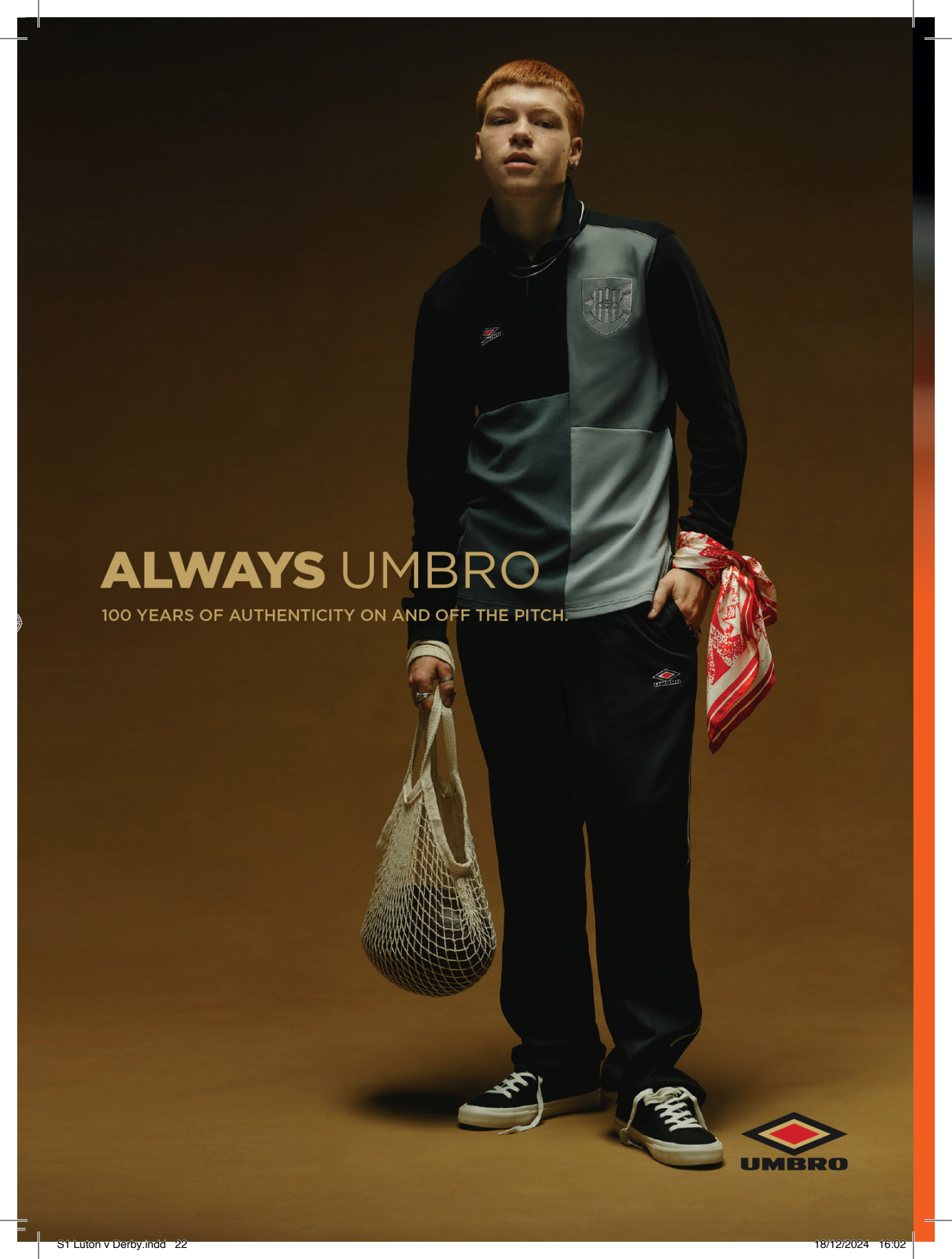
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STICK TOGETHER AND TRUST OUR ABILITY

Experienced wing-back Victor Moses on helping the Hatters

Victor Moses is determined to use his vast experience to help the Town move up the Championship table.

The former Chelsea, Liverpool and Inter Milan star joined the Hatters in September and put in a man-of-the-match display to help the Hatters earn three points against Stoke in our last match here at Kenilworth Road.

Despite the challenges the Hatters have faced since his arrival, Moses, who celebrated his 34th birthday last week, is bringing leadership and wisdom to the squad.

Reflecting on his role, the veteran wing-back emphasised the importance of focus and discipline.

"I've told the lads to stay grounded and avoid overcomplicating things," he said. "We need to stick together and trust in our abilities."

"We just need to try and win as many games as

possible as I've been in a position like this before.

"We have a great manager here, who's been trying to encourage us every training session. If we make mistakes in a game he's trying to get us running again and trying to make sure we're doing things right, but we just need to enjoy football, just enjoy it, don't try and complicate the game, just do the basics stuff and things will come round."

The Hatters' 2-1 win over Stoke - recorded thanks to Elijah Adebayo's last-minute winner - extended the Town's fine home form which has seen them lose once in their last nine games at Kenilworth Road.

"I'm buzzing, very happy, we needed this win, it's very important because it's been a frustrating few weeks but we just needed to take our time," he said.

"We knew the time would come and scoring a late-minute goal from Eli was very important for the team. I was actually buzzing about it as I

know the fans are and everybody at the club were. It's very important to get the three points, but we need to put that to one side now"

Since arriving on a free transfer, Moses has been used in a variety of positions by Rob Edwards but being the player with the 'utility' tag is not something new for the 34-year-old.

"I'm a player that can play in any position. I'm happy to help the team anywhere the managers ask me to play. I'm willing to do it for the team," he said.

"I've always been that kind of player to switch position at any team, just to cover any player to help the team, I've always done that throughout my career and I want to keep on doing it.

"The most important thing is I want to keep on playing football and I want to keep on enjoying it and I did that. I want to keep on doing it consistently and try to help the team as much as possible to win more games."

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CLICKER: QUICK FIX NEEDED ON THE ROAD

The Hatters were defeated on the road once more last weekend at Blackburn and Jordan Clark says the Town need to get to the bottom of why results have been hard to come by away from Kenilworth Road.

"It's just the story of the season so far, and we've got to fix it quickly," Clark said after the 2-0 reverse at Ewood Park.

"I feel sorry for the fans, obviously, travelling all these miles all the time, and we're not giving any points and anything to cheer about.

"I thought we turned the corner a little bit against Norwich. I thought the performance was really good, but just basic errors that cost us.

