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Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for a crucial Championship clash against Sheffield United.

It's certainly good to be back here on home soil – it seems like an eternity since the last time we were here against Millwall but we go into this afternoon's match positive of three points as we aim to move up the table.

It's also our first home game since the transfer deadline day, so a big welcome to the new faces who arrived as the winter window shut – and you can find out more about the new boys and what they had to say throughout this programme.

Today is the first of two big home games this week so get behind Matt and the lads and sing up for the Town.

Come on Luton!

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| MATT BLOOMFIELD |

THE BOSS

Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for this important Championship clash with Sheffield United.

A warm welcome to Chris Wilder and his players and staff. They are enjoying a fine season to date and earned an excellent win in midweek against Middlesbrough. They will present a difficult challenge for us but it one in which we will relish as we aim to start a huge week with a positive result.

We come into today's game off the back of the defeat at Sunderland. Yes it's a difficult place to go and they are a team in form but they made the most of their opportunities which was frustrating – especially as the goals we conceded were very avoidable from our point of view.

We know that we have to be better in our defending, our shape and our duels and these lessons need to be learned quickly. However, the lads are giving their all and their attitude has been spot on. They are giving us everything and, most importantly, they are desperate to improve and get us out of the situation we find ourselves in. As a manager that is the minimum you can ask for.

The result at Sheffield Wednesday saw us earn a point on our travels. It was a performance that gave me heart because I felt a spirit and a confidence. I thought we were good in the first half – our shape was fantastic – and after half-time when they came at us we defended bravely as they threw everything as they went for a late winner.

But, as I said after that game they are only words – and we need to start getting results if we are to climb the table.

The point at Hillsborough showed character and togetherness and we are going to need that into this final third of the season.

We have 15 games to go to save our Championship status and having your backing will play an important role in helping us achieve that. One of the things I said when I took the job was how much I hated coming to play at Kenilworth Road. The atmosphere was always white hot, with the crowd close to the pitch, always quick to tell you exactly what they thought of you.

That's what I want from you today. We need you to make this place a

horrible one for visiting teams to come to, so please get behind us this afternoon. Even if things are not going for us it's important to stay with us. There will be times where we will need you, so stick with us from the first whistle.

A big thank you to those supporters who made the trips to our last two fixtures away games. It's not lost on us how much time and money is involved.

Let's stick together – it's the only way we're going to get out of this so please continue your passionate backing of the team.

Enjoy the game.

Matt

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| TOM LOCKYER |

CLUB

CAPTAIN

We now have 15 games left to ensure we are still a Championship club next season and today is the first of two massive home games here at Kenilworth Road as we bid to get ourselves out of the relegation zone.

There's no getting away from the fact this season has been a struggle but we are in no position to feel sorry for ourselves. We need to stick together and all I ask you to do is to get behind the lads and the gaffer this afternoon as we entertain Sheffield United.

Today, and for the remainder of the season, we are going to need to show all the qualities and character that helped get this club into the position it got itself into over the past decade.

Nobody likes to see their team bottom of the table but that is where we are. We won't shirk away

from that and have to use our predicament as fuel to get ourselves out of it. The spirit we showed last season is evidence that we can fight right to the very end. We need that now more than ever as we aim to move up the table.

Sheffield United will make life very difficult for us but we must make our home advantage count. We have always prided ourselves on making Kenilworth Road a fortress and an intimidating place to come for opposition teams. We need to do all we can to save our season and to be playing in the second tier next year.

Your support is vital. As players we recognise that it is not easy to stay patient with a team when they fall behind or are struggling for results, but the importance of sticking together and using your vocal support has never been more important than it is now.

Since our last home game against Millwall the boys earned a point at Sheffield Wednesday that ended our long losing run away from home. It was great to see Alf back and even better to see him score such a great goal.

Sunderland on Wednesday was never going to be easy. They are flying and are full of confidence. That's gone now. Any disappointment we have suffered in the past we need to get over quickly. It's a big week for us. Sheffield United today Plymouth here on Wednesday and then the small matter of Watford at Vicarage Road next Sunday.

In the time since my last column, the winter transfer window closed and we welcomed several new faces into the dressing room. They have already brought a freshness and energy to the place and the early indications are very

good. It is hard for any player to come into a team that is struggling at the wrong end of the table but all the boys have settled well and we're all looking forward to seeing them having a positive effect on the pitch between now and the end of the season.

A huge thank you to you all for your continued loyal support, especially to those of you that made the long trip to Sunderland on Wednesday.

Please get behind the lads this afternoon.

Come on you Hatters.



BOARDROOM DAVID WILKINSON

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

Our visitors today are Sheffield United, who are very much in the mix for automatic promotion. It looks as though the two sides relegated with us last season, along with Leeds United and Sunderland, are favourites as there is a gap developing to the chasing pack.

It promises to be an interesting final third of the season and I'm sure there will be some surprises ahead. Leeds are probably the best side we have faced so far and having missed out so often recently will be even more determined to join the elite where they were so at home in the past.

We can't hide our disappointment that we have not fulfilled our

expectations as we were one of the favourites to regain our place in the Premier League before the season started. Everyone has their own views as to the reasons behind our underperformance, but there is no doubt that, having not had a relegation from the Premier League before, that the causes and effect of the hangover have been much more challenging than expected. There is a huge difference not just in finances, but also the style of play, and clearly we were not able to adapt

as quickly as those who had previous experience.

I write this after just witnessing another frustrating performance at Sunderland. The Black Cats are a good side which has been put together at some expense and they are strong contenders for an automatic promotion place. We were a very young team on the night and it was good to see Matt give our youngsters a chance. It is very early days and this experience will have done them no harm. Both Matt and the players will have learned

a lot in what is still work in progress.

Whilst on this subject, thank you on behalf of us all to those of you who spent good money and much time going all that way on a miserable cold Wednesday evening without much to cheer about. It really is appreciated.

Happily, the transfer window is now closed. It is notoriously difficult, and normally the less business done the better. However, it became clear that fresh faces were needed and

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the recruitment team alongside the football management should be applauded for their efforts. The team work tirelessly throughout the year to develop lists of players who might be available within the board-approved budget. It has always seemed to me rather odd that recruitment is squeezed into two relatively short windows. It would seem fairer to either have one in the close season or none at all. There is no doubt that the January window is, or can be, distracting.

Having said this, we believe we've had a good window and we have welcomed eight new players into the squad. They are an exciting mix of age and talent and we look forward to seeing them develop under Matt and his team's guidance.

We welcome back Kal Naismith, who left us

for Bristol City in 2022 after being player of the season. We are really pleased to see him back here on loan and hope he can continue with the form he was in when he left.

I'm sure quite a few of us remember Thelo Aasgaard for the two goals he scored for Wigan against us. He is a highly talented attacking midfielder with a knack of scoring goals.

Millenic Alli is a strong attacking forward from Exeter who has also shown that he has an eye for goal and Lamine Fanne has already shown signs of his ability to drive through midfield whilst playing for AIK in Sweden. He signed last summer, but has only been available to us since January.

Isaiah Jones, who signed from Middlesbrough, is a

quick winger that many of you will have seen playing for Boro in the Championship.

Christ Makosso is a young central defender from Belgium, and has already impressed with our under-21s, helping us make it through to the knockout rounds of the Premier League Cup for the first time. Congratulations to Alex Lawless and his squad on that achievement.

Josh Bowler has joined on loan from Nottingham Forest and you may remember him playing against us for the likes of Blackpool, Cardiff and Preston.

Centre forward Lasse Nordås was our final recruit. Lasse has joined us from Norwegian club Tromso where he caught the eye of a few clubs across Europe, and he came on for his debut

late on Wednesday night.

The exciting thing about this recruitment is that, with the exception of Kal, who has a mass of experience, they are all young with plenty of opportunity for development.

We wish them all a happy and successful time with us and trust you will all join us to welcome them into our club.

Whilst time isn't a luxury we have much of in our push for league survival, naturally, all players need a period of time to adapt, settle and make an impact – indeed, some more than others. However, we're confident most will contribute positively this season.

Of course, the other side of the coin is that when someone joins someone has to leave. >>

New faces Lasse Nordås (left) and Josh Bowler



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The maximum squad size is 25 over the age of 21. This means that we have had to loan out Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu, Tom Holmes and Cauley Woodrow.

Pelly is of course a Luton legend having been with us for over 10 years and played over 400 games. We will miss his character terribly, but it's good to see that he's getting what he wanted, playing 90 minutes for Rotherham in his first game. Much more will be said and done for Pelly and we look forward to seeing him back here at the end of the season.

What we need most evidently is a return of some of the Luton grit, steel and determination to our performances and for our stalwarts to show the fresh faces the way in this regard.

I was sorry to miss Tommy Hodgson's family at the last home game with Millwall. Tommy was my first contact with the Luton management as I would visit his pub, the Old Bell in Harpenden, most nights on my way home from work. He would entertain me by telling me about the goings on at the club. If my memory serves me right, the majority of those stories featured Graham French! Tommy was a lovely man who uniquely served the club as player, captain, director, chairman and president and we hope to see his family again at Kenilworth Road in the future.

Finally, I have been privileged to have seen many of the greats of the game live over the years.

This week saw the funeral of Denis Law, which reminded me of the time in 1961 when, playing for Manchester City in a cup tie against us here at the Kenny, he scored six goals before the game was abandoned for a waterlogged pitch. The game was replayed the following Wednesday and we won 3-1, Law scoring the only goal. If that wasn't memorable enough I was caned at school the next morning for skiving off to watch the match.

"Success is not final; failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts." – Winston Churchill.

Enjoy the game.

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David

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AROUND TOWN

WINTER TRANSFER WINDOW



As the winter transfer window has now closed, we take a look back at the squad changes that we have made throughout the month.

With Lamine Fanne ending the Allsvenskan season on a high with AIK, he joined up with his Town teammates at the turn of the year, while we also announced the signing of Congolese international Christ Makosso on New Year's Eve.

Guyana international Isaiah Jones was the next signing in the door at Kenilworth Road, who joined on 10th January from fellow Championship side Middlesbrough for an undisclosed fee.

As we welcomed manager Matt Bloomfield

to the club four days later, the boss explained: "We're trying to get what we believe is right and what we know is right to complement the players we already have here."

