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Welcome back to Kenilworth Road for the second time in five days for perhaps one of our biggest games of the season to date.

After the encouragement from Saturday's performance against Sheffield United, we take on Plymouth Argyle in a relegation six-pointer knowing three points would lift us off the bottom of the Championship table.

With another big game on the horizon at the weekend, tonight takes on extra importance as Matt and his staff and players build momentum ahead of the derby.

Remember we're all in this together and your noise from the stands at the weekend demonstrated that. So continue to get behind the team this evening and sing your hearts out for the lads.

Come on Luton!

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| MATT BLOOMFIELD |

THE BOSS

Good evening and welcome back to Kenilworth Road once more for this important Championship game against Plymouth Argyle.

I'd like to welcome everyone associated with our visitors to Bedfordshire tonight. Miron has come in and got off to a flying start in charge thanks to several impressive recent results. Their win over Liverpool has been well-documented, and that's a result which certainly shows how much of a challenge it will be for us tonight.

Before Saturday's game with Sheffield United I felt convinced we were going to win, so while it was disappointing to lose the game, I can't help but feel pride for the performance the lads gave. The character and personality of the performance was a bit closer to what we'd all like to think is a proper

Luton Town one. The difference on the day was finishing chances. They took theirs, we didn't take ours and it did not turn out to be our day.

I was told the first 45 minutes has been the best so far this season which is pleasing to hear but that's something that doesn't get you points. I hate losing but I have to pay tribute to the players for their performance, it gave me great pride because of the way they went about their business. They set the standard and they've got to be ready to go again tonight and for the rest of the season.

We're hopeful we can take a bit of momentum from the performance into this evening's game. We can't afford to leave Saturday behind. We just need to replicate it and take the positives of Saturday and continue to move forward.

Your support was another one of the highlights from the weekend. I'd like to thank you all for your backing of the lads. I know your standards and expectations, and I know that the result and performance at Sunderland did not meet those. I think Saturday did to some degree, so thank you for sticking with the boys.

We know we have to give you something to cheer about. We have no divine right to turn up and expect you to urge us on – the responsibility lies with us to get you up and making the noise. I felt on Saturday the way we played helped raise that decibel level. We were on the front foot early and you responded in kind.

Remember we're all in this together. Management, staff, players and supporters. I came to this club because of the history, the fans and the

ambition. We're so close to giving you something to shout about and I can't wait for that moment to come.

Please continue your passionate support from the stands. This is a special place in English football and, under the lights, there are no more intimidating places, so sing up and enjoy it. We'll be doing our best to ensure you do.

We always take one game at a time but, once the dust has settled on tonight, attention will turn to the derby on Sunday where we'll be aiming to ensure bragging rights remain at Kenilworth Road. Please get to Vicarage Road safely and roar us on from the away end.

Enjoy tonight's game and have a safe journey home.

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| TOM LOCKYER |

CLUB CAPTAIN

Saturday's performance against Sheffield United was the best we have played in a long, long time and while it was disappointing we couldn't turn that into a result, there were lots of positives to take from it.

It was also heartening to see a number of the new lads make their debuts at the Kenny and I think the excellent atmosphere you created will have helped them settle. It was particularly good to see Kal back in a Luton shirt. We will need to be careful with his fitness but his display at the back was incredibly reassuring, and the defensive aspect of Saturday was one of the platforms for such an improved display.

But for all the positives we can't shy away from the fact we had nothing to show for it. It was a classic top-versus-bottom clash. You can see why they are where they are and why we are

at the opposite end of the table. We had the better, more clear-cut chances and couldn't take them while they had one and took it. They know how to win games at the moment and we are, at the minute, finding a way to lose.

As I've said though, we've got to look at the positives. There's no other way, is there? It was one of our best performances in a while. If you're able to turn that kind of display in then results will turn.

Would we have taken a result without the performance? Given our position, absolutely. If you can't do that, then the next best thing is the performance and I think eight times out of 10 that level of performance gets you a result.

So we have to take the encouragement from Saturday into this evening's big six-pointer against Plymouth. They

come here in good form having earned some excellent results at home, including that win over Liverpool in the FA Cup. It's a long way for them to come on a Wednesday night so I hope their supporters all get home safe after the final whistle.

On a personal level, I've had a second surgery on my ankle after the first one hadn't quite done the trick. That's my season done sadly, so my focus now is to return fit for pre-season. There's no rush for me to get back so it's important after having this set-back to concentrate on making sure I come back without any issues for the summer.

Of course having been so close, and just three days away from a return to being back on a football pitch, I'm gutted but that's the way football goes sometimes.

Back to tonight. It's a huge game and we'll

need you to be behind us from the first whistle until the last. On Saturday your noise levels were fantastic and the boys certainly responded.

I don't think we've played as well since the win over Watford back in October but we need more of those kinds of days if we're to get out of trouble.

After tonight there's the small matter of the derby at Vicarage Road on Sunday afternoon. All the lads know how much the game means to you - and if the new lads don't yet, they will certainly be reminded by myself and the rest of the senior lads.

Join me in getting behind us tonight and again on Sunday.

Come on you Hatters.

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HR DIRECTOR JENN SMITH

Good evening and welcome to Kenilworth Road. I extend a warm welcome to Plymouth Argyle on what is an exceptionally long journey on a cold February Wednesday.

I will always be in awe of the dedication of football fans. Just look at the 370 of our supporters who made the 500-mile round trip to Sunderland last Wednesday night. The fans are the heartbeat of any club, and your unwavering support never goes unnoticed. Your loyalty, throughout our history, through the highs and lows, shows that passion knows no bounds.

Our home game on Saturday against promotion-chasing Sheffield United, despite the fact we did not find the back of the net, saw us take a positive step forward in terms of performance as we aim

to end this campaign a Championship club. As Matt said in his interview afterwards, it was one of the best displays of the season and, with 14 games left, including this big one tonight, there is a lot to be positive about.

There's been a lot going on in the background throughout January in what is ordinarily a very busy month, but not only did we welcome a new manager to Kenilworth Road but the transfer window saw the recruitment of eight new faces to the playing staff.

The process of hiring a first team manager is complex, and in keeping with our Luton way, we undertook an extensive interview process with Matt, Richard, Lee and Ben. Past finding out about their technical skills, this is also about getting to know them personally and making sure they understand the key principles that make us, us.

Something that is really important to us, and something that I believe sets us apart from other clubs, is the way all of

our staff are equals. There's no internal hierarchy that dictates behaviours or relationships – Matt and his team were part of the same induction process as all of our club staff, something we feel is really key to becoming engrained in Luton culture early on.

A highlight of which was Matt and his team meeting all club staff at the Club HQ for a quick welcome meeting before they sat down for an important recruitment session.

“THE FANS ARE THE HEARTBEAT OF ANY CLUB, AND YOUR UNWAVERING SUPPORT NEVER GOES UNNOTICED.”

As you can imagine, the appointment of a new manager, as with any change of leadership, can create uncertainty, but I am proud of how our people deal with change. Their resilience is appreciated, as is their ability to keep secrets when new faces are wandering around the place!

As transfer deadline day came and went – with its usual signal of a broken coffee machine – I want to acknowledge the hard work that goes into those exciting announcements of new players (unless of course, you spot them in Tesco...!)

There is an unimaginable amount of work that goes in, from early identification to

discussions with agents, medical assessments, more paperwork than you can imagine, content creation and work to ensure that our new signings are made to feel welcomed and settled.

There's an avalanche of unseen hard work put in to ensure the team's ambitions for the short and long-term are met and particularly so for this transfer window, as we conducted the biggest January in over a decade by strengthening the squad in every target area ready for a big 10-week push.

While change has been a theme on the pitch and behind the scenes, one thing that remains constant is our commitment

to inclusivity and community. A big part of my role at the club involves overseeing the equality, diversity and inclusion strategy. This means managing processes for both mental health and reports of discrimination.

Over the past 12 months we have seen a rise in the number of incidents reported on match days. This does not mean more incidents are happening – it means more of you are speaking up, calling out unacceptable behaviour and making our club a better place. For that we are grateful, so thank you.

We look at those behaviours not just on a match day, but also on social media, and it

would be remiss of me to not use this opportunity to ask you to be mindful of these behaviours – we want everyone to feel welcome at Kenilworth Road, and discrimination of any kind will not be tolerated. Bring the noise, show your support – but there is never a need to use discriminatory terms to show support for Our Club.

It is as good a time as any to reflect that Saturday's game with Sheffield United saw us champion the EFL's 'Together Against Homophobia' campaign, where the league's rainbow ball was used. Activations like this, whilst set by the EFL, are all strongly supported internally by our Club >>

Even the manager goes through the same induction process as all club staff



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staff, and we hope that you, our fans, can get behind this.

This past week has also seen some fantastic community projects, including our Community Trust's inclusion officer Shipaar Miah being named Community Captain for 2025. Shipaar co-ordinates and leads on the delivery of the Premier League Kicks programme and you can read more about his achievements elsewhere in tonight's programme.

We have been working hard behind the scenes to work more closely with the Community Trust on exciting, important campaigns to really benefit those in Luton and the surrounding areas. You may have seen that new signings Kal Naismith and Thelo Aasgaard surprised the Year 6 pupils at Stopsley Community Primary School last Wednesday when they joined them for a special mental health workshop put on by the Community Trust.

This is just one example of how this club goes further than those 90 minutes on the pitch.

Now, one final request: let's make Kenilworth Road roar tonight. Your voices can be the difference. You are key to making sure our home remains the fortress it is, so sing up!

COVH!

Jenn



Kal Naismith and Thelo Aasgaard dropped by at Stopsley Community Primary School last week

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Runners-up 1989

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Runners-up 1959

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2004/05, 2018/19
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AROUND TOWN

REST IN PEACE



We are saddened to report the passing of two long-time Luton Town supporters.

