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Here we are again at Kenilworth Road and welcome back to you all for another big, big game in the Championship and our final home Saturday 3pm fixture of the season.

The past two games may have both ended 1-1 but could not have been any different. Promotion-chasing Leeds will have definitely walked off the pitch knowing they had been in a game after a solid performance from the Hatters that began with an excellent goal from Isaiah Jones – his first in Luton colours.

Then, at Stoke on Tuesday, another January arrival produced the good with his first goal as Milli Alli's brilliant finish in injury time earned us a deserved point in the Potteries.

With teams around us picking up similar results on Tuesday, not much changed at the bottom which gives every club hope of avoiding the drop.

As ever, your noise, whether home or away, has been brilliant as we'll need it once more this afternoon so get behind the lads and let's get this place rocking! UTT!

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MATT BLOOMFIELD

Welcome back to Kenilworth Road to you all for this important Championship fixture with Blackburn Rovers.

Like them all at this stage of the season, the game is another opportunity for us to take a step closer to achieving our goal. With just five games to go, we know the margin for error is slim but we come into the game buoyed by a five-match unbeaten run.

I felt the Leeds performance was one to be well and truly proud of - not just for the team but the club. Your support was incredible; how you backed the players and roared them - responding to the effort the lads put in.

We knew the quality Leeds would have with the ball, so I thought our discipline out of possession was fantastic. We needed to be disciplined and structured, but we pressed at the appropriate moments

and that was no better illustrated than our goal, finished well by Izzy after good work from Elijah and

Before the game I believed we could win but Leeds have shown this season what a good side they are and especially given the overall performance, it was one to be proud of.

At Stoke on Tuesday I felt Milli's late winner was particularly significant. If we had lost a game where we played so well it would have been particularly morale-draining.

However, away from home on a big pitch, we got the ball down and passed it really well. I thought we showed good variety in our play and it would have been frustrating to lose to a goal like that. Therefore to find a way to come back from 1-0 down and not give up and to find that moment thanks to Milli's piece of brilliance was really pleasing.

I think we can all see that the team is growing and evolving. The spirit, the feeling, the confidence and the belief around the club as a whole is growing all the time. From your constant backing of the team to the lads' noise levels around The Brache. things are heading in the right direction.

Today we face a Blackburn side here who come into the game having fought back from two goals down to earn a draw on Tuesday night. However, we'll be focusing on ourselves and aiming to replicate the performances here against Portsmouth, Middlesbrough and Leeds. Our form here at Kenilworth Road has been hugely encouraging so we'll be doing all we can to ensure we maintain that this afternoon.

A big thank you to those of you who made the trip to Stoke on Tuesday night. Your voices were heard all night and the

togetherness at the end was really special. It was only a point but it felt bigger than that.

Finally, my last word goes to Elijah, who we will be missing for the remainder of the season and for the foreseeable future after he suffered an ACL injury against Leeds.

We are so disappointed, first and foremost for him, and also for us, as a management team and as a football club, because he's been a massive player for us. We are going to miss him a lot.

However, I know he'll work incredibly hard to get himself back, with the support of everyone at the club, and we'll look forward to having him back as and when he's readv.

Please join him in getting behind the boys this afternoon.

Enjoy the game.

Matt

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The two points from the past two games might not have been exactly what we wanted in the grand scheme of things but they are two points nonetheless and it means we're able to attack this afternoon's game with Blackburn full of confidence.

I'd like to start by saying a huge congratulations to the staff and fans who undertook the British **Heart Foundation Relay** on Monday by cycling to Stevenage. Before they set off, I met Cade, a Luton fan who, like me, needed CPR to save his life. It once again hit home how important it is to learn this life-saving skill. To see him now fit and healthy really struck a chord with me, so please, please take the 15 minutes to learn it.

Back to the football, and against Leeds last Saturday I thought we were brilliant against the best team in the Championship. We fully deserved to go in front thanks to a great goal from Izzy and while they equalised with a good goal of their own, I felt we dominated the second half.

A lot was made before the game about Leeds' so-called wobble – they came into the match having only lost once in 21 games! When it comes to this stage of the season, absolutely nothing is guaranteed with so many teams fighting for the points for different reasons.

The lads once again showed all the character and quality to go toeto-toe with a side that stands a great chance of being in the Premier League season. It's a result and performance that also shows how far

we've come. It certainly bodes well for the run-in.

To go from running Leeds close for 90 minutes to going straight into a trip to Stoke is not easy. But we stood up well to the challenge once more and showed another string to our bow as we came from a goal down to earn a point.

There was nothing in the game up until their goal, which was harsh in the extreme. I don't remember Thomas making a serious save all evening. Had we lost to that goal it would have been desperately unjust so it was brilliant to see Milli pop up with a fantastic equaliser in the last minute.

Milli has already shown glimpses of what's in his locker and came close to equalising before he did, but to show the skill and



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composure to score such an important goal so late in the game gives him and the whole group an added lift.

So we go into today's game five unbeaten. Our performances here at Kenilworth Road have been hugely encouraging - the only frustrating result was the draw against Middlesbrough and that was probably the pick of the performances. That's football though and we attack the final five games full of optimism with three matches here at the Kenny in front of you.

Thank you for your continued support of the team during this tense period as the season nears its climax. It can be easy to feel nervous given our situation, but your backing has been loud and defiant home and away. Please keep it up!

Join me in getting behind the boys once more today.

Come on Luton!





BOARDROOM GARY SWEET

Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for what is the final time this season at 3pm on a Saturday as we entertain Blackburn Rovers.

Though we're flattered that broadcasters consider our fixtures to be attractive to a wide audience, it's worth noting that four of our last five Saturday fixtures this season have disappointingly kicked off at 12.30. We understand the disruption this brings to matchday routines and travel for many of you, especially for visiting supporters. Unfortunately, whilst we have a minor voice in the decision of matters of this nature, this new deal was struck by the EFL while we were a member of the Premier League.

Times have certainly changed, in many ways! And that's topical, as yesterday it was 140 years to the day since Luton Town Football Club was formed, back in 1885. (Our genuine foundation date, not a fabricated one unlike some...!)

Today we're celebrating our birthday with a number of activities, including the opening of the new 140 Bar. It will be a small flavour of what you can look forward to next season, which will be our 140th anniversary - our last 'round number' birthday before we move to Power Court in, what will seem like, a blink of an eve once visible work gets going. Look out for more announcements regarding next season's celebrations over the coming weeks and months.

Naturally, whenever a milestone such as this rolls around, it's difficult not to look back and reflect on your own personal connection to this special club of ours and the role it has played in your life.

For me, being taken to my first match and

witnessing Kenilworth Road in all its glory for the first time remains fresh in memory - as do the incandescent words of my mother when I made my first big error in life, as a six-year-old boy, by admitting a mild attraction to a north London team in red. It was a foolish idea, as a very young and impressionable young lad, that was never going to happen in the Sweet family. I was promptly dealt a severe 24-hour punishment followed by a wonderful reward when I was taken to Kenilworth Road for the first time. What an amazing example of parenting! Thank goodness I came to my senses and a lifetime of love for the club has grown and grown. It means so much to me, as it does to all of us. Those early memories live on as vividly as our famous wins

at Wembley in 1988, 2019 and 2023, the exciting promotion campaigns, the ups and downs, the great escapes and everything else in between.

Speaking of which, our steady improvement on the pitch continues not iust in terms of results but also of confidence and morale. As Matt has mentioned several times already, this is a belief shared right the way through the club right now and is evident not just in the decibel levels from the dressing room sound system but also in the enthusiasm emanating from the stands on a matchday. The visceral roar that greeted Milli's brilliant late goal at Stoke and the fantastic atmosphere generated last time out at home against Leeds indicate how united as

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one – supporters, players and staff – we are in our determination to give it our all for Championship survival.

Our recent results and a five-match unbeaten run have given us that muchneeded boost - with five games to go we are alive and kicking in our bid to stay in this division. The competitiveness of the Championship has begun to flex its muscles in recent weeks and, with every club capable of beating the other, we're holding onto our hats for a wild rollercoaster ride in these final few weeks of the season.

These solid showings have also led to recognition from those outside the club, with both Matt and Jordan Clark nominated for monthly awards – further highlighting the improvement made over the past few months. Congratulations to you both – fully deserved!

While our last two results, against Leeds and Stoke, yielded identical results they were recorded in two very different ways, with spirit very much at the heart of it. So, here's hoping for more of the same this afternoon - but with the full three points tally - against a Blackburn side who certainly won't be intent on scoring two own goals to help us like the last time we needed a result against them to stave off relegation!

Since my last notes, we announced our end-ofyear accounts which revealed we made a very healthy record profit.



However, before we raise a false expectation of breaking record transfer fees, it doesn't change the very principle of us believing that football clubs - particularly ours should be run sustainably and, more importantly, that every penny of our profit has been accounted for in subsidising contracts awarded for the Premier League (exactly what parachute payments were intended for) and to support our new stadium and other long-term infrastructure projects. This doesn't mean funds to improve the squad won't necessarily be sensibly available, as was witnessed in January where significant amounts were carefully invested in talent that is already reaping rewards.

Each year, once we have submitted our audited accounts, representatives of Luton Town Supporters' Trust are invited in to scrutinise the numbers in greater detail where no delving question will go unanswered. This will be

no different this year, and, at a recent and excellent Supporters' Trust strategy evening, better supporter communication was a hot topic. So, we will encourage the Trust to gather questions from its membership and provide a review after the meeting.

As mentioned, our stint in the Premier League will provide the additional income necessary to fund the increases in costs for Power Court stadium, brought about by the extraordinary inflation on construction materials and labour over recent years. It will also allow us to accelerate the phasing of the construction, straight to a 25,000-capacity facility. Ultimately, not only does this accelerate our growth for the future, but it will also save us over £40m in abortive costs - not to mention the disruption - by not building though the three phases from around 17.500-18.000. which was the original strategy.

