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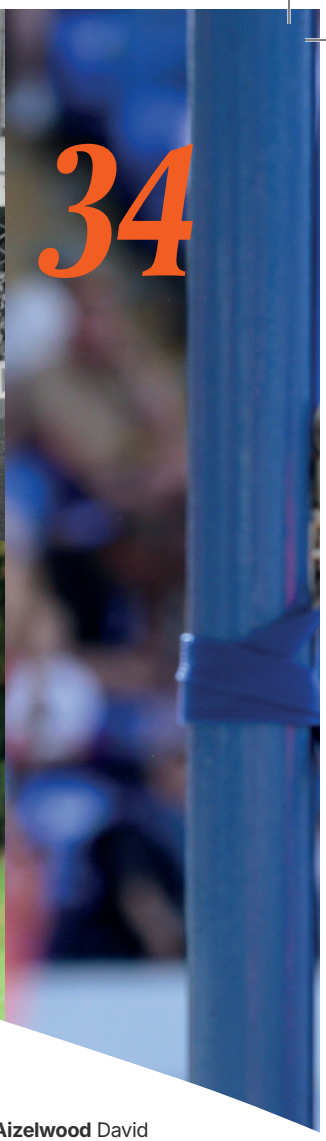
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James Collins Centre-forward who helped us to two promotions after 72 goals across four seasons. Scored a hat-trick on his debut against Yeovil and hit 25 goals in League One in 2018/19. Joined Cardiff for one season in 2021/22 before signing for Derby. Now at Lincoln.

Cameron Jerome Huddersfield-born but started his career at Cardiff as a youngster, scoring 27 goals in 79 games. Spells at Birmingham, Stoke and Norwich followed before he joined the Hatters in 2021, where his experience was vital in our play-off campaign in 2022/23.

Adrian Alston Signed in 1974 where the tricky forward starred as we made a brave but unsuccessful attempt to avoid relegation from the top-flight. Transferred to Cardiff for £20,000 in October 1975, helping the Bluebirds to promotion.

Russ Perrett Central defender Russ started his career at Portsmouth but moved to Cardiff in 1999. At Ninian Park injuries restricted his appearances and in 2001 he joined Joe Kinnear's Hatters in 2001, where he would go on and win two promotions.

Mark Aizelwood David Pleat paid £50,000 for the defender's services in 1978 and he made 110 appearances for us in a variety of defensive and midfield roles. Spells at Charlton, Leeds and Bradford followed before winding down at Bristol City and Cardiff.

Andy Dibble Goalkeeper Andy started at Cardiff before joining us in 1984. Injury meant he was in and out of the side but his moment of glory came in the Littlewoods Cup final in 1988 where his penalty save from Nigel Winterburn will go down in Town folklore.

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Welcome

Hello again and welcome back to the Kenny for an early start here against Cardiff City.

The boys ground out another important three points on Tuesday night against Wigan and big congratulations to George Saville on his first goal in Luton colours. Hopefully the first of many, Sav!

Today we welcome Cardiff to Kenilworth Road and inside today's matchday programme we have plenty to read including an in-depth piece from our Supporters' Trust with Daniel Douglas, the head of our Community Trust.

Remember if you want to be featured or have a matchday dedication you wish to be included in this season's programme, please email media@lutontown.co.uk.

Today is the final home league game until the middle of September when Plymouth are in town so bring the noise and get behind the lads as they go in search of another three points!

Come on you Hatters!

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"WE KNOW THERE'S STILL PLENTY FOR US TO WORK ON AND **THIS IS A RELATIVELY NEW GROUP LEARNING ALL THE TIME.**

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Matt BLOOMFIELD

Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for the second time this week as we entertain Cardiff City.

A warm welcome to everyone associated with Cardiff, especially manager Brian Barry-Murphy. His team have started the season well and arrive here off the back of a gutsy win at Wimbledon in the week. Having come down with us from the Championship they have retained a lot of good players so we are sure to be in for a significant test today.

After the defeat at Bradford it was important that we bounced back with a result against Wigan and I'm happy that we did just that on Tuesday night. It was fantastic to see George score his first goal for us and, after a first half which could have seen us being pegged back, I thought our second half performance was more controlled and secure.

We were all very disappointed after Bradford, and rightly so. That's why I felt it was so important, under the lights at home, that we showed much more attacking intent. By pushing Milli slightly higher, we were able to do that.

In the first half, I thought their biggest threat came from our own giveaways and transitional moments, which nearly cost us. We were thankful to the woodwork and a couple of saves from Josh but, in the second half, we were more secure in possession. However, we couldn't manage to get the second or third goal that would've killed the game.

We hit the post, had one cleared off the line, Milli had a couple of long-range efforts and we got into the box quote a few times, but that final moment just didn't come. At 2-0 or 3-0, the game would've been out of reach for them, and we wouldn't have been left with that nervy ending. We know there's still plenty for us to work on and this is a relatively new group learning all the time. Things will come.

Of course we don't want to just sit back and see the game out – you want to go and get the second and third. We spoke a lot in the 24-48 hours after the Bradford game about wanting to score more goals at home, about being a team that comes out on the front foot and scores goals. Against Wigan, I didn't think it was a shape issue, it was more about the number of times we gave away the ball that left us open.

We wanted to commit bodies forward, and we did, but of course that leaves you slightly more open defensively. It's about striking the right balance so it's just a shame we didn't quite get that second, for which our play deserved.

At 1-0, you're always just one moment away from conceding, and I'm glad it didn't happen because I think it would've been unjust. We felt secure in our shape and solid in our performance in the second half, but it would've been really nice to have that second goal to finish it properly.

We'll be aiming to take more of the good things from Tuesday into this afternoon's game and if we can I'm hopeful of more success.

Thank you once more for your terrific support in the week. It gives the players so much confidence to go out and perform knowing you have their backs.

Please keep it up today.

Enjoy the game.



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BOARDROOM

Ben Kensell



Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for the second home match in a row this week as we entertain Cardiff City.

A warm welcome to Cardiff who have travelled along the M4 this morning to be here for this 12.30pm kick-off. We appreciate the efforts the club and their fans have made to set off on their long journey so early on a Saturday morning.

On the pitch, Tuesday night's win over Wigan was another step in the right direction in these early-season times. It was a solid performance that was rewarded with three points thanks to George Saville's first-half goal. George was one of seven summer arrivals that started against Wigan, proving that there has been quite an evolution to the squad since the end of last season.

After four league games it is to be expected that a new team is still finding their feet but there are some really positive signs there. As the manager has alluded to already, it is going to take a bit of time for the team to truly gel, but in the matches to date there have been moments of quality which is encouraging, and of course a third clean sheet in four league games also speaks volumes.

These are my first programme notes since I arrived at Kenilworth Road in May and moving forward as planned and discussed during the close season, you will be hearing from other executive team members on a match-by-match basis in this section of the programme, as well as some new features in our programme shining the focus on board members and staff in interviews. We want to be honest and open with communication and hearing from people within the club is an important part of that.

Since I set foot inside the club it's been a real whirlwind and non-stop over the close season. However, it's been fantastic to make so much progress in such a short period and the staff here at Luton are some of the best. I have very much enjoyed engaging with supporters and their passion for the club is unrivalled and has shone through in every interaction. This really is a special club.

As you might have seen over the summer months, we have been busy securing 10 new sponsorship deals to date with more to come for the forthcoming season. Of course, this is important when it comes to revenue, and it is a clear focus to drive all club-controlled income areas – something which forms a major part of my role. We are under no illusions that dropping from the Championship to League One affects income so making up that shortfall – regardless of any parachute payments – is of priority.

However, these partnerships go beyond pound signs, and we are delighted to welcome those businesses who have joined us on this journey for this campaign. We have endeavoured to maintain our relationships with local companies to continue to foster relationships with those with links close to Luton. These connect community spirit which is a major pillar of our principles. Please keep an eye out for the forthcoming activations and new sponsors throughout the season.

Keeping things local, the ink has just dried on the signing of our most recent partnership, as we welcome Thurlow Nunn and Vauxhall into the Luton Town family.

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A name synonymous with this town, they are celebrating 150 years of trading this year and you'll soon see a fleet of Luton Town-branded cars and vans zooming around town in the coming weeks.

Sponsorships have also been taken up on our new kit, manufactured by a new partner in Reflo. Capital Sky, our principal partners, take up the pride of place on the front of our shirts, with Utilita adorning the back, Switchshop on the sleeves and KDW on the reverse of the shorts. The only partnership in place upon my arrival was the University of Bedfordshire, so to secure all of these deals in such a short timeframe is remarkable and, at a very healthy financial level, it points to how committed in their support these companies are to seeing Luton Town rise again this season. Thank you to you all.

I'd also particularly like to thank these partners not just for the level of financial commitment but how they have worked with us extensively on how their branding appears on the new shirts. I'm sure you agree that they look really smart across both our home and away shirts which you can't say for all football clubs and their sponsors.

On the subject of shirts, we were also pleased to be able to receive stock in the club shop and online of the home and away shirts, together with selected items of training and leisurewear. The home shirts were available prior to our friendly against Tottenham while the away shirt went on sale last week before the first team wore those colours at Bradford City. The sales have been excellent to date, and I wanted to thank supporters with their patience while we sorted the supply challenges to ensure we get everything on sale as quickly as we can for our brilliant supporters. Moving forward we are already planning for our kits next season to be available in July.

As Gary mentioned in his notes on Tuesday, we will be unveiling and going on sale with our third kit next week which we have been working in collaboration with the Luton Town Supporters' Trust. In keeping with our club's values, the kits will reflect our roots at Kenilworth Road which serve added purpose when we move to Power Court. >>

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This leads me nicely into Power Court. Another point Gary mentioned earlier this week was that the substation will soon be switched on and that the redirection of the River Lea will soon be completed. They are physical, visible evidence on site of the on-going work, but I have been just as excited by some of the project planning behind-the-scenes.

This club has for so long been dreaming of a new stadium to call home, so to see the reality of the project first hand, with the level of detail and thought going into it, makes it a real exciting time for this football club and for the town and local community.

Of course, the work on physically building the stadium takes on the most significance and, perhaps, the most interest, especially to supporters because it is visible. However, the work in the background goes way beyond bricks and mortar. Commercially we are planning and already striving for success by the time the stadium opens its doors, and, while I cannot share with you any specific detail right at this moment, rest assured that plans regarding corporate, retail and fan facing areas are in full swing and design.



Our future awaits at Power Court

Back to the here and now and here at our unique, and beloved Kenilworth Road home. This afternoon's game promises to be a proper game of football in front of a television audience. Two big clubs with big ambitions this season going head-to-head.

In my short time here, I have already noticed just how passionate and loyal your support is. What I love the most is the atmosphere and intimidation that Kenilworth Road creates with fans being so close to the action. There is no place quite like it, is there? So continue to harness this energy inside this stadium this afternoon and join me in getting behind the boys.

Up the Town.

Ben

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THE CAPTAIN

Kal NAISMITH

Hello and welcome back to the Kenny for this big League One fixture against Cardiff City.

Like us they have started well this season, winning three games, so it's a challenge we're all looking forward to. The big matches are, of course, what we relish – none more so than the ones here at Kenilworth Road.

Your support can play a huge role in helping us and I thought, especially in the second half on Tuesday night, you were urging us forward with every move. When this place is bouncing it really is an unbelievable place to play football.

So Tuesday against Wigan was a solid result and performance. First things first, it was great for us to bounce back from that result at Bradford. I said in my notes on Tuesday that was what we set out to achieve, and I'm proud of the group for doing so.

