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Happy Easter and welcome back for our penultimate home game here at Kenilworth Road as we entertain Bristol City for a huge fixture in the Championship.

Due to the Easter printing deadlines, we write these words before Good Friday's clash at Derby, crossing our fingers in the hope that Matt and the boys pulled off a result.

We welcome our friends from Bristol City who are enjoying a great season and find themselves challenging for a place in the play-offs. Also a big hello to Harry Cornick, a man no stranger to success in these parts.

With one more home game left after this when we entertain Coventry on Saturday, it goes without saying we need everyone to get behind the team with the season drawing to a close.

Enjoy the game and bring the noise. Come on Luton!

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| MATT BLOOMFIELD |

THE BOSS

Good afternoon and welcome to today's important Championship game with Bristol City. I'd like to start by wishing a very Happy Easter to all of you and your families. I hope you've had the chance to enjoy some time together over the weekend.

I'm writing these notes before our Good Friday trip to Derby but I know we had sold 3,000 tickets in advance for this fixture. What a superb show of loyalty and passion – it gives us all a lift. Your support home and away means the world to everyone here and I hope we're able to reward your loyalty with positive results in the final three games.

We've had some really strong home performances recently, particularly against Middlesbrough and Leeds, where we came out with real intensity

and purpose from the first whistle. That early energy has been key for us, setting the tone and giving us something to build from. However, against Blackburn we didn't hit those same levels which was frustrating on a day to forget.

I felt we showed real quality at Stoke beforehand, playing some fantastic football so naturally we're disappointed not to have replicated that performance. That said, there were still moments where we got into good positions but the final ball, or the decision in the final third, was just missing that bit of composure that we've seen in recent weeks.

Ultimately, I'm really disappointed – not just with the result, but because we didn't hit the levels we've set for ourselves. We've been on

a good run and had been building real momentum, so it was a frustrating one to take. But I've said it before, I believe in this group of players and the work we're doing together.

Importantly, we've responded well to setbacks already this season. After the Burnley result, we went to Cardiff and got the victory and that kind of response is exactly what we're aiming for again now.

Today we face a Bristol City side who need the points for different reasons. They are enjoying an excellent season and are aiming to continue that with a place in the play-offs. However, these kinds of tests have brought the best out of the lads so I have faith we can rise to the challenge once more this afternoon.

I have spoken at length in these notes and in

the media about the togetherness required for us to achieve what we set out to do when I arrived in the building. I have been heartened by the positivity from the lads, the staff, the people behind the scenes and you, the fans, over the past few months, in particular in times of adversity.

So, with three games to go, it's important we stick together. This club has endured some rollercoaster emotions in its time and I'm sure there will be plenty more twists and turns between now and the time we step out at West Brom a week on Saturday.

Thank you for your unbelievable support – keep it up! – and please get behind us as you always do.

Enjoy the game.
Matt

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| TOM LOCKYER |

CLUB CAPTAIN



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So here we go. Good afternoon and welcome back to the Kenny as we enter the final three games of the season with a big one here against Bristol City.

We're coming into today with everything to play for. Bristol City are no mugs – they're pushing hard for the play-offs and will be right up for it but, as always, we back ourselves, especially on home turf.

We've shown plenty of times in recent weeks that we can match some of the best in the division, especially at Kenilworth Road. If we can replicate the displays against the likes of Leeds and Middlesbrough then there's no reason why we can't walk off the pitch with three points this afternoon.

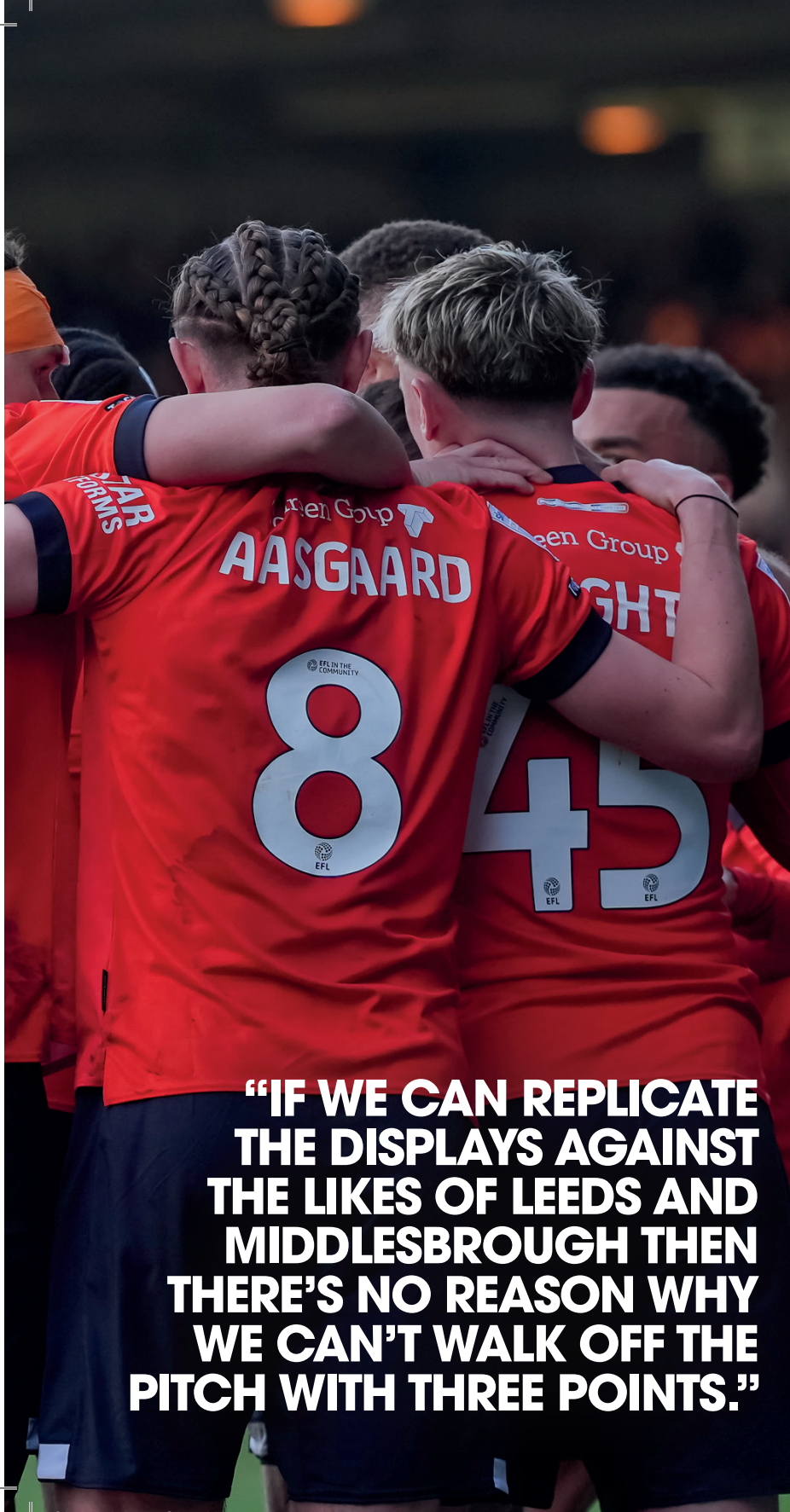
Obviously, the less said about the Blackburn result the better. It was a typical Championship game we've seen a million times before. A game of few chances that was decided by their only shot on target of the afternoon. The fine margins in this division are crucial, as we have experienced to our benefit in the past – so it was frustrating to be on the receiving end of such a sucker punch.

The lads kept going and kept pushing, we hit the woodwork twice and Thelo's effort that rattled the underside of the bar deserved better. It really was 'one of those days' and it was important that we remember the performances in the lead-up to that game to show what we're capable of.

The biggest thing about this squad is we don't dwell. One setback doesn't define us and we've bounced back from disappointments before – Cardiff away after Burnley springs to mind – and we've got the character and togetherness to go and do that again.

We've had good results here against sides flying high in the table in recent weeks so I have every confidence we can rise to the challenge this afternoon with the pressure on both sides to get a result.

I was told to write these notes before the Derby game because of the Easter deadlines so obviously I can't comment on the result or performance at Pride Park, but a huge



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shoutout to the 3,000 of you who packed the away end at Pride Park on Good Friday.

Hopefully, we have returned with a positive result as we aim to get ourselves away from danger. However, regardless of that outcome, we know that game has gone and focus will now turn to today. Win, lose or draw against Derby, this afternoon is big – and we need your support to spur us on.

Time is running out and there’s no room for error. Bristol City will be thinking the same – they need the points just as much as we do. That will probably make for a nervy 90 minutes so we will need you to get behind us and create an incredible atmosphere.

Stick with us, bring the noise, that Luton energy, and let’s give everything we’ve got – on and off the pitch.

Up the Town.





HR DIRECTOR JENN SMITH

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Good afternoon and a warm bank holiday Monday welcome to Kenilworth Road. I hope everyone has had an enjoyable Easter weekend – sandwiched between two crucial fixtures in our bid to retain our position in the Championship.

I extend my welcome to those who have travelled from Bristol City, who we last met at Ashton Gate on Boxing Day.

I am writing these notes ahead of Good Friday's game at Derby, so I'm in the awkward position of not knowing that result but hopefully the lads thrived off the pressure and have taken a positive result into this afternoon's game. We all know we don't like to do things the easy way and this season has been no exception.

