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Well what an excellent Easter that was! Having won at Derby for the first time since our great escape back in 1990 the boys backed it up with a fine 3-1 win over Bristol City on Easter Monday.

Those two fantastic victories sets everything up for a dramatic and nerve-inducing final two games of the season as we welcome Coventry City to Kenilworth Road for our last home match here this season.

Our visitors are chasing another place in the play-offs, two years after they went so close at Wembley the day the penalty gods shone down on us. We wish them well in their quest – after this afternoon of course!

With it being our final home game of the season, we'd like to thank every one of you for your loyal support here for the past nine months. We'd like to extend our gratitude to all our matchday staff who dedicate their spare time to help us run operations smoothly.

And a big thank you for buying – and reading, we hope! – this programme throughout the season. A huge thanks to all of our contributors, especially historian Roger Wash, our designer Darren and Raj at printers Bartham Press.

So, for one last time here this season, get behind Matt and the team as we aim to get ourselves out of the bottom three with one match to go.

For those heading for the Hawthorns next Saturday, we'll see you there. And if not, thank you for your support and we'll see you next season.

Come on Luton!

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ME



| MATT BLOOMFIELD |

THE BOSS

Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for the second time this week and sadly the last time this season.

I say sadly because I have loved every time we have set foot onto the pitch here in front of you since I arrived in January. Okay, so we might not have got the results we would have liked in all of them, but I have thoroughly enjoyed the atmosphere, meeting supporters and staff, and being part of the unique matchday experience here at this special and much-loved ground.

Our last six games on home turf have seen us lose just once, and we must take confidence from that into today's game against Coventry. The Blackburn game apart, we have been unfortunate not to take

maximum points off Leeds, Middlesbrough and Plymouth here. That is why we were delighted to walk off the pitch on Easter Monday with a valuable and thoroughly deserved 3-1 win over Bristol City.

The second half especially was terrific. I was really proud of the players, as I was of your support from the stands. You roared us on and I felt we rode that atmosphere to create some excellent opportunities. We pressed at the right moments and had a nice variety in our play.

Both sides had lots at stake and, while it was understandable that the first half was slightly edgy and not as free-flowing, I thought it was a great game in the second half. It was nice to have that little cushion come

the end, as it meant we could enjoy ourselves in the final moments.

Characteristically and psychologically, I'm really proud as we took a knock when they equalised. However, we went again and, while the result was crucial, it was the manner in which we did it that was extremely pleasing.

So this afternoon it's important we take the good things and all the confidence gained from our last two results as we welcome Frank Lampard and his Coventry team to Kenilworth Road.

Frank has turned around their season and they arrive here in the top six. Coventry, like Bristol City on Monday, have a chance of playing in the Premier League next season. Just as it was against Bristol City, today is a game where both

teams need the points and that should make for a proper game of football.

As I've already mentioned, your backing against Bristol City carried us through, and we'll need that support again this afternoon. I can't promise it's going to be straightforward today – this is the Championship after all – but what I can guarantee is that the lads will give you absolutely everything. All I ask is that the lads continue to work hard and that you maintain your levels of passion and noise from the stands.

We're in this together. This afternoon and then at the Hawthorns next Saturday.

Enjoy the game.

Matt.

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| TOM LOCKYER |

CLUB CAPTAIN

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And just like that another season is coming to an end.

How fast does it go when you look back on the season? I remember as a young player being told by senior pros when I was a fresh-faced 18-year-old, "blink and you'll miss it".

I remember thinking, "yeah right, that's miles away", but they were right – and that's now my advice to all the young boys: make sure you enjoy it and don't take it for granted.

With just two games to go, it is all to play for. Today we welcome a Coventry side who have all to play for at the other end of the table. They are a talented side that will be looking to finish the season strongly. So

welcome to the Kenny all associated with Coventry, especially Frank Lampard, an idol of mine growing up as a kid.

The Easter period has been brilliant with two wins out of two. It kick-started with the win at Derby on Good Friday where we held on brilliantly in the second half thanks to a fantastic defensive display. It was a proper defender's performance – one I would have loved to have been a part of.

We backed that up last time out against Bristol City in what I think was one of our best performances of the season. It was a dominant display from start to finish despite them equalising with a worldie strike.

But everyone was up for it, especially you in the stands, and we will need more of that today. I've said many times before how important your backing is, and you'd be surprised just how much your noise, and the atmosphere you generate, is a factor. So bring your voices and let's get the Kenny rocking.

That type of performance is one we'll be trying to replicate today. When you play like that, you're more than likely to be on the right side of a result. However, at this stage of the season I'm sure you'll all agree, I'd trade the worst performance of the season for all three points in a heart-beat.

On a personal note, it has been a really tough season for me. While my





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heart hasn't missed a beat, the ankle setback has been particularly hard to take as I was so, so close to returning in December. I am over the worst of that now and, all being well, I am looking to start next season on full throttle. I'd like to thank everyone, including you all, for the support and kind words I've received. It means a lot.

Back to this afternoon, and next Saturday at West Brom, I'll be joining you in backing the lads for the final two games. It has been a typical Luton Town rollercoaster, so hold on and enjoy the ride. There will for sure be some twists and turns but that's football, isn't it? We just have to hold our nerve. We certainly have the right characters in the dressing room to ensure we do.

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Whatever happens today, I know I will see an orange wall at the Hawthorns. Your support is what makes this club so special. But right now the lads need you more than ever, so get right behind them and let's get this place absolutely bouncing.

Enjoy the game and bring the noise.



BOARDROOM

DAVID WILKINSON

Good afternoon to you all for the final time this season at Kenilworth Road. As is always the case at this time of year, you wonder where the time goes. It doesn't seem five minutes since we were waving goodbye to last season, does it?

For this huge Championship clash today, we welcome our friends from Coventry City who have made the short trip down the motorway. Like ourselves, the Sky Blues are in need of the points but for very different reasons.

This is our first meeting here since our promotion at Wembley and, while it's hard not to cast our minds back and reminisce about that wonderful sunny May day under the arch, one of my abiding memories of that day is how magnanimous in defeat Coventry were after such gruelling circumstances. I think most Luton supporters have had a soft spot for them ever since – although there's no chance of that today! However, we wish them the very best of luck in their quest for promotion should their form take them into the play-offs.



Much of their success this season has come following the arrival of Frank Lampard in the dugout. Much is made of 'new manager bounce', or rather, the immediacy of success when a new manager takes the reins. Coventry won three of their first 10 games under Frank's stewardship before going on to enjoy a strong run of form, proving that good things come to those who wait.

It has been a similar story for Matt and his team, who needed time to implement their ideas and philosophies. This is not always evident on the pitch straight

away, and new tactical and coaching styles take their time to bear fruit. Gradually, we have started to recognise a difference – although our cause has not been helped by some bad luck in a number of games, including that trip to Vicarage Road.

From day one, Matt, Richard, Lee and Ben have integrated with all other staff brilliantly, have fully embraced what it's like to be Luton and have worked tirelessly to build discipline and unity, all the while striving to provide a clear direction when it comes to on-field results and team identity.

Our recent run of results is testament to that. We have become hard to beat, we are limiting our opponents' opportunities and we've also improved our own goal threat.

We can all see the progress, and you only needed to see Matt's face at the full-time whistle after Monday's excellent win over Bristol City to see how much the result and your support meant to him. He was grinning from ear to ear. He came into Kenilworth Road with his eyes wide open about the challenge and has shown tremendous character in the circumstances.

Away from the first team, this week we were thrilled to learn of the Under-18s' title success in the Youth Alliance. Congratulations to Paul Benson, Joe Deeney, Ronnie Henry and all supporting staff and players for a wonderful season full of goals. I have been fortunate, along with Paul Ballantyne, to watch quite a few of their games, and it has often been a real joy to see them play with such skill, style and enthusiasm. We will celebrate their success this afternoon when they are presented with their trophy and medals.

This season has been a remarkable one for our Academy, showcasing

continual improvement across all age groups, highlighted by the gratifying integration of some of our young talents into our first team squad, with Taylan Harris recently included on the bench and Oli Lynch travelling with the squad following his recall after a productive spell in front of goal at Hemel. The second half of the season has yielded impressive results from our Under-16 team and upwards. We take great pride in celebrating their accomplishments and eagerly anticipate witnessing more graduates debuting in the first team in future seasons. The Under-17

group will now strive to achieve additional success as they head to Swansea next week for the final of the PDL Cup. Good luck, boys.

Turning attention back to this afternoon and, for one final time this season, we need this place rocking like it was on Easter Monday. The fact remains that our destiny is in our own hands with two wins enough to preserve our Championship status.

I think supporters of every generation have now witnessed a genuine great escape – whether that be back in 1983, 1990, 1991 or 2020. This is where heroes are

made and moments last forever. Who will be this season's Raddy Antic, Kingsley Black, Tim Breacker or James Collins?

Well, whatever happens today, nothing will be decided until next week at West Bromwich Albion. Matt, his staff and the lads have given us a chance – and we need you all to get behind the lads one last time here this afternoon.

"Each morning, we are born again. What we do today is what matters most." – Buddha

Enjoy the game.

David

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Town supporters celebrate the great escape at Derby on the final day of the 1989/90 season



BOARDROOM

GARY SWEET

So here we are. The final home game of the season. It wouldn't be Luton Town if we didn't have something riding on the final two games of the season. Life is never dull here and – be honest – we wouldn't want it any other way, would we?

We go into this afternoon's game with Coventry City, who we warmly welcome to Kenilworth Road, buoyed by a wonderful Easter period that saw us record back-to-back victories for the first time since September.

Matt, his staff and the squad have worked wonders to get us into a position where we can attack these final two games with confidence in order to retain our Championship status.

As is the norm at this time of the campaign, it has been a busy time on and away from the pitch. This included the recent Meet the Manager event for Diamonds held in the Eric. It was, as ever, a terrific opportunity for Matt to answer a variety of questions on his philosophy and recruitment, as well as presenting his own personality and character. There is more to life than



being a football manager, and he proved that he's a great human being, too. That is why – and we mentioned this at the time of his appointment – we believe he is a fantastically natural fit for our football club.

Naturally, questions regarding the business and commercial side were put to me, and I hope I was able to field these in the most transparent way possible. I had to quash a few – ridiculous! – rumours, too. Social media has a lot to answer for sometimes.

This event came in the evening following the well-attended open training session in which over 1,500 supporters,

young and old, packed the stadium to watch the players put through their paces. Given this came two days after our home defeat against Blackburn, we maybe didn't expect to see so many happy faces. However, it proved to be a wonderful day, and one which Matt, the coaching staff and players have already remarked how much of an enjoyable experience it was.

Matt again spoke with a calm assurance and confidence at the Luton Town Supporters' Trust Player of the Year event on Wednesday. It was a night where Jordan Clark deservedly went home with four prizes, including three of the big ones: Player of the Year,

Players' Player of the Year and Goal of the Season. Clicker is a player who embodies everything about us as a club, and we were delighted to see that his efforts during this challenging season have been rightly acknowledged by so many. That his teammates voted for him speaks volumes. His leadership and experience have been vital and one of the many factors behind our upturn in league form.

