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After last week's 1-0 triumph at Hull City we go into this afternoon's game here at a packed Kenilworth Road full of confidence after a third win in our last five matches.

Remarkably the victory was our fourth in a row at the MKM Stadium and fifth in six unbeaten visits! Talk about a happy hunting ground!

Today we have the small matter of welcoming one of the best teams in the division to Kenilworth Road. Leeds arrive in Bedfordshire desperate for the points for different reasons as they aim to win automatic promotion and not go through the agony of the play-offs again.

It promises to be a tremendous early afternoon tussle and it goes without saying we need your backing throughout the next 90 minutes to help the boys get a positive result in our quest to remain in the Championship.

Sing up, Luton!

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| MATT BLOOMFIELD |

THE BOSS

Good afternoon and a warm welcome back to Kenilworth Road to you all for another hugely important Championship game as we entertain Leeds United.

I'd like to also welcome everyone associated with our visitors, including Daniel Farke who has done a brilliant job at Elland Road over the past couple of seasons. After coming so close to returning to the Premier League last year they are up there again challenging for automatic promotion.

The race to finish in the top two is a fascinating one but for ourselves, our focus is on staying in the Championship. If we're able to replicate our performances in the last month or so we will give ourselves a fantastic chance of doing so.

It will require no shortage of hard work and ability from the players and

also a bit of luck but I could not have been any happier with the way in which we have played in recent weeks.

Our last home game here against Middlesbrough saw us dominate the game and we felt we should have been rewarded for that in a first half where we did everything but score. While we would have wanted more from a performance which deserved it overall, it was pleasing to keep a clean sheet against a side pushing for promotion.

Having ended our wait for a win away from home at Cardiff it was therefore fantastic for us to back that up with another win on the road last weekend at Hull. Our resilience and togetherness were massive and I was very proud of our club when walking over to our supporters to celebrate at the final whistle.

What has struck me most about this club, and you the fans since we've been in the building, is the unwavering spirit among everyone, from the people behind the scenes to you in the stands. This club has an unbelievably rich history and lived a rollercoaster existence up and down through the divisions.

Obviously the football is very important but it's about having a group working together, playing together and working and rewarding you, our supporters.

You have given us huge support and have been incredible over the years, so given the results away from home this season – where you had not had much to cheer – to see so many of you at Hull was really something special.

To turn up in numbers for a lunchtime kick-off at the other end of the country and cheer

every kick, every block and every header, it felt like there was a lot of togetherness there as a football club.

That's vital because the only way we're going to be successful and achieve anything is by sticking together.

We will need to employ the same attitude this afternoon against what will be one, if not the toughest test we will face this season. It is exciting though, isn't it? It gives us all an opportunity to shine and show everyone what we're capable of – as well as the chance to fight for important points.

Thank you again for your tremendous support and keep it up once more this afternoon.

Get behind us and enjoy the game.

Matt

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| TOM LOCKYER |

CLUB CAPTAIN

Welcome back to the Kenny and what a game this afternoon promises to be as we prepare to host Leeds United.

We come into this match in good form having taken seven points from our last three games in which we have conceded just one goal.

In our last game here against Middlesbrough we were really unfortunate not to win. We dominated for long periods and I don't remember Thomas making a save. On another afternoon we win 3 or 4-0 but despite the frustration it was heartening to keep a clean sheet. The boys have done incredibly well in recent weeks to restrict the opposition to very few limited chances, especially in our penalty area.

Boro arrived with ambitions of winning promotion – they've won four of their last six games and we should have beaten them out of sight. So while it's frustrating not to win there was loads to like about the performance and plenty to build on.

That's precisely what we did last weekend at Hull as we made it back-to-back away wins this season for the first time. We all know our results on the road have not been up to standard but slowly we are beginning to get back that confidence that had seen us do so well away from Kenilworth Road over the past few years.

At Hull we started well and Eli and Carlton were unlucky not to get the goals their forward play has deserved in recent

weeks. The goal when it came... well, all I can say is it's good to finally see our luck turning.

We're at the business end of the season so while every club wants to play beautiful football it's this time of year where all that matters is results. That's why we'll take that goal all day long, collect the three points and aim to build on that this afternoon.

Today it doesn't come much tougher than Leeds, a team that amassed 90 points last season but lost in the play-offs. This time around they have again been one of the best teams, playing some unbelievable football.

Yet in recent weeks they have shown a few chinks in their armour and shown that they can





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be vulnerable, so we must do all we can to make life hard for them this afternoon. With your backing behind us there's no reason why we can't continue our good form as we aim to keep ourselves in the Championship. It certainly has all the ingredients of a great game and no wonder the Sky cameras are in town, too.

I'd also like to say a big hello to my Welsh colleagues in the Leeds squad, Ethan Ampadu, Joe Rodon and Dan James. It was great to work with Ethan earlier in the season for the Every Minute Matters campaign where we helped educate the thousands of Leeds fans of the importance of learning CPR. Remember, if you're in the need of CPR training, look no further than the British Heart Foundation website and download the app. Trust me, you will help save a life one day – and maybe that of a loved one.

So finally, here's one last rallying call: join me in getting behind the lads and make some noise.

Up the Hatters.





BOARDROOM DAVID WILKINSON

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

Today's visitors are Leeds United, who are vying with Burnley and Sheffield United for the two automatic promotion places to the Premier League. All three have had recent spells in the top-flight and have the valuable experience of managing the vast chasm between the Premier League and the Championship. As we have experienced, it can be a lucrative poisoned chalice.

Leeds' greatest successes were in the 60s and 70s under Don Revie when they won the league twice, the FA Cup once, the League Cup once and were runners-up many times in all competitions. Their style of play wasn't to everyone's liking, as demonstrated by the

legendary Brian Clough's 44 days in charge after Revie departed to manage England.

We were well beaten at Elland Road in November and it was clear then that they were the team to beat if you wanted to win the division. We are a different proposition now and, with the added advantage of being here at Kenny, let's hope we can make a better account of ourselves. We come into today's game having taken 10 points from the last five games, looking more organised and difficult to beat. Let's hope that we can start to put away some of the many chances

we are creating and continue this run until the end of the season. As Matt has alluded to, the togetherness on and off the pitch has been evident greatly in recent weeks and long may it continue.

While on the subject of football, it is exciting to see the progress being made by our academy teams across several age groups. A few of us regularly watch the Under-18s and Under-21s, who have both enjoyed excellent seasons.

Joe Deeney's Under-18s are currently top of the Youth Alliance, but have a fight on their

hands for the title as Oxford have games in hand and are chasing hard. Furthermore, the Under-17 group have reached the final of the PDL Cup and will face Swansea in May. Good luck, lads!

Alex Lawless' Under-21s reached the last-16 of the Premier League Cup where, despite an encouraging performance, they were beaten by Category 1 side Nottingham Forest. A number of the players who have excelled this season are now enjoying time out on loan further down the pyramid, giving them vital experience of senior football.

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It has taken a while for our academy to catch up, given the first team's climb up the leagues so quickly over the past decade. As a result, our best players were often picked up cheaply under EPPP rules. We still face a battle to keep hold of players, but the higher quality of our staff and facilities – and a clearly visible pathway to the first team – can hopefully persuade more of our youngsters to stay with us. It's also wonderful to have so many former players on our coaching staff. They know what we are about and what matters to us.

It is also important that the boys feel wanted by the club and our fans. Supporters of Luton Youth Development (SOLYD) have been unbelievable in their support for the academy since we were relegated to the Conference in

2009 – but you can also play your part. Why not sponsor one of our academy players? You can see availability on the sponsor pages elsewhere in this programme and I would encourage you to support them if you can. I know the players truly appreciate it.

You may have noted that our accounts have been submitted to Companies House for the year ended 30th June 2024. They show record turnover and profits thanks to our brief stay in the Premier League.

They show the huge divide in revenue and costs between the Premier League and the rest, which is clearly unhealthy. If you take the costs of getting to the Premier League with the costs of being in it, including wage costs and bonuses, the results are not all they seem.

In fact, if it wasn't for parachute payments providing a somewhat softer landing, it could be quite a challenge. When we were at Premier League meetings it was pretty clear that clubs who had been in the division for a while and had built a Premier League quality squad would be very hard-pressed to cope if they were relegated.

In that respect, we were fortunate that we hadn't 'bet the farm'. All three clubs that were promoted this season have invested quite heavily in their squads and it hasn't worked. Is there a lesson? It's hard to say, but despite the fact that clubs are struggling financially, the latest rules encourage losses and more risk and there is little sign of the gap narrowing.

At Luton Town, our remit has been to rebuild and ensure a stable future >>

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for our club. Kenilworth Road is not able to provide sufficient revenue to compete at the level we want to be, so Power Court is essential. It is not just ticket sales, but hospitality and additional revenue-generating activities that make the difference. Once fully operational, it is forecast that the matchday revenue at Power Court will be many more times our current levels here at Kenilworth Road.

As you may have seen in our financial statement release, Mike Herrick has left the Board and sold his shares to an existing shareholder, Rob Stringer. Mike, a proud Lutonian, has been an intrinsic member of the board and a significant shareholder since 2011, providing a loan to help acquire land at Power Court.

Mike is a long-time fan having been to his first game in 1957. He has an amazing memory of all things Luton Town. Mike is, and always will be, a part of the 2020 story. Thank you, Mike.

Back to today and this fixture is dedicated to the EFL's Green Football Great Save campaign. There are several ways we are becoming more sustainable and helping the environment, which can be seen on the graphic on this page. This week we were awarded bronze status with the EFL for sustainability and we will be aiming to improve on this further once we are at Power Court.

Turning attention back to the pitch, let's hope the lads can continue their good form as we aim to preserve our Championship status. The noise your support can generate in this famous old ground of ours has the power to lift the players and intimidate the opposition so – as if

you need reminding – get behind the team from the first minute and make this afternoon another special one.

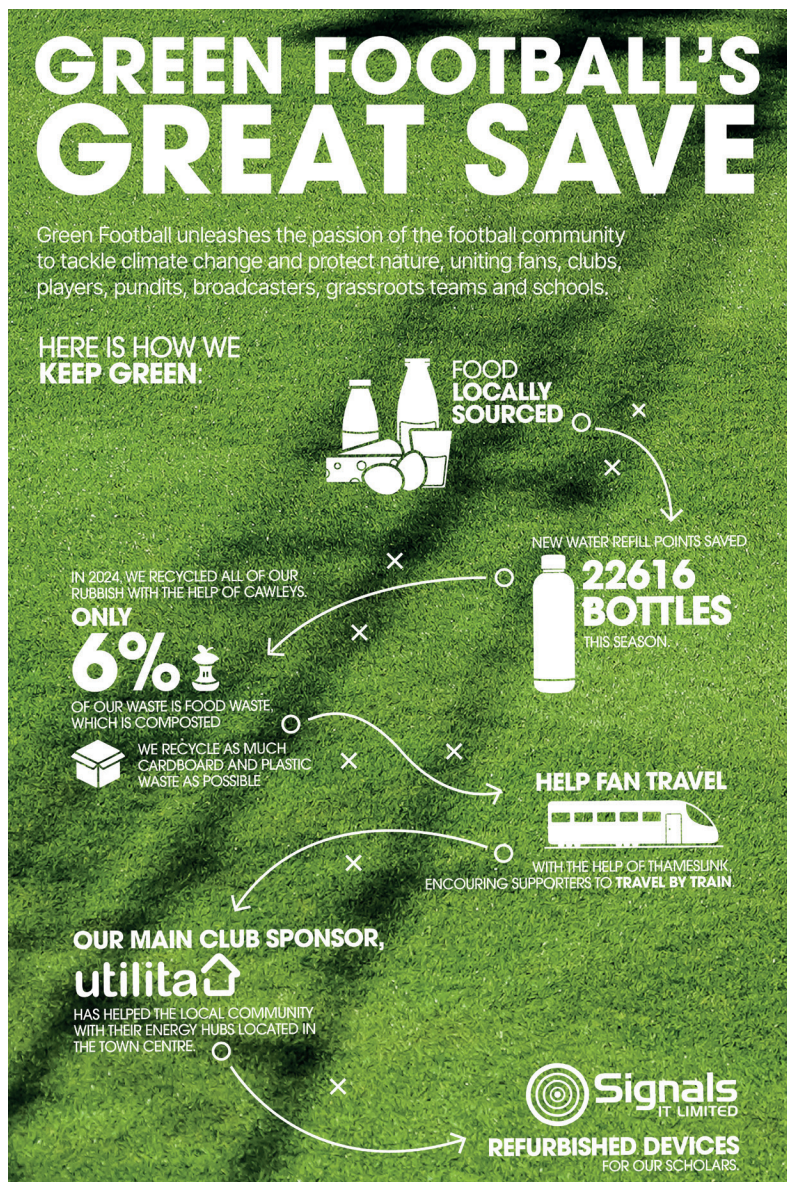
Finally, following the end of Ramadan, may I wish members of our Muslim community Eid Mubarak. Especially those employed at the

club, who have worked tirelessly and cheerfully while fasting.