While it's been a challenging season on the pitch it has been accompanied by incredible progress off it. Power Court is now within touching distance, and the extensive work undertaken behind the scenes has been immense. We're working on building something historic and something that will most certainly shape not just the future of our club, but the wider town and its people – and it is an honour to be a part of.

The end of a football season can often feel like the end of a calendar year, a chance to reflect on the achievements, the challenges, and the lessons learnt over the past nine months – perhaps even a chance to make some new season resolutions. And whilst my notes may not be as football focussed as some of my peers, I would argue that as supporters you deserve reassurance of how your club is operating – and that what plays out

behind the scenes at the club is arguably just as important as the 90 minutes you see on the pitch every week.

This year saw us mark our 10-year anniversary of being a Real Living Wage Employer – that's a whole decade of fair pay and leading the way having been the first football club to do so. It was a bold step at the time, but one that has since cemented our reputation as a club that values its people as

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much as performances on the pitch. Over the last 10 years, this commitment has made a tangible difference to countless employees and their families. A fair wage means more than just financial security, it represents dignity and respect – it's a philosophy that extends beyond the club's walls and into the wider Luton community, setting a precedent that others have followed.

While many clubs have since joined the movement, we remain proud pioneers in not only the footballing world, but locally within Luton. Our decision to lead by example has not only benefited our staff but has also contributed to a broader shift in encouraging fairness, sustainability and responsibility across the industry and wider town.

On the topic of sustainability, we have worked hard on driving forward sustainability initiatives across the club and were recently awarded EFL Green Club Bronze status – one of just seven clubs to do so.

The hard work across many club departments has also seen us shortlisted in the category of 'Overall Club of the Year' at this year's Football Business Awards. We'll find out later in May if we've taken home the prize, but to be shortlisted speaks volumes about the work that goes on across the club.

Looking ahead to next season, we will welcome a refreshed, closer partnership with Luton Town FC Community Trust. This will see us unveil a new head of the Trust, and see their staff relocate to join club

staff at Luton HQ. This closer relationship means we can continue to deliver vital community work to those within our town and the surrounding areas.

We also proudly continue to support EFL projects – most recently completing a cycle relay in support of the British Heart Foundation, reminding those of the importance of learning CPR, a campaign heavily supported by Tom Lockyer.

Diversity and inclusion remain a core pillar of our identity. Through our *We're All Luton* campaign, we've continued to push forward on education and creating opportunities – and we can't wait to see how much further we can grow this in the coming years.

We've also focused on making Luton not just a great club to support, but

one to work for too – and, as these will be my last notes of the season, I would like to thank the staff, who dig in, help out and make Luton what it is – a family. Like any family, it maybe isn't said enough – but I am incredibly proud to work with you all, and hope you know how much your hard work is appreciated.

Truth be told, I haven't always considered myself a Luton fan, despite being born in the town and still living here! However, it took me working at the club, understanding its history and its values to really know what it felt like to be a 'football fan'. Now, I get to share that with my family and children, and I know many of you do the same. That's what makes it special. It's about so much more than results. >>



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>> Last Saturday we celebrated the 140th anniversary of the club being formed. It's a milestone that at several points in our history looked anything but guaranteed. That's exactly why it's worth celebrating: we're still here and we couldn't have achieved that without our supporters. The 140 Bar, which made its debut on the Kenilworth apron last Saturday, was a chance for us to reflect on that history – music, drinks, good vibes and the sun shining – regardless of the result, I still saw children smiling.

My eight-year-old son came to the Blackburn game. He is very literal and, as the game ended, he carried on singing,

questioning why others had stopped. When I explained why, and the significance of what this last run of games means to everyone, he replied "but you'll still play football, right?". That perspective really hit me, and on Monday I had the pleasure of attending the open training session held at Kenilworth Road. Over 1,600 showed up to watch the first team, their idols, train.

There were hundreds of our young (and old...) supporters screaming the names of their favourites, desperate to meet them. What it did was remind me that regardless of our league position, our past or our future – football has and will always carry on – and so does our support.

A story with no twists would be boring – and I know that you all as Luton fans know how to handle a plot twist or two. After all, it would be tedious to be on top all the time, wouldn't it?

With nine important points left to play for, the spirit in the camp remains high as we enter the final straight. Situations like this evoke great escapes from our past, which have shown that anything and everything is possible, especially with your tremendous support from the stands behind the team.

So sing loud and remember who we are: We're all Luton.

Come on you Hatters.

Jenn



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AROUND TOWN

HATTERS WALKING FOOTBALL CLUB SEARCHING FOR NEW PLAYERS!

Luton Town Walking Football Club are looking for players to join who are aged 45 years old and over.

The club currently have over-50s and over-60s teams that play in league competition and training takes place every Wednesday at Denbigh High School between 6pm and 7pm at a cost of £5 per session.

There is also a busy social schedule, with a beer at Biscot Mill after training, regular curry nights and other activities.

The club was founded by Town fan, Arthur Mason, in 2015, and over the years the club have taken on the likes of Arsenal, Aston Villa, Watford and Manchester City, winning a number of trophies along the way. The highlight was beating City 3-1 to win the National Cup.

The next competition takes place in June in Blackpool. Anyone Town supporters wanting more details can email Neil Bristow on bristow@lutontownwfc.co.uk or call Joe Griffin on 07727 212441.



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Kellogg's Football Camps are back for a second year, thanks to Kellogg's in partnership with the Football League.

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Kellogg's Football Camps will provide families with more ways to keep their children active over the summer holidays, tapping into Britain's love for the 'beautiful game', and making summer activities more accessible for young football fans across the country.

Following a hugely successful first year that saw over 58,000 camp visits, Kellogg's Football Camps are fun and inclusive sports sessions for both boys and girls. Plus, for anyone who signs up and claims one of the more than 30,000 camp days on offer, they will be in with the chance to win a FREE Kellogg's football shirt to wear with pride.

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Oshahi 52'

The Hatters' Championship survival hopes suffered a huge blow after Yuki Oshahi's second-half goal earned Blackburn victory at Kenilworth Road.

After the last-gasp point won at Stoke, hopes were high against a Rovers side who had not won in their past eight games – losing to Cardiff, Stoke, Portsmouth and Derby in the process.

With Tuesday night's goal hero in the Potteries, Millenic Alli, making his first home start, the forward almost snuck a goal inside the first minute only to be off target in the six-yard box.

The Town had to wait until the 24th minute for their next chance when Thelo Aasgaard's low first-time shot was blocked by the Blackburn defence.

As the Hatters pushed for the opener, Mark McGuinness sent a bullet header over the crossbar following Jordan Clark's free-kick just before half-time.

After the break opportunities continued to be hard to come by for the Town and, seven minutes into the second period, their task got tougher when Rovers took the lead. The

Hatters appealed for offside as Yuki Oshahi latched onto Ryan Hedges' slide-rule pass but the striker ran through and slotted past Thomas Kaminski.

Matt Bloomfield immediately threw the dice, making a triple change with Teden Mengi, Reece Burke and Josh Bowler introduced.

The Town, however, received a lifeline with 32 minutes left on the clock when young Rovers full-back Kristi Montgomery was red-carded for a second bookable offence on his full league debut when hauling back Alli.

With a man extra for over half-an-hour, the Hatters pushed in a bid for leveller – but try as they might, an equaliser proved elusive.

On 76 minutes, they came mighty close to finding one when Aasgaard slalomed beautifully past several Rovers players before crashing a shot off the underside of the crossbar.

It was an effort that deserved better but as time began to tick down, the visitors dropped deeper and the Town could not find a way through a sea of bodies.

Off target efforts flew frustratingly wide as nine minutes were added. McGuinness' header dropped wide in the 94th minute before Alli saw a deflected effort come back off the face of the crossbar in the 99th minute.

Play continued for two more minutes but Mengi's low shot was the final chance of the afternoon, and the Town were left to reflect on a disappointing afternoon.

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CLICKER LOOKING FOR THE POSITIVES

Jordan Clark immediately turned his attention to the Good Friday trip to Derby as soon as Saturday's 1-0 home defeat to Blackburn was over and done with.

The midfielder had hoped to end a week in which he had been nominated for both Sky Bet Championship Player of the Month and Goal of the Month awards on a real high, continuing the "feel-good factor around the club" created by a five-game unbeaten run.

Instead, Blackburn held on with 10 men to protect Yuki Oshahi's goal from early in the second half, and take all three points back to Lancashire.

The result left the Hatters three points adrift of Derby, who sit one place above the relegation zone going into Friday's clash at Pride Park, but Clark is looking forward to getting the momentum moving again.

Speaking to LTFC+ after the game, the 31-year-old said: "It's disappointing today to lose because the

games are running out and we know important every game is, especially when you're in the bottom three.

"It's disappointing because even a point, going into the Derby game, we beat them and then you probably jump put the relegation zone.

"We've got to reflect on it tonight, tomorrow and then come Monday, when we are back in, we'll be analysing the game like we always do, where we need to improve.

"There's been a real feel-good factor around the club, with the crowd and the fans, especially away from home, and we've just got to pick ourselves up and go again because Friday is a massive game now.

"It'll be a great atmosphere and it's one game we definitely need to win."

