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**The Hatters are back in business. Tuesday night's victory at Cardiff breathed new life into our Championship survival hopes.**

A huge shoutout to all who made the trip to South Wales to see our first win since September. Here's to a few more between now and the end of the season!

Today attention turns to Middlesbrough and a huge game here on home soil. We have some great memories of victories at Kenilworth Road against today's visitors down the years, so get behind the boys once more as we look to build on two wins from our last three games.

When the going gets tough, your support becomes even more important, so sing up for the Town and let's do this together.

Up the Town!

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| MATT BLOOMFIELD |

# THE BOSS

**Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for yet another important home fixture against Middlesbrough.**

I'd like to welcome Michael Carrick and his staff and players to Bedfordshire. Michael is a fantastic coach and his team come into today's game off the back of an important win on Tuesday night that keeps them in touch with the top six.

Of course we too come into this afternoon smiling after a victory in midweek. We knew the importance of the game at Cardiff and the boys responded with a fantastic result.

While it was disappointing to have fallen behind in the manner in which we did, the way the lads responded was first class. The spirit and determination shown

on the night was superb, matched by moments of quality, especially Clicker's wonderful equaliser.

I was also delighted with the way the whole squad played their part. The boys who we introduced in the second half had a really positive effect and that, as a manager, is always a good sign.

However, the best part was to be able to celebrate the victory with you at the end of the game. It was incredible. What we need to do now is to harness this feeling and belief and take it into the final nine games of what I am sure is going to be a rollercoaster end to the season.

Tuesday was a great moment but I'm sure there will be some difficult ones between now and May so we all need to make sure we stick together – even if the going gets tough.

We won't be getting carried away but we certainly enjoyed the moment. It's about using it as confidence and belief because we have a difficult match this afternoon.

However, we have a little bit of momentum now. Two wins in three games has given us a chance and we will be hoping we can go into the international break after today in an even better place. The only way we can do this is by keeping our feet on the floor, working hard and being ready to go come 3pm.

The win in South Wales quickly banished last weekend's defeat at Burnley where I don't think the scoreline reflected our performance and taking into the circumstances of Kal's red card. That's gone now and I'm incredibly happy that we were able to move

on and collect all three points at Cardiff.

I'm especially pleased that we were able to reward your loyal support. I know how much you all care about this club and I'm trying my best to make you all proud of this team. That's what gets me out of bed in the morning. For you to show up at Burnley and Cardiff in your numbers knowing our record away from home is humbling, so thank you.

Please keep up your brilliant backing of the team this afternoon. We're going to need you from minute one so get behind the lads and make Kenilworth Road the nasty, hostile and intimidating place that can make it so hard for visiting teams.

Enjoy the game.

Matt

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| TOM LOCKYER |

# CLUB CAPTAIN

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**How good did that feel on Tuesday night? Huge credit to everyone involved who saw us over the line at Cardiff, from the players, management and you the fans.**

A victory away from Kenilworth Road has been a long time coming. It's certainly long overdue. We all know that our record on the road has been poor but we have never given up so it was nice to come away with three points for the first time since that win at Millwall back in September.

There have been plenty of disappointments since then but now we have ended that run it's time – with nine games to go starting today – to use that as momentum to get ourselves out of the situation we find ourselves in.

We still sit in the relegation zone, though, so there is plenty of work still left to be done but that win in South Wales on Tuesday night has to give us the confidence to kick on now. The importance of the win cannot be underestimated against a side also struggling with us at the wrong end of the table. The win also shows we are capable of beating teams in and around us, and, with trips to Stoke, Derby and Hull all to come, having the belief we can go away and win will stand us in good stead.

What I was also delighted with was the manner of Tuesday's win. Many times this season our heads have dropped when we have gone a goal down but at Cardiff we rolled up our sleeves, kept

believing and eventually we got our rewards.

And what a way to equalise. Clicker has scored many important goals in his career with us but his goal on Tuesday was absolutely incredible. It was a brilliant strike. Then, 10 minutes from the end, Thelo stepped up and slammed home to put us in front. It was his first goal for us since joining from Wigan in the last transfer window. I'm sure it is the first of many in Luton colours. Good job, Thelo.

From that point, Cardiff were always going to push us back in search of an equaliser but I thought we saw out the final minutes pretty comfortably and I think you, like me, all breathed a huge sigh of relief when Thomas claimed that last long, high ball into the penalty area.







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GOOD JOB, THELO."**

As I've said, we've now got to use that win as motivation to keep going between now and the end of the season, starting today against Middlesbrough.

We were second best back at their place in November on an afternoon to forget. That's gone now and although it would be good to right some wrongs, all we're after this afternoon is three more points. You can already see how much a win can do to the state of the league table, so another win today for us could be massive.

Middlesbrough are pushing for a play-off place so need the points for different reasons but it's always an entertaining game against them here at the Kenny. Here's hoping we can come out on top again this time.

Your support has been unreal in the face of a lot of disappointment this season but we're all so glad we could repay a tiny bit of that at Cardiff on Tuesday. A huge thank you to those who have followed us on the road, in particular in the past two matches.

Please bring the noise this afternoon.

Come on Luton.







# BOARDROOM DAVID WILKINSON

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**Good afternoon, everyone, and a very warm welcome to Kenilworth Road for another huge occasion in which we are going to need every single Luton Town voice to be heard, loud and proud.**

We welcome our visitors from Middlesbrough, who have become regular opponents in recent years since our first game back in the Championship on that balmy early August evening here in 2019.

The noise generated when Sonny Bradley crashed home that emphatic volley for our first second tier goal in 12 years literally made the Main Stand shake – and we want this current squad and our opponents to have “the full Kenny experience”, as Jordan Clark so brilliantly put it in his post-match interview on Tuesday night.

Jordan was speaking with the passion and the character we have come to expect from a man who had just scored a stunning volley of his own at Cardiff, adding to his collection of iconic goals in a Luton Town shirt. He knows from first-hand experience on so many occasions exactly how good it feels to have more than 10,000 of us Lutonians roaring the team on at home, and what an impact we all can have on their performance.

It is a real pleasure to be able to write these

notes after a well-deserved and rare away win. Huge credit must go to the squad for the way they fought back from going behind, with Thelo Aasgaard netting the winner to cap a wonderful day for him personally having been called up to the senior Norway squad for the first time. Congratulations, Thelo.

That’s two wins in the last three games, six points from nine on offer, and it could well have been more if vital decisions hadn’t gone against us at crucial

times in both the Watford and Burnley games.

Matt’s game plans are definitely coming to fruition and we have been able to establish more control, even in the Sheffield United and Plymouth games when we didn’t get our rewards, but have been disrupted by frustratingly harsh or plain wrong decisions by officials.

The penalty for Watford was given in the 11th minute and changed the game completely. It is hardly surprising that when a team is on

**“WE WANT THIS CURRENT SQUAD AND OUR OPPONENTS TO HAVE ‘THE FULL KENNY EXPERIENCE’”**



a poor run and low in confidence are knocked by a bad decision so early it spoils the whole game. It is to the players' credit that heads didn't drop although clearly plans had to be altered.

In the Burnley game, Kal Naismith's red card was in the 19th minute. We thought at the time that it was harsh, and it probably contributed to their first goal. There were other questionable decisions, which may or may not have affected the result, but would almost certainly have affected the final score. Goals matter if you're in a dogfight at the bottom of the table.

If we in the stands are aghast by certain

decisions, how must that affect those on the pitch? My brother, who was an international rugby player, would have seen some of the tackles and holding that takes place in the penalty area at Twickenham. I remember a time when it used to be "if in doubt favour the attacker". When did that change?

These instances demonstrate how important it is for us to be loud and proud for our team. Those of you who went all the way to south Wales on a chilly Tuesday night were magnificent and were able to be heard by the players on the pitch and us from the other side of the ground. The connection from the

400-plus Hatters in the stand to the players and staff on the pitch was tangible, and we want to feel that again.

Currently, and in this position, it is so important that we be the 12th man. We generated an electric atmosphere here when we beat Sunderland in the second leg of the Championship play-off semi-final. It was that support that helped us to win a game that Sunderland already thought was done and dusted. We know that we have a squad capable of beating anyone in this division when they are at it, so let's make it easier for them to be at their best for the next nine games.

When we are all nervous, we can feel it. The last 15 minutes on Tuesday felt like a lifetime to me and the relief was palpable. You are the best supporters there are, and we know you are disappointed that we are in this position, but we can do this with your help. We owe Middlesbrough one for earlier in the season, so let's make this afternoon ours.

Elsewhere on the football side we continue to be encouraged by the performances of our academy teams and players on loan at other clubs.

Our Under-21s made it through to the knockout stage of the Premier League Cup for the first >>

**We're in it together!**





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time, but despite a good performance went down 2-0 to Nottingham Forest. Several of us went to the game at Loughborough University and were encouraged by the display.

On Tuesday our Under-17s reached the final of the PDL Cup after beating Bolton Wanderers 5-0. Our academy has had trouble keeping up with our progress at senior level, and of course in our Conference years we lost most of our talented players to bigger clubs for little or no reward.

However, as we've climbed the leagues, we have been able to attract better quality players, and the evidence is now showing in results and performances.

We are also hearing good reports on our players out on loan, in particular Oli Lynch at Hemel, Bim Pepple at Chesterfield and Jayden Luker at Grimsby. It feels as though our future is in good hands with so many young players vying for their places in the first team squad over the next few years.

*"Surround yourself with positive people who will support you when it rains, not just when it shines."*  
– Anon.

Enjoy today's game and please get behind Matt and the team from minute one, then we can give them the kind of full-time lap of appreciation that so many of our new boys have commented on since the Pompey win. We are stronger together!

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David

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# AROUND TOWN

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**Three generations of one Hatters-mad family are celebrating their milestone birthdays with us this afternoon.**

Helen Wells, a season ticket holder for the past 25 years, is celebrating her 80th birthday while her son Martin celebrated the big '5-0' in January.

What's more, grandson James turned 18 in January and the trio have chosen today's game to mark the occasion.

Helen writes: "As a family we have always been keen Luton Town supporters and our sons have been taken to home games from an early age.

"They have continued to bring their family, even though they have moved away. Martin and James travel from Surrey and James can remember being a mascot during the 2013/14 season when we got promoted from the Conference.

"It was against Kidderminster when he walked out with Steve McNulty. James said it was a day he would never forget.

"We have had many great memories including the win over Arsenal in 1988 and the latest also at Wembley against Coventry - a day we will never forget. Hopefully we will see our team there again soon."

We hope you have a wonderful day with us!



## REST IN PEACE

**It is with sadness that we learned of the sad and untimely passing of Michael Orr, aged 39.**

His father John started supporting the Hatters in 1958 and first took Michael to watch the Hatters as a seven year old.

Even when the family moved north to Northallerton, they continued to watch the Hatters as season ticket holders with Michael and his brother Richard also signed up as Junior Hatters.

As the Town went down the divisions, Michael was able to travel to local away games at the likes of Hartlepool, Gateshead, Darlington and York before witnessing the Hatters rise once more

with trips to Newcastle, Sunderland and Blackburn.

Michael passed the love of the Hatters onto his daughter, Matilda, and son, Arthur, travelling to games in the north of England close to his home in Stockton.