"Fasting is an amazing thing. It gives people heart and soul!" – Rumi

Enjoy the game and come on you Hatters!

David



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AROUND TOWN

WATCH OPEN TRAINING AT KENILWORTH ROAD

Hatters fans will get the opportunity to watch first team training at Kenilworth Road on Monday 14th April where all supporters are invited to watch Matt Bloomfield's squad get put through their paces.

If you wish to attend this event please book a ticket online at eticketing.co.uk/lutontown. Please select either Members (adult) or Members (Under 17) or diamond vouchers if this applies (checks will be made before tickets are dispatched).

All other season card holders and supporters can purchase tickets and attend for the small charge of £2 for adults and £1 for Under 17s, which will be donated to Stepping Stones, our Club Charity of the Year.



Entry to the stadium will be through turnstiles at the Main Stand entrance on Kenilworth Road or turnstiles on the Maple Road bridge. The tickets you receive will be required to be scanned at the turnstiles to gain access. Please choose digital tickets if at all possible.

Tickets must be purchased 24 hours before this event. Turnstiles will open at 11.30am with

training due to commence at 12.30pm.

Parking will be available in the main club car park in Maple Road. Please note that there are limited spaces which will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

Catering units on the Main Stand concourse and the club shop at Kenilworth Road will be open for the duration of this event.

REST IN PEACE



We are sad to announce the recent passing of Town supporter **John Aldridge** at the age of 88 after a long illness.

John was a lifelong supporter and executive box holder, following the Hatters home and away through all the divisions. He was well-known around the club and often carried out maintenance work at the Kenny.

His legacy and support will be carried on by his children, Rob and Carole, and his grandchildren who all loved him dearly. He was a good man who will be greatly missed.

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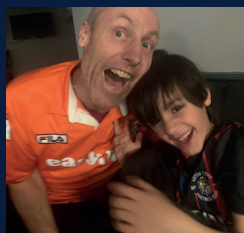
HAPPY BIRTHDAY HATTERS!



Many happy returns to **Geoff Blackburn** who is celebrating his 80th birthday. Born a stone's throw from the ground, he has been through the highs and lows of being a Town fan but he says you have to

experience some lows to truly cherish the highs.

Leo Barringer turns nine today. Leo was our mascot at Bristol City earlier this season and his favourite player is Thomas Kaminski.



Happy belated birthday to **Pete Gillick** aka 'the bald eagle' / grandad. Hope you have a great day out today. Love Fife and Darren.

Happy 60th Birthday to **Mark Chapman**

from your wife Clare and your family and friends. Mark has been a loyal fan for nearly 50 years and is a founding board member of the Luton Town Supporters' Trust, dedicating a huge amount of his time and commitment to the club he loves.



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The Hatters spurned several fantastic chances as they were held to a goalless draw with play-off-chasing Middlesbrough in our last game at Kenilworth Road.

Showing an unchanged side that beat Cardiff, the Hatters started like a train and should have led inside seven minutes. Elijah Adebayo's cut-back was deflected into the path of Thelo Aasgaard who somehow lifted the ball over the bar from five yards out on the stretch.

Alfie Doughty's low drive was blocked two minutes later and on 16 minutes, as the Town continued to press, the left-wing-back created a superb opening for Aasgaard who volleyed straight at Mark Travers from 10 yards.

It was chance-a-minute stuff for the Hatters as, moments after Liam Walsh dragged a shot wide, Adebayo missed a huge chance to break the deadlock on 20 minutes when racing through on goal after a wayward Boro back-pass to shoot straight at Travers.

On 35 minutes the Hatters came even closer to finally getting the ball over the line when, after Carlton Morris' shot was saved by Travers, the Town skipper edged the ball into Adebayo's path but from a matter of yards the striker could not get the decisive touch with the goal gaping.

You felt the Town needed to continue where they left off in the second half but chances were few and far between after the break.

Indeed it wasn't until the hour mark that either side came close – and that was when Finn Azaz curled a well-hit effort just wide from the edge of the box for the visitors.

With 20 minutes left Matt Bloomfield introduced Lamine Fanne, Lasse Nordås and Milli Alli and five minutes later the Hatters came close when Mark McGuinness' towering header bounced agonisingly the wrong side of the post.

As time ticked down the game became a scrappy affair and with three minutes remaining Nordås shot wide after being teed up by Fanne as the Town tried in vain to find a late winner.

With the game swinging quickly from end to end as both sides hunted all three points, Boro came closest in the second minute of added time when Delano Burgzorg flashed a shot goalwards that kissed the top of the crossbar.

But the Town could not find a way through in the final moments and, with results going against them in the games elsewhere, they slipped four points from safety in the Championship table.

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Hatters wideman on
squad's morale after
point against Boro

MANY POSITIVES TO TAKE

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Hatters wideman Izzy Jones wants his team-mates to take the positives from the chances created against his former club Middlesbrough into the next Championship fixture at Hull.

The 25-year-old was named player of the match after posing a continual threat to his former colleagues down the Town's right flank in an opening 45 minutes that Matt Bloomfield's side dominated, before switching towards the end of the goalless draw.

The Hatters had 19 shots and six big chances, but

couldn't quite find the finishing touch to take all three points.

Speaking to LTFC+, Jones said: "It was a good team performance. We were unlucky not to get the three points, but we can take many positives from the game and look forward to our next game after the international break.

"Once we came into the changing room, everyone was disappointed not to take the three points with the chances we created, but we can take the positives from the game and at least we were creating the chances, but

just not putting it into the back of the net.

"We've got eight more games to go, so hopefully we can start scoring a lot of goals and stay up."

The London-born Guyana international also found time to thank supporters for making him feel at home since his return south in January, when he made the switch from the Riverside to Bedfordshire.

"I feel right at home, since day one when I came, I've been made to feel welcome and the fans took me in, so the best thing I can do is repay

them on the pitch. Luckily I did that today."

He also insisted the atmosphere inside the Town dressing room is driven to making sure the recent run of good results.

"One hundred per cent, there is a good mood," he said. "Everyone is working hard, day in, day out, showing desire and passion, and once we step on that pitch, it's war.

"All we wanted today was the three points. We were unlucky not to get it, we got one point, but let's take the positives and move forward."

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Jones 46' (og)

A bizarre and crucial own goal 12 seconds into the second half earned the Hatters yet another valuable win away from home to keep their Championship survival hopes alive.

The Town started brightly and Elijah Adebayo struck the post as early as the seventh minute after taking Jordan Clark's clever pass, drilling a low shot across goal that rebounded away to safety.

Four minutes later the Hatters came close once more, this time captain Carlton Morris volleying wide at the back-post after being found unmarked by a beautiful Liam Walsh free-kick.

After missing those opportunities, the Town then needed to dig in defensively as the hosts pushed for an opener.

However, it wasn't until the final minute of the half that the Tigers threatened when Kasey Palmer's goal-bound shot was cleared by Mark McGuinness.

At half-time Reece Burke – making his first start since November – was withdrawn and replaced by Tahith Chong and within seconds of his introduction the Hatters led thanks to one of the strangest own goals of the season.

Morris and Adebayo forced a chance for Thelo Aasgaard but, with the Hull defence sensing danger, Lewis Coyle's

clearance hit teammate Alfie Jones and bounced gloriously past Ivor Pandur in the Tigers' goal.

The MKM Stadium has been a happy hunting ground for the Hatters – prior to kick-off the Town had won on their last three visits – and, ahead, it was time for Matt Bloomfield's side to hold on.

Clark and Amari'i Bell – the latter making his 150th appearance in Luton colours – did well to force out Kyle Joseph as the home forward raced in on goal on the hour.

As time ticked down the hosts became more frantic but the Town kept their heads and held firm in defence with Thomas Kaminski gathering Abu Kamara's shot comfortably with 16 minutes left.

Just when you sensed the game was up there was one final chance – and the Town had Kaminski to thank. Hull worked the ball short to Charlie Hughes and the Hull midfielder hit a rocket from 20 yards that Kaminski acrobatically turned away.

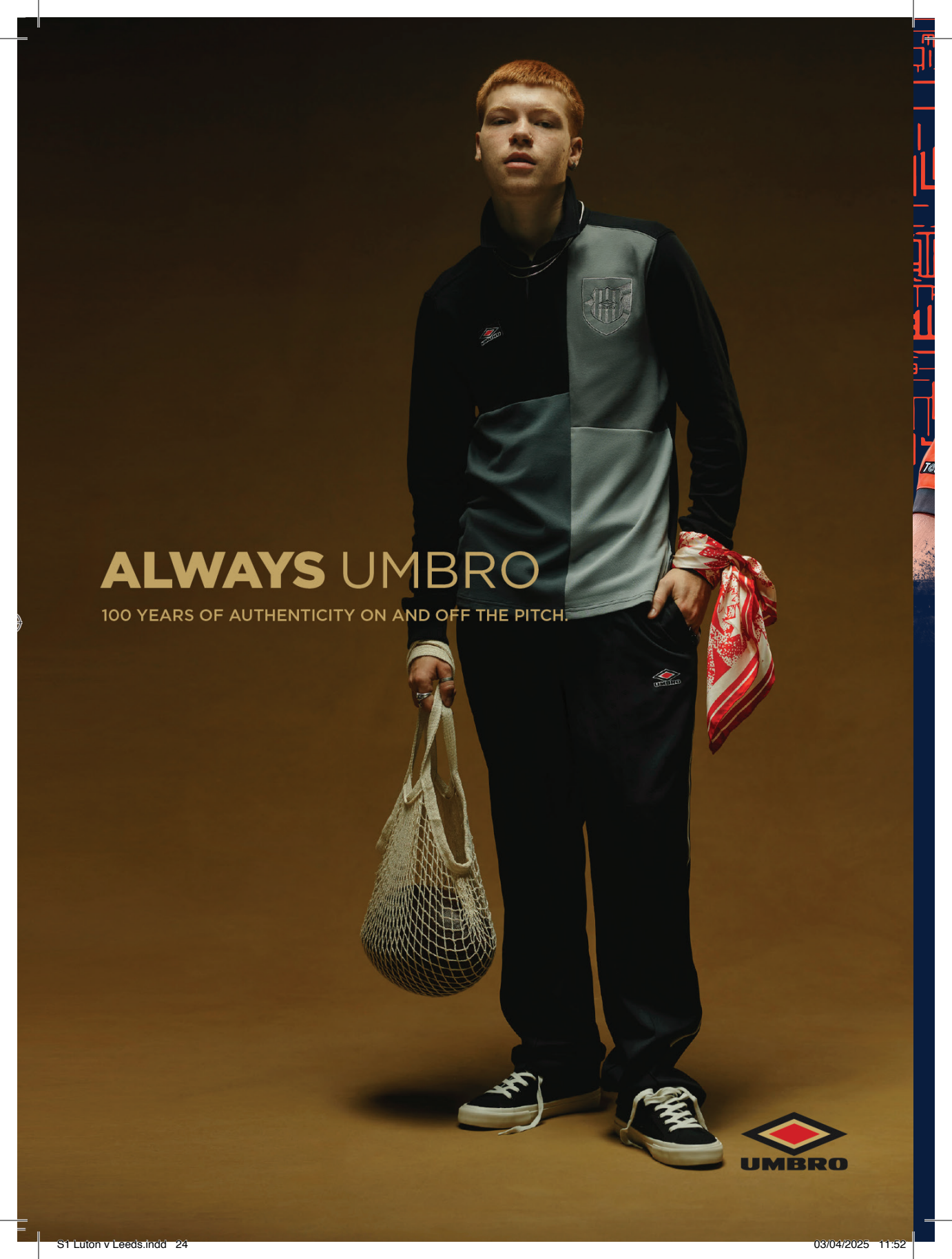
The hosts could not muster another chance in the moments that remained and the Hatters were left to celebrate a huge three points away from Kenilworth Road for the second game in a row.



