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First things first, welcome back to Kenilworth Road and welcome to 2025! So Happy New Year to you all as we entertain Norwich City in another important Championship clash.

The past 12 months have been a rollercoaster and the next year promises to be yet another whirlwind in the history of Luton Town Football Club – so strap yourselves in!

Due to printing deadlines, this particular page went to the presses before our game with Derby so hopefully we have come out of our games over the festive period with points in the bag.

A big thank you for all of your support throughout 2024 and please get behind the lads as we enter a new year full of optimism!

Up the Town!

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| **ROB EDWARDS** |

THE BOSS

Good afternoon and please let me begin by wishing you and your family and friends a very Happy New Year.

The last 12 months have certainly seen ups and downs in this club's history and now, as we enter 2025, we are now aiming to climb the Championship after suffering back-to-back defeats.

Those away day disappointments came after the Derby game in our last home game here that saw a crazy ending. It certainly wasn't an enjoyable game up until the late drama but of course it is the goals at the end and the three points which we will all remember.

However, the lads did what they do best: they kept going and ground out victory just when it seemed like we might end up empty-handed.

Boxing Day at Bristol City was a typical example, especially in the Championship, of a

game of fine margins with nothing in it. They stuck one in the top corner from the edge of the box and we weren't quite able to capitalise on a couple of chances we did create and we end up losing.

It certainly wasn't a game we deserved to lose which makes it all the more disappointing. However, there were some positives to take as we didn't go under like we have in previous away games, and I thought some of the young players' performances were a plus.

What I saw, especially in that last half-an-hour or so, was a team that's desperate to try and get back in the game and get something from it. There was some good intensity, some decent quality, we kept the back door shut, we threw everything at it in terms of attacking substitutions, it just wasn't to be.

The result a few days later as we headed back down the M4 again, was tough to take after the

boys battled for the last 20 minutes with 10 men following JJ's dismissal for what I thought were two soft yellow cards.

I thought the red card came at a time when we were in the ascendancy against a very good Swansea team. The boys hung on well and gave everything but just when we thought we might hold out we didn't track a runner and our hopes of a point evaporated. At the moment our mistakes are getting punished and we are working hard to ensure we rectify that, especially on our travels.

Finally, thank you for all of your backing of myself, the staff and the players over the past 12 months, it really means a lot. I was privileged to pass the 100-game mark in charge of this wonderful club and I wish to thank everyone for their support during this time. We've had that one unbelievable high, followed by countless memorable moments in that time and I will continue to strive

towards achieving more of those while I'm at the helm.

Please keep up your magnificent support once more this afternoon and let's kick-off the new year in style.

Bring the noise and enjoy the game.





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| TOM LOCKYER |

CLUB CAPTAIN

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Good afternoon and welcome back to the Kenny for the first time this year. I hope you all had a good Christmas and trust you all saw in the new year in good spirits last night.

So happy New Year to you all as we entertain Norwich here for what promises to be an entertaining game.

The last time we met back in November saw us go down to two late goals at their place but the way in which we played in that game gives me cause for optimism today, especially given how strong our home form has been.

Our last home fixture here against Derby saw another dramatic ending that saw us clinch victory from the jaws of defeat thanks to late goals from Holmesly – thanks to Pelly's volley – and Carlton.

The boys' spirit and determination cannot be called into question and their ability to keep pushing to the end is something I've always seen from Luton teams in my time here, so long may that continue.

At the moment we are finding a way to get results at home and this afternoon we'll be aiming to add to that against Norwich.

Those of you who travelled to Bristol City on Boxing Day might have seen me in the away end. It was good to be amongst you and nice to chat to a few of you as well. Many thanks for the kind words of encouragement after my recent set-back following the operation on my ankle.

As I said in my Derby notes, it's been pretty tough but I've come back stronger from more serious issues in the

past and all I have to do – again – is be patient. That's not one of my strong points – just ask those close to me!

The result at Ashton Gate was of course not what we wanted and it seemed it was that kind of game that was going to be settled by either something outrageous or a mistake. In the end, their lad has smashed one in the top corner and that in the end was enough.

Like we did against Derby we pushed late on for a way back into the game but couldn't quite get a goal. I think a draw would have been a fair result and I think we all thought Cauley's chance was going to be the one – only for their keeper to make the save.

It was hugely frustrating to see us lose at Swansea the other day after we'd led thanks to another goal from Carlton. Then, after

going down to 10 after JJ's red card, I thought we'd done enough to earn a point and end the losing run on our travels. However, it wasn't to be and we are left scratching our heads while we cannot replicate our form here on the road.

So, while the past 12 months have not been the kindest to us, today represents us with the chance to begin 2025 in the best possible way.

A huge thank you for your support over the rollercoaster that was 2024 and here's to three points this afternoon.

Join me in getting behind the lads once more and enjoy the game.

Come on Luton!

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BOARDROOM DAVID WILKINSON

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

Can I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy, healthy and successful New Year.

Our visitors today are Norwich City. It's only a month since we went to Carrow Road and came away with a disappointing 4-2 defeat. Let's hope we can avenge that today and kick start the new year in style.

Reviewing 2024 can be somewhat of a bittersweet exercise. From certain times in our Premier League experience, which gave me some of the most glorious moments I've witnessed as a supporter, to this unexpected current slump in the Championship.

Last year ended with the fantastic news that the council approved planning permission for our new stadium at Power Court, ending years of negotiations, land purchases, planning and design. Gary and Michael deserve enormous credit for assembling a brilliant team who have overcome all the obstacles they've encountered since we first became involved, and have succeeded in

achieving the toughest task against all odds. This is the second major plank of our original plan when we first got together and invested in the club.

The importance of it cannot be stressed strongly enough. We bought the club from the administrator. A club that had been bust three times in 10 years, which evidenced its inability to compete fairly at anywhere near the top

level. Most periods of success on the pitch have been followed by financial difficulty and we have fought tooth and nail to ensure that this is not repeated.

It's also worth remembering that before our stadium was sold to the council the away team got a share of the home gate, but since then nothing. So, Kenilworth Road being the smallest ground in most divisions

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we've competed in is a major disadvantage, and goes some way to explaining our patchy financial history.

By way of an example, we lost in excess of £10m getting back into the Football League as well as losing academy players for a pittance to higher placed clubs.

Our ambition-led strategy for this club has always been to play the long game. In order to compete, we simply must have a state-of-the-art stadium with the ability of generating significantly more revenue.

Another key component has been, and is to, expand and improve the Academy. It is important

that we can find and develop players because it's unlikely that we will ever be able to compete with the gigantic transfer fees and salaries ruling in the Premier League. Therefore scouting, coaching and trading become even more important and rebuilding an academy, literally, takes a generation.

After years of hard work on this front, it's such a joy when you see home-grown talent given a chance and deserving it, just as Joe Johnson, Zack Nelson and Josh Phillips did at Bristol. These guys and those like them are our future.

2024 on the pitch has been surreal and incredibly disappointing.

As the last year ended, we had just been narrowly beaten 3-2 here at the Kenny by a very good Chelsea team and were just ahead of our best result and performance of the Premier League season where we beat Brighton 4-0 having lost 4-1 at the Amex in the first game of the season.

As we are seeing again this year it is tough for promoted clubs to survive in the Premier League and almost impossible without a big pot of money to put alongside the funds received from central funds.

We are proud that we earned respect and impressed so many by the way we played and

entertained, but being plucky, gallant losers is not what we are here for. A lot has been said about the effect of relegation and the added difficulty of having had a brief foray in the top division, but both going there and coming back down throw up problems we have never experienced before.

Expectations and attitudes can be so sensitive and everything affects everything else. There is no doubt that all of us expected better this year, after all the majority of last season's squad are still with us. Yes, we lost the Premier League quality of Ross and Sami, who I would argue are impossible to replace, but I'd love to be proved wrong.



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As has previously been reported, the last transfer window was the toughest the team has had, and we didn't get all the targets we wanted. We are a team in a transition. Often when you make changes, they take time to come into effect and whether that is transfer strategy or sports science and medical or coaching or investment in the academy, they will all make us better.

One of my great beliefs is that it's easier to be a critic than an author and mistakes are inevitable, but the only people who don't make mistakes are those who do nothing.

I shall be glad to see the back of 2024.

I'm eagerly looking forward to the second half of the season.

I'm looking forward to winning Championship games away.

I'm looking forward to the transfer window.

I'm looking forward to starting building at Power Court.

I'm looking forward to the Academy getting its category 2 status and joining the games programme.

I'm looking forward to our injured players

returning and fighting for their places.

I'm looking forward to more of our youngsters earning a place in the squad.

I'm looking forward to another year of being a Luton fan and enjoying the highs and lows we are so used to.

"The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new." – Socrates

Enjoy the game.

Happy New Year and come on you Hatters.

David

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ACTION REPLAY



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Holmes 89'
Morris 90+2'



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Jackson 58'

Two goals in the game's final manic moments from Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu - or Tom Holmes, you decide - and Carlton Morris earned the Town a dramatic comeback victory over Derby at Kenilworth Road.

Trailing to Kayden Jackson's 58th-minute header, the Town needed a wonderful stop from Thomas Kaminski on 74 minutes to prevent the Rams doubling their lead.