The family of Michael are here at today's game with Middlesbrough, with Matilda and Arthur two of our mascots this afternoon.



**Our condolences also go out to the family and friends of long-standing Town supporter Graham Snoxell, who has passed away at the age of 77.**

Graham was a life-long Hatters fan, and on many occasions enjoyed watching the team here at the Kenny with family and friends.

Raised in Luton, Graham was director/owner of local milliners

K R Snoxell & Sons and will be sadly missed by his family and friends, including his sons Mark, Justin and Daran, who are in the Bobbers stand today.

Graham is pictured above, third from the right, with family and friends in the Eric Morecambe Lounge.

Once a Hatter, always a Hatter. Rest in Peace, Michael and Graham.



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# ACTION REPLAY



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Clark 25'



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**Jordan Clark's first-half goal against Portsmouth secured Matt Bloomfield his first win in charge in our last fixture at Kenilworth Road.**

Having gone 12 games in the Championship without a victory and eight under the new boss, the midfielder's close-range strike was the difference on an afternoon of high tension and anxiety.

It was a priceless victory, as the Town lifted themselves off the bottom of the table in a game that was feisty from the off – an early booking for Andre Dozzell for a late challenge on Liam Walsh set the tone.

While the Town enjoyed the majority of the ball, chances in both boxes were few and far between with the nearest the Hatters came to threatening came on 20 minutes when Regan Poole's back-pass rolled past goalkeeper Nicolas Schmid.

However, five minutes later, the Town had the lead. Clark came away with the ball as a Pompey free-kick failed to breach the Hatters penalty area and the midfielder carried the ball 70 yards before laying off to Jacob Brown. His cross into the box was diverted onto the post by Marlon Pack but Clark was on hand to smash home the rebound.

Ahead the Hatters came close to doubling their lead on 32 minutes when Alfie Doughty's low shot was cleared off the line by Poole before Clark, searching a second, curled into the arms of Schmid just before the break.

After the restart, Portsmouth came out the brighter of the two sides but despite their dominance, they failed to seriously test Thomas Kaminski.

The Town were holding firm defensively with Christ Makosso impressing on his full Luton debut and the defender headed clear brilliantly on 64 minutes to deny Colby Bishop from close range.

Clark shot wide after a flowing Hatters move at the other end on 69 minutes as the Hatters sought a second to put the game to bed.

However, as time ticked down the Town desperately held onto their lead as Pompey pushed for a leveller.

And hearts were in mouths with four minutes left when Connor Oglevie headed over from six yards with the goal at his mercy. It was a huge let-off.

Back came the Town – Clark was denied what he felt should have been a penalty with two minutes left after going down under pressure from Pack.

Portsmouth then had their own claims waved away after Kal Naismith appeared to handle in the box in the second minute of added time.

That would prove to be the final dramatic moment with the relief of a welcome three points palpable around Kenilworth Road at the final whistle.

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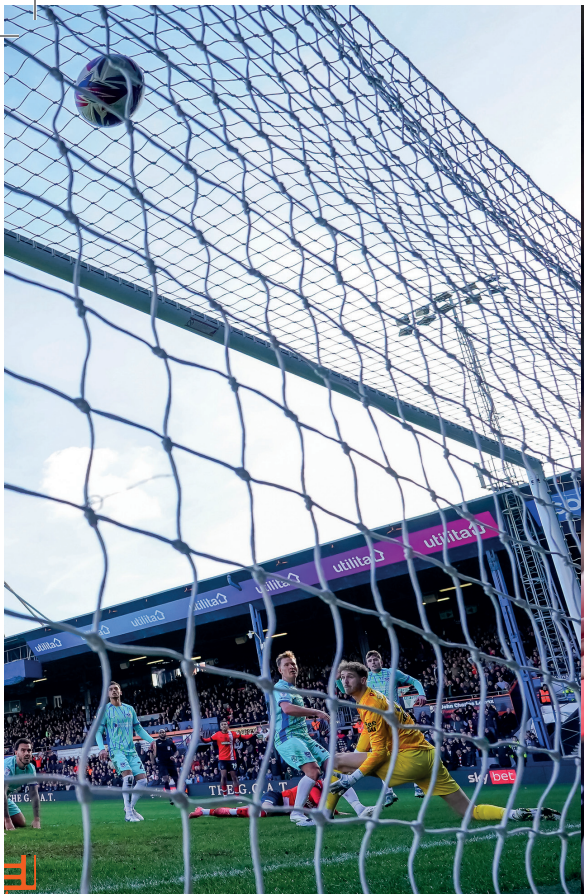




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# ACTION REPLAY



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McGuinness 30' (og)  
Foster 39', Brownhill 53'  
Barnes 90+4'



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**The Town slipped to a heavy defeat on the road against promotion-chasing Burnley after playing three-quarters of the game with 10 men.**

After an even start to a game that all changed in the 22nd minute when Kal Naismith was shown a second yellow card – his second booking in seven minutes.

And the Clarets wasted no time in making the most of their man advantage. Connor Roberts shot over on 23 minutes and Mark McGuinness was straight into the action to divert a dangerous cross from the right away from Kyle Foster in the box moments later.

But a nightmare spell for the Town was compounded on the half-hour when McGuinness – who had only been on the pitch five minutes after replacing Liam Walsh – steered Roberts' cross beyond Thomas Kaminski to give the hosts the lead.

You felt the Hatters needed to get to half-time trailing by just one in order to reassess their options but, six minutes before the break, Burnley doubled their lead when Marcus Edwards' right-wing cross was side-footed home by Foster from six yards with the Hatters believing the referee had impeded Zack Nelson in his attempt to clear the initial danger.

The Town were frustrated once more eight minutes after the restart when the home side made it 3-0. Edwards was again the creator, darting down the right. However, the Hatters seemed certain that the winger had carried the

ball out of play before crossing for Josh Brownhill to fire home from close range.

Brownhill fired wide with a first-time shot from the edge of the penalty area moments later before Matt Bloomfield made a triple change, introducing Millenlic Alli, Lamine Fanne and Jacob Brown.

It was Brown who had the Hatters' first chance of the afternoon on 65 minutes, nipping into the box after two home defenders collided with one another to force James Trafford into a smart save.

Burnley had taken their foot off the gas since the third but still chased a fourth goal – substitute Manuel Benson curling a shot from distance on 77 minutes.

Back came the Town and Brown – who looked lively in attack – volleyed an instinctive volley wide moments later.

Burnley should have made it 4-0 with five to play when Josh Laurent somehow skied an effort over the bar from 10 yards with time on his side.

As time ticked down Chris Makosso thought he should have had a penalty after receiving a kick to the face in the final moments as the Town chased a consolation but it was the hosts who had the final word when Ashley Barnes crashed home a fourth goal with the last kick of the game to rubber-stamp another defeat on the road for the Hatters.

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# ACTION REPLAY



# 1

Chambers 50'



# 2

Clark 57'  
Aasgaard 80'

**The Hatters fought back from a goal down to move to within two points of safety in the Championship as goals from Jordan Clark and Thelo Aasgaard earned their first win away from Kenilworth Road since September.**

Defender Christ Makosso headed a presentable chance over following Isaiah Jones' right-wing cross before Cardiff, who came into the game five points above the Town in the table, had their first opportunity on 24 minutes when Yousef Salech curled a shot over the bar.

But the Hatters came close to breaking the deadlock shortly after the half-hour mark when Liam Walsh's brilliant low, swerving volley from 20 yards was parried to safety by ex-Hatter Ethan Horvath.

Five minutes after the restart, however, the hosts took the lead. Mark McGuinness headed clear the danger from a Cardiff free-kick but the ball fell to Calum Chambers on the edge of the box and his mis-hit strike bounced into the corner of the net.

It was harsh on the Hatters but their reaction to going behind was first class. Carlton Morris came close to levelling the score almost immediately, only to shoot at Horvath from eight yards after being found by Elijah Adebayo.

But the Town were only behind for seven minutes when they equalised in sensational style. There seemed little else on for Jordan Clark when the ball dropped his way 25 yards from goal but after taking the ball on his chest he thumped an unstoppable volley into the top corner past the helpless Horvath.

The home side came close to retaking the lead when home substitute Sivert Mannsverk curled a shot over with a shot from 15 yards before substitute Millenic Alli shot into the side netting as the Town began to find their attacking verve.

Kaminski then needed to be alert to keep out a low drive from Perry Ng on 74 minutes but then could only look on 79 minutes when Chambers came mighty close to putting the Bluebirds back in front with a stunning volley that rattled the crossbar.

It would prove to be a vital moment as 60 seconds later Josh Bowler, on as a substitute just four minutes earlier, saw his shot deflect into the path of Thelo Aasgaard and the midfielder made no mistake to drill home his first goal for the club from close range.

Ahead on their travels for the first time since the sunny days of September, the Town saw out the final 10 minutes in the cold South Wales air to hold on to three priceless points to edge them closer to safety in the fight for survival.

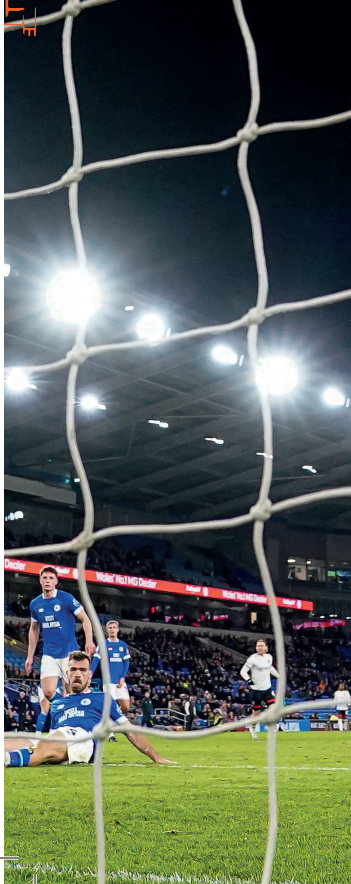




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WELCOME



**The Hatters welcome Middlesbrough who have made the trek from Teesside for today's match at Kenilworth Road.**

Michael Carrick's side have hit a rocky patch of form recently and come to Bedfordshire desperate for all three points.

Boro had a great start to the season and were right up at the top of the table for a while. However, since the turn of the year, the form has taken a turn too.

A run of seven losses in eight games saw Boro tumble down the table and put their play-off hopes in jeopardy.

Wins against Stoke and Derby ended this poor run but a recent loss against Swansea has set Boro back once more.

Boro had a very strong January transfer window, bringing in the likes of Kelechi Iheanacho, Samuel Iling-Junior and Mark Travers on loan. Morgan Whittaker and George Edmundson also signed on permanent deals.