We also started well, as was our want, and it was fantastic to see Sav scoring his first goal for us. It was a brilliant cross from Walshy, too. After that, though, we were probably guilty of giving the ball away too much and that led to Wigan having a number of chances. We were saved by the woodwork or by the hands of Josh in goal, but we rode it out and got to half-time still in the lead.

In the second half I thought we were much better. We kept the ball and created a number of decent chances. Lasse hit the post and Milli tested their keeper with some rockets from the edge of the box. We barely gave them a sniff which was really encouraging and it wasn't until the very, very end that they threatened.

It's another three points and another clean sheet in the bank and after four games and that is not a bad return for a side that continues to evolve. We're by no means the finished article but we're all incredibly encouraged about the potential this side is showing.

There certainly have been glimpses of real quality in all of our games to date and you only have to look at the bench, or even to those players who are not even in the squad, to see the depth that we have. It bodes well for the coming months when we're going to see everyone contributing.

We'll be aiming once more to put on a show this afternoon as we entertain Cardiff. I remember watching the game at their place towards the back end of last season and thinking how much of a test it was for us that evening. A lot has changed since then – they have a new manager and both clubs have undergone plenty of squad changes – but they have shown already this season they have quality in their team so we will need to be fully aware of the threats they pose.

For me though, it's all about us and how we approach the game. We'll be looking to be on the front foot and positive once more, using the energy from your support to power us on.

A huge thanks to you all for sticking with us on Tuesday night and if we're able to replicate the same levels on and off the pitch today, we can be confident of more success.

Get behind us and enjoy the game.



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"FOR ME THOUGH, IT'S ALL ABOUT US AND HOW WE APPROACH THE GAME. **WE'LL BE LOOKING TO BE ON THE FRONT FOOT.**

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The Hatters are offering first team football for just £5 when Barnet visit Kenilworth Road next month!

Matt Bloomfield's squad will be playing in the EFL Trophy – now known as the Vertu Trophy – for the first time since 2018/19 when the Bees come to town on Tuesday September 2nd.

Kick-off for our Southern Group H opener is 7.30pm.

Admission is £5 for adults, with all kids (aged 16 and under) in for a quid!

Tickets go straight to general sale so purchase yours in person and online now and get behind the team as we take on the newly-promoted League Two side managed by former Town youngster Dean Brennan.

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BLACKPOOL TRIP ON HOLD

We can advise supporters that our Sky Bet League One fixture away to Blackpool on Saturday 6th September has been postponed.

The Club has received notification of sufficient call-ups for our players to represent their countries during the upcoming international window to request a postponement of the trip to Bloomfield Road.



A new date and ticket arrangements for the rescheduled fixture will be shared once confirmed with Blackpool and the EFL.

We thank all Hatters for your support and apologise to anyone inconvenienced by this change.

REST IN PEACE, GEOFF

Life-long Hatter and season ticket holder Geoff French has sadly passed away aged 88.

He started watching the Town as a young boy aged eight just after the war, travelling by bus from Breachwood Green with his best mate Les Goodge – now 90, and still a Hatters fan.

Geoff will be known to many fans, having had a season ticket in the Main stand, old Bobbers stand, and most recently as a wheelchair user in the disabled access spaces in the Kenilworth stand.

His last home match before he became too ill was our victory over Watford last season which seems a fitting end to a lifetime of loving the Town.

He leaves a daughter Jaqueline, who will carry on cheering for the lads.

Rest in Peace, Geoff.

Once a Hatter, always a Hatter x



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The moment we took the lead



Nigel Lonwijk looks for a pass



Milli Alli drives forward



Celebrations after George Saville put us ahead

The Hatters bounced back to winning ways on home soil as a first-half goal from George Saville earned a narrow win over the Latics. Wigan hit the woodwork twice in the first half and Josh Keeley made a number of fine stops to ensure a third clean sheet in four league games.

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SPECIAL FEELING

Midfielder thrilled to get off the mark in midweek win

George Saville described the "special feeling" he got when netting his first Luton Town goal to seal a 1-0 win over Wigan under the Kenilworth Road lights.

The summer signing from Millwall steered home Liam Walsh's left-wing cross in the ninth minute to give the Hatters a third win from the opening four League One matches.

He told LTFC+: "It's a special feeling. It never gets old, scoring. It's nice to get it at home as well in front of the fans. An important win and nice to get a goal."

It was the 42nd goal of a career that has taken in spells at Brentford, Millwall and Middlesbrough, and Saville emphasised how vital it was to put last Saturday's 2-1 defeat at Bradford behind us.

"It was important to bounce back after Saturday," he said. "It was really important to not lose, after that disappointment. The reaction was brilliant and it's all about getting three points."

On settling in at the club, he went on: "I'm enjoying it, day to day loving it. It's a great set-up, a great group of lads, great staff, so important we string performances together and get positive results, get the fans onside and get a good feeling in the building."

And asked about the atmosphere at the Kenny, he added: "It's a small ground, it's compact and it's very much like Griffin Park when I was at Brentford, it's got a nice feel to it.

"It's about putting on performances, winning games and getting that good feeling around the place."

Looking ahead to today's home game with Cardiff, who sit second in the table, one point above the sixth-placed Hatters, and taking that momentum into a what promises to be a tough fixture, he said: "100 per cent, especially in this league it's all about momentum and rhythm, getting the result and breeding confidence.

"You can play well and not pick up a result, so for me, it's all about getting results and then getting that momentum into our game."

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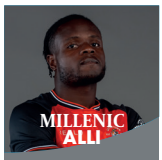
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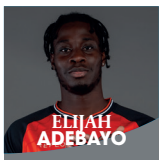
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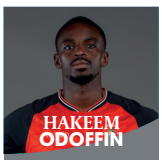
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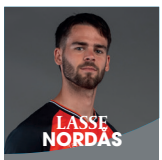
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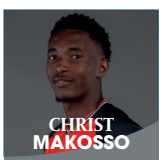
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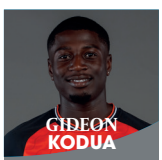
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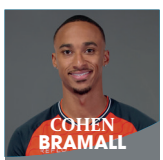
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At our game on Tuesday against Wigan, goalkeeper Josh Keeley was named man-of-the-match while we also had the pleasure of welcoming three mascots to the game.

Our guests in the Eric Morecambe Lounge also got a surprise before and after the 1-0 win over the Latics.

Defender Reuell Walters and forward Jacob Brown popped in to meet and greet guests, signing autographs and posing for photos.

The duo also took part in a question-and-answer session where the pair gave an update on their injuries and rehabilitation process, as well as giving their thoughts on the season ahead.

This is just one of the many benefits to matchday hospitality at Kenilworth Road, so if you're interested in becoming a match or matchball sponsor or wish to catch the Hatters in action in style, you're just one phonecall or email away!

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CARDIFF CITY

The Bluebirds are in town as they make the long trip from the Welsh capital to Kenilworth Road for today's big fixture.

Cardiff have had a strong start to the season so far and have picked up 10 points from a possible 12 and have also progressed to the second round of the Carabao Cup.

The Bluebirds hold the best current defensive record in the division, having only conceded once in their first four league games.

That came in a 2-1 win on the opening day against Peterborough and since then City have gone from strength to strength. A goalless draw at Port Vale was followed by a 2-1 win over Swindon in the Carabao Cup before back-to-back wins over Rotherham and Wimbledon

Over the summer, there were a number of changes at the club with Brian Barry-Murphy appointed as manager of the Bluebirds. Since then, the squad has also overseen a big change.

Players who came through the Cardiff academy make up a fair portion of the current squad as the likes of Joel Bagan, Ronan Kpakio, Dylan Lawlor, Rubin Colwill, Joel Colwill, Isaak Davies, Cian Ashford have featured regularly so far this season.

Visiting fans will be hoping their side can end a run of five straight defeats against the Hatters. The Town have done the double over the Bluebirds in the past two seasons, including last term which saw the Hatters win 1-0 at Kenilworth Road and 2-1 in South Wales.

The last time the Bluebirds were victorious in Bedfordshire was in November 2021 when they ran out 2-1 winners.

CARDIFF CITY AT-A-GLANCE

FOUNDED: 1899

MANAGER: Brian Barry-Murphy

NICKNAME: The Bluebirds

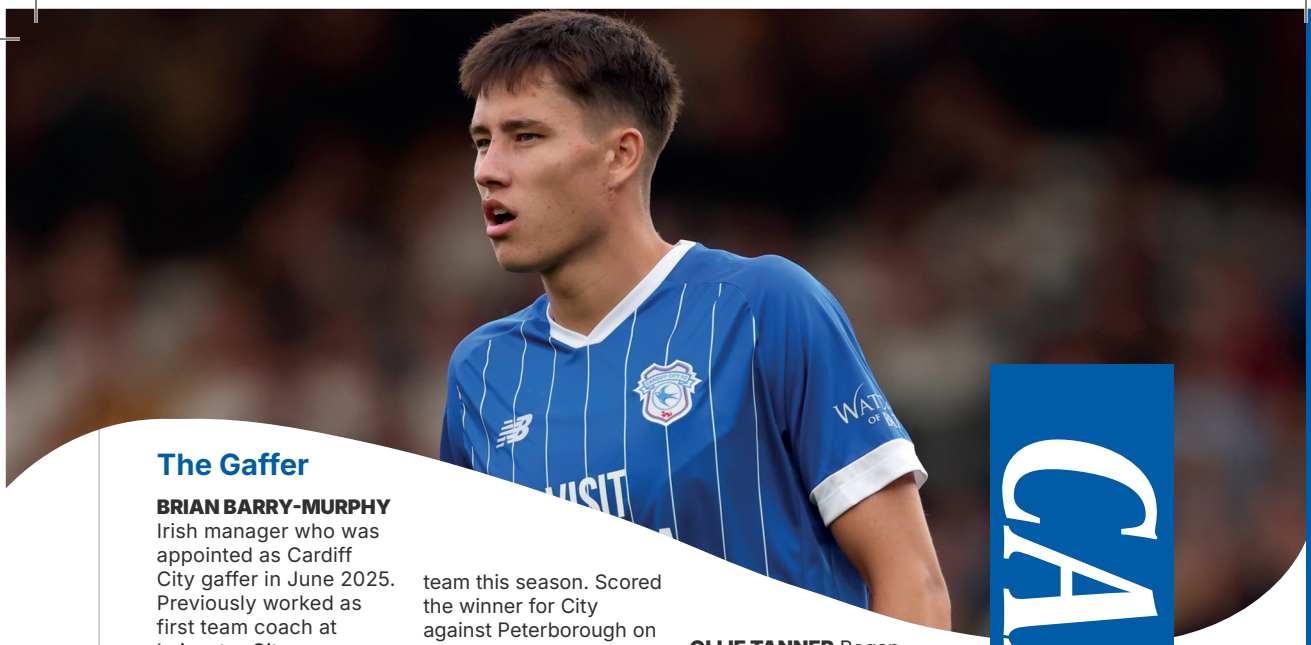
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CARDIFF CITY

THE AWAY END

The Gaffer

BRIAN BARRY-MURPHY Irish manager who was appointed as Cardiff City gaffer in June 2025. Previously worked as first team coach at Leicester City.

Goalkeeper

NATHAN TROTT Came through the West Ham academy and spent time on loan with Wimbledon, Nancy and Vejle. Currently on loan at Cardiff from FC Copenhagen.

Defenders

JOEL BAGAN Academy graduate who was a regular for the Bluebirds in the Championship last season and has played in every game so far this term.