But with time almost up, Mpanzu's volley from the edge of the area deflected off Holmes' back to bring the Town level with a minute of normal time remaining and then Hatters won it in the second minute of stoppage time thanks to Morris' deflected strike.

The late drama might not have been necessary had the Hatters led in the sixth minute when Morris' fine header flew just wide.

But the Town began playing some decent football. Morris was just crowded out on 18 minutes and from the loose ball Jacob Widell Zetterstrom in the Derby goal pawed away Tahith Chong's drive.

Kaminski was called into action for the first time of the night seven minutes after the restart when saving Jackson's low effort but, on 54 minutes, the Hatters came close to breaking the deadlock when Elijah Adebayo's towering header from Tom Krauß's fine cross just missed the target.

But Derby went in front shortly before the hour when Kane Wilson's deep right-wing cross was met by Jackson who guided a back-post header into the far corner of the net.

The Town responded well to going behind and, on 62 minutes, Zetterstrom produced an incredible save to deny Morris' superb header following Jordan Clark's corner.

Two minutes later the Hatters had Kaminski to thank for a stunning save to somehow keep out a low first-time drive from Kenzo Goudmijn. It would prove to be a crucial moment.

But try as they might, it looked as though the Town had run out of ideas as Derby's defence protected the lead.

However, Mpanzu and Holmes had other ideas. A corner was half-cleared to Mpanzu on the edge of the box and he sent the ball back goalwards with intent. The ball took a decisive touch off Holmes before nestling into the back of the net. 1-1.

And two minutes into stoppage time the Hatters won it when Adebayo's shot was turned away by Zetterstrom but only into the path of Morris. He composed himself before taking a touch and fired a shot that took a deflection and flew, unbelievably, into the top corner.

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PELLY'S PUSHING FOR MORE

Midfielder reflects on last-gasp win the last time we were on home soil.

Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu highlighted the Hatters squad's desire to mount a post-Christmas push towards the play-off spots after helping spark another come-from-behind home win against Derby County.

The Hatters trailed to a visitors' goal but, just as they have previously this season against Sheffield Wednesday and Stoke City, our boys found a way to get back into it and take all three points with two late strikes.

On as a second-half substitute in his first outing of December, Mpanzu hit the 88th-minute volley which deflected off team-mate

Tom Holmes' backside for the leveller, before Carlton Morris hit an injury-time winner, also diverted via a Rams defender.

"I'm feeling good," said the 30-year-old. "It was nice to get back out on the pitch and help the boys get a win. Three points is what we needed.

"We know we've been good at home, so that is going to put us in good stead hopefully over the Christmas period, and we can climb the table as quickly as possible.

"We know we are strong at home, so getting points at home is really important. Our away form hasn't been great, so we've got to try and rectify that.

"Hopefully we can put ourselves in a good position to go ahead and get points away from home, because that's going to also help us go and make our goal at the end of the season, which is promotion or if not, go through the play-offs. That's still our aim this season and hopefully we can still achieve that."

Most people in the ground would have credited the DR Congo midfielder with the goal, which would have been his first since his brace against Blackpool at Easter of our promotion winning campaign, but officially it went down as Holmes' first goal for the club since signing from Reading.

"I think it hit someone – I think it hit Holmesy,

and he's been credited with the goal, but listen, everyone is saying it's his goal, so I'll let him have it," said Mpanzu.

"But edge of the box, strike, if it goes in how it goes in, it gets us back in the game and thankfully Carlton – think that was going wide, his one – but it ended up in the goal, so yeah, 2-1 win, it's a good result for everyone."

He added: "It's been a tough season for everyone, I think we were expected to do a lot better than what we are right now, than what the table says.

"We'll take any goal right now and thankfully the deflections went in, so we'll take the three points as they come."

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"IT WAS NICE TO GET BACK OUT ON THE PITCH AND HELP THE BOYS GET A WIN"





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ACTION REPLAY



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Twine 47'



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There was no festive cheer on the road for the Town as they lost for the eighth consecutive time away from Kenilworth Road in the Championship.

In an otherwise poor spectacle low on chances, the Hatters' fate was sealed by a moment of brilliance from Bristol City forward Scott Twine whose blast from the edge of the box 90 seconds into the second half gave the home side all three points.

A leveller almost came with the last chance of the game when Cauley Woodrow's well-struck effort was stopped by home goalkeeper Max O'Leary.

Defeat left the Town without a point on their travels since the win at Millwall in September but in truth a point a piece would have been fair after this 90 minutes at Ashton Gate.

Clear-cut opportunities for both sides were a real premium in a first half that City started the brighter.

But as the half wore on, the Town grew into the game, pushing the hosts on the backfoot. On 38 minutes Elijah Adebayo used his pace and power to motor past Luke McNally and into the box. However his cut-back was swept wide of the target by Tom Krauß.

As half-time approached, Jordan Clark's long-range curler was held by O'Leary and Twine tested Kaminski with a direct free-kick in stoppage time.

However, at the start of the second half, Twine got the better of Kaminski with an emphatic finish. City played a quick free-kick down the right and fed Twine on the edge of the box. The forward, known for his ability from range, took a touch before firing an unstoppable effort into the top corner to give the Robins the lead.

It was a goal that lit up Ashton Gate and the forward thought he should have had a penalty with 22 minutes left when going down under Tom Holmes' challenge.

Chances in either penalty area continued to be at a premium as Rob Edwards made a number of substitutions in a bid to swing momentum into the Hatters' favour.

That included 19-year-old Josh Phillips, a winger who scored a double hat-trick for the development squad before Christmas. And the youngster almost conjured an equaliser in the fourth minute of added time when his dangerous left-wing cross was desperately cleared by the home side.

As time ticked into the sixth and final minute of added time the Hatters had one final chance. The Town moved it patiently and accurately from the right into the path of Woodrow on the edge of the box. The forward hit a sweet effort goalwards but O'Leary was there to paw the ball away to safety.





ACTION REPLAY





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ACTION REPLAY



2
Franco 38'
Peart-Harris 90+1'



1
Morris 5'

There was late heartbreak for 10-man Town as a late injury-time winner condemned the Hatters to a ninth successive away defeat in the Championship.

Swansea substitute Myles Peart-Harris' header in the 91st-minute was cruel on Rob Edwards' men who had battled at 1-1 having played the final 22 minutes a man light following Joe Johnson's harsh red card for a second bookable offence.

It had started so brightly for the Hatters in the final game of 2024 with Carlton Morris firing the Town in front after just five minutes. Swans keeper Lawrence Vigouroux's poor clearance landed at the feet of the Hatters captain and he made no mistake when volleying home from 10 yards for his seventh of the season.

Jisung Eom toed a shot against the post on 13 minutes while a Liam Cullen header diverted a header wide shortly before the half-hour as the hosts pushed for a leveller.

The pressure continued. Thomas Kaminski produced a fine save to paw away a drive from Ronald on 35 minutes but the Town's luck ran out on 38 minutes when the hosts levelled. Kaminski somehow kept out an effort from Ronald from point-blank range but Goncalo Franco was on hand to tap-home the rebound.

After a lack of attacking threat after the goal, the Town had the ball in the Swansea box 15 minutes

after the break when Marvelous Nakamba won the ball but neither Morris or Elijah Adebayo could make the most of the opportunity.

Kaminski came to the Hatters' rescue moments later as the game swung from end-to-end, the keeper acrobatically turning away Harry Darling's header from eight yards.

In truth the Town were looking more of an attacking force in the second period but any hopes of pinching three points were dealt a blow on 68 minutes when Johnson received his marching orders for the second of two soft bookings.

With 20 minutes remaining and a man down, it was backs to the wall for the Town. Former Cardiff man Mark McGuinness threw himself in front of everything as the Hatters desperately tried to hold onto a point.

But, in the first of seven added minutes, Swansea's pressure paid off. A ball lofted into the Town penalty area was headed back across goal by Darling and Peart-Harris was on hand at the back post to guide a header into the top corner to shatter the Hatters.

Edwards' side couldn't muster a response to going behind and the hosts almost grabbed a late third when Zan Viptonik's close range effort was magnificently blocked by Kaminski.



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The Canaries arrive at Kenilworth Road for a big New Year's Day clash as both sides aim to start the new year in winning form after what has been an inconsistent season so far in the Championship.

Johannes Hoff Thorup's side have had an up and down start to the season and look to push away from mid-table.

Norwich began the season by appointing their new Danish manager and they began the season well and were looking strong, especially at Carrow Road.

Borja Sainz in particular has been standout for Norwich and has been one of the best players in the league this season, as his 15 goals (before Sunday's games) making him the division's top goalscorer.

In the last meeting between the two sides, the Canaries ran out 4-2 winners at Carrow Road. It was a topsy turvy game as both teams were leading at various points but two goals in the last 10 minutes were enough for Norwich.

However, since then, Norwich have hit a bad run of form and followed that game up with a winless run of four. This was ended with a 2-1 win against Millwall on Boxing Day.

It was a festive affair the last time the Canaries set foot in Bedfordshire and the Town will be hoping for a similar outcome to the Boxing Day triumph in December 2022 that saw Cauley Woodrow earn Rob Edwards his first win in charge.