We are now entering a very exciting phase of the project. Before the season concludes, we will be announcing which construction partners we will be selecting to manage the build starting with a two-month PCSA (a pre-construction services agreement - akin to a trial period before the main contract) during which we'll start to see some heavy machinery on site as we prepare to pile.

So far, everything is basically on track. Naturally, the one question everyone wants to know is when we'll be kicking off in our first league game in our new home. Also naturally, it would be imprudent for me to publicly announce this before we complete the PCSA other than to say that we are progressing very well, and we are desperate to move in more than anyone!

However, we can't bury our heads in the sand with current global >>

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affairs highlighting a potential risk in many industry sectors which is completely outside of our control, so, confident though we remain of hitting our target programme, I'm sure you'll understand if we didn't entirely commit to a date at this stage.

Whilst on the subject of Power Court, one of our longer-term missions is to become a greener football club, with the ultimate target of carbon neutrality high on our list of ambitions. We are very firmly focused on our BREEAM credentials (the criterion by which the carbon footprint of new buildings is measured), where we have set a very high bar for ourselves to achieve.

But even at Kenilworth Road our operations are being monitored and constantly improved. With that in mind, we were delighted last week to be just the seventh club to be awarded a bronze or higher status from the EFL, despite the challenge of an outdated stadium.

Hard work behind the scenes has meant we have established a

monthly working group for the implementation of new sustainability measures which include serving locally sourced food - as mentioned in the Trust's interview with Cris Silva, our general catering manager, elsewhere in this programme, and the introduction of new water refill points across our sites for players, staff and visitors. They will save almost 23,000 plastic bottles from being used over the course of a season. Here on a matchday, you may also have noticed we are providing wooden forks and stirrers, as well as compostable pint and half-pint cups. Despite the limitations of our dear old home, we have made a concerted effort to become more sustainable with our long-term vision of having one of the most green and efficient stadiums in the country when we move to Power Court.

Finally, this afternoon we welcome our friends from Utilita Giving for their annual dedicated Kenilworth Road 'takeover' fixture which helps raise awareness and supports those in fuel and food poverty across England, Scotland and Wales.

The takeover includes a range of fundraising initiatives around the ground and, once again, the charity has teamed up with Luton Foodbank to host a matchday food collection point, with all essentials donated directly supporting the local community. Please support these causes if you're able to.

Talking of support, please also continue your magnificent backing of the team this afternoon. There are sure to be plenty of twists and turns on the pitch between now and the end of the season – it wouldn't be the Championship otherwise – but, come on all you Hatters, join us in getting behind Matt and the lads and sing loud and proud!

Remember, today could be another 'I was there' moment to add to the thousands that this club has witnessed so gloriously over the past 140 years. There's never a dull moment following our beloved LTFC!

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Gary.

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REST IN PEACE

Our condolences to the family and friends of lifelong Hatters fan Trevor Taylor who passed away on 2nd April.

Trevor moved to Luton in December 1964 and his first game was a 7-2 defeat at home to Shrewsbury as the Town were relegated to Division Four!

Despite the poor start, he was a season ticket holder for many years, travelling around the country following the team, going to games with his son, Trevor, and grandson, Jim.



The last game he attended was the 3-0 win over Watford at Kenilworth Road in October.

Rest in Peace, Trevor. Once a Hatter, always a Hatter.

WELCOME



A huge welcome to Hatters supporter Aahil Afzal who is here to watch his first Luton Town game at Kenilworth Road. Aahil is 10 years old and his favourite player is striker Elijah Adebayo. We hope you have a great day with us!

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CALLING ALL MEN OVER 40!



The Luton Town Supporters'
Trust charity of the year, Beds
Prostate Cancer Support
Group, are holding a PSA
blood testing event in the Eric
Morecambe Suite on Sunday
27th April.

The test is designed to detect the early signs of prostate disease and the club will be open between 10am and 2pm with Mick Harford on hand to meet and greet supporters.

Those interested must book a time slot with no walk-in appointments. To register, visit www.bpcsg.org.uk. Entering the code BEDS50 will give you 50 per cent off.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Happy eighth birthday to
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The Hatters added another point towards their quest for Championship survival with a deserved point against promotion-chasing Leeds.

It was the visitors who threatened first on an early spring afternoon when Dan James headed straight at Thomas Kaminski after three minutes.

And the Hatters had Kaminski to thank nine minutes later for keeping the score goalless when reacting superbly to keep out Junior Firpo's inadvertent effort after the ball had bounced into his path from a free-kick.

Kaminski then prevented Manor Solomon's effort and, moments later, the Hatters were ahead. Elijah Adebayo sped clear on the counter to feed Jordan Clark and his deep left-wing cross was met by the unerring finish of Isaiah Jones at the back-post. It was the Guyana international's first goal for the club.

However, the Town's lead did not last long when Leeds levelled on 28 minutes. The Hatters half-cleared a corner to James on the right-hand side of the penalty area. The Welsh winger cut inside and sent a sweet curling left-foot shot past the despairing dive of Kaminski.

There was no sign of a second for Leeds, though, as, to their credit, the Hatters looked comfortable as half-time approached.

Chris Makosso, imperious all afternoon, was close to getting on the end of a deep Thelo Aasgaard cross on

40 minutes before Adebayo nodded at Karl Darlow two minutes later.

The second half was only a couple of minutes old when the Town lost the physical presence of Adebayo, with the striker helped off the pitch following an innocuous challenge near the dugout. Tahith Chong took the frontman's place.

Moments after the winger's introduction the Hatters came close to restoring the lead when Aasgaard took Amari'i Bell's pass to cut inside and drive a shot goalwards that Darlow did well to parry. Clark fired over the follow-up into row Z of the Kenny end.

But the Town looked anything but a side in the bottom three as they kept the visitors at bay while chasing a winner for themselves.

Kaminski was equal to substitute Patrick Bamford's shot on 73 minutes but Bloomfield made a triple sub for the final quarter-of-an-hour with Lasse Nordås, Milli Alli and Lamine Fanne introduced in a bid to win the game.

Leeds came closest to a second with eight minutes to go only for Solomon to miss his cue at the back-post after James' enticing cross but a late defeat would have harsh on the Hatters after a determined display not short on quality.

Eight minutes of additional time came and went without incident with the Hatters the happier with a point come the final whistle.

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We're on a roll - let's keep it that way says Carlton

WE'RE RIDING THE MOMENTUM

Captain Carlton Morris and his Hatters teammates plan to keep "riding the momentum" of their recent good run of form.

The Hatters made it four matches unbeaten with the 1-1 draw with promotion-chasing Leeds at Kenilworth Road last Saturday, taking their points haul to 11 from the last six games.

Our top scorer couldn't add to his personal tally, but was delighted to see Isaiah Jones net his first goal for the club as the Town took the lead against the visitors from Yorkshire.

Speaking to LTFC+, the 29-year-old said: "Credit to Leeds, that was a tough, tough game that had a Premier League energy to it to be honest. It was a good point at home, the lads left it all out there - no question about that.

"We're riding the momentum finally at the minute. Things have been going our way a bit more recently and it's come to fruition with a couple of wins. It's good to finally have that momentum, so roll on Tuesday night."

On the importance of another point, taking us

to within two points of safety, he added: "This is a massive point. It's all about keeping our momentum. We're in good form at the minute.

"I think in our last six games, barring the Burnley one, they've all been really positive results. We're riding that momentum for the first time really this season, so it's important that we hold onto it and the lads are

buzzing already for this game in midweek."

The former Norwich and Barnsley forward paid tribute to the players behind him on Saturday, as the Town put their bodies on the line to block shots and crosses, as Leeds probed for a second-half winner.

"You see the lads in midfield - Clicker, Walshy, Thelo - fantastic on second balls, in duels, coming out of tackles; the back five were tremendous, Thomas aggressive on his line," said Carlton. "We are playing with a bit more confidence, a bit more freedom today, battling around as well.

"From my own perspective, the goals aren't coming at the minute. I'm not getting the chances that I'm necessarily wanting, so the minimum I can do is put my body on the line and let the centre-halves know they're in a game, which you know I enjoy doing, especially for this football club."

On the season as a whole, he added: "Obviously it has been a mental season for us to be where we are, but things haven't gone our way at times and we've had to sort of build that foundation from the start again, and that was going a bit more direct and keeping things more simple at times.

"But you can see that we're getting a bit of momentum, a bit of confidence. The team is starting to play a bit more, our good players are starting to shine through and you know that's only going to be a good thing for us going forward."





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HOME OF THE EFL CHAMPIONSHIP





Welcome to the Show

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Baker 74'



Alli 90+1'

A superb last-minute equaliser from Milli Alli earned the Town a crucial point in their fight for Championship survival as they fought back to earn a draw at Stoke.

Alli's evening began on the bench until he was introduced in the 17th minute after former Potter Alfie Doughty was substituted after picking up a knock following an altercation with Ben Wilmot.

Chances for both sides were at a premium in an extremely low-key first half that saw Thelo Aasgaard off-target with a well-hit volley five minutes before the break.

As clear-cut opportunities continued to be hard to come by, Alli had his first sight of goal on 53 minutes when weaving into the box down the left and firing a shot at goal that Wilmot deflected behind. From the corner, Mark McGuinness nodded wide as the Town continued to push for an opener.

Jordan Clark attempted to catch goalkeeper Viktor Johansson out with a quick free-kick from distance on 57 minutes before it was Stoke's turn to press. On the hour Thomas Kaminski held a Wilmot header before Sam Gallagher slid a chance wide for the hosts moments later.

Lewis Baker tested Kaminski with a pot-shot from distance on 66 minutes with the Town goalkeeper doing well to get his body behind the bouncing ball.

With both teams in need of the points, the game began to swing from end to end and on 69 minutes the Town failed to get the ball over the line following a goalmouth scramble that saw Morris and Alli head goalwards.

Matt Bloomfield made a triple change with 20 minutes left to play, introducing Reece Burke, Lasse Nordås and Lamine Fanne – but within minutes of their arrival the Town fell behind in unfortunate circumstances.