DYLAN LAWLOR Young centre-back who has played for Wales at Under-17 and Under-19 level. Has started every league game so far this campaign for Barry-Murphy's side.

WILLIAM FISH Former Manchester United defender who had spells with Stockport and Hibernian before arriving in South Wales last season.

RONAN KPAKIO Another academy graduate who has broken into the first team this season. Scored the winner for City against Peterborough on the opening day.

CALUM CHAMBERS Experienced defender who has previously played for the likes of Southampton, Arsenal, Middlesbrough, Fulham and Aston Villa in the Premier League.

Midfielders

RYAN WINTLE Central midfielder with vast experience across the EFL who has now featured over 100 times.

JOEL COLWILL Cardiff academy graduate who has spent time on loan at Cheltenham and Exeter before breaking into the Cardiff team this season.

RUBIN COLWILL Welsh international who has become indispensable for the Bluebirds. Already has three goals to his name this campaign and is also the older brother of Joel.

DAVID TURNBULL Former Celtic and Motherwell midfielder who signed for the Bluebirds in 2023. Has three assists in four games so far this season.

OLLIE TANNER Began his career in non-league with the likes of Bromley, Folkestone Invicta and Lewes before signing for City in 2022.

Forwards

YOUSEF SALECH Danish striker who signed for Cardiff from Sirius in January this year. Scored nine goals in 22 games for City last season.

CIAN ASHFORD Welsh Under-21 international who scored in Cardiff's 3-0 victory over Rotherham last Saturday.

CALLUM ROBINSON Irish striker with a wealth of experience. Previously played for Aston Villa, Preston, Sheffield United and West Brom.

CHRIS WILLOCK Arsenal academy product who played for Benfica B, Huddersfield and QPR before moving onto Cardiff in 2024.

ISAAK DAVIES Academy graduate who has played over 50 times for the Bluebirds. Scored a late winner for City against Wimbledon on Tuesday.

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HATTERS *versus* BLUEBIRDS

Historic meetings between the clubs down the years

JANUARY 1937

FOUR-MIDABLE JOE!

The Hatters are on their way to promotion in 1936/37 – down in most part due to the goals of striker Joe Payne. The Town crushed Cardiff 8-1 in front of over 12,000 at Kenilworth Road. Payne leads from the front scoring half of the goals while George Stephenson also grabs a hat-trick. Bert Dawes is also on target.

SEPTEMBER 1978

SEVENTH HEAVEN

It's one goal less in 1978 when the Town ran out 7-1 winners at Kenilworth Road. Ex-Luton goalkeeper, Keith Barber, returns to Kenilworth Road for his final League appearance but, with hindsight, probably wishes he had retired a week earlier. The Hatters go goal crazy as efforts fly in from all angles. David Moss and Brian Stein each scored twice while Bob Hatton and Lil Fuccillo also netted.

FEBRUARY 1994

CUP JOY ▼

In the first meeting between the two sides in 22 years, the Hatters progressed to the quarter-finals of the FA Cup amid the intimidating atmosphere of Ninian Park. The Town deservedly took the lead when Scott Oakes rifled home the first goal. Phil Stant gets a shock equaliser for a side that shows plenty of passion but little else, before David Preece runs through with the ball and calmy slots home the winner.



Trevor Peake in a tussle for the ball



Robert Snodgrass celebrates with the travelling fans

FEBRUARY 2006

SIX-GOAL THRILLER

Rowan Vine glances in Dean Morgan's cross-shot and seconds later converts Carlos Edwards' lobbed pass at the second attempt. Jason Koumas pulled one back for the Bluebirds, arrowing home a fine effort only for Chris Barker to slice Vine's cross into his own net for 3-1. In the last 20 minutes the Town let the points slip, Ricardo Scimeca netting a towering header and Koumas burying another screamer.

APRIL 2022

SOUTH WALES WONDER ▲

Harry Cornick's goal was enough to give the Hatters all three points in their quest to reach the Championship play-offs. Cornick, on as a first-half replacement for the injured James Bree, headed the game's only goal in the 71st minute. The Hatters also lost goalkeeper James Shea in the first half with an ACL injury.

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I'M LOVING IT!

Keeper Keeley all smiles after player-of-the-match performance against Wigan

Goalkeeper Josh Keeley was delighted to play a part in a third win of the season for the Town as he helped keep yet another clean sheet in the 1-0 win over Wigan on Tuesday night.

The 22-year-old was named player of the match for his performance against the Latics which helped the Town to move back into the top six of the early League One table.

The former Tottenham stopper was in inspired form in the first half, making three notable stops to prevent Wigan from cancelling out George Saville's ninth-minute goal.

Having lost their unbeaten record at Bradford last week, the Town keeper was happy to leave the Kenilworth Road pitch victorious.

"It feels good, we were all disappointed the other day so it was important to get back on home soil and get three points," Keeley said after receiving his prize.

"It was a bit scruffy but we're a team with many new faces who are finding their feet and gelling together.

"We've picked up three wins from four in the league and I think that says a lot about the group."

Manager Matt Bloomfield made three changes to the side that lost at Bradford, with several changes in defence in front of Keeley with first league starts given to Gideon Kodua and Cohen Bramall, while Mads Andersen missed out with a hamstring strain and Christ Makosso served the final game of a three-match suspension.

"The defensive unit has changed around a bit but the fact we're still able to keep clean sheets speaks volumes," said Keeley. "When somebody comes into the team – whether that's after five minutes or after 90 minutes – they're ready to go.

"All the boys who have played have proven that."

Keeley has already warmed to the Town faithful who were chanting his name throughout Tuesday's win and the goalkeeper is now hoping the Hatters can back up the victory with another against Cardiff this afternoon.

"I love it here, 100 per cent, the crowd singing for me," he smiled. "It's such a big club and my first games here at Kenilworth Road have been top.

"We can't wait for the Cardiff game now. The matches are coming thick and fast and players are coming back so we're all ready to fight in each game.

"It's been unreal for me so far – we just want to keep winning."

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Wearing HISTORY

2008/09 HOME

"Gnakpa's got the touch, and Luton have a third!"

Today I would like you to cast your minds back to the 2008/09 season. One, that for a lot of wrong reasons, will go down as one of the worst in our history. Relegation out of the Football League after the deduction of 30 points. But at least we had a club – something which looked shaky that summer.

Forget about that league campaign. I want you to focus on 5th April 2009. 42,000 of us invaded Wembley Stadium for the Johnstone's Paint Trophy Final against Scunthorpe United.

The Cabrini shirt for that season is now iconic thanks to the unique campaign we had. This was the last season we had white shirts as our home kits, and this version had a lovely orange side panel design which went up to the neckline of the shirt.

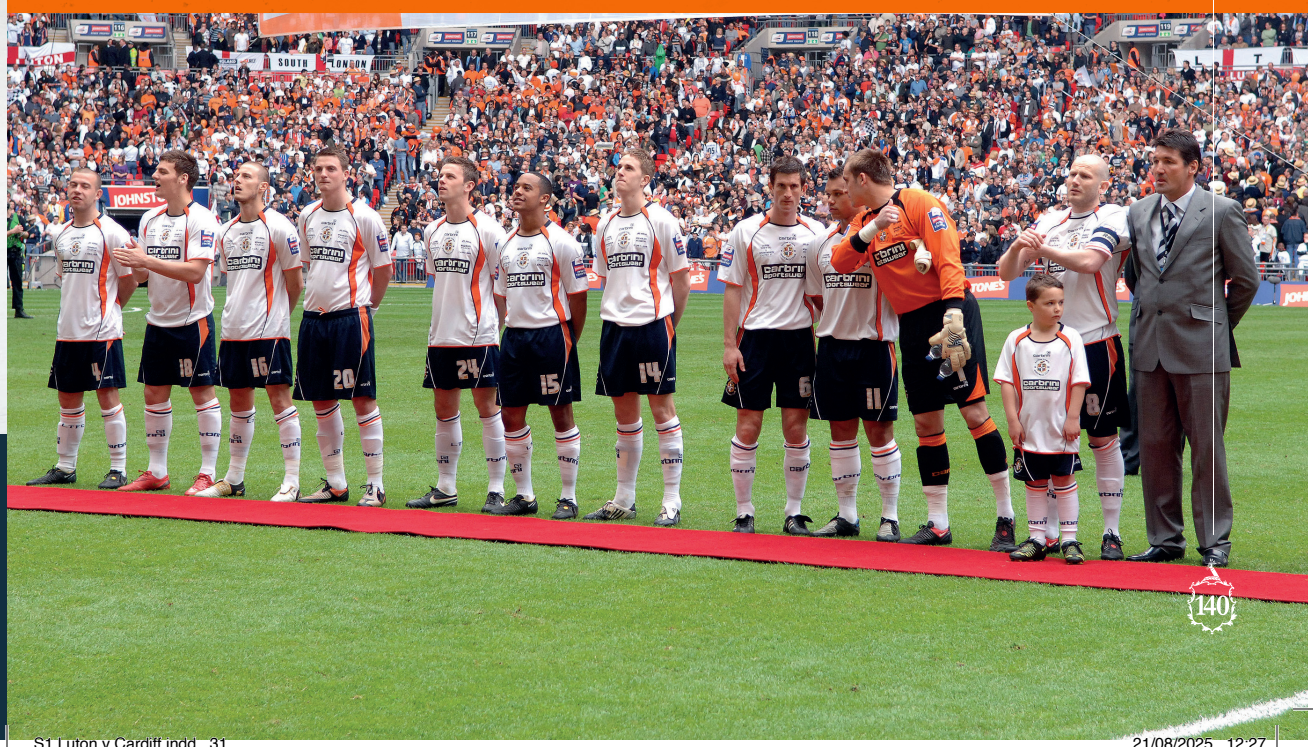
The shirt worn in the final featured the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final detailing either side of the badge, but also the Johnstone's Paint Trophy sleeve patches instead of the Coca-Cola league patches.

On the pitch, we had our heroes like Kevin Nicholls, Keith Keane, Chris Martin, Tom Craddock, Michael Spillane and George Pilkington to name a few, win us the trophy in this shirt on that glorious, sunny April day.

Scunthorpe opened the scoring before Chris Martin equalised with a super cool finish. Tom Craddock put us 2-1 ahead before future Peterborough United manager Grant McCann scored a late equaliser.

Never-mind though, as in extra-time Claude Gnakpa lobbed keeper Joe Murphy to become a Luton Town legend and put a positive spin on what was an otherwise negative season.

Cue Mick Harford dancing across the Wembley pitch at full-time to Bring me Sunshine! What a day!



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THE VIEW FROM THE PRESS BOX

*Town fan and broadcaster **Faye Carruthers** runs the rule over our first four games*

A lot has happened since I last wrote in this programme. I don't think any of us expected to be in League One after achieving the dream of reaching the Premier League, but that's the reality and brutality of football.

On that day at the Hawthorns, I was on air for talkSPORT and Micky Gray asked me for my immediate reaction. I took a brief pause (rude to leave too much dead air!) said I was gutted, but then reflected on the incredible journey we'd been on and continue to be on. Double relegation was a sucker punch – but we've experienced worse – it's just part of the disorientating rollercoaster ride (think Spinball Whizzer at Alton Towers) that comes with being a Luton Town fan.

I met Matt Bloomfield for the first time that day and was impressed by how much he cared and how much he felt that defeat and disappointment despite his short time at the club. Because he gets it. He gets us. And now we build again.