Congratulations go to Christ Makosso as well, who picked up two awards on the night. Christ has hit the ground running since arriving in January. It is never easy for a player, especially one so young and who is still

learning the language, to fit straight in, but his transition has been seamless. It is a testament to the person he is. Keep it up, Christ!

Thomas Kaminski's performances were also recognised with two awards. His level of consistency between the sticks has been fantastic – although we'd all prefer it if he was a little less busy! Thomas was not present on the night as he was sadly at home in Belgium following the passing of his father, Jacek. Our thoughts, condolences and prayers are with you and your family, Thomas.

Congratulations also to Tony Murray, who was deservedly honoured by winning the Kevin Catlin Memorial Trophy for his Outstanding Contribution towards LTFC – recognising his hard work, passion and dedication in his role as Trust chair, which he has relinquished for health reasons. Thank you, Tone!

Back to today, and regardless of the division we find ourselves the next time you read these notes, our future will be secure. A win over Coventry helped us do that once. Fingers crossed it will help a second time.

The summer will naturally see several changes, maybe slightly more than usual and all in the name of progress, so there will still be plenty to be excited about. Those developments may be on the pitch, as we soon enter a busy summer transfer window, or off the pitch, as we continue

to build our training ground infrastructure and, of course, witness the visibility of cranes at Power Court.

We'll also be proud to reveal our new designs for the coming season with our new eco-friendly kit partners Reflo, as announced last week. We'll be restructuring our community department, where we have some exciting longer-term plans, and we will be working in conjunction with the Supporters' Trust to establish closer ties to improve communication and build ideas for the future.

The minute we know which division we'll be playing in next season, we'll communicate our season card prices for the 2025/26 season, followed shortly after by the release of our pre-season schedule.

I would like to conclude my notes this season by acknowledging our long-serving club secretary Chris Clark and wish him all the very best as he sadly leaves to take on a new role at Liverpool next month. Over the past nine years, Mr Reliable – nicknamed Rimmer by his closest allies (one for the Red Dwarf fans there!) – has been a

club stalwart, a model professional, a solid comrade and an absolute rock to me and so many colleagues. Not only on a day-to-day or match-by-match basis, but for the significant part he has played in managing and coordinating many of the operational intricacies which will be included at Power Court. Chris is quite simply the best in the business, and he rightly goes to challenge himself right at the very top of our game with our blessing and warmest wishes. Farewell and fair well, my friend!

Finally, it's time to sing up, shout loud and get behind the Town for one last 90-minute push on home soil. Players and staff speak about the positive difference a proud and loud home crowd can make. Let's all remain positive and resolute and use our well-tuned and well-lubricated voices to the max this afternoon!

Come on you Hatters!

Gary

We would like to lovingly dedicate these notes to Adam Dilley and Jeff Thomas, and their families, from all of the Luton Town family. Two very special people.

“THE SUMMER WILL NATURALLY SEE SEVERAL CHANGES AT OUR CLUB, MAYBE SLIGHTLY MORE THAN USUAL AND ALL IN THE NAME OF PROGRESS.”



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AROUND TOWN

ONE MORE GAME AT HOME

Supporters are reminded that despite this being the first team's final league game of the campaign, it is not the last game on the Kenilworth Road turf this season.

Alex Lawless' Under-21s are in action against Oxford United under the lights on Monday with

kick-off at 7pm and we're urging as many fans as possible to cheer on the side.

Entry is free for season ticket holders and members, but £4 for other adults and £1 concessions. Tickets must be purchased in advance from the ticket office.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

With this being our final home game of this season, supporters can already begin to plan for the 2025/26 campaign.

Here are the following key dates for next season:

EFL KEY DATES 2025/26

Fixture release day

- Thursday 26th June 2025 at 12 noon

EFL opening weekends

- League One and League Two: Friday 1st August – Sunday 3rd August
- Championship: Friday 8th August – Sunday 10th August

Final games of the regular season

- Weekend of 2/3 May 2026

Carabao Cup

- Round One Draw – Thursday 26th June 2025
- Round One – w/c 11th August 2025

Play-off finals

- Championship Play-Off Final – Saturday 23rd May 2026
- League One Play-Off Final – Sunday 24th May 2026
- League Two Play-Off Final – Monday 25th May 2026

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Wishing our passionate Luton fan and comedic friend **Jamie Redden** a very happy 50th birthday. Here with his son Toby at their favourite place! Love Aaron, Mike, David and Jean-Louis Valois! COYH!



Happy 50th birthday, **Carol**, who works as a turnstile operator on matchdays here at Kenilworth Road. Wishing you a fantastic day as you celebrate this special milestone. Enjoy every moment – you deserve it all. With lots of love, Mum, Dad, Stewart and Gill.

REST IN PEACE

We were sad to learn of the passing of Luton-born and bred



Ryan Towns of Wigmore at the age of just 49.

'Towns', a Hatter through and through, had been a regular at Kenilworth Road since he was eight years old. He was there at the Littlewoods Cup final in 1988 with his friends who think his DVD of the Wembley final with Arsenal has more miles on it than the M1!

The owner and manager of Autobodykraft Ltd, a vehicle repair body shop, Ryan was an extremely well-known character throughout the town and loved by all. A favourite and loud voice in the stands, he will be missed by many, especially here at Kenilworth Road.

Rest in peace, Towns.

We also were saddened to learn of the passing of **Tony**



John Golder. Town fan Tony owned Luton-based Cannon Lane Motor Company who were sponsors of the club for many years. He would regularly attend matches with his son and family who are still loyal supporters.

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Alli 10'

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You have to go back 35 years for the last time a Luton team won away to Derby.

That day in May 1990, the Hatters pulled off the great escape, retaining their top-flight status on the final day of the First Division season with a victory that has gone down in Kenilworth Road folklore.

Fast forward to the present day and the Town team of 2025 resurrected their hopes of Championship survival with a brave and gutsy 1-0 win to move level on points with the Rams in the battle to beat to drop.

It might not match the level of that day of Tim Breacker and Kingsley Black, but how the Hatters held onto their 10th-minute lead – given to them by Millenic Alli's second goal in three games – will live long in the memory should the Town stay in the second tier come the end of this season.

A defensive masterclass followed after the goal – led by the magnificent Mark McGuinness, who denied the Rams on three occasions – and Hatters were left to celebrate a seismic victory in their quest for survival.

The goal came when Jordan Clark floated in a corner into the Derby penalty area and Alli was quickest to the loose ball in the box despite the attentions of three Derby defenders.

Ahead, it could have been 2-0 on 26 minutes when Lamine Fanne rifled a first-time shot over the crossbar from 10 yards after the hosts had failed to clear a long free-kick from Thomas Kaminski.

With the home side and their crowd frustrated as half-time approached, the Town had McGuinness to thank for the first of his crucial acts of defending in the second minute of first-half injury time when diverting the ball behind following Jerry Yates' deflected on-target effort.

After enjoying a first half of comparative ease, the Town would experience a much different second as the Rams turned the screw.

Six minutes after the restart McGuinness threw himself in harm's way again, blocking Marcus Harness' close range shot. On 58 minutes County came even closer. Yates found space in the box but could not beat Kaminski with the Town stopper spreading himself to parry. The ball was still not safe, however, and McGuinness was on hand to keep it 1-0 as his goal-line clearance prevented Kayden Jackson's follow-up.

It was all the Rams, and you felt it was only a matter of time before another chance would fall the home side's way yet the Town stood tall.

With 10 minutes left, there were hearts in mouths when Jackson pulled the trigger from close range – but Kaminski stuck out a boot to divert the ball to safety.

Kaminski came to the Town's rescue with five to play, bravely pouncing on the loose ball from six yards with Harness lurking for a late leveller but that was the closest the Rams came to an equaliser and the sound of the final whistle was met with jubilation, relief and pride.



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Aasgaard 49'
Morris 59'
Jones 72'



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Tanner 52'

It was a happy Easter for the Hatters as they followed up their vital Good Friday win at Derby by recording their first back-to-back victories since September to strengthen their chances of Championship survival.

It came after an even first half in which both sides had opportunities to open the scoring. Liam Walsh, who orchestrated proceedings throughout, danced into the box to warm the palms of Robins goalkeeper Max O'Leary on 10 minutes.

Eight minutes later, Thelo Aasgaard came close – not that the Norwegian international knew much about it. City's Cameron Pring's clearance struck Aasgaard six yards out but, with the ball flying goalwards, O'Leary clawed the ball away brilliantly to keep it goalless.

The visitors, arriving in fifth place in the table, came close when Nahki Wells rolled a shot wide on 29 minutes but in truth it was the Town enjoying the better of the play.

Aasgaard wasn't a million miles away from perfecting a 22-yard free-kick when his effort curled inches over the crossbar three minutes before half-time as the Hatters continued to push for the breakthrough.

However, the midfielder didn't have to wait long to break the deadlock when he fired the Town in front four minutes after the restart. The Hatters appealed for a foul on Millenic Alli after he was clattered in the box by O'Leary, but the ball fell to Aasgaard on the edge of the box and he fizzed a low shot that skimmed off the wet turf and under O'Leary.

Ahead, the lead did not last. City responded three minutes later with a fine strike of their own. Teden Mengi's headed clearance found George Tanner on the edge of the box, and the Robins' defender arrowed a beautiful volley into the bottom corner of the net to make it 1-1.

The lead was restored seven minutes later when Walsh hung a right-wing corner into the box, Mengi and Christ Makosso nudged the ball into the path of Morris and the captain was on hand to finish well from close range.

Back in front, the Town then needed Thomas Kaminski for the first time of the afternoon to keep out another equaliser when Tanner's back-post shot was stopped by the goalkeeper before the City scorer blazed the rebound into row Z of the Kenny end.

With heart-rates raised every time the visitors attacked, the home crowd's nerves were settled on 72 minutes when Isaiah Jones made it 3-1. The ball broke loose for the wing-back after it had run behind Alli and the former Middlesbrough man fired a wonderful finish past O'Leary.

As time ticked down the Hatters had the luxury of a two-goal cushion and Kaminski was only tested once more when substitute George Earthy stung the palms of the goalkeeper in the final minute.

Four added minutes came and went without incident before the Town were able to celebrate a massive three points in their quest for another season in the Championship.

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Reflo, the sustainable performancewear brand, has been announced as the Official Teamwear Partner of Luton Town FC in a landmark deal that will change the sportswear game, for good.