"I didn't think there was much in the game in the first half. I thought it was comfortable. And then, just basic errors have cost us. The ball in behind, there's a throw-in and the next thing you know, he's shot through three players and you're wondering how it's gone in. Somehow no-one's blocked the ball.

"So it's just basic errors and accountability from

certain players. Like I said, we've got to fix it quick."

The Town go into tonight's game with Derby aiming to continue their good form on home soil that has seen us lose just once in nine games.

"We said in the dressing room that we know what we're going to get at home and that's the annoying thing," he said. "That's the worrying thing because we're at it at home.

"Sometimes our performance is not the

best but we're getting points and we've got a decent home record.

"But just coming away from home and I don't know what's wrong. It's something we've got to fix and look at ourselves in the mirror and look at ourselves as a squad and sort it quickly because half of the season's gone and there's a lot of points to get.

"We don't want to be down the bottom. We want to be pushing up. But it's one of them things, it's just disappointing again."

"IT'S SOMETHING WE'VE GOT TO FIX AND LOOK AT OURSELVES IN THE MIRROR AND LOOK AT OURSELVES AS A SQUAD"



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WELCOME



The Rams are in town as Paul Warne's Derby County side travel to Kenilworth Road tonight.

Derby are coming off the back of an exceptional 4-0 win against Portsmouth last Friday. The Rams ran riot at Pride Park after three first half goals and an own goal in the second half was more than enough for a big win to move them seven points above the relegation zone.

Prior to this, the Rams had been on a rocky run, and had just one win in their previous 11 games. However, form had started to turn at the end of the run and a standout result includes a 0-0 draw against Burnley at Turf Moor. Prior to this, there were home losses to Swansea and Sheffield Wednesday and an away defeat to Leeds.

After winning promotion from League One last term, sitting in 14th place in the Championship as we near the half-way stage is a fine achievement for Warne and his side.

The Rams have lost on their last three visits to Kenilworth Road, going down 3-2 in January 2020, 2-1 in September 2020 and 1-0 in February 2022 when a solitary goal from Danny Hylton earned the Hatters all three points.

Our visitors travel down to Bedfordshire with two former Hatters fan favourites in their ranks. Both Sonny Bradley and James Collins have helped ourselves and Derby to promotions and we wish them a warm welcome, and everyone associated with the Rams, to Kenilworth Road.



GOALS FOR

THE SQUAD



- 1 GK Jacob Widell Zetterström
- 2 DF Kane Wilson
- 3 DF Craig Forsyth
- 4 MF David Ozoh
- 5 DF Sonny Bradley
- 6 DF Eiran Cashin
- 7 MF Tom Barkhuizen
- 8 MF Ben Osborn
- 9 FW James Collins
- 10 FW Jerry Yates
- 11 MF Nathaniel Mendez-Laing
- 12 DF Nat Phillips
- 13 GK Rohan Luthra
- 14 FW Conor Washington
- 16 MF Liam Thompson
- 17 MF Kenzo Goudmijn
- 18 MF Marcus Harness
- 19 FW Kayden Jackson
- 20 DF Callum Elder
- 21 DF Jake Rooney
- 23 MF Joe Ward
- 24 DF Ryan Nyambe
- 26 MF Darren Robinson
- 27 FW Corey Blackett-Taylor
- 28 MF Tawanda Chirewa
- 31 GK Josh Vickers
- 32 MF Ebou Adams
- 35 DF Curtis Nelson
- 39 FW Dajaune Brown

PROFILES

Words by Zac Neal

THE BOSS

PAUL WARNE

Former Rotherham United player and manager. Spent six years with the Millers as manager before joining Derby two years ago and guiding them to promotion last term.

GOALKEEPER

JACOB WIDELL ZETTERSTROM

Swedish goalkeeper who signed for Derby in 2024 from Djurgardens. Been a regular between the sticks for the Rams this season.

DEFENDERS

CRAIG FORSYTH

Derby legend who has been at the club for over 10 years. Played over 300 times for the club and is a regular at left back.

CURTIS NELSON ▼

Experienced Championship defender with years of playing in the second tier under his belt. Scored Derby's first goal back in the Championship this season.



EIRAN CASHIN

A Derby academy product who broke into the team in 2021. Has made over 100 appearances since then and played key role in the Rams' promotion last campaign.

KANE WILSON

Came through the West Brom academy before earning his name at Forest Green. Signed for Derby in 2023 from Bristol City.

NAT PHILLIPS

Centre-back on loan from Liverpool on his sixth loan away from Anfield. Came on as a substitute against Portsmouth in Derby's last game.

SONNY BRADLEY

Former Hatters captain who joined Derby in 2023. The centre-half lifted the Championship play-off final trophy at Wembley following our promotion to the Premier League.

MIDFIELDERS

KENZO GOUDMIJN

Signed from AZ Alkmaar in the summer and has been a regular in midfield for Derby so far this season. Has scored twice for Derby so far this season.

BEN OSBORN

Former Nottingham Forest and Sheffield United man who joined the Rams last summer. Spent last season in the Premier League with the Blades.



EBOU ADAMS ▲

Gambian international who began his career in non-league with Dartford. Scored in Derby's emphatic victory over Portsmouth.

LIAM THOMPSON

Derby academy graduate who broke into the first team in 2021. Has featured in Derby's last eight matches.

ATTACKERS

JERRY YATES

Experienced Championship forward who started his career at Rotherham United. Spent last season at Swansea City before moving to Pride Park.

NATHANIEL MENDEZ-LAING

Guatemalan striker with plenty of years playing in the top four tiers. Played over 100 games for Derby since joining two years ago.

MARCUS HARNES

Winger on loan from Ipswich Town to the Rams. Previously played for Burton Albion and Portsmouth.

JAMES COLLINS

Another legendary former Town man who joined Derby in 2022. Scored 72 goals in almost 200 games for the Hatters and helped us to win two promotions.

DERBY KITBAG



1997/98 HOME

Those readers of a certain age will remember Derby as a decent Premier League team, one that would go to, for example, Old Trafford and leave with three points. Closing our eyes we can still see Paolo Wanchope turning the Manchester United defence inside-out on his debut wearing this classic, clean, black-and-white Puma offering. Lovely.

A FOOT IN BOTH



STEVE HOWARD

Big, strong target man with plenty of skill to boot, Steve scored goals wherever he went.

He was surprisingly allowed to move to Luton for £50,000 in 2001 and went on to become our third-highest post-war goalscorer and top-scored in each of his five seasons.