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That felt good!

Defender delighted with second consecutive clean sheet after the 1-0 win at Hull

Hatters defender Mark McGuinness hailed a solid away performance after helping his side come away from Hull with all three points on Saturday.

The Republic of Ireland international put in an outstanding shift at the heart of the Town back three, with Alfie Jones' own goal 13 seconds into the second half enough to secure a second successive away win.

Speaking to LTFc+ after the game, the 24-year-old said: "That felt good. We picked up where we left off just before the international break with another clean sheet, which is always positive.

"We were probably lacking that previously,

so I think there was a real solid performance and obviously a bit of luck, and I think we've been missing that, so it's about time we get that bit of luck."

The shut-out was a third clean sheet in the last five games, and our August signing from Cardiff went on: "Don't get me wrong, we were solid. I felt solid. I think everyone chipped in from the front to the back.

"There was obviously a few moments, but I thought overall we were really strong and it's fantastic leading into the game on Saturday. I think it's a good test for us and everyone's feeling good."

The victory lifted the Hatters to within two points of safety, building

on the good results shown before the international break with wins over Portsmouth and Cardiff, along with an excellent performance in the goalless draw with Middlesbrough.

"As I said before, it felt like that. I think that's because of training and what the boys and everyone at training ground is doing, setting standards. We're working hard there, so it's easy to carry into the games now. We go back in on Monday morning and we do the same thing."

The former Arsenal youngster also spoke of the belief now running through Matt

Bloomfield's squad after the recent run put the Town joint third in the Championship form table over the last five matches.

"You know what this league's like, it's all about momentum and that winning feeling. If we can replicate that and we feel that and we embrace that, then it puts us in good stead going moving."

And on keeping successive clean sheets for the first time this season, he smiled: "Look, that's my job, so I'm always happy when we come away with a clean sheet."

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WELCOME



The Hatters host Leeds United at Kenilworth Road in what promises to be a huge and very exciting match here in Bedfordshire.

After finishing third in the Championship last season and losing in the play-offs, Leeds have had a great season so far and are strong favourites for promotion, but recent form has seen them lose top spot.

It has been a fine campaign so far for Daniel Farke's men who have looked nailed on for a return to the top flight all season.

A recent 3-1 away win against Sheffield United stands out in particular among some very good results.

However, since that win at Bramall Lane, form has tailed off and the Whites have won one out of their last five games. Last time out, Leeds lost a valuable two points in the last minute when Zan Vipotnik equalised for Swansea at Elland Road.

In the reverse fixture, Leeds ran out comfortable 3-0 winners against the Hatters. Goals from Sam Byram, Joel Piroe and Dan James secured the victory for the Whites.

The Hatters have failed to beat Leeds in their past seven meetings - not since a 5-1 win in 2006/07 have the Town tasted victory against our opponents.

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



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THE SQUAD



- 1 GK Illan Meslier
- 2 DF Jayden Bogle
- 3 DF Junior Firpo
- 4 MF Ethan Ampadu
- 5 DF Pascal Struijk
- 6 DF Joe Rodon
- 7 MF Daniel James
- 8 MF Joe Rothwell
- 9 FW Patrick Bamford
- 10 FW Joël Piroe
- 11 MF Brenden Aaronson
- 14 MF Manor Solomon
- 17 FW Largie Ramazani
- 19 FW Mateo Joseph
- 21 GK Alex Cairns
- 22 MF Ao Tanaka
- 23 MF Josuha Guilavogui
- 25 DF Sam Byram
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PROFILES

Words by Zac Neal

THE BOSS

DANIEL FARKE

Two Championship promotions to his name with Norwich City and guided Leeds to the play-off final last season. Appointed Leeds manager in July 2023.

GOALKEEPER

ILLAN MESLIER

Young yet experienced French goalkeeper who has amassed over 200 games for the Whites since 2019. Has kept 21 clean sheets this season.

DEFENDERS

SAM BYRAM

Experienced defender at Championship and Premier League level. In his second stint with Leeds and has also played for the likes of West Ham, Nottingham Forest and Norwich.

PASCAL STRUIJK

Dutch defender who has been a regular for Leeds since 2020. Scored two late goals in Leeds' massive 2-1 win against Sunderland.

JOE RODON

Welsh international centre-back who began his career with Swansea City before making the move to Tottenham. Briefly played for Rennes before making the move to Elland Road ahead of last season.

JAYDEN BOGLE

A regular for Leeds this season at right back, chipping in with five goals and two assists. Scored the equaliser in the recent 2-2 draw with QPR.

JUNIOR FIRPO

Former Barcelona man who is an international for the Dominican Republic national team. Left Barcelona in 2021 to sign for the Whites.

MIDFIELDERS

JOE ROTHWELL

30-year-old midfielder on loan from Premier League side Bournemouth. Spent most of last season on loan at Southampton in the Championship.

ETHAN AMPADU

Started off at Exeter before he signed for Chelsea and spent a few years with the Blues. He is also a regular for the Welsh national team.

ILIA GRUEV

Bulgarian midfielder who spent a few seasons with Werder Bremen before he made the switch to Yorkshire. Scored a free kick for Leeds in the play-off semi-final last season against Norwich.

AO TANAKA ▼

Japanese midfielder who joined Leeds from Fortuna Dusseldorf last summer. Has had a great season so far and is fast becoming a fan favourite at Elland Road.



FORWARDS

DAN JAMES

Former Manchester United winger who signed for Leeds from the Red Devils in 2021 and has been a key player for the Whites ever since.

BRENDEN AARONSON

Began his career with Philadelphia Union in the MLS before moving onto RB Salzburg and later joining Leeds. Scored in last week's 2-2 draw with Swansea.

JOEL PIROE

25-year-old Dutch striker who holds a great scoring record in the Championship. Currently the second top scorer in the league behind Borja Sainz.

MANOR SOLOMON

Former Fulham and Tottenham winger who has signed for Leeds on loan this season. Scored in Leeds' 4-0 victory against Watford.

WILFRIED GNONTO ▲

Young Italian winger who has been a key player for Leeds over the past three seasons. Scored last week for Leeds in their 2-2 draw with Swansea.

MATEO JOSEPH

Another young attacking talent coming through for Leeds who has mainly been used as an impact sub this season.

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A FOOT IN BOTH



KEVIN NICHOLLS

'Nico' joined the Hatters in 2001 from Wigan and helped us to win two promotions. After five years at Kenilworth Road he moved to Leeds in 2006 where injuries kept him sidelined during his only season at Elland Road, playing just 15 times for the Whites. After a move to Preston he returned to Kenilworth Road, winning the Johnstone's Paint Trophy in 2009.

UNITED CULT HERO



If there's one player in recent history that rivals the heroes from Leeds' halcyon days it's **Pablo Hernández**.

For reasons why, let's look no further than the Spanish playmaker's pivotal role in their return to the Premier League after a 16-year absence.

Joining in 2016, he became a key figure under Marcelo Bielsa, known for his creativity, vision, and match-winning performances. His technical brilliance and leadership made him a fan favourite, but it was his decisive moments

that cemented his legendary status among the Elland Road faithful.

The most iconic was his late winner against Swansea in July 2020, a goal that all-but sealed promotion back to the top-flight.

His passion, work ethic and connection with the club endeared him to supporters and even after leaving in 2021, Pablo's impact remains cherished by those who witnessed his wizardry.

A man who won three successive player of the year trophies will never be forgotten.

FIXTURE FLASHBACK

TOWN 5-1 LEEDS 21st OCTOBER 2006

The Hatters thrashed Leeds at Kenilworth Road to move up into the play-off positions in the Championship.

Carlos Edwards finished from a tight angle to put the Town ahead in the 12th minute but Hayden Foxe's header ensured it was level at half-time.

But the Hatters came out all guns blazing after the break and two goals in three minutes put Mike Newell's side in command.

A chested effort from Rowan Vine on 55 minutes was followed by a David Bell strike to have the Hatters 3-1 in front.

A Markus Heikkinen header made it 4-1 on 73 minutes and Edwards turned in Vine's deflected cross to complete Leeds' misery in stoppage time to seal a superb victory.

"I imagine it will have been a long time since Luton beat a club like Leeds 5-1," said Newell afterwards.

However the joy for the Town would be short-lived. They joined Leeds in League One following relegation come the end of the season.

In the seven games the two sides have met since this victory for the Town, the Hatters have failed to beat United.





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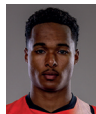
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At our last home game against Middlesbrough Isaiah Brown was named man-of-the-match and the former Boro man received his trophy post-match in the Eric Morecambe Suite.

We also had the pleasure of hosting five mascots for the game who enjoyed their experience at Kenilworth Road, as they got to meet their favourite players pre-match before lining up with the captains and officials moments before kick-off.

Today we have the pleasure of welcoming guests from our match sponsors County Gardeners who will get the full VIP treatment and choose their man-of-the-match.

A big welcome also to our friends from FPM who are our matchball sponsors. We also have the presence of four mascots who will get to meet all their favourite players before leading the team out onto the pitch. We hope you all enjoy your day with us.