A warm welcome to Kenilworth Road to all those associated with Norwich City and wish everyone at Carrow Road the best for 2025.



THE SQUAD



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PROFILES

Words by Zac Neal

THE BOSS JOHANNES HOFF THORUP

35-year-old Danish manager who was appointed Canaries boss in May 2024 replacing David Wagner.

GOALKEEPER ANGUS GUNN ▼

Scottish international goalkeeper who came through the ranks at Manchester City. Now amassed over 100 appearances for City across two spells.

DEFENDERS SHANE DUFFY

Experienced centre-back with years of experience across the EFL and Premier League. Played over 60 games for the Irish National team.

CALLUM DOYLE
Currently on loan at Carrow Road from Manchester City. Been a regular at the back for Norwich this season.



BENJAMIN CHRISENE

Signed for Norwich from Aston Villa in July 2024. Previously spent time on loan with Kilmarnock and Blackburn.

KELLEN FISHER
Young full-back who signed for the Canaries from Bromley in 2023. Been a standout performer so far this season at right-back.

JACK STACEY
Former Town man who spent two seasons with the Hatters and was crucial in two promotion winning sides. Has since played for AFC Bournemouth before joining City.

**MIDFIELDERS
MARCELINO NUNEZ**
Chilean international midfielder who has been key for Norwich in his two years at the club so far. Scored in the Canaries' 4-1 demolition of Watford.

EMILIANO MARCONDES
Experienced Danish midfielder who has previously played for AFC Bournemouth and Brentford. Scored in Norwich's 4-2 win over the Hatters last November.

ANIS BEN SLIMANE
Tunisian international on loan from Sheffield United to the Canaries. Scored in Norwich's recent 2-1 defeat to Sunderland.



FORSON AMANKWAH
Young talent coming through in City's midfield who previously played for RB Salzburg and signed for Norwich last summer.

**FORWARDS
ANTE CRNAC**
Signed for Norwich last summer from Rakow Czesochowa for a large fee. Scored a brace for the Canaries against the Hatters in November.

BORJA SAINZ ▲
Exciting young winger who has been one of the Championship's star players this season. Has been a regular on the scoresheet so far this campaign.

OSCAR SCHWARTAU
Danish winger who signed for City from Brøndby last summer. Scored his first Canaries goal in a recent victory over Millwall.

ONEL HERNANDEZ
Cuban international who has been with Norwich for six years. Has seen loans to Middlesbrough and Birmingham in this time.

ASHLEY BARNES
Experienced striker who has spent many years at the top end of English football, mainly for Brighton and Burnley. Scored over 100 EFL and Premier League goals.

NORWICH KITBAG



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If you know, you know. This early 90s effort from Ribero graced the Canaries squad on their way to a third-place finish in the top-flight and was worn when they stunned Bayern Munich in the UEFA Cup. They certainly don't make them like this anymore.

A FOOT IN BOTH



CHRIS MARTIN

A product of the Canaries' academy, striker Chris Martin was loaned to the Town in our ill-fated -30 season in 2008/09. However, he hit 13 goals in 51 games including the first in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final win over Scunthorpe. He then scored 23 goals the following season for Norwich in League One, before spells at Derby, Bristol City and QPR.

CANARIES CULT HERO

Beginning his football journey at his hometown club, Carlisle United, rising through their youth system, **Grant Holt** went on to play for Halifax, Sorrento in Australia, Sengkang Marine in Singapore, Barrow, Sheffield Wednesday, and Rochdale, even working part-time in a factory to support himself during the early stages of his career.

In 2006, Holt joined Nottingham Forest, but it was after a season with Shrewsbury that he found his greatest success at Norwich, where he played from

2009 to 2013. During this period, Holt was pivotal in Norwich's resurgence. He helped the Canaries win the League One title in 2009/10 and achieve back-to-back promotions, culminating in a return to the Premier League as Championship runners-up.

Holt's standout Premier League campaign came in 2011/12, when he scored 15 goals, earning him Norwich's Player of the Year award for the third consecutive season. In total the striker netted 78 times in 168 games for the Canaries.



FIXTURE FLASHBACK

NORWICH 0-1 TOWN 26th JANUARY 2014 FA CUP THIRD ROUND

The Hatters created history and earned a place in the fifth round of the FA Cup after a sensational, deserving 1-0 win over Premier League Norwich 12 years ago later this month.

The Town, then in the Conference, rode their luck at times and had boyhood Canaries fan Mark Tyler to thank for a string of great saves throughout the afternoon.

The defining moment came with 10 minutes left on the clock when three substitutes combined. Stuart Fleetwood sent JJ O'Donnell away down the left flank and his low cross was met at the near post by Scott Rendell who made no mistake with an unerring finish.

The goal ensured the Town made history by becoming the first non-

league team to knock a Premier League club out of the competition.

"We know we can get Luton Town back to the Football League. It will happen, and it won't be long before we're back playing at more places like Carrow Road," said manager Paul Buckle afterwards.





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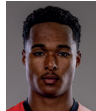
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COMMERCIAL

Happy New Year to all of our partners, sponsors and guests as we kick-off 2025 with a home game against Norwich.

There was plenty of late drama at our last home match here against Derby as two late goals meant we all went away happy with three points.

Tahith Chong was named man-of-the-match and the winger was on hand to receive his award in the Eric Morecambe Lounge after the game, as well as talking through the performance and pose for photographs with our guests.

This afternoon as we welcome in the New Year, we have the pleasure of having long-term friends of ours, Musclesquad, with us as match sponsors.

We also are delighted to welcome seven mascots who will get to meet all of their favourite players and lead the team out onto the pitch prior to kick-off.

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GOALS
OUTSIDE BOX

Borja Sainz	4
Norwich City	
Karlan Grant	3
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PLAYER
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Lewis Gibson	25
Plymouth Argyle	
Ben Gibson	23
Stoke City	
Shane Duffy	23
Norwich City	
Curtis Nelson	22
Derby County	
Mattie Pollock	22
Watford	

TABLE AND STATS 2024/25
AS OF 29/12/2024

		P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	PTS
1	Sheff Utd	24	15	6	3	33	14	19	49
2	Leeds	23	14	6	3	43	15	28	48
3	Burnley	23	13	8	2	30	9	21	47
4	Sunderland	24	12	8	4	36	21	15	44
5	Blackburn	23	11	5	7	27	21	6	38
6	Watford	23	11	4	8	33	31	2	37
7	Middlesbrough	23	10	6	7	41	31	10	36
8	West Brom	24	8	12	4	28	19	9	36
9	Swansea	24	9	6	9	29	25	4	33
10	Bristol City	24	8	9	7	30	28	2	33
11	Sheff Wed	24	9	6	9	32	36	-4	33
12	Norwich	24	7	9	8	40	36	4	30
13	Millwall	23	7	8	8	22	20	2	29
14	Preston North End	24	6	11	7	26	30	-4	29
15	Coventry	24	7	7	10	32	34	-2	28
16	Derby	23	7	6	10	29	29	0	27
17	QPR	24	5	11	8	24	32	-8	26
18	Stoke	24	6	7	11	24	32	-8	25
19	Luton	24	7	4	13	26	41	-15	25
20	Oxford Utd	23	6	6	11	26	39	-13	24
21	Hull	24	5	7	12	22	32	-10	22
22	Cardiff	23	5	6	12	23	38	-15	21
23	Portsmouth	22	4	8	10	26	40	-14	20
24	Plymouth	23	4	6	13	22	51	-29	18

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	22	2	5	1	0	0	23	2	5	1	0	166	47
Mads Andersen	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	1	0	14	1
Shandon Baptiste	7	4	0	0	1	0	7	5	0	2	0	12	0
Amari'i Bell	11	0	0	1	0	0	12	0	0	1	0	136	2
Jacob Brown	6	8	3	0	0	0	6	8	3	1	0	36	6
Reece Burke	9	0	0	1	0	0	10	0	0	4	0	93	4
Tahith Chong	20	1	2	1	0	0	21	1	2	4	0	60	7
Jordan Clark	21	1	3	1	0	0	22	1	3	8	0	160	15
Alfie Doughty	13	0	0	1	0	0	14	0	0	5	0	92	5
Daiki Hashioka	9	3	0	0	0	0	9	3	0	3	0	23	0
Tom Holmes	11	3	1	0	1	0	11	4	1	0	1	15	1
Joe Johnson	2	3	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	1	1	13	0
Thomas Kaminski	23	0	0	1	0	0	24	0	0	1	1	62	0
Tom Krauss	16	3	1	0	0	0	16	3	1	0	0	19	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	22	0	1	0	0	0	22	0	1	3	0	22	1
Teden Mengi	14	1	1	0	0	0	14	1	1	2	0	50	2
Carlton Morris	18	3	7	1	0	0	19	3	7	6	0	116	38
Victor Moses	12	4	1	0	0	0	12	4	1	0	0	16	1
Josh Phillips	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	1	8	0	0	0	0	1	8	0	1	0	411	23
Marvelous Nakamba	8	4	0	1	0	0	9	4	0	1	0	47	0
Zack Nelson	2	8	0	1	0	1	3	8	1	1	0	13	1
Chidozie 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	12	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	1	0	18	0
Andros Townsend	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	32	1
Liam Walsh	3	7	0	0	1	0	3	8	0	0	2	11	0
Reuell Walters	6	3	0	1	0	0	7	3	0	3	0	10	0
Cauley Woodrow	1	10	0	0	1	0	1	11	0	1	0	76	6



LEAGUE LOOK

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As usual, the Championship delivered a lot of drama, excitement and goals in the Boxing Day fixtures. Let's break it all down and take a look at all the action that unfolded that day.