Wendy Fowkes (née Baker) passed away aged 67 over the New Year period. Wendy (pictured above centre) grew up on Dallow Road and was a Luton fan since childhood.

Despite moving to Nottingham over three decades ago, she remained a season ticket holder, sitting in the Kenilworth Road upper tier for home games and travelling to away games with husband Tim and sister Sally. She will be much missed by all who knew her.

David Mangan was a season ticket holder for over 30 years. David,

pictured below with his grandson Oscar, passed away shortly before Christmas after battling motor neurone disease for two-and-a-half years.

David loved the Hatters and passed down his passion for the Town to his son Neil and daughter Claire and was a regular at Kenilworth Road prior to his diagnosis. He will be missed by his family and all the friends he made while supporting the Hatters.

Everyone at Luton Town send their condolences to the families and friends of Wendy and David at this sad time.

Rest in Peace.

Once a Hatter, always a Hatter.



NEW SHOP IN TOWN



It may have escaped your attention but last month we opened our new club shop in Luton Point shopping centre.

The Hatters' retail outlet returns to the town's main shopping centre after a break of six years.

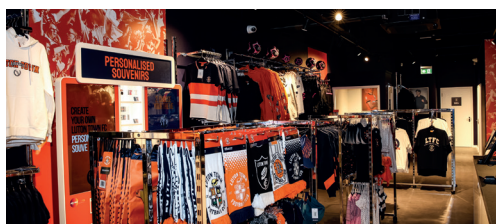
Situated in a prime location next to Tesco, Hatters fans will be able to purchase club merchandise from the ground floor store and pick-up click-and-collect orders from our online store.

We would like to thank supporters for their understanding and patience while

operations have been run from the stadium shop during January.

This week supporters can take advantage of a promotion with 25 per cent off home shirts and training wear. The offer ends at midnight on 24th February.

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Ahmedhodžić 79'

The Town's wait for a first win under Matt Bloomfield continues but the Hatters can be encouraged by their performance despite a narrow defeat to promotion-chasing Sheffield United.

The result means the Hatters stay bottom of the table following Anel Ahmedhodžić's goal 11 minutes from time – a goal that sent the Blades top of the Championship.

It was hard on the Town who looked anything but a side sitting in the relegation places after creating a number of chances – especially in a first half in which they dominated.

Showing seven changes to the side that lost at Sunderland in midweek the Hatters started well and on eight minutes Elijah Adebayo planted a header wide from close range after being found by Thelo Aasgaard's cross.

The Town, roared on by the Kenilworth Road faithful, were playing some eye-catching football and on 15 minutes they went close again when the lively Aasgaard turned on the edge of the box and curled a shot onto the Blades' crossbar with a superb effort.

It was all the Hatters, playing with confidence and energy, and as they continued to press the Town should have led on 36 minutes when Aasgaard's teasing cross from the left was volleyed over at the back-post by Adebayo.

Aasgaard, everywhere, shot low into Michael Cooper's gloves moments later before Liam Walsh shot wide as half-time approached.

Thomas Kaminski had been a virtual spectator in the first half but the Town number one was called into the action just

before the break when turning away Tyrese Campbell's shot.

You always felt the Hatters needed to take advantage of their superiority in the first half and at half-time visiting boss Chris Wilder made two changes in a bid to quell the Town's play.

And it had the desired effect as the visitors offered more of a threat going forward.

Four minutes after the restart – just after Carlton Morris' header was stopped by Cooper – the Blades came mighty close to taking the lead when Ben Brereton-Diaz slid home at the back-post but his shot rebounded off the post.

It was a warning for the Hatters as the visitors upped the ante and on 69 minutes Brereton-Diaz swept a shot just over the bar from close range.

Back came the Town and Morris' back-post header from Alfie Doughty's free-kick was kept out by Cooper with 13 minutes as the Hatters looked to break the deadlock.

However, moments later the visitors struck. Kaminski kept out a bullet header from Vini Souza and the Town couldn't clear their lines. Callum O'Hare helped the ball into the box and into Ahmedhodžić's path and the defender made no mistake from close range.

Behind, the Hatters rallied but the visitors showed the kind of nous in the closing stages that often is the sign of teams gunning for promotion.

Five added minutes came and went as the Blades held on to condemn the Town to a 10th league game in the Championship without victory.

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DISAPPOINTMENT BUT ENCOURAGEMENT FOR MATT

Town boss Matt Bloomfield had mixed emotions after Saturday's 1-0 home defeat to Sheffield United.

The Hatters dominated the first half and came close to breaking the deadlock on numerous occasions only to be foiled by the in-form visitors.

Defeat meant the Town stayed bottom of the Championship table but the boss was encouraged by a number of the performances of a number of his players.

"It's really disappointing but I've been told by some of the guys that have been here all season that the first 45 was the best that it's been all season," said the manager.

"That is pleasing on one hand but disappointing on the other as we want to win games, we want to win football matches and we haven't.

"So we're disappointed, but that's the minimum performance that we

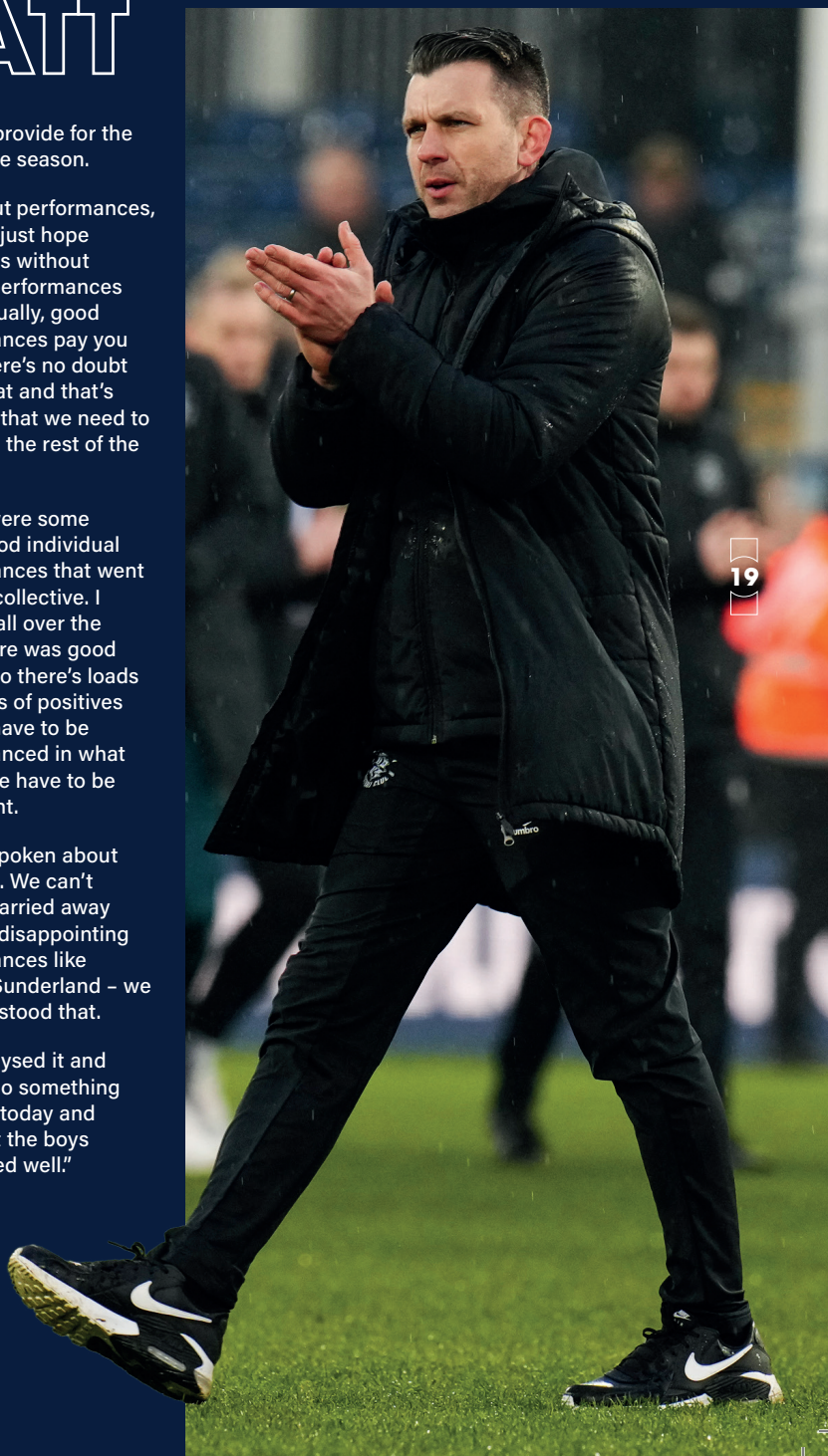
need to provide for the rest of the season.

"It's about performances, we can't just hope for results without putting performances in. Eventually, good performances pay you back, there's no doubt about that and that's the level that we need to attain for the rest of the season.

"There were some really good individual performances that went into the collective. I thought all over the pitch there was good energy, so there's loads and loads of positives and we have to be very balanced in what we do, we have to be consistent.

"We've spoken about that a lot. We can't get too carried away with the disappointing performances like against Sunderland – we all understood that.

"We analysed it and tried to do something different today and I thought the boys responded well."





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ACTION REPLAY



WALSH: THE BELIEF IS THERE

MIDFIELDER HOPEFUL
HATTERS CAN TURN
THE CORNER AFTER
POSITIVE DISPLAY

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Liam Walsh said that the Hatters squad have the belief that results will come their way to climb out of the relegation zone if they can replicate the performance level shown against Sheffield United on Saturday.