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A DECADE OF FAIR PAY AND LEADING THE WAY



Last month marked a significant milestone for Luton Town Football Club – 10 years of being committed to paying our staff the Real Living Wage.

A full decade has passed since we became the first football club in the UK to commit to being a Living Wage employer. It was a bold step at the time, but one that has since cemented our reputation as a club that values its people as much as its performance on the pitch.

The Real Living Wage is a voluntary rate that is independently calculated, 'Unlike the government's wage rate, the real Living Wage is calculated based on the cost of living to account for essentials like housing, food, travel but also small discretionary

expenses that allow for a decent standard of living, for example a meal out for a child's birthday or school uniform at the start of term' (Living Wage, 2025).

In 2015, when Luton Town made the pledge to pay all staff the real Living Wage, the conversation was only just beginning around fair pay in football. While top-flight players were earning astronomical salaries, many of the unsung heroes behind the scenes such as stewards, cleaners, hospitality staff were struggling to make ends meet. Recognising this imbalance, Luton Town FC led the way in ensuring that every member of our team receives a fair, liveable wage.

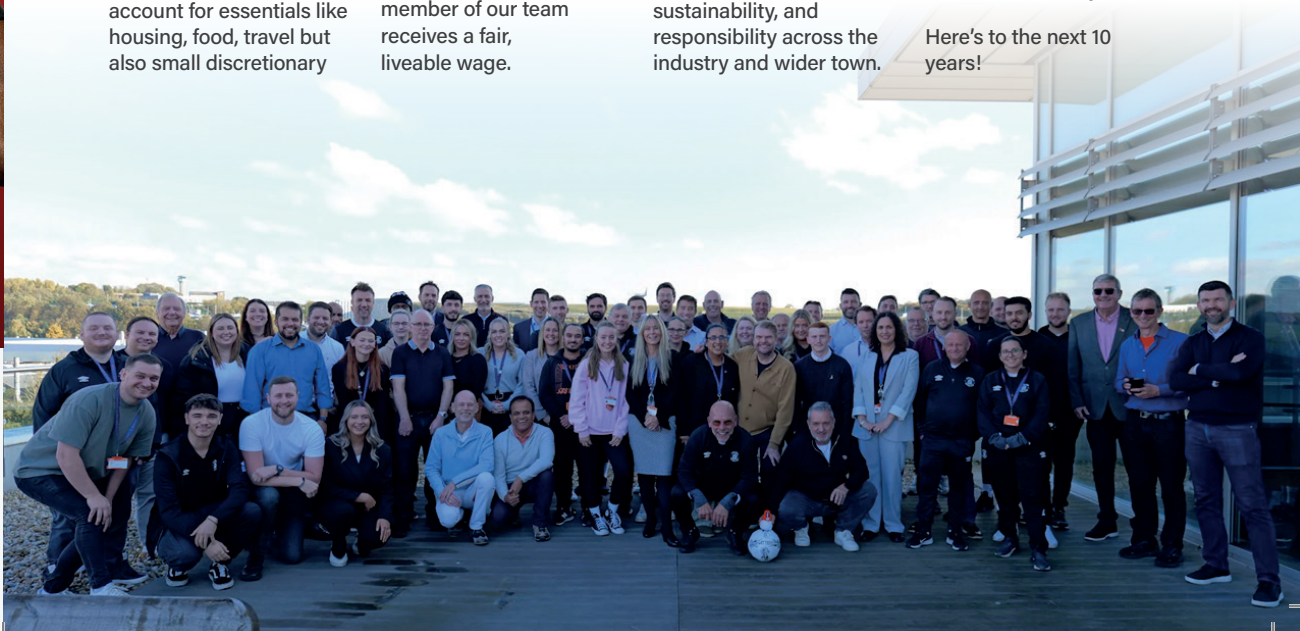
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With football having the power to inspire change both on and off the pitch we stand by our belief that success should be built on a foundation of integrity. That's why, as we celebrate ten years of being a Living Wage employer, we reaffirm our commitment to fair pay and to creating a workplace where everyone feels valued.

As Luton Town continues its journey, whether battling in the Championship, pushing forwards with Power Court, or making memories in the top flight, our Club values remain the same. We will always strive to do the right thing for our people, our supporters, and our community.

Here's to the next 10 years!

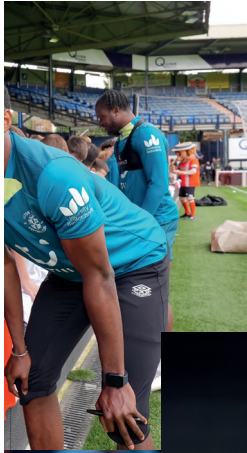


OPEN TRAINING

Kenilworth Road opened its doors last Monday as Hatters fans got to see the first team put through their paces.

Before and after the session the players and management signed autographs and posed for selfies as a big crowd turned out during half-term.







ALWAYS UMBRO

100 YEARS OF AUTHENTICITY ON AND OFF THE PITCH.





Hatters hold third Unity Iftar

For the third year we invited our neighbours from the Madinah Masjid mosque to Kenilworth Road for a Unity Iftar event during Ramadan.

Assistant secretary Nasreen Afzal, chairman David Wilkinson, commercial director Chris Bell and player recruitment manager Yousuf Sajjad spoke to more than 100 people gathered in the Eric Morecambe Lounge.

First team manager Matt Bloomfield and CEO Gary Sweet were also in attendance and, along with Yousuf, who shared a video diary of one of his matchdays while fasting during Ramadan.

Yousuf, who joined the Hatters in September after previously working as head of emerging talent at Arsenal and technical director of

Dutch club Den Bosch, said: "For me it was basically to give an insight into my day, where during Ramadan it shouldn't actually change too much of your habits and what you are doing on a day to day basis.

"You embrace religion and you embrace the faith, but also at the same time you still want to show that you are capable of doing what you would do on a normal day, even without eating food and drinking, but also practising your faith at the highest possible level that you can."

On sharing the Iftar with the football club and local community in Bury Park, he added: "I've not actually seen it before. This is my first experience of seeing it at any club really, to be honest, so I think it is so important that you actually have

conversations with people on how close they are linked to Luton and how it's part of their daily lives as well.

"So for us to be here and be present, and share really special moments of this month as well with people in the community, I think is huge.

"It's incredible. It's something I've not really seen before. You're interacting with your community, but also people like you, and it's really refreshing."

After a whirlwind first few weeks to life as Hatters manager, this was Matt's first experience of a community event at Kenilworth Road.

"It's been a real honour to be invited this evening to the Iftar event," he said. "I've only been here a short while, but to be able to play a part is fantastic,

and it's just really heartwarming to see how Luton's community plays such a big part in the football club."

He also saw the evening as a learning experience in how to deal with players and staff who may be fasting during Ramadan.

"Our game is so diverse in ethnicity, background, faith and religion, and I think it is important for us as managers and chairmen to understand different faiths and religions, because our players are a huge part of what we do.

"We have to look after them and be respectful of everything that they stand for. I think gathering in events like tonight allows me to open my education even further."

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WELCOME



The Hatters welcome Liam Manning's in-form Bristol City side to Kenilworth Road for our penultimate home game of the season.

It's been a great season for the Robins who find themselves well in the hunt for a play-off spot and, before Good Friday's game, sat fifth in the Championship table.

However, City didn't have the best start to the season and didn't get properly into their stride until the turn of the year.

The Robins are on a top run of form at the moment which has seen them lose just once in their last 11 games – and that was a narrow 1-0 defeat at Burnley.

Because of this run of form, the Reds have rocketed from mid-table into the top six and are in a prime position to finish in the play-offs this season.

A recent 2-1 victory over West Brom was an statement to the teams around them as a 96th-minute winner from Haydon Roberts was enough for City to pick up a vital three points.

City fans in the away end this afternoon will be hoping to witness a rare occurrence – a victory at Kenilworth Road.

The Robins have lost their last seven visits to Bedfordshire – and it's been 25 years since they tasted success here. In November 2000, City ran out 3-0 winners thanks to goals from Scott Murray, Lee Peacock and Mickey Bell.

A warm welcome to Kenilworth Road to all those associated with Bristol City.



WELCOME TO THE HATTERS

THE SQUAD



- 1 GK Max O'Leary
- 2 DF Ross McCrorie
- 3 DF Cameron Pring
- 6 MF Max Bird
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- 15 DF Luke McNally
- 16 DF Rob Dickie
- 17 MF Mark Sykes
- 18 MF Ayman Benarous
- 19 DF George Tanner
- 20 FW Sam Bell
- 21 FW Nahki Wells
- 23 GK Stefan Bajić
- 24 DF Haydon Roberts
- 27 FW Harry Cornick
- 29 MF Marcus McGuane
- 30 FW Sinclair Armstrong
- 32 GK Lewis Thomas
- 40 MF George Earthy

PROFILES

Words by Zac Neal

THE BOSS

LIAM MANNING

The 39-year-old Norwich-born manager was appointed Robins boss in 2023 following a successful season with Oxford United.

GOALKEEPER

MAX O'LEARY

Irish stopper who has been the first choice for City since 2022. One of three Robins players yet to miss a minute of Championship football this season.

DEFENDERS

ROB DICKIE

Experienced Championship centre-back who has previously spent time with QPR, Oxford, Lincoln and Cheltenham Town. Played well over 200 games in the second tier.