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



REPORT



## THE SQUAD



- 1 GK Seny Dieng
- 3 DF Rav van den Berg
- 4 MF Daniel Barlas
- 6 DF Dael Fry
- 7 MF Hayden Hackney
- 8 MF Riley McGree
- 9 FW Kelechi Iheanacho
- 10 MF Delano Burgzorg
- 11 FW Morgan Whittaker
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- 15 DF Anfernee Dijksteel
- 16 MF Jonny Howson
- 18 MF Aidan Morris
- 20 MF Finn Azaz
- 21 FW Marcus Forss
- 22 FW Tommy Conway
- 23 GK Tom Glover
- 24 DF Alex Bangura
- 25 DF George Edmundson
- 26 DF Darragh Lenihan
- 28 DF Ryan Giles
- 29 FW Samuel Iling-Junior
- 30 DF Neto Borges
- 31 GK Sol Brynn
- 32 GK Mark Travers
- 37 DF George McCormick
- 38 GK Shea Connor
- 39 FW Sonny Finch
- 40 MF Fin Cartwright
- 41 DF Harley Hunt
- 42 DF James Wilson
- 43 FW Charlie Lennon
- 44 DF Nathan Simpson
- 47 MF Bailey Palmer
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# PROFILES

Words by Zac Neal

## THE BOSS

**MICHAEL CARRICK**  
Manchester United legend who became Middlesbrough manager in October 2022. Secured a play-off spot for Boro in 2022/23 season before they were knocked out in the semi-finals against Coventry.

## GOALKEEPER

**MARK TRAVERS**  
Bournemouth loanee and Irish international who joined Boro in January. Previous Championship experience with Stoke City and Bournemouth over the last few years.

## DEFENDERS

**DAEL FRY**  
Experienced centre-back who has made over 250 appearances for the club since 2015 since coming through the Middlesbrough academy.

## NETO BORGES ▼

Brazilian centre-back who signed for the club from Ligue 1 side Clermont Foot last summer. Been a regular at the back for Boro since joining.

## ANFERNEE DIJKSTEEL

Made over 150 appearances for the club since leaving Charlton in 2019 mainly in the right-back position.



## RYAN GILES

Former Luton man who now finds himself back at Middlesbrough after a spell with Hull City. Has been in and out of the starting line-up since joining on loan in January.

## JONNY HOWSON

Very versatile and experienced player in the Championship following spells at Leeds, Norwich and now Middlesbrough.

## MIDFIELDERS

**HAYDEN HACKNEY**  
22-year-old midfielder who came through the Boro academy and broke into the first team in 2022.

## AIDAN MORRIS

American international who signed for Boro from Columbus Crew last summer. Has featured just under 30 times for the club in his spell at Teesside so far.

## FINN AZAZ

Irish international who has registered an impressive 10 goals and 10 assists for Boro so far this season. Scored twice in the reverse fixture between the sides.

## DAN BARLASER

Began his career with Newcastle United and gained experience in the EFL with the likes of Crewe, Accrington and Rotherham before signing for Middlesbrough.

## DELANO BURGZORG

Has playing experience all across Europe but signed for Middlesbrough from Huddersfield in the summer. Scored in the reverse fixture at the Riverside.



## FORWARDS

## MORGAN WHITTAKER

Former Plymouth man who scored 20 goals for Argyle last season. Left the Pilgrims to move to the Riverside Stadium in the January transfer window.

## TOMMY CONWAY ▲

Scottish international who has scored 10 goals for Boro so far this season. Recently scored against his former side Bristol City in Middlesbrough's 2-1 loss at Ashton Gate.

## KELECHI IHEANACHO

Former Leicester City and Manchester City man who joined Middlesbrough on loan from Sevilla in January this year. Has played just under 50 times for the Nigerian national team.

## SAMUEL ILING-JUNIOR

Highly rated young winger who spent the first half of this season on loan at Bologna from Juventus. In January he made the switch from Italy to England as he joined Boro on loan until the end of the season.

## MARCUS FORSS

Finnish winger who has plenty of EFL experience with the likes of Brentford, AFC Wimbledon and Hull City. Scored 10 goals for Middlesbrough in his debut season.



## BORO KITBAG



### AWAY 1996/97

Kit creators tend to flex their design muscles on away shirts and Boro in the 90s were no different. Errea came up with the majestic effort in the mid-90s. Think Juninho, Ravanelli and Emerson in this one. And remember, if you're ever struggling for a finishing touch, just add your nickname in capital letters to the shoulder.

## A FOOT IN BOTH



### TOM CRADDOCK

Striker Tom Craddock arrived at Kenilworth Road on loan from Boro in 2008 and such was his impact for the Hatters the move was made permanent. Craddock scored the second goal in our 3-2 Johnstone's Paint Trophy win in 2009 and in our first season in the Conference he hit 23 goals in 44 league games before moving to Oxford at the start of the next campaign.

## RIVERSIDE CULT HERO



The words 'Juninho' and 'cult hero' just go hand in hand. The Brazilian was an instant hit on Teesside when the diminutive playmaker rocked up at the Riverside in 1995.

In the days when any new South American arrival meant fans would flock to the stadium to witness them doing some keepy-uppys, Juninho instantly won the hearts of Boro fans following his arrival from Sao Paulo as a 22-year-old.

While small in stature what he lacked in height he made up for in technique as his goals and assists propelled Boro to the League Cup and FA Cup finals in 1996/97.

What he couldn't do, however, was prevent Boro from being relegated from the top-flight that season despite his 12 goals in 35 Premier League.

He didn't hang around for a season in the Championship so he left for £13m for Atletico Madrid but the winger was soon back at the Riverside, rejoining on loan in 1999/00 scoring four times in 24 games.

A third spell then came a couple of years later when £6m took him back to Teesside, scoring eight times in 31 games in 2003/04, helping them win the League Cup that season.

## FIXTURE FLASHBACK

TOWN 3-3 MIDDLESBROUGH 2nd AUGUST 2019

The Hatters' return to the second tier began with a memorable draw in a six-goal thriller against Boro.

Four goals were shared in the first half with Ashley Fletcher heading the visitors in front before Sonny Bradley's equaliser brought the house down with a stunning 30-yard volley – his first goal in Town colours.

The Town then led when Martin Cranie nodded home from a corner but the lead was short lived when Britt Assombalonga shot squirmed past Simon Sluga.

After the break, Boro regained the lead when

Lewis Wing sent a swerving shot from the edge of the box into the top corner.

And it looked as though the visitors would claim a first win at Kenilworth Road since 1974 when they were awarded a penalty – only for Assombalonga to blaze over the bar from the spot.

The Town then got their rewards for a fine performance when James Collins pounced from six yards with five minutes left to earn a deserved point in their first game back in the Championship in 12 years.







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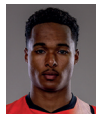
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# COMMERCIAL

**A warm welcome to all of our corporate guests and sponsors for today's Championship fixture with Middlesbrough.**

At our last home game here against Portsmouth, defender Kal Naismith was named man-of-the-match by our match sponsors the Luton Town Supporters' Club of Scandinavia.

The large group of our Scandinavian fans made the trip over to be match and matchball sponsors and they were treated to all the VIP treatment before and after the 1-0 victory and also met Lasse Nordås, Thelo Aasgaard and Mads Andersen.

We also had the pleasure of welcoming two mascots for the game with Pompey who got to meet all their favourite players before the game and receive their gifts from Kal in the Eric Morecambe Lounge after the game.

Today we welcome five mascots for this afternoon's game with Boro and we hope you all have a fantastic afternoon with us.

We still have availability for sponsorship, hospitality and mascot packages for our four remaining home games this season. Please get in touch with our commercial team on 01582 411622 or [commercial@lutontown.co.uk](mailto:commercial@lutontown.co.uk) for further information.

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## LAST TIME OUT vs PORTSMOUTH



# TODAY'S FIXTURES

**12.30pm**  
Millwall v Stoke City  
QPR v Leeds United

**3pm**  
Blackburn Rovers v Cardiff City  
Coventry City v Sunderland  
Oxford United v Watford  
Plymouth Argyle v Derby  
Preston North End v Portsmouth  
Swansea City v Burnley  
West Brom v Hull City

**Sunday**  
Sheffield Wednesday v  
Sheffield United



## TEAM AERIAL DUELS WON

|                  |     |
|------------------|-----|
| Portsmouth       | 896 |
| Luton Town       | 829 |
| Millwall         | 828 |
| Blackburn Rovers | 747 |
| Bristol City     | 707 |



## TEAM TACKLE SUCCESS

|               |        |
|---------------|--------|
| Watford       | 69.31% |
| Hull City     | 65.27% |
| Middlesbrough | 65.05% |
| Bristol City  | 64.24% |
| Millwall      | 63.3%  |

Stats correct as of 13/3/25

# TABLE AND STATS 2024/25

AS OF 13/03/2025

|                      | P  | W  | D  | L  | F  | A  | +/- | PTS |
|----------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1 Leeds              | 37 | 23 | 10 | 4  | 74 | 23 | 51  | 79  |
| 2 Sheff Utd          | 37 | 24 | 7  | 6  | 52 | 28 | 24  | 77  |
| 3 Burnley            | 37 | 20 | 15 | 2  | 50 | 11 | 39  | 75  |
| 4 Sunderland         | 37 | 19 | 12 | 6  | 55 | 34 | 21  | 69  |
| 5 West Brom          | 37 | 13 | 17 | 7  | 47 | 33 | 14  | 56  |
| 6 Coventry           | 37 | 16 | 8  | 13 | 52 | 48 | 4   | 56  |
| 7 Bristol City       | 37 | 13 | 15 | 9  | 47 | 40 | 7   | 54  |
| 8 Middlesbrough      | 37 | 15 | 8  | 14 | 57 | 48 | 9   | 53  |
| 9 Blackburn          | 37 | 15 | 7  | 15 | 41 | 38 | 3   | 52  |
| 10 Watford           | 37 | 15 | 7  | 15 | 47 | 50 | -3  | 52  |
| 11 Sheff Wed         | 37 | 14 | 9  | 14 | 53 | 58 | -5  | 51  |
| 12 Norwich           | 37 | 12 | 13 | 12 | 59 | 52 | 7   | 49  |
| 13 Millwall          | 37 | 12 | 12 | 13 | 36 | 39 | -3  | 48  |
| 14 QPR               | 37 | 11 | 11 | 15 | 42 | 48 | -6  | 44  |
| 15 Preston North End | 37 | 9  | 17 | 11 | 37 | 43 | -6  | 44  |
| 16 Swansea           | 37 | 12 | 8  | 17 | 38 | 47 | -9  | 44  |
| 17 Portsmouth        | 37 | 11 | 9  | 17 | 45 | 59 | -14 | 42  |
| 18 Hull              | 37 | 10 | 10 | 17 | 38 | 46 | -8  | 40  |
| 19 Stoke             | 37 | 9  | 12 | 16 | 37 | 50 | -13 | 39  |
| 20 Oxford Utd        | 37 | 9  | 12 | 16 | 38 | 55 | -17 | 39  |
| 21 Cardiff           | 37 | 8  | 12 | 17 | 40 | 61 | -21 | 36  |
| 22 Derby             | 37 | 9  | 8  | 20 | 37 | 49 | -12 | 35  |
| 23 Luton             | 37 | 9  | 7  | 21 | 34 | 60 | -26 | 34  |
| 24 Plymouth          | 37 | 7  | 12 | 18 | 38 | 74 | -36 | 33  |