The Blades went top of the Championship thanks to a solitary goal late in the second half from centre-back Anel Ahmedhodzic after Town had dominated the opening 45 minutes at Kenilworth Road.

The Hatters created several good chances but failed to take advantage when they were on top, and ultimately saw the sequence of games without a win extended to 10.





Walsh, who was selected as match sponsors' player of the match, said: "That's the harsh reality. We've put in our best performance in a while and come away with no points again.

"Where we are in the table, that's given us a big boost to go on and perform like that against a top side. We know that that's the lowest level of performance that we've got to put in to go and get on with the rest of the season, and I think if we are putting in performances like that, results will come.

"You can feel it yourself on the pitch. It felt like today that everyone was doing their jobs down to a man, we were defending solidly, with the ball we were winning first contacts, winning second balls, if you didn't win the first.

"At half-time, there wasn't much going on – there wasn't much to talk about because we just knew that we had to follow that first half up, which we did. It was just a little 30-second moment, and it shows what teams at the top of the league can do to you. We've come away unlucky today, but we know that that's our level now."

Asked if the performance had spread optimism through the dressing room, the 27-year-old replied: "I think so, looking at the Sunderland result and past performances over the last month or so, we know where

we are at with today's performance. If we can build on that, I don't see why we can't pick up points."

The former Swansea midfielder believes "one hundred per cent" that the eight new arrivals during the January transfer window have freshened the outlook of the squad.

"A lot of those players will come on at some point, or start games and freshen it up a bit. I think Thelo has probably played the most out of all of them and he's been brilliant today. He gives us that little spark in the middle, but all the lads are expecting big performances from now until the end of the season, it's what we deserve for each other."

Walsh also thanked the supporters for their reception at the end, when the Town players were applauded off the pitch despite being beaten.

"Everything is for the fans and we knew today that past performances weren't good enough for the fans," said Walsh. "Me personally, seeing them travel up to Sunderland on a Wednesday night, it's heartbreaking for them to see the 2-0 loss like that, the way we did.

"We just want to repay the fans with performances and seeing them clap us off like that at the end, even though we've lost again, it's a big boost for us."

FIRST PRO DEALS | RISING STARS

Promising pair Christian Chigozie and Benny Benagr put pen to paper on their first professional contracts last week



We are excited to announce that two of Luton Town's finest prospects have signed their first professional contracts with the Club.

Local boys Christian Chigozie and Benny Benagr have put pen to paper after turning 17 recently, as a reward for their impressive performances at both Under-18 and 21 level as first-year scholars.

Centre-back Christian was named on the bench twice in the Premier League last season, featuring on

the teamsheet for the away games at Arsenal and Manchester City while still studying for his GCSEs at Chiltern Academy.

He has been included three times this season, with left-back or wing-back Benny also named in the squad for the first time at home to Sunderland after impressing in the pre-season friendly at Port Vale.

Christian was born in Spain, but moved to England at the age of six and like Benny, joined his

local club as an Under-7 in the Luton Town Community Trust's Pre-Academy programme, before signing for the main academy two years later.

They have progressed through the ranks together and this season have played key roles in the youth team's current 16-match unbeaten run that has taken them to the top of the EFL Youth Alliance South-East table and the quarter-finals of the League Cup.

They have also contributed significantly

to the Under-21s' qualification from the Premier League Cup group stage for the first time, with Town's development squad set to visit Nottingham Forest next month in the last 16.

Academy manager Paul Benson said: "Christian has been in the academy since an under nine and throughout the time he's been with us he has shown solid development year on year.

"A 6ft 2in centre-back, Christian's main strengths are his athleticism and character. He's a proper

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defender who puts his head where it hurts and isn't afraid to put his body on the line – a defender who loves defending! He embodies the values we look for in a Luton Town player.

"I'm delighted Christian has committed himself to Luton Town and I'm looking forward to seeing his journey continuing at the club."

On former Cardinal Newman pupil Benny, Benson added: "Like Christian, Benny came into the Academy as an under nine and is more of an attack-minded player who possesses great speed and quick feet, which allows him to dominate opponents in one-v-one attacking situations.

"His progression over the last three or four years has been rapid, which has meant exposure

to Under-21s football, which he has taken to without any issues – even scoring a hat-trick earlier in the season against Northampton.

"He's another one of our young talents I'm delighted has decided to commit his future to the club, and like Christian, I'm looking forward to him now pushing on and continuing to make a mark around the first team."

Matt Bloomfield added: "I've been really impressed with the quality of players coming through our academy in the short time we've been here, and Christian and Benny are evidence of that.

"They have both performed well in the Under-21s Premier League Cup matches I've seen, and I know that when they've trained with

the first team, they've impressed and grown in confidence with each session.

"There is a lot of great work going on in the academy and for two lads to have come through from Under-7s together to sign professional contracts together is fantastic, it shows that there is a pathway for local boys to succeed at Luton Town.

"Most importantly though, they are good characters who understand the hard work that needs to continue to succeed. We are looking forward to working with them both along with the many more talented youngsters coming through at The Brache."

Congratulations to Christian and Benny – keep up the hard work, boys!



Benny and Christian pictured together back row far right as under-12s

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Plymouth Argyle are in town tonight as they make the long trek from Devon to Bedfordshire for a huge Championship game.

Miron Muslic's side have been in good form lately and will come to Kenilworth Road full of confidence.

Up until the appointment of Muslic as manager, Argyle were struggling under Wayne Rooney. However, since Muslic has come in, he has improved league form and pulled off a win which will be forever remembered by the Argyle fans.

This win was a 1-0 victory at Home Park against Liverpool in what will be remembered in the history books as a true upset. A Ryan Hardie penalty was enough to beat the current Premier League leaders.

In the league, form has improved as well but this isn't without the odd blip. Wins against Millwall, West Brom and a big draw away at Sunderland also came with defeats to Burnley, QPR and Blackburn.

While the Pilgrims have recorded a number of good results at Home Park this season, it is on their travels where they have struggled. The Argyle faithful have yet to see their side win on their travels in the Championship and only scored five times in 16 away fixtures.

Plymouth will be hoping for a better result here than their last visit to Kenilworth Road. Back in 2018/19 the Town ran out 5-1 winners on their way to the League One title with James Collins hitting a hat-trick.

We'd like to extend a warm welcome to Kenilworth Road to all those associated with Plymouth Argyle tonight.

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THE SQUAD



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- 3 DF Nathanael Ogbeta
- 4 MF Jordan Houghton
- 5 DF Julio Pleguezuelo
- 6 DF Kornél Szűcs
- 8 DF Joe Edwards
- 9 FW Ryan Hardie
- 11 MF Callum Wright
- 14 FW Michael Obafemi
- 15 FW Mustapha Bundu
- 17 DF Tymoteusz Puchacz
- 18 MF Darko Gyabi
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- 25 DF Nikola Katić
- 26 FW Muhamed Tijani
- 28 MF Rami Al Hajj
- 29 DF Matthew Sorinola
- 30 MF Michael Baidoo
- 31 GK Daniel Grimshaw
- 33 GK Zak Baker
- 34 MF Caleb Roberts
- 35 FW Freddie Issaka
- 40 DF Maksym Talovierov
- 44 DF Victor Pálsson

PROFILES

Words by Zac Neal

THE BOSS

MIRON MUSLIC

Austrian manager who was appointed Argyle manager in January 2025. Guided Plymouth to a famous cup win over Liverpool.

GOALKEEPER

CONOR HAZARD ▼

Celtic academy product who has spent time on loan with Dundee, Partick Thistle and HJK Helsinki. Been with Plymouth since July 2023.

DEFENDERS

NIKOLA KATIC

Bosnian International defender who is currently at Home Park on loan from FC Zurich. Scored in Argyle's 5-1 win over Millwall recently.

VICTOR PALSSON

Icelandic centre-back with experience all across Europe. Played for the likes of Hibernian, Helsingborgs, FC Zurich, Schalke, Darmstadt and Eupen.



MAKSYM TALOVIEROV

Signed for the Pilgrims in January from LASK and made his debut against West Brom. Also a regular for the Ukrainian national team.

KORNEL SZUCS

A regular in defence for Argyle this season after signing from Kecskementi last summer and has since gone on to be a key player.

MATTHEW SORINOLA

Former MK Dons defender who spent time with Union SG before returning to the EFL with Swansea and now Plymouth.

MIDFIELDERS

DARKO GYABI

A regular in the midfield for Plymouth this term after joining from Leeds in 2023. Scored in the Pilgrims' 3-3 draw with Middlesbrough.

ADAM RANDELL

Academy product who has played well over 100 times for the club. Scored at Pride Park earlier this season in a 1-1 draw with Derby.

TYMOTUESZ PUCHACZ

Polish winger who is currently on loan at Argyle from Holstein Kiel. Has vast experience in the Polish, German, Turkish and Greek leagues.

JORDAN HOUGHTON

Came through the Chelsea academy and signed for Plymouth permanently in 2021. Now in his second spell after a brief loan spell in 2016.



RAMI AL HAJJ ▲

Swedish midfielder who has previously played for OB and Heerenveen. Scored in the Pilgrims' 3-1 against the Hatters in September.

BALI MUMBA

Fans' favourite who began with the club firstly on loan from Norwich City before making the move permanent in 2023.

FORWARDS

MUSTAPHA BUNDU

Regular starter for the Pilgrims since signing from FC Andorra. Scored in Plymouth's 5-1 victory over Millwall.

CALLUM WRIGHT

Came through the ranks at Leicester before making a name for himself at Cheltenham. Played over 70 times for Plymouth since January 2023.

MICHAEL BAIDOO

New arrival for Plymouth who signed from Elfsborg in January. Scored 15 goals for his previous club last season.