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Bristol City v Watford	
Millwall v Portsmouth	
Oxford United v Sheffield United	
Plymouth Argyle v Norwich City	
Preston North End v Stoke City	
QPR v Cardiff City	
Sheffield Wednesday v Hull City	
Swansea City v Derby County	



TOTAL OFFSIDES

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Middlesbrough	91
Leeds United	86
Stoke City	85
Cardiff City	83
Swansea City	82



GOALS OUTSIDE BOX

Burnley	11
Norwich City	11
Sheffield United	10
Sunderland	10
West Bromwich Albion	10

Stats correct as of 2/4/25

TABLE AND STATS 2024/25

AS OF 2/4/2025

		P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	PTS
1	Sheff Utd	39	26	7	6	56	29	27	83
2	Leeds	39	23	12	4	78	27	51	81
3	Burnley	39	22	15	2	53	11	42	81
4	Sunderland	39	20	12	7	56	37	19	72
5	Coventry	39	17	8	14	56	51	5	59
6	West Brom	39	13	18	8	48	35	13	57
7	Middlesbrough	39	16	9	14	59	49	10	57
8	Bristol City	39	14	15	10	49	42	7	57
9	Watford	39	15	8	16	47	51	-4	53
10	Norwich	39	13	13	13	61	54	7	52
11	Blackburn	39	15	7	17	42	41	1	52
12	Sheff Wed	39	14	10	15	54	60	-6	52
13	Millwall	39	13	12	14	37	40	-3	51
14	Preston North End	38	10	17	11	39	44	-5	47
15	QPR	39	11	12	16	45	53	-8	45
16	Swansea	39	12	9	18	40	51	-11	45
17	Portsmouth	39	12	9	18	47	61	-14	45
18	Stoke	39	10	12	17	40	52	-12	42
19	Oxford Utd	39	10	12	17	40	57	-17	42
20	Hull	39	10	11	18	39	48	-9	41
21	Cardiff	39	9	13	17	43	63	-20	40
22	Derby	38	10	8	20	40	51	-11	38
23	Luton	39	10	8	21	35	60	-25	38
24	Plymouth	39	7	13	19	40	77	-37	34

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	10	0	1	0	0	0	10	0	1	0	0	10	1
Elijah Adebayo	30	8	5	1	1	0	31	9	5	1	0	181	47
Millenic Alii	1	8	0	0	0	0	1	8	0	0	0	9	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	24	0	0	2	0	0	26	0	0	1	0	150	2
Josh Bowler	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	6	0
Jacob Brown	11	18	4	0	1	0	11	19	4	4	0	52	7
Reece Burke	10	1	0	1	0	0	11	1	0	4	0	95	4
Tahith Chong	22	2	2	1	0	0	23	2	2	5	0	63	7
Jordan Clark	32	2	5	1	1	0	33	3	5	9	0	173	17
Alfie Doughty	23	1	1	1	0	0	24	1	1	5	0	103	6
Lamine Fanne	3	3	0	1	0	0	4	3	0	1	0	7	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	9	1	0	1	0	0	10	1	0	2	0	11	0
Thomas Kaminski	38	0	0	2	0	0	40	0	0	3	1	78	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	5	1	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	6	0
Mark McGuinness	34	2	3	1	0	0	35	2	3	3	0	37	3
Teden Mengi	14	1	1	0	0	0	14	1	1	2	0	50	2
Carlton Morris	30	4	7	2	0	0	32	4	7	7	0	130	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	3	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	1	75	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	3	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	5	0
Chidozie 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	12	8	0	1	1	0	13	9	0	2	2	22	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



LEAGUE LOOK

WORDS BY ZAC NEAL

Last weekend saw the return of the Championship after the March international break and it did not disappoint. Huge games at each end of the table were filled with twists, turns and non-stop drama.

On Friday night, Sheffield United eased past Coventry City 3-1 at Bramall Lane. Gustavo Hamer scored a beauty against his former club as the Blades solidified their spot at the top of the table.

The following day, the Town picked up a massive 1-0 away win against Hull City. An own goal from Alfie Jones saw the Hatters return home with three absolutely huge points. Plymouth, who sit below us in the table held to a 0-0 draw with Watford.

Burnley picked up a routine win over Bristol City as they won 1-0 at Turf Moor. Cardiff and Sheffield Wednesday shared the points in South Wales as the Bluebirds missed out

on the chance of a big three points despite taking the lead.

Swansea scored a last-minute equaliser away at today's opponents Leeds thanks to a late Zan Vipotnik strike in what was a topsy turvy 2-2 draw. Middlesbrough got a home win as they came from behind to beat Oxford 2-1.

Norwich and Portsmouth both picked up 1-0 victories at home. A late winner from Josh Sargent saw Norwich beat West Brom and a

Josh Murphy goal was enough for Pompey to beat Blackburn.

Stoke beat QPR 3-1 in a massive win in Stoke's fight against relegation. The Potters soared into a 3-0 lead and never looked back from there. Sunderland also won, as a Trai Hume goal was enough to beat Millwall to maintain their play-off push.



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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. Isaiah Jones scored a hat-trick for Guyana during the international break – but against which nation?
2. Which nation does Luton Ladies' Fiona Buttigieg represent?
3. How many goals have the Hatters conceded in their last six matches away to Hull?
4. Which rule has FIFA allowed in the Faroe Islands that is not applied anywhere else in the world?

5. Against which club did Amari'i Bell make his Hatters debut?
6. Who scored the Town goal the last time Leeds visited Kenilworth Road in the 2-1 defeat in November 2019?
7. Academy graduate Matthew Spring made 289 appearances for the Hatters – but how many games did he play for Leeds?
8. Which player is the youngest to score on their debut for England?
9. Which League 2 club has hit the woodwork 21 times – more than any other club in the EFL?
10. Who made more appearances for Leeds? Enoch Showunmi or Tresor Kandol?
11. Who is Leeds' record signing?
12. Which manager was our first from outside the UK?

13. Which Premier League player has made the most blocks with 41?
14. Glen Rea plays for which team in the National League South?
15. How many top-flight titles have Arsenal won?



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. Guatemala. 2. Malia. 3. One. 4. Another player can hold the ball to take set-pieces in high winds. 5. Peterborough. 6. James Collins. 7. 15. 8. Myles Lewis-Skelly. 9. Doncaster. 10. Tresor Kandol. 11. Georginio Rutter (£36m from Hoffenheim). 12. Joe Kinnear. 13. Nathan Collins. 14. Worthing. 15. 13.



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PETER PLATT - THE GOALSCORING GOALKEEPER

A Western League match between Luton and Leyton on Monday 9th November 1908 does not, at first, seem particularly noteworthy.

However, five minutes before half-time, a handball by Leyton's Ephraim Longworth, who would eventually play 300 times for Liverpool, saw the Town awarded a penalty.

The taker was an unlikely source. "Platt came out of his goal to score," reads the match report. It put the Hatters two goals ahead and, to this day, remains the only instance of a named goalkeeper scoring for Luton in a competitive game.

Platt was born in Rishton, Lancashire, in 1883 and it was with nearby Blackburn that he began his professional career, appearing once in a First Division game against West Bromwich before moving on to Liverpool, where he would replace a former Town goalkeeper, Bill Perkins.

He was a success on Merseyside, becoming first choice for two seasons before heading to Bedfordshire in the summer of 1905 after losing his place in the Liverpool side to ex-Sunderland stopper Ned Doig.

It would prove to be quite the coup for the Town as Platt quickly established himself as one of the best goalkeepers in the Southern League. Good in the air with great positioning and a good organiser, Platt would appear 184 times over the next four seasons and was often noted as a rare bright spot in an otherwise poor Luton side.

An imposing figure for the time, standing at 6ft 1in and weighing nearly 14 stone, his physicality and temper could sometimes land him in trouble. A lover of animals, he was a pigeon fancier and a breeder of toy pomeranians, but in March 1909 he was charged with assault after

an argument over the purchase of, of all things, a ferret, and led to a fight on Upper George Street. With some amount of mirth, the Luton recorder labelled him the "Pugilistic Goalkeeper" and decried the incident as "Ferrets and Fisticuffs".

Not long after, and wanting to settle down, Platt moved to Nuneaton and married a widow who was landlady of The White Swan Inn in Nuneaton's town centre. He would run the pub for many years and

was a popular owner, being noted as always jovial and ever ready to consider the welfare of his customers, as well as to entertain them with a song. Fond of flowers, he was rarely seen without one in his coat.

Sadly though Platt spent much of his thirties in poor health, and a mini influenza outbreak in Nuneaton caused him to contract pneumonia and pass away in 1922. He was just 39 years old.

Will Foster

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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 Leeds.

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1 Leeds' first visit to Kenilworth Road over Christmas 1947 sees the Town win 6-1. Ted Duggan blasts in one of the goals.

2 The Hatters started the road to the FA Cup final at Wembley in 1959 with a 5-1 home win against Leeds. Billy Bingham is shown tapping in one of the goals.

3 John Aston fires home the first Luton goal during the 2-1 win over reigning champions and European Cup finalists Leeds at Kenilworth Road in March 1975.

4 Marcus Heikkinen heads home the fourth goal as the Town beat Leeds 5-1 at Kenilworth Road in October 2006.



ON THIS DAY

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

The Hatters lifted the Johnstone's Paint Trophy at Wembley with a dramatic 3-2 win over Scunthorpe at Wembley on this day in 2009.

Having reached the final thanks to a penalty shootout win over Brighton in the area final, the Town were as good as relegated to the National League by the time they faced the Iron under the arch.

An amazing 42,000 tickets were sold which could have been more had the Hatters been granted a further allocation at Wembley.

Scunthorpe, going for promotion from League One, were obvious favourites and bossed the opening 20 minutes, taking the lead during that period when the clever front duo of Paul Hayes and Gary Hooper combined to good effect leaving the latter to slot the ball home.

Stung by this goal, the Town fought back and the game developed into an end-to-end thriller with several close shaves in both goalmouths. We did, however, level the tie on 32 minutes when Tom Craddock cleverly set up Chris Martin to roll the ball into the net.

Craddock then put the Hatters into the lead mid-way through the second half which left us needing to endure a Scunthorpe onslaught which we thought had been seen off until two minutes from time when Grant McCann hit home an unstoppable shot from 25 yards.

Rather than going straight to a penalty shoot-out as was the case in the previous rounds, the final catered for extra-time and, when Gnaka failed to score two minutes in after being put through by skipper Kevin Nicholls, Town fans thought that the miss could come back and bite us.

However, three minutes later Gnaka was played in by Keith Keane's pass and this time the Frenchman made no mistake cleverly lobbing the onrushing goalkeeper.

The Town managed to hold on to the lead until the end this time to cue mass celebrations with manager Mick Harford deservedly at the heart of them.





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Howard again! This time powering in the only goal of the game against Blackpool



The Town now entered the busy Easter period still clinging on to top spot but boosted by the £150,000 signing of Stockport striker Warren Feeney who had been on the club's radar for some time.

Sadly, Feeney was not able to take his place in the squad for the Good Friday home clash with mid-table Barnsley as he had been called up by Northern Ireland for their games against England and Poland.

The Sky TV cameras were present at Kenilworth Road, obviously alerted to the free-scoring Hatters and mindful that goals had flown in at Oakwell earlier in the season with the Town winning 4-3.

A great time for the players to showcase their skills in front of an interested television audience turned into a nightmare with Barnsley playing like Brazil against a Town side which had a complete off day.

Barnsley were three goals to the good by the interval as a mixture of comic defending and smart finishing put the game to bed. Thoughts of a revival came when Enoch Showunmi pulled a goal back after the break, but any hopes disappeared when Chris Coyne was given a straight red for hauling down the impressive Michael Chopra who was through on goal. It could have been worse

as Chopra saw a late penalty saved by Marlon Beresford.

Manager Mike Newell remained philosophical afterwards. "You have to give Barnsley credit, but we contributed to our own downfall," he said. "I'm disappointed but I'm not going to start chastising the players at this stage of the season."

The Town had little time to dwell on the defeat as they then made the trip to Torquay on Easter Monday to take on the relegation-threatened Gulls.

The Town started as they left off from the Barnsley game, under severe pressure leading to a Torquay opener after only five minutes through Adebayo Akinfenwa.