Bim Pepple, Jameson Horlick and Oli Lynch went back out on loan to Chesterfield, Bedford Town and Hemel Hempstead Town respectively, while Jacob Pinnington and Aidan Francis-Clarke both joined Braintree Town on loan until the end of the season. Erik Pieters and Josh Odell-Bature both left the club after their contracts expired.

Huddersfield Town signed striker Joe Taylor for an undisclosed fee, while Allan Campbell also departed the club,

heading back north of the border and joining Dundee United.

We said goodbye to German midfielder Tom Krauß, whose season-long loan from Mainz was terminated due to personal reasons.

Five new recruits then arrived at Kenilworth Road during the final week of the window, starting with the reintroduction of Kal Naismith, joining on loan from Bristol City until the end of the season.

We made it two signings in one day when Thelo Aasgaard was announced late on Tuesday 28th January, coming in for an undisclosed fee from Wigan Athletic and played 87 minutes

in our draw against Sheffield Wednesday at Hillsborough last Saturday.

Another addition was forward Millenlic Alli, who signed from Exeter City and made his debut off the bench at Hillsborough alongside Josh Bowler, who arrived less than 24 hours after Alli on loan from Nottingham Forest.

Finally on Deadline Day, we landed Aasgaard's Norwegian Under-21 teammate Lasse Nordås from Tromsø, with Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu, Tom Holmes and Cauley Woodrow all securing late loans to Rotherham United, Dender EH and Blackburn Rovers respectively.

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Smith 60' (p)



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Doughty 31'

A resolute second half rearguard performance helped the Hatters end their run of 11 straight Championship defeats away from home as Matt Bloomfield's side earned a 1-1 draw at Sheffield Wednesday.

Ahead at half-time thanks to a superb strike from Alfie Doughty, the Town were hanging on at times in the second half after Wednesday had levelled through Michael Smith's penalty on the hour.

But a combination of brave defending, good goalkeeping and bad finishing ensured the Hatters could pick up a first point on the road since winning 1-0 at Millwall in September.

Doughty's goal – his first of the season – came shortly after the half-hour mark in a first half that saw both sides create few clear-cut chances.

The Town, showing four changes to the team that lost to Millwall at Kenilworth Road last time out, began positively with new signing Thelo Aasgaard bright in attack.

The goal when it came was a beauty. Lamine Fanne drove forward from midfield and fed Jacob Brown on the right. The forward flashed a cross into the feet of Carlton Morris and the captain held the ball up strongly before laying the ball off to Doughty. With nobody around him and from 22 yards, the wing-back looked up and arrowed a wonderful left-foot drive into the top corner.

Wednesday's equaliser when it arrived came from the spot. Djeidi Gassama's mazy run upfield took him past half-a-dozen men in orange shirts but his progress was halted by Lamine Fanne's challenge and referee Ben Toner pointed to the spot. Thomas Kaminski guessed right but Smith's penalty was well-hit and the hosts were level.

Bloomfield reacted by bringing on Josh Bowler for his debut but a two-minute period after his introduction saw the Hatters fortunate to stay on level terms.

Smith shot straight at Kaminski on 65 minutes before Windass skied the rebound high into the home end. Less than 60 seconds later, Josh Windass' firm low drive was turned away by Kaminski with the hosts then unable to turn the loose ball home from close range.

But the Hatters rode that storm and Bloomfield sent on Millenic Alli on for his debut for goalscorer Doughty with 18 minutes remaining.

Back came the Town, Bowler scuffing a shot wide when first to react to a blocked shot from Alli on 79 minutes as the Hatters sensed a late winner against the run of play.

However, as time ticked down, the Hatters withstood heavy Wednesday pressure in the closing stages to hold out for their first point on the road in 141 days.

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DOUGHTY

STAYING POSITIVE

Alfie Doughty is confident we can avoid relegation from the Championship after he helped the Hatters to a 1-1 draw at Sheffield Wednesday.

The wing-back struck a fine opening goal at Hillsborough – his first of the season – to earn the Town their first point on their travels since the win at Millwall back in September.

"I think we've got a really good squad and the signings that we made came on and made a really big impact, so I'm looking forward to it and I think everyone else is as well," he said.

"I'm very confident with the squad that we've got. The fans see the things on the football pitch, but they don't see it on the training pitch and I have full confidence in

the gaffer and all these players around me.

"We might have been going through a bad spell, but the gaffer's been with us for two weeks, we can already see an improvement with the way that we play. Now we need to get this win, it's going to happen at some point."

After being pegged back from the penalty spot on the hour the Hatters had to dig in as a number of last-ditch tackles and blocks preserved the point.

"That's what we've been missing, we haven't had that fight recently," said Doughty.

"They all know it, but now it's time to really kick on by showing that aggression again that we did when we got promoted, and even last year, we showed that fight again.

"Once we get that back I don't think we've got anything to be worried about. I think it's just happening. Before we were very naive, saying that we were never going to go down, we were never going to go down, but we're here now, we're in that relegation battle.

"We need to get out of it, so I think now people are starting to realise that we need to start fighting again.

"We need to show that fight as quickly as possible and today was one of those situations. It is difficult, but hopefully now we've got that fight back in us and that gameplan, I think we've got nothing to worry about."

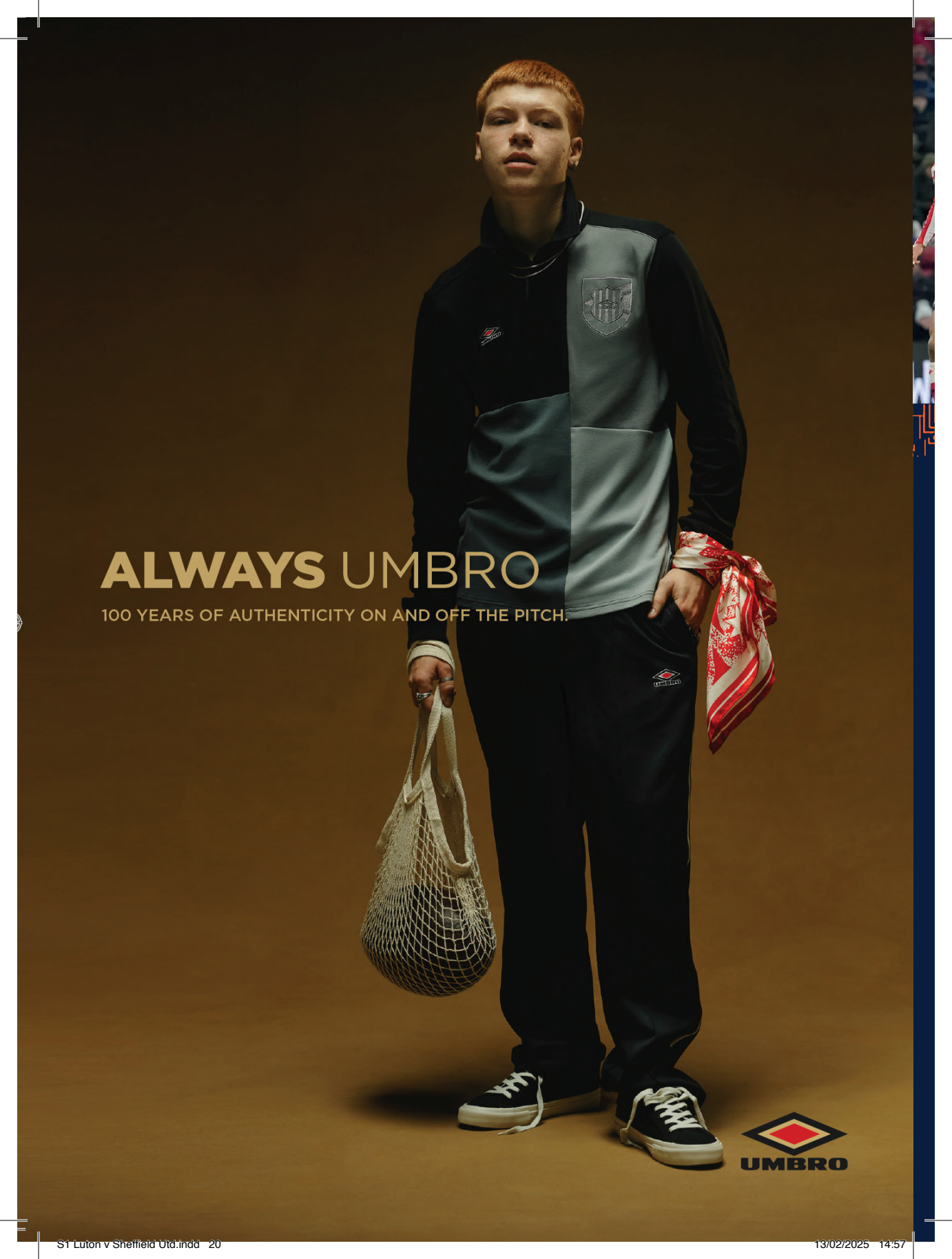
Doughty has used further up the pitch since Matt Bloomfield's arrival and the 25-year-old is

relishing his new found freedom in attack as was evident by his great strike from the edge of the box.

"I don't really find myself in those positions really, so it was quite unusual, but I'm happy to be there," he said.

"Again, I haven't played left wing in years really, so for me, it was quite nice to have that opportunity to be there.

"I like shooting and luckily enough that it came off. The thing is their keeper is very good, I know him personally, and he's a big keeper. The fact he's got hands on it I thought, 'oh', but then when it went in the back of the net I was very happy."



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ACTION REPLAY



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Le Fée 13'
Isidor 58'



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The Town slipped to the bottom of the Championship and their wait for Matt Bloomfield's first win in charge continued with defeat at Sunderland.

The Hatters almost fell behind after four minutes when Wilson Isidor sent a shot the wrong side of the post from 10 yards after being found by Patrick Roberts' cross.

Six minutes later the Town needed Mark McGuinness' defensive nous to bravely get in the way of a shot from Dan Neil from close range as the hosts pushed for an opener.

However, the home side – unbeaten at the Stadium of Light this season – didn't need to wait long for the lead as on 13 minutes Enzo Le Fee cut inside from the left flank and found the far corner of the net with a curling effort from the edge of the box.

Behind the Town rallied and on 32 minutes they came close to a leveller. Joe Johnson's cross from the right was headed goalwards by Carlton Morris but Anthony Patterson in the Sunderland goal turned the ball onto the post.