MUHAMED TIJANI

Striker who was another January signing as he has made the move to Home Park on loan from Slavia Prague until the end of the season.

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A FOOT IN BOTH



DWIGHT MARSHALL

Dwight joined Plymouth in 1991 and finished top scorer in his first season. A £150,000 move to Luton in 1994 saw the lightning-quick striker top score once more but a badly broken ankle at Sunderland in 1996 was blamed for the Hatters sinking to relegation. Dwight would leave Kenilworth Road in 1998 after scoring 38 times in 155 games and eventually rejoined Argyle.

PILGRIMS CULT HERO

As Argyle legends go it's hard not to look past **Mickey Evans**. A local talent, he debuted at 17 in 1990 and played his final game nearly 16 years later. He first scored in 1991 and became crucial during Argyle's 1993/94 playoff push, netting seven goals in nine games.

After leading Argyle back from relegation in 1996, he moved to Southampton for a club-record £650,000, but a managerial change saw him sidelined, leading to moves to West Brom and Bristol Rovers, where injuries and poor form stalled his career.

In 2001, he returned to Argyle, becoming the heart of Paul Sturrock's side. His strength and selflessness helped drive the club up the divisions, though his goal tally didn't reflect his importance to the Greens.

His Argyle career would end poetically in 2006 with a memorable winning goal against Ipswich. A brief stint at Torquay followed before he retired but the Home Park faithful will never forget his tireless and unselfish work in attack – not forgetting his part in three promotions.



FIXTURE FLASHBACK

TOWN 2-0 PLYMOUTH - DIVISION THREE 2nd FEBRUARY 2002

The Town and Argyle were fighting for promotion from the fourth tier in 2001/02 with the Pilgrims the more consistent and miserly in defence.

Joe Kinnear's Hatters, on the other hand, were free-scoring but were prone to the occasional lapse so when the two sides met in February at Kenilworth Road it was the visitors who led the way at the top of the table.

In what was the first full house at the Old Girl in eight years, a pulsating top-of-the-table tussle ensued.

With Argyle happy to sit back and play for a point, the Town struggled to break down the resolute Plymouth defence.

However, the game turned 10 minutes from time when Matthew Taylor was brought down in the penalty area and Kevin

Nicholls thumped home the resultant penalty.

There was only one winner after that and Steve Howard brought the house down with a close range header to seal the points in the closing stages.

For the visitors it would be a minor blip on their way to the Third Division title, finishing five points ahead of the Town on 102 points.





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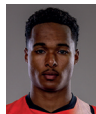
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At Saturday's game with Sheffield United Liam Walsh was named man-of-the-match by sponsors Hardings and the midfielder received his award post-match in the Eric Morecambe Lounge.

We also had the pleasure of welcoming eight mascots who got the full matchday experience, meeting their favourite players before leading the team on the pitch prior to kick-off.

Tonight we welcome match sponsors Adbly and two mascots and we hope all of our guests have a wonderful evening and are able to cheer the team to victory.

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12.30pm	
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Plymouth Argyle v Cardiff City	
Sunderland v Hull City	
3pm	
Coventry City v Preston NE	
Norwich City v Stoke City	
Portsmouth v QPR	
Swansea City v Blackburn Rovers	
West Brom v Oxford United	



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GOALS

Borja Sainz	15
Norwich City	
Joël Piroe	14
Leeds United	
Josh Maja	12
West Brom	
Wilson Isidor	11
Sunderland	
Emmanuel Latte Lath	11
Middlesbrough	



GOAL
ASSISTS

Tom Fellows	11
West Brom	
Jack Rudoni	10
Coventry City	
Finn Azaz	9
Middlesbrough	
Josh Murphy	8
Portsmouth	
Ben Doak	7
Middlesbrough	

Stats correct as of 16/2/25

TABLE AND STATS 2024/25
AS OF 16/02/2025

		P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	PTS
1	Sheff Utd	33	22	6	5	47	23	24	70
2	Leeds	32	20	9	3	66	19	47	69
3	Burnley	33	17	14	2	39	9	30	65
4	Sunderland	32	17	11	4	49	28	21	62
5	Blackburn	33	15	6	12	39	31	8	51
6	West Brom	33	11	15	7	42	31	11	48
7	Coventry	33	13	8	12	44	41	3	47
8	Bristol City	33	11	13	9	41	37	4	46
9	Sheff Wed	33	12	9	12	46	50	-4	45
10	Watford	33	13	6	14	43	48	-5	45
11	Middlesbrough	32	12	8	12	50	43	7	44
12	Norwich	33	11	11	11	51	45	6	44
13	QPR	33	11	11	11	39	41	-2	44
14	Millwall	32	10	11	11	32	33	-1	41
15	Preston North End	32	9	14	9	34	38	-4	41
16	Oxford Utd	33	9	11	13	34	47	-13	38
17	Swansea	33	10	7	16	34	46	-12	37
18	Portsmouth	33	9	9	15	41	55	-14	36
19	Stoke	32	8	11	13	31	40	-9	35
20	Cardiff	32	7	11	14	35	54	-19	32
21	Hull	32	7	9	16	32	43	-11	30
22	Derby	33	7	8	18	33	46	-13	29
23	Plymouth	32	6	10	16	34	66	-32	28
24	Luton	32	7	6	19	30	52	-22	27

PLAYER STATISTICS

PLAYER	LEAGUE			THIS SEASON CUP			TOTAL			DISCIPLINARY		LTCF CAREER TOTAL	
	APP	SUB	GLS	APP	SUB	GLS	APP	SUB	GLS	YELLOW	RED	APP	GLS
Thelo Aasgaard	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	0
Elijah Adebayo	25	6	5	1	1	0	26	7	5	1	0	174	47
Millenic Alli	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	0
Mads Andersen	4	2	0	0	1	0	4	3	0	2	0	17	1
Shandon Baptiste	7	5	0	0	1	0	7	6	0	2	0	13	0
Amari'i Bell	17	0	0	2	0	0	19	0	0	1	0	143	2
Josh Bowler	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0
Jacob Brown	10	13	3	0	1	0	10	14	3	2	0	46	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	16	1	1	1	0	0	17	1	1	5	0	96	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	3	1	0	1	0	0	4	1	0	1	0	5	0
Thomas Kaminski	31	0	0	2	0	0	33	0	0	2	1	71	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	30	0	3	1	0	0	31	0	3	3	0	31	3
Teden Mengi	14	1	1	0	0	0	14	1	1	2	0	50	2
Carlton Morris	25	4	7	2	0	0	27	4	7	6	0	125	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	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	71	4
Marvelous Nakamba	13	5	0	2	0	0	15	5	0	2	0	54	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	5	8	0	1	1	0	6	9	0	1	2	15	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

WORDS BY ZAC NEAL

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Last weekend was another entertaining matchweek in the Championship as all games brought endless drama to the table as usual.

On the Friday night, QPR thrashed Derby 4-0 under the lights at Loftus Road in a routine win for Marti Cifuentes' side. It was a nightmare start for John Eustace at Derby who joined as manager from Blackburn earlier in the week.

The following day, Cardiff scored a late equaliser to draw 1-1 with Bristol City thanks to Yousef Salech. Portsmouth ended Gary Rowett's winning run at home as they ran out 2-0 winners at the Kassam Stadium.

Blackburn beat our opponents tonight, Plymouth, 2-0 at Ewood Park in a fine win for Rovers. Adam Forshaw scored against his former side in dramatic fashion.

Burnley kept an 11th consecutive clean sheet in a 0-0 at Preston.

Hull and Norwich shared the points at the MKM Stadium as goals from Matt Crooks and Josh Sargent meant the spoils were shared. Also in Yorkshire, Middlesbrough went down 1-0 at home to Watford.

Coventry won the game late on against Sheffield Wednesday after a James Beadle error allowed Ellis

Simms to capitalise for the Sky Blues.

Stoke secured a massive 3-1 win at home to Swansea as the Potters came from behind in the last half-an-hour to earn all three the points while Millwall and West Brom drew 1-1 at the Den.



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TOWN TEASERS

Our resident quizmaster took the weekend off on Saturday so he's back with a bumper quiz this evening. Sadly, you'll win no prizes, just the utmost respect from our editor and quizmaster.

1. Brighton's Fabian Hurzeler became the youngest ever Premier League manager this season. Which Welsh manager had previously held this record since 2003 as a 32-year-old?
2. Who is the only player to win the Premier League golden boot four times?
3. Which player holds the record for the most Premier League hat tricks with 12?
4. Which player scored the first goal for England under Lee Carsley in September?
5. Who holds the record for the most England caps as a substitute with 35 between 2004-2017?
6. Who scored a hat-trick for the Hatters the last time Plymouth visited Kenilworth Road?
7. On this day in 2013 the Town drew 1-1 at Macclesfield - who scored the Luton goal?
8. Which Championship club have scored the most outside the box so far this season?
9. Which club recorded the lowest attendance in League One this season?
10. What stadium has the largest capacity in League Two?
11. Including this current one how many seasons has VAR been in the Premier League?
12. Who was fouled to win the free-kick from which David Beckham scored against Greece in 2001?
13. Who is the only Englishman to have won the Champions League as a player to have also managed in League 2?
14. Who in 2005 became the first player to be sent off twice for England?
15. What is the full name of the Norwich City manager?
16. What is our highest position in our history?
17. Which club did we beat to reach the final of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy in 2009?
18. Which club did Plymouth join Sonny Bradley from?
19. Which club has played the most seasons in the top flight?
20. Before the start of this season how many individual players had played for Luton Town?

HOW DID YOU SCORE?

16-20 SIMON PITTS. Standing ovation from our #1 commentator.
 7-15 COURTNEY PITT. A performance of a half decent loan signing.
 0-6 THE PITS. Room for improvement but at least it's not minus 30.