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Gary Sweet, Chairman of Luton Town FC:

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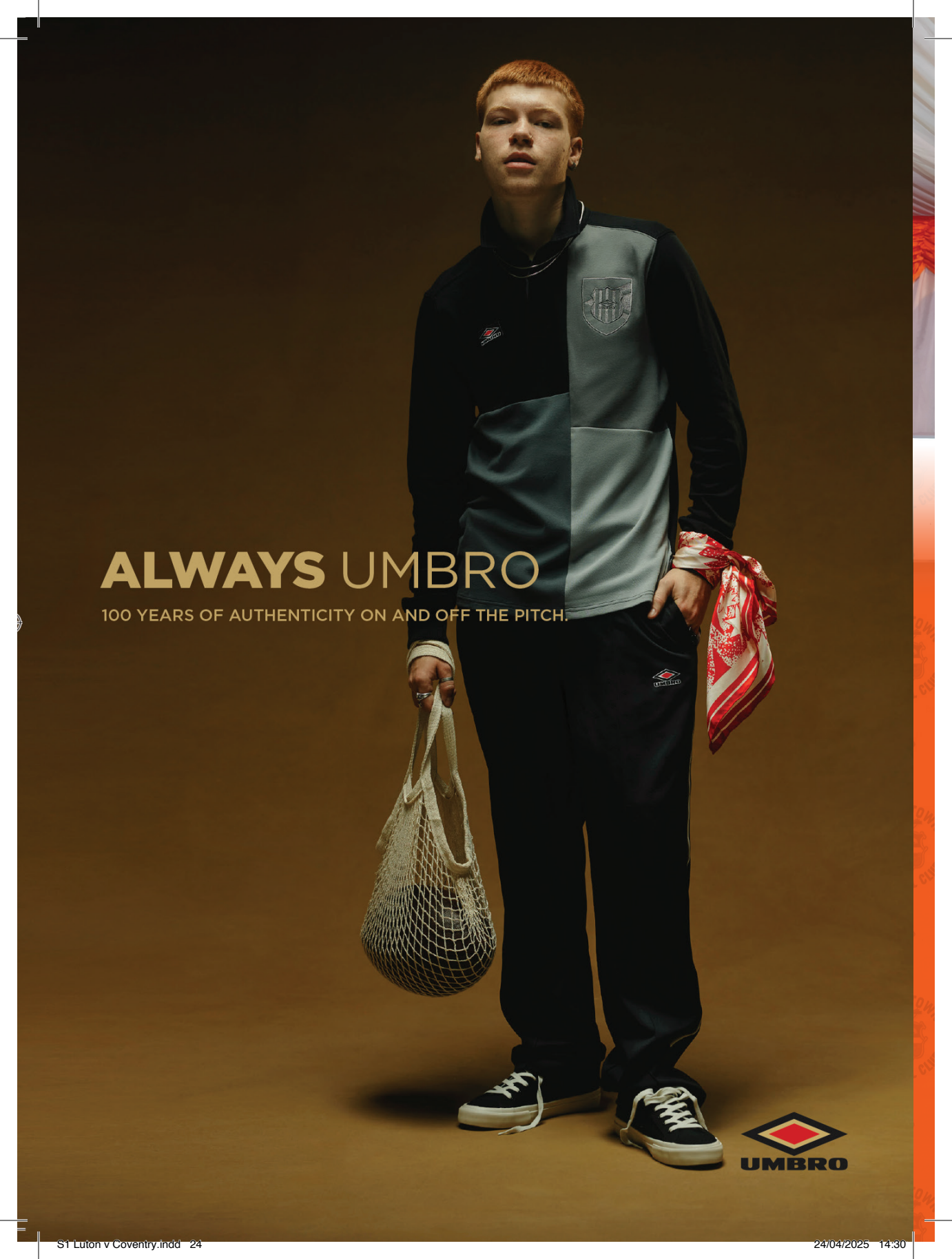
Helen Gatward, Luton Town Supporters' Trust board member, said: "It's been amazing to be part of the selection and design process on behalf of Hatters supporters. To be involved right from the concept and design has been really rewarding, and we look forward to watching our

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As we welcome Reflo to Kenilworth Road, we bid farewell to our friends at Umbro, whose famous double diamond logo we have proudly worn on our chests for the past five seasons.

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CLICKER WINS BIG!

Midfielder scoops accolades at end-of-season awards night

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Jordan Clark was the big winner at the Luton Town Supporters' Trust awards night, scooping four trophies.

The 31-year-old's performances this season in the heart of the Hatters' midfield have not gone unnoticed by fans or his teammates, as he picked up the big double of the player of the year and players' player awards.

His stunning equaliser at Cardiff in March also earned him the goal of the season prize. Clicker also proved a hit with the Trust's younger fans, as he was named the junior supporters' player of season.

Other winners on the night included goalkeeper Thomas

Kaminski, who won the Ian Pearce Memorial Trophy – the prize given to the player who received the most man-of-the-match awards in the Luton News. Thomas also won the Bobbers Travel Club away player of the season.

Sadly Thomas was not able to collect the awards in person, as he had returned home to Belgium to be with his family following the death of his father, Jacek. The love and thoughts of all present on the night – and everyone at the club – are with Thomas and his family at this difficult time.

Another player who picked up two awards on the night was Christ

Makosso. The 20-year-old, who arrived from RWD Molenbeek in January, was named the SoLYD young player of the season.

And the defender's impact on the first team saw him recognised as the Trust's signing of the season.

Finally, outgoing Trust chair Tony Murray was honoured as he received the Trust's outstanding contribution award, the Kevin Catlin Memorial Trophy, for his work that had seen him dedicate 20 years of service to the Trust.

LTST Player of the season: Jordan Clark

Players' player: Jordan Clark

Goal of the season: Jordan Clark v Cardiff

LTST Junior supporters' player of the season: Jordan Clark

SOLYD Young player of the year: Christ Makosso

LTST Signing of the season: Christ Makosso

Bobbers Travel away player of the season: Thomas Kaminski

Ian Pearce Memorial Trophy: Thomas Kaminski

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WELCOME



The Sky Blues are in town as the Hatters face off against Coventry City at Kenilworth Road today.

Frank Lampard's side are currently sat just inside the play-offs after a resurgence with Lampard at the helm.

Coventry had a poor start to the season under Mark Robins and he was replaced with Lampard in November.

Under the former England international and Chelsea legend, the Sky Blues have turned their season around and are now on a proper play-off push.

As it stands, City are currently battling Bristol City, Middlesbrough, Millwall, Blackburn and West Brom for two remaining play-off spots.

Last time out, the Sky Blues travelled to Home Park to face Plymouth. Argyle ran out 3-1 winners which saw Coventry miss out on a big chance to solidify their top six credentials.

Mustapha Bundo ran the show for Argyle as he bagged two goals and an assist to keep Argyle alive and kicking. Results elsewhere were relatively kind for Coventry and they go into today's game with a three-point buffer over Middlesbrough in seventh place and Millwall in eighth.

City fans in the Oak Road end will be hoping for a repeat of the last meeting between the two sides back in October when the Sky Blues came from 2-0 down to win 3-2.

However, the Hatters have enjoyed the recent meetings on Bedfordshire soil. Since 1990 the Town have won seven of the 11 games at Kenilworth Road, including two of the last three – including a 5-0 win in September 2021.

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



POSTION

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THE SQUAD



- 1 GK Oliver Dovin
- 2 DF Luis Binks
- 3 DF Jay Dasilva
- 4 DF Bobby Thomas
- 5 MF Jack Rudoni
- 6 MF Matt Grimes
- 7 MF Tatsuhiro Sakamoto
- 8 MF Jamie Allen
- 9 FW Ellis Simms
- 10 FW Ephron Mason-Clark
- 11 FW Haji Wright
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- 32 DF Jack Burroughs
- 36 MF Ryan Howley
- 37 FW Norman Bassette
- 40 GK Bradley Collins

PROFILES

Words by Zac Neal

THE BOSS

FRANK LAMPARD

Former Chelsea and England legend back in management with Coventry. Has turned the Sky Blues' season around and kick-started their playoff push.

GOALKEEPER

BRAD COLLINS

28-year-old shot stopper who spent most of his career at Barnsley before moving to Coventry in July 2023.

DEFENDERS

LIAM KITCHING

Another former Barnsley man who signed for the Sky Blues in September 2023. Has been a regular starter in the team since early January.

JAY DASILVA ▼

Former Hatters academy graduate and now Welsh international with plenty of Championship experience. Previously on the books at Bristol City.



JOEL LATIBEAUDIERE

A key part of the Jamaican national team who came through the Manchester City academy before making his name at Swansea and now Coventry.

JAKE BIDWELL

Experienced player in the Championship who has spent several years in the second tier. Played for the likes of Brentford, Brentford, QPR and Swansea.

MILAN VAN EWIJK

Dutch left-back who made the move to the Midlands in 2023 from Heerenveen. Has featured in every league game for the Sky Blues this season.

MIDFIELDERS

MATT GRIMES

Former Swansea man who left the Jacks in January for Coventry. Scored for the Sky Blues in their recent 2-0 victory against West Brom.

JAMIE ALLEN

Experienced central midfielder who has made over 170 appearances for City. Started in the Championship play-off final against the Hatters in 2023.

JACK RUDONI

Young attacker who began his career with AFC Wimbledon. Has an impressive 20 goal contributions in all competitions this season for Coventry.

JAMIE PATERSON

Boyhood Coventry fan who made the move to the CBS Arena in January this year from Crown Legacy FC. Scored his first goal in Coventry colours in the 1-0 win over Portsmouth.



BEN SHEAF

Arsenal academy product who has been a regular in the City side since joining in 2020. Has now made over 150 appearances for the Sky Blues.

FORWARDS

ELLIS SIMMS

Featured in every Championship game for Coventry last season and has scored 26 goals in 92 games in all competitions for City.

HAJI WRIGHT ▲

American international who signed for Coventry from Antalyaspor in 2023. Scored in the recent 3-1 defeat against Plymouth.

TATSUHIRO

SAKAMOTO

Japanese winger who has been vital for the Sky Blues over the past two seasons. Scored the winner for Coventry in their 3-2 win against Oxford last month.

BRANDON

THOMAS-ASANTE

Former Salford City, Milton Keynes and West Brom striker who signed for Coventry at the start of the season.

SKY BLUES KITBAG



HOME 1997/98

City's colours have given them a distinct edge in terms of kit design over the years. Sky blue, dark blue and white have all been used to varying degrees of success. Stripes, or no stripes that is the question? How about this one from 1997/98? They blessed the top-flight in this Le Coq Sportif number that featured a big, firm collar, chequered trim and a massive version of their crest slap-bang in the middle.

A FOOT IN BOTH



TREVOR PEAKE

Defender Trevor holds the record as the oldest player in the Hatters history when turning out against Wrexham in 1997 at the age of 40 years 222 days. He started at Lincoln before moving to Coventry in 1983 where his displays at centre-half earned him legendary status plus an FA Cup winners medal in 1987. When Town manager David Pleat was looking for an experienced head in his young side, he turned to Trevor, who went on to play 179 league games for the Town, picking up several Player of the Year awards along the way.

COVENTRY CULT HERO

Steve Ogrizovic, known lovingly as 'Oggy' to generations of City fans, is the Sky Blues' definitive cult hero.

Joining from Shrewsbury Town in 1984, the goalkeeper went on to become a Sky Blues icon over an incredible 16-year spell, amassing over 600 appearances – more than any other player in Coventry's history.

Standing tall between the posts with a calm presence, his crowning moment came in the 1987 FA Cup Final, where his

performance helped City secure a historic 3-2 win over Tottenham – still the club's only major trophy.

But it wasn't just about trophies. 'Oggy' stayed loyal through the Premier League years and beyond, often resisting moves away to stay with the club he had come to embody.

His humility, connection with fans and ability to deliver when it mattered made him more than just a great goalkeeper.