## 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       | 8      | 0   | 1   | 0               | 0   | 0   | 8     | 0   | 1   | 0            | 0   | 8                 | 1   |
| Elijah Adebayo       | 28     | 8   | 5   | 1               | 1   | 0   | 29    | 9   | 5   | 1            | 0   | 179               | 47  |
| Millenic Alii        | 1      | 6   | 0   | 0               | 0   | 0   | 1     | 6   | 0   | 0            | 0   | 7                 | 0   |
| Mads Andersen        | 5      | 3   | 0   | 0               | 1   | 0   | 5     | 4   | 0   | 3            | 0   | 19                | 1   |
| Shandon Baptiste     | 7      | 7   | 0   | 0               | 1   | 0   | 7     | 8   | 0   | 2            | 0   | 15                | 0   |
| Amari'i Bell         | 22     | 0   | 0   | 2               | 0   | 0   | 24    | 0   | 0   | 1            | 0   | 148               | 2   |
| Josh Bowler          | 0      | 6   | 0   | 0               | 0   | 0   | 0     | 6   | 0   | 0            | 0   | 6                 | 0   |
| Jacob Brown          | 11     | 17  | 4   | 0               | 1   | 0   | 11    | 18  | 4   | 3            | 0   | 51                | 7   |
| Reece Burke          | 9      | 1   | 0   | 1               | 0   | 0   | 10    | 1   | 0   | 4            | 0   | 94                | 4   |
| Tahith Chong         | 22     | 1   | 2   | 1               | 0   | 0   | 23    | 1   | 2   | 5            | 0   | 62                | 7   |
| Jordan Clark         | 30     | 2   | 5   | 1               | 1   | 0   | 31    | 3   | 5   | 9            | 0   | 171               | 17  |
| Alfie Doughty        | 21     | 1   | 1   | 1               | 0   | 0   | 22    | 1   | 1   | 5            | 0   | 101               | 6   |
| Lamine Fanne         | 3      | 1   | 0   | 1               | 0   | 0   | 4     | 1   | 0   | 1            | 0   | 5                 | 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         | 8      | 1   | 0   | 1               | 0   | 0   | 9     | 1   | 0   | 2            | 0   | 10                | 0   |
| Thomas Kaminski      | 36     | 0   | 0   | 2               | 0   | 0   | 38    | 0   | 0   | 3            | 1   | 76                | 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   |
| Christ Makosso       | 3      | 1   | 0   | 0               | 0   | 0   | 3     | 1   | 0   | 0            | 0   | 4                 | 0   |
| Mark McGuinness      | 32     | 2   | 3   | 1               | 0   | 0   | 33    | 2   | 3   | 3            | 0   | 35                | 3   |
| Teden Mengi          | 14     | 1   | 1   | 0               | 0   | 0   | 14    | 1   | 1   | 2            | 0   | 50                | 2   |
| Carlton Morris       | 28     | 4   | 7   | 2               | 0   | 0   | 30    | 4   | 7   | 7            | 0   | 128               | 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         | 4      | 2   | 0   | 0               | 0   | 0   | 4     | 2   | 0   | 0            | 1   | 74                | 4   |
| Marvelous Nakamba    | 15     | 5   | 0   | 2               | 0   | 0   | 17    | 5   | 0   | 2            | 0   | 56                | 0   |
| Zack Nelson          | 7      | 13  | 0   | 2               | 0   | 1   | 9     | 13  | 1   | 4            | 0   | 24                | 1   |
| Lasse Nordas         | 2      | 1   | 0   | 0               | 0   | 0   | 2     | 1   | 0   | 0            | 0   | 3                 | 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           | 10     | 8   | 0   | 1               | 1   | 0   | 11    | 9   | 0   | 1            | 2   | 20                | 0   |
| Reuell Walters       | 11     | 3   | 0   | 2               | 0   | 0   | 13    | 3   | 0   | 3            | 0   | 16                | 0   |
| Cauley Woodrow       | 1      | 14  | 0   | 0               | 1   | 0   | 1     | 15  | 0   | 1            | 0   | 80                | 6   |



# WHAT A NIGHT FOR THELO!



**Thelo Aasgaard celebrated his first call-up to the senior Norway squad with his maiden goal in a Luton Town shirt on a day to remember in Cardiff.**

The 22-year-old attacking midfielder discovered he had been selected by Ståle Solbakken on Tuesday morning while at the team hotel in the Welsh capital.

He rounded off a wonderful day on a personal level by grabbing the winner 10 minutes from time at Cardiff City Stadium after Jordan Clark's stunning volley had cancelled out Calum Chambers' opener for the Bluebirds.

"It's hard to put into words," said our January signing from Wigan, when

asked about his perfect day. "I'm really happy, but I'm really happy that the team effort came off today and we got a massive three points."

The win took Town to within two points of the hosts in the fight for survival at the foot of the Championship table, but also brought an end to the 15-match winless sequence on the road in the league.

On whether it felt more than just a result for the 400-plus Hatters in south Wales, he replied: "Yes, it does. I think you could see with the away support, they backed us all game and they helped us when we went 2-1 up. They were behind us, so I'm really happy for them and you could see what it meant to them at the end.

"We've just got to try and keep that momentum going into the next game now."

Thelo's first goal for the club brought his tally for the season to 13, after a prolific first half of the campaign in League One with Wigan.

It came after he followed Josh Bowler's low shot into the box was blocked by Cardiff defender Dimitrios Goutas with the ball ricocheting into his path to present the chance to fire past former Town keeper Ethan Horvath from close range.

Thelo said: "I think it's just persistence. It's a case of even if things aren't falling for you at the start of a game, always being persistent

and just arriving in the areas. If you're there enough, the ball comes to you, so I'm just really happy that I was on the end of that one."

The victory made it two wins in three matches following the home success against Portsmouth prior to last Saturday's loss at Burnley.

Asked whether he feels that momentum is building ahead of the home clash with Middlesbrough, he said: "Yes, it's six points out of a possible nine in the last three games and if we can get a win against Middlesbrough, there is some real momentum that we can take into the international break, and then we can reset and go again."



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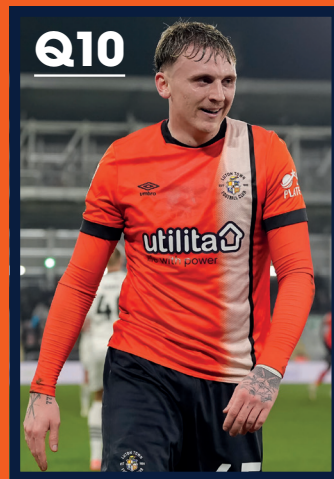


# TOWN TEASERS

Put your football knowledge to the test and answer these Luton Town and general football-related questions. Sadly, you'll win no prizes, just the utmost respect from our editor and quizmaster.



1. Who is the only player to play in the Premier League for Manchester United under Alex Ferguson and Ruben Amorim?
2. Only one goalkeeper has won a Premier League player of the month award in the last nine years. Who is it?
3. Ethan Nwaneri became the second youngest player to score for Arsenal in the PL in November. Who was the youngest?
4. Who in June last year was the most capped player of any nation at the start of the Euro 2024 tournament with 130 caps for his country?
5. England's two most capped players have managed the same club. Name the club.
6. Carlisle are currently bottom of the EFL. What was the name of the goalkeeper who's 94th-minute goal kept them in the Football League on the last day of the season in 1999?
7. Who scored the Town's first goal in the 3-3 draw against Middlesbrough in August 2019?
8. And which player scored our winner in the 1-0 win at the Riverside later that season?
9. True or false. We played Boro in their final game at their old ground before their move to the Riverside Stadium?
10. Alfie Doughty made his 100th appearance for us at Burnley last weekend - but against who did he make his debut?
11. The Town are unbeaten in their last seven home games against Middlesbrough - how many goals have we scored in this time?
12. How many matches did Ryan Giles play for the Hatters?
13. Who was the first outfield player to play in the Premier League aged 40?
14. Bim Pepple scored Chesterfield's winning goal against which club last weekend?
15. Crewe have been promoted eight times in their history - how many times have they gone up as champions?



## HOW DID YOU SCORE?

10-15 SIMON PITTS. Standing ovation from our #1 commentator.

5-9 COURTNEY PITT. A performance of a half decent loan signing.

0-4 THE PITS. Room for improvement but at least it's not minus 30.

ANSWERS: 1. Jonny Evans 2. David De Gea 3. Cesc Fabregas 4. Grantl Khaka 5. Plymouth 6. Jimmy Glass 7. Sonny Bradley 8. Ryan Tunnicliffe 9. True 10. Norwich City 11. 16 12. 13 13. Teddy Sheringham 14. Newport County 15. 0.





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# Hatters honour Community Heroes on EFL Community Weekend

Before today's game we are proud to be able to recognise five special people who run and use the Luton Town FC Community Trust's programmes as part of our EFL Community Weekend.

We would like to congratulate the following five Community Heroes who are working in the community and are having a significant impact on the lives of local people, as well as those who are participating and who benefit from their work.

They will each receive their pennants from manager Matt Bloomfield out on the pitch before kick-off, and below they explain what makes the Community Trust and its work special to them.



## Shipaar Miah

Community inclusion Officer and  
Premier League Kicks Lead

"Being part of this football club has enabled me to understand what it really means to be a community, and the massive impact it has on people's lives. I love the programme I lead on as it allows young people a safe space to play, build confidence, overcome challenges, develop life skills, play with their friends on a weekly basis. The programme allows young people to stay connected to the community and keeps them out of trouble. It allows them a voice, which they may not have outside of this programme."



## Pauline Blanchard

Hatters Social Club member

"The reason I like coming to the club is that it gives me a reason to get up in the morning and socialise in a warm place, and this is very important to me. I meet new people and everyone is very friendly. Beth is very supportive and is always cheerful. I would recommend it to anybody who is lonely, it's one of the most important clubs I go to."



## Beth Drake

Health & Wellbeing Lead,  
Luton Town FC Community Trust

"Luton Town Football Club Community Trust has made a massive difference to my life, because it allows me to do a job I love whilst making a difference. I get to help and support Luton Town's community, the work and the impact that we provide in the community is massive, and in particular helps avoid social isolation for our older generation whilst combatting loneliness and allowing them to socialise."



## Sue Waddacor

Hatters Social Club member

"Since returning to the UK I have suffered from mental health issues and have felt isolated. Being part of the club has enhanced my life in so many ways, and improved my positivity towards life. I look forward to the activities, trips, support and company it provides. It is a well worth cause that makes a difference to so many of us."



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## Martin Quigley

Hatters Social Club member

"The social club provides a warm and friendly place to meet other people, get out of the house and participate in activities together. The programme is very important because it gives people something to look forward to going to. It has a really positive impact on the community, bringing people together and providing a purpose and enjoyment without it."



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# HATTERS HERITAGE

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## Good things come to those who wait

**Those heading to Kenilworth Road on 15th October 1994 could be forgiven for feeling pessimistic.**

Not only were the Hatters searching for a first league win at home at the sixth attempt, but the visitors were joint-top of the table Middlesbrough, led by Bryan Robson.

By contrast, Town's form had been very good away from home. After a defeat at Tranmere in August they were four unbeaten on their travels, including wins at Port Vale, Watford and, on the previous Sunday, Stoke.

David Pleat, always a man to consider the bigger picture, had a theory that away sides were working ever harder to get behind the ball, making it more difficult for the home team to break their opponents down.

So perhaps even he was surprised as he watched Town demolish their visitors from start to

finish. The opening goal came after 21 minutes when the unfortunate Paul Wilkinson headed into his own net, and it was 2-0 15 minutes later when Dwight Marshall drove home a John Hartson lay-off.