Gradually, though, the Hatters fought back and levelled through skipper Kevin Nicholls on 22 minutes before taking the lead when Peter Holmes nodded in a Kevin Foley cross 10 minutes later.

The score was 3-1 soon after the break when Steve Howard hit the back of the net, quite literally, but took the ball with him. Torquay threatened their own comeback when a handball in the area by Paul Underwood saw a spot-kick awarded.

For the second time in three days, Beresford saved a penalty when he dived to keep out

Akinfenwa's effort. The points were made safe when Rowan Vine stabbed home the fourth goal on 71 minutes.

"I'm not unhappy with the lads – you can't be unhappy when you win 4-1 away from home," said Newell afterwards. "But

we got a bit carried away in the second half and could have been more professional."

With the Town losing top spot-on goal difference to Hull on Good Friday a three-point gap now appeared following the Tigers' defeat at Oldham.

Steve Howard goes in hard on the Barnsley goalkeeper





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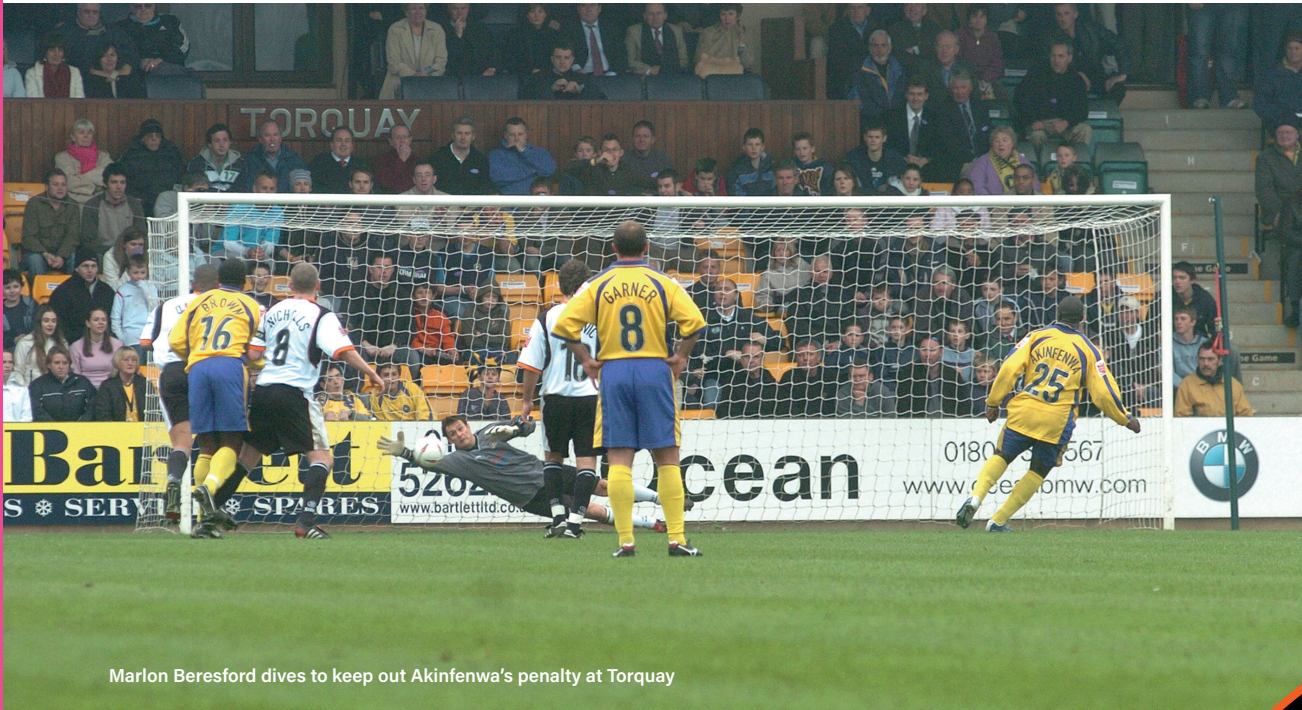
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Marlon Beresford dives to keep out Akinfenwa's penalty at Torquay

Next up was the visit of Blackpool to Kenilworth Road.

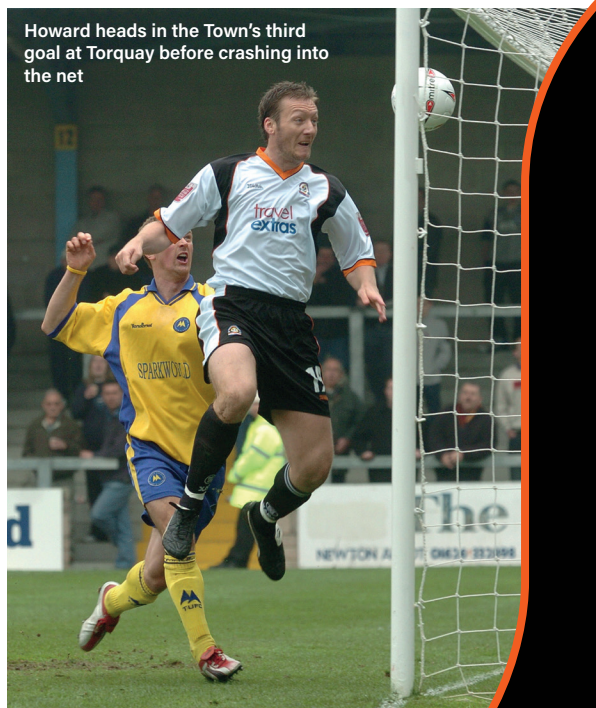
This time it was the home side who were on the attack early on. Howard and Holmes went close before the former headed powerfully home from the latter's corner after 15 minutes.

Blackpool came more into the game as half-time approached which led to a nervy second period when Tangerines' midfielder Martin Bullock, as he so often did against the Town, pulled the strings. The nervousness spread into the stands but fortunately the Blackpool forwards were wasteful, and the Town clung on for a valuable three points

"We weren't at our best, especially in the second half but it's all about results at this stage in the season," said a relieved Newell. "We looked a bit tired and leggy and gave the ball away too often and didn't get it down and pass it around.

"If you don't take your chances and it stays at 1-0 it can leave you in a vulnerable position late on. The crowd were a bit nervous, and it spread to the players on the pitch. Blackpool put us under pressure in the second half but we held on. This time last year we would have conceded late in the game.

"It's all about getting to the finish line rather than trying to impress people."



Howard heads in the Town's third goal at Torquay before crashing into the net

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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.

Today we feature a rare shirt, and part of a series of shirts that I love! As you may know, every season, the club partners with a specific charity as "Charity Partner of the Year!"

A part of that partnership is that for a match, the charity logo replaces the main sponsor on the front of the shirt. Today, we are featuring the 2015/16 home shirt, which adorns the charity of the year that year, CHUMS.

CHUMS are a mental health charity based in

Luton and were on the front of our home shirt during the 0-0 draw with Cambridge United on 16th January 2016.

The shirt itself is our standard 2015/16 home shirt, but with the CHUMS logo over the Barnfield College sponsor. I don't know why, but these charity logos just look great on our shirts!

Made by FILA, the shirt features the big "F" logo on the sleeves, that deep neckline and our 130th anniversary badge. The shirts were only

issued to the players, so also features the back of shirt sponsor.

You can see the pictures of the shirt issued to Scott Griffiths, who unfortunately did not play in this match but was a part of the match day squad so had a shirt prepared.

This was Nathan Jones' first game as Luton manager, having taken over from John Still in the week prior to the game.

What a shirt to be wearing to get your first point; classic Luton

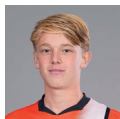
orange, and a local charity sponsor who do such excellent work in the Luton area!

The match was a 0-0 draw, with neither side able to break the deadlock. Paul Benson, Jack Marriott and Jake Howells went close, but we just could not find that goal to secure the win.

The "Derry Pele" also featured in this shirt, with Paddy McCourt coming off the bench to try and bring a bit of spark to proceedings!

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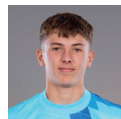
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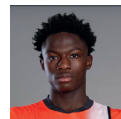
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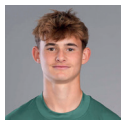
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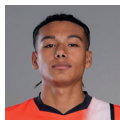
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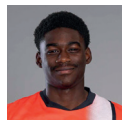
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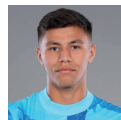
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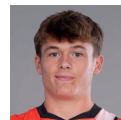
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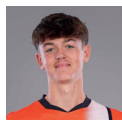
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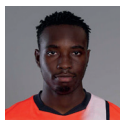
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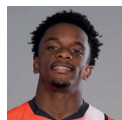
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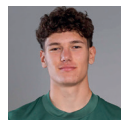
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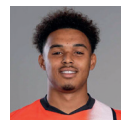
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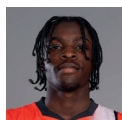
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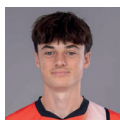
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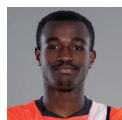
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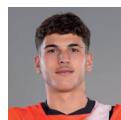
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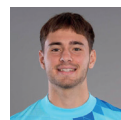
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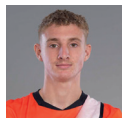
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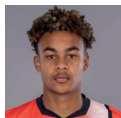
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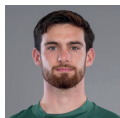
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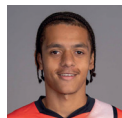
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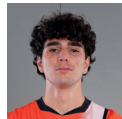
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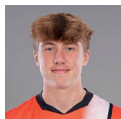
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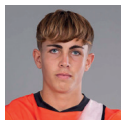
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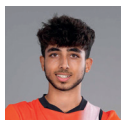
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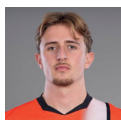
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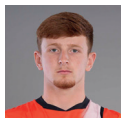
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THE YOUTH OF TODAY

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

Name... Jack Lorentzen-Jones

Date of birth... 5/8/2006

Place of birth...
Northampton

Position...
Midfielder

Joined LTFC as a... Under-8

Previous club...
Bromham

Boots I'm wearing...
Adidas X

First team boots I'm cleaning...
Amari'i Bell's

Earliest Luton Town memory...
Scoring the winning penalty in Germany

Coach who's impacted me the most... Alex Lawless. He's helped me with mentality and professionalism

Football memory that makes me smile...
Signing my professional contract

Best moment of my career so far... The performance in the FA Youth Cup as a first-year scholar

I would be a better player if I...
Could improve my left-foot finishing

Player I used to be in the playground...
Eden Hazard

Teammate that could go all the way... Tyrell Giwa

If I could play with anyone it would be... Eden Hazard

Favourite film...
Shark Tale

Favourite food...
Chicken pasta

Favourite training drill... Finishing

Favourite school subject...
Business Studies

Favourite sport other than football... Golf

Something you won't know about me... I'm a quarter Danish

I am... An attacking midfielder who likes to create and score goals. I enjoy shooting from range and isn't afraid to do so. I like getting on the ball in all areas of the pitch and try to get on it as much as possible – whether that's from the goalkeeper or higher up the pitch. I am a good passer who can spray long-distance passes but likes to play quick one-touch football with teammates through other teams.





LTFC ACADEMY

ACADEMY UPDATE

WITH JACK AINSWORTH FOUNDATION PHASE LEAD COACH

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Within our schoolboy programme, the age groups are split into different phases. My role is to oversee the Foundation Phase, which is for players within the Under-9 to Under-12 age category.

While our players are some years away from potentially representing the Hatters in the first team, these years are of great importance in their development.