ANSWERS: 1 Chris Coleman 2 Thierry Henry 3 Sergio Aguero 4 Decian Rice 5 Jermain Defoe 6 James Collins 7 Andre Gray 8 Norwich 9 Burton 10 Stadium MK 11 Six seasons 12 Teddy Sheringham 13 Paul Scholes 14 David Beckham 15 Johannes Hoff Thorup 16 Seventh in the top-flight 17 Brighton 18 Crawley 19 Everton 20 1,359



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A HOME AWAY FROM HOME

It's widely known that Plymouth took part in the first competitive match at Kenilworth Road in 1905, but we also have a long history with Argyle's Home Park, playing there 51 times to date.

In fact, only Loftus Road (54) and Griffin Park (53) have been visited more often.

The first game was on the 3rd October 1903 during Plymouth's inaugural season in the Southern League.

On a day of brilliant sunshine 10,000 lined the ropes of the ground, and though the game was to turn into a fairly turgid 0-0 draw, the crowd were treated to the sight of two players who would become legendary figures for both clubs.

Fred Hawkes was born on 17th April 1881 in Luton. He was a schoolboy football star in the town, winning medals while playing for the Christ

Church School team and going on to make his first team debut in a Football League match against Loughborough in March 1900.

He'd be a mainstay of the team for the next 20 years, appearing in an incredible 625 out of the 715 games the Hatters played in that period, a tally which makes him Town's record appearance holder.

Often part of a much-feared half-back line with fellow club legends Fred White and Bob Hawkes (no relation), he was an excellent passer of the ball with good anticipation, and was never afraid to put in a strong challenge. A hat stapler by trade and a Lutonian through and through, he died in 1953.

Fred was facing up against Bob Jack. Hailing from Alloa, Bob had moved south to Bolton where he spent six seasons and established a reputation as one of the game's fastest

wingers, one who might have gone onto even greater fame but for a nasty ankle injury.

He would make 105 appearances for Argyle, but it was as manager and general secretary where he'd leave his greatest mark on the club.

After a brief spell as player-manager he returned to Home Park in 1910 and was in charge when the club moved into the Football League in 1920.

In a remarkable spell, he led Plymouth to six second-place finishes in the Division Three South, before finally achieving promotion in the 1929/1930 season.

In charge for an incredible 28 years, he will surely forever remain Argyle's longest-serving manager. It's no surprise, therefore, that when Bob died in 1943, his ashes were scattered at Home Park.

DID YOU KNOW?

Thanks in large part to Fred and Bob, Hawkes is by far the most common surname to appear in Town lineups (1,158 times). Johnson is the next on the list (683).

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Fred Hawkes (top) and Bob Jack ▼



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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 Pilgrims.

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1. Roy Davies heads in the Town's second goal in the 3-1 home win over Argyle in October 1954 on the way to promotion to the top flight.
2. Ron Davies forces home the third goal during the 3-0 home victory against Plymouth in April 1963.
3. In a promotion six-pointer Steve Howard heads in the Hatters' second goal to seal victory over Plymouth at Kenilworth Road in February 2002.
4. James Collins nets the Town's fifth and his third goal in the 5-1 home win against Argyle in November 2018.



ON THIS DAY

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

Second-half goals from Cameron Jerome and Allan Campbell earned the Town a comfortable home win over West Brom in the Championship on this day three years ago.



The game's first chance on goal came to the Hatters when Elijah Adebayo and Tom Lockyer combined well, with the Welshman delivering the ball into the box to Admiral Muskwe, whose audacious flick was straight at Sam Johnstone.

West Brom were next to see an effort on goal. Andy Carroll won the ball back from a Jed Steer goal kick, and played through Karlan Grant, who saw his short parried wide for a corner.

Five minutes before half-time, Town almost handed the lead to the Baggies. Kal Naismith's attempted switch was intercepted by Grant, who forced Steer in the Town goal into a smart stop.

The let-off seemed to spark the Hatters into life, as they broke well from a West Brom attack. Campbell surged forward and fed Jerome, whose effort looked destined for the far corner, but the ball came back out off the post.

However, 10 minutes into the second half, Town took the lead. Amari'i Bell was fouled by Carroll, and from the resulting free-kick, Jerome rose highest from Naismith's cross to head beyond Johnstone.

The three points were safe seven minutes from time. Campbell was given too much time and space on the edge of the West Brom area and the Scotsman found the top corner with a brilliant effort.

Elijah Adebayo battling with Kyle Bartley



Cameron Jerome celebrates

Jed Steer lines up next to Kal Naismith and Gabe Osho ahead of the match



That's going in! Allan Campbell has doubled the Hatters lead!

Henri Lansbury tussling with Andy Carroll



ALSO ON THIS DAY...

The Town were victorious on their first outing on this day, beating Newcastle United 3-1 in a Division Two fixture back in 1898... Our first away win on this day came in 1910 with a 3-2 win at Croydon Common in the Southern League... That would be the Town's last win on this day until 1953 when two goals from Jesse Pye earned a 2-1 win at Notts County... It was a 22-year wait for the next win on 19th February when two goals from Ron Futchter (below) secured a 2-0 win over Charlton at Kenilworth Road in 1977... The Town have won three of the last four on this day, beating Bristol Rovers 3-0 in 2002, Bradford in 2005 and West Brom in 2022.



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.

Kevin Nicholls bangs home the late penalty against Walsall



Seven points clear at the top, the Town's next game was a trip to Bradford City, who sat just outside the play-offs, where manager Mike Newell picked the same side that had won at Hartlepool in midweek apart from Steve Howard replacing Enoch Showunmi.

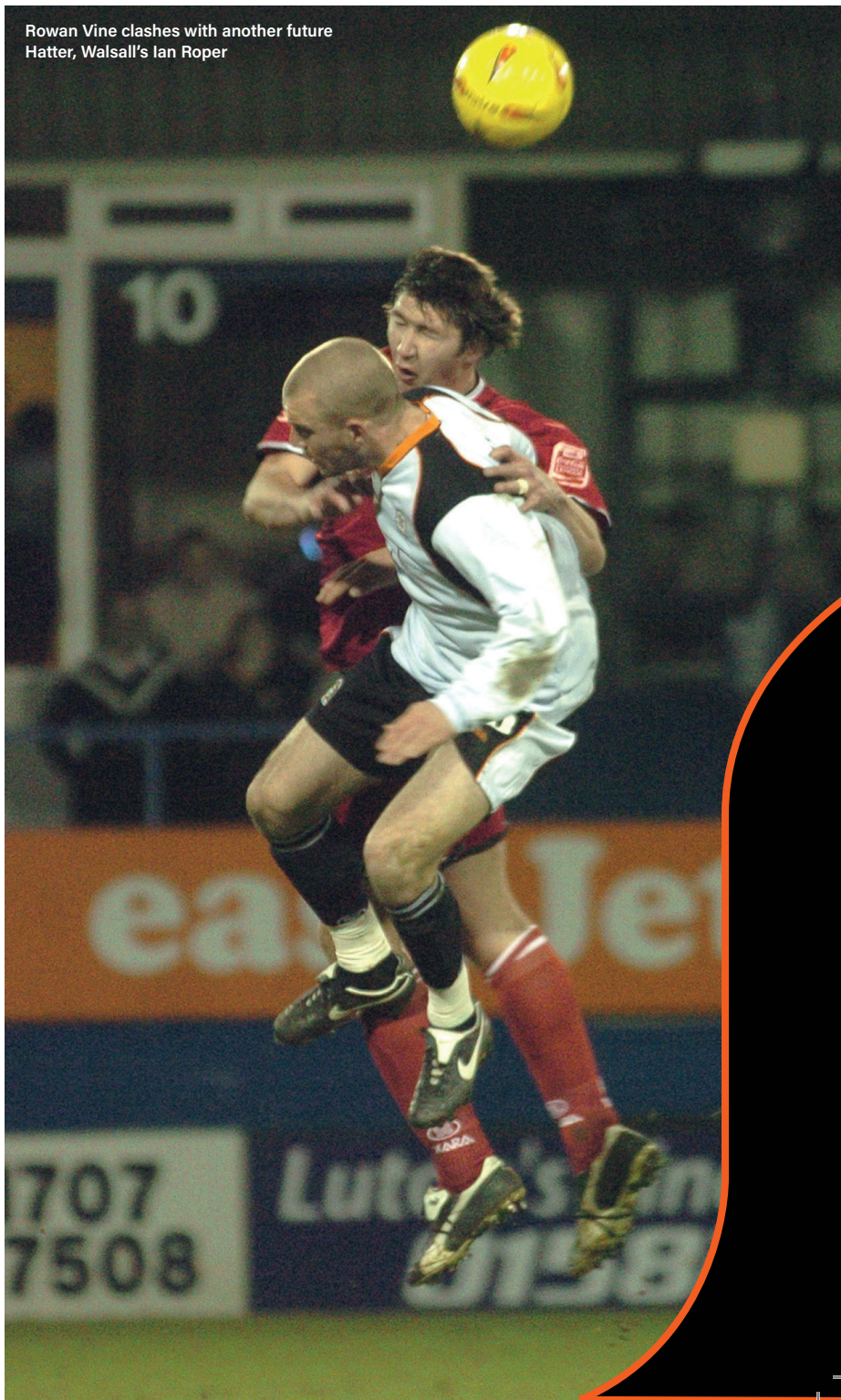
The Bantams had not won a home game for four months and so recruited 'Jake the performing dog' to Valley Parade given that his antics had inspired Reading, Swindon, Torquay and Yeovil to end barren home runs.

In a frantic opening spell, the Hatters might have scored three times in the first 10 minutes. Firstly, Ahmet Brkovic was upended in the box by City's goalkeeper Paul Henderson who complained long and hard and was surprisingly not booked for his histrionics while the innocent Brkovic was carded along with future Hatter Lewis Emanuel.