To start things off, Blackburn drew 2-2 at Ewood Park with Sunderland. Sunderland came from behind to lead but a late equaliser from Blackburn meant the points were shared.

Coventry thrashed Plymouth 4-0 at the

CBS Arena as the Sky Blues ran riot to continue Plymouth's poor run of form.

Middlesbrough drew 3-3 with Sheffield Wednesday at the Riverside Stadium in a Boxing Day cracker. Despite going 3-0 behind, Wednesday came back in the second half to earn a point. Bristol City climbed back into 11th as they beat the Town 1-0 at Ashton Gate.

Today's opponents Norwich City got back to winning ways with a 2-1

victory against Millwall at Carrow Road. Preston also picked up a home win, beating Hull City 1-0.

Oxford got a much-needed victory after beating Cardiff City 3-2 at the Kassam Stadium. Despite a late fight-back from the Bluebirds, Oxford managed to hold on to get the three points. Watford also got a home win as they scored late on to beat Portsmouth 2-1.

Burnley became the first away side to leave Bramall Lane with three

points this season after beating Sheffield United 2-0. Goals from Josh Brownhill and Zian Flemming were enough for the Clarets to get the win.

Swansea City recorded a big victory at home as they eased past QPR with a 3-0 win. Three first half goals were more than enough to win the match for the Swans.



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Stepping Stones is a Luton-based organisation, initially established as a small CIC (Community Interest Company) in 2008 before becoming registered as a charity in 2015, dedicated to helping women and their children create happier, healthier lives.

The charity supports women to overcome the difficulties associated with one or a combination of the following circumstances: being victims of domestic abuse, involvement with the Criminal Justice System, involvement with Children's Services, suffering from substance misuse/addiction and/or mental health issues.

Stepping Stones supports around 250-300 women each year, but with a lengthy waiting list is hoping to build capacity to help more women from Luton and Central Bedfordshire by providing

hope and the skills and resources to make positive life choices.

Charlie Lockley, Stepping Stones CEO, said: "We are really excited about this partnership. Luton Town Football Club has a very positive image in the community and is a football club that really promotes right from wrong.

"We know that there is unfortunately a correlation between football matches and domestic abuse, and that abuse will increase during tournaments, so it's a really positive connection that we can make.

"If Luton Town can speak up about domestic abuse

and how wrong it is, then we believe that is going to help our women, help raise awareness and maybe help people call each other out on it. If we can just stop one fan going home and being abusive to his partner, then that's got to be a good thing.

"One in four women suffer abuse at some point in their lives, and one in six men. If we can do something to make people more aware of that, along with the red flags and the things that might give rise to it, and also empower them with some tools and techniques to get their lives back, that's got to be a good thing."

A group from the club, including captain Carlton Morris and Ladies skipper Elly Wade visited Stepping Stones' headquarters in George Street West to see some of the fantastic work the staff there undertake – as shown in these photos.

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THE LIFE AND TIMES OF PUNCH McEWEN

James 'Punch' McEwen already had coaching experience with his home town team Bootle when he signed for Luton Town in the summer of 1894.

Signed from Liverpool South End, Punch was offered £2 per week and a £5 signing on fee. Although only 5ft. 6in tall, Punch was widely described as "the best professional full-back in the South of England." Powerful, dashing, making few errors, he possessed a terrific kick which was an essential attribute for a back at the time.

Punch met, and married, a Luton lass, Lizzie Nash Scott in late 1896. They had a son, James William in 1897 and a business in the town and seemed settled. However, club financial woes meant Punch was sold to Glossop North End in 1898. A move to Bury followed. The 1901 census shows him, Lizzie and young James living in Bury with Punch described as a "Professional footballer and general dock labourer".

It was an inspired move as he was to help Bury to their second FA Cup win in 1903 over the hot favourites, Derby

County. Reviewing past FA Cup finals, Leslie Knighton, the Arsenal manager in 1920, said "Punch McEwen, now my assistant here, played the outstanding game of the day at right-back."

It was a shock to most that he came back to Luton in 1903. Lizzie was homesick and they still had their business. However, after 69 games in his second spell, Punch moved on in 1905, this time to Norwich City. Punch was made captain and then player/manager for the 1907/08 season. His playing ability at last led to recognition of sorts when he was chosen to play in a North v South international trial match. He was considered the best full-back never to play for England.

A knee injury in September 1909 sadly ended his playing career. Punch went to coach Fulham and, after a spell managing Glossop North End, he became Arsenal manager in April 1915. In 1919 he stepped down to assistant manager and later served as coach and scout.

Punch played a minor role in the 1939 film *The Arsenal Stadium Mystery*. A newspaper

review said that "the real 'discovery' of the picture was 66-year-old Punch McEwen." It continued, "Punch was so good that they wanted to feature him as a comedian, but his wife wanted to

go on their holiday to Southend, so - they went to Southend."

Will Foster

'Punch' McEwen pictured with wife Lizzie ▼



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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 Canaries.

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1. Ron Davies, later to turn out for the Canaries, nets one of his four goals in the 4-2 home win over Norwich in April 1963.
2. Malcolm Macdonald signals his goal during the 1-1 draw at Carrow Road in December 1970.
3. Cauley Woodrow has just netted a late winner against the Canaries the last time they were at Kenilworth Road on Boxing Day 2022.
4. Billy Bingham (obscured) nets the only goal of the game in the FA Cup semi-final replay against Norwich, to send the Town to Wembley in 1959.



ON THIS DAY

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



And in the downpour, we told Barnet to calm it...

It was on this day in 2014 that the Hatters splashed their way to a seventh straight victory in all competitions to extend their lead at the top the National League with a 2-1 win in sodden conditions against Barnet.

Both sets of players battled through 90 minutes on a drenched afternoon at Kenilworth Road and goals from strikers Andre Gray and Paul Benson proved to be the difference.

The pitch passed an inspection 15 minutes before the game but, with the Town leading 2-0, the match looked as though it had run its course on the hour when referee Kevin Johnson called over the captains of both teams for a discussion. However, the match went on, and Barnet pulled a goal back from Jake Hyde to set-up a nervy final 20 minutes.

But, roared on by 7,500 Luton voices, the Town dug in, slipping and sliding around to secure yet another victory – their 11th straight victory on home soil in all competitions. The final whistle was greeted with one of the loudest cheers of the season.

Paul Benson's shot is held by the keeper



Scott Griffiths takes aim

Andre Gray celebrates with Jake Howells



Benson celebrates



Gray having his shirt pulled

ALSO ON NEW YEARS DAY...

Our first game on New Year's Day came back in 1898 when we saw off Manchester City 3-0 in Division Two... The highest-scoring game on this day came in 1938 when the Town beat Stockport 6-4 at Kenilworth Road... Our first win in the top-flight on 1st January came in 1986 after a 3-1 win over Leicester (pictured below) with a certain Michael Harford scoring all three goals... Two years later we beat Chelsea 3-0 and that would be our last win on New Year's Day until 2008 when a Calvin Andrew goal saw off Yeovil... The last time we played on this day came two years ago with a 2-1 win at Huddersfield.



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.

The Hatters put the Brentford defence under pressure



Following a reasonable Christmas, where four points were won, the Town still led the table – although Hull City were hot on their heels.

Next up for the Hatters was the visit of Sheffield Wednesday, who had been rejuvenated following the appointment of Paul Sturrock as manager and now sat in the play-off positions.

The best home crowd for three years of 9,500 gathered for the New Year's Day clash and saw the Hatters turn out in their orange away strip to avoid a clash with Wednesday's all grey away colours.

In windy conditions both sides had first-half chances but it was the Owls who took the lead just before the interval when Marlon Beresford and Curtis Davies allowed a long ball to bounce between them leaving Kenwyne Jones to take advantage of the hesitancy to slot home.

The Town levelled straight after the break when Steve Howard nodded in from close range after a Steve Robinson shot had come back off the woodwork. From then on the game remained end-to-end without any more scoring to bring about a draw which was probably fair.

Wednesday boss Sturrock said afterwards: "It's a difficult place to

come because Kenilworth Road is a fortress as far as Luton are concerned with the style of play they have built up here over the last two or three seasons. We had chances to win it but so did they and I think the draw was probably the fair result."