Back came Sunderland and Thomas Kaminski needed to be alert to palm away a fierce drive from Chris Rigg moments later.

After the restart the Town came close once more when the ball fell at the feet of Zack Nelson on 49 minutes.

However, the midfielder's shot from 10 yards was blocked by Trai Hume.

But any hope of a Hatters comeback took a turn shortly before the hour when the hosts doubled their lead. Lamine Fanne's attempted clearance to cut-out a cross from Le Fee fell invitingly at the feet of Isidor who swept a confident finish past Kaminski.

Bloomfield rang the changes, introducing four substitutes in the space of four minutes with Josh Bowler, Elijah Adebayo, Kal Naismith and Jacob Brown all sent on.

The woodwork saved the Town on 74 minutes when Roberts' shot came back off the upright before Brown wasn't far away from reducing arrears, flashing a first-time effort just over the bar – but that was as good as it got for the Town in the second half.

Lasse Nordås was brought on for his debut with eight minutes to go but as time ticked down half chances fell for Sunderland as they looked for a late third, with Kaminski doing well to turn away a goal-bound flick from Jobe Bellingham with the faintest of fingertips with two minutes left.

That would prove to be the final chance as the Town slipped to another defeat on Wearside – not since 1973 have the Hatters tasted victory in this part of the world.



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**Naismith believes
Town's fortunes
can change**

**Kal Naismith spoke
of his belief that the
Hatters can turn the
recent run of poor
results around with a
win, which will bring
about the momentum
switch to see them clear
or the relegation zone.**

Town dropped to the bottom of the Championship table following Wednesday's loss at Sunderland, but the man who re-signed for the club on loan from Bristol City three weeks ago is full of positivity ahead of his return to Kenilworth Road.

"We know what we need to get, but that first result is so important," said

the Scot. "Let's get that first result. Momentum is the biggest thing in football, you'll see that tonight. They are full of momentum, you can see the confidence in them and that comes from results, from picking up any sort of win.

"A scrappy 1-0, any sort of result, and then you build from there and it will snowball because we are doing the right things. The manager's been great, everybody is still positive in the building, we just need that result to get the momentum going.

"We know we can be better. We know the quality we've got in the dressing room, but we all need to look at each other and step it up, and we are going to do that in the coming games.

"We are going to learn from tonight and then we are going to keep working hard in training and try to bounce back and get a result."

After an injury interrupted spell at Ashton Gate since leaving Bedfordshire in the summer of 2022, the 32-year-old is feeling the benefits of game time from substitute appearances in the draw at Sheffield Wednesday and then at the Stadium of Light.

"I'm feeling a lot better," he went on. "The manager's been brilliant with me and I just want to be in the best position possible so that when I'm needed for the club I can help, and I feel like I'm really getting there now.

"I just did a great block of ten days training with the boys, getting to know them, working really hard and I feel I've got more minutes tonight that will stand me in good stead, so that whenever my team-mates need me, the manager needs me, I'm there firing and ready to go."

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WELCOME



The Blades are in town this week as they come to Kenilworth Road to face the Hatters in today's second tier fixture.

Chris Wilder's side have had a great season so far and are firmly in the battle for automatic promotion.

Last time against the Hatters, Sheffield United ran out 2-0 winners at Bramall Lane back in October last year. Jesurun Rak-Sakyi scored twice for the Blades on the sunny day in Sheffield.

The Blades have been pretty consistent for the whole season but recently suffered a little hiccup at home to Hull City. They were beaten 3-0 by Ruben Selles' side in a big win for the Tigers.

Aside from that, Sheffield United have been consistent at picking up the points and have lately recorded wins against Portsmouth, Derby, Swansea, Norwich and Watford, a run which has firmly cemented them into the top three.

Our visitors arrive in Bedfordshire unbeaten in their last four visits. Last season the Blades ran out 3-1 winners. Their three previous trips all ended in draws and you have to go back to 1996 for the last time the Hatters beat United at Kenilworth Road. Bulgarian Bontcho Guentchev scored the winner for Lennie Lawrence's side in a 1-0 victory 29 years ago.

A warm welcome to all those associated with Sheffield United to Kenilworth Road today.

REPORT

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THE SQUAD



- 1 GK Michael Cooper
- 2 DF Alfie Gilchrist
- 3 DF Sam McCallum
- 4 MF Ollie Arblaster
- 5 DF Rob Holding
- 7 FW Rhian Brewster
- 8 MF Gustavo Hamer
- 9 FW Kieffer Moore
- 10 MF Callum O'Hare
- 11 FW Jesurun Rak-Sakyi
- 14 DF Harrison Burrows
- 15 DF Anel Ahmedhodžić
- 16 DF Jamie Shackleton
- 17 GK Adam Davies
- 18 DF Harry Clarke
- 19 DF Jack Robinson
- 20 FW Ben Brereton Diaz
- 21 MF Vinícius Souza
- 22 MF Tom Davies
- 23 FW Tyrese Campbell
- 24 MF Hamza Choudhury
- 28 FW Tom Cannon
- 29 FW Jefferson Cáceres
- 31 GK Luke Faxon
- 33 DF Rhys Norrington-Davies
- 35 MF Andre Brooks
- 38 DF Femi Seriki
- 39 FW Ryan Oné
- 42 MF Sydnie Peck
- 45 DF Sai Sachdev
- MF Christian Nwachukwu

PROFILES

Words by Zac Neal

THE BOSS

CHRIS WILDER

Blades legend in his second spell as Sheffield United manager. Led the club to promotion in 2019 and helped them finish ninth in their first season back in the Premier League before returning last season.

GOALKEEPER

MICHAEL COOPER

Former Plymouth shot stopper who made the move to Bramall Lane in the summer. Been a fan favourite amongst the Blades fans this season.

DEFENDERS

HARRISON BURROWS ▼

Signed from Peterborough in the summer and has been a regular in the team ever since his debut.

JACK ROBINSON

Former Liverpool, Nottingham Forest and Huddersfield man who has now been with the Blades for five years.

ANEL AHMEDHODŽIĆ

Came through the Malmö academy and has represented both the

Swedish and Bosnian national teams. Has played just shy of 100 games for Sheffield United since signing in 2022.

HARRY CLARKE

Right-sided defender who joined the Blades on loan from Ipswich in the January transfer window. Played a key part in Ipswich's promotion to the Premier League last year.

ROB HOLDING

Former Arsenal defender who has signed from Crystal Palace on loan until the end of the season.

MIDFIELDERS

VINÍCIUS DE SOUZA COSTA

Brazilian central midfielder who has been with the Blades since summer 2023. Scored his only Premier League goal against Luton last term.

HAMZA CHOUDHURY

Former Leicester and Watford midfielder who is another loan addition to Wilder's side in January.

SYDIE PECK

Arsenal academy product who made the switch to Bramall Lane in 2021. Having a real breakthrough season and has featured regularly for the Blades this term.

ANDRE BROOKS

A product of the United academy who has been really making his mark for the Blades this season. Scored in an away victory against Watford in January.



GUSTAVO HAMER ▲

One of United's star men who has been standout for the Blades since signing last summer. Scored against Luton for Coventry in the 2023 Championship play-off final.

FORWARDS

TOM CANNON

Signed for the Blades from Stoke City in the recent January transfer window. Scored nine times for the Potters in the first half of this season.

TYRESE CAMPBELL

Another former Stoke forward who is now with the Blades. Instantly became a fan favourite at the club when he scored the winner against Sheffield Wednesday in the Steel City derby earlier this season.

BEN BRERETON DIAZ

Chilean international who is in his second spell at the club as he is another loanee who has been brought to the club in January from Southampton.

JESURUN RAK-SAKYI

Crystal Palace loanee who signed for the club last summer. Scored two goals against Luton in Sheffield United 2-0 win over the Hatters in October last year.



BLADES KITBAG



1995-96 HOME

What a one-season wonder this was. Blades put faith in British sportswear manufacturers Aveic for two seasons in the mid-to-late-90s, but this take on "red and white stripes" only lasted the 95/96 season before a more traditional effort followed. You just don't mess with stripes.

A FOOT IN BOTH



DON HUTCHISON

Gateshead-born but later a Scottish international (scoring against England at Wembley once), **Don Hutchison** joined Sheffield United in 1996 after spells at West Ham and Liverpool. His performances in the Blades' midfield then took him to Everton, Sunderland and back to West Ham before the curtain came down on his career at Kenilworth Road in 2008.

BLADES CULT HERO

Widely regarded as a cult hero at Bramall Lane due to his unwavering commitment, fierce loyalty, and uncompromising style of play during his tenure at the club, **Chris Morgan** was a rugged and old-fashioned centre-back who epitomised the grit and determination of the steel city.

Morgan joined the Blades in 2003 from Barnsley and quickly established himself as a leader on and off the pitch, winning the player of the year award in his first season.

His no-nonsense defending and ability to

command the backline made him a key figure in the club's promotion to the Premier League in 2005/06. Despite the challenges of top-flight football, Morgan consistently gave his all, earning the admiration of fans who respected his passion and work ethic.

Captaining the side for much of his time at Bramall Lane, Morgan embodied the fighting spirit of the club. He played through injuries and setbacks, often putting the team ahead of personal concerns, which endeared him

even further to the United faithful throughout his 279 appearances in the red and white stripes.



FIXTURE FLASHBACK

SHEFF UTD 0-1 TOWN - CHAMPIONSHIP 11TH MARCH 2023

Carlton Morris' hot run of form continued as the Hatters recorded a huge win in the Championship promotion race at Sheffield United.

The top scorer netted his 15th goal of the season as the Town made it seven away league matches unbeaten in the second tier for the first time since the 1994/95

campaign, to move up to fourth in the table.

The winning moment came in the second half when Allan Campbell, Cody Drameh and Elijah Adebayo kept the ball before the latter nutmegged John Fleck and raced into the box to cross low for Morris to pin in to steer in his third goal in his last four matches.

The Hatters kept the Blades at bay as the hosts pushed for an equaliser, but the Town held on to record a huge win.

Come the end of the campaign both clubs were celebrating by winning promotion to the Premier League with the Blades finishing as runners-up and the Hatters going up via the play-offs.