After helping the Town to two promotions, in 2002 and 2005, the Hatters accepted a £1 million bid from Derby in 2006 who he then won promotion to the Premier League with in 2007.

RAMS CULT HERO

Igor Štimac joined the Rams in 1995 under manager Jim Smith and quickly became a fans' favourite due to his commanding defensive performances, leadership and charismatic personality.

The Croatian international played a pivotal role in helping Derby secure promotion to the Premier League during the 1995/96 season but what made Štimac stand out was not just his defensive prowess but his passion

and connection with the fans. His style of play – tough, committed, and technically sound – made him a huge hit with the Derby fans.

During his time at the club, Štimac captained the side and made over 80 appearances but even after leaving Derby, his legacy remained intact, as fans continued to view him as a symbol of that exciting era under Smith, which included the move to Pride Park.



FIXTURE FLASHBACK

TOWN 3-2 DERBY 28th JANUARY 2020

The Hatters came from behind to secure a memorable 3-2 victory over the Rams to end a run of eight Championship matches without a win.

Wayne Rooney had put the Rams ahead in the 63rd minute but Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu levelled proceedings

four minutes later on the sixth anniversary of him signing permanently for the club.

Substitute Donervon Daniels scored his first goal for the Hatters in the 73rd minute but Chris Martin pegged Town back once again with five minutes to play.

The drama continued as the Hatters regained the lead 60 seconds later with Harry Cornick's shot going in off Jayden Bogle.

Derby's Max Lowe was sent-off by referee Andy Davies in the dying embers and the Hatters stayed strong to record a first victory since December.

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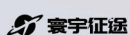
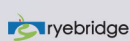
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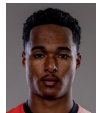
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A warm welcome to all of our commercial guests and sponsors and partners as we return under the lights for this evening's game against Derby.

At our last home game here against Stoke, Victor Moses was rewarded with his fine performance with the man-of-the-match award.

The wing-back was presented with his trophy by guests in the Eric Morecambe Lounge before posing for photographs, signing autographs and answering questions.

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Sheffield Wednesday v Stoke City

3pm

Burnley v Watford
Cardiff City v Sheffield United
Leeds United v Oxford United
Millwall v Blackburn Rovers
Plymouth Argyle v Middlesbrough
QPR v Preston North End
Sunderland v Norwich City

SUNDAY

3pm West Brom v Bristol City



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TOTAL INTERCEPTIONS

Eiran Cashin	40
Derby County	
Jordan Storey	37
Preston North End	
Liam Lindsay	36
Preston North End	
Casper De Norre	35
Millwall	
Mattie Pollock	35
Watford	



SHOTS ON TARGET

Borja Sainz	31
Norwich City	
Elijah Adebayo	24
Luton Town	
Finn Azaz	22
Middlesbrough	
Thomas Cannon	22
Stoke City	
Anis Mehmeti	22
Bristol City	

TABLE AND STATS 2024/25

AS OF 16/12/2024

		P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	PTS
1	Sheff Utd	21	14	5	2	30	11	19	45
2	Leeds	21	12	6	3	37	15	22	42
3	Burnley	21	11	8	2	26	8	18	41
4	Sunderland	21	11	7	3	32	17	15	40
5	Blackburn	20	11	4	5	25	17	8	37
6	Middlesbrough	21	10	4	7	35	25	10	34
7	Watford	20	10	4	6	29	26	3	34
8	West Brom	21	7	11	3	24	16	8	32
9	Sheff Wed	21	8	5	8	26	30	-4	29
10	Swansea	21	7	6	8	23	22	1	27
11	Bristol City	21	6	9	6	26	26	0	27
12	Norwich	21	6	8	7	36	32	4	26
13	Millwall	20	6	7	7	20	18	2	25
14	Derby	21	6	6	9	26	26	0	24
15	Coventry	21	6	6	9	27	30	-3	24
16	Preston North End	21	4	11	6	21	27	-6	23
17	Stoke	21	5	7	9	23	28	-5	22
18	QPR	21	4	10	7	21	27	-6	22
19	Luton	21	6	4	11	23	37	-14	22
20	Oxford Utd	20	4	6	10	21	33	-12	18
21	Cardiff	20	4	6	10	19	32	-13	18
22	Portsmouth	19	3	8	8	21	34	-13	17
23	Plymouth	20	4	5	11	19	42	-23	17
24	Hull	21	3	7	11	19	30	-11	16

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	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 delivered crazy results, matches and moments as always. So let's take a look into what unfolded in each of the games.

On the Friday night, tonight's opponents Derby County smashed Portsmouth 4-0 in a comfortable win for the Rams. Three goals inside half-an-hour was more than enough for an easy win.

The following day, Bristol City and QPR played out a 1-1 draw at Ashton Gate.

Coventry beat Hull 2-1 in a crucial win thanks to a Jack Rudoni winner in the second half.

Preston had to settle for a draw against Leeds at Deepdale after a last-minute equaliser from the away side. Brad Potts put Preston ahead but a late Jack Whatmough own goal denied them all three points.

Sheffield United beat Plymouth 2-0 in an easy win for the Blades. Gustavo Hamer and Kieffer Moore were on the scoresheet for the home side. Middlesbrough also

picked up a home win, beating Millwall 1-0.

Sheffield Wednesday got a huge away win at Oxford after beating the Yellow Bulls 3-1. The Owls came from behind to get a big result on the road.

Stoke and Cardiff played out a 2-2 draw in an interesting contest. A last-minute Ben Gibson equaliser was just enough to secure a point for the Potters.

Sunderland came from 2-0 down to beat Swansea 3-2 in South Wales. Jobe Bellingham

got the winner for the away side which saw them pick up a huge win in their quest for promotion.

Finally, on the Sunday, Watford beat West Brom 2-1 at home. Burnley also got a big 2-1 win at Carrow Road after coming from behind to beat Norwich.



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▼ Jimmy Ryan fires in a speculative shot against the Rams



Almost 50 years ago to the day the Hatters entertained Derby in a first top-flight meeting between the sides.

Luton headed into the match bottom of the table and with only one win, a 3-1 victory over fellow Division 1 new boys Carlisle all the way back on 28th September.

Derby were another reminder of the tough task faced by Harry Haslam's men. Though arriving in a mid-table position, they had been champions as recently as 1972 and had finished third the previous year. The Rams boasted a very familiar face in the form of ex-Town favourite, and Stopsley boy, Bruce Rioch, as well as future Hatter Colin Todd, though it would be a full ten years before the England

international would arrive in Bedfordshire in an attempt to add experience to David Pleat's side.