Even after retiring as a player, he stayed on

as coach and mentor, underlining a lifelong commitment to the club. For many Sky Blues fans, he is Coventry City.



FIXTURE FLASHBACK

COVENTRY 1-1 TOWN (5-6 on pens) 27th MAY 2023

It would be remiss of us not to look back on one of our greatest ever days when, under the Wembley arch, we saw off Coventry on penalties to win promotion to the Premier League.

Having seen off Sunderland in the semi-final the Hatters met a Coventry side who had beaten Middlesbrough at the Riverside.

After suffering the shock of losing captain Tom Lockyer in the opening minutes, the Hatters took

the lead in the first half through Jordan Clark, who finished well after taking Elijah Adebayo's pass.

But City grew into the game and equalised in the second half through Gustavo Hamer, who placed a low shot past Ethan Horvath.

After Hamer went off injured, the Town regained the ascendancy and had chances to win the game in extra-time and were denied a winner when Joe Taylor's

goal was ruled out by VAR for handball.

That led to penalties. Carlton Morris, Taylor, Marvelous Nakamba, Clark, Luke Berry and Dan Potts all scored for the Town to put them 6-5 in front as the nerves jangled around Wembley.

The crucial moment came when Fankaty Dabo blazed his penalty over the crossbar and with that one kick of the football the Hatters were celebrating promotion to the Premier League.





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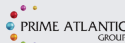
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At our last home game against Bristol City, Thelo Aasgaard was named man-of-the-match and the midfielder received his trophy post-match in the Eric Morecambe Suite.

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

Today we have the pleasure of welcoming guests from our match sponsors Toureen Group who will get the full VIP treatment as we entertain Coventry for our final home game of the season.

We also have three mascots with us this afternoon, and the lucky trio will 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 with our final home game here, a big thank you to all of our sponsors and partners for the support throughout this season.

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1	Leeds	44	27	13	4	89	29	60	94
2	Burnley	44	26	16	2	61	15	46	94
3	Sheff Utd	44	27	7	10	60	35	25	86
4	Sunderland	44	21	13	10	58	41	17	76
5	Bristol City	44	17	16	11	57	49	8	67
6	Coventry	44	19	9	16	62	57	5	66
7	Middlesbrough	44	18	9	17	64	54	10	63
8	Millwall	44	17	12	15	45	46	-1	63
9	Blackburn	44	18	8	18	50	46	4	62
10	West Brom	44	14	18	12	52	44	8	60
11	Swansea	44	17	9	18	48	52	-4	60
12	Watford	44	16	8	20	51	58	-7	56
13	Sheff Wed	44	15	11	18	58	67	-9	56
14	Norwich	44	13	14	17	67	66	1	53
15	QPR	44	13	14	17	52	58	-6	53
16	Portsmouth	44	14	10	20	56	69	-13	52
17	Stoke	44	12	14	18	45	60	-15	50
18	Preston North End	44	10	19	15	45	55	-10	49
19	Oxford Utd	44	12	13	19	44	62	-18	49
20	Hull	44	12	12	20	43	52	-9	48
21	Derby	44	12	10	22	47	56	-9	46
22	Luton	44	12	10	22	41	64	-23	46
23	Cardiff	44	9	16	19	46	69	-23	43
24	Plymouth	44	10	13	21	48	85	-37	43

PLAYER STATISTICS

PLAYER	LEAGUE			THIS SEASON CUP			TOTAL			DISCIPLINARY		LIFECAREER TOTAL	
	APP	SUB	GLS	APP	SUB	GLS	APP	SUB	GLS	YELLOW	RED	APP	GLS
Thelo Aasgaard	15	0	2	0	0	0	15	0	2	0	0	15	2
Elijah Adebayo	31	8	5	1	1	0	32	9	5	1	0	182	47
Millenic Ali	4	10	2	0	0	0	4	10	2	1	0	14	2
Mads Andersen	5	3	0	0	1	0	5	4	0	3	0	19	1
Shandon Baptiste	7	8	0	0	1	0	7	9	0	2	0	16	0
Amari'i Bell	29	0	0	2	0	0	31	0	0	1	0	155	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	5	0	1	0	0	11	5	0	4	0	99	4
Tahith Chong	24	4	2	1	0	0	25	4	2	5	0	67	7
Jordan Clark	36	2	5	1	1	0	37	3	5	9	0	177	17
Alfie Doughty	25	1	1	1	0	0	26	1	1	5	0	105	6
Lamine Fanne	5	5	0	1	0	0	6	5	0	1	0	11	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	14	1	2	1	0	0	15	1	2	3	0	16	2
Thomas Kaminski	43	0	0	2	0	0	45	0	0	3	1	83	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	10	1	0	0	0	0	10	1	0	0	0	11	0
Mark McGuinness	39	2	3	1	0	0	40	2	3	4	0	42	3
Teden Mengi	15	3	1	0	0	0	15	3	1	3	0	53	2
Carlton Morris	35	4	8	2	0	0	37	4	8	9	0	135	39
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	5	3	0	0	0	0	5	3	0	0	1	76	4
Marvelous Nakamba	15	6	0	2	0	0	17	6	0	2	0	57	0
Zack Nelson	7	14	0	2	0	1	9	14	1	4	0	25	1
Lasse Nordas	2	7	0	0	0	0	2	7	0	0	0	9	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	16	8	0	1	1	0	17	9	0	2	2	26	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

TODAY'S FIXTURES

LAST NIGHT

Stoke City v Sunderland

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QPR v Burnley

3pm

Blackburn Rovers v Watford

Cardiff City v West Brom

Hull City v Derby County

Middlesbrough v Norwich City

Millwall v Swansea City

Oxford United v Sunderland

Preston NE v Plymouth Argyle

Sheffield Wed v Portsmouth



SHOTS ON TARGET

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Leeds United 245

Middlesbrough 205

Coventry City 195

Bristol City 186

Sunderland 185



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1. Name all six players – in order – who scored the Hatters' penalties in the play-off final shootout.
2. When the Town beat Coventry 5-0 in September 2021, what was the score at half-time?
3. In which year did Coventry win the FA Cup?
4. Which two managers in the Championship left their jobs after the Easter Monday games?

5. Which team used to play at Highfield Road?
6. How many games in succession at Kenilworth Road have the Hatters now beaten Bristol City?
7. Who scored our first goal of the season?
8. Which team has brought the most amount of away supporters to Kenilworth Road this season?
9. How many of our goals have been scored by substitutes this season?
10. In which game this season did we not use any substitutes?
11. Name all four of the teams left in the Europa Conference League.
12. Which men's team are currently top of the official FIFA world rankings?
13. Which former player scored a Premier League hat-trick but ended his career with just four goals to his name?

14. Which player scored the most Premier League goals (149) without scoring a penalty?
15. Which player won the Scottish Premier League title in 2015 and then the Premier League in 2020?



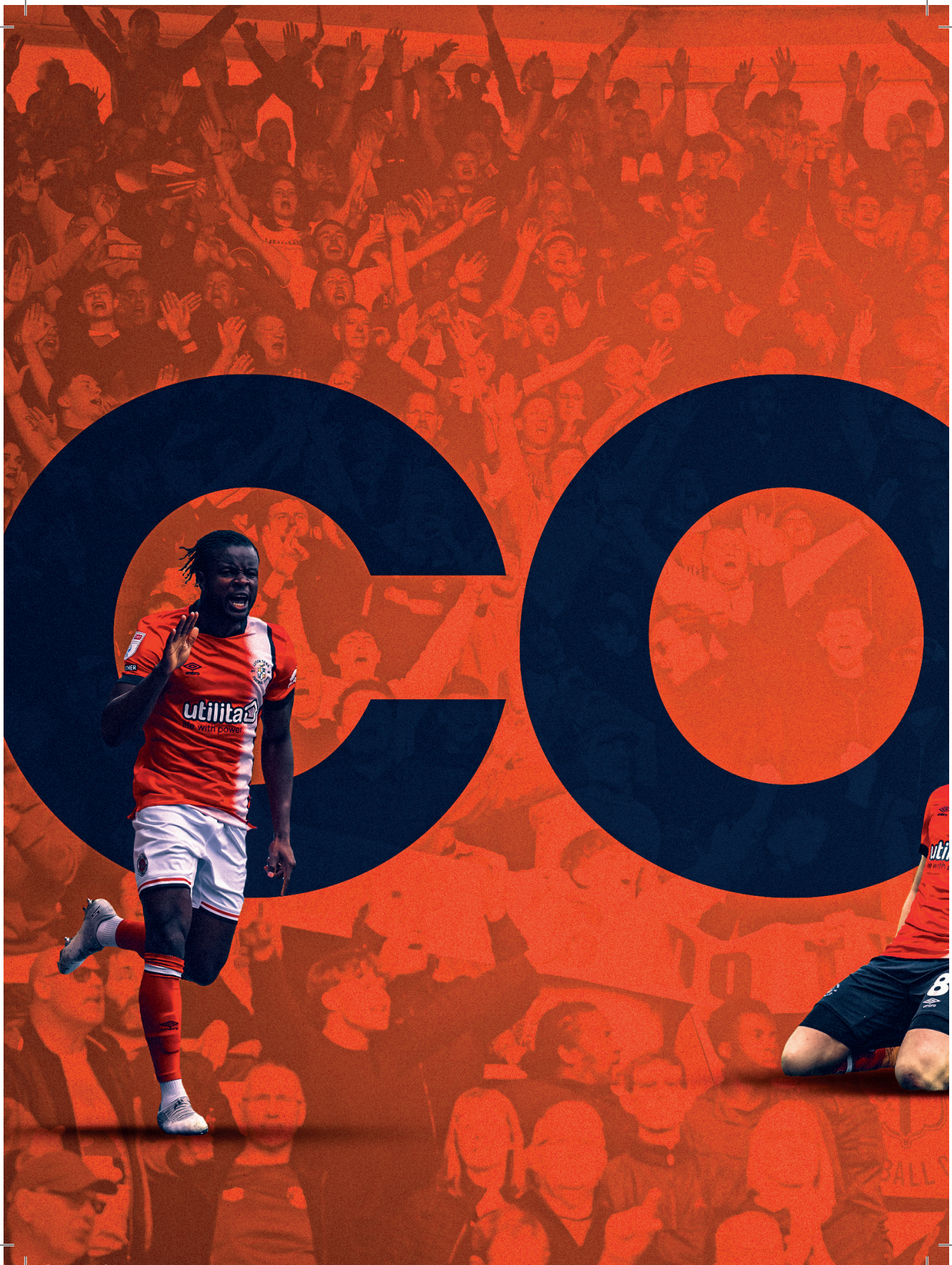
HOW DID YOU SCORE?

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 PITTS. Room for improvement but at least it's not minus 30.

ANSWERS: 1 Morris, Taylor, Nakamba, Clark, Berry, Potts 2 4-0 3 1987 4 Johannes Hoff Thorup and Tony Mowbray 5 Coventry 6 Eight times 7 Taihith Chong 8 West Brom 9 Seven 10 Stoke at home 11 Betis, Fiorentina, Chelsea and Djurgarden 12 Argentina 13 Freddie Bobic 14 Les Ferdinand 15 Virgil van Dijk.