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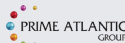
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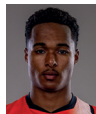
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COMMERCIAL

At our last home game against Millwall we welcomed the family of Tommy Hodgson to Kenilworth Road.

Tommy was a former player, manager, president and chairman of ours and his family returned to the site of his many achievements to celebrate his life and achievements in football.

While it wasn't the result we all wanted, the group enjoyed a fantastic afternoon and were pictured before and after the game by our photographer David Horn.

We also had the pleasure of welcoming four mascots to the game who all got to meet their favourite players before leading the team out onto the pitch.

This afternoon we give a warm welcome to our match sponsors who are Hardings ARC and eight mascots. We wish all of our guests and sponsors a great afternoon with us.

LAST TIME OUT vs MILLWALL



TODAY'S
FIXTURES

12.30pm

Cardiff City v Bristol City

Oxford United v Portsmouth

Preston NE v Burnley

3pm

Blackburn v Plymouth Argyle

Hull City v Norwich City

Middlesbrough v Watford

Millwall v West Brom

Sheffield Wed v Coventry City

Stoke City v Swansea City

Monday

Leeds United v Sunderland



AERIAL
DUELS WON

Mattie Pollock	157
Watford	
Jimmy Dunne	149
QPR	
Mark McGuinness	141
Luton Town	
Carlton Morris	127
Luton Town	
Makhtar Gueye	120
Blackburn Rovers	



PASSES

Matt Grimes	2644
Coventry City	
Joe Rodon	2591
Leeds United	
Callum Doyle	2547
Norwich City	
Shane Duffy	2458
Norwich City	
Ben Cabango	2363
Swansea City	

Stats correct as of 13/2/25

TABLE AND STATS 2024/25

AS OF 13/02/2025

		P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	PTS
1	Leeds	32	20	9	3	66	19	47	69
2	Sheff Utd	32	21	6	5	46	23	23	67
3	Burnley	32	17	13	2	39	9	30	64
4	Sunderland	32	17	11	4	49	28	21	62
5	Blackburn	32	14	6	12	37	31	6	48
6	West Brom	32	11	14	7	41	30	11	47
7	Bristol City	32	11	12	9	40	36	4	45
8	Sheff Wed	32	12	9	11	45	48	-3	45
9	Middlesbrough	31	12	8	11	50	42	8	44
10	Coventry	32	12	8	12	42	40	2	44
11	Norwich	32	11	10	11	50	44	6	43
12	Watford	32	12	6	14	42	48	-6	42
13	QPR	32	10	11	11	35	41	-6	41
14	Millwall	31	10	10	11	31	32	-1	40
15	Preston North End	31	9	13	9	34	38	-4	40
16	Oxford Utd	32	9	11	12	34	45	-11	38
17	Swansea	32	10	7	15	33	43	-10	37
18	Portsmouth	32	8	9	15	39	55	-16	33
19	Stoke	31	7	11	13	28	39	-11	32
20	Cardiff	31	7	10	14	34	53	-19	31
21	Derby	32	7	8	17	33	42	-9	29
22	Hull	31	7	8	16	31	42	-11	29
23	Plymouth	31	6	10	15	34	64	-30	28
24	Luton	31	7	6	18	30	51	-21	27

PLAYER STATISTICS

PLAYER	LEAGUE			THIS SEASON CUP			TOTAL			DISCIPLINARY		LTFc CAREER TOTAL	
	APP	SUB	GLS	APP	SUB	GLS	APP	SUB	GLS	YELLOW	RED	APP	GLS
Thelo Aasgaard	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0
Elijah Adebayo	24	6	5	1	1	0	25	7	5	1	0	173	47
Millenic Alli	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0
Mads Andersen	4	2	0	0	1	0	4	3	0	2	0	17	1
Shandon Baptiste	7	4	0	0	1	0	7	5	0	2	0	12	0
Amari'i Bell	16	0	0	2	0	0	18	0	0	1	0	142	2
Josh Bowler	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0
Jacob Brown	10	12	3	0	1	0	10	13	3	2	0	45	6
Reece Burke	9	0	0	1	0	0	10	0	0	4	0	93	4
Tahith Chong	22	1	2	1	0	0	23	1	2	5	0	62	7
Jordan Clark	27	2	3	1	1	0	28	3	3	8	0	168	15
Alfie Doughty	15	1	1	1	0	0	16	1	1	5	0	95	6
Lamine Fanne	3	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	4	0
Daiki Hashioka	12	5	0	0	0	0	12	5	0	3	0	28	0
Tom Holmes	15	3	1	1	1	0	16	4	1	1	1	20	1
Joe Johnson	5	3	0	0	0	0	5	3	0	1	1	15	0
Isaiah Jones	2	1	0	1	0	0	3	1	0	1	0	4	0
Thomas Kaminski	30	0	0	2	0	0	32	0	0	2	1	70	0
Tom Krauss	20	3	2	0	0	0	20	3	2	1	0	23	2
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	29	0	3	1	0	0	30	0	3	3	0	30	3
Teden Mengi	14	1	1	0	0	0	14	1	1	2	0	50	2
Carlton Morris	24	4	7	2	0	0	26	4	7	6	0	124	38
Victor Moses	12	6	1	0	0	0	12	6	1	0	0	18	1
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	1	9	0	0	0	0	1	9	0	1	0	412	23
Kal Naismith	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	70	4
Marvelous Nakamba	12	5	0	2	0	0	14	5	0	1	0	53	0
Zack Nelson	6	11	0	2	0	1	8	11	1	3	0	21	1
Lasse Nordas	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Chiedozie Ogbene	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	39	5
Josh Phillips	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
James Shea	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	110	0
Joe Taylor	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	1	0	19	0
Andros Townsend	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	32	1
Liam Walsh	4	8	0	1	1	0	5	9	0	1	2	14	0
Reuell Walters	10	3	0	2	0	0	12	3	0	3	0	15	0
Cauley Woodrow	1	14	0	0	1	0	1	15	0	1	0	80	6



LEAGUE LOOK

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WORDS BY ZAC NEAL

The top four in the Championship continued to maintain their consistency in their bid for promotion to the Premier League by all recording victories in the midweek round of games.

Leaders Leeds marched to a 4-0 thumping of Watford at Vicarage Road with two goals from Dan James giving them an early advantage on their way to three points.

Our visitors remain just two points off the top in second place after they recorded a 3-1 win over Middlesbrough at Bramall Lane. Goals from

Ben Brereton-Diaz and Anel Ahmedhodzic in the final 15 minutes were enough to see off Boro.

Burnley are three points back in third place. Their 2-0 win over Hull saw the Clarets make history by becoming the first team in the history of the second tier to go 10 games in a row without conceding a goal.

Two points behind Scott Parker's side are Sunderland who are five points off the top two after their win over the Town on Wednesday evening.

There's a 12-point gap between fourth and fifth

with Blackburn in fifth winning 1-0 at West Brom on Wednesday, leapfrogging the Baggies in the process.

A queue is forming behind Albion outside the play-off spots with Bristol City jumping into seventh place after their home win over Stoke. The Robins are joined on 45 points – and two points off the play-offs – with Sheffield Wednesday, who beat Swansea in the week.

At the other end of the table, Plymouth leapt off the bottom thanks to a 5-1 win at home to Millwall. The Town replaced the Pilgrims in

the division's final place, but only two points separate the Hatters and Derby in 21st spot after their draw with Oxford.

The Rams travelled to QPR last night while today Plymouth go to Blackburn, Hull host Norwich and Cardiff entertain Bristol City in today's early kick-off.

Arguably the biggest game of the week comes on Monday when Leeds face Sunderland at Elland Road, while on Saturday there's a Lancashire derby as Burnley go to Preston.



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with Dave Horsham of Rainbow Hatters



David (left) pictured with Town fan engagement officer Lisa McEvoy

On behalf of the Rainbow Hatters, it's great to see Luton Town, Matt Bloomfield and the squad, making today's game against Sheffield United the Rainbow Ball game for football against homophobia.

The EFL and Puma have revealed the new ball this year to celebrate the LGBTQ+ community and serve as a reminder that football is for everyone. The ball will be used this afternoon and across games in all EFL divisions between 6-17 February.

Any kind of discrimination should not happen anywhere, especially at football grounds – a place we all see as our sanctuary.

Unfortunately, it still happens and in recent times there has been an increase of anti LGBTQ+

rhetoric across society as a whole.

New research for Football v Homophobia's Month of Action shows 74.4 per cent of LGBTQ+ fans have experienced or heard anti-LGBTQ+ abuse while watching football, despite 81.2 per cent saying they love the game. Only 23.3 per cent reported the abuse, showing a lack of trust in current reporting systems.

But now is the time to make sure we are all doing our part to make sure that football is for everyone, and all enjoy the wonderful Hatters together.

Please do take a moment to read over the important information on how you can play your part by visiting www.footballvhomophobia.com.

It is important for us at this pivotal time to stick together and at a crossroads with politics playing a big part of how LGBTQ+ may be seen in the future.

It's good to see that the FA will continue to allow Trans Persons to continue to play football on a case by case basis. We at the Rainbow Hatters hope this does not change with pressure, as everyone should be entitled to play the wonderful sport we all love.

The Rainbow Hatters have started to grow now having 15 members as members of the LGBTQ+ community or allies, as well as many more now following us on Bluesky at [@rainbowhatters@bsky.social](https://bsky.social/rainbowhatters).

As well as joining the Leeds LGBTQ+ Group Marching Out Together at their Rainbow Laces game at Elland Road back in November, we have also now been added to being recognised as a supporters club with prideinfootball.org.

Although these are small steps, this does start to increase our visibility across the football spectrum.

Over the coming months we will continue to build on our relationship with the club and all

the supporters groups, increasing our exposure to continue to grow and fight for equality within the game and stamp out homophobia in football.

If you would like to find out more and join the Rainbow Hatters please join us by scanning the QR code on this page and filling out the form.

If you hear, or are offended by, any discriminatory abuse of any kind at any Luton Town home game, report it immediately by contacting your nearest steward or by emailing myvoice@lutontown.co.uk. You can also contact the Rainbow Hatters directly by emailing lfcrainbowhatters@gmail.com.

Finally, let's get behind Matt and the players. Let's get those important three points and let's fight against homophobia in football.