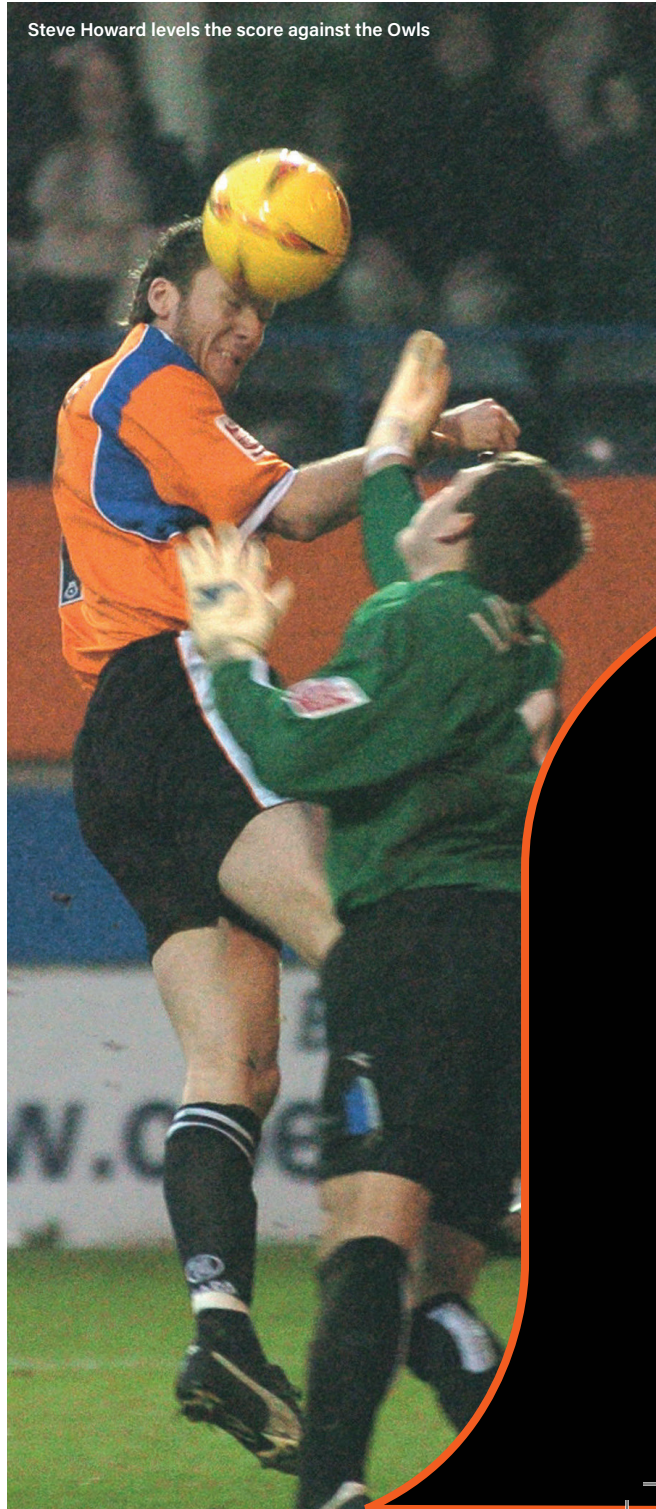
Mike Newell was not too downhearted adding: "We gifted them a goal by letting the ball bounce, which we haven't been doing so far this season. It wasn't a great day for football with the wind swirling around, but we never gave up and I'm not too disappointed with the result."

Two days later the Hatters made the short trip to Peterborough. In order to protect some players from the fourth game in eight days, Newell rested Ahmet Brkovic and Chris Coyne and relegated Rowan Vine and Steve Robinson to the bench.

Peterborough, battling against the drop, played an extreme long-ball game and looked to pump balls into the Luton box at every opportunity, and, as a result made it a first half to forget as far as the Town were concerned.

Both Vine and Robinson were introduced to the side in the 52nd minute and shortly afterwards the Town took the lead when skipper Kevin Nicholls powered in a 25-yard free-kick.

Steve Howard levels the score against the Owls





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Enoch Showunmi thunders through at Peterborough

Despite this, Posh continued to put the Luton defence under an aerial bombardment and finally made a breakthrough when Calum Willock headed home on 73 minutes. He then doubled his personal tally nine minutes later heading in an Andy Legg long throw.

It was left to top scorer Steve Howard to rescue a point with five minutes to go when he headed in a Paul Underwood left-wing cross.

A rueful Newell said afterwards: "We made a few changes, perhaps too many, but it's difficult when you are playing four games in eight days. It's ridiculous to expect athletes – because that's what footballers are these

days – to perform to the best of their abilities in these circumstances. The people who decide these fixtures are obviously not athletes."

Posh boss and self-confessed Hatters fan Barry Fry merely said "Luton were lucky."

The dropped points meant that the Town were off top spot for the first time since mid-August. They were replaced by a Hull side who had won eight games in a row but there was no way the Hatters could bounce back for two weeks as an FA Cup third round clash at home to Brentford was next on the calendar.

Mindful of their feisty clash at Griffin Park a couple of months before,

the Town put out a full-strength side against the Bees but were then subjected to another onslaught of niggly fouls, time-wasting and the feigning of injury all orchestrated by the touchline antics of their manager Martin Allen.

The Town had a perfectly good goal by Howard, which would have opened the game up, chalked off by the referee, so frustratingly the Luton players continued to allow the Brentford tactics to get to them – leaving the inevitable two goals on the break to settle the tie in the away team's favour to mean the Town had lost twice already against the Bees.



Steve Howard heads in a late equaliser at Peterborough

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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.

We only had Pony for two design cycles in the late 1990s, but they did a great job in creating some iconic (and infamous!) Luton Town shirts. The lovely home shirts, THAT yellow shirt, and then there is this – the 1998/99 away shirt.

At the time, Pony were a big sportswear manufacturer. Along with Luton, they had West Ham, Spurs, Norwich City and even Colo Colo in Chile. They had a big presence in the NFL and NBA too, and even sponsored Pele at one point. They now seem to focus on shoes and general t-shirts, but are

not well known in the UK anymore.

The 1998/99 away shirt is a beautiful mixture of orange and blue, with a unique, slightly elasticated v-neck collar! The blue travels down both side panels and on the top of the back of the shirt. It also features blue cuffs on the long sleeve version.

Match-worn shirts featured the retro, blue Nationwide Football League patches, and a felt-style number on the back. Certainly not like the numbers we have today.

Back to that unique collar. It is striped with a mixture

of white and orange. It doesn't really match the rest of the shirt in my opinion, but I personally love it! The elastic feel could be quite itchy when playing though.

This was also the last year we saw USA (Universal Salvage Auctions) sponsor our shirts. They had adorned the front of our kits since the 1991/92 season, so nearly made it 10 years!

We finished 12th in what is now League One in 1998/99 wearing this shirt. It made its debut on the opening day of the season, a match we won 1-0 at Wycombe Wanderers with Steve

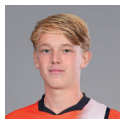
Davis being the first goal scorer in this shirt thanks to a wonderful free-kick... not bad for a centre-back!

Further wins occurred at Oxford United, Wigan, Fulham (Davis once again on the scoresheet) and Burnley. An injury-hit Hatters also wore this away at Maine Road against Manchester City, but lost 2-0. I wonder what happened to them?

We had a young Matthew Spring, legend Marvin Johnson, Mitchell Thomas, Stuart Douglas and Phil Gray wearing this shirt, along Landry Zahana-Oni – a name only the purists will remember!

ACADEMY SQUADS

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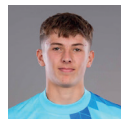
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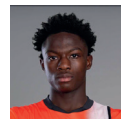
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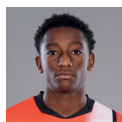
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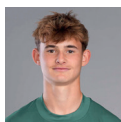
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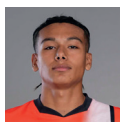
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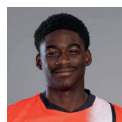
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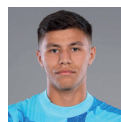
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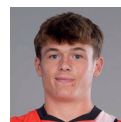
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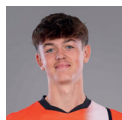
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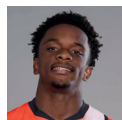
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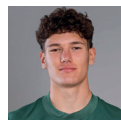
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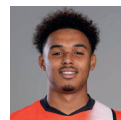
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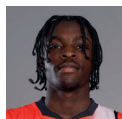
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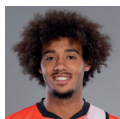
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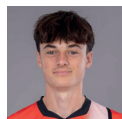
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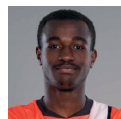
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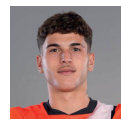
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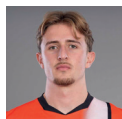
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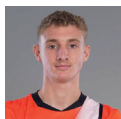
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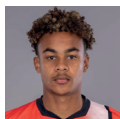
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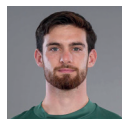
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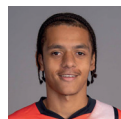
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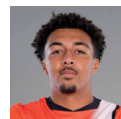
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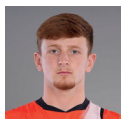
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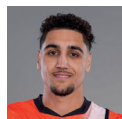
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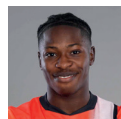
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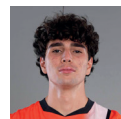
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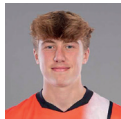
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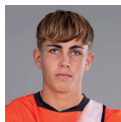
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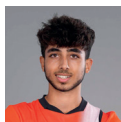
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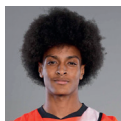
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THE YOUTH OF TODAY