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BILLY WAUGH - A SPORTING LIFE

On 26th March 1949 Billy Waugh lined up to play West Ham United at Kenilworth Road. He could have been forgiven for being somewhat distracted.

He had married his sweetheart Eileen that morning and, with his new bride watching from the stand, the pair would have to rush off at the game's end for the wedding reception which was to be held above a music shop on Upper George Street.

Billy was born near Edinburgh in 1921 and played for various junior teams in Scotland in the 1930s. He came to the attention of Town's scouts while in the RAF and stationed at Bicester, initially guesting in wartime football and then joining permanently at the end of hostilities. He made his competitive debut in the two-legged FA Cup tie against Derby in January 1946.

They would prove to be the first of his 147 appearances, with no one appearing more often for the Town in the 1940s and with the winger becoming the



Billy flies in against his future employers QPR at Kenilworth Road in January 1950

first player to reach 100 games in a Luton shirt post-war. He appeared in one of Kenilworth Road's most famous games in November 1946, his header starting the comeback in the remarkable 4-3 win against Newcastle after the Hatters had trailed 3-0 at half-time.

Anyone who saw him would likely comment on his immense pace. It led to him being nicknamed 'The Rabbit', 'Twinkletoes' and 'Wolfie', and while not a regular goalscorer, he was a creator of chances, most notably for Town's prolific forward Hugh Billington.

However, a falling out with manager Dally Duncan saw him leave against his will for QPR in 1950, where he would make 76 league appearances over three seasons before moving onto Bournemouth and then a host of non-league sides, including Bedford Town.

He had lived with Eileen in Biscot Road after they'd married and returned to Luton when he retired from the game, buying a house in Humberstone Road and working at Electrolux for 30 years. His passion for sport continued throughout his life, and in his role as sporting

secretary, it was said that any new recruit to the firm with rumoured footballing ability could expect to meet Billy on their first day, along with an offer to appear for the company's team!

Billy was a guest at Kenilworth Road for the ground's centenary in 2005. In later life he moved to Felixstowe to be closer to family, and it was there that Billy passed away in 2009 on his 60th wedding anniversary, with Eileen, who had watched him from the stands all those years ago, by his side.

Will Foster

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THROUGH THE ARCHIVES

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

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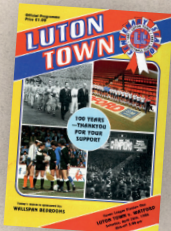
1. Bobby Brennan tries to force his way through the Coventry defence during the 2-0 win at Kenilworth Road in May 1949
2. Ray Daniel bangs in the decisive second goal in the 2-0 home victory against the Sky Blues on Boxing Day 1984
3. Rowan Vine sides-feets in the second goal as the Town dispose of Coventry 3-1 at Kenilworth Road in December 2006
4. Jordan Clark nets the opening goal in the play-off final at Wembley two years ago



ON THIS DAY

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

Mick Harford hit a hat-trick as the Hatters ended the 1985/86 on a high as they beat local rivals Watford 3-2 in a ding-dong top-flight clash on this day 39 years ago.



The striker took his tally for the season to 25 for the season with a chip, a tap-in and a volley as the Town secured a fine victory over the Hornets.

After David Preece shot narrowly over the bar in the second minute, Harford had the Town in front eight minutes later. Brian Stein sent his strike partner through and the centre-forward sent a delightful chip over Tony Coton from 15 yards.

On the half-hour the Town doubled their lead. Emeka Nwajiobi was the architect, wriggling through the Watford backline to cross for Big Mick to tap home unmarked at the back post.

The Hatters spurned chances to go further ahead, Steve Foster, Stein and Nwajiobi all going close to making it 3-0 before half-time.

After the break the Town continued to press but the visitors pulled a goal back when Mitchell Thomas handled in the box and Kenny Jackett converted from the spot.

But any hopes of a Hornets comeback were well and truly extinguished in emphatic style when Harford completed his hat-trick with 15 minutes left with a stunning volley.

The Hornets pulled a second goal back shortly after but the Town hung on well to end the First Division season in ninth place, seven points and three places above their rivals in the table.





ALSO ON THIS DAY...

The first time the Town played on 26th April came in 1899 when they went down 2-1 at home to Kettering in the United League... The Town beat Watford in Division Three (South) in 1933... The biggest margin of success came in a 4-1 win over Charlton at Kenilworth Road in 1961... In more recent history the Town's sole away win on this day in the history books came with a 1-0 win at Peterborough in 1997 thanks to an Andrew Fotiadis goal (pictured below)... The last time we played on this day came with our last match in the Conference when an Alex Wall winner earned a 1-0 victory at Hyde.



2004/05
history

Champions!

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

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



Kevin Nicholls salutes the crowd after his piledriver at Doncaster

The first part of the Town's mission had now been achieved. The title had been secured following the 2-1 win at Wrexham and, with two games to go, the target was now to get to 100 points.

Next up was the visit of Brentford to Kenilworth Road. The Bees had beaten the Hatters twice during the season – a feisty 2-0 defeat at Griffin Park and a 2-0 reverse at Kenilworth Road in the FA Cup – so we owed them one!

In a carnival atmosphere, Brentford, who needed points themselves as they were just outside the play-offs, looked to spoil the party but it was the Town who set the ball rolling with a goal after only five minutes when Ahmet Brkovic stroked the ball home after being set up by Paul Underwood.

Back came a physical Brentford with a volley of high balls into the Luton area leading to a leveller on 20 minutes when Sam Sodje headed home at the far post after an aerial onslaught.

Five minutes later matters took another turn for the worse. Bees defender Michael Turner was allowed space to run forward with the ball unopposed until he got to the edge of the area where he squared it to Deon Burton who made no mistake.



Enoch Showunmi heads in the decisive third goal against Brentford

From then on the Town battered the Brentford defence which was forced back and, although there were some close calls, the game was drifting towards a rare home defeat until, with ten minutes to go, a lifeline was offered.

Steve Howard, not for the first time, won a header in the area nodding it down to Steve Robinson who was hacked down by Turner for a stonewall penalty. Skipper Kevin Nicholls kept his cool and smacked the ball home from the spot to set up a frantic finale.

The game had entered the final minute when substitute Enoch Showunmi won a corner which was taken by Robinson who flighted it perfectly for the big forward to nod home from close range.

The icing on the cake came seconds later when a Rowan Vine cross was pulled back to Robinson who side footed the ball home and with it sealed a famous victory.

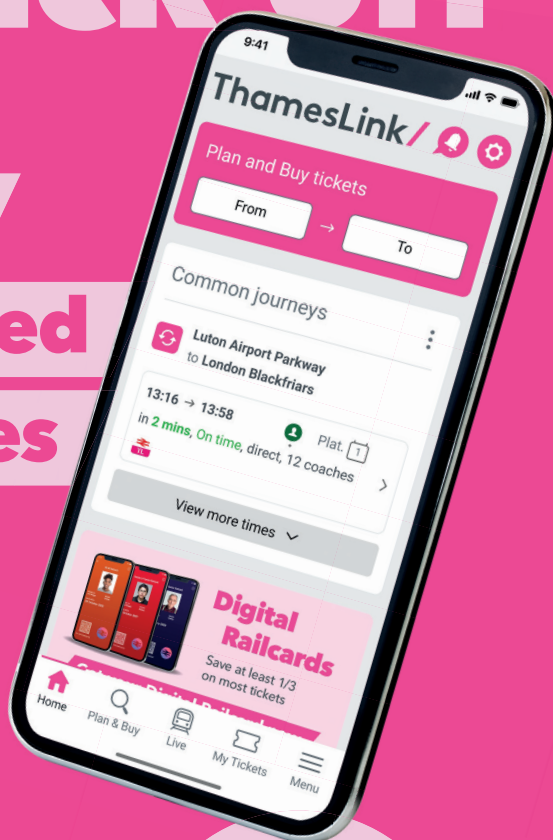
The final whistle signalled a crowd invasion which took some time to clear before the trophy could

be presented. In the meantime, Brentford manager Martin Allen left the pitch to what became a famous song. He had to take it in good part even more so when his sons installed it on their phones as ringtones!

The final game of the season was at Doncaster who had just missed out on the play-offs after their first season back in League One. The Hatters swiftly sold their allocation of 3,500 tickets for the old Belle Vue ground to make it yet another party on the terraces. >>

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Doncaster had not read the script though and set about the Town from the off and took the lead in the first minute when James Coppinger crossed for Lewis Guy to fire past Dino Seremet, deputising in the Luton goal for Marlon Beresford who was now in hospital for a long-awaited operation.

The game then proceeded to become like a basketball match with the ball flying from end to end in extremely windy conditions. Former Hatter Michael McIndoe twice fired wide from good positions before Russell Perrett headed in for the Town from close range on 32 minutes.

Four minutes later the Hatters took the lead when Howard charged down a clearance from Doncaster goalkeeper Iain Turner before rolling the ball into an empty net.

The open nature of the game continued with Doncaster equalising on 51 minutes when a clearance from Seremet blew back into the box to Leo Fortune-West whose cross was headed into his own net by Robinson.

The fun wasn't over though with Doncaster hitting the woodwork before Nicholls fired in a 30-yard shot against the wind that suddenly flew into the top corner. Doncaster drew level once more shortly

afterwards with Guy firing in his second goal of the game before the referee blew to signal the end of a breathless game and a momentous season.

The following day an open-top bus took the players and staff through the streets of the town to finish up at the Town Hall where thousands greeted the returning heroes before preparing for the Championship.

The Town fell short of the 100-point target but the 98 attained still represented a club record. Twenty-nine wins and only six defeats with a goal difference of plus 39 made it a season to remain forever lodged in the memory.



Champions of
League One
2004/05



Skipper Kevin Nicholls shows off the trophy to the Kenilworth Road crowd

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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.

Cast your minds back to the wonderful 2017/18 season. We were in League Two, scoring goals for fun and tearing the league apart with a lovely style of attacking football under Nathan Jones.

The shirt followed a similar template to the home one, but with noticeable differences. We were in our second season with Puma for the 2017/18 season and boy did they deliver on this away shirt. Sponsored again by car

manufacturer SsangYong, this navy blue and purple combination looks fantastic.

With a subtle orange trim on the cuff of the sleeves, and a white pattern going from the main collar, nearly all the way down sleeves (only stopping for the EFL sleeve patches and Puma logo), it all works and is very underrated.

The material for this was very light, and quite tight-fitting compared to the home shirt. The

sleeves felt short and the fit quite snug! We also had the opportunity to purchase this in long sleeves.

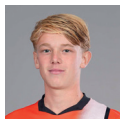
This shirt needed to wait until September of that season to make its debut – a 0-0 away draw with Lincoln City. Its next outing, in November 2017, against promotion rivals Accrington Stanley, resulted in a 2-0 win for the Hatters, with iconic strike force James Collins and Super Danny Hylton on target.

A 4-1 win away to Exeter was the next appearance for this beauty, and we also had the 5-0 win away at Swindon on Boxing Day and a 1-1 draw with neighbours Stevenage in this shirt.