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HATTERS HERITAGE

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A TALE OF TWO STEINS

The Hatters take on Sheffield United today and although there haven't been many high-profile meetings between the two clubs, other than locking horns in the Premier League last season, this fixture does mark a significance for the beginning and the return of a Luton Town legend.

Brian Stein, a youngster recommended to the club and snapped up by then reserve coach David Pleat, had dazzled down the M1 at Edgware Town as an amateur.

He had previously spent his days working in administration for the local health authority

but that was to change and, after signing for Luton Town, he made his debut on 9th November 1977 in the third round of the League Cup against Manchester City.

However, just five games later Brian announced himself to the Hatters faithful by bagging his first goals for the Town with a brace against Sheffield United at Kenilworth Road on 27th December 1977, alongside goals from Ron Futchter and Lil Fuccillo.

This was a special occasion – not just because Luton Town had failed to score more than one goal at home in over three months – but

because the fans were unaware they had just seen the first two goals of the 154 that Stein would go on to score for the Hatters.

Fast forward to the 22nd February 1992 and the Town are taking on Sheffield United as they are trying to cling on to top-flight football.

Brian had departed the club following the Littlewoods Cup final win against Arsenal in 1988 and after a successful time in France had returned to Kenilworth Road in the summer of 1991.

The game against the Blades saw Brian score his first goal since the Littlewoods Cup Final

and the first upon his return as he helped seal a 2-1 victory.

Yes, it took longer to happen, with this being his 29th game rather than his sixth, like 15 years prior. Yes, the electric pace was no longer part of his game and yes, it was a rather fortunate goal to score coming from a goalkeeping error but his first goals in both of his stints with us against Sheffield United are poetic, and a rather neat bit of knowledge and will forever be part of the fabric of Luton Town Football Club.

Brian Stein about to net his first goal for the club against Sheffield United in 1977 ▼



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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 Blades.

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1. New signing Dixie Deans, on his debut, about to net his second goal against recently relegated United in the 2-0 home win in August 1976.
2. Bernard Moore nets the Town's first goal during the eventual 4-2 win against the Blades at Kenilworth Road in October 1952.
3. Carlton Morris touches in the only goal of the game at Bramall Lane in March 2023.
4. With goalkeeper Ron Baynham badly injured during the clash with United in September 1960, full-back Seamus Dunne was forced to go in goal in the days before substitutes. Despite Dunne's valiant efforts the Blades secured a 4-1 victory.



ON THIS DAY

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

A stupendous six second-half goals helped the Hatters to a stunning 7-0 victory over Hereford to go nine points clear at the top of the Conference table on this day in 2014.



Andre Gray's first of the afternoon on 12 minutes had the Hatters in front before the Town turned on the style in the second period to record their 11th consecutive home league win and also extend their unbeaten run to an astonishing 22 games.

The first of six goals after the break arrived on 49 minutes when Paul Benson stole in to nod home from two yards out.

Two became three seven minutes later when Jake Howells struck from the spot after Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu was fouled in the box.

On the hour it was 4-0 when Mpanzu scored his first senior goal by smashing a shot in off the crossbar after a fine-flowing move involving Luke Guttridge and Benson.

Benson then tracked back in his own half to pinch the Bulls of the ball and feed Guttridge on 68 minutes, and his pass then sent Gray racing away and the in-form striker made no mistake with a confident finish to make it 5-0. It was four goals in a devastating 15 minutes for the Town.

Five became six on 82 minutes when Gray netted his treble. Alex Lawless wriggled down the left flank to cut the ball back into the penalty area and Gray was there to side-foot home powerfully.

The scoring was then complete in the final minute when Lawless touched home from the goal-line after the Hereford keeper had parried Matt Robinson's vicious free-kick.

Seventh heaven!



Matt Robinson lets fly



Paul Benson heads home



Jake Howells slots the third home from the penalty spot



Andre Gray celebrates his hat trick



Alex Lawless taps in the seventh

ALSO ON THIS DAY...

The Town lost their first match on this day when losing 5-0 at Brighton United in the United League back in 1899... the first victory on 15th February came in 1908 when Swindon were beaten 1-0 at Kenilworth Road... the first time the Hatters won away from home on this day came with a 2-1 win at Burnley in top-flight in 1958... In 1986 the Town held Arsenal to a 2-2 draw in an FA Cup fifth round tie (pictured below)... The Hatters are unbeaten in their last five games played on 15th February, their most recent win a 1-0 victory at Middlesbrough thanks to Ryan Tunnicliffe's goal.



2004/05
history

Champions!

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

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

Ahmet Brkovic nets the late winner against Hull to cement top spot



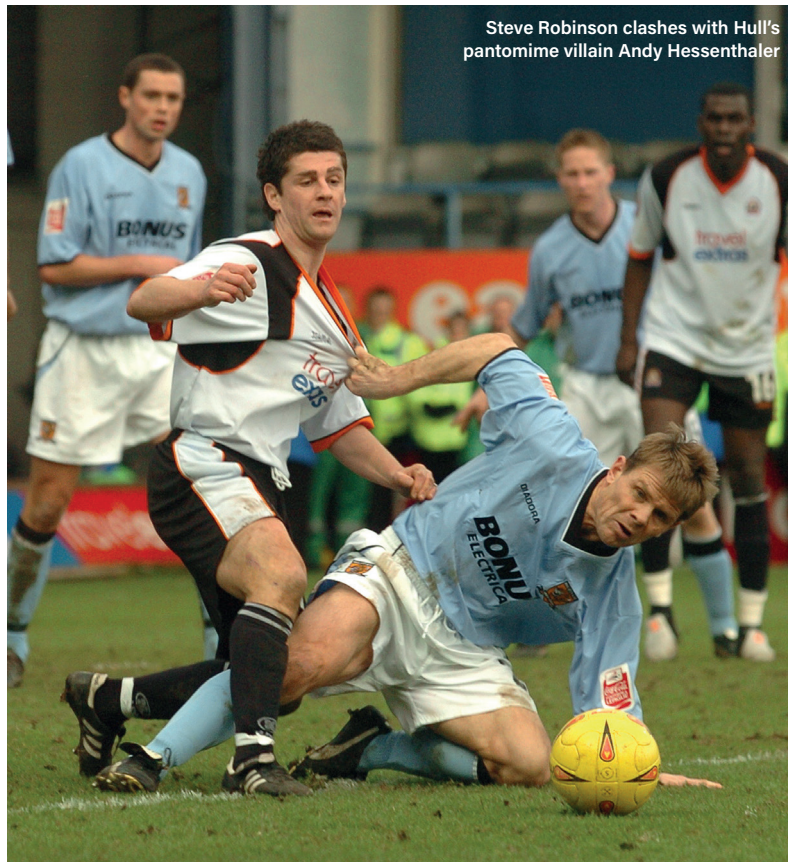
The Town players did not have much time to dwell on the disappointment in conceding a last-minute equaliser at Huddersfield as next up was the game that they and the fans had been looking forward to – Hull at home.

The Hatters were in top spot with Hull one point and one place behind and a sell-out crowd of 9,500 gathered in the hope that they could extend their lead and also gain revenge for a 3-0 thumping on Humberside earlier in the season.

Leading scorer Steve Howard would be missing after picking up his 10th yellow card of the season, harshly dished out at Huddersfield, but on the plus side central defender Chris Coyne returned to the side following his own suspension. Alan Neilson stepped into defence in place of Keith Keane.

Also keeping his place in the side was Marlon Beresford. The goalkeeper had been charged with verbally abusing the referee following the Huddersfield clash but had been cleared at a meeting of the FA Disciplinary Panel during the week.

The Town were back to their early season form during the first half against the Tigers but could not put the ball into the net. Shots and headers rained in



Steve Robinson clashes with Hull's pantomime villain Andy Hesselthaler

on Boaz Myhill in the Hull goal together with efforts that went narrowly wide.

Hull improved after the break, although the Town remained in the ascendency but, as the clock ticked towards 90 minutes, a scoreless draw looked the likely outcome.

Step forward Ahmet Brkovic the 'Croatian Sensation'. Taking a gamble on a near post run he got on the end of a Steve Robinson cross

to rocket a header past Myhill and seal the win. The roof certainly came off!

A more than pleased Mike Newell said afterwards: "I am absolutely delighted especially after last week at Huddersfield. It was the best we've played in weeks, and it was a fantastic time to score."

Full of praise for the match-winner, Newell went on, "Brkovic has good technique and

he's a good header of the ball. He played really well although ironically, we were thinking of taking him off as he looked tired late on.

"Hull can have no arguments – we were by far the better team. The players are all delighted in the changing room, but I'm not getting carried away. It's another three points in a tight league."

Newell's opposite number, Peter Taylor, conceded that the



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Kevin Foley nets the Town's third goal at Hartlepool

Hartlepool pulled another goal back in stoppage time, but it was too little too late as the Town went seven points clear at the top.

Reflecting on the game, Newell said: "We came off the back of a great performance and great win against Hull but I knew it was always going to be tough at Hartlepool.

"Being knocked off the top for a week in January hurt the lads. They're comfortable at the top and are now sensing what can be achieved here."

Hatters were now favourites for the title.

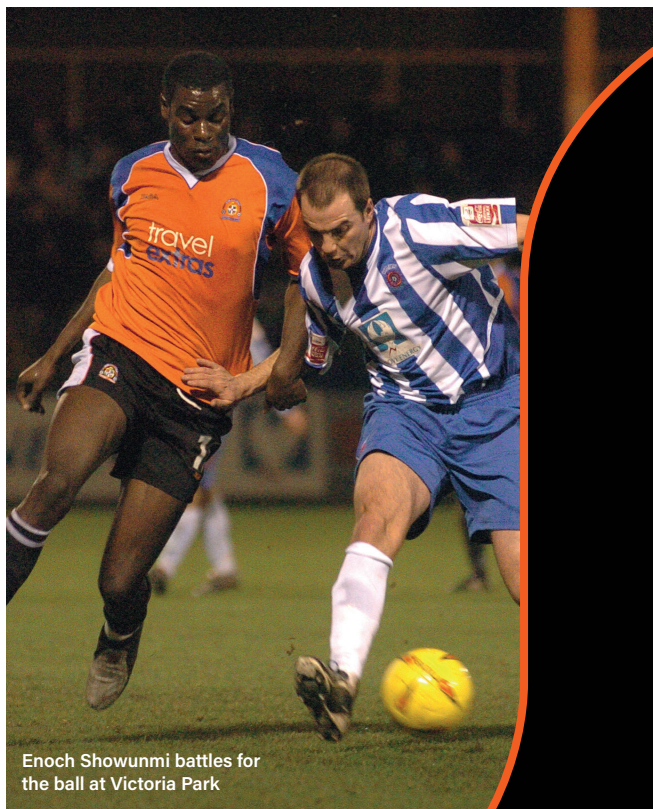
The Town players did not have long to rest on their laurels as they faced a long midweek trip to fifth-placed Hartlepool, who had yet to lose at home in the league that season. Although never publicly admitting it, Newell had particular interest in that game as he had left Victoria Park in acrimonious circumstances after guiding them to promotion in May 2003.