Wilkinson, who'd appear for the Hatters in a handful of games in the 1995/96 season, was involved again in the third, deflecting David Preece's 18-yard volley into the net five minutes before half-time. The only surprise was that Town had only managed three. That soon changed just before the hour when Marshall scored at the second attempt after Steve Pears, in the last of his 339 games for Middlesbrough, had saved the initial shot.

Five minutes later Hartson added the fifth with an angled drive. It was no more than the young Welshman deserved for an electrifying display, made even more remarkable because he'd just suffered

an awful week away with the Wales Under-21 side, leaving Pleat wondering whether to give the forward a rest.

The visitors pulled one back late on through Derek Whyte but the damage was done. Robson was magnanimous in defeat. "Luton out-ran us, out-fought us and out-passed us," he said.

It would prove a rare blip in a tremendous season for Robson's team. Indeed, when the return fixture was played

in April, the last game at Boro's Ayresome Park, their 2-1 win left them on the brink of promotion, finally secured when Bolton failed to beat Stoke three days later.

For the Town, the topsy-turvy season would continue. Sheffield United were beaten 3-1 away in the next game, before Barnsley ran out 1-0 winners at Kenilworth Road the week after. Perhaps David Pleat had been right all along.

*Will Foster*

David Preece is mobbed after scoring the Town's the third goal just before half-time.



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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 Boro.

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1. John Taylor nods home for the Hatters during the last league game at Ayresome Park in April 1995.
2. Tom Lockyer heads in the Town's first goal in the 2-1 victory when Boro last came to Kenilworth Road in April 2023.
3. Mike Tracey bangs in the Town's second goal during the 6-1 home win over Boro in November 1960.
4. Steve Foster heads in the only goal of the game in the clash with Boro at Kenilworth Road in February 1989.





# ON THIS DAY

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

**It's been a mixed bag for the Town on this day in history with just five wins from 16 games.**

The Hatters have lost just four though with seven of the 16 ending all square since the first game back in 1909 – a 4-0 defeat at Queens Park Rangers.

On the last time we played on this day a solitary goal from Carlton Morris earned us a 1-0 win over Bristol City in the Championship in 2023.

12 years before that we drew 0-0 at Cambridge in the Conference but the Town's rollercoaster history also shows a 2-1 win at Carlisle in the top-flight back in 1975. On that afternoon goals from John Aston and Ron Futchler secured the points for the Town.

The Hatters also tasted success in front of almost 38,000 fans at Goodison Park with a 3-1 win over Everton in 1952.

Our biggest margin of victory has been by three goals. A 3-0 triumph over Oldham in League One came as recently as 2008 while back in 1930 Plymouth were seen off 5-2 at Kenilworth Road in Division Three (South).

Interestingly, the Hatters have only conceded one goal in their past five matches played on this day – in a 1-1 draw at Wigan in 2003 (Steve Howard on target).

**Carlton Morris celebrates the game's only goal in our win over Bristol City in 2023**



**Jake Howells goes close but Luton fail to score in a goalless draw at Cambridge in 2011**





Lewis Emanuel and Paul Furlong celebrate against Oldham in 2008



Steve Howard celebrates his goal at Wigan in 2003



Wally Shanks clears the danger at Goodison Park during the Town's win at Everton in 1952





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.*

Paul Underwood smacks home an early goal at Oldham





**Next up on the road to promotion was a visit from a Swindon side who sat just outside the play-offs. Managed by former Hatters favourite Andy King the Robins also boasted Mick Harford who was King's assistant.**

Harford was interviewed before the game and said: "It'll be nice to come back and see some friends and I'm looking forward to the game.

"It'll be tough because Luton are going to win the league and end up as champions. I have no doubts about that, but Swindon won't go there in any fear. Hull are still close behind, but Luton have the best players and squad in the league and if they end up as champions it will be fully deserved."

Luton manager Mike Newell and his assistant Brian Stein were to face King and Harford on the golf course three days before the game with Harford maintaining that talk about the forthcoming clash at Kenilworth Road was off the agenda!

As well as enjoying himself on the golf course Newell agreed to put pen to paper on a new two-year deal. "There's never been any doubt in my mind about it. It's just been a case of waiting for the piece of paper to be put in front of me. I know that the board have been busy with



Steve Howard rises high to head in the late equaliser at Boundary Park

other things since they came in, but it was a bit frustrating that I wasn't a priority for them." It was also confirmed that Stein had also penned a similar length deal.

For the clash with the Robins, it soon became clear that King and Harford had done their homework and set out to attack the Town from the start which was not the tactic employed by most visitors to Kenilworth Road that season. The problem with this strategy was that the Town could get in behind the opposition and quickly found themselves two goals ahead.

Firstly, Swindon centre-half Matt Heywood fouled Ahmet Brkovic in the area following an aerial challenge leaving

skipper Kevin Nicholls to slam the ball home from the spot. Soon after, a shot from Sol Davis was deflected into the path of Brkovic who made no mistake from close range.

Swindon continued to attack and Michael Procter headed in a Grant Smith corner as half-time approached. The Robins then made it difficult for the Hatters in the second period although a free-kick from Nicholls, which fizzed narrowly wide, and an effort from Paul Underwood that hit the bar, did not allow the Town to put the game to bed.

The goal to allow breathing space came with six minutes to go when Peter Holmes took advantage of a fumble by Swindon goalkeeper

Rhys Evans to walk the ball home.

It was Stein's turn to give the post-match interview, saying: "The lads are a bit disappointed that they could not put on a show like we did last week against Bristol City. But we had to remind them that you cannot play champagne football every week."

As a reward for their endeavours over the season, the whole squad set out for Marbella in Spain the day after the Swindon game for a short break for some rounds of golf and sunshine. While they were out there Chairman Bill Tomlins addressed a supporters meeting where he stated it was now full steam ahead





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## 2004/05 history

for agreeing a 'commercial deal' with the owners of land adjacent to junction 10 of the M1.

The agreement would lead to £19.5 million being spent on a 15,000-seater stadium to be built on 18.5 acres with the ability to increase capacity to 26,000 seats in the future. It was anticipated that the ground would be completed by August 2007!

Back from Spain and fully refreshed, the Town party set off for Oldham the following Saturday. In a tough encounter, the Town netted early on when Paul Underwood hit a perfect volley from the edge of the area over the head of Steve Mildenhall in the Latics goal.

Ahmet Brkovic fires in goal number two against Swindon



Kevin Nicholls fires home from the spot during the 3-1 home win over Swindon



The Hatters did not have it all their own way though as Oldham fought back and only alert defending kept out Luke Beckett and David Eyres. The goal the home side threatened eventually came on the stroke of half-time when Eyres beat the offside trap to slide the ball home.

Just after the break, Oldham took the lead when Beckett, who had scored a late leveller for Huddersfield against the Town the month before, took full advantage of a sloppy back pass from Chris Coyne to round Marlon Beresford in the Luton goal to score.

The Town fought back though and pressed Oldham for the remainder of the game but just as it seemed that a rare defeat was on the cards top scorer Steve Howard rose high in stoppage time to head home a deep cross from Nicholls.

A relieved Newell said afterwards: "We had to work hard for the point, but overall if you look at the 90 minutes we deserved to take something from the game."



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# INSIDE A KIT COLLECTOR'S WARDROBE

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

**"The club shop will be open at half-time, selling our new third shirt in limited numbers," was the call from the PA system reverberating around Kenilworth Road in 2016.**

Queue a mad dash at half-time to find this beauty! The 2016/17 third shirt was announced with our home and away shirt, but it wasn't immediately available.

As a shirt collector, that just added to the hype

and need to add it to the collection! Amazingly, this shirt was only available in long sleeves – you had to request to have it modified for short sleeves.

The shirt followed the same template as our home shirt – just with purple instead of orange. Made by Puma, the shirt is a lovely purple with white trim on the arms and cuffs.

The Puma logo and Ssaangyong sponsor are in white, which really

stands out against the purple. On the player issued/match worn shirts, you also have the Sky Bet League Two patches, and the "Love Luton" sponsor on the back.

We are used to having purple goalkeeper kits, and this looks very similar to the 2017/18 Puma, purple goalkeeper jersey.

On the pitch, this shirt was worn in the away game versus Crewe Alexandra, with a lovely

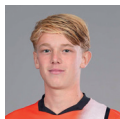
2-1 win for the Hatters thanks to goals from Jack Marriott and Jake Gray. It was also used in the FA Cup third round defeat to Accrington.

A 0-0 away draw with Exeter was another outing, and we visited Exeter again in the second round of the FA Cup where we won 3-1 thanks to two goals from Danny Hylton goals and one from Glen Rea.



# ACADEMY SQUADS

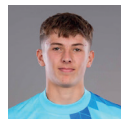
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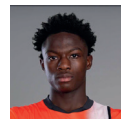
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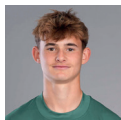
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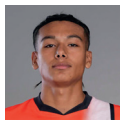
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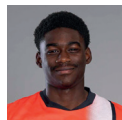
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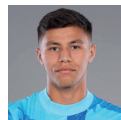
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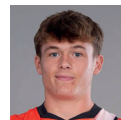
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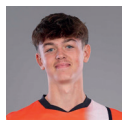
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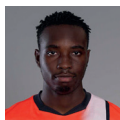
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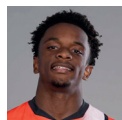
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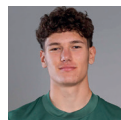
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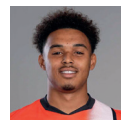
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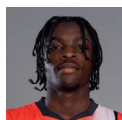
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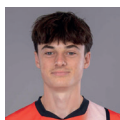
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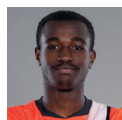
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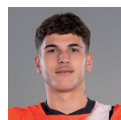
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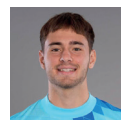
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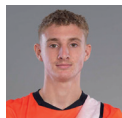
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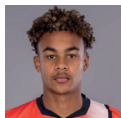
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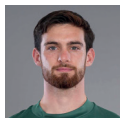
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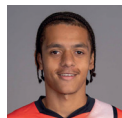
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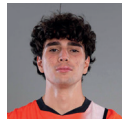
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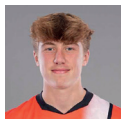


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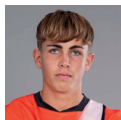
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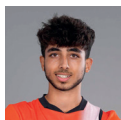




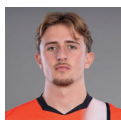
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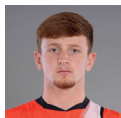
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# THE YOUTH OF TODAY

Hopes and dreams, favourite players and F1... we get the lowdown on our academy stars

**Name...** Jamie Odegah

**Date of birth...**  
13/12/2006

**Place of birth...**  
North Middlesex Hospital

**Position...** Striker

**Joined the Hatters...** As an under-14

**Previous club...**  
Cheshunt

**Boots I'm wearing...**  
Nike Mercurials

**First teamer's boots I'm cleaning...**  
Elijah Adebayo's

**Earliest Luton Town memory...** Scoring a couple of goals on trial

**Coach who's impacted me the most...** Craig Alcock... he gives me confidence when I play

**Football memory that makes me smile...** Scoring a hat-trick away to Cardiff to send us through to the semi-finals of the Floodlit Cup

**Best moment of my career so far...** Making my debut in the FA Youth Cup when I was 15

**I would be a better player if...** I didn't hesitate in front of goal and just shot

**Dream first team squad number...** 11

**Player I used to be in the playground...**  
The goalscorer!

**Teammate that could go all the way...** Benny Benagr

**If I could play with anyone it would be...** Noni Madueke – he puts in a lot of crosses that I'd get on the end of

**Favourite film...**  
Any of the Fast and Furious

**Favourite training drill...**  
Striker peeling off a defender to shoot across goal within three touches

**Favourite school subject other than PE...** Engineering

**Hobbies outside of football...**  
Watching Formula One

**I am...** As a footballer I am very explosive and I like to take on players one versus one. I'm a player who likes running in behind defenders and holding up the ball and linking up with teammates which can give defenders nightmares. I am also a dedicated person and willing to improve my abilities on and off the pitch which would help my development and be on par with the first team. I will also adapt to new formations and tactics so the team can do well.