For Luton, a home league debut was handed to Paul Futcher, a £100,000 signing from Chester in the summer whose only appearance at Kenilworth Road to date had been in the Texaco Cup, while during the game an 18-year-old from Bedford, 'Lil' Fuccillo, would come on to make his debut and begin a long association with his local side.

Off the pitch the big news was the appointment of Len Hawkins as club chairman. A Lutonian and fan through and through, at seven he carried Fred Hawkes' bag into the ground to ensure himself a good view of a game and some believe he prompted Joe

Payne's conversion to centre-forward. The son-in-law of legendary Town chairman Charles Jeyes, he was noted as being a tremendously hard worker, though his time in charge was an unhappy one, having to deal with powerful directors and a period of financial turmoil which might have finished the club for good but for Peter Anderson's sale to Royal Antwerp in 1975, which Len himself arranged. He died, not long after, on Boxing Day of 1978.

The game was not of great note. The form of Steve Buckley on Luton's left was a high point, and matters were decided

10 minutes from the end when he sent Peter Spiring, later discovered to be playing with a broken toe, surging down the left, where he was hacked down by Colin Todd in the area. The penalty decision so angered one Derby fan that he ran onto the pitch to remonstrate. However, Jimmy Ryan stepped up, and showing characteristic calmness, slotted home the only goal of the game.

It would start a mini-revival of Town's fortunes, winning the next two games and setting up a better 1975, in which safety was so nearly secured.



Christmas greetings from the Luton v Derby programme ▲

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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 Rams.

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1 Danny Hylton nets the only goal of the game during the Rams last visit to Kenilworth Road in February 2022.

2 Ricky Hill shows determination as he battles through during the 3-2 win over the Rams at Kenilworth Road in November 1981.

3 Tim Breacker is congratulated after his wonder strike opens the scoring in the never to be forgotten 3-2 victory at the Baseball Ground in May 1990.

4 Tommy McKechnie, on his home debut, bursts through the Derby defence during the 4-2 win in August 1961.



ON THIS DAY

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



It was an early Christmas present for the Hatters on this day in 1991 as we squeezed past Coventry 1-0 here at Kenilworth Road in the top-flight.

However, it's poor fayre for the fans in a game where the result is far more important than the performance.

A shot by Chris Kamara from outside the box is blocked and the ball runs to Mick Harford, who scores the only goal of the match with a right-foot drive.

The Hatters made it a hat-trick of festive home wins by following this up with victories over Arsenal and Chelsea at Kenilworth Road.

However, it would prove to be a false dawn as David Pleat's side would win just five matches of their following matches in the next five months that saw them relegated to the second tier.





ALSO ON 20TH DECEMBER...

Our biggest win on this day in the history books is a 7-0 triumph over Aberdare in the Second Division of the Southern League in 1913... It wasn't until 1952 that the Hatters recorded a Football League win on this date, when beating Plymouth Argyle 1-0 at Kenilworth Road in 1952... It has been 10 years since we have played a game on 20th December and that afternoon goals from Luke Wilkinson, Luke Rooney and Jake Howells earned us a 3-0 win over Newport County here.



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.

Enoch Showunmi celebrates after his late winner at Chesterfield



After the excellent last-gasp 2-1 win at Bristol City on 18th December the Town knew that whatever happened they would still remain top over Christmas seeing that they enjoyed a four-point cushion over the second-placed club.

Boxing Day took the Hatters to Chesterfield who remained unbeaten at home that season and sat in sixth spot. The task was likely to be doubly difficult as the Town were to be without top scorer Steve Howard, his strike partner Rowan Vine and young defender Curtis Davies.

Howard was finishing his three-game ban following his dismissal at Brentford while Vine and Davies picked up their fifth booking of the season at Bristol City meaning they would be missing for one match.

Peter Holmes retained his place in the side for his second start of the season as did Enoch Showunmi. Coming in to replace Vine was Calvin Andrew who had been suffering from flu in the week leading up to the game. Finally, Russell Perrett returned to the side in defence for his first start after an injury-ridden 2004.

Despite fielding a below full-strength side, the Hatters were rarely troubled and but for some heroics by Spireites goalkeeper Carl Muggleton and some desperate goal-line clearances, the result

would have been in the bag long before the end.

As it was, the Town again left it late again to secure all three points. With three minutes to go a miscued volley from Holmes fell invitingly on to the head of Showunmi who nodded home from six yards.

Chesterfield boss Roy McFarland was full of praise for the Town and said they were streets ahead of anyone they had played that season. He also predicted they would go up automatically.

An elated Luton manager Mike Newell said: "I'm absolutely delighted. We would have taken a point before the game. This is a difficult place to come to as results here show. But we said that if we want to achieve anything we must compete and win at places like this and we did that. We competed but also played some good football.

"We've now got 51 points and at the start of the season if I had been offered that by Christmas of course I would have taken it. We are only halfway through the season and haven't achieved anything yet but we are well on the way."

Two days later the Hatters welcomed Colchester United to Kenilworth Road. Tickets were on sale in part of the Oak Road end for the first time since 1991 and so a best of the season crowd, at that point of 8,806 was there in



Rowan Vine fires in the first of his two goals against Colchester

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anticipation of witnessing the table-toppers cruise to another victory.

Howard, Vine and Davies returned to the side while Steve Robinson, only weeks after a hernia operation, was included in place of Paul Underwood who had a thigh strain.

The Town started by far the brighter with Sol Davis seeing a 20-yard effort deflected over the bar by the head of Colchester's Wayne Brown, Vine hit a fierce shot narrowly wide and skipper Kevin Nicholls seeing a left foot drive drilled just over the crossbar.

Vine then hit the bar from only four yards out after a wild spell in the penalty area with the ball pinging

about and begging to be smacked home.

Despite all this pressure on their defence, Colchester took a surprise lead on 34 minutes. Craig Fagan found space on the left to send in a dangerous cross which was challenged by Robinson and Richard Garcia with the ball somehow squeezing past Marlon Beresford in the Luton goal.

Undeterred, the Town were level three minutes later when a Peter Holmes shot was deflected into the path of Vine who, this time, made no mistake from close in.