ZAK VYNER

One of three outfielders to play every single minute of Championship football this season. Has also made over 200 appearances for Bristol City since 2016.

CAMERON PRING ▼

Broke into the first team in 2021 after numerous loan spells away. Has been a regular since and played over 100 times for the club.



ROSS McCrorie

Scottish international who began his career with Rangers and had a few loan spells before joining Aberdeen. Spent three years at Pittodrie before making the move to Ashton Gate.

GEORGE TANNER

Came through the Manchester United academy but left the Red Devils to join Carlisle and later Bristol City. Has been an important squad player since 2021.

HAYDON ROBERTS

Former Brighton youngster who joined the Robins on a free in 2023. Scored a last-minute winner for Bristol City against West Brom a few weeks ago.

MIDFIELDERS

JASON KNIGHT

Irish international who has also played every minute of Championship football this season. On course to make an impressive 100 club appearances for Bristol City in just two seasons.

JOE WILLIAMS

28-year-old midfielder with vast second-tier experience with Barnsley, Bolton and Wigan. Has made over 130 appearances for the Robins since signing in 2020.

GEORGE EARTHY

West Ham loanee who scored for City in a recent 1-1 draw with QPR. Scored against the Town for West Ham in the Premier League last season.

MAX BIRD

Came through the Derby academy and played nearly 200 times for the Rams before signing for City at the start of the season.



YU HIRAKAWA ▲

Started his career with Machida Zelvia in Japan before signing for City this season. Has become a fan favourite amongst the City fans.

FORWARDS

NAHKI WELLS

Experienced Championship goalscorer who has played for Huddersfield, Burnley and QPR. Now in his sixth season at Ashton Gate, he has scored 48 goals in this time.

ANIS MEHMETI

Albanian playmaker who signed from Wycombe in 2023. Has bagged an impressive 12 goals so far this season and is City's top scorer this season.

SCOTT TWINE

Former Newport, Swindon, Milton Keynes, Burnley and Hull man who has found a permanent home at Ashton Gate now. Scored the winner in the reverse fixture on Boxing Day.

SINCLAIR ARMSTRONG

Irish international who has played over 30 times for City since signing from QPR last summer.

SAM BELL

Academy graduate who made just shy of 100 appearances for the club. Has primarily been used as an impact sub this season.

ROBINS KITBAG



AWAY 1993/94

We have no idea of the origin, but City's cult purple and lime away colours have long been iconic to Robins fans. Its most famous outing was an FA Cup victory at Anfield over Liverpool in 1994. A cider sponsor, a badge with the Clifton Suspension Bridge and one helluva collar. Good times.

A FOOT IN BOTH



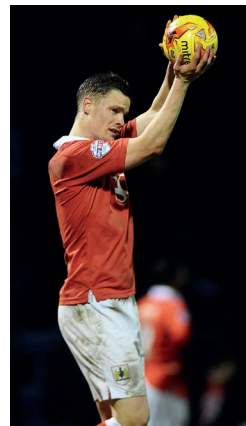
TONY THORPE

Thorpe burst onto the scene scoring a 30-yard goal on his full debut at Newcastle. Transformed into a striker, he hit 30 goals in one season for the Town before moving to Fulham in 1998. He then moved to Bristol City, where he scored 51 times in 128 league games at Ashton Gate before returning for a second spell at Kenilworth Road in 2003. He then moved on to QPR, Swindon and Colchester before spells in non-league. In total, Thorpe scored 84 goals in 192 games for the Town.

CITY CULT HERO

We were stumped for this, but googling "bristol city cult hero" brought up **Matt Smith**. At first we were like "which Matt Smith, the one who played for Leeds, QPR, Millwall and Salford?" Turns out it was this Matt Smith, and the striker – who hung up his boots after scoring 25 goals last season – spent a three-month loan spell at Ashton Gate at the back end of the 2014/15

season. His impact was significant – he scored 13 goals in 20 games (including four in a Football League Trophy semi-final at Gillingham) with his goals helping City to the top of League One in the process. Although his loan from Fulham had ended, he was invited back to be a part of the squad for the Trophy final which the Robins won, beating Crewe at Wembley.



FIXTURE FLASHBACK

TOWN 3-0 BRISTOL CITY 19th OCTOBER 2019

Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu scored for the Town in the fourth different division as the Hatters produced a brilliant performance at Kenilworth Road.

After a close and competitive first half, the second half started with much the same intensity, and the Hatters' pressure finally paid off as Mpanzu opened the scoring in the 56th minute when unleashing a superb curling effort which flew into the top corner.

It was his first goal in the Championship, meaning he had scored for the club in four different divisions since arriving in the Conference title-winning season from West Ham.

In the 62nd minute, the crowd were on their feet again as Harry Cornick doubled the Town's lead. Izzy Brown played a perfectly timed ball in-behind for the forward to run on to and Cornick produced a calm finish to make it 2-0.

City were pushing to get back into the game but James Shea – who was making his first league appearance of the season – was on hand to keep the clean sheet intact with several good stops.

After James Collins was denied a third by Dan Bentley in the Robins goal, the Town sealed all three points with the last attack of the game when Ryan Tunnicliffe's cross was put into the back of the net by the visitors' Ashley Williams.





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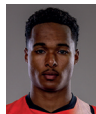
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COMMERCIAL

At our last home game against Blackburn, Thelo Aasgaard was again named man-of-the-match, this time by match sponsors the Toureen Group and the midfielder received his trophy post-match in the Eric Morecambe Suite.

We also had the pleasure of welcoming matchball sponsors SD Shopfitting and three 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 ball sponsors Hardings ARC who will get the full VIP treatment as we entertain Bristol City.

We also have no less than eight mascots with us this afternoon and they will all get to meet their favourite players pre-match 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 next 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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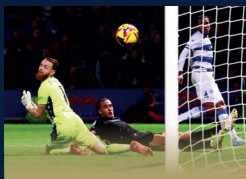
TODAY'S
FIXTURES

3pm

Cardiff City v Oxford United
Hull City v Preston NE
Leeds United v Stoke City
Millwall v Norwich City
Plymouth Argyle v Coventry City
Portsmouth v Watford
QPR v Swansea City
Sheffield Wed v Middlesbrough
Sunderland v Blackburn Rovers
West Brom v Derby County

5.30pm

Burnley v Sheffield Utd



HIT THE
WOODWORK

Norwich City	16
Queens Park Rangers	16
Bristol City	15
Coventry City	15
Watford	14



GOALS
INSIDE BOX

Leeds United	72
Norwich City	52
Middlesbrough	51
Sheffield Wednesday	50
Coventry City	49

Stats correct as of 16/4/25

TABLE AND STATS 2024/25
AS OF 16/4/2025

		P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	PTS
1	Leeds	42	25	13	4	82	29	53	88
2	Burnley	42	24	16	2	57	13	44	88
3	Sheff Utd	42	26	7	9	57	33	24	83
4	Sunderland	42	21	13	8	57	38	19	76
5	Bristol City	42	16	16	10	54	45	9	64
6	Coventry	42	18	9	15	59	54	5	63
7	West Brom	42	14	18	10	51	39	12	60
8	Middlesbrough	42	17	9	16	61	51	10	60
9	Millwall	42	16	12	14	41	41	0	60
10	Blackburn	42	16	8	18	45	45	0	56
11	Watford	42	16	8	18	50	55	-5	56
12	Swansea	42	15	9	18	45	51	-6	54
13	Norwich	42	13	14	15	63	58	5	53
14	Sheff Wed	42	14	11	17	56	64	-8	53
15	QPR	42	12	14	16	49	55	-6	50
16	Preston North End	42	10	19	13	43	51	-8	49
17	Oxford Utd	42	12	12	18	43	60	-17	48
18	Stoke	42	11	14	17	43	54	-11	47
19	Portsmouth	42	12	10	20	50	66	-16	46
20	Hull	42	11	12	19	41	50	-9	45
21	Derby	42	11	10	21	44	54	-10	43
22	Cardiff	42	9	15	18	45	66	-21	42
23	Luton	42	10	10	22	37	63	-26	40
24	Plymouth	42	9	13	20	44	82	-38	40

PLAYER STATISTICS

PLAYER	LEAGUE			THIS SEASON CUP			TOTAL			DISCIPLINARY		LTCF CAREER TOTAL	
	APP	SUB	GLS	APP	SUB	GLS	APP	SUB	GLS	YELLOW	RED	APP	GLS
Thelo Aasgaard	13	0	1	0	0	0	13	0	1	0	0	13	1
Elijah Adebayo	31	8	5	1	1	0	32	9	5	1	0	182	47
Millenic Alli	2	10	1	0	0	0	2	10	1	0	0	12	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	27	0	0	2	0	0	29	0	0	1	0	153	2
Josh Bowler	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	8	0
Jacob Brown	11	18	4	0	1	0	11	19	4	4	0	52	7
Reece Burke	10	3	0	1	0	0	11	3	0	4	0	97	4
Tahith Chong	24	3	2	1	0	0	25	3	2	5	0	66	7
Jordan Clark	35	2	5	1	1	0	36	3	5	9	0	176	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	12	1	1	1	0	0	13	1	1	3	0	14	1
Thomas Kaminski	41	0	0	2	0	0	43	0	0	3	1	81	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	8	1	0	0	0	0	8	1	0	0	0	9	0
Mark McGuinness	37	2	3	1	0	0	38	2	3	4	0	40	3
Teden Mengi	14	2	1	0	0	0	14	2	1	3	0	51	2
Carlton Morris	33	4	7	2	0	0	35	4	7	8	0	133	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	14	0	2	0	1	9	14	1	4	0	25	1
Lasse Nordas	2	6	0	0	0	0	2	6	0	0	0	8	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	15	8	0	1	1	0	16	9	0	2	2	25	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

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WORDS BY ZAC NEAL

There has been a lot of Championship action recently so we are going to be looking back on the events of matchday 42 which unfolded just over a week ago.