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## **UNDER-18S REACH PDL CUP FINAL**

**A five-star performance from the Under-18s booked their place in the final of the PDL Cup after a superb 5-0 semi-final victory over Bolton Wanderers at The Brache.**

The Hatters led after eight minutes when Benny Benagr squared for Jamie Odegah to finish well into the bottom corner from six yards.

Odegah went close to double the lead moments later before Lucas Thomas needed to be alert to deny Bolton an equaliser.

But the Hatters did make it 2-0 shortly before the half-hour mark when Benagr cut inside onto his left foot to rifle home a shot from 15 yards.

As half-time approached Thomas once again kept out the visitors but the Town increased their lead before the interval when Benagr and Odegah combined to set-up Tate Xavier-Jones whose fine low finish made it 3-0.

The goals continued after the break and it was four on 54 minutes when Benagr scored his second, firing through the goalkeeper's legs from 10 yards.

Nine minutes later the Hatters completed the scoring when Benagr drove upfield and set-up Odegah for his second of the afternoon to wrap up a comprehensive victory.

Town: Thomas, Roberts-Edema, Evans, Fox, Barnes, Kwame Anson, Asamoah Jnr, Ioannides, Odegah, Xavier-Jones, Benagr.

Subs: L. Takawira, Flynn, Ed-Okungbowa, Passley-James, Ball, Dunn.

## **UNDER-21S EXIT PL CUP TO FOREST**

**The Hatters' run in the Premier League Cup was ended after a last-16 defeat to Nottingham Forest at Loughborough University.**

Despite a bright beginning, the Town fell behind on 39 minutes when Forest skipper Kyle McAdam headed home from close range.

Alex Lawless' side came close to equalising at the start of the second half but fell further behind when Kristian Fletcher fired home seven minutes after the restart to end the Town's hopes of a quarter-final place in only their second

appearance in the competition.

The Town, who gave starts to Joe Johnson and Reuell Walters in defence, started on the front foot and came close to taking the lead as early as the sixth minute. Great strength down the right flank from Jamie Odegah created a chance for Josh Phillips and his deflected, spinning shot was clawed away by Forest goalkeeper George Murray-Jones.

Two minutes later, the Hatters created another chance. This time Jack Lorentzen-Jones' shot was blocked by a Forest defender from the edge of the box.

Lorentzen-Jones then tested Murray-Jones again moments later with a firm drive from the edge of the penalty area as the Town continued to press.



That man Lorentzen-Jones continued to be the Hatters' main source of chances and the midfielder was inches away from giving the Town the lead on 28 minutes when his free-kick was deflected narrowly behind.

But the Town's hopes of a half-time advantage were dashed six minutes before the break when Forest took the lead with their first chance of the night. A high left-wing corner was headed goalwards by Ben Hammond and from close range Forest skipper McAdam stooped to nod past Liam Coyne.

Behind the Hatters almost fell 2-0 down two minutes later only for a superb last-ditch challenge from Walters denied Fletcher from six yards.

The Town started the second half on the front foot and twice came close to restoring parity in the early moments after the restart. Firstly Taylan Harris' shot was deflected wide and from the resultant corner, Dominic Martins flashed a shot over the bar at the near post.

Still the chances came and on 51 minutes Phillips cut inside from the left to send a dangerous curling shot goalwards from the edge of the box that Murray-Jones got down to stop.

However, just like in the first half, the Town were left to rue those

missed chances as, on 52 minutes, Forest doubled their lead when Fletcher finished well with a well-hit shot from just inside the penalty area.

On 62 minutes the Hatters then had to thank an acrobatic save from Coyne to prevent Jack Nadin from giving Forest a three-goal lead after his fierce shot from 20 yards.

Lawless introduced Tate Xavier-Jones on 65 minutes as the Town looked to cut the deficit but the Hatters, despite their best efforts, could not create a meaningful chance.

Forest almost sealed victory on 77 minutes when McAdam swept a shot from close range high and wide following a right-wing cross and Ben Hammonds headed over with four minutes left.

It was left to Lorentzen-Jones to have the game's final chance – shooting high over the bar in the final minute – but, despite defeat, the young Hatters can take solace from an excellent run in the competition which included two fine wins over Brighton in the group stage.

Town: Coyne, Giwa, Phillips, Bateson, Johnson, Walters, Lorentzen-Jones, Martins (sub Benagr 75), Odegah, Stitt (sub Xavier-Jones 65), Harris (sub Ioannides 75).

Subs not used: Blackledge, Kwame Anson.

## 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        |
| <b>Tue 27th</b> | <b>Ipswich Town PDLC</b> | <b>W 6-4</b> |
| <b>Sat 31st</b> | <b>Exeter City</b>       | <b>W 3-0</b> |

### SEPTEMBER

|                 |                        |              |
|-----------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Sat 7th         | Bristol Rovers         | W 5-0        |
| Sat 14th        | Northampton Cup        | D 3-3        |
| <b>Sat 21st</b> | <b>Cheltenham Town</b> | <b>W 4-2</b> |
| Sat 28th        | Plymouth Argyle        | D 2-2        |

### OCTOBER

|                 |                             |              |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Sat 5th         | Peterborough United PDLC    | L 2-3        |
| <b>Sat 12th</b> | <b>Cambridge United Cup</b> | <b>W 3-0</b> |
| Sat 19th        | Northampton Town            | P-P          |
| <b>Sat 26th</b> | <b>Bromley</b>              | <b>L 1-2</b> |

### NOVEMBER

|                 |                            |              |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Sat 9th</b>  | <b>Gillingham</b>          | <b>W 3-2</b> |
| <b>Sat 23rd</b> | <b>Mansfield Town PDLC</b> | <b>W 3-1</b> |
| Sat 30th        | Cambridge United           | W 2-1        |

### DECEMBER

|                 |                             |               |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Sat 7th</b>  | <b>MK Dons Cup</b>          | <b>W 6-1</b>  |
| <b>Fri 13th</b> | <b>Crewe Alexandra FAYC</b> | <b>L 2-2*</b> |
| Tue 17th        | Sutton United               | W 4-1         |

### JANUARY

|                 |                         |              |
|-----------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| Sat 11th        | MK Dons                 | W 5-1        |
| Tue 14th        | Northampton Town        | W 2-0        |
| <b>Sat 18th</b> | <b>Northampton Town</b> | <b>W 5-1</b> |
| Sat 25th        | Gillingham              | D 3-3        |

### FEBRUARY

|                 |                         |              |
|-----------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Sat 1st</b>  | <b>AFC Wimbledon</b>    | <b>W 5-0</b> |
| Sat 8th         | AFC Wimbledon           | W 3-2        |
| <b>Sat 15th</b> | <b>Cambridge United</b> | <b>W 3-1</b> |
| Sat 22nd        | Sutton United           | W 4-1        |

### MARCH

|                 |                      |                |
|-----------------|----------------------|----------------|
| <b>Sat 8th</b>  | <b>Leyton Orient</b> | <b>L 1-3</b>   |
| Sat 15th        | Stevenage            | 10:30am        |
| Sat 22nd        | Bromley              |                |
| <b>Sat 29th</b> | <b>MK Dons</b>       | <b>10:30am</b> |

### APRIL

|                |                     |                |
|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| <b>Sat 5th</b> | <b>Portsmouth</b>   | <b>10:30am</b> |
| Sat 12th       | Forest Green Rovers | 11am           |

### MAY

|         |                |      |
|---------|----------------|------|
| Sat 3rd | Newport County | 12pm |
|---------|----------------|------|

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# HE'S ONE OF OUR OWN!

## MITCHELL THOMAS

Local boy Mitchell joined Luton Town from school and made his League debut at 18 in a 3-2 win at West Ham United in December 1982.

After earning a regular place in the Hatters top-flight side during the following campaign the tall and elegant full-back was looked on as a future England international and his standing was enhanced further when Steve Foster joined the Town and bullied him into even greater efforts.

Mitchell left Kenilworth Road in 1986 to join ex-manager David Pleat at Tottenham with his last game a 1-1 draw at Manchester City at the end of the 1985/86 campaign.

After a spell at West Ham, Mitchell returned to the Hatters seven years later under Pleat once more, making his 'second debut' in a 2-1 defeat at Southend in November 1993.

At the end of the 1998/99 campaign Mitchell left the Town for Burnley where he played over 100 times, helping the Clarets to promotion in his first season at Turf Moor.

After hanging up his boots at Burnley he became an agent.

**APPEARANCES:** 341

**GOALS:** 6

## CAREER TIMELINE





# COMMUNITY TRUST



## WORLD BOOK DAY

**Luton Town Community Trust provided free books to local partner primary schools in Bedfordshire, with coaches delivering special reading workshops alongside Luton Town mascots, Happy Harry and Happy Hatty. These workshops were part of the Premier League Primary Stars in-classroom sessions.**

The books were generously donated by the World Book Day Charity, in partnership with the National Literacy Trust.

Luton Town FC Community Trust is one of 103 professional football club charities across England and Wales benefiting from the Premier League's initiative to distribute over 28,000 free books to children through its Premier League Primary Stars education programme.

Hafizul Islam and Avan Jones, the former Town defender who now coaches with the Community Trust while playing for National League South club Chesham

United, visited Wigmore Primary School to take part in the initiative.

In addition to receiving the books, local schools were also gifted a special video featuring Hatters defenders Mark McGuinness and Reuell Walters reading Football is for Everyone by Rico Hinson-King, illustrated by Nick Sharratt and published by Bloomsbury.



# PREMIER LEAGUE PRIMARY STARS UNDER-11 NATIONAL GIRLS' FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT 2025

A huge well done to Leighton Middle School, who proudly represented Luton Town FC Community Trust at the Premier League Primary Stars Under-11 National Girls' Football Tournament 2025 regional qualifiers, hosted by Peterborough United Foundation.

By winning the tournament, they secured their place in the 2025 national finals at Molineux Stadium.

The tournament is a key competition within the Premier League Primary Stars programme. Launched in 2017 and available to all primary schools in England and Wales, Premier League Primary Stars harnesses the power of football to inspire children to be active and develop essential life skills.

## FITTER FANS PROJECT

Now winter is on its way out, its time to think about spring and summer!

Are you or someone you know over 40 thinking about the first steps of a fitness improvement journey? Or maybe the journey has started, and you need some further motivation and accountability?