Fanne was harshly adjudged to have fouled Gallagher on the edge of the box and Baker arrowed the resultant free-kick from 25 yards goalwards. The ball clipped off the head of Burke, wrong-footing Kaminski.

It was harsh on the Town but Bloomfield's troops rallied. Alli came close to levelling with seven minutes left after dancing into the box but his low rasping drive was kept out well by Johansson.

Still the Town pushed. Stoke survived another goalmouth scramble on 85 minutes with substitute Josh Bowler unable to sort his feet out with the goal gaping.

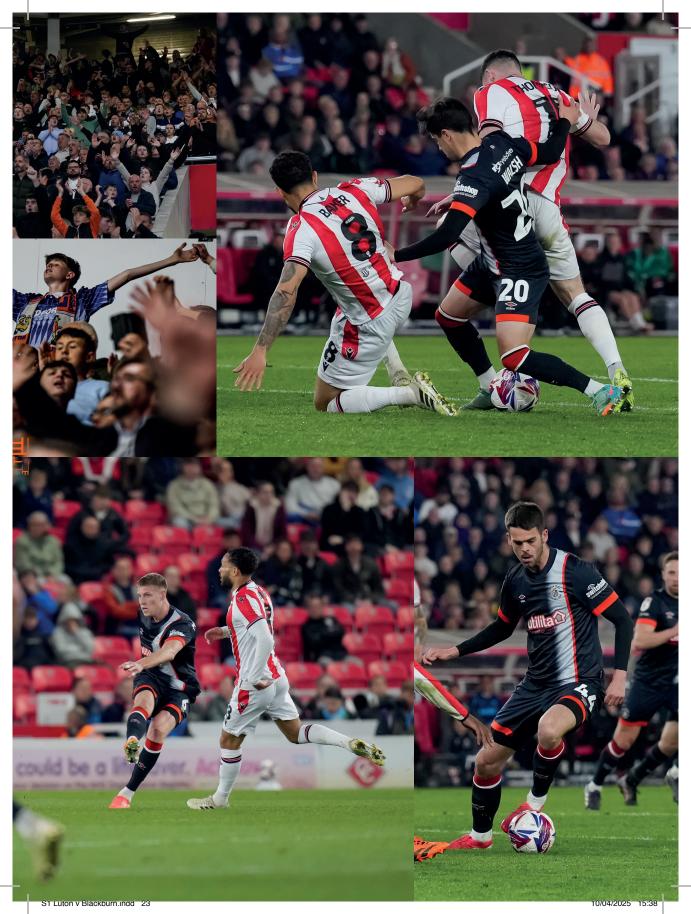
But as time ticked into the first minute of five added, the Hatters got their just reward through Alli. Clark's attempted bicycle kick fell at the feet of the former Exeter man and the January arrival wriggled into the box and thundered a left-foot shot past Johansson at his near post for his first goal in Luton colours.

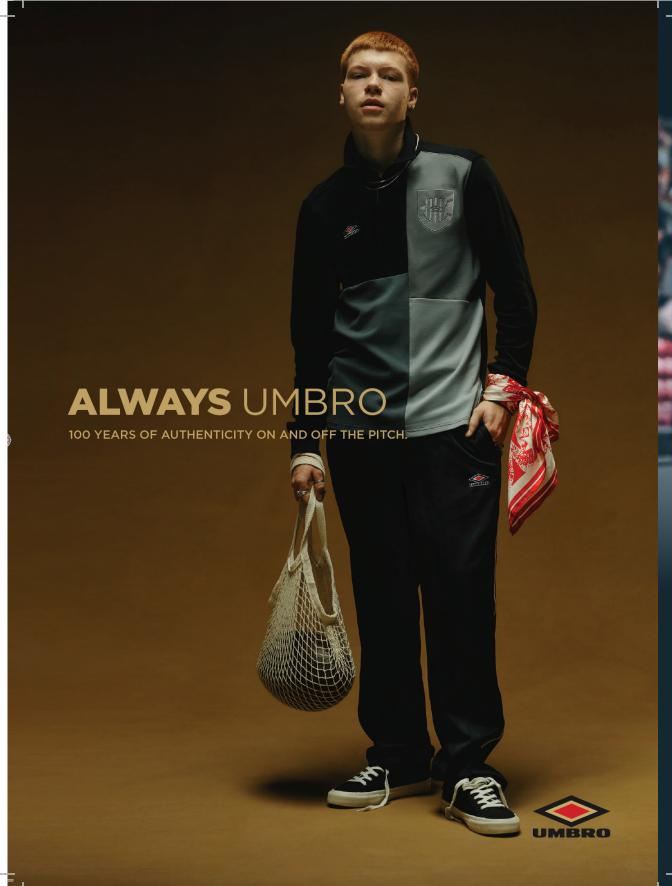
As play restarted there was still time for the Town to push as they sensed a winner. McGuinness got his head on a left-wing cross to test Johansson but the final whistle sounded and both sides had to share the spoils.

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Alli's delight at crucial late equaliser at Stoke

oh my CSSI

Millenic Alli smashed home his first goal in a Luton shirt to earn the Hatters a deserved last-gasp point at Stoke City on Tuesday night, giving the travelling Town supporters the opportunity to see his celebratory somersaults for the first time!

The January signing from Exeter City had been introduced as a 17th minute replacement for the injured Alfie Doughty at left wing-back, and proved a constant menace to the Potters' defence, especially after half-time.

After Lewis Baker's deflected free-kick had given the hosts the lead, 25-year-old Alli sidestepped his marker and drilled a left-footed shot inside the near post for the 91st-minute leveller.

"Oh my gosh!" he beamed when asked to describe the strike, which was his 13th of the season after netting 12 for the Grecians in League One.

"I think it was very busy in the box, we were on top at the time and I just saw the ball come out to me. I took a touch outline and hit the front post. I was glad it went in, so I give glory to God!

"I was very happy to score that goal. It was a very important goal, we really needed that point. It was an important point, so I was very happy to contribute today."

It was the longest the Dublin-born wideman has spent on the pitch in a Town shirt, and he added: "Of course it was unfortunate for one of the boys to get injured, but the gaffer called upon me and I came on and did a job to the best I could, so I was happy with the turn out today."

Although Stoke wasn't as cold as it's traditionally thought to be on a Tuesday night, the point proved a good one in the fight for survival at as difficult a ground as there is to visit in the Championship.

"It's crazy," said Milli, who was playing in the National League for Halifax Town as recently as Boxing Day 2023, and only made his EFL debut for Exeter 13 months ago. "I was speaking to some of the boys about that yesterday and they said it's always tough here, but we came and did what we could, got an important point, which we need, and we've got to keep the form going and go again next game."

Looking ahead to Blackburn's visit to Kenilworth Road on Saturday, he went on: "We've had good form the last couple of games, so we just have to take that into the next game and see what we can do there. We're looking forward to it."

"THE GAFFER CALLED UPON ME AND I CAME ON AND DID A JOB TO THE BEST I COULD." 25 _____



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The Hatters welcome Valerien Ismael's Blackburn Rovers side to Kenilworth Road today for a huge match in the Championship. It's been an up and down season for Rovers who currently in mid-table.

Following John Eustace's departure in February, former West Brom, Barnsley and Watford boss Ismael took charge at the club.

Recently, Blackburn have hit a rough patch of form and are winless in eight matches. Earlier in the week, they drew 2-2 with Sheffield Wednesday at Ewood Park, coming from 2-0 down to salvage a point.

Until recently, Rovers were still in with a strong shout for a play-off place after a very strong start to the campaign. They went on a six-game winning streak between November and December - one of which included a 2-0 victory over the Hatters.

Blackburn's fortunes have not been helped with Ismael in the middle of an injury crisis which sees at least eight first-team players on the sidelines for the run-in.

Rovers fans making the trip to Bedfordshire will be hoping to see a rare win in these parts. Only once in history have Blackburn beaten the Town at Kenilworth Road - and that was in an FA Cup tie in January 2007.

A warm welcome to Kenilworth Road to all those associated with Blackburn Rovers.



THE SQUAD



- **GK** Aynsley Pears
- **DF** Callum Brittain
- DF Harry Pickering
- Yuri Ribeiro
- **Dominic Hyam** DF
- 6 ME Sondre Tronstad
- Todd Cantwell 8 MF
- 9 FW Makhtar Gueye Tyrhys Dolan 10 FW
- 11 MF Joe Rankin-Costello
- 12 GK Balázs Tóth
- 14 FW Andreas Weimann
- Danny Batth 15 DF
- **Scott Wharton** 16 DF
- **Hayden Carter** 17 DF
- 19 FW Ryan Hedges
- **Harry Leonard** 20 FW
- John Buckley
- Zak Gilsenan 22 MF
- Yuki Ohashi 23 FW
- 24 DF **Owen Beck**
- 27 MF **Lewis Travis**
- **Adam Forshaw**
- 31 DF **Dion Sanderson**
- 32 FW **Igor Tyjon**
- Amario Cozier-Duberry 33 MF
- James Edmondson 36 MF
- 37 FW Tom Bloxham
- 41 MF Harley O'Grady-Macken
- 42 FW Emmanuel Dennis
- 43 DF George Pratt
- 45 FW Cauley Woodrow
- 46 MF Isaac Dunn 47 FW Augustus Kargbo
- 48 DF Tom Atcheson
- 49 MF Frank Vare
- 51 MF Kristi Montgomery

Words by Zac Neal

THE BOSS VALERIEN ISMAEL

Former Barnsley, West Brom and Watford manager with vast amounts of Championship experience. Hired by Rovers in February this year.

GOALKEEPER AYNSLEY PEARS

Came through the ranks at Middlesbrough before establishing

himself as first choice at Ewood Park, Has made over 100 appearances for the club since.

DEFENDERS DANNY BATTH

34-vear-old centre-back with years of experience

in the second tier. Previously played for Wolves, Sheffield United, Sheffield Wednesday, Middlesbrough, Stoke, Sunderland and Norwich.