On Friday night, Burnley beat Norwich 2-1 at Turf Moor to strengthen their grip on an automatic promotion spot in the Championship. Two goals in the first half were enough for the Clarets.

The following day, Leeds beat Preston 2-1 to pile the pressure onto Sheffield United who

were away to Plymouth. A late Argyle fightback saw the Blades defeated 2-1 and Chris Wilder's automatic promotion hopes took a huge hit.

Stoke picked up a massive 1-0 away win against Cardiff to heap more misery on the Bluebirds. Swansea also got a big away victory as they beat Sunderland 1-0 at the Stadium of Light.

Millwall earned a crucial victory in their late push for play-offs as they beat fellow rivals Middlesbrough 1-0.

Camiel Neghli got the goal for the Lions in what could be a season-defining victory.

Portsmouth and Derby played out a thrilling 2-2 draw in a big game at the bottom. Rob Atkinson scored twice for Pompey and even scored an own goal in a chaotic match. Oxford are also now even closer to confirming survival after beating Sheffield Wednesday 1-0 at Hillsborough.

QPR and today's visitors Bristol City drew 1-1 and West Brom defeated

Watford 2-1 at the Hawthorns to continue the Hornets' poor run of form.

In the final game of the round, Hull and Coventry shared the spoils on the Monday night as goals from Matt Grimes and Abu Kamara meant the game finished 1-1.



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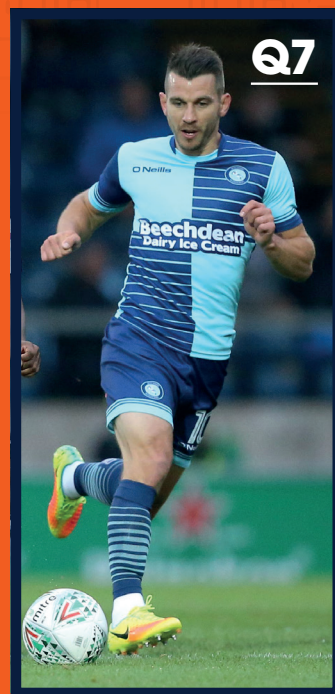
Put your football knowledge to the test and answer these Luton Town and general football-related questions. Sadly, you'll win no prizes, just the utmost respect from our editor and quizmaster.



1. Which team play their home games at the Mornflake Stadium?
2. Which Ballon D'Or winner last week became a minority owner in Swansea City?
3. If each letter cost £1 which current Luton player would be the most expensive to print on a shirt?
4. What is the nickname of National League side AFC Fylde?

5. Which Championship manager has the most playing caps for his country?
6. Who did Kal Naismith make his professional debut for?
7. Which current England international is a former teammate of Matt Bloomfield?
8. Which league do the westernmost team in Europe, CD Santa Clara play in?
9. Which player has scored the most headed goals in the Premier League this season?
10. Which team in the EFL have had the fewest yellow cards this season?
11. As of April 2025, which former Hatter is tied for the most goal of the month awards in Premier League history?
12. Who is top of the Australian A-League?
13. Who is the only current Premier League team to have won all four divisions?

14. According to Transfermarkt which player has the highest market value in the Championship?
15. True or false Jermaine Easter once scored away at Easter Road on Easter Monday?



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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. Crewe Alexandra. 2. Luka Modric. 3. Lamine Fanne. 4. The Coastiers. 5. Frank Lampard. 6. Cowdenbeath. 7. Eberechi Eze. 8. Premier Liga Portugal. 9. Chris Wood. 10. Middlesbrough. 11. Andros Townsend. 12. Auckland FC. 13. Wolverhampton Wanderers. 14. Jobe Bellingham. 15. False.





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BIG NAME SIGNING

For 69 years Christopher Slennett could lay claim to the longest name of any first-team Luton player.

Then, on 31st March 1979, a loan signing made his debut in a 1-0 defeat at Sunderland. At a whopping 24 characters, Forbes Phillipson-Masters changed that – and still holds the record to this day.

Phillipson-Masters began his career as a goalkeeper for Southampton's reserves before his conversion to centre-half by Saints youth coach John McGrath, with manager Lawrie McMenemy joking that he sounded like an entire half-back line.

Appearances were hard to come by on the south coast and Forbes was sent on loan spells to Exeter and Bournemouth before finding his way to Luton as the Hatters flirted dangerously with relegation to the old Third Division (now League 1).

His arrival came on deadline day, with Town in desperate need of reinforcement at centre-half after the loss of Chris



Turner to the USA. The first game at Sunderland provided a stern test with the home side fourth in the table and having won their two previous games. Phillipson-Masters drew praise for his part in a battling performance, with Pleat calling it a "first-class debut", but a goal from familiar foe Wilf Rostron saw the Hatters defeated 1-0.

He would taste victory soon enough as Burnley

were beaten 4-1 at Kenilworth Road a week later. Despite a string of good performances, that would be the only one of two times he appeared on a winning side in his 10 games in Bedfordshire as Town slipped towards the relegation zone, eventually only staying up by two points.

The loan spell caught the attention of Third Division Plymouth and Forbes spent the next three

seasons at Home Park before he dropped down another level to join Bristol City in November 1982.

It didn't represent the most enticing of opportunities. The Robins had been in the top flight as recently as 1979/80 but three successive relegations had seen them tumble into the bottom tier for the first time in their history, and it seemed even worse might follow as they laboured to a 14th place finish.

The green shoots of recovery started the next season however, and Forbes played a big part in the team that finished fourth and gained promotion, appearing 44 times in the league and scoring once. A move back to Exeter followed, before he ended his playing career with non-league Yeovil.

Forbes began a painting and decorating business while at Huish Park and would eventually run a successful building firm in Verwood, Dorset, as well as doing some coaching for the county side. He remains a record breaker at Kenilworth Road.

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THROUGH THE ARCHIVES

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

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1. Malcolm Macdonald heads in the Town's opener during the 3-0 home win over City in October 1970. Only seconds earlier I had said to a mate that Mac was not great in the air. I am still reminded!
2. Steve White slots in the Town's equaliser in the eventual 3-1 win over the Robins at Kenilworth Road in March 1981.
3. Emmerson Boyce on target during the 3-2 home victory against City in April 2004.
4. Carlton Morris (in front of Luke Berry) nods in the only goal of the game the last time City visited Kenilworth Road in March 2023.



ON THIS DAY

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

It was a day of celebration on this day 11 years ago as the Hatters lifted the Conference trophy after two goals from Andre Gray helped earn a 4-1 win over Forest Green in our final home fixture in the fifth tier.

However, it did not all go to plan straight away as Forest Green led from the penalty spot when Steve McNulty was harshly adjudged to have handled in the box and Yan Klukowski beat Mark Tyler from the spot.

With the Town struggling to find a rhythm they need a penalty themselves to make it 1-1. Gray was fouled by the Rovers keeper and then dusted himself down to score from the spot.

After the break, the Hatters' greater tempo was rewarded on 55 minutes when Mark Cullen won the ball back and Cameron McGeehan drove forward. His first shot was parried but the on-loan Norwich man was first to the rebound and although the keeper got a hand to it, there was just enough power to dribble over the line.

Two soon became three as Gray made it 30 for the season in his pursuit of the golden boot – although it owed to some great work by Cullen. The striker burst down the flank and stood up a looping cross that Gray saw hang in the air and angle a header into the corner.

The icing on cake came with virtually the last kick of the game as Cullen skirted along the by-line unchallenged and fired low into the corner of the net.

Supporters invaded the pitch on the full-time whistle, but they were quickly dispersed as Town came out to lift the Conference trophy in front of their adoring followers.

One by one the players were introduced to the baying public as captain Ronnie Henry hoisted the silverware into the sky to finally end five years of hurt.





ALSO ON THIS DAY...

Our first game on 21st April was a 2-1 defeat at home to Small Heath (now Birmingham City) back in 1900.

We won't go into great detail but the Town have lost twice at Watford - firstly in 1905 and then in 1987.

Moving swiftly on, the Town beat Manchester United at Kenilworth Road in 1987 thanks to two goals from Mick Harford and then Arsenal were seen off on the way to the great escape in 1990 (below) thanks to goals from Iain Dowie and Kingsley Black.

Back in 2018 the Hatters confirmed promotion from League Two after a 1-1 draw at Carlisle with Ollie Lee scoring the Town goal.



2004/05
history

Champions!

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

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

Champions!



2004/05 history

With promotion now secured the Town still had two targets to achieve. Firstly, they needed to clinch the championship which would happen if they won at Wrexham and Hull dropped points in their away fixture at Walsall and secondly, they wanted to hit 100 points for the first time in their history.

Opponents Wrexham seemed destined for the drop. Hit with a 10-point deduction the previous December for entering administration, their season had nose-dived since then with the only silver lining being a victory in the LDV Vans Trophy final played at the Millenium Stadium a couple of weeks before.