Normally deadly from the spot, skipper Kevin Nicholls saw his penalty kick saved by Henderson with a tremendous dive which was bettered a couple of minutes later when he pushed a rasping shot from Rowan Vine around a post.

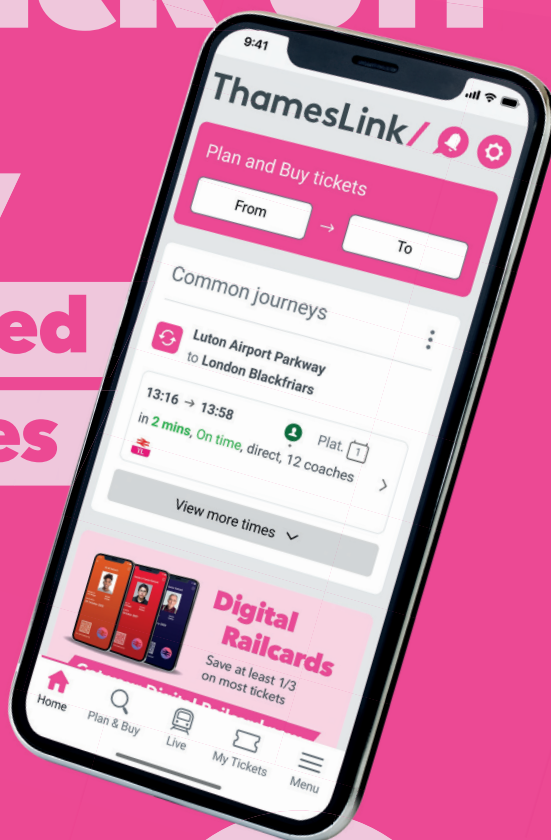
From the subsequent corner, City failed to clear their lines properly leaving Chris Coyne to tee up Rowan Vine who fired in off the post from 22 yards.

Rowan Vine clashes with another future Hatter, Walsall's Ian Roper



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From then until the interval the excitement dropped considerably as the sides cancelled each other out but in the second period City came more into the game where the Luton defence and in particular goalkeeper Marlon Beresford stood firm.

The closest the Bantams came to scoring was in the 88th minute when Steven Schumacher smacked a shot against the post. The effort was similar to Vine's but as Mike Newell said afterwards, "This is the sort of thing that happens when one side is at the top of the table and the other one isn't."

Newell also said: "We're delighted with the result of course but we're not happy with the performance. We've gone from one

extreme to the other in a few days. We were really pleased with the way we played at Hartlepool but we looked leggy here and rode our luck at times.

"We started off well enough and took it to them in the first 15 minutes but lost it after that. We didn't get the ball down or keep possession anywhere near as well as we did the other night. We couldn't pass it or get close to anybody, and I thought it was a poor game.

"But it's all about results at the end of the day and we're delighted with the win."

Next up came a visit from Walsall who sat in mid-table. Mindful of the runaround the Saddlers had given them earlier

in the season, the Town kept the same eleven that started at Bradford City and were extremely pleased to see player-manager Paul Merson, who ran the show at the Bescot, on the bench rather than starting.

Once again, the Hatters were quickly out of the blocks but did not have their shooting boots on. Shots from Robinson, Howard, Coyne and Brkovic whistled past the post while an effort from Vine was well fielded by Joe Murphy in the Walsall goal.

The one-way traffic continued until the interval, but the game became scrappy in the second half as the Town battled against a resolute Saddlers defence. That is until the two minutes from time when Walsall's

Neil Emblen pushed Coyne in the area for a nailed-on penalty.

If skipper Nicholls was worried about the spot kick following his miss at Bradford it did not show as he calmly sent Day the wrong way to secure another valuable three points.

A relieved Mike Newell reflecting on the game said: "We can't play well in every game, but we've picked up maximum points in the last four matches and have gone 14 without defeat which is the longest run we've had all season. We're hard to beat and that's why we are where we are,

"We've got 12 cup finals left and the aim is to keep the unbeaten run going to the end of the season."

Rowan Vine tangles with the Bantams' future Hatter Lewis Emanuel



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INSIDE A KIT COLLECTOR'S WARDROBE

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

"There's only one Micky Harford!" were the cries ringing around Kenilworth Road on 4th May 2019.

We went on to beat Oxford on the final day of the season to clinch, and then lift, the League One championship trophy.

It marked the end of a fantastic season, one that saw the highs of that pre-Christmas run that made us believe promotion could be on the cards, to the lows of our manager leaving halfway through the season. We needn't have worried though, Mick came in and did a

wonderful job to secure us the league.

It may be those winning memories that make me see this shirt through rose-tinted glasses. I love this shirt!

Made by Puma, this was a significant upgrade from the previous season's design. We had a slight two-tone block orange stripe effect going on, with black trim around the neckline and down the sleeves. Indigo Residential replaced SsangYong as our sponsor too.

The shade of orange (slightly darker than the

previous years) and the black trim really works, as does the white Puma logo on the sleeves. Puma certainly knew how to make their logo stand out!

There are so many players and key moments that remind me of this shirt. Andrew Shinnie running things in midfield, constantly pinging the ball to either Jack Stacey or James Justin who were steaming down the flanks.

George Moncur scoring THAT free-kick against Portsmouth on a freezing January

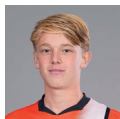
midweek evening, James Collins' hat-tricks against Peterborough and Plymouth, and the 86th-minute equaliser from Jason Cummings at home to Blackpool all spring to mind.

It also made me remember one of the more iconic centre-back pairings we've had in a while; one wore a magic hat, and the other had questionable tattoos – Matty Pearson and former captain, Sonny Bradley. What a defence we had that season!

A lovely shirt that evokes so many wonderful memories.

ACADEMY SQUADS

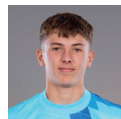
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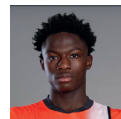
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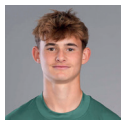
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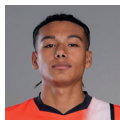
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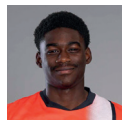
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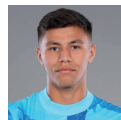
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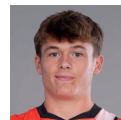
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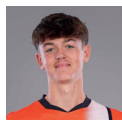
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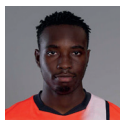
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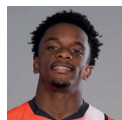
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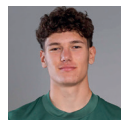
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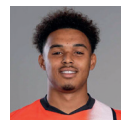
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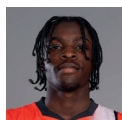
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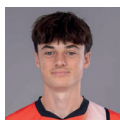
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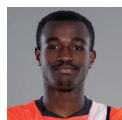
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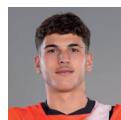
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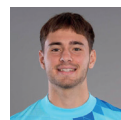
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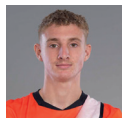
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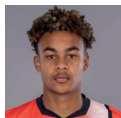
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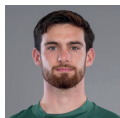
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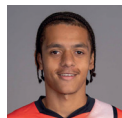
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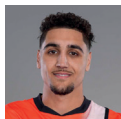
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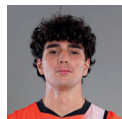
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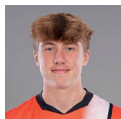
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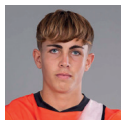
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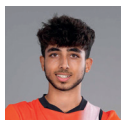
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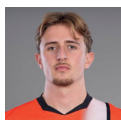
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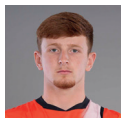
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THE YOUTH OF TODAY

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

Name...
Christian Chigozie

Date of birth...
23/11/2007

Born... Zaragoza, Spain

Position...
Centre-back

Joined Luton as a... under-7

Previous club...
Luton Sporting

Boots I'm wearing...
Nike Tiempo

First teamer's boots I'm cleaning...
Teden Mengi's

Earliest Luton Town memory...
Kick-ups with a tennis ball in my first training session

Coach who's impacted me the most...
Craig Alcock

Football memory that makes me smile... Being on the bench in the Premier League



Best moment of my career to date... Making the subs' bench at Man City and Arsenal

I would be a better player if I... got my body into better positions

Dream first-team squad number... 6

Teammate who could go all the way... Benny Benagr

If I could play with anyone it would be... Messi

Favourite film...
John Wick

Favourite food...
Lasagne

Favourite training drill...
50-pass game

Hobbies outside of football...
Basketball and swimming

Describe yourself in one word... Hard-working



Tate Xavier-Jones
nets from the spot
against Brighton



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UNDER-21s CREATE HISTORY

Three second half goals sent the Town Under-21s through to the knockout stages of the Premier League Cup for the first time with a superb 3-0 win over Brighton.

A goalless first half saw Jack Lorentzen-Jones go closest for the Hatters with a free-kick from the edge of the box that flashed wide.

But the second half was anything but quiet as the Town, knowing only a win would do for them to progress past the group stages, pushed for victory.

Josh Phillips spurned a huge chance to put the Town in front 11 minutes after the restart when

shooting into the side-netting from close range.

But the winger did not let that disappointment affect him as on the hour his left-wing trickery saw his cross converted by Dylan Stitt from eight yards.

Brighton, knowing a point would send them through at the Hatters' expense, came close to levelling when Harry Howell's free-kick flew wide.

The Town almost doubled their lead on 66 minutes when Taylan Harris teed up Lorentzen-Jones but his drive from the edge of the area was held by Hugo Fisher in the Brighton goal.