It's a key window of opportunity to develop the players in various areas; shaping and moulding their technical attributes, enhancing and challenging their social and psychological qualities whilst also aiming to develop their physical traits such as agility and acceleration.

The upcoming months are very exciting. There will be lots of tournaments, festivals and fixtures that will really challenge our players and provide them with valuable experiences that will hopefully, one day, give them the tools required to be a huge success at Power Court.

Our Under-9 and Under-10 age groups have the upcoming Category 2 and Category 3 Nationals, in which they defeated Milton Keynes, Northampton Town and Watford to qualify. Our Under-9s also reached the nationals of the EFL Futsal recently – their desire, application and quality couldn't be questioned, but unfortunately we fell to a narrow defeat in the quarter-finals.

All our Under-9 to Under-12 age groups will be competing in tournaments which will feature against some of the best young clubs and players in Europe – Borussia Dortmund, AC Milan and PSG to name a few. The Under-12s will be aiming to go one better this year after falling at the final hurdle against a strong Liverpool side in the final last season.

I started the role in August last year after spending a decade at the Community Trust as well as working part-time within the Academy over the last four years. I'm one of a number of staff members over the years that have transitioned from Ely Way to The Brache which demonstrates an eagerness to develop staff as well as players.

It's important to highlight the fantastic work all our colleagues are doing at the Community Trust in terms of providing opportunities and experiences for players within the Luton Town Youth Development (LTYD) pathway.

There are a number of successful transitions over the years, and it's exciting to see the likes of Lucas Thomas and Kyrion Roberts-Edema flourishing in the Under-18 group having initially begun within the LTYD. There are also a number of players within the Under-9 to Under-16 age groups that are excelling, all of which are from a similar pathway to Lucas and Kyrion.

We work closely with those involved with the

LTYP to highlight players who are developing particularly well, supporting the upskilling of coaching staff, but to also collaborate in other areas such as nutrition and sport science.

Three points at the weekend always gives our Foundation Phase players and staff a buzz during the week so we'll be part of the 10,000 strong Hatters fans pushing the lads on!

COYH!

UNDER-18S MAINTAIN TITLE CHARGE

Joe Deeney's Under-18s recorded two important victories this week to stay top of the Youth Alliance table.

Last weekend saw late drama as striker Matthew Takawira scored two late goals to earn a 2-1 win over Milton Keynes at The Brache.

Trailing to the visitors with one minute to play, Takawira headed home from six yards to draw the Hatters level.

Then three minutes into stoppage time the frontman steered a finish past the Milton Keynes keeper to spark wild scenes of celebration.

On Tuesday the Hatters earned a 1-0 win over Leyton Orient in the London sunshine, with Charlie Trustram scoring the all-important goal.

But the Town also had goalkeeper Lucas Thomas to thank for a penalty save.

The victories keep the Hatters ahead of Oxford in the table with the U's having won 13 league and cup games out of 14 since the turn of the year.

Earlier today the young Hatters hosted Portsmouth at The Brache. Check out @academy1tfc on X for the result.



Jack Ainsworth

U18 Fixtures & Results

AUGUST

Sat 10th	Oxford United	L 0-3
Sat 17th	Swindon Town	W 2-1
Sat 24th	Stevenage YAC	L 1-2
Tue 27th	Ipswich Town PDLC	W 6-4
Sat 31st	Exeter City	W 3-0

SEPTEMBER

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

OCTOBER

Sat 5th	Peterborough United PDLC	L 2-3
Sat 12th	Cambridge United Cup	W 3-0
Sat 26th	Bromley	L 1-2

NOVEMBER

Sat 9th	Gillingham	W 3-2
Sat 23rd	Mansfield Town PDLC	W 3-1
Sat 30th	Cambridge United	W 2-1

DECEMBER

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

JANUARY

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

FEBRUARY

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

MARCH

Sat 8th	Leyton Orient	L 1-3
Sat 15th	Stevenage	W 3-2
Sat 22nd	Bromley	W 4-3
Sat 29th	MK Dons	W 2-1

APRIL

Tue 1st	Leyton Orient	W 1-0
Sat 5th	Portsmouth	10:30am
Sat 12th	Forest Green Rovers	11am

MAY

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

STUART DOUGLAS

Wholehearted and brave forward Stuart came up through the ranks at Kenilworth Road before making a dream League debut as a 17-year-old, scoring in a 1-1 home draw with Oldham in November 1995.

Never a prolific goalscorer, Stuart was often introduced from the bench by successive Luton managers when his enthusiasm and speed troubled opposition defences late in a game.

He scored the first Town goal of the Joe Kinnear era, a winning goal in the 1-0 victory at Northampton but, after being loaned to both Oxford and Rushden, he was made surplus to requirements by Kinnear in 2002.

Stuart then enjoyed a couple of seasons at Boston before a spell in Finland and then back to this country with Dagenham & Redbridge.

The forward continued playing in non-league football, with spells with Crawley, Weymouth, Bath, Dorchester and Poole.

He became a qualified physiotherapist and recently left his post at Bournemouth having previously holding the same position at AFC Wimbledon.

Stuart is now a regular on TV, and is currently appearing with his sister Scarlett on The Great Celebrity Bake Off. The siblings also host the Property Unlocked podcast.

APPEARANCES: 172

GOALS: 23

CAREER TIMELINE



COMMUNITY TRUST

POETRY WORKSHOPS AT KENILWORTH ROAD



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Last Wednesday, we were delighted to host two inspiring poetry workshops at Kenilworth Road, in collaboration with local poet Naz Knight, as part of the *Poem for Your Club* national project, supported by Arts Council England and the National Literacy Trust.

The day began with a special poetry bingo session led by Naz for our Over-50s Social Club, exploring the rich history of Luton Town Football Club through verse.

In the afternoon, pupils from Wigmore Primary School were treated to a surprise visit from Luton Town players Reece Burke and Millenic Alli, who took part in a unique poetry-themed press conference before leading a stadium tour.

This fantastic event brought together different generations through the power of poetry, celebrating both creativity and our shared love for Luton Town.





LUTON TOWN FC COMMUNITY TRUST EASTER FOOTBALL CAMPS

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

Running throughout the week commencing 14th April, the camp will take place at Creasey Park in Dunstable. Our camps are open to anyone in school years 1 to 6, regardless of ability or previous experience of the game.

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

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

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

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

Community Trust Football Development Manager, Alex Wallace, said: "We take pride in the fact that our camps are open to all, whether you've been playing football for years or are just taking your first steps in the game. Everyone is welcome. We love fostering a sense of community where everyone feels supported by our coaches and their peers, and we enjoy seeing new friendships develop."

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LUTON TOWN LADIES



Luton Town Ladies were defeated in the Beds FA Women's Senior Cup Final by local rivals Real Bedford in front of 1,064 at Kenilworth Road.

The Hatters, who play a level below the unbeaten Women's National League Division One South-East leaders, started off positively, with Shanice Lewis' press winning the ball back, high up the pitch, within the opening sixty seconds.

Shianne Swarres then launched a ball over the top of the defence in the direction of Lewis, who wasn't able to reach the ball.

Six minutes into the game, the Pirates had a chance of their own, although the half-volley from outside the area was hit high into the Kenilworth Road end.

On her return to action, Ghana international defender Bridget Adu produced a fine sliding challenge to halt a Real Bedford surge.

Moments later, Bridget was involved again, she originally lost the ball, but made a fine recovery challenge just as Bedford were bearing down on goal.

On the half-hour mark, Real Bedford opened the scoring via Leyla O'Brien, who nipped in between defender and goalkeeper Sarah Hudson to tap the ball home.

Just five minutes on, Real Bedford doubled their lead and this time it was the first-goal assister, turned scorer, as Abbie Bensted fired home the goal of the game from 25 yards, the ball bouncing down

from the underside of the crossbar and over the line, with Hudson helpless.

Just before the break, O'Brien completed her brace with another well-taken goal, slotted into the bottom right corner.

After the restart, Hudson made a great save at her near post following a counter-attack from Bedford, but the side who are unbeaten at the top of their Step Four division weren't to be denied.

They added a fourth with just under half-an-hour left to play, Breon Grant with an inch-perfect finish into the top left corner, before they completed the scoring with seven minutes to play, Amber Gaylor adding a fifth with a rocket past Hudson.

Fadi Mazloun and Myles Maddix's Hatters

could hold their heads high, however, and now focus on attempting to complete an Eastern Region Women's Football League and Cup double.

The Hatters continue their pursuit of Premier Division leaders Royston Town, who sit seven points clear at the top but having played three games more.

They head to Wroxham tomorrow but are back at Sharpenhoe Road in Barton on 16th April against St Albans City.

The Hatters also have a League Cup final to look forward to against Stevenage Women at Bedford Town on Sunday 11th May.

*Report: Owen Williams
Photos: Duncan Jack*



THE TRUST INTERVIEWS...

Welcome to the second of our in-depth Trust interviews. This time up, we speak to Barney McGhee, the club's vastly experienced safety officer, about his role at Kenilworth Road – and at Power Court too, as preparations for our new home gain pace.

BARNEY MCGHEE *Safety Officer*



Thanks for joining us Barney. Can you start please by telling us something about yourself, and what the role of safety officer involves?

I've always been a football fan, and first got involved in stewarding and safety in 1999 as an agency steward at places like QPR, Millwall, Leyton Orient, Brentford and Twickenham. I gained my qualifications at Brentford and became part of the senior crowd safety management

team at Wembley where I was a level manager of the players and pitch area. Eventually Brentford offered me a job as deputy safety officer, put me through my Level 4 qualifications and I became full-time safety officer, at both Griffin Park and the new ground. I did a total of 22 years at Brentford, then moved to a job nearer home with the Jockey Club at Newmarket, where I gained my NEBOSH Health & Safety Qualifications and then a move back

to football here at Luton. I've been here for around two years now, and I love it. I have a wide-ranging role where I am responsible for the safety and security of everyone in and around the stadium – all staff, visitors, contractors, guests and, of course, supporters. I'm also involved in planning for the future at Power Court, which is really exciting.

How have crowds and challenges changed over the time you've been in football security?

If you look at the challenges, in my early years the focus was hooliganism. That has changed – it's not completely gone away, but if it happens it's mostly away from grounds now – so ordinary fans can attend games safely. There is still antisocial behaviour fuelled by drink and recreational drugs, however – a combination which seems to bring out the worst in some people. In recent years, we have also had to deal with a major new challenge – counter-terrorism. You won't see it, but

clubs and the police do enormous amounts of work at every ground to minimise the potential of attacks.

We've had changes in the way people attend football. Firstly all-seated grounds and now safe standing for instance. We want to ensure that everyone can have a great match experience, sing and enjoy themselves and generally have a good day out supporting their team, home and away. But do it safely and considerably. We have to apply some rules, imposed by the football authorities, as part of the safety certificate upon which we operate, but our approach is always to be friendly, fair and firm when required.

We don't want to tell people what to do, but, for example, we do have to keep aisles and stairwells clear. That's not killjoy stuff, it's about making sure our ground is safe and legal. Our licence depends on that. We're monitored at nearly every game by various safety inspectors and observers, so we appeal to fans to just be sensible. We try and tolerate a little bit,

as long as they're not impacting anybody else. Our fans are pretty good, but some fan bases come with a track record of non-compliance: luckily through our pre match planning and risk assessment we know who they are, as clubs, police and the FSOA – Football Safety Officers Association – share a huge amount of information. There's a vast resource of knowledge about fan behaviour and patterns which all clubs tap into

Some people say that football is becoming a bit sanitised. What are your thoughts on that?