Luton Town FC Community Trust are running a Fitter Fans project from the end of March through to July 2025 and are looking for Hatters to join in, socialise with like-minded people and ultimately, improve their fitness.

Fitter Fans is supported by the Premier League Fans Fund, fostering a sense of belonging through meaningful engagement between clubs, fans and local communities.

Interested or know someone who is? You can register your interest by emailing [health@lutontown.co.uk](mailto:health@lutontown.co.uk) for more information.





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# LUTON TOWN LADIES

## TOWN SECURE EIGHTH STRAIGHT WIN

Luton Town Ladies secured their eighth win in a row on Sunday afternoon as goals from Gabriella Spillman, Tasha Fensome and Fiona Buttigieg secured a 3-0 win at Cambridge City on Sunday.

The Hatters were kept at bay for a majority of the first half. Buttigieg's corner, just shy of the 20th minute mark, was whipped in towards the back post, but no Town player was able to get a touch goalwards.

But in a first-half of few chances, Jess McKay's long-range free kick was then hit narrowly wide of the post.

After the break Tsaianne Leander found herself one-on-one in the 49th minute, but Cambridge's goalkeeper made a fine save to keep the game goalless.

However, with 20 minutes to play, Spillman gave the Hatters the lead when her well-timed touch around the oncoming goalkeeper found its way into the back of the net. Moments later Fensome

doubled the lead. She collected the ball on the right-hand side of the box and poked the ball past the makeshift goalkeeper.

And two became three in the final minute when Buttigieg netted her third goal in three games, via a sensational free-kick from 25 yards that flew into the roof of the net.

The Ladies have a local derby next week as they welcome Watford Development tomorrow at Barton Rovers with a 2pm kick-off.

## CUP FINAL AT THE KENNY!

**Luton Town Ladies will look to pick up the first trophy of a potential treble when they face Real Bedford Ladies in the Beds FA Women's Senior Cup Final at Kenilworth Road later this month.**

The showpiece match for women's football in Bedfordshire will take place under the lights here on Thursday 20th March.

Tickets for the 7.45pm kick-off are available from the Luton Town ticket office at the following prices: Adults - £10, Concession (60 & over) - £6, Youth (12-16) - £3, Child (6-11) - £1, 5 & under - Free.

Ambulant supporters will pay a concession price with a carer free of charge, providing they are in receipt of Higher/Advanced PIP or DWP.

## TICKET & SHIRT BUNDLE

A ticket bundle will be available for all supporters to purchase a Women's Final ticket and a 2024/25 Luton Town home shirt.

The shirts will be collection only, from the Luton Town Club Shop in Luton Point shopping centre, and also on the day of the game from the stadium shop at Kenilworth Road.

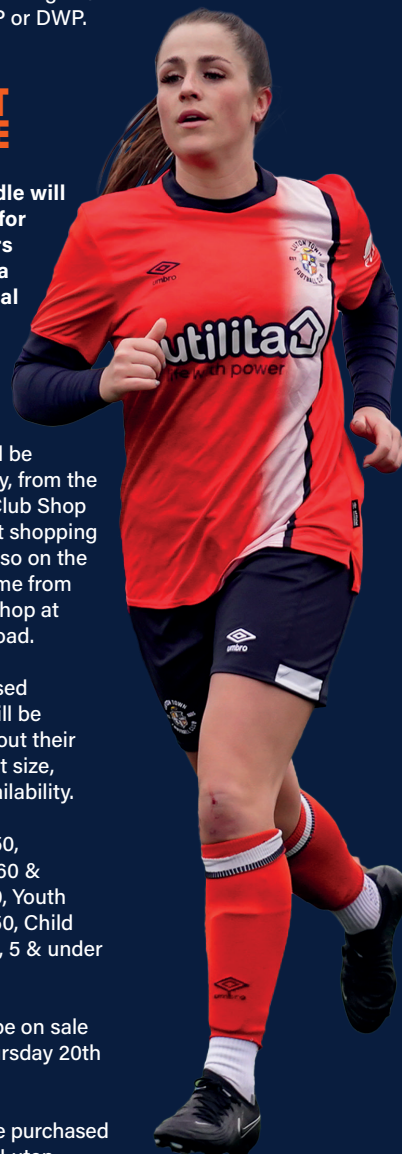
Once purchased supporters will be contacted about their preferred shirt size, subject to availability.

Adults - £39.50, Concession (60 & over) - £35.50, Youth (12-16) - £20.50, Child (6-11) - £18.50, 5 & under - £17.50.

Bundles will be on sale until 9am Thursday 20th March.

Tickets can be purchased online via the Luton

Town ticketing website. Unreserved seats can be purchased in the Main Stand Enclosure.







# THE TRUST INTERVIEWS

This is the first of The Trust Interviews – a series which gives you in-depth insights from key figures behind the scenes at Luton Town.

## DANNY MURPHY Head of Medical & Performance



**Danny Murphy joined us as a consultant last March, bringing with him over 20 years of extensive experience in the Premier League, the EFL and with the FA.**

In June, he was appointed head of Medical Services, and seven weeks ago, he took on the added responsibility of overseeing the Performance department.

A huge thank you to Danny for taking the

time to speak with the Trust and answer some of the questions fans have raised.

**Danny, how do your roles work together – and are 'performance' and 'sports science' the same thing?**

Sports science is the study of how the human body responds to sport, and optimising this for each athlete is key to maximising performance. I studied sports science before physiotherapy, so for me,

they are both part of the same objective, avoiding injury while maximising each athlete's physical potential.

I see these elements as forming the base of a triangle. On one side, you have medical/physiotherapy; on the other side, sports science/strength and conditioning, with both departments supporting the point of the triangle, the manager. Balanced above all of them, like a seesaw, is performance. When all three points of the triangle are aligned and working at a high level, that's when you achieve the best outcomes, high availability, low injury burden, and optimising physical performance. Our job is to help the manager bring all of that together.

**Where do the players fit into this?**

The players are at the heart of the triangle, with all of us in those departments – medical, sports science and coaching – working together, led by the manager, to support the players both as a team and as individual athletes.

Within the team's overall plan, each player has aspects of their training that are tailored to them. These could be treatment, gym, or field based. We take into account key factors like age, previous injuries, biomechanics – how well they move – their ability to tolerate training (load), and their overall strength or power, including individual muscle groups. The science behind this is about balancing a player's capability, what their body can do at its peak, and the demand placed on them, which is what's being asked of them in training and games. When the demand exceeds capability, injuries occur. Our job is to prepare them for the demand, manage their response to it (with nutrition, recovery, etc.), whilst pushing them enough, but not beyond, their limits. That's the challenge for everyone in the industry, managing 25 to 30 players on a daily and a weekly basis throughout the season.

With the number of games in the English calendar and the ever-increasing physical demands of modern football, that challenge is



considerable. The more games and the higher the intensity, the harder it is on the body, and unfortunately, that can put players at greater risk of injury. You'll often hear managers and coaches talk about this.

So, we need to determine how much each player can handle and what we can do to keep them healthy and available. Our job is to help them move as efficiently as possible, build their strength and robustness, while making sure their workload stays within that sweet spot between demand and capability. Our goal is to keep all 25 to 30 players on the right side of that line. That's the job, and it's the challenge we face every day.

#### **What is the club doing to address those injury and fitness challenges?**

First and foremost, I have to say that the club is committed

to creating the best possible environment for the players and their physical development. I am aware there have been concerns from fans about injuries to key players, and I'll address that in a moment, as that's one of the reasons I was brought in.

Over the summer, we completely rebuilt and expanded the medical and treatment areas. We've also brought in new equipment and enhanced capabilities for fitness and rehabilitation, including pilates equipment, an isokinetic device specifically for hamstring testing – which is an industry-wide concern – hypoxic training to improve athletic performance in injured players by increasing their tolerance to lower oxygen levels, and specific flooring for athletes with a history of joint issues, which can affect their ability to train on the pitch every day.

## **“THE PLAYERS ARE AT THE HEART OF THE TRIANGLE, WITH ALL OF US IN THOSE DEPARTMENTS – MEDICAL, SPORTS SCIENCE AND COACHING – WORKING TOGETHER, LED BY THE MANAGER, TO SUPPORT THE PLAYERS BOTH AS A TEAM AND AS INDIVIDUAL ATHLETES.”**

We've also developed our processes for managing each rehabilitation and enhanced the way we communicate about the fitness and injury status of players. Communication and transparency are crucial to keeping everyone on the same page, which ties back to the triangle structure I mentioned earlier. I'm fortunate to work with a fantastic medical and performance team including Head of Sports Science, Josh Hornby, who I've

worked with previously, and Chris Phillips who was promoted to Head Physiotherapist this season.

Everything here is set up to the highest industry standards, and some of the changes we made in February are already starting to show results. Aligning with the new manager's methodology, we've adapted our approach, creating an environment where the players, staff, coaches, and the club as a whole can thrive.



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**We're in a battle to survive. Can we do it?**

We all know, staff, players and above all fans, that we're nowhere near where we hoped to be at this stage of the season. Yes, we're in a battle to survive in this division which is in contrast the club's vision. We also know fans will be looking for positives, so I'd like to share some figures from the medical and performance side.

Our average availability for the season is sitting at 87 per cent. 85 per cent is recognised as an industry standard for successful teams and actually ties in with previous successful Luton Town seasons.

Compared to last season, our 'days lost' – that's the important impact of injuries – is down by over a third, and return to play times post-injury are also down by 40 per cent. As an example, of the injuries we sustained in February, three were back training within an average of 11 days. Also last month, over half the squad were running faster than they had done for a number of weeks or months with one or two of them setting new bests for speed.

So we're getting players fitter, faster and with fewer absences – just in time for the key part of the season. We're making sure they're as sharp as possible and recover as quickly as they can.



The team spirit is amazing and heads haven't dropped despite some cruel setbacks and we believe the recent wins against Portsmouth and Cardiff will give us the platform to go on and retain our Championship status. COYH.

Thank you Danny. That's a great message to end on. With all of our spirits boosted by Tuesday night's battling victory at Cardiff, let's get those vocal chords as fit and active as can be and sing the Town on to victory today and right to the end of the season.

Our support can make all the difference, so come on – let's do it!

**"EVERYTHING HERE IS SET UP TO THE HIGHEST INDUSTRY STANDARDS, AND SOME OF THE CHANGES WE MADE IN FEBRUARY ARE ALREADY STARTING TO SHOW RESULTS."**

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## **HULL CITY v LUTON TOWN SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP SATURDAY 30TH MARCH 2025, KO 12.30PM**

We have received an initial allocation of 1,271 tickets for this match at Hull City.

Tickets are now on general sale to supporters with a purchasing history or Hatters Members without a previous purchasing history.

### **Prices**

Adult £15

Senior (over 65) £12

Young Adult (under 23) £10

Junior Under 16 £5

Junior Under 11 £3.50

### **Further information**

Anyone that is 14 years old or younger must be accompanied by an adult over the age of 18. Children under the age of two years old will not be admitted to the stadium.

Ambulant supporters will pay their age relevant price with a carer free of charge providing they are in receipt of Higher/Advanced PIP or DWP.

## **LUTON TOWN v LEEDS UNITED SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP SATURDAY 5TH APRIL 2025, KO 12.30PM**

Tickets are currently on sale to three-year and two-year Hatters members.