However, the Hatters were not to be denied with seven minutes to go. Jamie Odeghah robbed Seagulls captain

Charlie Penman of the ball in the box to square for Phillips to tap home to make it 2-0.

As time ticked down Brighton threw caution to the wind and a goalmouth scramble saw the Town prevent the visitors from pinching one back as the clock struck 90.

The officials added 10 minutes of injury time but the Hatters defence continued to hold firm in the closing stages despite heavy pressure from the Seagulls.

But with the game almost up the Town youngsters added extra gloss to seal a wonderful victory when Tate Xavier-Jones was upended in the box and the under-18s striker dusted himself down to convert the resultant penalty.

Victory ensures Alex Lawless' side are in the hat for the second round of the competition as one of the best group runners-up.

Their reward is a trip to Nottingham Forest in the knockout phase. Full fixture details will be announced in due course.

UNDER-18s CONTINUE WINNING WAYS

Joe Deeney's Under-18s meanwhile maintained their superb recent form in the Youth Alliance by making it nine wins in their last 10 league games.

Having overtaken AFC Wimbledon at the top of the table their latest victory saw them beat Cambridge United 3-1 at The Brache on Saturday.

Samuel Hincapie-Alfonso, a penalty from Tate Xavier-Jones and a third from Charlie Trustram ensured the Town kept up their magnificent form to maintain their place at the top.

The result made for a good week for Deeney's youngsters after a goal from Benny Benagr secured a 1-0 win over Swindon to reach the quarter-finals of the Youth Alliance Cup.

GOOD LUCK AIDAN

Academy graduate Aidan Francis-Clarke has left Kenilworth Road and signed permanently for National League club Braintree Town.

The centre-back had been with the Hatters

since joining our academy as an under-15 and had featured on the bench for the first team in the Premier League last season.

After previously enjoying loan spells at St Albans City and Dagenham & Redbridge, the 20-year-old joined Braintree on loan in January and has since helped the Iron to three wins and two draws in his first six matches.

That loan has now been turned into a permanent transfer and Aidan helped his new side to a fine 2-0 win over high-flying Forest Green on Saturday.

Aidan leaves with the best wishes of everyone at Luton Town for his future career.

U18 Fixtures & Results

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	W 3-1
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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*lost on penalties 4-3



Samuel Hincapie-Alfonso celebrates against Cambridge

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HE'S ONE OF OUR OWN!

HERBERT MOODY

One of Luton's famous sons, Herbert 'Bert' Moody was born in the town in 1880 and came to prominence as a maker and taker of goals at schoolboy level before joining Luton Stanley.

With clubs sniffing around, the Town took the unusual, for the time, decision to award him a contract in 1897 and then let him learn his trade with the reserve side.

He eventually made his first team debut in February 1902 and after a slow start came to the fore and by the following campaign was one of the first names on the teamsheet becoming a regular scorer.

Bigger clubs took an interest leading to Bert joining Leicester Fosse in 1905 to play alongside his former teammates Jimmy Blessington and Jimmy Durrant. He enjoyed his first season at Filbert Street but not so much his second, with Blessington and Durrant departed and was glad to come home in 1907.

Finishing top scorer in four of the next five seasons he became a real terrace favourite with the fans disappointed when, following the Town's relegation to Southern League Division Two in 1912, he decided to move to Millwall where he was to spend the next eight years before hanging up his boots at the age of 40.

After retiring, Bert worked as an Inspector in the Vauxhall Motors engineering department and passed away in Luton in 1959.

Bert is currently fifth on our list of all-time leading goalscorers with 106 goals in 266 games.

APPEARANCES: 266
GOALS: 106

CAREER TIMELINE



COMMUNITY TRUST

Last call for Half-Term Football Camps!

With February half-term now on there is still time to join our first camps of 2025 with availability.

The camps take place at a variety of venues in and around Luton and Dunstable and 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 recently.

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."

To see a full list of our venues, please visit www.lutontowncommunity.co.uk. For further information, please contact us at community@lutontown.co.uk.

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FEBRUARY HOLIDAY CAMPS

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BOOK NOW!

Book now for Talent Identification Programme in February – March!

Our Talent Identification Programme (TIPS) is the first step into our successful youth development system at Luton Town FC Community Trust.

Designed to support young players in their footballing journey, TIPS provides additional weekly training sessions aimed at enhancing their technical skills, game understanding and overall development as footballers.

Players will train in structured, half-term blocks, covering a range of key topics each week. Sessions include passing and receiving, dribbling, finishing, ball mastery, and much more, ensuring a well-rounded football education.

Our TIPS centres are open to boys and girls of all abilities from Year 1 to Year 7, creating an inclusive environment where every child can thrive and enjoy the game.

Our Football Development Manager, Alex Wallace, said: "The TIPS programme is a brilliant opportunity for young players to develop their skills and build confidence. It's also a

fantastic pathway for those aiming to progress into our elite squads."

We are excited to launch our upcoming TIPS programmes in Luton

and Dunstable, starting the week commencing 24th February.

For more information or to secure your child's place, visit

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

A red poster for the TIPS Talent Identification Programme. It features two footballers in orange and black kits. One player, wearing number 17, is in the foreground running and shouting. Another player, wearing number 19, is in the background with arms outstretched. The text on the poster includes: 'TIPS TALENT IDENTIFICATION PROGRAMME', 'WEDNESDAY - LUTON @ VENUE 360 GIPSY LANE, LUTON, LU1 3JH YEAR 1 - YEAR 4: 5:00 - 6:00PM YEAR 5 - YEAR 7: 6:00 - 7:00PM', 'FRIDAY - DUNSTABLE @ CREASEY PARK DUNSTABLE, LU6 1BB YEAR 1 - YEAR 7: 5:00 - 6:00PM', '£36 FOR 6 SESSIONS', 'BOOK NOW AT LUTONTOWNCOMMUNITY.CO.UK', and the Luton Town Football Club Community Trust logo.

TIPS
TALENT IDENTIFICATION PROGRAMME

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For many young people who participate in our Premier League Kicks sessions across Bedfordshire, Shipaar Miah is an inspirational figure.

In his role as Inclusion Officer for the Luton Town Community Trust, Shipaar co-ordinates and leads the delivery of our Premier League Kicks programme.

In recognition of his commitment and contribution to our local communities, Shipaar received our nomination as the Premier League Community Captain.

Premier League Kicks creates opportunities for young people at risk

of anti-social behaviour, youth violence and/or from high-need areas to regularly engage in football, sport, mentoring and personal development opportunities.

The Trust delivers seven free and inclusive Premier League Kicks sessions for children and young people aged 8-18 across Luton, Houghton Regis and Bedford with an average of 175 young people participating per week. Shipaar has been instrumental in a fifty per cent expansion of PL Kicks sessions over a two-season period.

Shipaar celebrated his achievement with a presentation of the

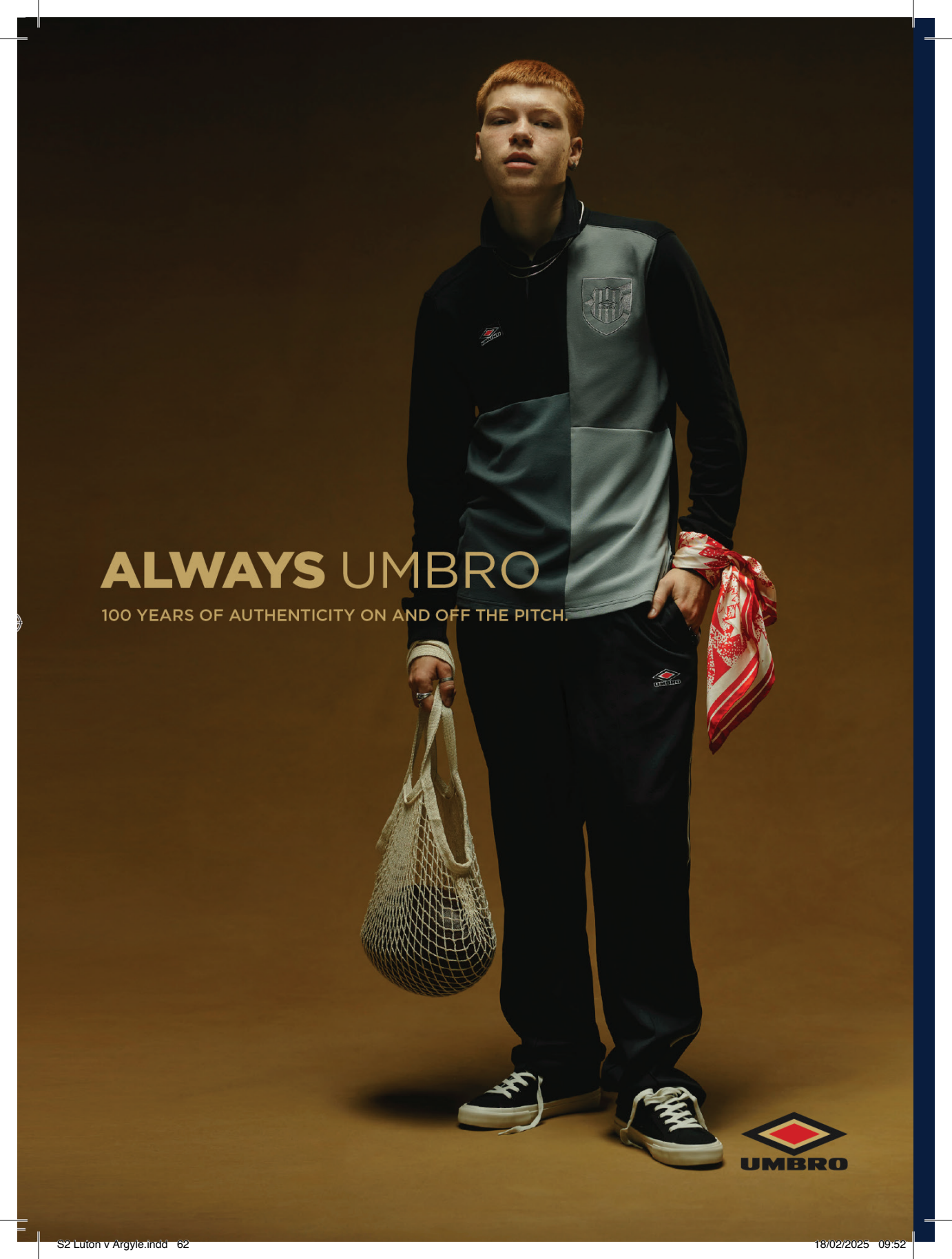
Community Captain armband, pennant and shirt at The Brache by Matt Bloomfield and Carlton Morris. Shipaar was given a guided tour of the training ground and met many of the men's first team players and Club colleagues.