Hopes and dreams, favourite boots and saving shots in front of Nicky Butt... we get the lowdown on our academy stars

Name... Cai Hockey

Date of birth...
26/9/2006

Born... Camden

Position...
Goalkeeper

Age group joined...
Under-11s

Previous clubs...
Hayes & Yeading, Ickenham youth, Hillingdon district, Watford (trial)

Boots you wear... Nike or Puma

Which first teamer's boots I clean... Thomas Kaminski's

Earliest Luton Town memory... The tour to Germany with the under-11s

Coaches who impacted you the most... Paul Reed and Albert Bell as they took me in and gave me a chance

Football memory that makes me smile... Saving a penalty at Kenilworth Road

Best moment of career so far... A triple save against Manchester United with Nicky Butt stood next to my goal

I would be a better player if... I continued to work on my weaknesses

Dream squad number... 24



How you played in the playground... I was very active, was up for anything and competed in all school activities

Teammate that will go all the way... Charlie Trustram

If I could play with anyone it would be... Phil Foden

Favourite food... Indian

Favourite training drill... Small sided games

Favourite school subject... BTEC sport

Hobbies outside of football... Golf and swimming

Tell us something we don't know about you... I used to be a striker when I was younger

I am... very eager to learn and do better. I'm very competitive and hate losing. I'm very good with both my feet when distributing. I'm strong physically and mentally when playing football. I am a team player and always strive to bring the best out of the team. When it comes to training and games, I'm very motivated to do well. I will always do extra, especially when working on my weaknesses.



LTFC ACADEMY **ACADEMY UPDATE** WITH JOE DEENEY

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Happy new year to all our supporters and people associated with our great club. I rejoined the club in June as the Under-18 lead coach and am incredibly proud to be back at this football club that has been a massive part of my life for approaching 33 years.

I am not only an employee but also a fan. I may be biased but there is no other club like our club. The directors and owners are all Luton Town fans and there are so many people from the first team staff right through to the Academy staff that have a long affiliation with the club which I believe really benefits us.

The Academy environment set by Paul Benson is rightfully demanding and set up to

be elite which gives our upcoming players the best chance of forging a career for themselves.

In terms of the Under-18 group I come into 2025 cautiously optimistic. We have some exciting potential talent coming through within the group. That now needs to become reality and that takes a lot of work. It is no easy task, the standard of player we need to produce to reach the demands of the first team at Championship level is tough as the bar is high. Ability alone is never enough – players need to display elite level mentalities and attitudes to apply themselves every day.

Whilst results and learning to win games at Under-18 football

is essential it is also critical that we produce individuals for our first team. We experienced a low point a couple of weeks back exiting the FA Youth Cup on penalties to Crewe Alexandra. It was a game where I was pleased with many aspects of our performance and felt we deserved more than we got but that sadly is football.

We arrive in 2025 with plenty of silverware to play for. We are second in the Youth Alliance League with a point separating us from AFC Wimbledon who we still have to play twice. We have won seven games in our last nine with only a solitary defeat. We are still in the Under-18 Youth Alliance Cup and AFCA Cup competitions.

We were undefeated in the Under-17 PDL Cup to win the group. That sees us qualify for the next round finishing above Northampton Town, Milton Keynes and Watford which I am sure will please our supporters.

Academy systems are ever changing and, in many cases, a strong divide between the first team and the Academy exists. I am proud that doesn't exist at our club. Our lads are fortunate they rub shoulders every single day with the first team players and staff and that can only benefit our group of aspiring players. All our first team staff know our players in the 18's and take time to know who is doing well and provide opportunities for our lads to train with the

first team. The pathway is there for our players so 2025 the challenge is for our players to seize the opportunity.

Get behind Rob and the lads as always and enjoy the game.

HONORING
A BELOVED
STUDENT
THROUGH
FOOTBALL

On the 19th December the Cardinal Newman school community, Sixth Form and Luton Town recently came together to honour the memory of Kyle Prosper or 'KP', who tragically lost his life alongside his mother Juliana and younger sister Giselle.

In his honour, the school organised a memorial football match, inviting his closest friends to take part. This included two of our very own scholars Kyron Roberts-Edema and Benedict Benagr who were classmates of Kyle.

The match was a powerful and emotional occasion, demonstrating the depth of connection and care within the community. As the players stepped onto the

pitch, there were two minutes of silence and a minute of applause to remember the three lives sadly lost. Fittingly the match finished 2-2 and a fun penalty shootout was used at the end to decide a winning team.

The event was a remarkable display of teamwork, not only on the field but behind the scenes. It was exceptionally well-organised, with staff and students alike working tirelessly to ensure everything ran smoothly. The support and involvement of Luton Town highlighted how the wider community stood in solidarity during this challenging time.

While the day was filled with tears, it was also a time to reflect on the joy and memories of KP and his family. The football match served as a poignant reminder of how sports can bring people together, helping to heal and celebrate life even in the face of tragedy.

We are deeply grateful for everyone who contributed to this beautiful tribute and for the lasting legacy it has created in our hearts. RIP Kyle, Giselle and Julianna xxx

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	L 2-2*
Tue 17th	Sutton United	W 4-1
Sat 21st	Stevenage	P-P
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	10:30am
Sat 29th	MK Dons	10:30am
APRIL		
Sat 5th	Portsmouth	10:30am
Sat 12th	Forest Green Rovers	11am
MAY		
Sat 3rd	Newport County	12pm

Home games listed in orange
*lost on penalties 4-3



The two teams line up to honour Kyle Prosper

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HE'S ONE OF OUR OWN!

EMMERSON BOYCE

Aylesbury-born Emmerson was one of the many players to come through our schools and youth development programme prior to signing YTS forms in the summer of 1995.

He made his debut in a 3-0 home defeat to Walsall in an Auto Windscreen Shield tie that saw Herve Bacque miss a penalty on a dour evening but better things were to come for the youngster.

Boyce's breakthrough into the Hatters' league side came at home to Lincoln in April 1999 before becoming a regular and crowd favourite during the following season in a young team that included several academy graduates including Matthew Taylor, Matthew Spring, Stuart Douglas, Stuart Fraser, Gary Doherty and Liam George.

A fast and reliable overlapping right back, 'Boycie' saw an offer from Premier League Crystal Palace in the summer of 2004 as too good to turn down and where he found himself catapulted into the first team earlier than expected following a series of injuries to established regulars, a place he held on to.

Emmerson made a big money move to Wigan in 2006 and skippered the side to the 2013 FA Cup final win over Manchester City.

Capped at international level for Barbados, Boyce joined Blackpool on a short-term deal before rejoining Wigan as an academy coach.

He retired having made 613 senior appearances, scoring 24 goals and the summer just passed he took control as the manager of Wigan Athletic Women.

APPEARANCES: 212
GOALS: 9

CAREER TIMELINE



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COMMUNITY TRUST

MINI HATTERS

We are now taking bookings for the next cohort of our Mini Hatters sessions, starting in January.

Taking place on Tuesday evenings, our Mini Hatters sessions offer 3-5-year-olds the opportunity to experience their first taste of playing football.

As well as learning the basic skills they need to get started in the game, these sessions are all about making sure our youngsters enjoy themselves and have the opportunity to build new friendships.

The sessions take place at Wigmore Primary School in Luton in the sports hall. Our new indoor base means we are now able to run these sessions all year round. Each session is tailored specifically to the relevant age group, with individual sessions for 3, 4 and 5-year-olds delivered by Luton Town FC Community Trust staff.

Programme Manager, Bert Klemmer, said: "These sessions offer a great way for youngsters to start their football journey. We

make sure these sessions are fun, light hearted and that everyone goes home with a smile on their face, including the adults, who we encourage to get involved."

There is also the opportunity for our youngsters to win the 'Hatter of the Week' award, rewarding those that display a positive attitude. Whilst these sessions are very much focused on enjoyment for the youngsters, they do also offer a decent foundation to playing the game. Many of our Mini Hatters move on to our TIPS (Talent Identification Programme) once they reach an age where they are too old for our Mini Hatters programme.

Sessions take place every Tuesday from 7th January 2025. 3-year-olds at 4.30pm, 4 and 5-year-olds at 5.30pm. The cost is £36 per child for a six-week programme.

Sessions are open to boys and girls of all abilities. To book your child's place please go to www.lutontowncommunity.co.uk.



Happy Birthday Nick have a good day love all your family xxx

TIPS

TALENT IDENTIFICATION PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY - LUTON

@ VENUE 360
GIPSY LANE, LUTON, LU1 3JH
YEAR 1 - YEAR 4: 5:00 - 6:00PM
YEAR 5 - YEAR 7: 6:00 - 7:00PM

THURSDAY - BEDFORD

@ BEDFORD ACADEMY
MILE ROAD, BEDFORD, MK42 9TR
YEAR 1 - YEAR 7: 5:00 - 6:00PM

FRIDAY - DUNSTABLE

@ CREASEY PARK
DUNSTABLE, LU6 1BB
YEAR 1 - YEAR 7: 5:00 - 6:00PM



TIPS Bookings 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. Players will train in half-termly blocks, covering a number of different topics across the weeks, including passing and receiving, dribbling, finishing, and much more! Our TIPS centres are for boys and girls of all abilities from Year 1 to Year 7.