The Racecourse Ground had never been a happy hunting ground for the Hatters. Only one win had been recorded there in the league before – and that was back in 1981!

Despite this, over 2,000 Town fans made the trip to sunny North Wales to make it a carnival atmosphere with many straw boaters dusted off for the second week running.

With Paul Underwood missing through injury, striker Enoch Showunmi was asked to play in an unaccustomed position on the left and, for the opening half hour, was given the complete runaround by speedy

Wrexham winger Carlos Edwards (no wonder we signed him a couple of months later).

It was Edwards who laid on the opening goal on 31 minutes when his long cross was headed home at the far post by Andy Holt. The Town continued to huff and puff and were frustratingly caught in offside positions every time they tried to mount an attack.

Whatever manager Mike Newell said to the players at half-time certainly worked as the Town attacked with purpose in the second period inspired by a captain's performance from Kevin Nicholls. A flighted free-kick from the skipper hit the bar with Wrexham keeper Ben Foster well beaten and the fans could sense a goal coming as the Red Dragons defence was pushed back.

The equaliser the Hatters deserved came on 53 minutes when central defender Curtis Davies got his head to a whipped cross from Peter Holmes. This meant that all the outfield players had now got on the scoresheet during the course of the season.

The second goal arrived six minutes later when big Australian defender Chris Coyne rose highest to head in a cleverly chipped in free kick from Nicholls.

Wrexham were now a spent force and when

news started to filter through that Hull were behind at Walsall the party really started.

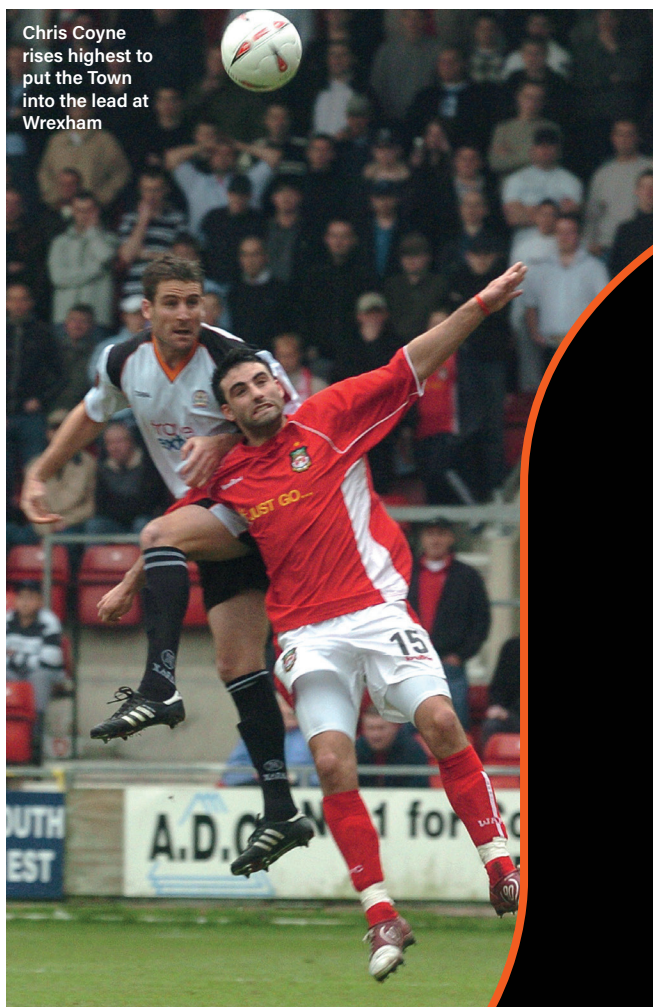
The Hatters comfortably contained the home side apart from a brave last-ditch tackle from Nicholls on Hector Sam after the Wrexham forward got on the end of a smart through ball from Chris Armstrong. The Hatters finished the game with

Steve Howard missing two sitters in as many minutes, but it did not matter in the end.

The final whistle sounded and, with Hull losing 3-0 at Walsall, confirmation came that the Town were champions.

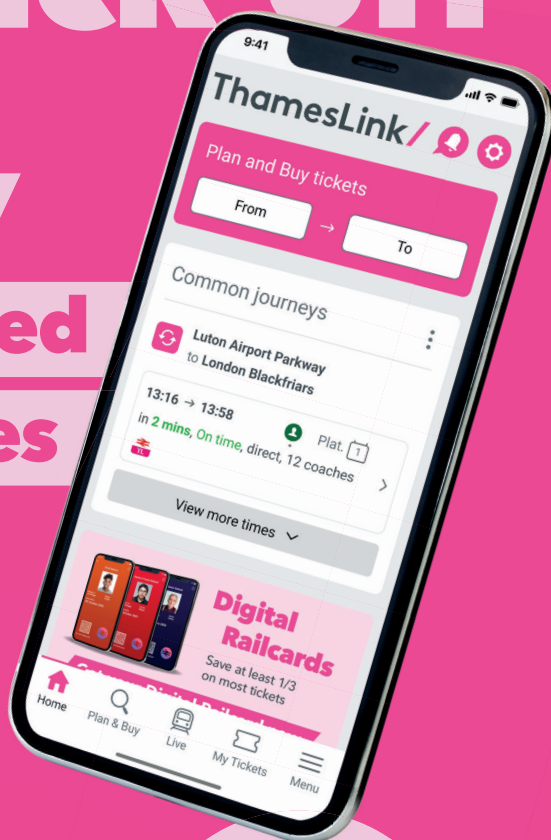
The players jiggered around the pitch for what seemed like hours afterwards before

Chris Coyne rises highest to put the Town into the lead at Wrexham



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everyone departed on the long, but happy, trip home.

Mike Newell was naturally ecstatic and said: "We're delighted for Curtis to have got his first goal because we've been expecting it from him for a while now. We've got goals throughout the team and I think that's just about everyone has scored for us now except for Marlon Beresford.

"We weren't happy at half-time because we felt we weren't on our game at all. We knew they had it in them, it was just a case of getting it out of them. But the way the lads came out in the second half showed they were going to take the game by the scruff of the neck.

"It's been a magnificent season and it has ended in a great way – everyone at the club should be extremely proud of what's been done here."

Town players now had a week to prepare for the visit of Brentford, who had beaten the Hatters twice over the campaign, and who still held out hope of getting into the play-offs. A great deal of partying was to take place in the intervening seven days though.

Curtis Davies heads in the equaliser



The celebrations start after the second goal hits the back of 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.*

There are very few shirts that can cause such a mixture of emotion, memories and change like the 2019/20 home shirt.

This shirt saw everything: back mixing it with the big boys in the Championship, LED boards all around the Kenny, one Jones, another Jones, cardboard cutouts, lockdown and a great escape.

Puma were the manufacturers, and they did a solid job. White sleeves with a big, bold blue cuff, with

our traditional orange making up the body of the shirt with subtle lines, akin to a wave pattern which added a unique pattern to the shirt.

And so to the Great Escape: Nathan Jones and big Mick keeping us up, James Collins scoring against Blackburn to kick-off that final day drama to keep us in the league, Callum McManaman scoring a late equaliser against Preston and a wonderful 3-2 over Derby County with a certain Wayne Rooney playing in midfield...

This shirt also evokes memories of Sonny Bradley's screamer against Middlesbrough, watching on iFollow listening to the Simon Pitts, seeing the 'Thank you NHS' patch adorn the front of the shirt and witnessing new signings like Cameron Carter-Vickers and Donervon Daniels doing all they could to keep us up.

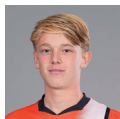
The NHS patch was implemented during the resumption of football in June 2020. It really stood out on the shirt too, with the rainbow and associated colours

complimenting the orange backdrop of our shirt. Not only did it mean a lot and show our support for our keyworkers, but it also improved the look of the shirt!

It's certainly a shirt that may trigger a mixture of memories for our fans but there is no denying it will live long in the memory for both on-field and off-field reasons.