On Monday 17th March at 10am tickets will go on sale to Hatters Members (with purchase history before 19th May 2024).

Tickets will then go on sale general sale (with purchasing history) or Hatters Members (without a previous purchasing history before 1st October).

### **Prices**

Adult £32

Senior (over 66) £28

Golden Senior (over 75) £24

Young Adult (under 22) £28

Under 19 £24

Under 17 £15

Under 14 £12

### **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 the ticket office advise supporters to collect in advance of the matchday if possible. If unable to do this, it is strongly recommended to arrive early to avoid queues at the ticket office and at turnstiles.

We will offer postage for 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.

### **Buy backs**

Season card holders are advised that if they are unable to attend this fixture, they should contact the ticket office via email up to 24 working hours prior to kick-off so their seat(s) can be released for other supporters to attend.

In return, we will arrange for a £15 voucher (£7.50 for under 17) to be left for collection from the ticket office at the next home fixture. These vouchers can be used in either the club shop or at LTFC catering units throughout the ground on a matchday. Vouchers will need to be used by the end of June 2025.

### **Friends and family upgrades**

If a season card holder is unable to attend a home game, they have the option of upgrading their ticket to a different age category to allow friends or family to attend.

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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# JUNIOR HATTERS



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## TODAY'S MASCOTS



**WILLIAM  
FILSELL**

**Age:** 7

**Hobbies:** Football,  
Beavers, TV

**Favourite Player:**  
Carlton Morris



**MAX  
PATTEN**

**Age:** 12

**Hobbies:** Football &  
Gaming

**Favourite Player:**  
Kal Naismith



**ARTHUR  
ORR**

**Age:** 7

**Hobbies:** Playing  
football, roblox,  
Swimming and  
rollerskating

**Favourite Player:**  
Alfie Doughty



**MATILDA  
ORR**

**Age:** 11

**Hobbies:** Drawing,  
playing roblox,  
painting, playing  
with friends, skating,  
swimming

**Favourite Player:**  
Alfie Doughty



**THEO  
SIMON**

**Age:** 7

**Hobbies:**  
Football & Rugby

**Favourite Player:**  
Elijah Adebayo



## PLAYER MIX UP

Can you name the two players that make up  
this images?

## WORDSEARCH

Try and find six goalscoring hatters from this season  
in today's wordsearch...

**ADEBAYO, BROWN, CLARK, MCGUINNESS,  
MORRIS, CHONG**

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PLAYER MIX UP: Alfie Doughty and Isaiah Jones

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## AUGUST

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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

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|--------|---------------------|-------|----|-----|--------|-------|----------|---------|---------|-------|------------|---------|---------|
| 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 | 24 | 1-1 | 11,752 | 1,336 | Kaminski | Jones   | Doughty | Naismith | McGuinness | Bell     | Nakamba |
| SUN 23 | WATFORD             | 12:00 | 24 | 0-2 | 20,252 | 2,070 | Kaminski | Jones   | Doughty | Walters  | Andersen   | Bell     | Nakamba |

## MARCH

|        |              |       |    |     |        |       |          |       |         |         |            |      |         |
|--------|--------------|-------|----|-----|--------|-------|----------|-------|---------|---------|------------|------|---------|
| SAT 1  | PORTSMOUTH   | 15:00 | 22 | 1-0 | 11,616 | 1,323 | Kaminski | Jones | Doughty | Makosso | Naismith   | Bell | CLARK 1 |
| SAT 8  | BURNLEY      | 15:00 | 23 | 0-4 | 19,453 | 599   | Kaminski | Jones | Doughty | Makosso | Naismith   | Bell | Clark   |
| TUE 11 | CARDIFF CITY | 19:45 | 23 | 2-1 | 16,641 | 402   | Kaminski | Jones | Doughty | Makosso | McGuinness | Bell | CLARK 1 |

## SAT 15 MIDDLESBROUGH

SAT 29 HULL CITY 12:30

## 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 12:30

\*QPR won 4-1 on penalties

## O CANADA!

A big welcome to a group of children who are visiting Kenilworth Road for today's game - all the way from Canada!

The group, part of the @eurofootballexchange, will be sitting in the Bobbers this afternoon against Middlesbrough.

We hope you enjoy your short stay with us and turn into Hatters fans for life!





|            |           |          |           |            |              |          |          |          |  |                                                                         |
|------------|-----------|----------|-----------|------------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|--|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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                                          |
| Aasgaard   | Walsh     | Morris   | Adebayo   | Brown      | Baptiste     | Bowler   | Alli     |          |  | Krul, Walters, Andersen, Johnson, Nordås                                |
| Aasgaard   | Walsh     | Nordås   | Adebayo   | BROWN 1    | Baptiste     | Andersen | Alli     |          |  | Krul, Walters, Nelson, Johnson, Bowler                                  |
| Aasgaard   | Walsh     | Morris   | Nordås    | Brown      | Makosso      | Baptiste | Bowler   | Adebayo  |  | Krul, Clark, Alli, Johnson                                              |
| Aasgaard   | Walsh     | Morris   | Brown     | Alli       | McGuinness   | Nelson   | Adebayo  |          |  | Krul, Andersen, Lamine Fanne, Nordås, Bowler                            |
| Aasgaard   | Walsh     | Nelson   | Adebayo   | McGuinness | Lamine Fanne | Brown    | Alli     | Bowler   |  | Krul, Andersen, Morris, Nordås                                          |
| AASGAARD 1 | Walsh     | Morris   | Adebayo   | Alli       | Nelson       | Brown    | Bowler   | Burke    |  | Krul, Andersen, Lamine Fanne, Nordås                                    |



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Pete Taylor has been a lifelong Luton Town fan, supporting them since a boy, and a season ticket holder for many of these years. He never fails to share his opinions, and always brings his humour and a smile to every game.

He's much loved by his Kenilworth Road MEB family who want to wish him a very happy 90th birthday.

# LAST WORD WITH



## SIMON OXLEY

BBC THREE COUNTIES RADIO

**Driving home from Burnley last Saturday and wondering what to write, here's a sentence I didn't think of: This might just be on.**

Isn't it funny how one result, one performance, can rekindle hope that maybe this group of players do have it in them to stay in the Championship.

Coming from behind to win at Cardiff for a first away win since September will surely start to rebuild self-belief for the run-in, and even if there is a stumble today, Tuesday night will be a reminder of how to win on the road when we travel to fellow

strugglers Hull, Stoke and Derby after the international break.

It would be ironic, given all the talk about "Fortress Kenilworth" if away results made the difference. But before I get too carried away, there is of course, still a need for home points. At this moment many of those still to come here are play-off contenders, plus title-chasing Leeds who are involved in a tussle with Sheffield United and Burnley which threatens to go to the final day.

Leeds came unstuck at Portsmouth last weekend, the first time

in a while that one of the top three had slipped up. Much was made of the atmosphere at Fratton Park. I'm sure that can be replicated when they come here, don't you?

Speaking of you all, that result on Tuesday was just reward for your support on the road in such trying circumstances. I must admit, social media wasn't sounding too hopeful at half-time, but Messrs Clark and Aasgaard gave the travelling faithful their just reward.

And so to this afternoon. I've seen Middlesbrough three times this season, including the reverse of

this fixture where the post-match interview is still being talked about. I was in the north east for Watford's win there a few weeks ago, when it seemed that Michael Carrick's time might be up, but he and they have recovered to be right back in play-off contention.

So off we go then on another rollercoaster ride to the end of the season. Whether at the top end or the bottom, heroes will emerge. In past relegation battles we've had the likes of Iain Dowie, Rory Allen and Kazenga LuaLua. Can anyone emerge in 2025?

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### MANAGER

Matt BLOOMFIELD

### HEAD COACH

Michael CARRICK

|                   |           |           |                     |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------------|
| James SHEA        | <b>1</b>  | <b>1</b>  | Seny DIENG          |
| Reuell WALTERS    | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b>  | Rav VAN DEN BERG    |
| Amari'i BELL      | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b>  | Daniel BARLASER     |
| Tom LOCKYER       | <b>4</b>  | <b>6</b>  | Dael FRY            |
| Mads ANDERSEN     | <b>5</b>  | <b>7</b>  | Hayden HACKNEY      |
| Mark McGUINNESS   | <b>6</b>  | <b>8</b>  | Riley McGREE        |
| Victor MOSES      | <b>7</b>  | <b>9</b>  | Kelechi IHEANACHO   |
| Thelo AASGAARD    | <b>8</b>  | <b>10</b> | Delano BURGZORG     |
| Carlton MORRIS    | <b>9</b>  | <b>11</b> | Morgan WHITTAKER    |
| Elijah ADEBAYO    | <b>11</b> | <b>12</b> | Luke AYLING         |
| Kal NAISMITH      | <b>12</b> | <b>15</b> | Anfernee DIKSTEEL   |
| Marvelous NAKAMBA | <b>13</b> | <b>16</b> | Jonny HOWSON        |
| Tahith CHONG      | <b>14</b> | <b>18</b> | Aidan MORRIS        |
| Teden MENGI       | <b>15</b> | <b>20</b> | Finn AZAZ           |
| Reece BURKE       | <b>16</b> | <b>21</b> | Marcus FORSS        |
| Jordan CLARK      | <b>18</b> | <b>22</b> | Tommy CONWAY        |
| Jacob BROWN       | <b>19</b> | <b>23</b> | Tom GLOVER          |
| Liam WALSH        | <b>20</b> | <b>24</b> | Alex Bangura        |
| Millenic ALLI     | <b>21</b> | <b>25</b> | George EDMUNDSON    |
| Lamine FANNE      | <b>22</b> | <b>26</b> | Darragh LENIHAN     |
| Tim KRUL          | <b>23</b> | <b>28</b> | Ryan GILES          |
| Thomas KAMINSKI   | <b>24</b> | <b>29</b> | Samuel ILING-JUNIOR |
| Isaiah JONES      | <b>25</b> | <b>30</b> | Neto BORGES         |
| Shandon BAPTISTE  | <b>26</b> | <b>31</b> | Sol BRYNN           |
| Daiki HASHIOKA    | <b>27</b> | <b>32</b> | Mark TRAVERS        |
| Christ MAKOSSO    | <b>28</b> | <b>37</b> | George McCORMICK    |
| Zack NELSON       | <b>37</b> | <b>38</b> | Shea CONNOR         |
| Joe JOHNSON       | <b>38</b> | <b>39</b> | Sonny FINCH         |
| Lasse NORDÅS      | <b>44</b> | <b>40</b> | Fin CARTWRIGHT      |
| Alfie DOUGHTY     | <b>45</b> | <b>41</b> | Harley HUNT         |
| Josh BOWLER       | <b>47</b> | <b>42</b> | James WILSON        |
|                   |           | <b>43</b> | Charlie LENNON      |
|                   |           | <b>44</b> | Nathan SIMPSON      |
|                   |           | <b>47</b> | Bailey PALMER       |
|                   |           | <b>49</b> | Law McCABE          |
|                   |           | <b>50</b> | Ben DOAK            |

### OFFICIALS

Referee: Farai Hallam  
Assistant Referee: Ian Cooper  
Assistant Referee: Carl Fitch-Jackson  
Fourth Official: Robert Massey-Ellis