Stung by a half-time 'chat' with Mike Newell the players re-doubled their

efforts and took the lead three minutes after the re-start when, after a quick one-two in the area with Howard, skipper Nicholls saw his shot blocked by a combination of goalkeeper Aidan Davison and Liam Chilvers with the ball falling invitingly to the alert Vine who made no mistake.

The Town continued to attack to perhaps gain a third goal to make the game safe but Colchester became increasingly dangerous as the Luton players visibly tired and played some sloppy passes which gave the away side the confidence to look for an unlikely equaliser.

The equaliser did eventually come on

62 minutes when a route one clearance by Davison eventually bounced invitingly for Colchester's Greg Halford to loop a header over the advancing Beresford with the ball going over the line in slow motion.

The Town then added to their firepower with Enoch Showunmi joining the fray but a resolute Colchester defence held firm. Indeed, Colchester continued to attack dangerously on the break leaving the Town probably grateful for a point at the end.

Mike Newell blamed tiredness from having to play two games in three days whereas Colchester had not.

Peter Holmes fires in a shot at Chesterfield



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INSIDE A KIT COLLECTOR'S WARDROBE

Town shirt collector, David Foxen, aka @lutontownkits, goes through his selection of shirts in orange, white, blue – and all colours in between.

On 27th November 2021 the Hatters wore a special one-off shirt in support of our legendary former player and manager, Mick Harford.

After his diagnosis with prostate cancer, the club teamed up with Prostate Cancer UK to have their logo on the front of our shirts for the game against Cardiff City.

Based on the 2021/22 home shirt, the Prostate Cancer UK logo replaced JB Developments. This was a straight swap – no printing over the old sponsor but instead a complete removal

and re-addition which honestly makes all the difference.

The logo really pops in white against our lovely orange shirts, which gives the charity more spotlight for all the amazing work they do.

This shirt had a lovely horizontal pattern on it too, a homage to our historic relationship with the town's hat making history.

The game against Cardiff City, a Championship fixture, was a case of 'what could have been'. The Hatters had 12 shots

at goal, with only one on target compared to Cardiff's four shots on target.

And our only shot on target went in! Jordan Clark scored in the 64th minute to put us back on level terms at 1-1 after Rubin Colwill put the visitors in front. The lead lasted just over 10 minutes, however, as Sean Morrison scored the winner for the Bluebirds.

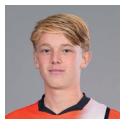
Wearing this shirt were the likes of Tom Lockyer, Sonny Bradley, Glen Rea, Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu, Harry Cornick and Danny Hylton.

Former Hatter James Collins played for Cardiff, and future Luton signing Ryan Giles started too. Who would have imagined Giles would be signing for us a few years later, with us a Premier League club?!

The result doesn't matter on this occasion, it is more the meaning behind this shirt. Support for a legend and promotion for a wonderful charity. These shirts were never auctioned off or sold, so are super rare if you are ever lucky enough to find one.

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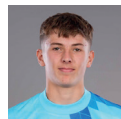
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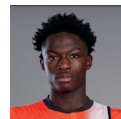
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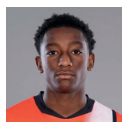
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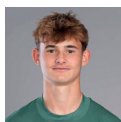
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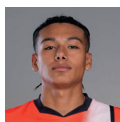
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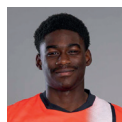
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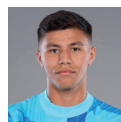
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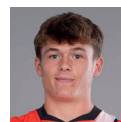
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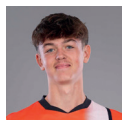
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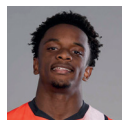
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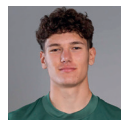
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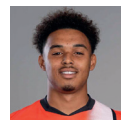
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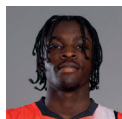
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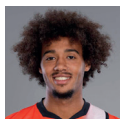
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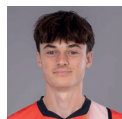
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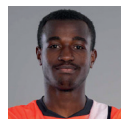
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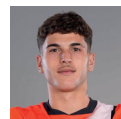
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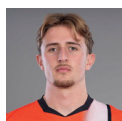
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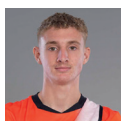
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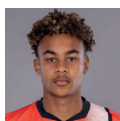
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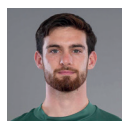
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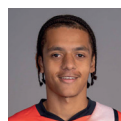
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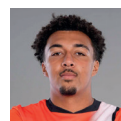
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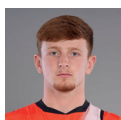
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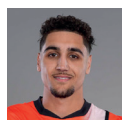
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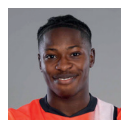
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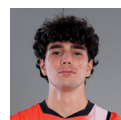
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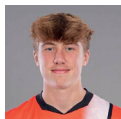
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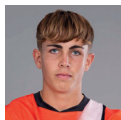
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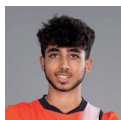
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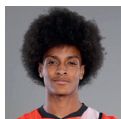
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THE YOUTH OF TODAY

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

Name... Enoch Sampson

Date of birth...
24/11/2007

Born... Kingston Hospital

Position:
Centre-back or left-back

Age group joined...
Under-17s

Previous club...
Strive2score

Boots you wear... Puma or Adidas

Earliest Luton Town memory...
My first session being barged off the ball!

Coach who impacted you the most... Joe Deeney – he's shown me the importance of doing extra before a session

Football memory that makes me smile... When I was offered a scholarship at Luton with my dad sat next to me

Best moment of career so far...
Having West Ham's Michail Antonio train the group when I was on trial

I would be a better player if...
I work on my decision making and reactions



Dream squad number... 6

How you played in the playground... Hard to get past and great on the ball

Teammate that will go all the way... Christian Chigozie and Isaiah Harvey

If I could play with anyone it would be...
Mats Hummels

Favourite film...
Infinity War

Favourite food... Jollof rice

Favourite training drill...
Small sided games and IDPs

Favourite school subject other than PE... History

Hobbies outside of football...
Basketball

Tell us something we don't know about you... I used to play in midfield when I was younger



I am... a strong and aggressive player and open to adapting and learning. I love to be involved in matches and make a good impact on the team and my teammates, but I dislike holding myself and my teammates back in both training and in games.



LTFC ACADEMY

SHOOTOUT HEARTACHE FOR UNDER-18s

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The Hatters Under-18s fell to an agonising penalty shootout defeat to Crewe Alexandra in the FA Youth Cup at Kenilworth Road last week.