Retaining the same side that had beaten Hull, the Town were under the cosh for a while at the start but weathered the storm and eventually took the lead on 21 minutes when Coyne strode forward from the half-way line and swept past two half-hearted challenges before firing low and hard

from 20 yards past the Pools goalkeeper.

Hartlepool went close a couple of times before Enoch Showunmi fired just wide and then missed a sitter with a free header. The striker made amends on 58 minutes though, taking advantage of Hartlepool defenders arguing with the referee to sneak in behind them and taking a through ball in his stride and slotting home from 18 yards.

Pools pulled a goal back on 62 minutes after a mix-up in the Luton defence led to Sol Davis misdirecting a header past Beresford. The two goal lead was restored soon after when a clever pass from Rowan Vine was taken on by Kevin Foley to dink the ball over the goalkeeper from 12 yards.



Enoch Showunmi battles for the ball at Victoria Park

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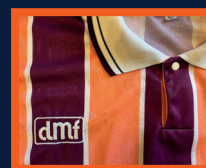
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1994

LONDON FIVES



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.

It was 9th May, 1994. The 1993/94 season had finished a few weeks earlier, but there was still football to be played! Inside Wembley Stadium, there was a five-a-side tournament called the "London Fives."

London Fives started way back in 1954, and eventually became the known as Evening Standard London five-a-side, after the newspaper sponsored the event. It was originally only meant for the old First and Second Division teams, and was seen as a "competitive" but friendly exhibition tournament.

It finished in 1995 and was the year that the

Hatters made it to the final against Wycombe Wanderers. It ended in a penalty shootout that we unfortunately lost. It was the only final we ever made.

Back to the 1994 tournament though, and we were drawn against Spurs in the first round. A team consisting of Jurgen Sommer, Des Linton, Julian James, Paul Telfer, David Preece, Ceri Hughes and Scott Oakes were powerless against Spurs, and fell at the first hurdle. Frustratingly, there are no videos or pictures from that game.

What didn't fall at the first hurdle was this unique shirt that we wore for the

tournament. Back in 1994, the club ran a competition to design a new away shirt with this the eventual winner. Made by DMF, who also made our home and away shirts for the season, this shirt features a unique colour combination of a deep purple combined with a light salmon pink, harking back to the club's original colours in the 1880s.

Universal Salvage Auctions also sponsored this shirt, and we had a unique, one-off badge that has never been on a shirt since! The coat of arms of Luton remains, but instead of the curled 'Luton Town Football Club', we have

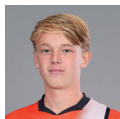
horizontal blue and orange rectangles to the side which contains our name.

The pop collar remains which adds to the smart feel of that era. Like the home and away shirts, the manufacturer logo and crest are embossed into the material of the shirt, further adding to the uniqueness of the shirt.

It's certainly a one-off, and a bit of a cult classic amongst Luton shirt collectors. The story behind it just adds to the uniqueness and collectability, so if you have one, keep it safe and look after it! It's a beauty!

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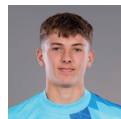
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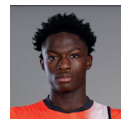
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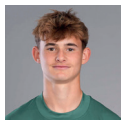
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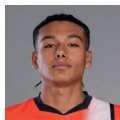
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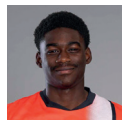
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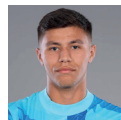
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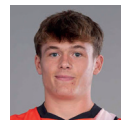
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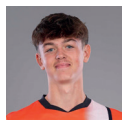
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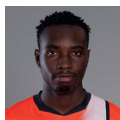
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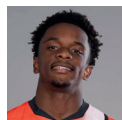
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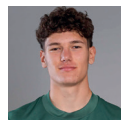
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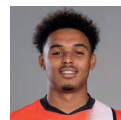
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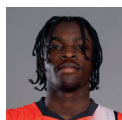
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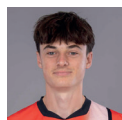
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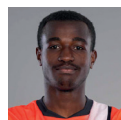
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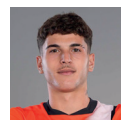
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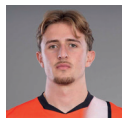
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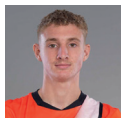
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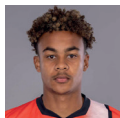
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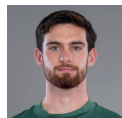
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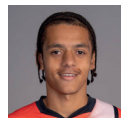
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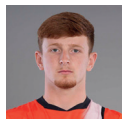
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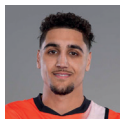
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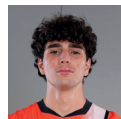
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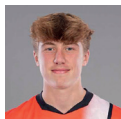
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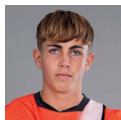
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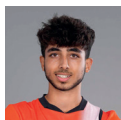
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THE YOUTH OF TODAY

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

Name...
Dylan Stitt

Date of birth...
30/6/2007

Place of birth...
Belfast

Position...
Midfielder

Age group joined... Under-18

Previous club...
Linfield

Boots I'm wearing...
Adidas
Predators

Earliest Luton Town memory...
Playing my trial game

Coach who impacted me the most... Craig Alcock

Football memory that makes me smile... When Liverpool won the Premier League

Best moment of my career so far...
Being selected for the Northern Ireland under-19s for the European Championships as an under-17



I would be a better player if I could... defend

Dream first team squad number... 8

Player I used to be in the playground...
Steven Gerrard

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

If I could play with anyone it would be...
Thiago Silva

Favourite film... Not a film fan but Prison Break is my favourite series

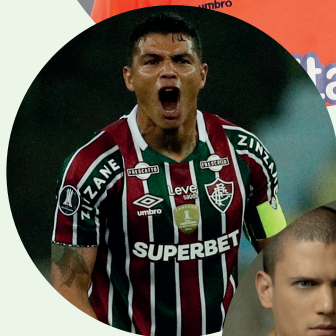
Favourite food...
Nando's

Favourite training drill...
Boxes

Favourite school subject that's not PE...
Sports Studies

Hobbies outside football...
Gaelic football

I am a... creative midfielder who can score goals and can play in the 10, 8 and 4 positions.





LTFC ACADEMY ACADEMY UPDATE WITH RONNIE HENRY

Good afternoon and welcome to Kenilworth Road for today's Championship game with Sheffield United.

I'd like to start by welcoming the new first team manager and his staff, I wish them all the success possible.

Today's programmes notes are coming from a very different viewpoint from my last programme notes, when I was first here as a first team player. I would like to thank once more

the club and the fans for their fantastic support during my time as a player at Luton Town.

I have joined the academy as the new PDP assistant, working with the under-18 and 21s. When this opportunity came, I had no hesitation. I have always stayed in contact with the many good people that are still at this fantastic football club. I am very excited about the future and my involvement in influencing the

young players future development.

Since finishing full-time football as a first team player, I have found the transition into academy coaching very easy. The two clubs I have worked for have made me feel incredibly welcome, with both sets of staff and players alike helping me settle incredibly well and I'd like to thank them for this.

The chance to work alongside two of my

former teammates Paul Benson and Alex Lawless was the perfect opportunity. The success we had on the pitch will always stay with me but more importantly the friendships we have off the pitch is a huge bonus in this working environment.

I believe being a former player at this football club and understanding how it works will really help in my coaching here. Knowing through lived experiences of what it

takes to be a successful player within this unique club. Hopefully now I can pass over my experiences and knowledge onto the academy players, giving them the best chance possible in the future.

We have many talented young players within the academy with real ability, and my job is to help them along the way. Together with the rest of the staff we all want to support them in trying to achieve their dream, hopefully making a career in football.

Our collective academy objective is to get players into our first team, producing good players and most importantly good human beings. Educating them as they progress through their careers, whether it is into

Luton Town's first team or any other organisation, we are equipping them with the skill on and off the pitch to be better player's and better people.

Lastly, I'd like to thank Gary Sweet, Paul Benson and Wayne Turner for giving me this fantastic chance. Coming back to a club I love, with the opportunity to make an impact on players and staff alike is one I am relishing. If I can have as much success as a coach as I did as a player, I'm sure everyone will be happy.

Let's all get behind the lads, be that extra man and give them that extra push to get the 3 points.

Enjoy the game and COYH!

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	W 5-1
Tue 14th	Northampton Town	W 2-0
Sat 18th	Northampton Town	W 5-1
Sat 25th	Gillingham	D 3-3

FEBRUARY

Sat 1st	AFC Wimbledon	W 5-0
Sat 8th	AFC Wimbledon	W 3-2
Sat 15th	Cambridge United	10:30am
Sat 22nd	Sutton United	11am

MARCH

Sat 8th	Leyton Orient	10:30am
Sat 15th	Stevenage	10:30am
Sat 22nd	Bromley	
Sat 29th	MK Dons	10:30am

APRIL

Sat 5th	Portsmouth	10:30am
Sat 12th	Forest Green Rovers	11am

MAY

Sat 3rd	Newport County	12pm
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HE'S ONE OF OUR OWN!

TIM BREACKER

Tim joined Luton from school in St Neots and made his Hatters debut in a 3-0 defeat at Ipswich in March 1984 while still only 18.

A fast and strong full-back who loved to overlap, Tim soon made the right-back position his own, as well as picking up England under-21 caps, and was the only player to turn out in all 58 league and cup games in the momentous 1987/88 season which ended with the Hatters lifting the Littlewoods Cup.