DOMINIC HYAM ▼

Scottish defender who has formed a strong partnership with Batth. Has played every single minute for Blackburn so far this season, one of five players in the



YURI RIBEIRO

Portuguese left-back who made the switch to Ewood Park earlier this year after leaving Braga. Has previous Championship experience with Nottingham Forest.

JOE RANKIN-COSTELLO

A product of the Rovers academy and a regular in the Blackburn back line since 2019. Played over 100 times for the first team.

DION SANDERSON

Defender currently on loan from Birmingham City who has featured nine times since signing in January.

HARRY PICKERING

Signed for Rovers in 2021 after a number of successful seasons at Crewe Alexandra. Has played over 130 since then for Rovers.

MIDFIELDERS LEWIS TRAVIS

Key player for Rovers since 2018 who has played over 250 times for the club. Spent the second half of last season on loan at Ipswich Town.

SONDRE TRONSTAD

Norwegian midfielder who spent four years with Vitesse before making the switch to Lancashire at the start of last season.

TODD CANTWELL

Former Norwich voungster who has since played for **Bournemouth and Rangers** and has enjoyed a fine campaign with Blackburn back in the Championship.

JOHN BUCKLEY

Another product of the Rovers academy who has been a crucial part of the Rovers midfield since breaking into the first team.



ADAM FORSHAW

Veteran Championship midfielder who spent the first half of this season with Plymouth Argyle. Scored his first goal since 2016 against Plymouth this season for Blackburn.

FORWARDS YUKI OHASHI

Signed for Rovers at the start of the season from Sanfrecce Hiroshima. Scored in Blackburn's 2-2 draw with Sheffield Wednesday earlier this week.

TYRHYS DOLAN

23-year-old forward who has made an impressive 200 appearances for the club to his name already. Scored against Sheffield Wednesday on Tuesday night.

RYAN HEDGES

Welsh winger who has previously spent time with Aberdeen, Barnsley, Yeovil Town and Levton Orient. Signed for Blackburn in 2021.

MAKHTAR GUEYE

Senegalese striker with six goals to his name so far this season. Top scorer for RWD Molenbeek last season with 11 goals.

AMARIO COZIER-DUBERRY

Young winger who signed for Blackburn on loan from Brighton this season. Scored in the reverse fixture of this game back in December.

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A FOOT IN BOTH



MIKE NEWELL

Mike joined the Hatters from Wigan in 1986 and went on to score 18 goals in 63 league appearances before he was surprisingly moved on to Leicester. After a spell with Everton, he joined Blackburn in 1991, helping them win the Premier League in 1995, scoring a hat-trick in the Champions League the following season. The striker's career in management saw him earn a promotion with Hartlepool before he led the Town to the League One title in 2005.

ROVERS CULT HERO

Rovers' time at the top table of English football has meant the Ewood Park faithful have adored their fair share of quality players down the years – but one man the streets around the town will never forget is **Tugay**.

The Turkish international's elegance and vision – not to forget thunderous longrange strikes – made him an instant hero

with his experience in the Rovers midfield vital during their time in Premier League.

Joining as a 31-yearold he proved age was no barrier as he graced the top-flight for eight seasons.

He went on to make 293 appearances and help them to a League Cup success in 2002.



FIXTURE FLASHBACK

TOWN 3-2 BLACKBURN 22nd JULY 2020

Whisper it quietly but the Town have never lost at home to Blackburn in the league – a 22-match unbeaten home league record dating back to

Among those victories include a 6-0 triumph in 1962 and a 7-3 win two years later. However, none can be more dramatic than the 3-2 win at the end of a prolonged 2019/20 season following lockdown.

Needing a win to guarantee safety, the

Town made the worst possible start, going behind after 10 minutes when Adam Armstrong fired Rovers in front.

But the Hatters turned the game around before half-time thanks to two own goals. Firstly Hayden Carter diverted the ball past former Town keeper Christian Walton on 28 minutes and seven minutes later Bradley Johnson suffered the same fate.

On a nervy night in front of no spectators,

the Hatters secured a two-goal cushion when James Collins converted from the penalty spot after Harry Cornick was tripped in the box.

Rovers refused to lay down and Sam Gallagher's clever finish made for a frightful last few minutes.

The visitors almost snatched a last-gasp point which would have left the Hatters sweating, but the Town hung on to ensure survival.



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COMMERCIAL

At our last home game against Leeds, Thelo Aasgaard was named man-of-the-match by sponsors County Gardeners and received his trophy post-match in the Eric Morecambe Suite.

We also had the pleasure of welcoming matchball sponsors FPM and four mascots who enjoyed their experience at Kenilworth Road, including all the pre- and post-match activities.

Today we have the pleasure of welcoming guests from our match sponsors Toureen Group and matchball sponsors SD Shopfitting who will get the full VIP treatment as we entertain Blackburn.

We also have three mascots with us this afternoon and the lucky trio will get to meet their favourite players prematch and then lead the team out prior to kick-off. We hope you all enjoy your day with us.

Finally, as the season draws to a close, we have limited spots available for our popular end-of-season dinner.

The event takes place at Luton Hall's Walled Garden on Tuesday 29th April and tickets are priced at £150 per guest.

The event includes a three-course meal and complimentary drinks throughout the evening. If you're interested, please contact our team on 01582 411 622 (option 3) or commercial@lutontown.co.uk.

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Cardiff City v Stoke City
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Portsmouth v Derby County
QPR v Bristol City
Sheffield Wed v Oxford United
Sunderland v Swansea City
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Portsmouth	1005
Luton Town	943
Millwall	929
Blackburn Rovers	836
Derby County	819



YELLOW CARDS

Portsmouth	102
Preston North End	101
Stoke City	99
Sunderland	89
Blackburn Rovers	86

TABLE AND STATS 2024/25

AS OF 10/4/2025

	P	W	D	L	F	Α	+/-	PTS
Leeds	41	24	13	4	80	28	52	85
Burnley	41	23	16	2	55	12	43	85
Sheff Utd	41	26	7	8	56	31	25	83
Sunderland	41	21	13	7	57	37	20	76
Bristol City	41	16	15	10	53	44	9	63
Coventry	41	18	8	15	58	53	5	62
Middlesbrough	41	17	9	15	61	50	11	60
West Brom	41	13	18	10	49	38	11	57
Millwall	41	15	12	14	40	41	-1	57
Watford	41	16	8	17	49	53	-4	56
Norwich	41	13	14	14	62	56	6	53
Blackburn	41	15	8	18	44	45	-1	53
Sheff Wed	41	14	11	16	56	63	-7	53
Swansea	41	14	9	18	44	51	-7	51
QPR	41	12	13	16	48	54	-6	49
Preston North End	41	10	19	12	42	49	-7	49
Portsmouth	41	12	9	20	48	64	-16	45
Oxford Utd	41	11	12	18	42	60	-18	45
Hull	41	11	11	19	40	49	-9	44
Stoke	41	10	14	17	42	54	-12	44
Derby	41	11	9	21	42	52	-10	42
Cardiff	41	9	15	17	45	65	-20	42
Luton	41	10	10	21	37	62	-25	40
Plymouth	41	8	13	20	42	81	-39	37
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PLAYER		SUB		APP		GLS		SUB		YELLOW		APP	GLS	
Thelo Aasgaard	12	0	1	0	0	0	12	0	1	0	0	12	1	
Elijah Adebayo	31	8	5	1	1	0	32	9	5	1	0	182	47	
Millenic Alli	1	10	1	0	0	0	1	10	1	0	0	11	1	
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	26	0	0	2	0	0	28	0	0	1	0	152	2	
Josh Bowler	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	7	0	
Jacob Brown	11	18	4	0	1	0	11	19	4	4	0	52	7	
Reece Burke	10	2	0	1	0	0	11	2	0	4	0	96	4	
Tahith Chong	23	3	2	1	0	0	24	3	2	5	0	65	7	
Jordan Clark	34	2	5	1	1	0	35	3	5	9	0	175	17	
Alfie Doughty	25	1	1	1	0	0	26	1	1	5	0	105	6	
Lamine Fanne	3	5	0	1	0	0	4	5	0	1	0	9	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	11	1	1	1	0	0	12	1	1	3	0	13	1	
Thomas Kaminski	40	0	0	2	0	0	42	0	0	3	1	80	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	7	1	0	0	0	0	7	1	0	0	0	8	0	
Mark McGuinness	36	2	3	1	0	0	37	2	3	4	0	39	3	
Teden Mengi	14	1	1	0	0	0	14	1	1	2	0	50	2	
Carlton Morris	32	4	7	2	0	0	34	4	7	8	0	132	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	5	0	0	0	0	2	5	0	0	0	7	0	
Chiedozie Ogbene	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	39	5	
Josh Phillips	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	
James Shea	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	110	0	
Joe Taylor	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	1	0	19	0	
Andros Townsend	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	32	1	
Liam Walsh	14	8	0	1	1	0	15	9	0	2	2	24	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	



WORDS BY ZAC NEAL

This week there were some huge results in matchday 41 of the Championship and it certainly didn't disappoint.

Late goals were a common theme of the matches as four injury-time goals went in to change the outcome of the games.

On Tuesday night, today's opponents Blackburn came from 2-0 down to draw 2-2 with Sheffield Wednesday at Ewood Park. Norwich and Sunderland had to share the points at Carrow Road as the match finished 0-0, confirming the Black Cats a play-off spot.

Bristol City picked up a huge win at home against West Brom to solidify their spot inside the play-offs. A ninetysixth-minute winner from Haydon Roberts saw the Robins move up to fifth place.

Derby held Burnley to a 0-0 draw at Pride Park and Millwall beat Sheffield United 1-0 at Bramall Lane. A first-half Josh Coburn goal was enough for the Lions to pull off a shock victory.

Cardiff came away from Deepdale with a point

thanks to a last-gasp Yakou Meite equaliser. Hull had more misery piled on them as they lost to Watford.