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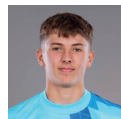
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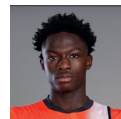
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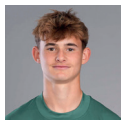
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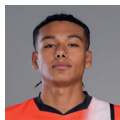
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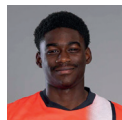
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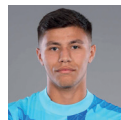
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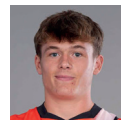
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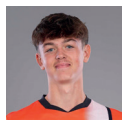
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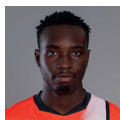
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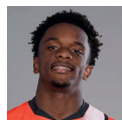
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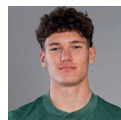
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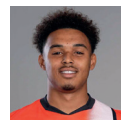
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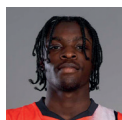
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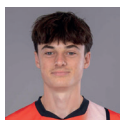
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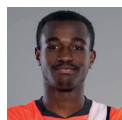
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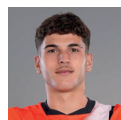
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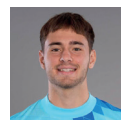
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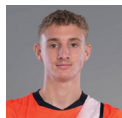
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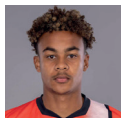
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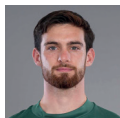
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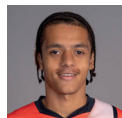
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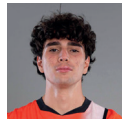
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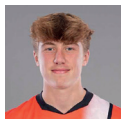
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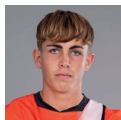
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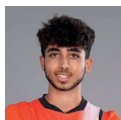
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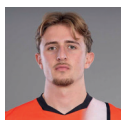
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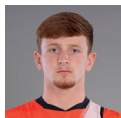
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THE YOUTH OF TODAY

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

Name... Jack Bateson

Date of birth...
17/10/2004

Place of birth...
Luton

Position...
Centre-back

Joined the academy at...
Under-8s

Former club...
Amphill Town

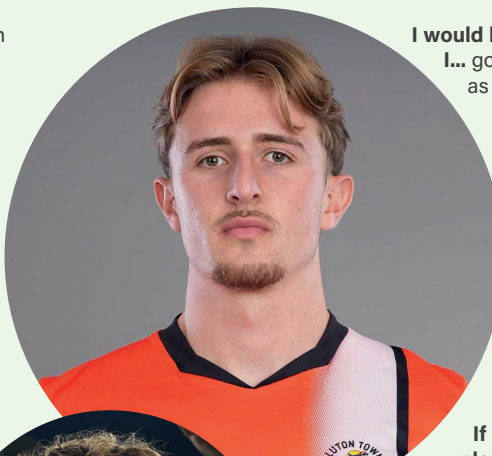
I'm wearing...
Nike
Phantoms

Earliest Luton Town memory...
Going to the Kenny as a kid with my dad

Coach who's helped me the most... The Under-18 coaches in my second year of scholarship improved me as a player and mentality

Football memory that makes me smile... The play-off final against Coventry

Best moment of my career so far...
Signing my professional contract!



I would be a better player if I... got my left foot as good as my right

Dream first team squad number... 5

Player I used to be in the playground...
Wayne Rooney

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

If I could play with one player it would be...
John Stones

Favourite film...
The Wolf of Wolf Street

Favourite food...
Nando's

Favourite training drill...
Small-sided games

Favourite school subject other than PE... Geography

Hobbies outside of football... Golf, seeing my mates

I am... a centre-back who loves to defend. I enjoy the parts some people wouldn't enjoy. I'm loud and a leader on the pitch, and also can play out well on both feet.





LTFC ACADEMY

ACADEMY UPDATE

WITH JOE DEENEY - UNDER-18 LEAD COACH

Good afternoon to all our supporters and everyone associated with the club ahead of this afternoon's clash against Bristol City. As we approach the final stretch of the season, I wanted to take a moment to update you all on the progress of our Under-18s, a group that has given us plenty to be proud of this year.

It's been a thrilling journey across 51 matches in all competitions, with the team scoring an

impressive 153 goals and achieving a remarkable +78 goal difference. These numbers are a testament to the hard work, talent and resilience of the squad.

We rounded off our league campaign last week with back-to-back away wins. A hard-fought 3-2 victory at Forest Green Rovers was followed by a dominant 8-1 win against Newport County. As it stands, we sit top of the table, though Oxford United still have three games in hand

and need a flawless finish to overtake us on points per game. Regardless of how the title race concludes, the attitude and unity within this group have been nothing short of outstanding.

The past six weeks, in particular, have showcased the spirit and determination that define this team. We've seen dramatic late turnarounds – from trailing 3-2 against Bromley in the final minutes and winning 4-3, to scoring twice in injury time to defeat

Milton Keynes 2-1 after dominating for most of the match. Alongside those late dramas, we've also delivered several emphatic victories throughout the season. This 'never quit' mentality is a core value of anyone wearing a Luton Town shirt, and it's been a privilege to see it embodied by our young players.

With the league campaign behind us, all eyes are now on the PDL Cup Final. We face Swansea City at the Swansea.com

Stadium on Sunday 4th May at 3pm. It would be great to have some of our supporters there to cheer the lads on.

The road to the final has been tough. We topped our group unbeaten with results against Watford, Milton Keynes and Northampton Town. A late 3-2 win at Hull City in the last 16 before we turned in two outstanding performances: a 4-1 win over Bristol City and a 5-0 semi-final victory over Bolton Wanderers.

Beyond the stats and silverware, this season has seen meaningful individual progress. Several players have

earned professional contracts for next season and their journey now continues with Alex Lawless.

I'd also like to give a special mention to Jack Cartwright, our Under-15/16 Lead, whose excellent work has helped prepare a promising group of scholars for next season.

Finally, best of luck to Matt, the coaching staff, and all the players in today's game. I'm sure Kenilworth Road will be rocking as always.

Enjoy the match.
Joe



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	W 5-0
Sat 12th	Forest Green Rovers	W 3-2

MAY

Sat 3rd	Newport County	W 8-1
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*lost on penalties 4-3

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HE'S ONE OF OUR OWN!

JAMES JUSTIN

One of our academy's most recent success stories, hometown boy James joined the Hatters as a seven-year-old in 2005.

He was part of the all-conquering under-11s side who won the Aarau Masters in Switzerland in 2009, beating Bayern Munich in the final and paraded the trophy around the Wembley pitch during the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final.

His success continued as, after earning a scholarship, he helped the Hatters under-18s win the Youth Alliance Cup before Nathan Jones gave him his senior debut in the final home game of the 2015/16 season against Exeter.

James made his full debut for the Town at the start of the following campaign in the excellent 3-1 League Cup victory over Aston Villa and scored his first senior goal in the 4-1 win at Accrington in April.

He helped the Hatters reach the League Two play-offs, appearing in the 3-3 draw with Blackpool, and then made 17 appearances in the following campaign as the Town won promotion as runners-up.

However, it was the following season that saw 'JJ' flourish as the Hatters swept all before them, winning the League One title and back-to-back promotions, missing just three games and becoming only the 15th Luton-born player to reach 100 competitive appearances.

His performances had not gone unnoticed, and Premier League Leicester came calling in the summer of 2019, prizing him away from his boyhood club for a record fee following a campaign that saw him named in the EFL and PFA teams of the year.

Justin maintained his levels of performance in the top-flight, picking up an FA Cup winners medal in 2021 before earning a first England cap in a Nations League match against Hungary.

The versatile full-back has remained a mainstay in the Foxes side, helping them to the Championship title last term and has been a regular once more this season in the Premier League.

APPEARANCES: 114
GOALS: 6

CAREER TIMELINE



COMMUNITY TRUST

STOWE RESIDENTIAL TRIP



During the first week of the Easter half-term, boys from our development centres and TIPS programmes had the exciting opportunity to attend a two-day residential trip at the prestigious Stowe School in Buckingham.

This experience was designed to give the boys a taste of life as a footballer, with activities including training sessions on grass pitches, internal futsal competitions and time to relax with a swim.

The younger participants also enjoyed an Easter egg hunt around the stunning school grounds, adding a fun twist to their stay.

On the final day, the boys took part in competitive fixtures against other development centres – rounding off the trip with a chance to put their skills to the test.

Beyond football, the residential served as a valuable social experience, helping many of the

boys tackle new challenges, such as spending time away from home for the first time.

Over the course of the week, we were proud to take a total of 260 boys on this unforgettable journey!



FITTER FANS

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 recruiting for our Fitter Fans Cycle starting on 6th May and running up until 10th June 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 details.



PREMIER LEAGUE KICKS U16S REGIONAL QUALIFIERS

On Friday 11th April Luton Town FC Community Trust took their Under-16 mixed and Under-16 girls for the yearly Premier League Kicks Regional Qualifiers held in Norwich's Community Hub, The Nest.

For many it will be their last tournament, so they went out and enjoyed the occasion and making new friends.

Having won the regionals in the last two years the Under-16 mixed group fell short and lost in the semi-finals. Disappointed as they were, they really enjoyed the day and football.

The girls who were the current regional champions made it all the way to the final having beaten Stevenage and Peterborough enroute to the final but lost 1-0 to Norwich. They wait anxiously to see if they have booked their spot for the national finals at St George's Park in the summer.

Premier League Kicks, funded by the Premier League through the Premier League Charitable Fund, uses the power of football and sport to inspire young people to reach their potential, in some of the most high-need areas in England and Wales.

The Premier League Kicks Cup tournament is one of the competition elements of Premier League Kicks.

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LUTON TOWN LADIES

FIFTEEN IN A ROW FOR THE LADIES

Title charge remains on course after 5-1 victory

Luton Town Ladies secured their 15th successive league victory with a 5-1 victory away at Enfield to maintain their title chase on Sunday afternoon.

The Hatters came close to opening the scoring just three minutes in, when Fiona Buttigieg's corner crashed off the crossbar.

After a fast-paced start, the Hatters took the lead in the sixth minute through Ami Martins. Tasha Fensome got onto the end of a bouncing ball on the left-hand side of the penalty area, she knocked the ball across the face of the goal for Martins to tap home at the back post.

Moments later, another Buttigieg corner created a chance in the area. Her inswinger was headed narrowly over the bar by captain Ely Wade.

With 25 minutes on the clock, the Hatters doubled their lead and it was a second for Martins. Fensome was heavily involved again. She won her aerial duel against the goalkeeper, allowing the ball to drop to the feet of Martins, who netted her fifth goal in only her third appearance.