Its final performance came away to Yeovil Town in a 3-0 win in April 2018. Goals from Elliot Lee, and two from Danny Hylton saw us come away from the long trip with three points and one step closer to League One.

ACADEMY SQUADS

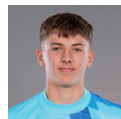
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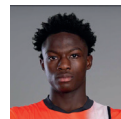
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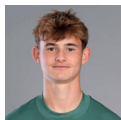
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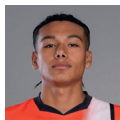
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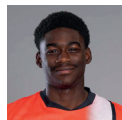
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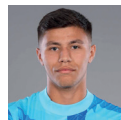
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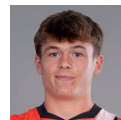
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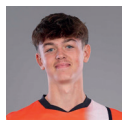
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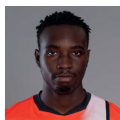
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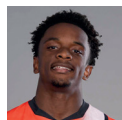
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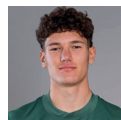
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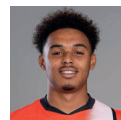
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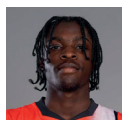
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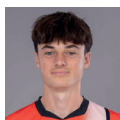
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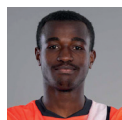
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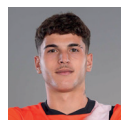
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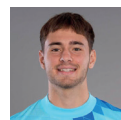
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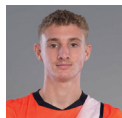
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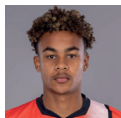
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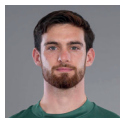
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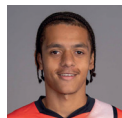
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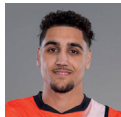
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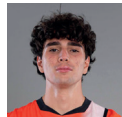
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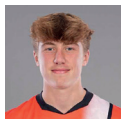
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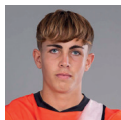
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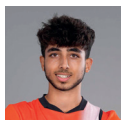
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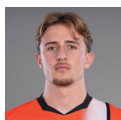
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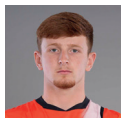
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THE YOUTH OF TODAY

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

Name... Oliver Lynch

Date of birth...
02/11/2004

Place of birth...
Milton Keynes

Position... Striker

Joined the academy... As an under-14

Previous clubs..
Tattenhoe,
Leighton Park
Rangers

Boots I'm wearing...
Adidas X

Earliest Luton Town memory...
Winning promotion from League Two when I was a season ticket holder

Coach who has impacted me the most... Paul Benson because he has helped me to develop as a player and has passed on his knowledge that he learnt playing as a striker throughout his career

Football memory that makes me smile...
Scoring a screamer away at Watford in the cup



Best moment of career so far... Being offered my first professional contract

I would be a better player if I... used my physical capabilities better and be more aggressive

Dream squad number... 9

Player used to be in the playground...
Ronaldo

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

If I could play with one player it would be...
Kevin De Bruyne

Favourite film...
Transformers

Favourite food... Mango

Favourite training drill... Finishing

Favourite school subject other than PE... Geography

Hobbies outside of football... Golf

Tell us something we don't know about you... I'm related to the Bee Gees

I am... A very athletic, tall striker who can do a bit of everything





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LTFC ACADEMY

ACADEMY UPDATE

WITH PAUL BENSON

Good afternoon, everyone and welcome to the Kenny as the curtain closes on another season.

As always, the season has been full of ups and downs, and this has been no different within the Academy this year.

Unlike the first team environment, Academy life is never purely judged on winning and losing. Development is a key word used and there have been some major signs of development that have taken place through the year both on and off the pitch.

Off the pitch we have improved our facilities with new offices for staff, alongside new changing rooms and classrooms for our players. A massive thank you goes to the Board for their continual investment and support for the Academy, which is now starting to pay dividends.

This leads me nicely onto the successes in development on the pitch. Zack Nelson and Joe Johnson are the visible successes with their appearances this season for our first team. At the time of writing they have had 1,409 minutes

of action between them this season, the highest level Academy graduates have managed to achieve since 2018/19 when graduate James Justin contributed 52 appearances the season we gained promotion to the Championship.

Other development successes this season have come in the way of Joshua Phillips making his first team debut as a late substitute in the away fixture at Bristol City and Jayden Luker with 26 appearances for Grimsby Town in League. Jayden is another player we hope will follow

Zack, Joe and Joshua in representing our first team in the near future.

On the field, our Under-21 group has developed this season under the wonderful guidance of Alex Lawless, achieving progression from the group stages of the Premier League Cup with notable victories over Category 1 academies Brighton and Reading.

The Under-18s, brilliantly led by Joe Deeney, secured a third League championship in a row and our Under-17s have a Professional Development League Cup Final against

Swansea City to look forward to on the 4th May.

It would be remiss of me not to use this opportunity to thank the staff and players at the Academy for all their hard work and commitment this season. Being involved in football, whatever the role, can be brutal at times and the effort it takes to do it right can take its toll. I'd be the first to admit I run a tight ship, so it's only right that I acknowledge how much I value the staff and the job they do to help produce players that you, our supporters, can cheer on from the sidelines! There's nothing better than having 'one of your own' to encourage from the stands!

Turning attention to this afternoon's game, you can't think of our opponents without being taken back to that magical day in May 2023. It was one of the biggest

games in the club's history, and what a day it was.

As fate would have it, today's game against Coventry also holds a major significance in our history. A win today, like we achieved in the play-off final, would be a massive boost in our quest for survival in the Championship.

When I think of Luton great escapes, I think of the classic game against another side who play in Sky Blue. I'd love nothing more than to see the gaffer striding across the Kenilworth Road turf, Pleat-like, following a win for the lads today.

Everyone at the Academy is fully behind Matt and his staff and hoping we can achieve all three points this afternoon!

Come on you Hatters!

Benno

Paul Benson

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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HE'S ONE OF OUR OWN!

DAVID OLDFIELD

Although born in Australia, David moved to England as a youngster before being spotted by Luton's John Moore leading to his signing of professional forms for the Hatters in May 1986.

David came to the fore during the 1987/88 campaign, netting twice in a Simod Cup tie at Everton and then scoring the equaliser in a 1-1 draw at Anfield.

An unorthodox running style, deceptive pace and the ability to strike from deep led to big money bids being received, with a £600,000 offer from Manchester City in March 1989 too good to refuse for the England Under-21 international.

He only stayed a year at Maine Road before meeting up with his old mentor David Pleat at Leicester where he enjoyed five good years where he helped the Foxes win promotion to the Premier League in 1994.

However, in 1995 a £150,000 bid from Luton's Terry Westley which brought him back to Kenilworth Road where he would go on and play a further 140 league matches, scoring 24 times across three seasons.

He moved to Stoke in 1998 for two seasons and then Peterborough, where he was also a regular between 2000 and 2002.

Oldfield's final Football League appearances came for Oxford and was still turning out for Stafford Rangers as a 39-year-old before moving into coaching.

After caretaker spells in charge at Oxford and Peterborough, he managed further down the pyramid with spells as Brackley, Oxford City and Weymouth boss.

Having been in charge of Oxford United's youth team, Oldfield joined Exeter in January this year where he was appointed the Grecians' Under-18 lead coach.

APPEARANCES: 178

GOALS: 32

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On Wednesday 16th April, the Community Trust organised a Premier League Kicks inter-site tournament for participants who attend our weekly Premier League Kicks sessions in Bedford, Tithe Farm, North, South and East Luton.

Two squads of 11-14-year-olds per site played in a league format to ensure as many children and young people got as much game time as possible.

In total, over 50 youngsters attended and had a great time playing football and meeting each other and breaking down barriers between localities through sport.

As well as the football itself, we had a workshop carousel where those who attended heard from local providers on the services they offer. Bedfordshire Police's

Community Cohesion Team were on hand to provide information on community safety. The tournament was held at Beds FA's 3G pitch at Tithe Farm and PL Kicks (Lea Manor) from North Luton were the league winners and celebrated with a trophy whilst all participants left with a medal to celebrate their participation.

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.

If you want to know more about how you can get involved with our Premier League Kicks sessions, please email plkicks@lutontown.co.uk.

TALENT IDENTIFICATION PROGRAMME FOR APRIL AND MAY!

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

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

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

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

Our Football Development Manager, Alex Wallace, shared his thoughts on the programme:

"The TIPS programme is a brilliant opportunity for young players to develop their skills and build confidence. It's also a fantastic pathway for those aiming to progress into our elite squads."

We are excited to launch our upcoming TIPS programmes in Luton and Dunstable, starting the week commencing 24th February.

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LUTON TOWN LADIES

LADIES' RUN ENDED BY STEVENAGE

Hatters remain on course for promotion despite set-back against Boro

The Town Ladies saw their incredible streak of 16 successive league wins ended last weekend at the hands of Stevenage.

It was a slow start for both sides who failed to create any real goalscoring opportunities in the opening exchanges.

Twenty minutes in, Gemma Croucher tested Sarah Hudson in the Town goal from distance, but Luton's number 1 was able to get down low and hold onto the ball.

Chloe Gunn was next to take aim for the hosts, but her shot was curled wide of the post.

Five minutes before half-time, Jess McKay produced the best moment of the first-half for the Hatters. Her powerful strike from the edge of the area forced a good save from Reeves in the Stevenage goal.

The Town had another chance moments before the break when Ami Martins shifted the ball onto her right foot but could only drag her effort wide.



However, the Hatters fell behind 10 minutes into the second-half. Boro won the ball back just inside their own half, carved open the Hatters defence and it was Eva Delaney with the finish, netting her first senior Stevenage goal.

With 10 minutes to go, McKay, who had been heavily involved throughout the afternoon had another attempt on goal but once again Reeves was equal to her effort.

As the Hatters pushed for an equaliser in the closing stages, a McKay corner was headed narrowly over the bar by Tsaianne Leander.

The full-time whistle signalled the Ladies' first league defeat since August 2024 but they remain on track to win the title. With four games to play the Hatters remain top of the table, a point clear of Royston in second with a game in hand.

Wednesday's local derby against Watford

was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch but the Town face Bowers and Pitsea at Barton Rovers tomorrow at Sharpnho Road, kick-off 2pm.

Reporting by Owen Williams



THE TRUST INTERVIEWS...

For this final interview of the season we talked to Chris Clark who, after nine memorable years as club secretary is moving on to a new role at Liverpool. We asked Chris to reflect on his time at Kenilworth Road.

CHRIS CLARK Club Secretary



First of all, Chris, please tell us something about yourself and how you came to Luton.

After graduating from Uni with my degree in management and French I wanted to do something I enjoyed, and combine my love of sport with my career.

My first job was in motorsport, but I'm a football fan, and as club secretary is the highest role in the administration side of a football club, I decided that's the level I

would aim to get to.

I started at Charlton Athletic with an entry-level role as a training ground administrator but had a fantastic insight into the football side of a club. Then, with the introduction of the Elite Player Performance Programme (EPPP) in 2011 and youth football being redefined through the Academy system, I saw a route to the club secretary role, by following the player pathway – and I moved into their academy

department as the academy administrator, working with Paul Hart and Nathan Jones.