The Town earned a massive point on the road against Stoke as a last-minute Millenic Alli equaliser saw Matt Bloomfield's side stretch their unbeaten run to five. Leeds picked up a statement victory at the Riverside Stadium as they won 1-0 thanks to a Daniel James winner that sent them back to the top of the table.

Oxford suffered a disappointing 3-1 defeat at home to QPR in what was a damaging loss for Gary Rowett's side. Bottom-of-the-table Plymouth also suffered a defeat as they were well beaten by Alan Sheehan's Swansea side, losing 3-0.

Coventry were the last of the sides to get three points as an acrobatic last-minute effort from Jamie Paterson got Coventry the win against Portsmouth to lift Frank Lampard's side back into the play-off places.

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TOWN TEASERS

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



- True or false, in 22 league home games against Blackburn the Town have never lost?
- 2. Which club are currently top of the National League?
- 3. From which club did the Hatters sign Christ Makosso?
- 4. Who won the penalty from which James Collins scored in the 3-2 win over Blackburn here in July 2020?

- 5. Thomas Kaminski joined Blackburn from which club?
- 6. Which three clubs were relegated from the top-flight the season before the Premier League started?
- 7. From which level of English football have we won the most promotions from?
- 8. What is the record number of points won in the Premier League?
- On this day in 2014 the Hatters missed the chance to win the National League title after losing 3-2 at home to?
- 10. Who were our kit sponsors in the 2004/05 season?
- Hatters academy graduate Curtis Davies left to join which club in 2005?
- 12. Which former Luton striker is seventh in Brentford's all-time record goalscorer list with 87 goals?
- 13. Who is the youngest player to captain a team in an FA Cup final?

- 14. Which player is the top scorer in the whole of the EFL with 21 goals?
- 15. Which animal appears on the club crest of German club Cologne?



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.

Cheek. 15. A goat.

ANSWERS: 1. True. 2. Barnet. 3. RWD Molenbeek. 4. Harry Cornick. 5. Gent. 6. Motts County, West Ham and Luton. 7. Third Tier (5 promotions). 8. 100 (Man City). 9. Braintree. 10. Travel Extras. 11. West Brom. 12. Lloyd Owusu. 13. Nigel Reo-Coker. 14. Michael

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HATTERS TAKE PART IN BHF RELAY



A group of Luton Town cyclists completed a 17-mile (28 km) ride from Kenilworth Road to Stevenage's Lamex Stadium as part of the Sky Bet EFL Every Minute Matters Relay earlier this week.

Club secretary Chris Clark, super cycling supporter Mark Crowther, sisters Sam and Joanne Ewington and Daniel Coyle, from our partners Ryebridge, took on the challenge to inspire fellow football fans to donate 15-minutes of their time and learn CPR with the British Heart Foundation's RevivR tool.

All 72 clubs in the EFL have a leg in a 4,000km relay route that will see participants run, walk "ALL 72 CLUBS IN THE EFL HAVE A LEG IN A 4,000KM RELAY ROUTE THAT WILL SEE PARTICIPANTS RUN, WALK AND CYCLE BETWEEN 72 STADIUMS."

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and cycle between 72 stadiums on the way to the finish line at Wembley on 21st April.

Town skipper Tom
Lockyer was over at
the Kenny to see the
fantastic five off on their
way to Stevenage The
Relay is the latest phase
of Sky Bet's Every Minute
Matters campaign
with the British Heart
Foundation (BHF).

The partnership began in May last year and set out to encourage 270,000 football fans to begin learning CPR and raise up to £3 million towards the BHF's vital research.

You can show your support by donating just 15 minutes of your time to learn CPR using the BHF's online tool RevivR.

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Preserving and appreciating the heritage and history of Luton Town Football Club

THE GREAT ESCAPE



Where to start when reminiscing about Blackburn? Well, meetings between the two clubs had been sparse over the years until the Town returned to the second tier in 2019/20.

Prior to that campaign, the last time we met in league action came in the 1981/82 season which saw us promoted to the top-flight. Our relegation in 1992 coincided with Rovers' ascension to the Premier League – a division they would famously win in 1995.

And while Rovers themselves dropped out of the top-flight, the Hatters tumbled further down the divisions before rising again.

However, to get back to the point, other than an

FA Cup fourth round tie in 2007 – which is best to not reminisce about as we lost 4-0 – we hadn't played them frequently until our return to the Championship.

Despite a 2-1 win at Ewood Park in September of 2019, the Hatters found life in the second tier tough, and by the time football resumed after lockdown, the stage was set for a great escape.

Nathan Jones had returned and Championship survival came down to the final game of the season at home to Rovers.

Jones had guided the Hatters to the brink of safety with a run of just one defeat – a 5-0 loss at home to Reading – since his return, overturning a six-point gap in the process.

The Hatters came into the match needing a win, and also a slice of luck. And they got it.

The game did not get off to the best of starts with Adam Armstrong putting Blackburn into the lead but then the Town stormed back, going 2-1 ahead, courtesy of two own goals that former Hatter Christian Walton in goal Rovers could not keep out.

James Collins made it 3-1 from the spot despite slipping when he took the kick, to make the Hatters faithful tuning in remotely breathe more easily.

Rovers' Sam Gallagher set up a tense finale

when making it 3-2 with the Town, by now, knowing a victory would ensure survival.

Hearts were in mouths when Walton was sent up for corners to try and grab a point even though the visitors had absolutely nothing to play for.

However, the Hatters held out on a memorable night to produce the great escape, which sadly saw no fans in the stadium to celebrate with the team.

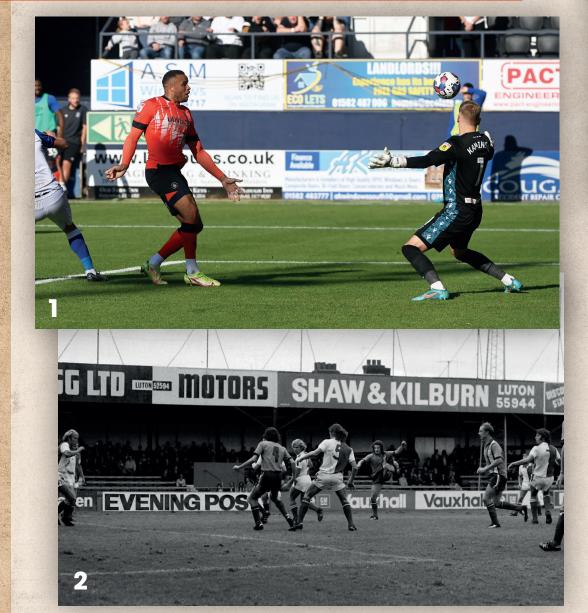
That said, tears were shed, champagne was popped and many drinks were had by all the Hatters watching from their homes.

Sonny Bradley wheels away after Blackburn's
Hayden Carter puts the ball into his own net

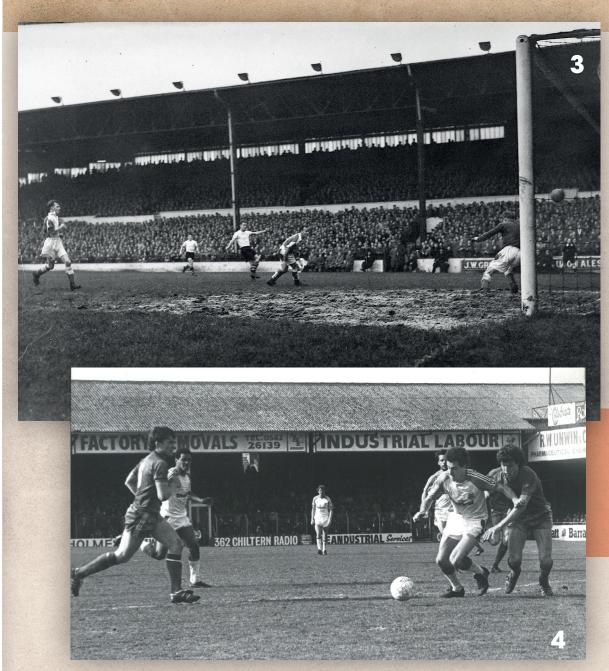
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Club historian Roger Wash delves into the Hatters Heritage archives to unearth these hidden gems from encounters between the Town and Rovers.







- 1. Another promotion season with Carlton Morris heading the ball past future Hatter Thomas Kaminski in the 2-0 home victory over Rovers in September 2022.
- 2. Jimmy Husband scores the Town's goal in the 1-1 draw with Rovers at Kenilworth Road in September 1975.
- 3. Roy Davies slams the ball into the net as the Hatters beat Blackburn 7-3 at Kenilworth Road in November 1954 on the way to promotion.
- 4. A 2-0 home win over Rovers on the way to promotion to the top-flight with Steve White seen netting the second goal in April 1982.

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ON THIS DAY

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

Today is the first time the Town have played on this day since a 1-0 win over Dagenham and Redbridge in League 2 in 2016.

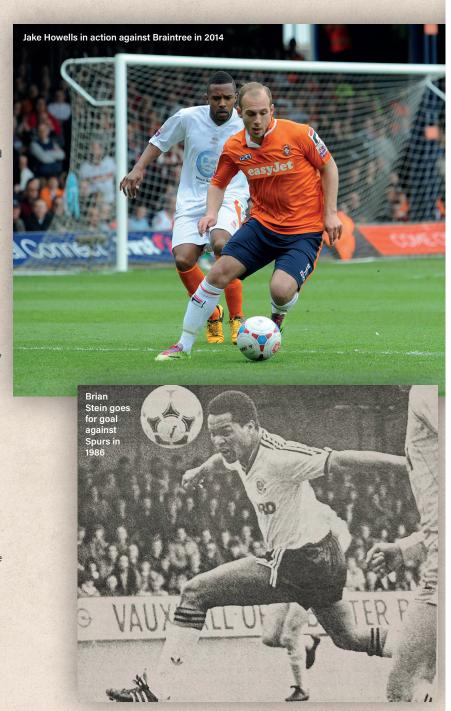
In what was the first time John Still had returned after leaving Kenilworth Road, it was one of his signings, Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu, who scored the Hatters' winning goal.