Our Football Development Manager, Alex Wallace, said: "The TIPS programme is a brilliant opportunity for young players to develop their skills and build confidence. It's also a fantastic pathway for those aiming to progress into our elite squads."

We will be running our programmes in Luton, Dunstable and our newest centre in Bedford, starting the week commencing 6th January.

Visit our website: www.lutontowncommunity.co.uk and click on "Book a Course!"

We asked club photographer Dave Horn to pick out his best pictures throughout the past 12 months...

YEAR IN REVIEW



JANUARY

This month was full of unforgettable moments, including an epic cup win over Everton, complete with a celebration shot of two of our own, Cauley and Joe. Then, there was that magical night under the lights at the Kenny, where Elijah lit up the pitch with a hat-trick against Brighton – I love the frames of his third goal celebration. But my absolute favourite moment has to be the return of Locks to the training ground. After everything that happened, witnessing that moment and being able to capture it was truly special.

FEBRUARY

This month brought some unforgettable moments, including visits from Man Utd and Man City to the Kenny, as well as a trip to Anfield. But my favourite shot of the month isn't from the Pitch – it's a photo of Mark Crowther. Mark, who cycled to every Premier League match,

arrived at Anfield just as the sky was bursting with colour. I was lucky enough to capture a stunning frame of him standing in front of the iconic stadium, the perfect moment to tell the story of his incredible journey. Sometimes, it's the off-the-field shots that truly stand out.



MARCH

Picking my favourite shot from March 2024 was an easy decision. It's the moment Cauley scored a dramatic 96th-minute equaliser at Selhurst Park, just after announcing he was about to become a dad. His celebration was full of emotion. While I love

the shot of him with his thumb in his mouth and the ball tucked under his shirt, this one edges it – in this frame, more teammates are surrounding him, all caught up in the excitement, while Cauley still holds the ball beneath his shirt.



W2024

My favourite shot from this month encapsulates the intensity and media frenzy of the Premier League. It's a frame of Rob at the Etihad, surrounded by a sea of cameras, each lens focused on him. The image, covered to black and white, adds a layer

of mood and drama. The conversion enhances the contrast between the player and the media storm around him, making it not just a photograph, but a visual statement on the spotlight these Premier League players and staff live under every week.



MAY

As the Premier League season neared its end, the away match against West Ham was a deeply emotional one, marking a moment that all but sealed the Hatters' relegation. My favourite shot captures a powerful moment when one of the iconic West Ham bubbles bursting on Rob. The frame felt like a metaphor for the trials and tribulations of the season.

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JUNE

After a brief break, the players were back at training, and it's always exciting to capture that first day as they get back to work. My favourite shot comes from one of the fitness tests, with Tahith in mid-air. I got low to the ground for this one to really highlight his leap, and love result. There's something special about the way Tahith is flying through the air, but what really makes this shot is the smile on his face. It's a perfect blend of athleticism and personality, and it really stands out for me.



YEAR IN REVIEW

JULY

My favourite shot from July was captured during Shandon Baptiste's signing photo shoot. Every signing is a new opportunity to try something fresh, and this one was no exception. I experimented with lighting to create a moody, almost cinematic atmosphere that drew all the attention to Shandon's face. The black-and-white conversion really took it to another level, adding depth and intensity to his expression. It's one of those moments where everything clicks – the lighting, the mood, the moment – and I was really pleased with how it came together.



AUGUST

My favourite shot from August captures a moment at Fratton Park that perfectly blends atmosphere and action. Using a remote camera, I managed to freeze James in mid-air as he comes out to collect a high ball in the penalty area. The timing couldn't have been better, and I love how everything else in the frame comes together – the vivid blue sky, the packed crowd and the stand in the background.

SEPTEMBER

This shot captures Carlton's celebration after his 87th-minute winner against Sheffield Wednesday. The emotion as he sprints toward the corner where I was sitting is made even sweeter by the contrast in the frame – the Sheffield Wednesday players slumped on the turf in defeat.



W2024



OCTOBER

My favourite from October had to come from the thrilling win over local rivals Watford. While the celebration shots were fantastic, one image stood out above the rest — a remote camera capture from behind the goal – the outstretched keeper frozen mid-dive, helpless to stop the shot from nestling in the net.



NOVEMBER

As a photographer, there's nothing quite like capturing an emotional celebration straight down the lens, and my favourite photo from November delivers just that. It's Mark, celebrating after his goal against Hull City at the Kenny.

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The month which brings a whirlwind of football, festivities, and fanfare – from packed fixtures to Christmas lunches and supporters in festive costumes. But my favourite photo from the month stands out for a different reason. It's from the players' heartwarming visit to Luton and Dunstable Hospital. This image captures so much more than a moment; it embodies the true spirit of the club and is a humbling reminder of life beyond the pitch, where the fight for three points pales in comparison to the impact football can have on real lives.



DECEMBER

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LUTON TOWN LADIES

Luton Town Ladies in 2024: A year-in-review

2024 was a year of success, change and improvement for Luton Town Ladies.

The year started off with one of the biggest games in the club's history, a historic fourth round FA Cup tie against WSL side, Brighton and Hove Albion. Although the Hatters fell to defeat, it is a day that everyone associated with the club will never forget.

March saw current co-managers Myles Maddix and Fadi Mazloum take charge after the exit of Rob Burton. Their first win came at the end of March, with a 2-0 away victory over Wroxham.

April saw the Ladies achieve some remarkable victories, first an 11-0 win over struggling King's Lynn and then an emphatic 7-1 away victory over local rivals Dunstable Town.

May kicked off with another memorable victory, a 3-0 victory over league champions Real Bedford, with the Ladies becoming the only team to keep a clean sheet against the Pirates in the 2023/24 season. King's Lynn were victims of another immense victory

from the Hatters, who recorded a 14-0 away win. The penultimate game of the season saw the Hatters thrash Bowers & Pitsea 6-1 here at Kenilworth Road.

The new campaign kicked off in August, where the injury-hit Hatters fell to a narrow 3-2 defeat at title rivals Royston Town.

The Town then went on an incredible run from August until December, winning every single game, keeping eight clean sheets in the process. The run kicked off at Barton, with a 1-0 victory over Stevenage.

September was kick-started by an impressive 4-1 away victory over Haringey Borough, which was followed up by two 5-0 wins over Needham Market and Dussindale & Hellesdon Rovers respectively as well as an 11-0 victory over Chigwell in the FA Cup.

October saw three more wins and three more clean sheets. A hard-fought 1-0 victory over Enfield kept the pressure on Royston. The Hatters then reached the first round of the FA Cup after a 2-0 victory over St Albans, rounding

the month of with another 5-0 victory, this time over Hertford Town.

November was a month to remember. An incredible come back from two goals down to win 4-2 against Hutton saw the Hatters enter the second round of the FA Cup. Then the biggest game of the season came against Royston at home. The Ladies came out 1-0 victors against the league leaders, who dropped points for the first time this season.

December was all FA Cup action. Firstly, an incredible penalty shootout where 32 penalties were taken. Goalkeeper Sarah Hudson saved the 32nd, meaning the Hatters reached the third round of the FA Cup, 15-14 on penalties. The year closed with a 5-0 defeat to Championship side, Portsmouth, but it was another cup run to be proud of.

The Ladies scored 116 goals and conceded 32 in just 31 games across all competitions in 2024 and, going into 2025, the Hatters still have three trophies to fight for, so get down to Barton Rovers and cheer them on! COYH!

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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The latest from the Ticket Office

QUEENS PARK RANGERS v LUTON TOWN SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP MONDAY 6TH JANUARY 2025, KO 8PM

We have received a full allocation of 1,760 tickets in the School End, with a mixture of allocated seating and safe standing.

Due to the short time to post/sell these tickets, this fixture will be digital/print-at-home tickets only.

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

Gold/Silver Prices:

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Junior (under 18) £20/£17

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Further information

Restricted sight line tickets are charged at normal price, restricted view tickets will receive a £2 discount for adults and £1 for concessions.



NOTTINGHAM FOREST v LUTON TOWN FA CUP THIRD ROUND SATURDAY 11TH JANUARY 2025, KO 3PM

We have received an initial allocation of 2,932 tickets, with a mixture of allocated seating and safe standing.

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

Tickets are currently on sale to all season card holders.

The sales plan opens to supporters in the following categories.

Thursday 2nd January 10am: Three-year Hatters Members

Thursday 2nd January 12pm: Two-year Hatters Members

Thursday 2nd January 2pm: Hatters Members (with purchase history)

Friday 3rd January 10am: General sale (with purchasing history) or Hatters Members (without a previous purchasing history)

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Adult £20

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CAULEY WOODROW

Frontman reflects on
Boxing Day reverse

Striker Cauley Woodrow was disappointed not to be able to grab the Hatters a late point at Bristol City on Boxing Day - but saw positives to take forward into the second half of the season.

Woodrow appeared as a second-half substitute and although he had the Town's best chance to level the scores, he couldn't quite have the same impact he had in the 2-1 win over Derby five days earlier when his set pieces led to both goals.