Dylan Stitt and Christian Chigozie saw their spot-kicks saved by visiting keeper Mikolaj Lenarcik after both sides played out an entertaining 2-2 draw after 120 minutes under the lights.

Crewe took the lead in the 20th minute when Luca Moore found space on the edge of the box and his low shot crept into the bottom corner.

The Hatters responded well to going behind and were level at the interval

when Charlie Trustram lashed home an emphatic finish inside the penalty area on 40 minutes.

Both teams had chances in an end-to-end second half as Lenarcik saved efforts from Chigozie and Tate Xavier-Jones.

Stitt missed a great chance with a back-post header following a Trustram cross on 73 minutes and Jamie Odegah flashed a shot across goal two minutes later.

Jordan Hodkin spurned a glorious opportunity to restore the visitors' lead with 11 minutes left on the clock, firing over from six yards out and, as the game ticked into





the closing stages, both teams put bodies on the line to keep the score 1-1.

As the game entered 30 minutes of extra-time, the visitors led for the second time on the night when Patrick Mlynarski thundered home.

After the restart the Hatters pushed for an equaliser and on 113 minutes it was 2-2 when a shot from the edge of the box from Xavier-Jones deflected past Lenarcik.

Substitute Michael Takawira saw a shot flash wide moments later before Odegah was denied by Lenarcik as the Town sensed a late winner.

But Crewe almost snatched victory at the death as the Hatters had goalkeeper Charlie Booth to thank for a full-length stop to deny Owen Taylor's shot.

With the penalties taken at the Kenilworth Road end, Stitt saw the Hatters' first penalty saved by Lenarcik.

Xavier-Jones, Harry Fox and Charlie Trustram scored for the Hatters, but Crewe found the target with each of their four penalties.

And Lenarcik had the last word of the night when stopping captain Chigozie's effort and it was Crewe who celebrated reaching the fourth round.

Town: Booth, Roberts-Edema (sub Takawira 110), Benagr, Ioannides (sub Harvey 90+1), Chigozie, Kwame Anson (sub Emery 103), Trustram, Stitt, Odegah, Xavier-Jones, Shepherd (sub Fox 99).

Subs not used: Hockey, Asamoah Junior, Ed-Okungbowa.

"ODEGAH WAS DENIED BY LENARCIK AS THE TOWN SENSED A LATE WINNER"

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	D 2-2*
Tue 17th	Sutton United	W 4-1
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!

MATTHEW TAYLOR

Rejected by his home town club Oxford United for apparently carrying too much weight, Matthew joined Luton as a youth trainee before making his League debut for the Hatters on the opening day of the 1999/00 season at Notts County.

With the Town in receivership at the time, promising young talent needed to be pitched in perhaps before they were ready but 17-year-old Matthew looked like he had been playing in the first-team for years such was his maturity.

A left-sided midfielder or attacking full-back Matthew possessed both pace and a fierce shot and quickly picked up a host of 'Player of the Year' awards at Kenilworth Road.

After helping the Hatters to promotion in 2002 it came as no real surprise when Portsmouth stepped in with a bid.

Under Harry Redknapp, Pompey and Taylor won promotion at the first attempt in 2002 and the young full-back would go on and become a regular in the Premier League.

After over 200 appearances for Portsmouth, Matt joined Bolton where he spent three years before spells at West Ham and Burnley.

Still late into his thirties, Taylor was turning out in League One for Northampton and League Two for Swindon where he took on his first managerial role.

He left the County Ground in 2018, moving to coach Tottenham's Under-18s before stepping back into management with Walsall and Shrewsbury.

Matt departed New Meadow in January this year but was back in management in May, taking charge of Wealdstone in the National League.

APPEARANCES: 146

GOALS: 17

CAREER TIMELINE



1970S ORANGE HOME

"The material is a like a jumper, there's no way I'd wear it while playing. But fashion-wise, Chongy would wear this on a night out because it's pretty cool."

"It's pretty old school."

6/10

1990/91 HOME

"I'd definitely wear this one."

7/10

1992-94 AWAY

"I'm not feeling this one. There's a lot going on, it's a lot for my eyes. It looks like a rugby shirt."

5/10

1989-92 BLUE

"This one looks like a keeper kit but I do like it, I do like the pattern on it. It reminds me of when I was younger and the school kits."

6.5/10

CULT KIT

RATED BY JACOB BROWN

1994/95 HOME

"I don't like this. Maybe if it was in a different colour or maybe if there was no collar."

5.5/10

1991/92 HOME (MATCHWORN BY MICK HARFORD)

"That's nice, that. Because it's match-worn and it's Mick. 8.5."

8.5/10

1989-92 BLUE

"This is my favourite. I think it's the pattern and I've seen lots of fans wearing it. Iconic. I like the button on the side of the collar."

9/10

1997-99 ORANGE

"This is not doing it for me. Maybe a bit too retro"

6/10

1995-97 AWAY

"This is like a Hull kit. The badge is massive. It doesn't seem like a Luton shirt. I like the collar, though. Probably my least favourite."

5/10

2002/03 AWAY

"Very nice. I like it. Looks more current. It's up there for me and I can see myself wearing it."

8/10

1994/95 AWAY

"I'm not sure about this one, the stripes are too irregular."

7/10

2006/07 AWAY

"It looks like a shirt I wore when I played Sunday league when I was six or seven. It's nice and simple."

7/10

BROWN'S TOP THREE



9/10

1989/90
AWAY SHIRT



8.5/10

1991/92
HOME SHIRT



8/10

2002/03
AWAY SHIRT

You can purchase the
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ITS

COMMUNITY TRUST

Ability Counts Weekly Football Sessions



Our Ability Counts session is for adults with physical and/or learning disabilities, with the aim of increasing participation, enjoyment, and quality of football experiences for people with disabilities.

It is free, inclusive football and takes place every Friday between 12-2pm at Inspire Sports Village, Butterfield Green Road, Luton, LU2 8DD.

It has been a busy year for the group as we have refreshed our approach to the sessions, providing more structured coaching opportunities and connecting with community partners such as CHUMS to provide regular mental well-being support for our participants.

The year was topped off with a visit from Alfie Doughty as part of the EFL's Week of Action, looking into the impact

of the Trust's work in the community.

Some of our participants also relished a night under the lights, cheering on the Hatters against Stoke at home.

Our Programmes Manager, Philip Hillaire-Moore, said: "It has been incredible to see how far our participants have come this year, not only in their football skills but also in their confidence and sense of belonging.