Finances dictated that a reluctant Tim was sold to West Ham for £600,000 in September 1990, but he enjoyed eight years at Upton Park before finishing his career at QPR where he joined the coaching staff.

Overall Tim made 262 appearances in Town colours, scoring just three goals. One of these was particularly memorable – a 35-yard piledriver to open the scoring away to Derby when the Town needed to win to avoid relegation from the top flight on the final day of the 1989/90 season.

Subsequently, Tim became assistant manager at Leicester under Ian Holloway before following Phil Parkinson to Charlton, Bradford City and Bolton.

APPEARANCES: 262
GOALS: 3

CAREER TIMELINE



COMMUNITY TRUST

February half-term football camps

With February half-term now just around the corner, we are fast approaching our first holiday camps of 2025.

Running throughout the week commencing 17th February 2025, the camps take place at a variety of venues in and around Luton and Dunstable. Our camps are open to anyone in school years 1 to 6, regardless of ability or previous experience of the game.

All our camps are run by professional coaches and provide opportunities for young people to learn new skills and develop their technique in a positive, fun, and safe environment.

The day starts with warm-up activities that specifically focus on individual SAQ (Speed, Agility, and Quickness) skills as well as ball mastery. We then transition to individual and team games, encouraging participants to use their social skills to collaborate effectively with their teammates.

In the afternoon, all participants take part in football tournaments and matches, with the main emphasis on having fun rather than simply winning games.

To round off each day, we hold a mini awards ceremony to celebrate those who have displayed a positive attitude, shown determination, or excelled in their performance. You never know who might drop in to say hello. Our camps have previously been visited by members of the first-team squad, including Carlton Morris and Alfie Doughty.

Community Trust Football Development Manager, Alex Wallace, said: "We take pride in the fact that our camps are open to all, whether you've been playing football for years or are just taking your first steps in the game. Everyone is welcome.

"We love fostering a sense of community where everyone feels

supported by our coaches and their peers, and we enjoy seeing new friendships develop."

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Children's Mental Health Week



For Children's Mental Health Week, Hatters players Kal Naismith and Thelo Aasgaard visited Stopsley Community Primary School to take part in a mental health workshop with year 6 pupils as part of our Premier League Primary Stars programme.

The programme supports pupils in the classroom, the playground and on the sports field with the aim to inspire children to be active, look after their wellbeing and develop important life skills.

Each week throughout the academic year, the Trust delivers wide range of interventions at local schools to build pupils confidence in key areas – including PSHE, physical education, maths and English – educational assemblies and workshops; girls-only extra-curricular football sessions; teacher mentoring in PE; social action projects; competitions and many more.

Kal and Thelo joined pupils in the classroom, taking part in activities about mental health, followed by a Q&A and then joining in a football session in the school hall. The Hatters duo were also joined by 17-year-old Hatters fan Aidan, who is the BBC East Young Reporter of the Year for 2024 and a former pupil at Stopsley Community Primary School.

Aidan, who lives with dyspraxia and has an atrial septal defect, now attends Weatherfield Academy in Dunstable and is determined to help other people with special educational needs who want a specific career. Aidan was invited to interview Kal and Thelo, and his insightful chat with the players is available on LTFC+ and the club's social media channels.

"It was great to sit with the youngsters today and share some of the ways in which we can all help each other have healthy minds," said Kal.

"As we get older more stress comes on us, and there's more life stuff, but it's important to know how to deal with the emotions of things, and have mechanisms that you can use."

Thelo added: "I've loved the football side of my first few days as a Luton player, but coming into the community today and seeing the great work that goes on is something I've really enjoyed.

"In football it's such a rollercoaster that you are going to feel extremes, there are so many emotions. Coming into a school, it's not exactly our line of work, but if we

can translate our skills to the children in a way that they can understand, then hopefully they can take it on into their lives and into their school work."

And what advice would he give to the children?

"One of the main things is to speak to people, even if you are someone who is enclosed or keep yourself to yourself," said Thelo.

"I think it's so important to surround yourself with people who understand you and really want to help. So opening yourself up and keeping connected to your family and friends is so important."

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LUTON TOWN LADIES

FROM THE CAPTAIN

Wade hopeful for successful end to season

Elly Wade is relishing her opportunity to skipper the Hatters after being awarded the captaincy at the start of the season.

"I feel honoured to lead the girls onto the pitch every Sunday, it comes with its own added pressure and responsibility, but that's a welcomed new challenge for me," says the defender.

"I'm fortunate to have support of a great leadership team behind me in Leyah Maddix, Tanya Blacksley, Shianne Swarres and Fiona Buttigieg.

With the Hatters eyeing success on three fronts – with two cup semi-finals on the horizon – Wade insists that promotion is the main goal.

"After many years of playing football, I've learnt not to get too far ahead of myself – as have the rest of the team," she said.

"We take each game as it comes, our number one goal this year is promotion, but the cups would be an amazing addition to that."



The Ladies have been immense in defence this season, only conceding four goals in the league, winning all four of their games in 2025 without conceding.

And Wade paid tribute to the Town's defensive line and coaching staff.

"The club and players have always understood the importance of a strong backline," she said.

"As a team we love to attack and apply pressure from the front

and I think it helps the players confidence knowing there is a solid defence behind you.

"What's key is the backline and our defensive midfield enjoy and understand their roles and will battle together up until the final whistle for every clean sheet.

"The coaching staff are always looking for new ways to develop the defence, sharing useful tactics and enable us to continue to improve as well as adding new

defensive talents to the squad, as seen this season with the additions of Bridget Adu, Nicole Farmer, Sarah Hudson and most recently, Erin Hope."

The Hatters skipper also looked ahead to this tomorrow's County Cup semi-final clash against AFC Dunstable.

"We have played against Dunstable for many years, in both the cup's and the ERWFL and they have always been a good test," added Wade.

"Our aim will be to play our football and try dominate the game in our way, whilst giving Dunstable the respect on the pitch they deserve."

Wade gave a final message to Hatters fans everywhere.

"We play all our home games at Barton Rovers and we at Luton Town Ladies Football Club would love any Hatters fans to come and give us their support as we chase for promotion and two cups. COYH."

Tomorrow's game at Barton kicks off at 2pm. For further information follow the Ladies on X @LTLFC_Official.

THE NEW BOYS



It was a busy winter transfer window for Hatters with the arrival of seven new signings - here's our rundown of the new faces at Kenilworth Road

KAL NAISMITH

POSITION: DEFENDER
AGE: 32
PARENT CLUB:
BRISTOL CITY (LOAN)

In his own words:

"I'm delighted and excited to be back and grateful to get this opportunity. It's a great squad and, while we're not in a great place at a minute, it's still an amazing place with amazing people. I want to come in and help and have a good end of the season. I'll give everything, I couldn't have loved my time here before any more. "It's not often people get second chances but I'm back to try and have a positive impact on the team between now and the end of the season."



POSITION: MIDFIELDER
AGE: 23
PREVIOUS CLUB:
WIGAN ATHLETIC

In his own words:

"It's been a joy to watch this club grow over the past few years so I can't wait to be a part of it now. I've been at Wigan from a young age, and I've had a lot of good memories there, so the next move had to be right, had to be special, and I feel this is the right place to be. I'm going to try to add goals from midfield and provide that creative spark and bring my teammates into the play. I've been playing pretty much every minute of every game at Wigan so I'm ready to go. I'm physically good and I can't wait to get started."

THELO AASGAARD

POSITION: FORWARD
AGE: 24
PREVIOUS CLUB:
EXETER CITY

In his own words:

"I'm very happy and I feel very blessed to be here at Luton Town. It's a blessing and a great opportunity for me to see what I can do. It feels fantastic, very similar to this club in recent years. I started off quite low in non-league, managed to be consistent and have worked really hard and played as well as I could. I've worked my way up and here I am today. I played against the gaffer a while back for Exeter. It was a very good game and we went 2-0 up, but it ended up being a draw. It was good to show him what I could do there, and hopefully I can score goals for him now."

MILLENIC ALLI

POSITION: WINGER
AGE: 25
PREVIOUS CLUB:
MIDDLESBROUGH

In his own words:
"I think it's the perfect move for both parties. The project here, the success the club's had over the past couple of years and moving back down south is an attractive proposition for me. This season's been tough for Luton so far but there's a really strong squad here and hopefully I can put a smile on to the fans' faces. I'm direct, skilful and I like to give the crowd something to cheer. I can't wait to get started."

ISAIAH JONES

POSITION: DEFENDER
AGE: 20
PREVIOUS CLUB: RWD MOLENBEEK

In his own words:
"I'm really excited to be joining Luton. I've seen so many positive stories about the club and the amazing fans. I can't wait to meet my new team-mates and get working with them and the coaches. Everyone has made me feel welcome and I'm looking forward to being at Kenilworth Road."

CHRIST MAKOSSO

POSITION: FORWARD
AGE: 25
PARENT CLUB:
NOTTINGHAM FOREST
(LOAN)

In his own words:

"I knew there was a bit of interest for me coming to Luton, and speaking to the manager, he said he's quite fond of me and likes how I play. He remembered me from my time at Blackpool and Cardiff and was keen to get me in as I fit his system, so I'm really pleased to be here. I've played most of my games in the Championship, so I know the league inside out and I'm ready to get going. I've experienced playing at Kenilworth Road a few times and it's always been one of those grounds that I've found tough to go to."

A portrait of Josh Bowler, a forward for Luton Town. He is a young man with light brown hair and a beard, smiling at the camera. He is wearing a dark blue Luton Town football kit with white and red accents. The kit features the club crest on the left chest and the 'utilitec' sponsor logo across the front. He is making a fist with his right hand.

JOSH BOWLER

POSITION: STRIKER
AGE: 23
PREVIOUS CLUB:
TROMSØ

In his own words:

"The last few years I've been hearing a lot about Luton Town, I've been watching some games and following it regularly. When I heard of the interest from the club it was a pretty easy choice. I felt ready to take the step out of Norway and I feel that this is a great step for me to take. I believe I can become better each day, and also help the team by scoring goals and winning games. It's a place I feel like I can stay in for a lot of years and of course I want to make an impact on the pitch as soon as possible."