"The other day it was good against Derby, the win, but today it wasn't to be," said the 30-year-old.

"I had a chance at the end that I could have scored, but we're massively disappointed because I felt like we deserved something from the game.

"They scored a wonder goal, but we had some good chances. We had a header, my chance and a chance in the first half when the game was quite tight, so to come away with nothing, we're disappointed."

On his injury-time chance, created by Joe Taylor's low cross from the right but turned away by Robins keeper Max O'Leary diving to his right, Woodrow said: "To be honest I wanted to go the other side, but there were a few bodies in the way.

"I think that's probably what helped the keeper as well. He knew I could go the only way that I went, so it was a good save. On another day it goes in and we come away with a draw, but that's football."

Like manager Rob Edwards, the former

Fulham and Barnsley forward could see positives from the performance at the club with whom he made 15 appearances on loan from the Cottagers in 2017/18.

"I think at times we played well," he added. "The gaffer said in there, it seems like away from home we go a goal down and then we kind of liven up a bit, but it shouldn't be like that.

"We need to start with the same enthusiasm, start with that same fire.

"At home we're picking up points all the time, we've been playing well there but away from home we need to try and swing things in our favour, and that's from starting games with the same energy we seem to finish them."

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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	14	2-1	11,667	1,335	Kaminski	Moses	Chong	HOLMES 1	McGuinness	Andersen	Krauß
🏆 THU 26	BRISTOL CITY	15:00	18	0-1	21,828	1,037	Kaminski	Moses	Chong	Holmes	McGuinness	Johnson	Krauß
🏆 SUN 29	SWANSEA CITY	15:00	19	1-2	16,414	770	Kaminski	Chong	Johnson	Holmes	McGuinness	Bell	Nakamba

JANUARY

🏆 WED 1	NORWICH CITY	15:00
MON 6	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	20:00
SAT 11	NOTTINGHAM FOREST (FAO)	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

APRIL

SAT 5	LEEDS UNITED	12:30
TUE 8	STOKE CITY	19:45
SAT 12	BLACKBURN ROVERS	15:00
FRI 18	DERBY COUNTY	15:00
MON 21	BRISTOL CITY	15:00
SAT 26	COVENTRY CITY	15:00

MAY

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

TOWN TEASERS

Put your football knowledge to the test and answer these Luton Town and general football-related questions.

- Against which club did Mick Harford score a hat-trick for us on this day in 1986?
- Luton beat Stockport on this day in 1938 - what was the score?
- How many goals did Jack Stacey score in his Luton career?
- What is the name of the Norwich manager?
- Which club play their home games at Top Field?
- Which Norwich player won their player of the year award three times in a row between 2010 and 2012.
- Name the nations in England's World Cup 2026 qualifying group.
- Who scored the first goal in our 2-1 win over Norwich on their last visit here on Boxing Day 2022?
- At which club did Tim Krul start his career?
- Who provided the assist for Scott Rendell's winner against Norwich in the FA Cup at Carrow Road in 2013?

ANSWERS: 1 Leicester, 2. Won 6-4, 3. 5, 4. Johannes Hoff Thorup, 5. Hitchin, 6. Grant Holt, 7. Serbia, Albania, Latvia and Andorra, 8. Allan Campbell, 9. Newcastle, 10. JJ O'Donnell.

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
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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
Clark	Krauß	Morris	ADEBAYO 1	Brown	Andersen					Krul, Woodrow, Chong, Mpanzu, Taylor, Nelson, Johnson
Clark	Brown	MORRIS 1	ADEBAYO 1							Shea, Krul, Andersen, Woodrow, Nakamba, Mpanzu, Taylor, Nelson, Johnson
Clark	Brown	Morris	Adebayo	Walsh	Woodrow	Johnson	Taylor	Nelson		Krul, Andersen, Nakamba, Mpanzu
Clark	Brown	MORRIS 1	Adebayo	Nelson	Woodrow	Mpanzu	Taylor	Johnson		Krul, Nakamba, Pieters, Chigozie
Clark	Mpanzu	Morris	Adebayo	Woodrow	Nelson	Taylor	Phillips			Krul, Andersen, Nakamba, Pieters, Hashioka
Clark	Krauß	MORRIS 1	Adebayo	Nelson	Walters	Mpanzu				Krul, Moses, Woodrow, Pieters, Taylor, Hashioka

TODAY'S MASCOTS



ELLIE PARKER
Age: 7
Hobbies: Football, Kickboxing, Gaming
Favourite Player: Tahli Chong



ELOISE TOBIN
Age: 11
Hobbies: Playing football, art, music
Favourite Players: Daiki Hashioka / Alfie Doughty



ERIC BROOK
Age: 9
Hobbies: Playing football, table tennis, reading & listening to Iron Maiden
Favourite Player: Elijah Adebayo



FRANKIE ANNING
Age: 10
Hobbies: Playing football, watching Luton Town
Favourite Player: Elijah Adebayo



JACOB TOBIN
Age: 11
Hobbies: Football, Baseball, Following LTFC
Favourite Players: Carlton Morris/Jacob Brown



MAX GREENE
Age: 9
Hobbies: Football, Gaming and Reading
Favourite Player: Carlton Morris



WILSON BENNETT
Age: 11
Hobbies: Football, Mountain Biking, Gaming
Favourite Players: Elijah Adebayo & Thomas Kaminski

LAST WORD WITH



MIKE SIMMONDS

LUTON NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

I think it's safe to say that manager Rob Edwards and most fans of a Luton persuasion will be quite happy to see the end of the year that was 2024.

Yes, it did start with the Hatters going up against the big boys in the Premier League and not doing too badly at all, drawing with Burnley and then hammering Brighton & Hove Albion 4-0 on home soil, before earning a thrilling 4-4 draw at Newcastle United. That was easily the game of the season.

They did also make their way through the early rounds of the FA Cup by beating Everton and Bolton Wanderers, going six games unbeaten at one point, before being

beaten 3-1 at home by Sheffield United – beginning what eventually became a downward spiral that, try as they might, the Hatters just couldn't reverse.

With injuries hitting and continuing to hit, Edwards had to try and plot enough victories to remain in the top-flight with a squad that was bereft of up to double figures of first team players at times, often having to put two goalkeepers and a host of teenagers on the bench.

Unsurprisingly it was to prove beyond him and his squad, as they dropped down to the Championship, and you don't need me to tell you that it's been

nowhere near the kind of campaign anyone around Kenilworth Road had wanted or anticipated so far.

Home form, if not quite all the performances, has been good, but it's on the road where things have taken a worryingly dramatic turn with the defeat at Swansea on Sunday making it nine straight losses outside of Bedfordshire.

It's clear that Edwards, if he makes New Year's resolutions, will have sorting that stat out at the very top of them, as Town will find themselves dragged into a battle to stay up should it continue, something they definitely don't want to be dealing with.

The manager will also hope there are a few belated Christmas presents left under the tree too in the shape of new signings.

Lamine Fanne is already on board, but Town's squad needs a refresh and no doubt everyone behind the scenes will be working incredibly hard to make that happen.

Festive games with Norwich have good memories for Edwards though, as it was two years ago that Cauley Woodrow struck late on to give him his first victory as Hatters manager.

How he would love to be able to celebrate a repeat of that outcome at full-time today.

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MANAGER

Rob EDWARDS



HEAD COACH

Johannes HOFF THORUP

James SHEA	1	1	Angus GUNN
Reuell WALTERS	2	3	Jack STACEY
Amari'i BELL	3	4	Shane DUFFY
Tom LOCKYER	4	5	Grant HANLEY
Mads ANDERSEN	5	6	Callum DOYLE
Mark MCGUINNESS	6	7	Borja SAINZ
Victor MOSES	7	8	Liam GIBBS
Tom KRAUß	8	9	Josh SARGENT
Carlton MORRIS	9	10	Ashley BARNES
Cauley WOODROW	10	11	Emiliano MARCONDES
Elijah ADEBAYO	11	12	George LONG
Marvelous NAKAMBA	13	14	Ben CHRISENE
Tahith CHONG	14	16	Christian FASSNACHT
Teden MENGI	15	17	Ante CRNAC
Reece BURKE	16	18	Forson AMANKWAH
Pelly Ruddock MPANZU	17	19	Jacob SØRENSEN
Jordan CLARK	18	20	Anis Ben SLIMANE
Jacob BROWN	19	21	Kaide GORDON
Liam WALSH	20	23	Kenny McLEAN
Tim KRUL	23	25	Onel HERNÁNDEZ
Thomas KAMINSKI	24	26	Marcelino NÚÑEZ
Joe TAYLOR	25	29	Oscar SCHWARTAU
Shandon BAPTISTE	26	33	José CÓRDOBA
Daiki HASHIOKA	27	35	Kellen FISHER
Tom HOLMES	29	37	Archie MAIR
Zack NELSON	37	40	Brad HILLS
Joe JOHNSON	38	41	Gabriel FORSYTH
Aidan FRANCIS-CLARKE	39	50	Jaden WARNER
Christian CHIGOZIE	40		
Benny BENAGR	41		
Alfie DOUGHTY	45		

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