"We are so proud of everything they have achieved and are looking forward to welcoming them back in January for another fantastic year."

Our last session of the year was held on Friday 13th December. We will be taking a break for Christmas and will return on Friday 10th January.

For more information on our Ability Counts sessions, please email community@lutontown.co.uk.

Exciting News!

We have now opened bookings for our Talent Identification Programme for January!

Our Talent Identification Programme (TIPS) is the entry level to our successful youth development system at Luton Town FC Community Trust.

Our TIPS programme offers players additional

weekly training to support their development as young footballers.

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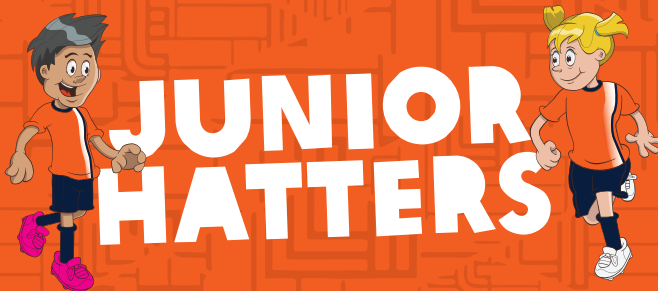
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**FREDDIE
WATSON**

Age: 10

Hobbies: Cricket,
Music, Football

Favourite Player:
Tahith Chong



**LOUIS
LYNCH**

Age: 10

Hobbies: Football

Favourite Players: Elijah
Adebayo, Alfie Doughty,
Thomas Kaminski



**JAMES
LYNCH**

Age: 12

Hobbies: Football,
Basketball

Favourite Players: Elijah
Adebayo, Carlton Morris

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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. What is the nickname of Salford City?
2. How many Premier League titles has former Leicester City defender Robert Huth won?
3. Who is the current Swindon Town manager?
4. What was Roy Hodgson's profession before becoming a football manager?
5. Who were the opposition when Luton got their record attendance of 30,069 in 1959?
6. Who scored Tottenham's first goal in their 5-0 win over Southampton last Sunday?
7. Which current Luton Town player used to play for Derby County?
8. What was the score last time Luton played Derby?
9. Which two Premier League managers were sacked last Sunday?
10. Which team are the only professional side in the UK with a 'J' in their name?

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. The Armies 2. 3 3. Ian Holloway 4. Teacher 5. Blackpool 6. James Maddison 7. Teden Mengi 8. 1-0 Luton 9. Gary O'Neill and Russell Martin 10. St Johnstone

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LUTON TOWN LADIES

MADDIX REFLECTS ON SEASON SO FAR

We caught up with one half of Luton Town Ladies co-managerial duo, Myles Maddix to discuss another FA Cup run, the title race and much more.

Luton Town Ladies have enjoyed another successful season so far, reaching the third round of the FA Cup and sit nine points behind league leaders, Royston Town with three games in hand. Our latest FA Cup run came to an end at the hands of Championship side Portsmouth.

When asked about this season's FA Cup run, Maddix said: "We were delighted with another strong FA Cup run.

"We know it doesn't seem as big as last year's success, but to play a WSL team and a Championship team in back-to-back years, it shows the quality we have in the squad and the dedication of all the players and staff involved."

Myles reiterated that it's time to move on from the FA Cup and focus on the main goal – the league title.

Despite having three games in hand, the task at hand is not being underestimated. "We



have the hard task of chasing, if you was to ask anybody whose position they would rather be in, most will tell you Royston's.

"It will be a tight race, but I do believe that we will be there come the end of the season. There's a lot of football to be played, as always we will focus on the next game and not get too far ahead of ourselves."

Myles gave credit to his players, adding: "The players are brilliant to work with, each week they take the information that the coaches prepare for them and apply it to their game."

We have only reached the half-way point of the season, which

has produced some memorable moments and emphatic victories, however, Maddix does have a particular favourite.

"Every time we win a game I think that becomes my favourite moment," he said. "Although if you was to ask the most important moment, that would definitely be beating Royston 1-0 at home.

"Royston have been fantastic this season and we knew in order to keep the title race close we had to beat them.

"So when the final whistle went, it was more a feeling of satisfaction. However, I am sure there are big moments to come!"

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

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

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SWANSEA CITY v LUTON TOWN SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP SUNDAY 29TH DECEMBER 2024, KO 3PM

Luton Town supporters have received an initial allocation of 1,038 tickets. These tickets are allocated safe standing, if you need to sit down, please contact the ticket office on 01582 416 976 to book your tickets during ticket office opening hours.

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

Prices

Adults - £28
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LUTON TOWN v NORWICH CITY SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP WEDNESDAY 1ST JANUARY 2025, KO 3PM

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

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LET'S GO



The Hatters are on the road this Christmas as they make the trip to Ashton Gate on Boxing Day to face a Bristol City side experiencing a season of mixed fortunes in the EFL Championship.

Under the management of Liam Manning, who took over in November 2023, the team has shown periods of promise interspersed with inconsistency.

City sit in a mid-table position, reflecting a balance of wins, draws, and losses. Their recent form has been characterised by a series of draws and narrow victories, indicating resilience but also highlighting challenges in securing decisive outcomes. Their goal difference of zero sums this up perfectly.

Manning's Robins face West Brom this coming Sunday having won three of their last 11 matches

in the third tier, drawing the last two 1-1, at Sunderland and at home to QPR.

City's campaign has been bolstered by standout performances from Anis Mehmeti, their leading scorer whose clinical finishing has been vital. Nahki Wells, who has five goals, adds experience and versatility, contributing crucial goals and assists, while Max Bird anchors the midfield with his vision and passing, linking defence and attack effectively. Together, they form the core of a team striving for greater consistency under Manning.

The Hatters will be hoping to continue our fine recent record against City which has seen us win 10 of the last 12 meetings, losing twice. One of those defeats came on our last trip to Ashton Gate in April 2022 and the Town's last win on the red side of Bristol came thanks to a second-

half comeback in April 2021 with goals from James Collins, Elijah Adebayo and Harry Cornick.

Cornick will be one of two familiar faces that could be on duty for the Robins against us next week. Cornick left Kenilworth Road midway through the 2022/23 campaign after 235 appearances while Kal Naismith departed at the end of the 2021/22 season. However, both players have struggled to hold down a place so far this season.