I then joined QPR, where I also started a Master's Degree in Sports Law. A club secretary role came up quickly at Stevenage and I moved there, earlier than expected, where I had an excellent grounding at first-team level. However, when the Luton position became available in 2016, I believed in the club's potential to be at Championship-level, even though both clubs were in League Two at the time. Little did I know what an amazing and rewarding nine years were to follow!

Could you tell us a little bit about what your role as club secretary involves?

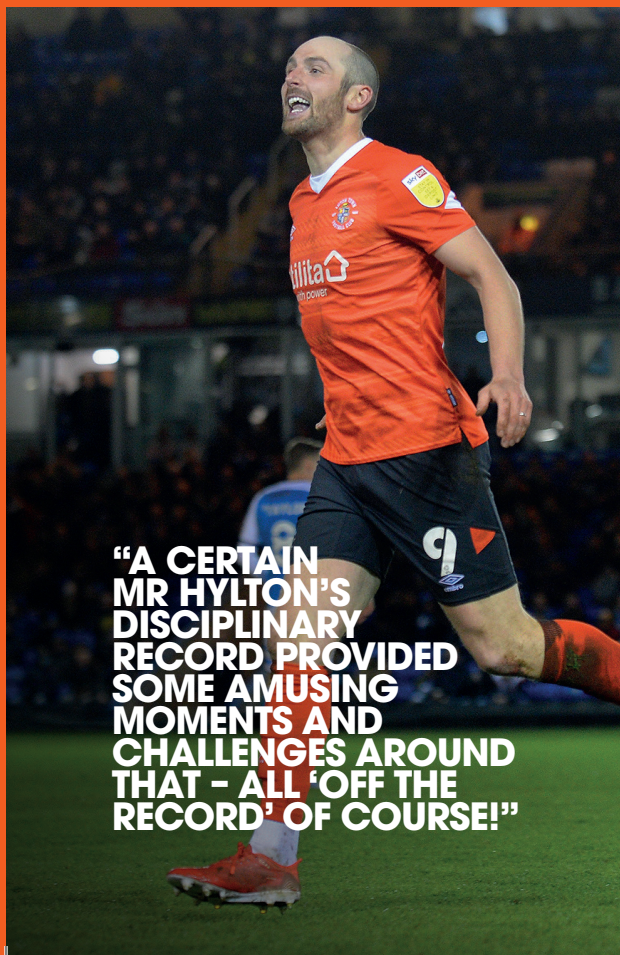
It has evolved over the years and up the leagues, bringing more complexities and new challenges, but I'm a football administrator and the core functions of the role are typically player registrations and fixture management and/or operations.

It's very much on the football side of the club but often crosses over into other departments. The club secretary

is responsible for compliance and a guardian of the club, and as we've seen, non-compliance can lead to points deductions and financial penalties, so getting that right is crucial. The club secretary is often the point of contact with the governing bodies – be that the EFL, the FA and FIFA – and they all have their own rule books so there's a bit of a matrix to abide by, on top of legislation. And their rules change from season to season, sometimes within seasons, so adaptability, creativity and attention to detail are paramount; and that's my job – to navigate the rulebooks and translate them into actions.

I enjoy finding the solution that will give the greatest benefit or advantage to the club: a certain Mr Hylton's disciplinary record provided some amusing moments and challenges around that – all 'off the record' of course!

My job brings a lot of variety and I've had a technical role in some of our project developments and operations – from pre-seasons to play-off logistics, to being Covid-compliant for the team to return to training and playing, and then fans



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to return to Kenilworth Road; coordinating three-hour bus parades, preparing the stadium to be ready for Premier League football, the installation of safe standing in Oak Road and now with Power Court.

What has your time at Luton been like?

I love this club. It’s a very special place. A true family club. Absolutely unique. I’d worked at a few clubs before but I’d never seen such a connection where the chief executive and the board and staff will be mixing with other fans – often in the pub before games – which has become something of a regular tradition at Luton, because they’re all fans too... and whether we were playing Accrington or Arsenal, that hasn’t changed.

It’s representative of an unparalleled connectivity, which, when I came into the club, I wasn’t aware of – but it’s absolutely captured me. I’m not Luton born and bred, I came here professionally, but Luton accepted me, welcomed me and made me feel part of the club and the town.

We still hold the traditions of football. Our owners are local people who have been successful and have been able to put back into the community through their team. The club is a real foundation of the community and we’ve seen when the club does well, the town does well.

The struggles before I came and what Luton has been through, what’s happened in the town and these amazing last nine years are part of the history of the club and what’s shaped it. It also forms part of its future as it informs and guides the thought processes going forward and the culture of the club. Decisions will not be made that could jeopardise its future, unlike the past at Luton and the present at many other clubs. LTFC is looking forward to long-term sustainability with Power Court. And doing things our way: we’re all Luton, we’ll do it our way and we’ll do it with an edge. That’s the club, the town and the supporters alike!

The club and the town are bound together by shared experience and values. There’s a hardworking, industrial heritage with pillars of the community like the hat industry, Vauxhall, the airport – and the football club. The area’s seen hard times and challenges, like the decline of Vauxhall, the 30 points. And whenever the club, and the town, has faced adversity like that it has stood up – and its strength, battling spirit, work ethic and character have come to the fore. I remember Gary shared the values in my job interview and I’ve seen them in action so many times since. The club embodies the town’s resilience and will continue to do so. I believe that the adversities we’ve faced before and the unity of the Luton family will >>

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show its strength again, in these last two games and in the longer term.

Does that club-fan connection make a difference to games?

Absolutely yes. As does that mutual defiant spirit. When our backs are to the wall and battling we see some of our best performances on and off the pitch.

That connection also runs from the fans to the players in a wonderful cycle and seeing that on a match day has generated some of my best experiences and atmospheres. The Kenny under the floodlights is like no other. Take that second leg Championship play-offs semi-final against Sunderland for instance. That was just electric. Unbelievable support and belief that we would overcome the deficit –

players and fans knowing what had to be done – I don't think Sunderland knew quite what they were stepping into. And I think that was informed by previous experience in those situations: the semi-final loss to Blackpool, in my first season here, and the loss to Huddersfield.

There's also that shared sense of being underdogs. Luton gets called all sorts by people and that makes us even more defiant: #teamslikeluton. When you share that unity, it's fantastic. The fans taking over the whole side of the ground at Notts County, then singing non-stop for, it seemed, forever after the match, at that promotion game. 7,000 fans at Newcastle in the FA Cup. And even behind closed doors we still felt that connection against Blackburn at home to stay up in 2020.

We see how and where the fans travel from and to, home and away, and that's amazing. With the club being the heartbeat of the community I think there's that draw to come back to Luton, wherever people are from or move to. Our support is fantastic, so resilient – just like the club and the town.

Have you been involved in planning for Power Court and what do you think it means for our future?

Very much so. I have been fortunate to work closely with the project team on compliance and technical matters, and have input where the design will integrate with the operation of the new stadium, to give it functionality and make sure it is our home. Power Court is so important.

It future proofs the club for generations to come, and it's bringing fundamental change and regeneration to the town centre. It's an incredible project and it's going to deliver such a difference: it symbolises the club's position within the town, at the heart of the community.

Put it this way: I could prepare the paperwork for the club to sign a player, and he can strengthen the team or impact a season, but Power Court is tangible and will make a real difference to people's lives, and for generations to come. The benefits it will bring to the community are so important. And it will be a stadium like no other.

In my time, the club has always been innovative, pushed boundaries and done things differently, and the stadium will do >>

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that too. There will be aspects you will never see anywhere else than Luton, as there are at Kenilworth Road – and the design brings some of the unique attributes and spirits of Kenilworth Road to Power Court. One of the toughest decisions about making my move has been leaving before the project is completed, but I am privileged to have played a part.

Tell us about your new role

I will be joining Liverpool as head of player status and administration – it will streamline my role and focus purely on player registrations and administration across all levels of the club.

It was an incredibly hard decision to make because I absolutely love this club. But Gary and the board and staff have

been very supportive. They understood what a fantastic opportunity it is for me and I will go there as a representative of Luton.

There are also real parallels between Liverpool and Luton. I think Liverpool, despite their global status, share Luton's humility and commitment to a community with an amazing spirit and collective unity.

Gary and David Wilkinson have been complimentary of the way Liverpool are run and treated us since our first Premier League meeting when they were sat next to them. I will dearly miss the Luton family – my colleagues, the fans, the players, the town – but I'm going to a place which shares some of the values that make Luton so very special.

Have you a parting message for the fans?

Luton is a family. And your unity with the club, from top to bottom, is such a wonderful, unique connection.

It's been a privilege working for you – with you – and for the club, and being part of its recent history.

You're the biggest part of the longer history, of course, and very much its future. And that's a future which is really bright, with Power Court on the way and everything to play for today!

Thank you Chris – for being such a wonderful, influential (in your words) 'shadowy figure in the background', playing such a quiet but important role in your nine eventful years at the club.

On behalf of us supporters, we wish you all the best in your new role, and look forward to welcoming you back – either as a fan or with your new club at Power Court!

Let's make this another of Chris' and our amazing Kenilworth Road days and sing and shout our hearts out!

Keep CALM and add this special date to your diary!

Celebrity Charity Cricket Fun Day, Sunday 3rd August, 9am-8pm, LTICC Wardown Park Luton
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Carlton Morris



**KAASHI
MISTRY**

Age: 7

Hobbies: Swimming
& Dancing

Favourite Player:
Amari'i Bell &
Tahith Chong



**WILLIAM
FILSELL**

Age: 7

Hobbies: Football,
Beavers, TV

Favourite Player:
Carlton Morris

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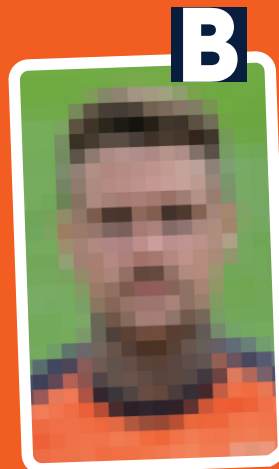
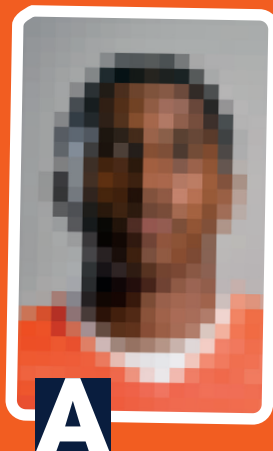
WORDSEARCH

Try and find the names of seven scorers for the Hatters in today's wordsearch...

**MORRIS, ADEBAYO, CLARK, BROWN,
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One current player and one from Luton past have been pixelated, can you guess the players?