Of Premier League Kicks, Shipaar says: "When I was growing up, we didn't have Premier League Kicks sessions or have people to talk to if we were having problems at home, school or in the community, it was either your teachers or parents and sometimes young people want to hear a different voice.

"A lot of boys I went to school with were tempted

down the wrong path and ended up in prison and with criminal records. These community-based interventions are so important in providing alternatives to crime and anti-social behaviour for our future generations and the support provided by the Premier League to enable this great work is vital."

Shipaar's Community Captain award is part of the Premier League's 'More Than A Game' celebration, which highlights the positive impact of Premier League investment into communities and clubs at every level of football throughout the year.



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LUTON TOWN LADIES

Ladies reach County Cup final

Luton Town Ladies reached the County Cup final on Sunday afternoon following a 5-0 thrashing of local rivals AFC Dunstable.

As ever, the Hatters started on the front foot. Some quick feet from Leyah Maddix enabled her to run into space, but was instantly closed down and her shot was blocked.

Just before the 20-minute mark, Jess McKay played an inch-perfect ball in behind the Dunstable defence for Maddix to collect but her shot was well saved by the Dunstable shot-stopper.

However Maddix eventually did get on the scoresheet. She picked up the ball on the right-hand side, sent the ball into the box and it looped over the keeper and into the back of the net to give the Hatters a 1-0 lead on the half-hour.

Ten minutes later, Luton doubled their lead. Jess McKay and Amber Leighton played a smart one-two, with the latter expertly picked out

All smiles after the 5-0 win over AFC Dunstable



McKay, to follow her run in behind the defence before making no mistake with her finish, poking the ball past the keeper to make it 2-0 to the Hatters at the break.

A controlled start to the second half for the Town was rewarded with a goal. Fiona Buttigieg, fresh off her international call up to the Malta Women's senior squad, fired the ball goalwards and a

touch off a Dunstable defender wrong-footed the keeper to extend the lead.

Fifteen minutes after being introduced, Tasha Fensome added a fourth. Maddix played the ball into McKay, who shielded the ball well and laid it off for Fensome who stroked home.

In the final minute of the 90, a rocket from

Leighton added a fifth for Luton. The ball broke free on the edge of the area and Leighton fired her first time shot into the top right corner of the goal.

The Ladies' reward will be a meeting against Real Bedford in the Bedfordshire County Cup final. The date and venue will be announced in due course.

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TONIGHT'S MASCOTS



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CURRY**

Hobbies: Football, Karate
Favourite Player:
Carlton Morris



**EDITH
CURRY**

Hobbies: Football,
Trampolining
Favourite Player:
Thomas Kaminski

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The latest from the Ticket Office

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SATURDAY 1ST MARCH 2025, KO 3PM

Tickets for our Sky Bet Championship fixture at Kenilworth Road against Portsmouth on Saturday 1st March, kick-off 3pm, are now on general sale to fans with purchasing history or Hatters Members (without history).

From Monday 10th February, diamond season card holders can book a ticket for a guest using one of their diamond vouchers. This method cannot be completed online, as the ticket office holds a list of diamond voucher usage and will advise if voucher usage is not available. Please email ticketoffice@lutontown.co.uk, phone or visit the ticket office for assistance.

Prices (Cat B)

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Further information

We recommend receiving your tickets digitally to enable you to print at home or send to any smartphone. Collection of tickets is available, but we strongly advise you to collect in advance of matchday.

We will offer postage of tickets ordered at this stage of the sales plan. Due to the time post appears to be taking currently in some areas, we recommend selecting digital tickets.

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If a game reaches general sale, then the seat may be passed to any other supporter. If, however, the fixture is only on sale to members, then the supporter who wishes to attend will need their own membership.

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The Hatters go behind enemy lines on Sunday for the 128th Luton versus Watford derby.

Over the years the Town have held the upper hand over the Hornets, winning 58 times compared to the Hertfordshire side's 39 victories. 30 of the meetings have ended all square.

But it's been a long wait for the Hatters' last victory at Vicarage Road. Not since goals from Matthew Spring (yes, that one) and Steve Howard earned us a 2-1 League Cup win in 2002 have we

had the joy of returning up the M1 with smiles on our faces.

For taking league points from our near neighbours' backyard you have to go back even further – 31 years in fact. Back in 1994 David Pleat's side won 4-2 in what now is the Championship thanks two goals from Paul Telfer and one each from Scott Oakes and Kerry Dixon.

Since being reacquainted with the Hornets following our reascent up the divisions, the Town have lost both meetings at Vicarage Road, going down 1-0 behind-closed-doors in September 2020 before a forgettable 4-0 loss in October 2022.

Both seasons saw the Town record wins at Kenilworth Road,

meaning the bragging rights were shared. A James Collins penalty doing the business here in April 2021 before the 2-0 victory in April 2023 with Gabe Osho and Allan Campbell on target.

The Hatters were once again on the winning side this term thanks to a 3-0 win back in October meaning the Town will head south on Sunday aiming to be the first Luton team to complete the league double over the Hornets since the 1987/88 season.

Watford have blown hot and cold this season with inconsistency frustrating Tom Cleverley's side. As we went to print the Hornets lay in 10th place in the Championship having won 1-0 at

Middlesbrough at the weekend.

That victory was just their fourth win in their last 16 in the Championship, a stark contrast to the 11 wins in the first 22 that had seen Cleverley's men among the top six.

Given the nature of the Championship, Saturday's win on Teesside leaves them three points off the play-offs and, having been beaten by the Hatters earlier in the campaign, they are likely to be dangerous opponents.

However, with a sold-out away end for Matt Bloomfield's first taste of a Luton-Watford derby, it has all the ingredients of another hugely anticipated trip to Vicarage Road.

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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 (FA)	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	24	0-1	11,461	1,324	Kaminski	Jones	Doughty	Naismith	McGuinness	Bell	Nakamba
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



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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
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Clark	Nelson	Chong	Adebayo	Andersen	Brown	MOSES 1	Woodrow	Taylor		Shea, Mpanzu, Nakamba, Walsh
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Krauß	CHONG 1	Morris	Adebayo	Baptiste	Brown	Walsh				Krul, Woodrow, Nakamba, Mpanzu, Taylor, Johnson
Krauß	Chong	Morris	BROWN 1	Adebayo	Baptiste	Nakamba				Krul, Holmes, Moses, Mpanzu, Walsh, Woodrow
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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
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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
Aasgaard	Walsh	Morris	Adebayo	Brown	Baptiste	Bowler	Alli			Krul, Walters, Andersen, Johnson, Nordås

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LAST WORD WITH



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TALKSPORT PRESENTER AND REPORTER

The last time I wrote in this programme was on the 19th October for our game against Watford, when the season hadn't started the way we'd hoped and many of us feared the worst heading into derby day.

We'd been on a poor run of form, but Kenilworth Road was electric as it always is whenever we face them. You'll remember fondly that we went on to beat them 3-0 with Jordan Clark, Carlton Morris and Jacob Brown on the scoresheet. What a day. Another one in our rich history.

Why am I bringing this up now? Because we need to harness that feeling, that atmosphere and that togetherness at this ground for our remaining seven home games of the season against every opponent. This is where we get the majority of our

points, and this is where we, as a set of supporters, can do our bit to help push the team to safety.

Saturday's game against Sheffield United was frustrating in terms of not getting something out of a game we deserved to take something out of. But there were so many positives to take which we must bring into tonight's game. I have no doubt that the squad will have been working hard on the training pitch the past few days to put us in the best place to take all three points.

Our opponents Plymouth have had a tough season themselves – when they beat us 3-1 at Home Park back in September, their manager at the time, Wayne Rooney, was struggling. They're now under a new boss, as are we, and Matt Bloomfield's methods and style are

starting to take shape and we are starting to snuff out some of the errors.

The Pilgrims' head coach Miron Muslic has started to get his side firing, and there is no doubt the FA Cup win over Liverpool will have given them a huge boost. However, their four-game unbeaten streak came to an end against Blackburn on Saturday and a win over them tonight under the lights at Kenilworth Road will take us back above them and off the bottom of the table.

Hopefully that will give us the confidence boost and bounce we need and I don't need to remind anyone reading this that the momentum could be perfect timing as we head to Vicarage Road at the weekend.

The players can't do it alone though, they

need to hear us tonight. Everyone has their own opinion, we all pay money to watch and are entitled to voice our discontent, but I do question whether booing the players is going to help the situation we find ourselves in.

It's not ideal, but the only way we can move forwards is by staying together so we need to stay positive and give the players, the manager and the club our full support.

We've been in tougher situations than this before and have always prided ourselves on being a tight-knit club, so let's show the love, bring the noise and get this season back on track.

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Matt BLOOMFIELD

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