The Town's overall record on Boxing Day is good, especially in recent seasons. The Town have won seven of their last 12 matches on 26th December, including the last two. A late Cauley Woodrow goal gave us a 2-1 win over Norwich here in 2022 while last season two own goals and an Alfie Doughty strike earned us a 3-2 victory at Sheffield United in the Premier League.

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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
🏆 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	18	1-1	11,264	1,295	Kaminski	Hashioka	Moses	Holmes	McGuinness	Bell	Nakamba
🏆 TUE 10	STOKE CITY	19:45	14	2-1	10,537	1,157	Kaminski	Chong	Moses	Holmes	McGuinness	Hashioka	Krauß
🏆 SAT 14	BLACKBURN ROVERS	15:00	19	0-2	13,857	705	Kaminski	Moses	Chong	Holmes	McGuinness	Hashioka	Krauß
🏆 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 11	NOTTINGHAM FOREST (FAC)	15:00
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

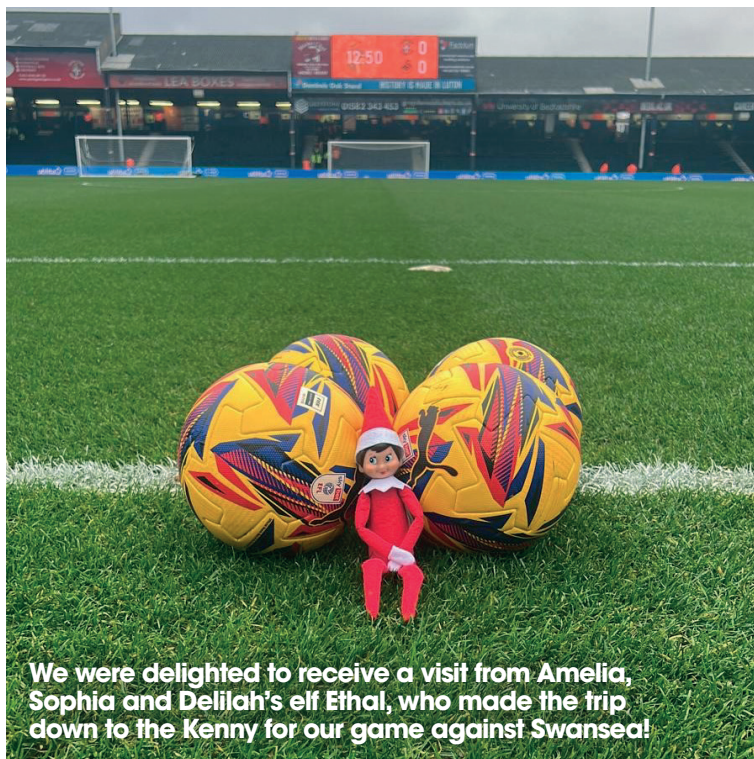
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TUE 8	STOKE CITY	19:45
SAT 12	BLACKBURN ROVERS	15:00
FRI 18	DERBY COUNTY	15:00
MON 21	BRISTOL CITY	15:00
SAT 26	COVENTRY CITY	15:00

MAY

SAT 3	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	15:00
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*QPR won 4-1 on penalties



We were delighted to receive a visit from Amelia, Sophia and Delilah's elf Ethal, who made the trip down to the Kenny for our game against Swansea!

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
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Clarke	Brown	MORRIS 1	ADEBAYO 1							Shea, Krul, Andersen, Woodrow, Nakamba, Mpanzu, Taylor, Nelson, Johnson
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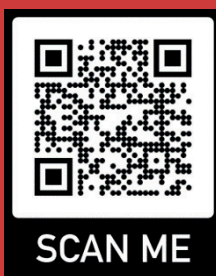
WELCOME THE SALVATION ARMY BAND

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As usual their traditional bucket collection will be held, with every penny raised going exclusively to the Salvation Army's work in Luton, supporting the toy appeal, funding Christmas hampers, and aiding in opening on Boxing Day to provide hot meals for the homeless and vulnerable in Luton.

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BBC THREE COUNTIES RADIO SPORTS EDITOR

It's the final home match of 2024 and what a 12 months it's been. As usual there have been highs and lows - that's what football is like - and most Luton fans have been through it all before.

In what has been an overall tough year, I'm going to concentrate on the positives in the early part of the year. Luton were producing some of the best football we've seen here for decades including the 4-0 win over Brighton at the end of January.

The highlight for me wasn't actually a win but the enthralling draw at Newcastle United in February. It was a pinch-yourself moment when Luton went 4-2 up at St James' Park. Chiedozie Ogbene was running riot down the right flank and Ross Barkley was pulling the strings in central midfield.

The Magpie fans couldn't believe what was going on and one of my memories that day was my summariser JJ O'Donnell screaming in astonishment every time Luton scored surrounded by Newcastle fans who were giving him Paddington Bear hard stares. Newcastle did level eventually but it was a magical afternoon.

Yes, there were plenty of defeats as well earlier in the year but they were brave ones against the likes of Liverpool, Manchester United and Tottenham. I always felt Luton wouldn't have quite enough to survive but they gave it a damn good go and entertained us until the end of the season.

One player has stood out this year - and it's pretty easy to guess who. Barkley was a majestic player and it was a privilege to watch him wear the Luton shirt. I

spoke to a Hatters fan recently who admitted he was upset that he didn't watch as many Premier League games as he would've liked just because he missed out on seeing Barkley in the flesh more.

Think of any adjective to describe Barkley and it wouldn't be enough. He did things on the pitch I have never seen a Luton player do in the 25 years I've been watching them. His ability to glide past three or four players in tight situations in total control is my abiding memory. He was levels above.

Luton weren't a one-man team last season but Barkley lifted the Hatters to a level they would never have got close to. This season Luton have inevitably suffered without him and I'm convinced it's one of the biggest reasons why they have struggled.

Which is why the January transfer window could be so important for the club. They can't replace Barkley but it's clear new talent is needed.

Power Court has, rightly, been the priority with the Premier League money and that is a sound long-term strategy. It's great news this week that it has been given the final green light. Once it has been built Luton should still be in a good place ready for a second wave of attack on the top-flight in a shiny, modern purpose-built stadium.

Here's to 2025... and the future.

"THINK OF ANY ADJECTIVE TO DESCRIBE BARKLEY AND IT WOULDN'T BE ENOUGH"

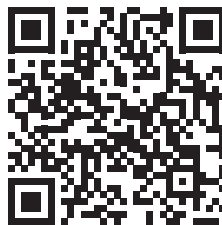


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