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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
FRI 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
FRI 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
FRI 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	22	1-0	32,159	3,003	Kaminski	Jones	ALLI 1	Makosso	McGuinness	Bell	Clark
MON 21	BRISTOL CITY	15:00	22	3-1	11,874	1,335	Kaminski	JONES 1	Bell	Makosso	McGuinness	Mengi	Walsh
SAT 26	COVENTRY CITY	12:30											

MAY

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

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Baptiste	Chong	Morris	Adebayo	Walsh	Walters	Woodrow	Taylor	Nelson		Horlick, Andersen, Burke, Mpanzu
NELSON 1	Chong	Morris	Adebayo	Holmes	Andersen	Walsh	Baptiste	Woodrow		Shea, Mpanzu, Taylor, Johnson
Baptiste	Chong	Morris	Adebayo	Mengi	Walsh	Taylor	Nelson			Shea, Mpanzu, Nakamba, Holmes, Woodrow
Clark	Walsh	Chong	Adebayo	Morris	Mpanzu	Holmes				Shea, Andersen, Moses, Nelson, Taylor, Woodrow
Clark	Walsh	Chong	Adebayo	Krauß	MORRIS 2	Nelson	Taylor	Moses		Shea, Holmes, Mpanzu, Woodrow
Clark	Nelson	Chong	Adebayo	Andersen	Brown	MOSES 1	Woodrow	Taylor		Shea, Mpanzu, Nakamba, Walsh
CLARK 1	KRAUß 1	Brown	Adebayo	Mpanzu	Walters	Woodrow	Walsh			Shea, Holmes, Taylor, Nelson, Johnson
Clark	Krauß	Moses	Adebayo	Brown	Woodrow	Baptiste	Taylor	Nelson		Shea, Mpanzu, Holmes, Johnson
Krauß	Chong	MORRIS 1	Adebayo	Hashioka	Johnson	Nakamba	Mpanzu	BROWN 1		Krul, Nelson, Taylor, Woodrow
Krauß	Chong	Morris	ADEBAYO 1	Nelson	Brown	Woodrow	Taylor			Krul, Nakamba, Mpanzu, Johnson, Benagr
Krauß	Chong	MORRIS 1	ADEBAYO 1	Brown	Nakamba	Walsh	Woodrow			Krul, Mpanzu, Taylor, Nelson, Johnson
Krauß	CHONG 1	Morris	Adebayo	Baptiste	Brown	Walsh				Krul, Woodrow, Nakamba, Mpanzu, Taylor, Johnson
Krauß	Chong	Morris	BROWN 1	Adebayo	Baptiste	Nakamba				Krul, Holmes, Moses, Mpanzu, Walsh, Woodrow
Baptiste	Chong	Woodrow	Adebayo	Moses	Krauss	Morris	Nakamba	CLARK 1		Krul, Andersen, Brown, Mpanzu
Baptiste	Chong	Morris	Adebayo	Walsh	Hashioka	Brown	Mpanzu			Krul, Andersen, Moses, Taylor, Woodrow
Krauß	Clark	Morris	Brown	Hashioka	Taylor	Adebayo	Baptiste	Chong		Krul, Holmes, Mpanzu, Woodrow
Baptiste	BROWN 1	Morris	ADEBAYO 1	Moses	Woodrow	Taylor	Krauß	Holmes		Krul, Andersen, Mpanzu, Nakamba
Clark	Krauß	Morris	ADEBAYO 1	Brown	Andersen					Krul, Woodrow, Chong, Mpanzu, Taylor, Nelson, Johnson
Clark	Brown	MORRIS 1	ADEBAYO 1							Shea, Krul, Andersen, Woodrow, Nakamba, Mpanzu, Taylor, Nelson, Johnson
Clark	Brown	Morris	Adebayo	Walsh	Woodrow	Johnson	Taylor	Nelson		Krul, Andersen, Nakamba, Mpanzu
Clark	Brown	MORRIS 1	Adebayo	Nelson	Woodrow	Mpanzu	Taylor	Johnson		Krul, Nakamba, Pieters, Chigozie
Clark	Mpanzu	Morris	Adebayo	Woodrow	Nelson	Taylor	Phillips			Krul, Andersen, Nakamba, Pieters, Hashioka
Clark	Krauß	MORRIS 1	Adebayo	Nelson	Walters	Mpanzu				Krul, Moses, Woodrow, Pieters, Taylor, Hashioka
Clark	Nelson	Morris	Adebayo	Nakamba	Brown	Moses	Woodrow	Taylor		Krul, Andersen, Mpanzu, Hashioka
Nelson	Chong	Fanne	Morris	Adebayo	Brown	Woodrow	Clark	Hashioka		Krul, Andersen, Krauß, Mpanzu
Nelson	Jones	Fanne	Morris	Clark	Brown	Adebayo				Krul, Andersen, Krauß, Woodrow, Mpanzu, Hashioka
Clark	Brown	Jones	Morris	Nelson	Moses	Adebayo	Woodrow			Krul, Walters, Andersen, Mpanzu, Walsh
Clark	Nelson	Jones	Adebayo	Mpanzu	Morris	Doughty	Brown	Woodrow		Krul, Walters, Andersen, Walsh
Clark	Doughty	Brown	Morris	Adebayo	Nelson	Jones	Walsh			Krul, Walters, Woodrow, Mpanzu, Holmes
Aasgaard	DOUGHTY 1	Brown	Morris	Bowler	Hashioka	Alli	Naismith			Krul, Adebayo, Nakamba, Walsh, Nelson
Aasgaard	Nelson	Alli	Morris	Bowler	Brown	Adebayo	Naismith	Nordås		Krul, Nakamba, Walsh, Hashioka
Aasgaard	Walsh	Morris	Adebayo	Brown	Baptiste	Bowler	Alli			Krul, Walters, Andersen, Johnson, Nordås
Aasgaard	Walsh	Nordås	Adebayo	BROWN 1	Baptiste	Andersen	Alli			Krul, Walters, Nelson, Johnson, Bowler
Aasgaard	Walsh	Morris	Nordås	Brown	Makosso	Baptiste	Bowler	Adebayo		Krul, Clark, Alli, Johnson
Aasgaard	Walsh	Morris	Brown	Alli	McGuinness	Nelson	Adebayo			Krul, Andersen, Lamine Fanne, Nordås, Bowler
Aasgaard	Walsh	Nelson	Adebayo	McGuinness	Lamine Fanne	Brown	Alli	Bowler		Krul, Andersen, Morris, Nordås
AASGAARD 1	Walsh	Morris	Adebayo	Alli	Nelson	Brown	Bowler	Burke		Krul, Andersen, Lamine Fanne, Nordås
Aasgaard	Walsh	Morris	Adebayo	Brown	Nordås	Lamine Fanne	Alli			Krul, Naismith, Burke, Nelson, Bowler
Aasgaard	Walsh	Morris	Adebayo	Chong	Lamine Fanne	Alli	Nordås	Naismith		Krul, Walters, Nelson, Bowler
Aasgaard	Walsh	Morris	Adebayo	Chong	Alli	Nordås	Fanne			Krul, Naismith, Burke, Nelson, Bowler
Aasgaard	Walsh	Chong	Morris	ALLI 1	Fanne	Nordås	Burke	Bowler		Krul, Naismith, Mengi, Nelson
Aasgaard	Walsh	Chong	Morris	Mengi	Burke	Bowler	Nordås	Nelson		Krul, Naismith, Nakamba, Fanne
Naismith	L. Fanne	Aasgaard	Morris	Mengi	Burke	Nakamba	Nordås	Chong		Krul, Walsh, Nelson, Harris
L. Fanne	Alli	AASGAARD 1	MORRIS 1	Burke	Baptiste					Krul, Andersen, Nakamba, Chong, Hashioka, Nelson, Nordås

LAST WORD WITH



MIKE SIMMONDS

LUTON NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

It's certainly not boring following the Hatters then is it?

Since doing this job, there has hardly been a year gone by where the final few games of the season have had nothing on them for Luton.

Whether it be title challenges, automatic promotion, play-off pushes, or, although they have been few and far between, relegation battles, there's always something at stake.

This season it is all about the latter, though, and hands up, how many honestly thought Town would still be alive and kicking with just two games remaining a month or so ago?

A run of five wins from 10, with another three

draws in there too means they sure are, though, and whatever happens today, the Hatters will be in with a chance of Championship survival going into the final day at West Bromwich Albion next weekend.

A twist of fate from the fixture computer means that despite being in the relegation zone ahead of today's game, Luton actually are masters of their own destiny, as they know full well, two wins will be enough to definitely finish above the dotted line due with Hull hosting Derby at the MKM Stadium later this afternoon.

Having secured back-to-back victories for the first time since September over a magnificent Easter period, all Matt

Bloomfield and his players have to do is replicate that and they can look forward to trips to Southampton and Leicester next year, rather than Rotherham and Stevenage.

Sounds easy enough doesn't it? Clearly, it won't be as Coventry very much need the points for their own reasons, as the Sky Blues, or to give them their full name, Frank Lampard's Sky Blues, can secure a play-off spot with victory today, if other results go their way that is.

Facing a side in the top six shouldn't give Town any real nightmares, though, as shown by the second half display against Bristol City on Monday, when they

were finally able to get the goals they had been threatening, three of them in fact, during that terrific second half.

A win today could also bring Preston and Oxford right back into trouble as well, with Stoke nervously looking over their shoulders, too. The more teams Town can catch going into the trip to the Hawthorns the better.

Six points will definitely do it. Four could be enough, as might three, two, or even one!

One thing that you can be sure of during the final 180 minutes of the season is that it won't be dull!

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15 MATCHES. 12 CLUBS. 3 GAMEWEEKS.



MANAGER

Matt BLOOMFIELD

HEAD COACH

Frank LAMPARD

James SHEA	1	1	Oliver DOVIN
Reuell WALTERS	2	2	Luis BINKS
Amari'i BELL	3	3	Jay DASILVA
Tom LOCKYER	4	4	Bobby THOMAS
Mads ANDERSEN	5	5	Jack RUDONI
Mark McGUINNESS	6	6	Matt GRIMES
Victor MOSES	7	7	Tatsuhiko SAKAMOTO
Thelo AASGAARD	8	8	Jamie ALLEN
Carlton MORRIS	9	9	Ellis SIMMS
Elijah ADEBAYO	11	10	Ephron MASON-CLARK
Kal NAISMITH	12	11	Haji WRIGHT
Marvelous NAKAMBA	13	12	Jamie PATERSON
Tahith CHONG	14	13	Ben WILSON
Teden MENGI	15	14	Ben SHEAF
Reece BURKE	16	15	Liam KITCHING
Jordan CLARK	18	17	Raphael BORGES RODRIGUES
Jacob BROWN	19	21	Jake BIDWELL
Liam WALSH	20	22	Joel LATIBEAUDIERE
Millenic ALLI	21	23	Brandon THOMAS-ASANTE
Lamine FANNE	22	27	Milan VAN EWIIK
Tim KRUL	23	28	Josh ECCLES
Thomas KAMINSKI	24	29	Victor TORP
Isaiah JONES	25	32	Jack BURROUGHS
Shandon BAPTISTE	26	36	Ryan HOWLEY
Daiki HASHIOKA	27	37	Norman BASSETTE
Christ MAKOSSO	28	40	Bradley COLLINS
Zack NELSON	37		
Joe JOHNSON	38		
Lasse NORDÅS	44		
Alfie DOUGHTY	45		
Josh BOWLER	47		

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