A portrait of Lasse Nordås, a striker for Luton Town. He is a young man with dark hair and a beard, looking slightly to the side. He is wearing a red Luton Town football kit with white and blue accents. The kit features the club crest on the left chest and the 'utilitec' sponsor logo across the front.

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**ARCHER
MOSS**

Age: 10

Hobbies: Playing football and supporting Luton Town

Favourite Players: Alfie Doughty and Elijah Adebayo



**EOIN
SWEENEY**

Age: 6

Hobbies: Playing Football/Lego

Favourite Players: Tahith Chong and Elijah Adebayo



**GEORGE
MOORE**

Hobbies: Football, Skateboarding, BMX

Favourite Player: Thomas Kaminski



**HAAKEN
NELMES**

Hobbies: Playing tennis, cricket and golf, making all sorts of Lego creations

Favourite Player: Tom Lockyer (Grandad is a Bristol city fan and Haaken met Tom when he was captain of Rovers and has followed him ever since)



KIE

Hobbies: Football, Swimming, Skateboarding

Favourite Player: Tahith Chong



KLAY

Hobbies: Football, Swimming, Skateboarding

Favourite Player: Carlton Morris



**SAMUEL
KUUSELA**

Hobbies: Ice Hockey, Football, Floorball

Favourite Player: Elijah Adebayo



**VALTERI
KUUSELA**

Hobbies: Ice Hockey, Football, Floorball

Favourite Player: Tom Lockyer

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UP NEXT

19.02.25

It will be a big night under the lights on Wednesday when the Town face another crucial Championship clash here at Kenilworth Road when Plymouth Argyle are the visitors.

The rearranged game with the Pilgrims is a relegation six-pointer with both clubs in need of the points given their situation at the bottom end of the second-tier table.

As we went to press, Plymouth had just pulled off one of the shocks of the season following their 1-0 win over Liverpool in the FA Cup thanks to Ryan Hardie's penalty.

It was another good

result for Argyle under new manager Miron Muslic who had masterminded a comeback victory over West Brom two weeks ago.

That win ended a run of 15 Championship games without a win, a sequence which saw Wayne Rooney dismissed on New Year's Eve after a 2-0 defeat to Oxford.

Following their promotion to the second tier as League One champions in 2022/23, last season saw Plymouth avoid relegation by one point as they finished one place above the

dropzone as the fight for survival went down to the final day.

This season has been a struggle for Argyle – as their league position testifies, however, as was evident last weekend, they rise to the challenge in the big games – with victories coming over Sunderland and Blackburn in the Championship at Home Park, where they have lost just four times.

It is on their travels where the Pilgrims have struggled though, and on Wednesday they will make the trip to Kenilworth Road looking for their first away win of the season. Argyle have

just four draws to their name in 15 matches and scored five goals.

The Plymouth faithful making the trip from Devon will arrive in Bedfordshire with fond recent memories as the Pilgrims have won three of their last six visits – their last coming in a League 2 meeting in October 2015.

But the Town will be hoping for a repeat of Plymouth's last visit here that saw Nathan Jones' side run out 5-1 winners on their way to the League 1 title in 2018/19. That afternoon saw James Collins grab a hat-trick with Elliot Lee and James Justin also on target.

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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	20	0-1	11,828	1,338	Kaminski	Walters	Chong	Holmes	McGuinness	Bell	Krauß
MON 6	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	20:00	20	1-2	14,025	1,010	Kaminski	Walters	Bell	Holmes	McGUINNESS 1	Nakamba	Walsh
SAT 11	NOTTINGHAM FOREST (FAO)	15:00	-	0-2	29,445	1,862	Kaminski	Walters	Bell	Holmes	McGuinness	Nakamba	Walsh
SAT 18	PRESTON NORTH END	15:00	23	0-0	11,540	1,214	Kaminski	Hashioka	Bell	Holmes	McGuinness	Nakamba	Krauß
TUE 21	OXFORD UNITED	19:45	23	2-3	11,035	1,478	Kaminski	Hashioka	Bell	Holmes	McGUINNESS 1	Nakamba	KRAUß 1
SAT 25	MILLWALL	12:30	23	0-1	11,418	1,232	Kaminski	Hashioka	Bell	Andersen	McGuinness	Nakamba	Krauß

FEBRUARY

SAT 1	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	15:00	23	1-1	27,437	1,321	Kaminski	Walters	Johnson	Andersen	McGuinness	L. Fanne	Clark
WED 12	SUNDERLAND	19:45	24	0-2	37,929	370	Kaminski	Walters	Johnson	Andersen	McGuinness	L. Fanne	Clark
SAT 15	SHEFFIELD UNITED	15:00											
WED 19	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	19:45											
SUN 23	WATFORD	12:00											

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

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	KRAUß 1	Brown	Adebayo	Mpanzu	Walters	Woodrow	Walsh			Shea, Holmes, Taylor, Nelson, Johnson
Clark	Krauß	Moses	Adebayo	Brown	Woodrow	Baptiste	Taylor	Nelson		Shea, Mpanzu, Holmes, Johnson
Krauß	Chong	MORRIS 1	Adebayo	Hashioka	Johnson	Nakamba	Mpanzu	BROWN 1		Krul, Nelson, Taylor, Woodrow
Krauß	Chong	Morris	ADEBAYO 1	Nelson	Brown	Woodrow	Taylor			Krul, Nakamba, Mpanzu, Johnson, Benagr
Krauß	Chong	MORRIS 1	ADEBAYO 1	Brown	Nakamba	Walsh	Woodrow			Krul, Mpanzu, Taylor, Nelson, Johnson
Krauß	CHONG 1	Morris	Adebayo	Baptiste	Brown	Walsh				Krul, Woodrow, Nakamba, Mpanzu, Taylor, Johnson
Krauß	Chong	Morris	BROWN 1	Adebayo	Baptiste	Nakamba				Krul, Holmes, Moses, Mpanzu, Walsh, Woodrow
Baptiste	Chong	Woodrow	Adebayo	Moses	Krauss	Morris	Nakamba	CLARK 1		Krul, Andersen, Brown, Mpanzu
Baptiste	Chong	Morris	Adebayo	Walsh	Hashioka	Brown	Mpanzu			Krul, Andersen, Moses, Taylor, Woodrow
Krauß	Clark	Morris	Brown	Hashioka	Taylor	Adebayo	Baptiste	Chong		Krul, Holmes, Mpanzu, Woodrow
Baptiste	BROWN 1	Morris	ADEBAYO 1	Moses	Woodrow	Taylor	Krauß	Holmes		Krul, Andersen, Mpanzu, Nakamba
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
Clark	Nelson	Morris	Adebayo	Nakamba	Brown	Moses	Woodrow	Taylor		Krul, Andersen, Mpanzu, Hashioka
Nelson	Chong	Fanne	Morris	Adebayo	Brown	Woodrow	Clark	Hashioka		Krul, Andersen, Krauß, Mpanzu
Nelson	Jones	Fanne	Morris	Clark	Brown	Adebayo				Krul, Andersen, Krauß, Woodrow, Mpanzu, Hashioka
Clark	Brown	Jones	Morris	Nelson	Moses	Adebayo	Woodrow			Krul, Walters, Andersen, Mpanzu, Walsh
Clark	Nelson	Jones	Adebayo	Mpanzu	Morris	Doughty	Brown	Woodrow		Krul, Walters, Andersen, Walsh
Clark	Doughty	Brown	Morris	Adebayo	Nelson	Jones	Walsh			Krul, Walters, Woodrow, Mpanzu, Holmes
Aasgaard	DOUGHTY 1	Brown	Morris	Bowler	Hashioka	Alli	Naismith			Krul, Adebayo, Nakamba, Walsh, Nelson
Aasgaard	Nelson	Alli	Morris	Bowler	Brown	Adebayo	Naismith	Nordås		Krul, Nakamba, Walsh, Hashioka

GOOD LUCK AARON AND AIMEE!

Aaron Leonard is just six days away from the biggest day of his life.

The Best Man, Luke Browne, has the ring. Next week, Aaron marries long time sweetheart, and fellow Hatter, Aimee.

Just how Aaron has arrived at this point remains a mystery...from mascot, to turnstiles, to every away game for a number of years...and now to one of the luckiest men around.

But somehow, he has managed to capture the heart of a lovely lady and our very best orange wishes go to the pair of them for a long and loving and fulfilling life together.

Seriously, Aaron – you are a star, a true Hatter, and you and Aimee (and Bailey) make a wonderful couple. Enjoy your day and lives together!

Aaron (left) and Best Man Luke in Town colours at the Bernabeu >>



LAST WORD WITH



GEOFF DOYLE

BBC THREE COUNTIES RADIO SPORTS EDITOR

One of many highlights last season occurred in the penultimate home match against Fulham.

Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu had been introduced as a substitute in the second half. He got into a number of decent positions around the opposition penalty area and had opportunities to shoot. It led to chants from the home fans at the Kenny.

"If Pelly scores we're on the pitch"

Sadly it didn't happen, and whether there would've been a pitch invasion is probably unlikely but it kind of summed up the affection Luton had, and have, for Mpanzu.

He was a youngster when John Still initially took him on loan back in 2013 from West Ham. Wily old John told me in the old training ground portacabin at Ely Way he had initially seen Mpanzu play for Boreham Wood and liked the look of him. In his first match he started at centre back but then he soon moved into midfield in that National League season and helped the Hatters finally get out of non-league football.

He converted to League Two comfortably. Following promotion from that division the questions began about whether he could step up to League One level – and the answer was emphatic. It may have been his best season in

a Luton Town shirt. He was a pivotal player in the team and scored his fair share of goals.

So into the Championship and that question again: could he step up again? The answer was positive once more. Like others it took him a bit of time, but he got there in the end and played a big part in promotion to the top level to finally complete the set and become the first player to go from non-league to Premier League with the same club – which he duly did.

He may have played more of a substitute role last season and didn't get that goal but he was still a key figure at the club and in the squad.

His character and personality was one of the reasons for his longevity. His underrated ability on the pitch was another. He played under a number of Hatters managers who all saw the benefits of having Mpanzu in the squad. For his box-to-box ability, his work ethic and his mobility in the midfield engine room.

I've interviewed Pelly many times over the 11 years. He's always been humble but always had an inner belief in his own ability.

He leaves Luton a Hatters legend but will be back for one more game when we'll see that big, beaming smile once again at Kenilworth Road.

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