Two years prior the Town lost 3-2 at home to Braintree in the National League, with Still's side missing the chance to win the title at Kenilworth Road in the process.

The aforementioned win over Dagenham ended a run of 10 games without a win on 12th April – a run stretching back to a 3-1 win over Birmingham City in the top-flight in 1983. That day two goals from Ricky Hill and a penalty from Brian Horton sealed victory in front of 12,878 at Kenilworth Road.

The win over the Blues was the Town's 10th home win in 13 games on this day. Among those victories came wins in all four divisions.

In the 33 matches played on this day, the Town have never scored more than three goals in a game, with their biggest margin of victory a 3-0 win over Brighton in Division Three (now League One) in 1969 – thanks to goals from Graham French, Brian Lewis and Alan Slough – and a 3-0 triumph over Leicester in 1975.



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Adrian Alston celebrates against Leicester



Alan Slough scores the Town's third goal in the win over Brighton back in 1969



Ricky Hill has just put the Town ahead against Birmingham here in 1983

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Champions!

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

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



2004/05 history

It was now the business end of the season with five games left and the Town sitting three points clear of Hull at the top of the table. Crucially, the Hatters were 13 points ahead of third-placed Tranmere.

Luton supporters descended on the south coast in great numbers in the next leg of the great adventure to see the team take on Bournemouth who were out to claim a play-off place themselves.

The Cherries had turned their Fitness First Stadium around 90 degrees on the same footprint as their old Dean Court and a thenrecord crowd of 9,058 gathered on the three-sided ground to see Bournemouth out of the blocks more quickly than their opponents.

Wade Elliott saw a shot brilliantly saved by Marlon Beresford in the Luton goal before Russ Perrett hacked an effort off the line as the Cherries threatened to run rampant.

The goal-line clearance came on 21 minutes, and 60 seconds later Perrett was dismissed by referee Trevor Parkes for fouling James Hayter who was clean through even though it was doubtful that he would have reached the ball.

Town fans obviously feared the worst but after forward Rowan Vine was

withdrawn in favour of fit again defender Chris Coyne, the 10 men came out of their shell and more than competed with the Cherries.

In the second half it was difficult to tell that Bournemouth enjoyed a man advantage leaving manager Mike Newell to gamble by pulling off midfielders Ahmet Brkovic and Peter Holmes and replacing them with forwards Enoch Showunmi and former Bournemouth striker Warren Feeney.

The risk paid off as with six minutes left a corner from Kevin Nicholls, saw the ball ricochet around the box before Showunmi stabbed home off the bar from close range.

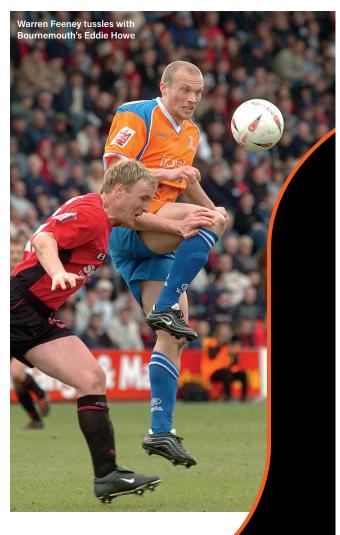
The Hatters held out comfortably to seal a famous victory and all but guarantee promotion. A jubilant Newell said afterwards: "We couldn't have asked any more from the lads and I am proud of them. They were down to 10 men for over an hour but we created chances and deserved to win the game,

"I thought it was there for the taking and the substitutions were a case of getting people on who have goals in them. Sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't, but thankfully it worked on this occasion."

Attention turned quickly to the following Tuesday evening as third-placed Tranmere played at Brentford. A home win meant that Rovers could not catch the Town so a 1-0 victory for the Bees saw the Hatters promoted without kicking a ball.

The Town encouraged Luton supporters to make it a party atmosphere at Kenilworth Road for the visit of relegationthreatened Milton Keynes the following Saturday. Fans rose to the occasion and many 1959 and 1988 boaters were dusted off and, with home supporters taking up two-thirds of the Oak Road end for the first time, the noise was intense as the players came out onto the field.

The Hatters had won convincingly at the Hockey Stadium earlier



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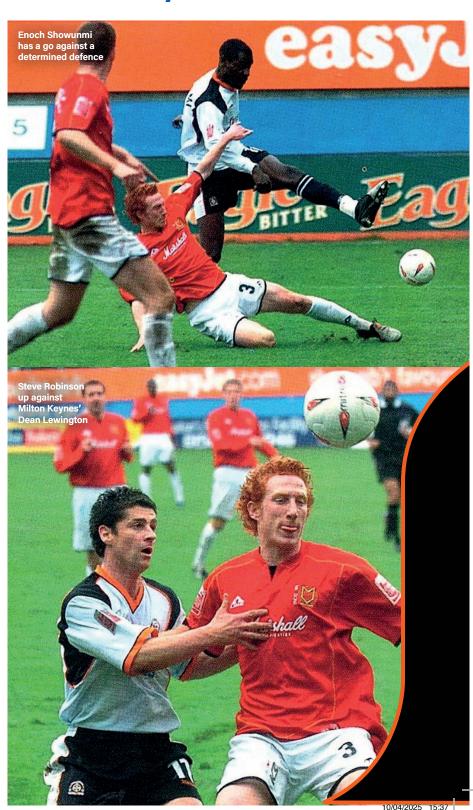
in the season but the introduction of former Luton favourite Danny Wilson to the hot seat had made the visitors much harder to beat and from a hopeless position now looked likely to escape the drop.

In truth the game turned out to be a dull affair with the visitors putting 10 men behind the ball from the first minute and the Town battering away to little effect. With the Town unable to find top gear and Milton Keynes only having one shot on target throughout the afternoon, it took an own goal to settle the game.

On 31 minutes a cross from Kevin Foley was headed spectacularly into his own goal by Ben Chorley who minutes earlier had been involved in a heated set-to with his fellow defender Michael Pensee-Bilong.

Assistant manager Brian Stein was given the post-match press duties and said, "We knew it was going to be tough because Milton Keynes have been fighting for their lives since Danny Wilson took over and that's how it transpired. For the first 20 minutes or so I thought we did ever so well and had the ball in their box but we just didn't have our shooting boots on."

It was now up to relegation-threatened Wrexham the following week where a Luton win and Hull draw or defeat at Walsall would clinch the title. Exciting times!





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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.

I can 99 per cent guarantee that you had completely forgotten, or have never seen this shirt.

Ahead of the 2003/04 season, our new kits were not ready so had to wear last season's – but with a twist.

Whilst Xara (and Luton) waited for the new shirt, we needed a solution. The answer was to use the previous season's shirts but with a big block sponsor cover-up!

Our shirt sponsorship with SKF had ended and

was due to be replaced by Travel Extras, a travel agency. Due to this reason, we had to print a makeshift Travel Extras logo over the existing SKF logo. What this resulted in is one of the rarest shirts in recent years.

Unfortunately, part of the reason for delays was due to the financial troubles off the field. It also meant the Hatters were under a transfer embargo was placed on us.

This all changed on 14th July 2003, so Trust in Luton and the club frantically arranged some pre-season friendlies to get the players as match-fit as soon as possible.

One of those pre-season friendlies was our annual friendly against Hitchin Town, where we wore this unique shirt in a 0-0 draw.

There were a further two other pre-season matches that were played behind closed doors against Fulham and an Arsenal XI, but there is nothing on the internet to show what kits were worn.

What we do know about the friendly with Hitchin, is that the likes of Kevin Nicholls, Steve Howard, Chris Coyne, Dean Crowe, Steve Robinson and a young Kevin Foley played ahead of a season full of uncertainty.

This version of the shirt is not remembered and was only used in one game, but it certainly has an interesting story behind it!

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U18s U21s



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Benny Benagr Martin Elv



Charlie Booth H AVAILABLE



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Kyron **Roberts-Edema H** AVAILABLE



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Oliver Pipa H AVAII ABI F



Xavier-Jones H Alan Francome



Enoch Sampson **H** AVAILABLE



Lloyd Asamoah Jnr **H** AVAILABLE



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THE YOUTH OF TODAY

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

Dream squad number... 7 Date of birth... Player you used to be 17/8/2005 in the playground...

Ronaldinho

Player that could Position... Right go all the way... Joshua Phillips

If I could play a... Under-21 with anyone Previous club... it would be... Fulham Ronaldinho

> Favourite film... Spiderman

> > Favourite food... Pasta

> > > **Favourite** training drill... Small sided games

Favourite school subject apart from PE... Maths

Hobbies outside of football... Chess

Tell us something we don't know about you... Despite what goes on in my life I'm always smiling

I am... an explosive winger who excels in 1v1 situations and has really good movement off the ball allowing me to create space to receive the ball or get in behind. My main strengths are dribbling and crossing

Name... Joshua Phillips Born... London Joined Luton as

Earliest Luton Town memory... The game against Crystal Palace

Boots I'm

wearing...

Adidas F50 Elites

winger

Coach who's impacted me the most... Wayne Turner. He's been my mentor and helped get me through difficult situations and has always believed in me

Football memory that makes

me smile... Scoring nine goals in my first secondary school game, breaking the record and it being announced the next day in front of the whole school

Best moment of career so far... My goal against Oxford

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ACADEMY UPDATE ALEX LAWLESS REVIEWS THE SEASON WITH THE UNDER-21S

A young group started the campaign with some testing pre-season fixtures against senior opposition and without managing a win the experience would still prove invaluable.

Competing in the newly organised six-team mini league, our season came alive with a convincing victory over Northampton.

Up next was our first taste of playing at the Kenny for the season where a 3-2 victory over Glasgow Rangers outlined the upward trajectory of the group. This was part one of a two-game arrangement with the Scottish giants.

More solid performances followed in the next batch of fixtures which included friendlies and a mini league game against Oxford and we were confident going into our first Premier League Cup fixture of the season against Burnley at Kenilworth Road. We were looking for our first points in the competition but unfortunately a good Burnley side defeated us 4-1. It was not the start we wanted.