Four games into the new season and after victory over Wigan on Tuesday night, we have nine points and we're getting that winning feeling back again. Once the new players start gelling more and the squad gets back to full fitness, the performances will improve too and we're going in the right direction. It was great to see George Saville get on the end of an excellent Liam Walsh cross to score his first goal for us – hopefully the first of many. Lasse Nordås hitting the post and Josh Keeley making some great saves to keep us in the game were all positives to take into today.

I wasn't here midweek but I was here for the opening game of the season and I'm not going to sugarcoat it. We were very lucky to get the win over AFC Wimbledon and I don't think it's a match we'll be replaying for kicks anytime soon! But the buzz was back at Kenilworth Road with that renewed sense of optimism August inevitably brings, and three points are three points in my eyes, however they come about.

Speaking of the Dons, I was at the Cherry Red Records Stadium on Tuesday and watched them suffer another late defeat to our opponents this afternoon, Cardiff. The Bluebirds have had a good start to the season themselves, but they were kept at bay until the 92nd minute and like us, they're still finding their feet again in League One. As one of the other favourites to get promoted, they'll want to come here and make a statement – let's make one of our own.

They didn't put in the best performance, but what the Cardiff fans brought was noise and we'll have to be in our very finest voices to drown them out.

We did the double over them last season and I have a good feeling about our chances today so sing your hearts out and push the players to another three points. As they improve, they will feel our support more and more, game by game. We'll get that momentum back again and with it, the new players will feel the togetherness and spirit that makes this club so special.



Bring the noise this afternoon!

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LUTON TOWN SUPPORTERS' TRUST

The Trust Interviews...

Daniel Douglas *Head of Luton Town Community Trust*

Today's Trust Interview features Daniel Douglas, appointed as Head of Luton Town Community Trust in May 2025 – but a familiar figure, having previously spent eight years as the Community Trust's Operations Manager before two years as Head of Business Development for the Bedfordshire & Luton Community Foundation.

Daniel is Luton through and through, and we started by asking him about his background and what has inspired him to commit himself to community work...

I'm 37, 38 next month, Luton born and bred, and I have two young children, four and one. I was brought up in one of the estates in the north of the town, Marsh Farm, and sports – football especially – have always been a massive part of my life. If I wasn't playing football at school during playtime and lunchtime, I'd be down my local field or tunnel or garages, playing against my friends. In those days, I was pretty boisterous, but out in the community there are always role models and mine were my PE teachers, sports club leaders and youth workers, who put me in the right direction and gave me guidance. I always thought that was exactly what I want to do when I came of age, so as I got a bit older I studied sports and football and took my coaching qualifications, with my family always supportive – we're very close.

I did a bit of part time coaching with Luton and Arsenal soccer schools and wanted to turn this into a career pathway so moved to St Matthews Primary School in High Town, a deprived area of Luton, first as an activity leader out in the playing areas then working my way up to become a classroom supervisor and gaining teaching qualifications. By day I worked as a teacher and in the evenings continued to be a youth worker and a football coach on the estates in Luton.

I was at the school for eight years, then the job of the Luton Town Community Trust Operations Manager came up and I was successful with my application. It was a hard decision to leave teaching but the role I moved to was using all I'd learnt – and being paid to work with lots of young versions of myself and provide a bit of inspiration and support. That's what drove me then and still does every day!



I worked as Operations Manager for eight years, but really wanted to become Head of the Community Trust and realised that I needed to further myself in terms of business skills and senior leadership. So I moved to our local grant funder, Bedfordshire and Luton Community Foundation, where I gained valuable experience around business development and strengthened my skills across areas such as fundraising and

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adapting to different leadership styles.
I was there for two years, then the Luton Town Community Trust leadership role came up. I applied, and here I am now!

Tell us, in a nutshell, what the Community Trust is all about

Our mission is across four thematic areas: health, education, employment and football opportunities, with programmes for everyone from zero months old to ninety-nine (or more!). We aim to connect and engage with every member of the community, in Luton and Bedfordshire, using the power of the club badge.

So how does that work across those four areas?

Our health programmes align with the Luton 2040 vision of tackling health inequality. We have Healthy Hatters, run at the stadium, where anyone can turn up for regular set sessions whether they have low level fitness – or have higher fitness levels and just want to ensure they partake in regular activity. I'd like to take this approach into schools, especially bearing in mind that our home is based in Bury Park, where there's a huge focus on addressing health inequality and participation for South Asian communities.

Our Education and Employment Manager, Bert Klemmer, delivers programmes that help under 18s develop essential skills, enhance their education and gain the confidence to become work ready. We also offer education and employment programmes for over 18s, designed to open pathways into the football club.

One example is our collaboration with the club's Health and Safety Manager, Barney McGhee, to fund stewarding qualifications – a great way to showcase to our local communities the career opportunities available within football. We're also partnering with Cris da Silva, who leads the club's catering services, to create pathways towards catering and hospitality qualifications.

Through our wider engagement with the football club, we give young participants valuable behind the scenes exposure to areas such as administration, commercial operations, media and of course, football coaching! We're trying to provide them with pathways towards paid opportunities, to raise levels of aspirations and to increase wellbeing overall.

We've demonstrated success in each of those areas, too: we have staff working within the Community Trust who came through our workshops, gaining qualifications for part time work - and now they're full-time. We have participants who have moved into stewarding and HR roles too – we want to ensure that we're providing careers pathways not only into the club and Trust but also giving young people the confidence to go elsewhere and build their own capacities and careers within local communities.

We've got a great success story developing this season on the >>

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“A PARTICIPANT WE COACHED IN THE COMMUNITY TRUST UNDER-8S TEAM MANY YEARS AGO NOW ON THE BRINK OF THE FIRST TEAM SQUAD. MAKE A NOTE OF THE NAME – GOALKEEPER LUCAS THOMAS!

footballing opportunities front too, with a participant we coached in the Community Trust under-8s team many years ago now on the brink of the first team squad. Make a note of the name – goalkeeper Lucas Thomas!

Our aim is to ensure that everybody, no matter their age or ability or gender, has an opportunity to engage with our programmes. Something we do now is to unlock and open as many different facilities as we possibly can, so young people have free access and are able to play sport and football without the usual barriers of lack of available space and fees. We can then engage with them through football coaches, bring in youth workers and promote opportunities for education and qualifications.

It works, too. What we find is them asking is how do we become like you? How do I become a football coach? How do I become a youth worker? Well, if you get onto these facilities we'll do what we can as a Community Trust and football club to provide you with the skills and resources to do just that.

What about opportunities for girls?

We're 100 per cent dedicated to offering equal opportunities, with a clear focus on women and girls football, and formal EDI and safeguarding policies and Key Performance Indicators to ensure we have a true representation of female coaches, youth workers and staff within the trust. This encourages girls and women to continue to engage with us and feel comfortable in doing so. We have an over-16s girls football programme over at the Cedars in Leighton Buzzard and we're just about to launch our talent identification programme for girls from five all the way up to 16. There's a huge focus on that this season, building on the success of the Lionesses.



Young goalkeeper Lucas Thomas training with the first team

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Has anything changed since you left and came back?

One significant change is that the Community Trust now operates within the football club's headquarters, as part of a reshaped alignment of club and Trust. This is helping us hugely improve what we're doing across areas such as finance, HR, marketing and communications and media by working with the club's specialist teams. We share the same values and goals, of course.

Personally, I'm looking to apply the business development skills, insights and networks I gained throughout my career to improving processes and opening up new funding opportunities and partnerships so we can achieve more, again with the help of the club and its commercial and operational departments.

Both the club's new Head of Commercial, Ben Tunnell, and Chief Revenue Officer, Ben Kensell, previously worked at Norwich, whose Community Foundation are doing great work in their geographic areas. We're looking forward to collaborating with such experienced members of the club to enhance our services and develop those new business partnerships and funding opportunities. The club are enormously supportive and we're looking forward to a positive future for the trust and the communities we serve. >>

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“WE’RE ALSO LOOKING TO INCORPORATE TRUST FACILITIES AT POWER COURT – MORE ABOUT THAT NEXT TIME, TOO.

We had a brilliant example of what this alignment can achieve just a week or so ago, with us and the club hosting an event at The Brache involving a match between a young Trust team and the Pakistan Street Children team, organised with Street Child United and Muslim Hands.

Street Child United shines a spotlight on children living in street situations around the world, the adversities they face and the fundamental rights they lack – their mission is to change that and transform lives through the power of sport. Giving everyone an opportunity. So we’re absolutely in tune with that. We worked alongside the Supporters’ Trust on this, too, and it has opened new gateways into our local communities. Look out for more news in coming months!

We’re also looking to incorporate Trust facilities at Power Court – more about that next time, too.

What other initiatives are the Community Trust involved in?

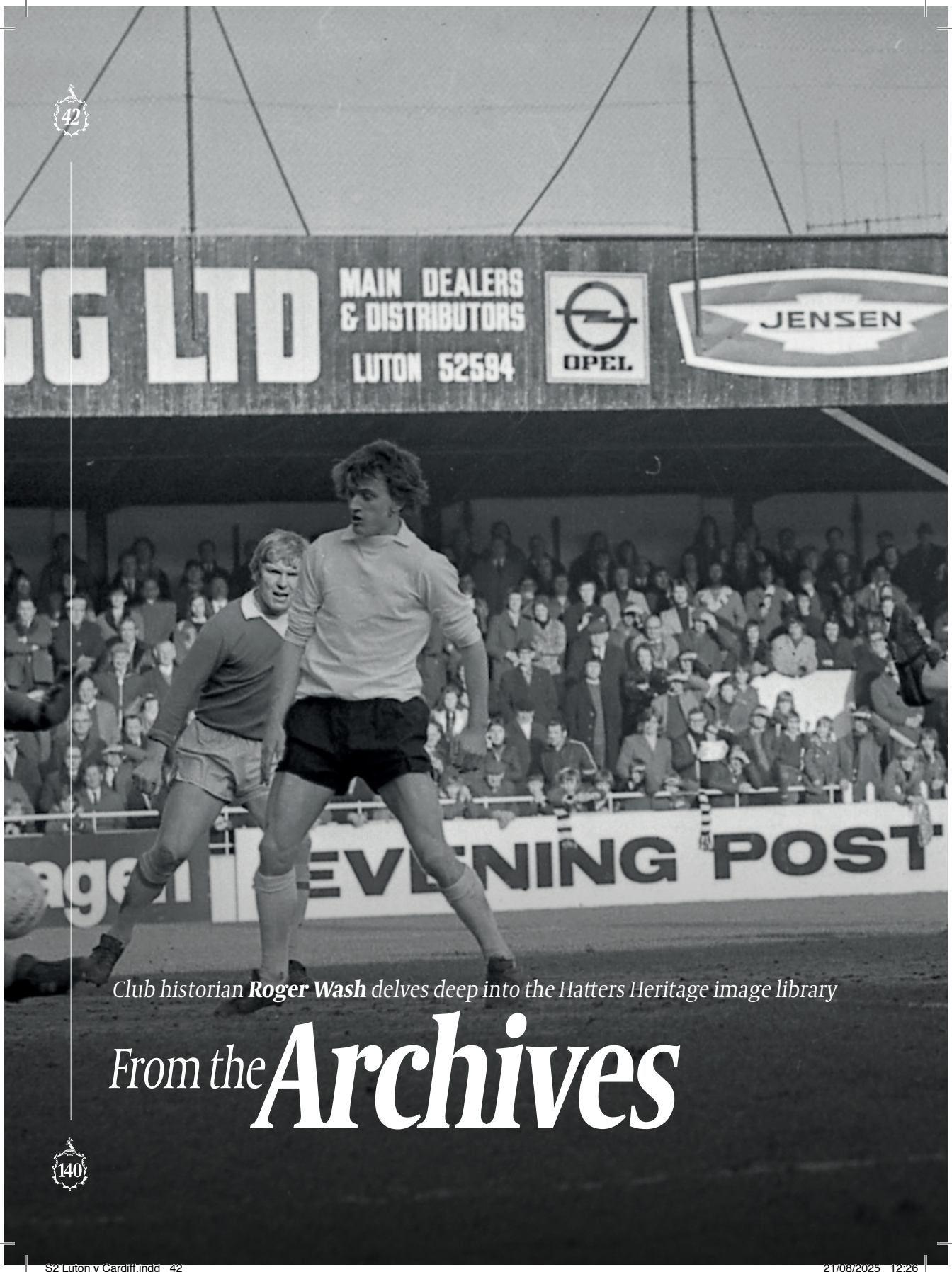
Lots! Right now for instance, we’re delivering Holiday Camps for young people all over Luton including not only football training but also free hot meals and snacks to ensure that those who are in need are fed through the club and the Trust. Whenever young people are with us or under our services, that’s a commitment. We work closely with Active Luton and Luton Foodbank too – including our annual Christmas meals for the homeless programme.