I've not been here long, but one of the things I love about Luton is that it's such a passionate club. There's lots of noise. We all want that. And we don't want to ever stop the songs, they're part of our unique identity. But everybody

knows, I think, what's acceptable and what's not – anything of a racist, homophobic, misogynistic or offensive nature. We're not talking about football chants. We're not talking about the odd bit of banter. We're talking about the offensive stuff. We had some fairly hefty fines for that previously and it may be just a few people, but it causes real problems if it happens, and we really hope it won't again. So, if you do hear anything offensive please report it to a steward or use the My Concern QR code you'll find on most seats and dotted around the stadium – report it and we will take action if we can. Mostly our crowd self-polices and that's great – we don't have a big number of arrests and bans or refusals, ejections in home areas compared to other clubs, that's for sure.



“WE SPEAK REGULARLY ABOUT WHAT WE CAN DO AROUND THE STADIUM AND WHAT AND HOW WE CAN IMPROVE.”

How is the Kenilworth Road experience changing?

Obviously with its age and nature the ground is a challenge, but we're all constantly looking for ways we can make the experience better. For example, we know it gets very congested on the Kenilworth Road end concourse, so on match days when the TV trucks aren't there we've opened up an extra concourse on the apron outside to create more space pre-match and at half-time. We try and put on all sorts of activities on the apron, too, to create a mini-fan zone – music, kids' activities and so on. We've implemented a new customer flow system for the bar under the David Preece Stand, too, that's been really successful – it was a bit chaotic before! The Oak

Road home area has brand new sets of toilets, we've also put in little bars in the Bobbers... we're making the most of every nook and cranny in the ground. That comes from regular planning meetings and discussions with Gary Sweet, James Mooney, the operations director, Cristiano, our head of catering, Lisa and Michelle from the fan engagement team and our commercial department. We speak regularly about what we can do around the stadium and what and how we can improve, how can we better serve people at the concessions and how we make turnstile queueing quicker or shorter. We're always looking to improve, from big changes to little tweaks that make things work more effectively and efficiently.

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You were at Brentford when they moved to their new ground – how does that compare to preparations for Power Court?

At Brentford, the new ground design was pretty much done without input from the safety team. It was a separate design part of the club that got planning permission. But with Luton it's very different. I've been brought into the design stage very early on and was asked to help make what's known as a security needs assessment and a threat, vulnerability and risk assessment. They're quite technical terms, but they're very important for how we see the stadium operating. We also look at meeting stakeholder requirements such as planning what the counter-terrorism experts would want us to put in place and what the police call 'design out crime standards' that we'll consider putting in and around the stadium. That goes right down into such minutia as how much space you have in a doorway, for example, ensuring it's not too deep and people can't hide in it. It may be small details, but they are important. I've been involved in what lighting we'll need, CCTV coverage internally and externally, because there's retail and car parking areas, where the stewards' rooms will be, the medical rooms, police room, emergency evacuation routes and contingency planning

and so on. I've also been looking at zoning for accreditation, so who can go where and which will dictate how far accreditation gets you. Kenilworth Road doesn't really have this at the same level because it's unique in its design, and you can't get everywhere anyway, even if you wanted to! Although many try!

Then there are considerations like hostile vehicle mitigation. What we don't want at Power Court is to have huge bollards all over the place that just look like an eyesore. Mitigation measures are being considered such as planters that look quite attractive, and bike racks for those who cycle in and around the site during the week. If you crash into one, you won't go very far. Gary's brought me in very early to be part of it all which I'm massively pleased about. By getting the operational

teams involved at design stage, we'll avoid the sort of organisational problems that Brentford experienced after their new ground was built – here, it's all being planned, in detail, in advance.

I love Power Court and its design. It captures some of the things that make Kenilworth Road unique. For instance, we will have four stands that are all different. And we have four corner areas that overlook the pitch a bit like the David Preece Stand does, plus an offset tunnel. We're bringing a bit of Kenilworth Road with us – as much as we can – in a bigger, bolder modern environment. So I'm quite excited about that.

Sounds fantastic. To conclude, what's your message to the fans?

Everyone here is invested in making this club better. The board are investors literally as well as emotionally

– everybody wants what's best for the club. The safety and security team are no different. We all want events to go smoothly, and with as much noise as possible in the stadium. As long as you do so safely, considerably, enjoy supporting the team 100 per cent and get behind the club then hopefully it's onwards and upwards together, because we all want Luton Town to do well and be successful. We're All Luton.

Barney shared lots more fascinating insights, including the need for bag searches (security), the closures of Beech Path and Oak Road (policing), ensuring that people sat in the right areas (to avoid overcrowding) and much more. A huge thank you to Barney...now let's heed his words and make as much noise as we can today!



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The latest from the Ticket Office

STOKE CITY v LUTON TOWN **SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP** **TUESDAY 8TH APRIL 2025, KO 7.45PM**

We have received an initial allocation of 1,816 tickets for our fixture at Stoke. These are mostly safe standing with a small number of seats also available.

Tickets are now on general sale to executive, diamond and season card holders.

Subject to availability, tickets are available at one per person to any supporter with a previous purchasing history and any member without a previous booking history.

Prices

Adults £20
Seniors (Over 65) £15
Under 18 £12
Junior Under 15 £11
Junior Under 11 £10

Children 14 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Disability tickets are available at a reduced price. There are five disabled parking passes available for sale at £10 each, please query at time of booking for availability.

DERBY COUNTY v LUTON TOWN **SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP** **FRIDAY 18TH APRIL 2025, KO 12.30PM**

We have received an initial allocation of 1,805 tickets for our fixture at Derby County. These are mostly safe standing with a small number of seats also available.

Away Season Ticket holders

Away season ticket holders will have payment taken and a ticket dispatched on Thursday 3rd April. Please advise to ticketoffice@lutontown.co.uk if you do not require your ticket.

Diamond Season Card Holders, Executive Members, and Season Card Holders

Tickets for this fixture are on sale to Diamond, Executive and Season Card Holders at one ticket per

person Tuesday 1st April. Tickets can be purchased online, in person or via phone using your client reference numbers.

All 2024/25 Hatters Members

Subject to availability, any member can book one ticket per person on **Thursday 3rd April 10am** online, in person or by calling the ticket office.

General Sale (with purchase history)

Subject to availability, tickets will go on sale on Monday 7th April at 10am at one per person to any supporter with a previous purchasing history and any member without a previous booking history.

Prices

Adults £28
Seniors (Over 65) £21
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Junior Under (6-12) £7
Junior Under (2-6) Free

Children 15 and under must be accompanied by an adult, and children under the age of two will not be permitted entry to the stadium.

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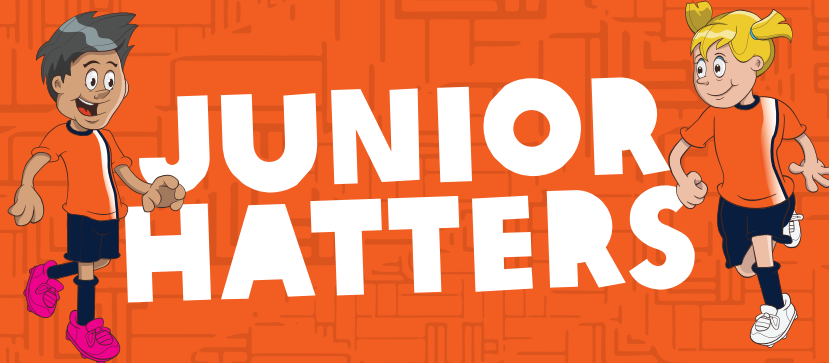


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Age: 8

Hobbies: Fortnight,
Playing Football

Favourite Player:
Alfie Doughty



**NIALL
McGEOUGH**

Age: 7

Hobbies: Football

Favourite Player:
Thelo Aasgaard

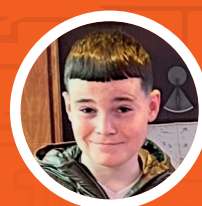


**D'ARCY
McGEOUGH**

Age: 10

Hobbies: Football

Favourite Player:
Jacob Brown



**FYNN
McGEOUGH**

Age: 12

Hobbies: Football,
Gaming & Spending
time with friends

Favourite Player:
Alfie Doughty



**AWAY MASCOT
OSCAR
KINNEAR**

Age: 8

Hobbies: Football
and Skiing

Favourite Player:
Joe Rodon

WHO AM I?

Can you guess the Luton and Leeds
players from these anagrams?

1 Sawmill Ah

2 Woodening Flirt

3 Now Job Carb

4 Forbid Pack Tram

MY SCORE PREDICTION



WORDSEARCH

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

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

E	E	S	I	R	R	O	M	R	Q
E	H	G	T	S	F	X	C	P	Y
A	D	E	B	A	Y	O	G	Z	M
F	K	O	W	R	E	N	U	E	P
N	O	R	W	P	O	M	I	D	H
W	X	I	A	H	L	A	N	T	C
O	N	I	C	L	H	U	N	A	N
R	L	S	V	G	C	A	E	E	G
B	S	V	E	L	D	N	S	E	E
E	H	E	N	O	C	X	S	I	F

WHO AM I? 1 Liam Walsh, 2 Wilfried Gnonto, 3 Jacob Brown, 4 Patrick Bamford

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AUGUST

MON 15	BURNLEY	20:00	23	1-4	11,777	1,335	Kaminski	Ogbene	Doughty	Walters	Mengi	Johnson	Nelson
SAT 17	PORTSMOUTH	12:30	20	0-0	20,293	2,168	Kaminski	Ogbene	Doughty	Walters	Mengi	Bell	Clark
SAT 24	PRESTON NORTH END	15:00	23	0-1	15,245	1,248	Shea	Ogbene	Doughty	Mengi	McGuinness	Bell	Clark
TUE 27	QUEENS PARK RANGERS (CC2)	20:00	-	1-1*	7,132	1,045	Kaminski	Walters	Doughty	Burke	Bell	Nakamba	Clark
FRI 30	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	20:00	23	1-2	11,798	1,340	Kaminski	Walters	Doughty	Burke	McGuinness	Bell	Clark

SEPTEMBER

SAT 14	MILLWALL	12:30	19	1-0	14,804	1,964	Kaminski	Doughty	Bell	Burke	McGuinness	MENGI 1	Nakamba
SAT 21	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	15:00	15	2-1	11,805	1,326	Kaminski	Walters	Doughty	Burke	McGuinness	Mengi	Nakamba
FRI 27	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	20:00	19	1-3	16,616	1,113	Kaminski	Walters	Doughty	Burke	McGuinness	Mengi	Krauß

OCTOBER

TUE 1	OXFORD UNITED	19:45	18	2-2	11,397	1,322	Kaminski	Moses	Doughty	Burke	McGuinness	Mengi	Nakamba
SAT 5	SHEFFIELD UNITED	15:00	21	0-2	27,925	1,760	Kaminski	Doughty	Walters	Burke	McGuinness	Mengi	Nakamba
SAT 19	WATFORD	12:30	17	3-0	11,758	1,281	Kaminski	Moses	Doughty	Burke	McGuinness	Holmes	CLARK 1
WED 23	SUNDERLAND	19:45	19	1-2	11,332	1,252	Kaminski	Moses	Doughty	Hashioka	McGuinness	Holmes	Clark
SAT 26	COVENTRY CITY	12:30	22	2-3	26,409	1,737	Kaminski	Moses	Doughty	Hashioka	McGuinness	Holmes	Clark