A disappointing start to the Premier League Cup was followed by an early exit in the Beds Senior Cup to Barton Rovers so it was back to the drawing board as game two in the Premier League Cup was up next.

Reading away at the Madejski Stadium was where we made our history and won all three points in a 2-1 win thanks to a thrilling lastminute goal by Matthew Takawira. The belief gained in this tie lead us on to a fine underdog win away to Brighton in game three with an appearance of first team academy products, Zack Nelson and Joe Johnson.

Another humbling defeat against Burnley meant it would go down to our final two home games in the new year as to whether we were worthy of qualification to the next round.

As is the case with all under-21 teams, the group was often changing due to players going out on loan to gain important senior playing experience. For example, Joshua Phillips went out to National League South Bath City and on his return scored a double hat-trick in a 13-2 win against Notts county in our mini league.

An opportunity arose in the first team and Josh made his first team debut coming on as a substitute at Bristol City to join Zack and Joe as academy graduates making first team appearances.

A big January ahead saw us take four more points from two home games which included another win against Brighton with the winner advancing to the knockout phase. An impressive 3-0 victory in front of the new first team manager Matt Bloomfield saw us through to the next round as one of the best second placed teams in the competition.

Firstly, a trip up to Glasgow Rangers would form part of our second round preparation. The tie was supported by SOLYD and was another fantastic experience for the players

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in their development on and off the pitch.

Nottingham Forest away would be our secondround opponents and after a strong first half performance we trailed by 1-0.

A good start to the second half was quickly halted by a rapid Forest attack and we never managed to come back from 2-0 down. We were proud of the teams effort and it was a fantastic run in the competition.

We currently stand top of our mini league which is keeping the season competitive, so with the exciting Premier League Cup run, the games against Rangers, the matches played at the Kenny and first team debuts and some excellent loan experiences its been another very valuable progression for our under-21 set up this season.

FIVE OF THE BEST FOR UNDER-18S

The Town Under-18s maintained their position at the top of the Youth Alliance with a thumping 5-0 win over Portsmouth last weekend.

Joe Deeney's side took the lead in the 15th minute when good combination play down the left-hand side between Harry Fox, Archie Shepherd and Benny Benagr saw the latter spot Dylan Stitt's run into the box and the midfielder slotted home from 12 yards.

One became two 15 minutes later when Tyrell Giwa cut inside on the right and forced the Pompey goalkeeper into a save but Shepherd was on hand to knock home the rebound.

It took the Hatters seven minutes into the second half to add a third when Matthew Takawira tackled the Portsmouth goalkeeper and rolled into an empty net.

With 22 minutes left on the clock the Town made it 4-0 when Lloyd Asamoah beat two men down the right to feed Benagr and he laid the ball off to Charlie Trustram to hit a shot into the top corner from 15 yards.

On 73 minutes the Hatters completed the scoring when Benagr found Takawira in the box. The forward rounded the keeper but found the angle against him he so teed up Trustram who fired home from 12 yards.

The victory keeps the Town top of the table and seven points clear of Oxford who have three games in hand.

"It was a good performance and I was very proud of the way the boys went about their business," said Deeney afterwards.

"We were dominant on the ball and on another day we could have scored more goals.

"The intensity was outstanding throughout and with two games left all we can do is keep going."

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
SEPTEMBE	R	
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
NOVEMBE	R	
Sat 9th	Gillingham	W 3-2
Sat 23rd	Mansfield Town PDLC	W 3-1
Sat 30th	Cambridge United	W 2-1
DECEMBE	R	
Sat 7th	MK Dons Cup	W 6-1
Fri 13th	Crewe Alexandra FAYC	L 2-2*
Tue 17th	Sutton United	W 4-1
JANAUAR	Y	
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	1	
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	W 5-0
Sat 12th	Forest Green Rovers	11am
MAY		
Sat 3rd	Newport County	12pm

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

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HE'S ONE O OUR OWN

GARY DOHERTY

Coming up through the ranks at Kenilworth Road the Ireland-born but locally raised, Gary formed part of a formidable Town youth side that reached the FA Youth Cup semi-finals in 1997.

Doherty made his debut as a substitute in a 2-0 home defeat to Millwall in September 1997 as manager Lennie Lawrence struggled with injuries.

And the youngster would soon make his first league start in a 3-0 home win over Plymouth a month later.

Gary would continue to be in and around the first team squad, gradually becoming more involved in the following campaign. His first senior goal was an important equaliser in a 2-2 draw at Lincoln in November 1998.

Hatters supporters could never be sure which was Doherty's best position as he was equally adept in central defence and as a striker as his goal record of 15 in 83 appearances testifies.

In 1999/2000 he helped the Town finish mid-table in today's League One equivalent - not bad for a young side - scoring nine times. His performances were not only rewarded with the player of the year trophy but also a big money move to Tottenham in April.

A broken ankle saw the big Ireland international out for a long spell and, after returning to fitness, he reluctantly accepted a move to Norwich, deciding to concentrate on defending and becoming a mainstay in the Canaries back line - where he featured over 200 times.

Gary subsequently turned out for Charlton and Wycombe before a stint in the USA with San Jose Earthquakes and our latest Google search shows him now living in the States having set-up a soccer school in Boston.

APPEARANCES: 83 GOALS: 15

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COMMUNITY TRUST EASTER FOOTBALL CAMPS

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

Running throughout the week commencing 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."

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



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TIME TO THINK ABOUT SUMMER!

With winter and dim and distant memory, it's time to think about spring and summer!

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

The Community Trust are running a Fitter Fans project until July 2025 and are looking for Hatters to join in, socialise with like-minded people and ultimately, improve their fitness.

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

Interested or know someone who is? You can register your interest by emailing health@lutontown.co.uk for more information.





CALLING ALL UNDER-8S AND 9S!

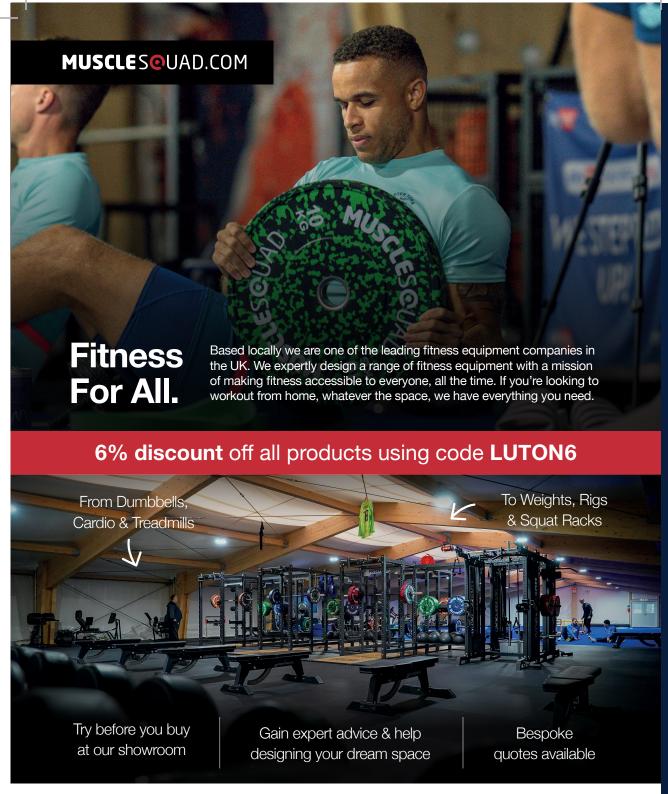
Luton Town FC Community Trust is hosting a special event aimed at identifying talented South Asian players.

The event will take place at Stockwood Park Academy on 10th May 2025. If you – or someone you know – currently play for a grassroots team and would like the opportunity to showcase your ability, please get in touch.

For further information and to register your interest, please email seape@lutontown.co.uk.

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LUTON TOWN LADIES



HATTERS CRUISE PAST WROXHAM

Luton Town Ladies kept up their title aspirations with an excellent 4-0 win at Wroxham Women on Sunday to stay four points behind leaders Royston.

The Hatters made three changes to the side that defeated Wroxham at Barton the previous weekend. Erin Price, Elly Wade and Gabriella Spillman replaced Bridget Adu, Fiona Buttigieg and Tanya Blacksley in the Town starting line-up.

Tasha Fensome almost opened the scoring just four minutes in but her attempted lob was tipped over the bar by the Wroxham goalkeeper.

Liz Mulvaney was next to have an attempt for the Town. Her effort, from just inside the area, was blazed over the bar.

Fensome had another opportunity on 25 minutes. An in swinging corner from Shianne Swarres was headered goalwards by the forward but into the hands of the goalkeeper.

On the stroke of half-time, Fensome's thumping effort rippled the back of the net and gave Luton a well-deserved lead. The ball fell kindly to the number seven, following a Swarres cross and she made no mistake, almost taking the net off.

It was a lightning-quick start to the secondhalf for the Town who doubled their lead via Ami Martins. The forward, who made her Hatters debut last week, did well to capitalise on a moment of misfortune from the Wroxham keeper and poked the ball into an empty net.

On the hour mark, Martins cut inside on her right foot and then again on her left to set up Fensome, who saw her effort comfortably held.

Fensome then scored her second goal in the final minute. The ball was played out to the righthand side to Mulvaney, who sent in an excellent cross, past the Wroxham defence and goalkeeper for Fensome to head in Luton's third of the afternoon.

The scoring was then complete in the fifth minute of additional time when a high-press from Martins forced Wroxham into scoring an own goal.

Next up for the Hatters is a trip to North London to take on Enfield Town.

Town: Hudson, Swarres, Wade, Paci, Fensome, Mulvaney, Maddix, McKay, Spillman, Price, Lewis.

Subs: Robinson, Martins, Ndlovu, Tucker, Blacksley.

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THE TRUST INTERVIEWS...