This all sounds fantastic. How can we, as supporters, help you and the Community Trust?

If you’re an individual, or group, looking to engage with our work, drop me an email at daniel.douglas@lutontown.co.uk and if you’re a business, please talk to us about a partnership, or funding. We’re always eager to engage with every part of our town, area and club communities. We’re all Luton – and proud of it!

Thank you Daniel – the Community Trust are doing so much amazing and inspirational work and we’ll certainly be coming back with updates in a second part in programme later in the season.

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Club historian ***Roger Wash*** *delves deep into the Hatters Heritage image library*

From the Archives

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Making his full debut for the Town, Derek Hales hits the ball home after 12 minutes in the eventual 1-1 draw with Cardiff at Kenilworth Road in February 1973.

Inset: Hales celebrates after scoring...and continues the celebration!

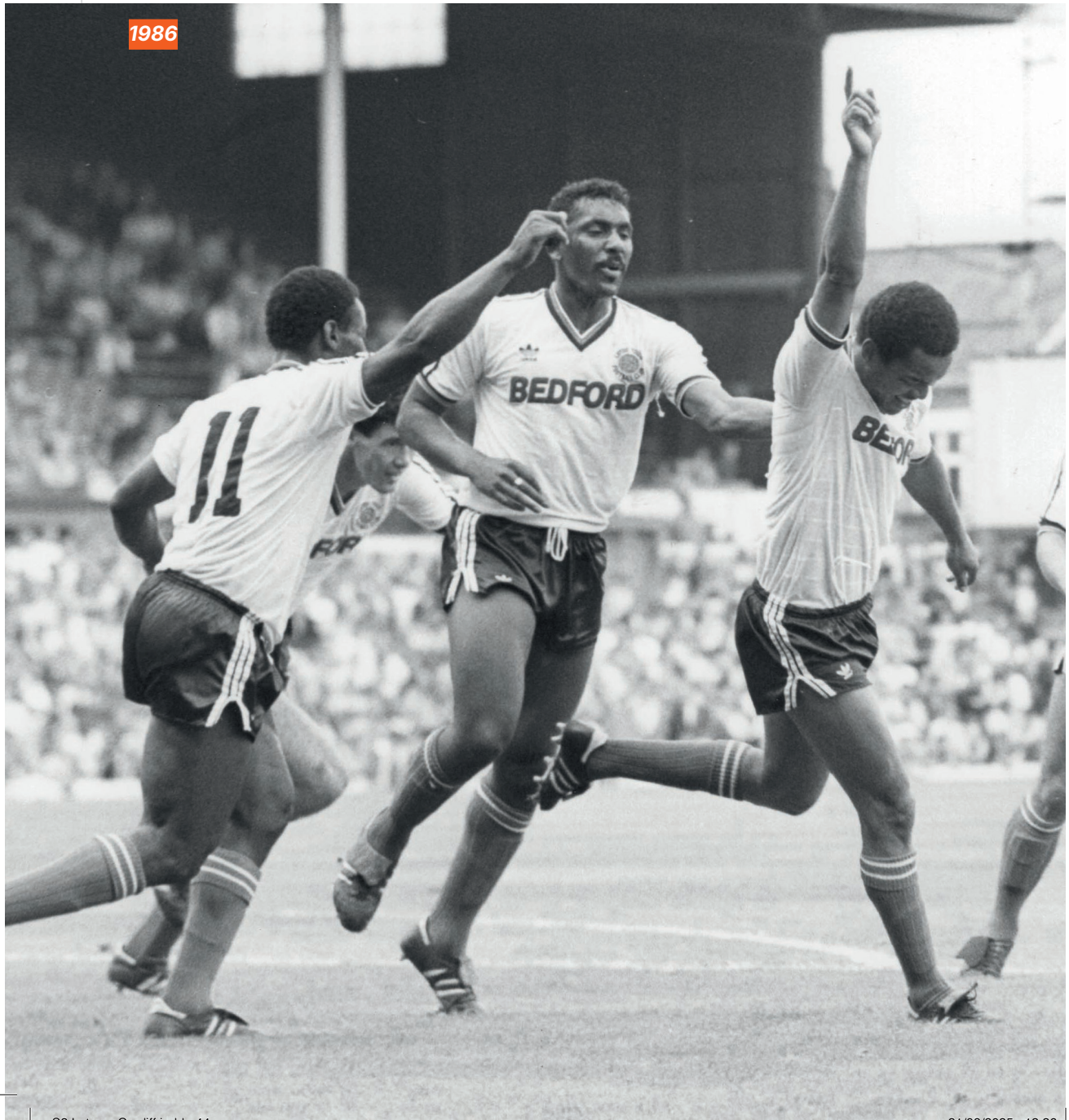
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We look back on some of the most iconic matches played on this day in our history

ON THIS DAY

23rd August

1986



1948
The Hatters met today's visitors Cardiff at Ninian Park on this day in 1948 in the old Second Division (now Championship). The Town trailed after 90 seconds but hit back through Ted Duggan. The Bluebirds restored their lead only for the Hatters to hit back with goals from Sammy Nelson and Joe Arnison putting us 3-2 ahead. However City earned a point when a late equaliser was adjudged to have crossed the line

1969
The Hatters' proud 30-game unbeaten home record looks to be at risk after Orient take a two-goal lead inside the hour. The Anglia TV cameras witness a thrilling finale as winger John Collins moves inside. Collins gets the first goal back before Malcolm Macdonald's equaliser. The Town then win it thanks to Graham French's goal.

1986
Alan Smith hits a shot home from close range for Leicester, but the Hatters always look the more likely side to take the points. Brian Stein takes over the scoring responsibilities from the injured Mick Harford and duly obliges when skipping past four defenders to hit a superb solo goal.

2003
Gary McSheffrey is brought in on loan to replace Tony Thorpe and looks bewildered as the Town come back to earth after their good start to the season against Grimsby. The Mariners have just two on-target attempts and score from both. At the other end, Dean Crowe is fouled and Kevin Nicholls slamming home from the spot. Grimsby play in a grey away shirt and the Town are required to switch from white to orange at the last minute.

2005
Chris Coyne neatly lobs the Town ahead in this League Cup tie at Leyton Orient. After Dean Morgan hits the bar, Enoch Showunmi nips in to set up Warren Feeney to double our lead. Kevin Nicholls' free-kick is sent flying into his own net by a Gary Alexander bullet-header before Daryl McMahon grabs a consolation for Martin Ling's outfit with a fierce shot. This is the last time – and only the second time – we've won on this day.

2014
Goals from Luke Rooney and Jake Howells helped the Hatters recover from two goals down to earn a point at Accrington Stanley. The Town trailed 2-0 inside 16 minutes after goals from James Gray and Luke Joyce. But, following the introduction of Luke Guttridge, the Hatters looked a different side. Rooney halved the deficit before a deflected Howells free-kick levelled matters before the break.







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Fred bursts past the Lincoln defence in 1967

As we celebrate 140 years of football, Hatters Heritage's ***Will Foster*** *looks back at some of the people who form part of our rich history with a story to tell.*

TOP HATTERS

Fred Jardine

A League Cup win at Port Vale in September 1964 does not seem particularly noteworthy. Yet not only did it mark the debut of a 16-year-old called Bruce Rioch (whatever happened to him?) but also the first appearance at full back by Town's pacy Scottish winger, Freddie Jardine.

Fred was born in Edinburgh in 1941 and grew up in Kirkliston, to the west of the city. As a boy he was Hearts mad and often embarked on a 10-mile round-trip bike ride just to see the side have lunch before the games. On one occasion he was even invited in to meet the players, and he carried the autograph of his favourite, Willie Bauld, in his wallet throughout his life.

A natural athlete, it was no doubt a thrill when his beloved team offered him a trial match in 1958. Yet it was Willie Thornton of Dundee who acted quickest to sign the 17-year-old, arriving at the Jardine household a day before Hearts manager Tommy Walker and offering a signing on fee of £200 in cash, a sizeable amount for the time.

The large squad at Dens Park would limit the playing time available and Fred was given a free transfer in the summer of 1961. Town boss Sam Bartram moved quickly and signed the young forward from under the noses of First Division sides Wolves and Leeds. The move south came as a shock to Fred, as he explained in an interview from 1973.

He said: "I had never been out of Scotland before and the big difference in the game struck me straight away. It was better organised, better equipped player-wise and certainly somewhat tougher."

He moved into 78 Kenilworth Road, a club-owned house directly behind the stadium, with Joe Payne as his next door neighbour. The move to England continued to be tough and Fred would only appear 41 times in his first three seasons, a spell which included Town's relegation to the Third Division.

The nadir came in the summer of 1964 when he asked to be transfer listed. He hadn't played for the first team since a 3-1 home defeat to Millwall on 28th December and had spent most of the second half of the season in the reserves, now lining up at full-back at the suggestion of coach Stan Bentham. Fred made it clear he wanted a return to Scotland, but only to a First Division side.

In a happy twist of fate such, interest never materialised and he

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would find himself back in the Town side at Vale Park in that League Cup match. It wasn't an immediate success, but the move of John Bramwell further up the pitch saw Fred become first choice around Christmas 1964.

From then on he quickly became a favourite in his new position despite Town finding themselves relegated again in 1965. His pace was useful going backwards and forwards, and fans of a certain age will fondly recall his surging runs on the overlap and his ability to perfectly time a slide tackle. Such was his importance he would be made captain for the 1966/67 season.

The arrival of Allan Brown as manager sparked a turning point for the club. After the low of a 17th place finish the previous campaign, the Town were to secure the title in 1968 with Fred appearing 45 times. By then, in his seventh season at Kenilworth Road, he was the longest serving player. Indeed no player would make more appearances in a Luton shirt through the 1960s and he would finish with 243 overall, scoring 10 times.

His first team chances began to dwindle after that and he was to hang up his boots after a short spell at Torquay United. However, there was no doubting where Fred now saw as his home. He returned to Luton and worked for many years at menswear shop Popes in Bury Park, and also manned the gates at Kenilworth Road for a time.

As his daughter Karen, a Luton fanatic herself, explains. "He loved Luton. It was his home and he was often seen around the Town in the local pubs and had many friends. I am very proud of what he achieved."