NOVEMBER

FRI 1	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	20:00	21	1-1	11,665	1,343	Kaminski	Hashioka	Moses	Mengi	McGuinness	Bell	Clark
WED 6	CARDIFF CITY	20:00	19	1-0	10,646	1,035	Kaminski	Hashioka	Doughty	Mengi	McGuinness	Bell	Clark
SAT 9	MIDDLESBROUGH	12:30	21	1-5	23,692	675	Kaminski	Hashioka	Bell	Mengi	McGuinness	Holmes	Walsh
SAT 23	HULL CITY	15:00	16	1-0	11,386	1,049	Kaminski	Burke	Holmes	Mengi	McGUINNESS 1	Nakamba	Krauß
WED 27	LEEDS UNITED	19:45	16	0-3	35,340	1,087	Kaminski	Burke	Moses	Mengi	McGuinness	Bell	Nakamba
SAT 30	NORWICH CITY	15:00	19	2-4	26,719	1,888	Kaminski	Hashioka	Chong	Mengi	McGuinness	Bell	Clark

DECEMBER

SAT 7	SWANSEA CITY	15:00	18	1-1	11,264	1,295	Kaminski	Hashioka	Moses	Holmes	McGuinness	Bell	Nakamba
TUE 10	STOKE CITY	19:45	14	2-1	10,537	1,157	Kaminski	Chong	Moses	Holmes	McGuinness	Hashioka	Krauß
SAT 14	BLACKBURN ROVERS	15:00	19	0-2	13,857	705	Kaminski	Moses	Chong	Holmes	McGuinness	Hashioka	Krauß
FRI 20	DERBY COUNTY	20:00	14	2-1	11,667	1,335	Kaminski	Moses	Chong	HOLMES 1	McGuinness	Andersen	Krauß
THU 26	BRISTOL CITY	15:00	18	0-1	21,828	1,037	Kaminski	Moses	Chong	Holmes	McGuinness	Johnson	Krauß
SUN 29	SWANSEA CITY	15:00	19	1-2	16,414	770	Kaminski	Chong	Johnson	Holmes	McGuinness	Bell	Nakamba

JANUARY

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

FEBRUARY

SAT 1	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	15:00	23	1-1	27,437	1,321	Kaminski	Walters	Johnson	Andersen	McGuinness	L. Fanne	Clark
WED 12	SUNDERLAND	19:45	24	0-2	37,929	370	Kaminski	Walters	Johnson	Andersen	McGuinness	L. Fanne	Clark
SAT 15	SHEFFIELD UNITED	15:00	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	15:00	23	0-0	11,815	1,338	Kaminski	Jones	Doughty	Makosso	McGuinness	Bell	Clark
SAT 29	HULL CITY	12:30	23	1-0	23,005	1,147	Kaminski	Burke	Doughty	Makosso	McGuinness	Bell	Clark

APRIL

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

MAY

SAT 3	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	12:30
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*QPR won 4-1 on penalties

Baptiste	CHONG 1	Morris	Adebayo	Townsend	Mpanzu					Shea, Bell, Woodrow, Taylor, Holmes, Francis-Clarke, Chigozie
Baptiste	Chong	Morris	Adebayo	Shea	Holmes	Mpanzu	Taylor			Woodrow, Nelson, Johnson, Francis-Clarke, Chigozie
Baptiste	Chong	Morris	Adebayo	Walsh	Walters	Woodrow	Taylor	Nelson		Horlick, Andersen, Burke, Mpanzu
NELSON 1	Chong	Morris	Adebayo	Holmes	Andersen	Walsh	Baptiste	Woodrow		Shea, Mpanzu, Taylor, Johnson
Baptiste	Chong	Morris	Adebayo	Mengi	Walsh	Taylor	Nelson			Shea, Mpanzu, Nakamba, Holmes, Woodrow
Clark	Walsh	Chong	Adebayo	Morris	Mpanzu	Holmes				Shea, Andersen, Moses, Nelson, Taylor, Woodrow
Clark	Walsh	Chong	Adebayo	Krauß	MORRIS 2	Nelson	Taylor	Moses		Shea, Holmes, Mpanzu, Woodrow
Clark	Nelson	Chong	Adebayo	Andersen	Brown	MOSES 1	Woodrow	Taylor		Shea, Mpanzu, Nakamba, Walsh
CLARK 1	KRAUß 1	Brown	Adebayo	Mpanzu	Walters	Woodrow	Walsh ■			Shea, Holmes, Taylor, Nelson, Johnson
Clark	Krauß	Moses	Adebayo	Brown	Woodrow	Baptiste	Taylor	Nelson		Shea, Mpanzu, Holmes, Johnson
Krauß	Chong	MORRIS 1	Adebayo	Hashioka	Johnson	Nakamba	Mpanzu	BROWN 1		Krul, Nelson, Taylor, Woodrow
Krauß	Chong	Morris	ADEBAYO 1	Nelson	Brown	Woodrow	Taylor			Krul, Nakamba, Mpanzu, Johnson, Benagr
Krauß	Chong	MORRIS 1	ADEBAYO 1	Brown	Nakamba	Walsh	Woodrow			Krul, Mpanzu, Taylor, Nelson, Johnson
Krauß	CHONG 1	Morris	Adebayo	Baptiste	Brown	Walsh				Krul, Woodrow, Nakamba, Mpanzu, Taylor, Johnson
Krauß	Chong	Morris	BROWN 1	Adebayo	Baptiste	Nakamba				Krul, Holmes, Moses, Mpanzu, Walsh, Woodrow
Baptiste	Chong	Woodrow	Adebayo	Moses	Krauss	Morris	Nakamba	CLARK 1		Krul, Andersen, Brown, Mpanzu
Baptiste	Chong	Morris	Adebayo	Walsh	Hashioka	Brown	Mpanzu			Krul, Andersen, Moses, Taylor, Woodrow
Krauß	Clark	Morris	Brown	Hashioka	Taylor	Adebayo	Baptiste	Chong		Krul, Holmes, Mpanzu, Woodrow
Baptiste	BROWN 1	Morris	ADEBAYO 1	Moses	Woodrow	Taylor	Krauß	Holmes		Krul, Andersen, Mpanzu, Nakamba
Clark	Krauß	Morris	ADEBAYO 1	Brown	Andersen					Krul, Woodrow, Chong, Mpanzu, Taylor, Nelson, Johnson
Clark	Brown	MORRIS 1	ADEBAYO 1							Shea, Krul, Andersen, Woodrow, Nakamba, Mpanzu, Taylor, Nelson, Johnson
Clark	Brown	Morris	Adebayo	Walsh ■	Woodrow	Johnson	Taylor	Nelson		Krul, Andersen, Nakamba, Mpanzu
Clark	Brown	MORRIS 1	Adebayo	Nelson	Woodrow	Mpanzu	Taylor	Johnson		Krul, Nakamba, Pieters, Chigozie
Clark	Mpanzu	Morris	Adebayo	Woodrow	Nelson	Taylor	Phillips			Krul, Andersen, Nakamba, Pieters, Hashioka
Clark	Krauß	MORRIS 1	Adebayo	Nelson	Walters	Mpanzu				Krul, Moses, Woodrow, Pieters, Taylor, Hashioka
Clark	Nelson	Morris	Adebayo	Nakamba	Brown	Moses	Woodrow	Taylor		Krul, Andersen, Mpanzu, Hashioka
Nelson	Chong	Fanne	Morris	Adebayo	Brown	Woodrow	Clark	Hashioka		Krul, Andersen, Krauß, Mpanzu
Nelson	Jones	Fanne	Morris	Clark	Brown	Adebayo				Krul, Andersen, Krauß, Woodrow, Mpanzu, Hashioka
Clark	Brown	Jones	Morris	Nelson	Moses	Adebayo	Woodrow			Krul, Walters, Andersen, Mpanzu, Walsh
Clark	Nelson	Jones	Adebayo	Mpanzu	Morris	Doughty	Brown	Woodrow		Krul, Walters, Andersen, Walsh
Clark	Doughty	Brown	Morris	Adebayo	Nelson	Jones	Walsh			Krul, Walters, Woodrow, Mpanzu, Holmes
Aasgaard	DOUGHTY 1	Brown	Morris	Bowler	Hashioka	Alli	Naismith			Krul, Adebayo, Nakamba, Walsh, Nelson
Aasgaard	Nelson	Alli	Morris	Bowler	Brown	Adebayo	Naismith	Nordås		Krul, Nakamba, Walsh, Hashioka
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
Aasgaard	Walsh	Morris	Adebayo	Brown	Nordås	Lamine Fanne	Alli			Krul, Naismith, Burke, Nelson, Bowler
Aasgaard	Walsh	Morris	Adebayo	Chong	Lamine Fanne	Alli	Nordås	Naismith		Krul, Walters, Nelson, Bowler

LAST WORD WITH



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"Impossible is not a fact. It's an opinion. Impossible is not a declaration. It's a dare. Impossible is potential. Impossible is temporary. Impossible is nothing."

Muhammad Ali's possibly apocryphal words may have been about boxing, but they could just as easily apply to Luton Town's current status. A month ago, staying in the Championship was a puncher's chance at best. The Hatters were adrift in the bottom, with confidence seemingly shattered. Yet, as April begins something has shifted.

Impossible is starting to look like a challenge rather than a certainty.

A month ago, Jordan Clark's decisive goal against Portsmouth not only ended a

12-match winless streak and provided Matt Bloomfield's first win as manager, but it signified a possible turning point in a tumultuous campaign.

It took longer than anyone had expected, but as you read this ahead of kick-off against Leeds, Luton are the form team in the bottom half of the division.

On a recent visit to The Brache, I saw firsthand how the manager is trying to breathe life back into the club. The atmosphere was one of renewed vigour in high-intensity drills but, crucially, in hamstring-saving small spaces, that somewhat mirrored the tight spot Town still find themselves in. Organisation and discipline were evident, while talk has been of vulnerability as a sign of strength off the pitch.

Football has changed, so too have players, but results recently – 10 points from five games and back-to-back away wins for the first time in more than two years – have spoken for themselves.

While Bloomfield's impact is showing on the pitch, the spirit off it might be just as important. Last month, former boss John Still returned to Kenilworth Road as the guest of honour at a Luton Town Supporters' Trust evening. The man who dragged the club out of non-league exile in 2014 delivered a stirring rallying cry, urging fans to summon the spirit of that era.

"Now the club need you," he said to fans before him in his unique and unifying way, adding of Town's great escape aspirations:

"Support your team with everything you've got, even if they are shocking. Give them everything, because the supporters in this club have done it before. You can do it again."

His words resonate because you have seen your club defy the odds before. You have willed your team to glory in the darkest times. And you will be needed to do so again, starting at 12.30 against a Leeds side chasing a Premier League return that, eight months ago, we all hoped might be our race too.

Instead, a month ago, staying up seemed impossible. There may still be bumps in the road, but now, maybe, just maybe, Luton Town are primed to prove that impossible is nothing.

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Amari'i BELL	3	3	Junior FIRPO
Tom LOCKYER	4	4	Ethan AMPADU
Mads ANDERSEN	5	5	Pascal STRUIJK
Mark McGUINNESS	6	6	Joe RODON
Victor MOSES	7	7	Daniel JAMES
Thelo AASGAARD	8	8	Joe ROTHWELL
Carlton MORRIS	9	9	Patrick BAMFORD
Elijah ADEBAYO	11	10	Joël PIROE
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Marvelous NAKAMBA	13	14	Manor SOLOMON
Tahith CHONG	14	17	Largie RAMAZANI
Teden MENGI	15	19	Mateo JOSEPH
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Jordan CLARK	18	22	Ao TANAKA
Jacob BROWN	19	23	Joshua GUILAVOGUI
Liam WALSH	20	25	Sam BRYAN
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