This time around, we get a taste of how Cris Silva, general catering manager, and his team deliver the food and drink offerings at the club – not just at Kenilworth Road on match days, but also at The Brache for the first team and academy and at away games – and how plans are already being developed and trialled for the big move to Power Court.

CRIS SILVA General Catering Manager



Thanks for talking to us Cris - first of all, please tell us about yourself and how you've come to be at Luton.

I was born and raised in Brazil, and moved to the UK when I was 18 to study wireless network management. I didn't speak a word of English so worked in a pub to improve my language skills. I fell in love with the catering industry and the rest is history. After learning my trade, I was soon working for the MCC at Lord's Cricket

Ground. I was there for 10 years, met my wife and thought I'd be there forever, until I met the Luton finance director Simon Gibb in 2017 at a leaving do. I offered my advice on a few things and, while I wasn't looking to leave Lord's, I couldn't resist the lure of Luton and joined in February 2018.

How did you go about improving things?

I hit the ground running. There was naturally some resistance to change from staff and supporters, but Gary Sweet and the board were very supportive and we spoke about some plans to do things better and enhance our services.

We're committed to quality, and to delivering the best fan experience we can, from improving the products we offer, both in hospitality and the kiosks, to working closely with the operational team to solve problems such as queuing and the flow of people on the concourses.

We all love Kenilworth Road, but it's a challenging environment too. Speak to Peter Kemp, our site and facilities manager and he will tell you – we can't just add lots of facilities and extra equipment, so we've been creative in developing solutions, with huge changes coming from our Premier League time.

It's a lot about people, too. Though I'm very practical and hands on, people management is my main role. The club believe, as I do, in developing people and giving them an opportunity. It's a big thing at Luton. So I didn't bring outside people in, like contacts from Lord's and so on. I talked to my team and we agreed to hire people based on attitude – people wanting to learn, to work hard – not with previous catering experience.

I want to tell you about Sean. When the head chef Alex and I were looking for an apprentice chef, Sean's name came up several times. He was 16 when he joined the catering team in 2018, serving in one of the kiosks.

Everyone loved his attitude, but he couldn't even fry an egg! So we put him through some tough training, starting as a kitchen porter, chopping vegetables. He then started to cook and went through college. Now he's 23 and the first team chef. The players and coaching staff love him, he gets things done, and nothing will divert him from his priorities. He also travels with the team and manages requirements at away games. He's just one of the many success stories from giving people a chance.

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On a match day, there are up to 140 catering staff on duty. Around 80 per cent will be from Luton and the area and 60 per cent of those are Luton fans. That's another major value at the club, a commitment to local communities. We give almost everyone we interview a chance to prove themselves.

How does supporting local communities work?

In lots of ways – it's not just employing local young people but choosing suppliers and partners.

In the hospitality areas, you'll find local products. Our sausages, for instance, made to a recipe designed by us jointly with our local butcher, similar to Bedfordshire bangers. You won't get those anywhere else.

We also hosted the Unity Iftar, led by Nas, our assistant club secretary, and supported by the Board, and several times we have assisted with kids meals supporting the Community Trust programs.

We also have Kenny Henny, Norm's Caribbean Shack, Really Awesome Coffee, Leighton Buzzard and Kelchner Beers as concessions around Kenilworth Road. They are all local people, and part of our journey as we prepare for Power Court.

Before we move on to Power Court, tell us about how you work with the players and at The Brache.

As we moved quickly up the leagues, the way in which we catered for players developed – helped along by the building up of The Brache.

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However, regardless of our league position, our values and processes are the same. We now have two catering teams working under the same umbrella, not just one doing it all.

At The Brache, Alex Herbert, head chef, Russel, Sean, Matt, Kamil and Rob Peters. At the stadium, sous chef Marcin Maksymiak covers hospitality, events and staff feeding, together with Rob Collett, deputy catering manager, Nathan, Tina and Simon, with me leading as general catering manager. A few years ago there were just four of us, so you can see how it has grown and I'd like to thank all of the team. They are all brilliant people, working brilliantly together.

As for the players, we feed them with breakfast, lunch and snacks and we do almost everything in house, from freshly cooked food to our own protein bars and shots. We work closely with a consultant nutritionist, Rhoys Wiggins, to develop perfectly >>

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balanced diets that address specific needs like recovery, with micronutrients and proteins, to individual diets based on several aspects, weight and body fats. Rhoys is the link from medical meetings to the chefs – we're translating technical requirements to practical solutions.

Making meals both appealing and spot on nutritionally is important, keeping the players happy and giving them choice. Some ask us to show them how to cook various dishes

at home, and we help educate the academy and development players in cooking and the importance of professional athlete's diet too.

So, what are your team doing now to prepare for the future?

We're combining enhancing the fan experience at Kenilworth Road with trialling services and concepts.

Click and Collect is one of these services and to reduce queueing we're experimenting with a service to seats with a QR code in a small section of the Bobbers.

Along with Chris Bell and the commercial team, we're looking at how we can improve the hospitality offering, where we are currently trying a live cooking station in the Studio.

Last season the TV pundits developed a real appetite for some of Kenilworth Road's unique offerings – especially Norm's and the Kenny Henny – and we want to bring a flavour of what makes Luton Town

so special to the new ground too, so we're working hard at that.

Thank you to Cris for his insights into how he keeps everyone all fed and watered. There's so much more he talked to us about, and we're hoping to share more in the future. Like how to incorporate beetroot into the diets of people who don't like the taste! After all this talk, we've got an appetite for victory, so let's sing loud and long and hope that three points are on the menu this afternoon!

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JUST THE TICKET

The latest from the Ticket Office

LUTON TOWN V BRISTOL CITY SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP MONDAY 21ST APRIL 2025, KO 3PM

Tickets for this match are now on sale general sale to supporters with purchasing history or Hatters Members (without a previous purchasing history before 1st October).

Prices (Cat B)

Adult £29 Senior (over 66) £25 Golden Senior (over 75) £21 Young Adult (under 22) £25 Under 19 £21 Under 17 £13 Under 14 £10

LUTON TOWN v COVENTRY CITY SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP SATURDAY 26TH APRIL 2025. KO 12.30PM

Sales plan for this fixtures is as follows:

Monday 14th April 10am: Three-year Hatters Members

Tuesday 15th April 10am: Two-year Hatters Members

Thursday 17th April 10am: Hatters Members (with purchase history before 19th May 2024)

Tuesday 17th April 1pm: General sale (with purchasing history) or Hatters Members (without a previous purchasing history before 1st October)

Prices (Cat A)

Adult £32 Senior (over 66) £28 Golden Senior (over 75) £24 Young Adult (under 22) £28 Under 19 £24 Under 17 £15 Under 14 £12

Further information

We recommend receiving your tickets digitally to enable you to print at home or send to any smartphone. Collection of tickets is available, but we advise you to collect in advance of the matchday if possible. If unable to do this, we strongly recommend you arrive early to avoid queues at the ticket office and at turnstiles.

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

Buy backs

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

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

Friends and family upgrades

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

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

The price paid to upgrade is the difference between the matchday price of the season card holder and matchday price of the person now attending the game.



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CHARLIE **EDGEWORTH**

Age: 7

Hobbies: Playing football, learning **Hobbies:** Gymnastics & Football the keyboard & gaming

Favourite Players: Tahith Chong & Elijah Adebayo

Thomas Kaminski



SIENNA STARBUCK

Age: 11

Favourite Player:



ALBERT DOHERTY

Age: 8

Hobbies: Football & Swimming

Favourite Player: Thomas Kaminski

WORDSEARCH

Try and find the names of the last teams we have to left to play in in today's wordsearch...

BLACKBURN, DERBY, BRISTOL. **COVENTRY, WESTBROM**



Do you know which change kit have we worn more this season? For the answer check the fixtures spread...



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*QPR won 4-1 on penalties

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WELCOME UTILITY GIVING



Utilita Giving are taking over Kenilworth Road today with the fixture dedicated to raising awareness for the charity which supports people out of fuel and food poverty across England, Scotland and Wales.

The matchday takeover includes a range of fundraising initiatives around Kenilworth Road, including the Utilita Giving half-time bowls challenge, a post-match online shirt auction, various activation points outside the stadium and bucket collections.

The charity will also once again team up with Luton Foodbank to host a matchday food collection point, with all essentials donated directly supporting the local community. The food collection point will be based at the Kenilworth Road side of the stadium prior to the game, to support local people out of food poverty.

Those who can donate are welcome to make drop offs. The foods that Luton Foodbank are most in need of are:

- Tinned rice pudding
- Instant noodles
- Tinned meat
- Tinned Custard
- Tinned vegetables
- · Tinned fruit
- Fruit juice
- Dried rice
- Soup
- UHT milk
- Baked beans
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned fish
- Pasta sauce
- Cereal
- Teabags
- Biscuits
- Sugar

Tackling food and fuel poverty

Hatters commercial director Chris Bell, said: "We're proud to once again be supporting Utilita Giving's matchday takeover, which raises vital awareness and support for the challenges faced by many communities across the UK.

"Luton fans have thrown their incredible support behind many important charities and initiatives over the years and as a Club, we are grateful for their generosity."

Utilita Giving's Executive Director, Helen Boardman, added: "We really appreciate the support of the football fans who rally behind our takeover days – there are few better ways to be seen by so many people and to raise fuel and food poverty awareness than through our sporting partnerships.

"Fans who donate food or funds at the Utilita Giving stall will have the chance to spin the Wheel of Giving to win supermarket vouchers – and for every point scored in our half-time game of Football Bowls, Luton Town FC and Utilita will add money to the fundraising pot."

One Call That's All

A number of local Luton charities are helping to deliver Utilita Giving's "One Call, That's All" initiative, offering tailored support to 6,000 households over two years and ensuring that help reaches those who need it most.

The initiative provides support through Utilita Energy Hubs and the wider charity sector, ensuring that help reaches those who need it most. Whether it's through a single point of access or localised, community-focused services, the scheme is about more than immediate relief - it's about empowering people to build better, more financially resilient futures.

Find out more information about Utilita Giving by scanning this OR code HERE.





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