He lived in Leagrave later in life and remained in contact with his close friend and fellow Hatter, John Moore. Another teammate from the time, Max Dougan, compared Jardine to Liverpool and Scotland's Andy Robertson. "Both great wing-backs and never shy of a robust challenge against the opposition winger."



Fred (far left) signs an autograph for a young fan

Fred passed away in October 2019. The Hatters' next home match, against Bristol City, was marked with a terrific round of applause for a fondly remembered player. The Hatters went into the game without a home victory for six weeks but, after a slow first 45 minutes, put in a dominant second half display to win 3-0. Freddie would have been proud.



Fred (second left) with Bruce Rioch, David Pleat and Wolves legend Billy Wright, amongst others

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LTFC academy

Under-18s lead coach JOE DEENEY gives an update on the youngsters' excellent start to the season



The Hatters celebrate winning the PDL Cup last season

Good afternoon and welcome to our supporters and everyone associated with our club for this afternoon's clash with Cardiff City.

We all enjoyed the three points at home to Wigan Athletic on Tuesday night and let's hope for another home victory today. Good luck to Matt, the Staff and the players ahead of the game.

A quick update on how the season has begun for our Under-18 group.

We have another home game ourselves against Cheltenham Town this morning where we will be aiming for a fourth win from four games.

We have started the season brilliantly with a 5-1 win against Plymouth Argyle, 6-4 win over Leyton Orient and began our PDL Under-18 Cup campaign with a 3-0 win at home to Oxford United.

The results have been more impressive based on how young our team is this season and the fact we were missing so many key individuals. I am sure the season will turn in many highs and lows as usual but that is development football. We aim to win every game, but it is vital that the individuals are at the core of everything we try to do.

Whilst it is great to start the season with three wins and three very good performances the job is ultimately about producing individuals that are ready for Matt over the next couple of seasons.

I was immensely proud of Christian Chigozie making his debut in the recent game at Coventry City which is what the role is all about. Christian is not only an excellent centre-back with a bright future, he epitomises the type of person that Luton Town demands.

Christian has been consistently balanced and returned to training with our group exactly how he was prior to his debut. He trained with exactly the same humility and intensity as

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he always does and that isn't always easy after such a big occasion on his debut.

Matt has been brilliant with the Academy and giving players opportunities. Nothing is given in football and the pathways will only ever be open if the player is good enough on a consistent basis.

Our aim is to continue to develop Christian to get towards that League One debut along with other excellent prospects coming through.

Our Under-21 group is a very young group this year filled mainly with Under-17 and Under-18 players to ensure we are always stretching our players.

The older Under-21 players go and get senior experience on loan, which in turn pushes our 17s and 18s and then in turn that pushes our Under-15 and Under-16 who strive to break into our Under-18s group.

As an Academy we never allow players or staff to be comfortable and are always stretching individuals to achieve more. Congratulations to Christian on the first leg of what I am sure will be a very bright footballing future.

Enjoy today's game.

"NOTHING IS GIVEN IN FOOTBALL AND THE PATHWAYS WILL ONLY EVER BE OPEN IF THE PLAYER IS GOOD ENOUGH ON A CONSISTENT BASIS



Christian Chigozie

U18 FIXTURES

AUGUST
Sat 8 Plymouth Argyle W 5-1
Tue 12 Leyton Orient W 6-4
Sat 16 PDLC Oxford Utd W 3-0
Sat 23 Cheltenham 10:30am
Sat 30 Forest Green 12pm

SEPTEMBER
Sat 6 Exeter City
Sat 13 Oxford Utd 10:30am
Sat 20 Newport
Sat 27 Swindon 10:30am

OCTOBER
Sat 4 PDLC Colchester 11am
Sat 11 Portsmouth

NOVEMBER
Sat 8 Bristol Rovers 12pm
Sat 15 Wycombe 10:30am
Sat 22 PDLC Watford 10:30am

DECEMBER
Sat 6 Milton Keynes 10:30am
Sat 13 Cambridge Utd 10:30am
Sat 20 Northampton 10:30am

JANUARY
Sat 3 Stevenage 10:30am
Sat 10 Sutton United 11am
Sat 17 AFC Wimbledon 10:30am
Sat 24 Barnet 11am
Sat 31 Bromley 10:30am

FEBRUARY
Sat 7 Cambridge United 11am
Sat 14 Gillingham 10:30am
Sat 21 Leyton Orient 11am
Sat 28 Wycombe 10:30am

MARCH
Sat 7 Milton Keynes 11am
Sat 14 Northampton 10:30am
Sat 21 Stevenage 10:30am
Sat 28 Gillingham 10:30am

APRIL
Sat 11 Sutton United 10:30am
Sat 18 AFC Wimbledon 10:30am
Sat 25 Barnet 10:30am

MAY
Sat 2 Bromley 11am

U21 FIXTURES

AUGUST
Tue 26 Exeter City 7pm

OCTOBER
Tue 21 Brentford 7pm

NOVEMBER
Tue 18 West Brom 7pm

DECEMBER
Tue 2 Exeter City 7pm
Sun 14 Brentford 1pm
Mon 22 West Brom 7pm

Bold denotes home fixture

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youth PROFILE

Claude Kayibanda

YOUR NAME? Claude Kayibanda

WHERE ARE YOU FROM? North London

WHAT POSITIONS DO YOU PLAY? Midfield

WHEN DID YOU JOIN THE ACADEMY? Under-12

WHO WAS YOUR FOOTBALL HERO GROWING UP? Neymar and Paul Pogba

GO-TO BOOTS RIGHT NOW? Adidas

FIRST TIME YOU KICKED A BALL? The first couple of days after I started walking

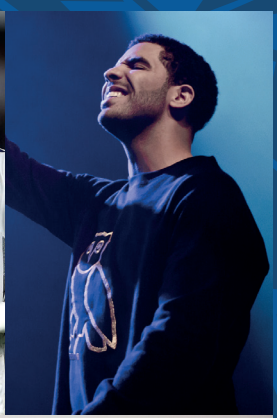
BIGGEST LESSON FOOTBALL'S TAUGHT YOU? To have self-belief

FUNNIEST TEAMMATE? Jamie Odegah

HARDEST WORKER? Everyone works hard







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BIGGEST INSPIRATION OUTSIDE FOOTBALL? My family

TEAMMATE MOST LIKELY TO BE A MANAGER? Zach Ioannides

MOMENT YOU'LL NEVER FORGET? When I was offered a scholarship

BEST BIT ABOUT BEING AT LUTON? Being with my teammates

ONE THING YOU'RE WORKING ON? I'm always working to improve my consistency whether that's with my passing, decision-making or overall performance. I think staying sharp every game is what separates good players from great ones.

PRE-MATCH ROUTINE OR SUPERSTITIONS? I have no superstitions

FAVOURITE MUSIC... Drake is an all-time favourite of mine

FAVOURITE GAME... Uno

GO-TO CHEAT MEAL... Home-made pizza

IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER? Work in business

PERSON YOU'D SWAP PLACES WITH FOR A DAY? LeBron James – just to see what it's like to be the best in a different sport

THREE WORDS TO DESCRIBE YOURSELF. Focused, humble and fun

ONE THING PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU? I got an A* in maths

BIGGEST FOOTBALL DREAM? To become an established, well-known footballer

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LUTON TOWN FC

COMMUNITY TRUST

Welcome from Daniel Douglas, Head of Community Trust



COMMUNITY TRUST ENTERTAIN PAKISTAN STREET CHILD TEAM

Last week we were proud to host the Pakistan Street Child Football Team in collaboration with our Community Trust, Muslim Hands, and the Luton Town Supporters' Trust.

The Pakistan Street Child Football Team has its roots in Muslim Hands' Maidaan programme, which aligns closely with many of our community initiatives that use sport to support vulnerable young people.

Many of the players, selected through nationwide trials, have either lived or worked on the streets without stable housing or access to school, before being brought into education and training through football.

The visit included not only fun-filled interactive training sessions with Trust coaches on Monday, but also a hard-fought matchday event between the Pakistan Under-17s and our Community Trust Development Team at the Brache on Wednesday afternoon.

Arslan Nusrat, Director of Global Operations at Muslim Hands and Founder of Project Maidaan, shared his vison of the collaboration: "Partnerships like the one we are developing with Luton Town Community Trust are vital to our mission.

"They connect the raw talent and untold stories of our players with the wider footballing community, showing these children that their dreams are valid and achievable.

"We look forward to building on this relationship, creating future opportunities for player development, cultural exchange, and shared learning between our young people and the football family here in Luton.

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"We are deeply grateful to Daniel Douglas and Luton Town Community Trust for their hospitality and for making our boys feel at home. The victory may have been the cherry on the cake, but it is the bonds and opportunities created through this partnership that will shape the future of our players and the project."

The match drew a strong turnout from the South Asian diaspora, reflecting the Premier League's push to boost South Asian participation in football. For many, it was more than a game, it was a chance to connect their heritage with the sport they love, inspiring young people to see a future for themselves in football.

The organisations and team were later welcomed at Luton Town Hall by several councillors, the Deputy Lord Mayor, Lord Qurban Hussain, and the Deputy Leader of the Council.

Their recognition of the players' journey was a powerful reminder of football's ability to unite communities across borders.





FINAL WEEK TO BOOK YOUR CHILD'S SPOT AT OUR KELLOGG'S SUMMER FOOTBALL CAMPS!

It's the last chance to secure a place on our Kellogg's Summer Football Camps, giving children aged five to 11 the opportunity to enjoy an action packed, football filled summer.

Whether they're new to the game or already play regularly, our camps are the perfect way for young players to develop their skills, build confidence, and make new friends in a fun, safe, and positive environment.

Sessions will be held at two convenient locations: Queen Elizabeth High School in Luton and Tithe Farm Recreation Ground in Houghton Regis. Each day costs just £18.50, making it an affordable way for children to stay active and engaged throughout the summer holidays.

To find out more and book a place on our final week for the summer, simply visit lutontowncommunity.co.uk and click on "Book a Course".



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Luton Town LADIES

LADIES' NEW ARRIVALS ANSWER: WHY LUTON?

We caught up with some of the ladies' new summer signings and asked them why they decided to join Luton and to get their thoughts and expectations for the 25/26 season.



Nicole Melling - new keeper signed from QPR



Kiyana Fryer pictured on her first game in Town colours

Goalkeeper Nicole Melling, who joined the Town from Queens Park Rangers: "Joining Luton felt like the perfect step – a fresh start where I can enjoy my football and really contribute. The girls and the staff have been brilliant and so welcoming and I can't wait to be part of what the team is building this season."

Ex-Real Bedford midfielder Taylor O'Leary is also excited about the season ahead: "I decided to join Luton for a fresh start, a new journey and to get some minutes under my belt in the centre of midfield. I think Luton can bring the best of me as a player and I am excited to see what the new season has in store."

Ambition and togetherness were both a key factor in Sasha Smith's decision to join the Hatters: "I joined Luton Town Ladies because I wanted to be part of an ambitious, talented and supportive team that's determined to achieve big things both

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on and off the pitch. From the moment I arrived, I felt the energy, passion and togetherness that make this club so special.

"With the quality in the squad, the dedication of the coaching staff and the backing of the fans, the season ahead is full of exciting possibilities. I can't wait to work hard, grow as a player and contribute to what I believe will be a memorable and successful campaign for us."