Jess McKay produced the moment of the game on the half-hour mark. She ran onto a loose ball on the left-hand side of the box and chopped back, wrong-footing an Enfield defender before shifting the ball onto her left foot and, from an almost impossible angle, curled it into the far-left corner.

In the second minute of additional time at the end of the first-half, Enfield had their first chance of the game but it was hit high over Sarah Hudson's goal and the Hatters took a 3-0 lead into half-time.

However, nine minutes into the second-half Enfield pulled a goal back. A well-worked corner routine was headed past Hudson.

After contributing to the opening two goals, Fensome got on the scoresheet herself with eight to play. Shianne Swarres floated a ball into the box towards the number seven whose bullet-header beat the Enfield keeper.

In the fifth minute of stoppage time, Fensome netted her brace to complete the scoring. Gabriella Spillman set

off on a typical mazy run down the right flank and played the ball across the face of the goal for Fensome to tap in.

With all three points secured and results elsewhere going in their favour, the Town can rise to top of the league for the first time this season should they defeat St Albans on Wednesday afternoon.

Town: Hudson, Martins, Swarres, Wade, Fensome, Mulvaney, Maddix, McKay, Buttigieg, Price, Lewis.

Subs: Adu, Blacksley, Paci, Spillman, Tucker.



THE TRUST INTERVIEWS...

Ben Cirne arrived at Kenilworth Road from Wycombe Wanderers as part of Matt Bloomfield's staff along with coaches Richard Thomas and Lee Harrison. As senior first team analyst, Ben heads up a team responsible for delivering data and video analysis to the manager, with support from Simon Dunn and Chloe Golding. You'll see Ben on the bench during games, receiving video and data from Simon and Chloe and feeding it on to Matt, Richard and Lee.

BEN CIRNE Senior first team analyst



Ben, we'd like to hear what analysis is all about and why it's an important part of the modern game - but first, tell us a bit about yourself please.

I've worked in football analysis for around 10 years, and I also have a background and experience in coaching. While working towards my sports studies degree, I was

also volunteering with Southend United as an academy analyst. Subsequently I've completed a Master's Degree in Performance Analysis and UEFA B coaching licence course. I worked with Millwall and Shrewsbury Town before linking up with Matt, firstly at Colchester, then with Wycombe. We've worked together for close on three years now.

What's it been like working with different clubs and managers?

It's given me a great range of experience as each manager has their own approach to how they want their team to play football and how they use analysis to support their aims and communicate to the players. At Southend, for instance, Phil Brown was very data driven, whereas his successor Chris Powell mainly used video.

Over the years my role has evolved from manually counting data to analysing the tactical elements of the game: looking at formations, watching the opposition and our own performance and training, through video and in-depth data analysis. My area of expertise is providing insights to the coaches and to the players in a way that is more video based but backed heavily by data.

The technology around video has gone through the roof in recent years. It has become a powerful and accessible learning tool, and with Matt

and the team we use a combination of data and video clips throughout a four part analysis process - which is a constant cycle of how we deliver our support.

Talk us through that process please - what does it consist of?

Pre-match analysis, training analysis, match day processes and post-match analysis.

So a week in advance, we'll be looking at the opposition for not the coming game but the one after. We watch their last five or six games to identify patterns and weaknesses, focusing on games that are relevant in terms of formation and playing style, and their attacking strategies and defensive set ups. My team provide in depth 'data packs' that look at Key Performance Indicators across a wide range of elements in terms of teams and individuals: how often a player gets dispossessed, tackled, how many passes they complete under pressure, for instance.

We filter out key video clips to create a pre-

match presentation, backed up with data packs, which enables coaches to prepare our approach to the game. We like to highlight weaknesses in the opposition that match our strengths so our main focus during the pre-match prep is on ourselves and how we hurt them, as opposed to worrying about the opposition.

One of the great things about working with Matt, Richard and Lee is that we've formed a really strong bond. So I know what they're looking for in terms of insight and information and they trust and respect what we're providing.

That translates into how we work during the match, too – Chloe is up on the gantry filming, to provide a high view of the game, and both her and Simon are feeding real-time information to me, including tracking data, to assess our own shape and where we have been efficient. I can then feed this to the coaches verbally – or on their iPads, which they also use to watch back and assess key moments. We're able to highlight whether our game plan is working and identify any changes in the expected opposition tactics, which enables Matt to make tactical adjustments if required during the game. At half-time key clips are shown to the players to reinforce the game plan, implement anything the manager thinks needs changing for the second half and maintain focus – not just

for the players who start the game, but for those who finish it.

Post-match analysis consists of reviewing and 'coding' (translating stats into information) every aspect and nuance of the performance, and we prepare 55-60-minute game video footage for the coaches to review. Findings from our post-match analysis are presented to the players a day or two after the game, highlighting what was done well and areas that need to be better. It's part of a loop of continuous improvement. This has been a big part of our work since we came to the club.

It's essential that the players – as a team and as individuals know why, what, how, where and when we want to do things. Matt has a clear ethos and philosophy, and clarity of purpose is essential to fulfil it.

There are lots of ways we work on this. We decide how, as a coaching and analysis team, we help present information to the players. We use video to 'paint pictures' and highlight our messages, including on a screen in the canteen so the players see – and talk about – it while they're having breakfast and lunch. We also have an app that each player has with their own personal video, and we prepare short videos for the coaches to use to present post-match analysis to the



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players, using all the tech and techniques you'll see, for instance, on MOTD or Sky analysis. There's a lot to get across, and my job is to deliver that clarity which makes it easier for the coaches to convey the messages.

We've heard you have a new drone camera at the Brache?

Yes and it's great – it enables us to give the coaches and players a completely different viewpoint on training. We film and analyse every training session and the drone is a fantastic asset. We fly it slightly behind our defenders during practice matches, for instance, so when the players and coaches watch the footage they have a bird's eye view of where there might be space in front of or to the side of them. Getting an overview is great for that.

Finally, how are you finding life at Luton?

I'm loving it, and the challenges we're addressing – obviously we've come in at a difficult time, and change doesn't happen overnight. But Gary and the board are immensely supportive and Simon and Chloe, my colleagues, are absolute diamonds. They're brilliant at what they do, and they've enabled me to hit the ground running. Then there's the fans. I'd been to Kenilworth Road many times with opposing teams and let me tell you this is an incredibly passionate, noisy and intimidating place to come to as a visitor. So I'm very happy to be on the home side now!

Thanks for those fascinating insights, Ben – it's brilliant for us fans to get an idea of what football analytics are all about.

Ben also explained what xG is, as well as many other terms we increasingly hear, but there's not enough space to go into all that unfortunately.

Let's remember what Ben has said about passion and noise and do our bit for the lads today!

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SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP
SATURDAY 3RD MAY 2025, KO 12.30PM**

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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	23	1-1	11,860	1,273	Kaminski	JONES 1	Doughty	Makosso	McGuinness	Bell	Clark
TUE 8	STOKE CITY	19:45	23	1-1	22,226	1,191	Kaminski	Jones	Doughty	Makosso	McGuinness	Bell	Clark
SAT 12	BLACKBURN ROVERS	15:00	23	0-1	11,552	970	Kaminski	Jones	Alli	Makosso	McGuinness	Bell	Clark

FRI 18	DERBY COUNTY	12:30											
MON 21	BRISTOL CITY	15:00											
SAT 26	COVENTRY CITY	12:30											

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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
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LAST WORD WITH



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Now this town has been on a rollercoaster of emotions in recent months – not just in football – and I make no excuse for the pun given what's coming in the north of the county courtesy of an American film company. The proposal for a new theme park just south of Bedford will have a massive effect on the local economy.

The government has pledged support in terms of sorting out the infrastructure. Now if you use public transport to attend matches here this could benefit you. Maybe there will even be trains on a Saturday!

Meanwhile, in this town, there are huge changes underway. When I first

came to Luton in the mid-1980s, Vauxhall was probably employing around 30,000 people. Now the final 1,100 have seen the last vehicle roll off the production line. A new company has bought the land with plans for a business park, and driving through town last week I noticed the demolition of Griffin House.

Luton Airport by comparison was just somewhere a woman called Lorraine talked about in a commercial, and now we're talking about over 30 million people using it every year.

The town as we knew it is changing, and the football club will be at the heart of that. Not wondering whether it will be invited, but being a

driving force for change. And it can pay its way.

Gary Sweet detailed the latest Power Court update in these pages in the last home game, with the Premier League money having enabled going to a 25,000 capacity straightaway, which will save millions which would have been spent on a gradual increase. So, all good on that front.

Now I'm not going to insult your intelligence by pretending that everything in the garden is rosy. This season has been massively disappointing given the expectation following a brave Premier League debut, and the players left at our disposal, and the transfer funds available.

I am writing these notes ahead of the Good Friday trip to Derby, so we will either be closer to League One or thinking of an escape act of Jim Ryan proportions. But if it is to be the former there will be time aplenty to dissect the disappointment, and my colleagues and I will make every effort to do so.

Nearly two years on from the Wembley final it's hard to potentially be looking ahead to a League One start on the first weekend of August, not to mention the EFL Trophy and the first round of the FA Cup. But it's also worth remembering that today's opponents haven't been in the top flight since 1980.

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