Amy McLean, who registered 13 goal contributions for Real Bedford last season also shared the same feeling of togetherness in the squad: "I wanted to come in and share my experience in the hope of expanding and building onto an already very talented team. The girls and staff were also really welcoming and instantly just felt like the place to be. I am extremely excited for the season to come, it will definitely be a tough test with the ever growing standard in this league. However, we've all been working very hard over pre-season and are ready to compete and show everyone what Luton can offer."

Summer Gayle revealed that she has had her eye on Luton for some time: "I started following Luton closely towards the back end of last season and I was so impressed with the run the team went on throughout the year, as well as the professionalism and quality of players they seemed to have. It's usually quite difficult for promoted teams to transition once they take the step up to a new league, but I have a feeling things will be different for Luton."

Midfielder Kiyana Fryer also spoke to us about her excitement for the season: "I'm absolutely buzzing to have joined Luton and can't wait for the season ahead. The vision and focus are clear and as a collective we've put in so much work during pre-season, building a great connection together. From my very first session here, I knew straight away this was the right place. After kicking off the season with a strong 3-1 win, I'm excited for what's to come."



Sasha Smith in action on her debut

2025/26 FIXTURES

AUGUST
17 Dulwich Hamlet W 3-1
20 Tottenham (NLC) W 4-1
24 Cambridge Utd
31 Actonians

SEPTEMBER
7 Milton Keynes (NLC)
14 Norwich City
21 Milton Keynes
28 Oxford Utd (NLC)

OCTOBER
12 AFC Sudbury
29 Chesham Utd

NOVEMBER
2 London Bees
16 QPR
30 Chatham Town

DECEMBER
7 Fulham
14 Dulwich Hamlet

JANUARY
4 Cambridge Utd
25 Norwich City

FEBRUARY
8 Actonians
18 Chesham Utd
22 AFC Sudbury

MARCH
8 Milton Keynes
22 London Bees
29 QPR

APRIL
12 Fulham
26 Chatham Town


The team celebrate their first goal back in WNL against Dulwich Hamlet

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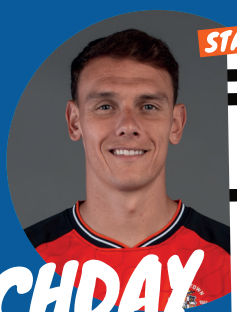
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A big shoutout to our mascots at the Wigan game!

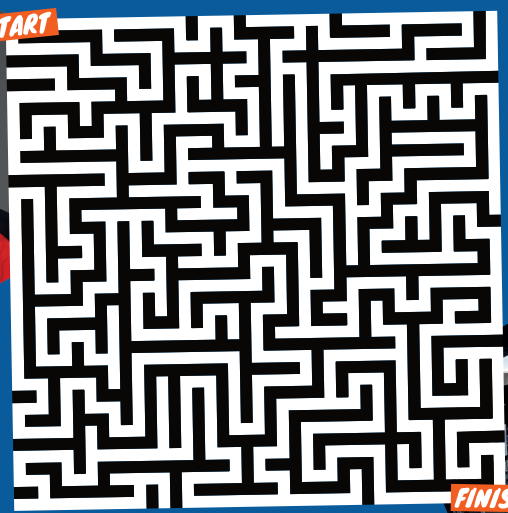
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JUNIOR HATTERS



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Charlie Wadsworth

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Hobbies: Football, Fishing, Gaming, Travelling
Favourite Player: Jordan Clark

Ethan Must

Age: 11
Hobbies: Playing football and video games with friends.
Favourite Player: Jordan Clark



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£13 Under 17	£10 Under 17
£10 Under 14	£8 Under 14

AWAY TICKET **NEWS**

v Burton Albion
Saturday 30th August, 3pm

We have received a full allocation of 1,300 terrace places and 330 seats (seats are for families and elderly supporters only and will only be available via phone) for our fixture at Burton.

PLEASE NOTE THIS FIXTURE IS PHYSICAL TICKETS ONLY AND TICKETS WILL BE SENT VIA POST OR LEFT FOR COLLECTION AT LTFC.

Supporters wishing to purchase family tickets must contact the ticket office to book over the phone.

Hatters Members 4 Year Members
Subject to availability, any member who has held a membership for four seasons can book one ticket per person on Tuesday 26th August 2025 at 10am.

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Subject to availability, any member who has held a membership for three seasons can book one ticket per person on Tuesday 26th August 2025 at 11am.

Hatters Members 2 Year Members
Subject to availability, any member who has held a membership for two consecutive seasons can book one ticket per person on Tuesday 26th August 2025 at 12 noon.

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Subject to availability, tickets will go on sale on Tuesday 26th August at 2pm at one per person to any supporter with a previous purchasing history and any member without a previous booking history.

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v Huddersfield Town

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LEAGUE LOOK

LATE BORO BURST KEEPS THEM TOP!

Stevenage scored two goals in the final two minutes to seal a dramatic turnaround and keep them top of the League One table.

Boro trailed 1-0 to Port Vale on Tuesday night but two goals from Jamie Reid completed the comeback to keep the Hertfordshire side two points clear and remain the only side in the division with a 100 per cent start.

Our visitors this evening were also thankful for a late goal of their own as Isaak Davies' winner two minutes into stoppage time earned the Bluebirds a 1-0 win at AFC Wimbledon.

The late goals knocked Barnsley off the top, who went into the final minutes in pole position thanks to their 1-0 win at Peterborough – who have now lost all four of their League One fixtures this term.

Bradford maintained their excellent start to the season with another win over the Hatters – this time a superb 2-1 win at Stockport. The Bantams were behind at half-time at Edgeley Park but second half goals from Will Swan and Antoni Sarcevic pushed Graham Alexander's side up to fourth place in the table.

Former Town striker Joe Taylor was on target from the penalty spot as Huddersfield bounced back from their weekend defeat by beating Doncaster 2-0. The Terriers now sit fifth in the standings.

Meanwhile Lincoln made it three wins from four to move up to seventh with a 1-0 win at Northampton thanks to Freddie Draper's fine first-half finish. The Cobblers are yet to taste victory and have one point so far.

Plymouth's indifferent start to the campaign continued, too. The Pilgrims, relegated from the Championship last term, were defeated for the fourth time in a row on Tuesday night, losing out 1-0 at home to Leyton Orient.

In the pick of this weekend's fixtures, Stevenage face a stern test as they aim to maintain their winning streak when they head to Huddersfield.

Peterborough face a tough ask at home to in-form Bradford while Plymouth meet Blackpool in their quest to end their losing run at Home Park.



Barnsley and Peterborough battle it out

PLAYER STATS *2025/26*

	LEAGUE APP(S)	LEAGUE GLS	CUP APP(S)	CUP GLS	TOTAL APP(S)	TOTAL GLS	LTFC CAREER APP(S)	LTFC CAREER GLS
Elijah Adebayo	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0	0	182	47
Millenic Alli	4 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	4	0	21	4
Mads Andersen	3 (0)	1	0 (0)	0	3	1	22	2
Shandon Baptiste	2 (1)	0	0 (0)	0	2	0	20	1
Cohen Bramall	1 (1)	0	1 (0)	0	2	0	3	0
Jacob Brown	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0	0	52	7
Christian Chigozie	0 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	1	0	1	0
Tahith Chong	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0	0	69	7
Jordan Clark	4 (0)	1	0 (0)	0	4	1	183	19
Lamine Fanne	1 (2)	0	1 (0)	0	2	0	17	0
Tom Holmes	0 (1)	0	1 (0)	0	1	0	22	1
Joe Johnson	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0	0	15	0
Isaiah Jones	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0	0	18	2
Josh Keeley	4 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	4	0	4	0
Gideon Kodua	1 (1)	1	1 (0)	0	2	1	3	1
Nigel Lonwijk	3 (1)	0	0 (1)	0	3	0	5	0
Christ Makosso	2 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	2	0	15	0
Mark McGuinness	2 (2)	0	1 (0)	0	3	0	49	3
Teden Mengi	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0	0	55	2
Kal Naismith	4 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	4	0	82	4
Marvelous Nakamba	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0	0	57	0
Zack Nelson	0 (4)	0	1 (0)	0	1	0	30	1
Lasse Nordas	0 (2)	0	1 (0)	0	1	0	13	0
Hakeem Odoffin	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0	0	0	0
Josh Phillips	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	0	0	2	0
Jake Richards	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	0	0	1	0
George Saville	4 (0)	1	0 (0)	0	4	1	4	1
James Shea	0 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	1	0	111	0
Liam Walsh	2 (2)	0	1 (0)	0	3	0	33	0
Reuell Walters	2 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	2	0	18	0
Nahki Wells	2 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	2	0	2	0
Cauley Woodrow	0 (1)	0	1 (0)	0	1	0	82	6
Jerry Yates	3 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	3	0	4	0

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FIXTURES & RESULTS 2025/26

		KO	RES		POS	ATT	AWAY							
AUGUST														
FRI 1	**AFC WIMBLEDON** TV	**20:00**	W	1-0	12	11,735	1,321	Keeley	Walters	Lonwijk	Makosso	Andersen	Naismith	Saville
SAT 8	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	12:30	W	2-0	4	10,827	2,995	Keeley	Walters	Alli	Makosso	**ANDERSEN 1**	Naismith	Saville
TUE 12	COVENTRY CITY (CC1)	19:45	L	0-1	-	10,536	515	Shea	Kodua	Bramall	Chigozie	McGuinness	Holmes	Walsh
SAT 16	BRADFORD CITY	15:00	L	1-2	9	20,233	1,338	Keeley	Alli	Lonwijk	McGuinness	Andersen	Naismith	Saville
TUE 19	**WIGAN ATHLETIC**	**19:45**	W	1-0	6	10,751	562	Keeley	Kodua	Bramall	Lonwijk	McGuinness	Naismith	**SAVILLE 1**
SAT 23	**CARDIFF CITY** TV	**12:30**												
SAT 30	BURTON ALBION	15:00												
SEPTEMBER														
TUE 2	**BARNET (VT)**	**19:30**												
SAT 13	**PLYMOUTH ARGYLE**	**15:00**												
SAT 20	LINCOLN CITY TV	12:30												
SAT 27	**DONCASTER ROVERS**	**15:00**												
OCTOBER														
SAT 4	STEVENAGE	15:00												
TUE 7	CAMBRIDGE UNITED (VT)	19:00												
SAT 11	**HUDDERSFIELD TOWN**	**15:00**												
SAT 18	**MANSFIELD TOWN**	**15:00**												
SAT 25	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	15:00												
TUE 28	**BRIGHTON & HA U21 (VT)**	**19:00**												
NOVEMBER														
SAT 8	STOCKPORT COUNTY	15:00												
SAT 15	**ROTHERHAM UNITED**	**15:00**												
SAT 22	BARNSLEY	15:00												
SAT 29	**BOLTON WANDERERS**	**15:00**												
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TUE 9	LEYTON ORIENT	19:45												
SAT 13	**PORT VALE**	**15:00**												
THU 18	READING TV	20:00												
FRI 26	**WYCOMBE WANDERERS**	**15:00**												
MON 29	**LEYTON ORIENT**	**15:00**												
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THU 1	EXETER CITY	15:00												
SUN 4	DONCASTER ROVERS	15:00												
SAT 10	**STEVENAGE**	**15:00**												
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SAT 24	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	15:00												
TUE 27	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	19:45												
SAT 31	**BLACKPOOL**	**15:00**												
FEBRUARY														
SAT 7	**BRADFORD CITY**	**15:00**												
SAT 14	CARDIFF CITY	15:00												
TUE 17	WIGAN ATHLETIC	19:45												
SAT 21	**BURTON ALBION**	**15:00**												
SAT 28	PORT VALE	15:00												
MARCH														
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SAT 14	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	15:00												
TUE 17	**EXETER CITY**	**19:45**												
SAT 21	**STOCKPORT COUNTY**	**15:00**												
SAT 28	ROTHERHAM UNITED	15:00												
APRIL														
FRI 3	**PETERBOROUGH UNITED**	**15:00**												
MON 6	AFC WIMBLEDON	15:00												
SAT 11	**NORTHAMPTON TOWN**	**15:00**												
SAT 18	MANSFIELD TOWN	15:00												
SAT 25	**BARNSLEY**	**15:00**												
MAY														
SAT 2	BOLTON WANDERERS	15:00												
TBA	BLACKPOOL	TBA												

LOVE FOOTBALL, PROTECT THE GAME

Luton Town Football Club has committed in its customer charter to providing safe matchday experiences for all supporters regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, disability or sexual orientation, and this applies equally to home and away fixtures.

In the event that any Luton supporters do make discriminatory chants, the Club will work with the police and football authorities to help identify such individuals. Any such fans would then face the strictest club sanctions, including football banning orders that would prevent them attending any matches, in addition to any criminal charges.

Furthermore, we would like to warn against pitch incursions and the use of pyrotechnics or missiles – which could lead to potential prosecution.

The Club can also be held responsible for the behaviour of its supporters, which could lead to substantial fines being imposed.

As a diverse and inclusive football club, we stand shoulder-to-shoulder with our fellow EFL clubs in supporting the FA's 'Love Football. Protect the Game' campaign and call on all fans to enjoy the game in a positive spirit.

If you are offended by any discriminatory abuse of any kind at any of our games, you can report it by scanning the QR code or by contacting your nearest steward immediately.

Alternatively, email myvoice@lutontown.co.uk or report the incident via Kick it Out's free, confidential reporting app on the App Store and Google Play.

We're all Luton.

	SUB 1	SUB 2	SUB 3	SUB 4	SUB 5
Clark	Walsh	Alli	Wells	Nelson	Fanne	Baptiste	Woodrow	McGuinness
CLARK 1	Baptiste	Yates	Wells	Lonwijk	Walsh	Fanne	McGuinness	Nelson
Nelson	Fanne	Woodrow	Nordås	Lonwijk	Alli	Richards	Yates	Phillips
Clark	Baptiste	Fanne	Yates	KODUA 1	Bramall	Nordas	Nelson	Walsh
Clark	Walsh	Alli	Yates	Nordas	Nelson	Holmes		

THE QUIZ

Can you answer these 10 Town teasers? Quiz your family members and see if they can get all 10! The prize? Nothing – just pride and honour. Let's get into it…

1. To the nearest hundred how many matches have we played in our history?

2. Who were last team we played in the EFL Trophy?

3. How many goals have Cardiff conceded this season?

4. Who is the new manager of Morecambe?

5. Which club beat Rangers 3-1 in Tuesday's Champions League play-off match?

6. Who was the Liverpool manager the last time they lost on the opening weekend of the season?

7. Which club has spent the most seasons (7) in the top-flight without ever winning their first game of the season?

8. Who holds the record for most goals scored on opening weekends in the Premier League, with nine?

9. How many points did the Hatters take in their first four matches in League One in 2018/19?

10. Which club in League 2 has the smallest capacity stadium?

How did you do? 0-3 The Pitts. 4-7 Courtney Pitt. 8-10 Simon Pitts.

**The editor wishes to apologise for an incorrect answer in Tuesday's night quiz. Christian Chigozie's first involvement in the matchday squad was against Arsenal and not Manchester City. Sorry for any incorrect answers that led to any arguments.*

1. 5,788. 2. Southend United. 3. One. 4. Ashvir Singh Johal. 5. Club Brugge. 6. Brendan Rogers. 7. QPR. 8. Mohamed Salah. 9. Four. 10. Salford City

KIDS MAZE ANSWER

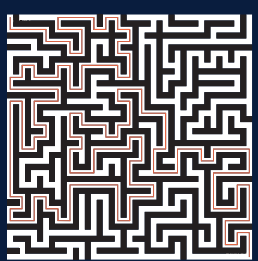


TABLE 2025/26

Team	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Stevenage	4	4	0	0	5	12
Cardiff	**4**	**3**	**1**	**0**	**5**	**10**
Barnsley	4	3	1	0	4	10
Bradford City	4	3	1	0	3	10
Huddersfield	4	3	0	1	6	9
Luton	**4**	**3**	**0**	**1**	**3**	**9**
Lincoln	4	3	0	1	2	9
Stockport	4	2	1	1	2	7
Leyton Orient	4	2	1	1	0	7
Doncaster	4	2	1	1	0	7
Exeter	4	2	0	2	2	6
Mansfield	4	2	0	2	1	6
Wigan	4	2	0	2	1	6
Wimbledon	4	2	0	2	1	6
Burton	3	1	1	1	0	4
Bolton	3	1	1	1	0	4
Rotherham	3	1	0	2	-3	3
Blackpool	4	1	0	3	-5	3
Port Vale	4	0	2	2	-2	2
Wycombe	4	0	1	3	-3	1
Northampton	4	0	1	3	-5	1
Reading	3	0	0	3	-5	0
Plymouth	4	0	0	4	-6	0
Peterborough	4	0	0	4	-6	0

TODAY'S Fixtures

TODAY

12:30AM KO

Rotherham v Wigan

3PM KO

AFC Wimbledon v Barnsley
Bolton v Lincoln
Huddersfield v Stevenage
Mansfield v Leyton Orient
Northampton v Exeter
Peterborough v Bradford
Plymouth v Blackpool
Port Vale v Doncaster
Stockport v Burton Albion
Wycombe v Reading

TOWN Totals

	W	D	L	F	A
HOME	1564	692	632	5768	3248
AWAY	747	716	1414	3309	4958
NEUTRAL	6	4	13	29	43
TOTAL	2317	1412	2059	9106	8249
At KR	1434	664	578	5229	3002

5,788 games played

Hatters Heritage's ***Roger Wash*** *looks back on some of our finest ever campaigns*

SEASONS TO REMEMBER *1970/71*



After the ecstasy of promotion to Division Two (now the Championship) at the end of 1969/70, hard reality set in as manager Alec Stock set about improving the squad.

Although David Court and Roger Hoy were brought in from Arsenal and Crystal Palace respectively, Stock did most of his shopping at Manchester United bringing in four players including Jim Ryan and Don Givens. Sadly, the Town would be without mercurial winger Graham French who was about to serve a three-year stretch in prison for a shooting offence.

On the pitch the Hatters started slowly but by 20th October they were top of the league buoyed by the goals of Malcolm Macdonald, which included a hat-trick in the televised 5-1 win at Sheffield Wednesday where he announced himself to the football world when before he was our little secret.

Still top in early January, the biggest average home attendances since 1958 and scoring goals for fun what could possibly go wrong?

Underpinning the club was the money of Chairman Tony Hunt and director Reggie Burr who owned the Vehicle and General Insurance Company. The company entered into a voluntary arrangement with its creditors and with it their guarantees to the club's bankers were worthless.

The whole club suffered because of this bombshell and some of the bounce left the players culminating in a disastrous Easter when all three games were lost and with it any hopes of promotion to the top flight.

It had been fun while it lasted but a glorious era came to an end when Macdonald was inevitably sold to Newcastle for a record £180,000.

SECOND DIVISION	PLD	W	D	L	GAv	PTS
1 Leicester City (C, P)	42	23	13	6	1.9	59
2 Sheffield United (P)	42	21	14	7	1.8	56
3 Cardiff City	42	20	13	9	1.5	53
4 Carlisle United	42	20	13	9	1.5	53
5 Hull City	42	19	13	10	1.3	51
6 Luton Town	**42**	**18**	**13**	**11**	**1.4**	**49**
7 Middlesbrough	42	17	14	11	1.3	48
8 Millwall	42	19	9	14	1.4	47
9 Birmingham City	42	17	12	13	1.2	46
10 Norwich City	42	15	14	13	1.0	44
11 Queens Park Rangers	42	16	11	15	1.04	43
12 Swindon Town	42	15	12	15	1.1	42
13 Sunderland	42	15	12	15	0.9	42
14 Oxford United	42	14	14	14	0.8	42
15 Sheffield Wednesday	42	12	12	18	0.7	36
16 Portsmouth	42	10	14	18	0.7	34
17 Orient	42	9	16	17	0.5	34
18 Watford	42	10	13	19	0.6	33
19 Bristol City	42	10	11	21	0.7	31
20 Charlton Athletic	42	8	14	20	0.6	30
21 Blackburn Rovers (R)	42	6	15	21	0.5	27
22 Bolton Wanderers (R)	42	7	10	25	0.4	24

Player focus

The much underrated **Don Givens** made his mark in the Luton team as the perfect foil to Macdonald but he was much more than that.



Season standout

Never afraid to miss was the title of **Malcolm Macdonald's** autobiography and he proved that in 1970/71 banging in 30 goals in all competitions.



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the TEAMS

LUTON TOWN

MANAGER **MATT BLOOMFIELD**

1	JAMES **SHEA**
2	REUELL **WALTERS**
3	KAL **NAISMITH**
5	MADS **ANDERSEN**
6	MARK **McGUINNESS**
7	MILLENIC **ALLI**
8	LIAM **WALSH**
9	JERRY **YATES**
10	CAULEY **WOODROW**
11	ELIJAH **ADEBAYO**
13	MARVELOUS **NAKAMBA**
14	TAHITH **CHONG**
15	TEDEN **MENGI**
16	HAKEEM **ODOFFIN**
17	NIGEL **LONWIJK**
18	JORDAN **CLARK**
19	JACOB **BROWN**
20	LASSE **NORDÅS**
21	NAHKI **WELLS**
22	LAMINE **FANNE**
23	GEORGE **SAVILLE**
24	JOSH **KEELEY**
25	ISAIAH **JONES**
26	SHANDON **BAPTISTE**
27	JAKE **RICHARDS**
28	CHRIST **MAKOSSO**
29	THOMAS **HOLMES**
30	GIDEON **KODUA**
33	COHEN **BRAMALL**
37	ZACK **NELSON**
38	JOE **JOHNSON**
39	JOSH **PHILLIPS**
41	LUCAS **THOMAS**
42	CHRISTIAN **CHIGOZIE**

CARDIFF CITY

MANAGER **BRIAN BARRY-MURPHY**

1	ETHAN **HORVATH**
2	WILL **FISH**
3	JOEL **BAGAN**
5	JESPER **DALAND**
6	RYAN **WINTLE**
10	RUBIN **COLWILL**
11	OLLIE **TURNER**
12	CALUM **CHAMBERS**
13	NATHAN **TROTT**
14	DAVID **TURNBULL**
16	CHRIS **WILLOCK**
18	ALEX **ROBERTSON**
21	JAN **ALNWICK**
22	YOUSEF **SALECH**
24	ELI **KING**
27	JOEL **COLWILL**
28	DAKARAI **MAFICO**
29	TANATSWA **NYAKUHWA**
38	PERRY **NG**
39	ISAAK **DAVIES**
41	MATTHEW **TURNER**
44	RONAN **KPAKIO**
45	CIAN **ASHFORD**
47	CALLUM **ROBINSON**
48	DYLAN **LAWLOR**

The Officials

REFEREE **MARTIN COY**
ASSISTANT REFEREE **JACOB LEHANE**
ASSISTANT REFEREE **RICHARD J. MORRIS**
FOURTH OFFICIAL **HARRY WAGER**