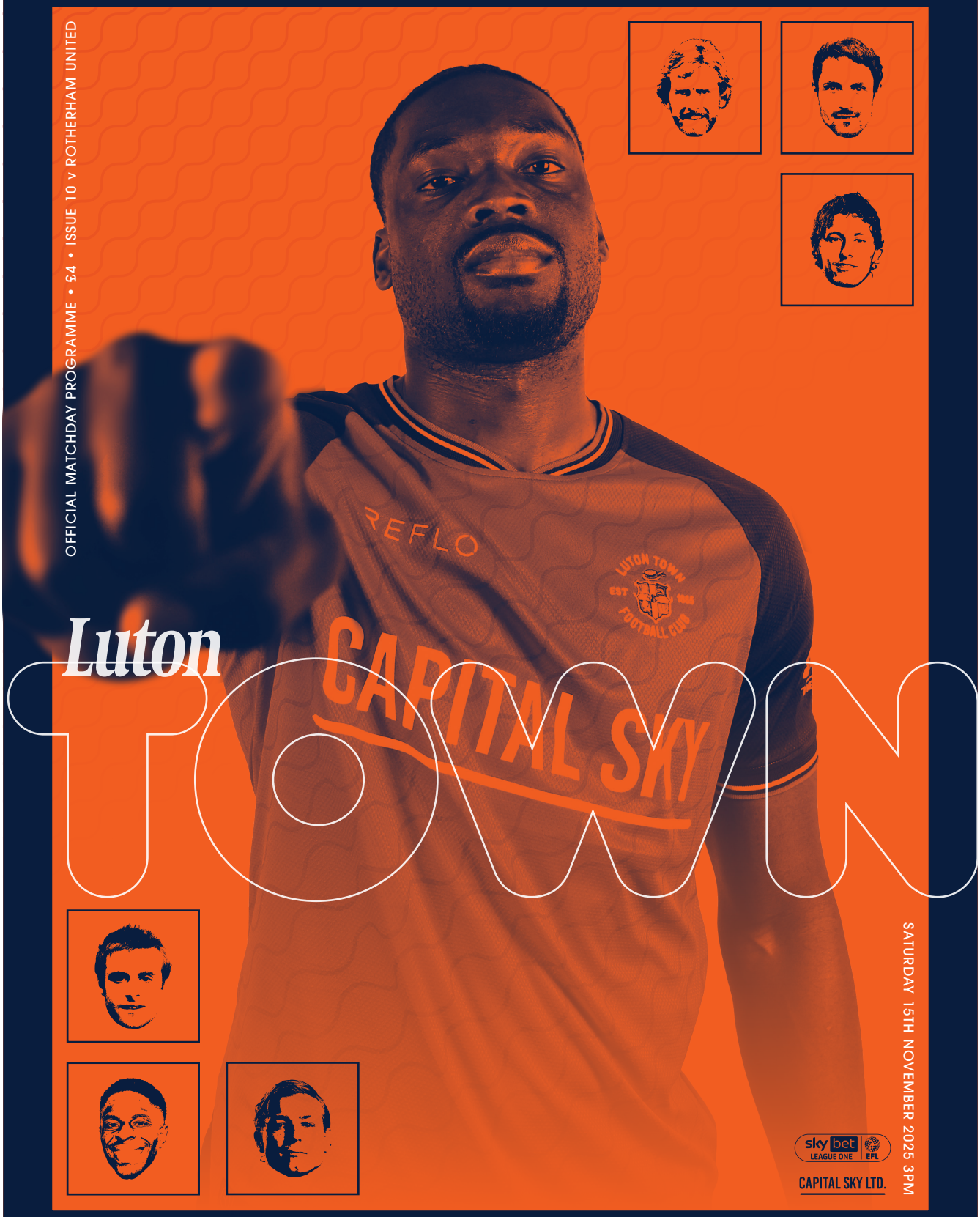
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Chiedozie Ogbene Chieo joined us from Rotherham in the summer of 2023 after four years in Yorkshire. The winger instantly became a fans' favourite for his pace and power, scoring four goals in the top-flight before moving to Ipswich last year. He is now on loan at Sheffield United.

Scott Griffiths Left-back Scott helped us to the Conference title in 2013/14 – a season in which the defender played all 46 league games. Made his name under John Still at Dagenham and spent a short-time on loan at Rotherham, making eight appearances in 2011/12 before retiring from football in 2016.

Rossi Jarvis Midfielder Rossi signed from Norwich in the summer we were deducted 30 points in 2008. He helped the Town to win the Johnstone's Paint Trophy in 2009. A Norwich academy graduate, he made 10 appearances on loan at Rotherham in 2007. He is now Welfare & Progression Officer at Norwich.

Danny Hylton A man who needs no introduction, Daniel Thomas Hylton scored 62 times in 170 appearances as the Town went from League Two to the Championship play-offs. The striker left for Northampton in 2022 before hanging up his boots at Charlton where he is now first team coach under Nathan Jones.

Peter Holmes Midfielder Peter had to be patient for his time in the Hatters team after joining from Sheffield Wednesday in 2000. He became a regular member of Mike Newell's squads as we won League One in 2004/05 but left to join Rotherham in 2007, where he made 31 appearances.

Tony Grealish Republic of Ireland international midfielder signed for the Hatters in 1979 in one of the first transfer tribunals. He went on to make 78 league appearances and scored two goals before moving to Brighton in an exchange deal involving Brian Horton. He skippered the Seagulls in the 1983 FA Cup final and then joined Rotherham in 1987, making over 100 appearances before ending his pro career at Walsall. Sadly, at the age of just 56, Tony passed away in 2013.

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Welcome

Welcome back to you all for our first home league fixture in over a month as we entertain, and welcome, Rotherham United to Kenilworth Road.

After victories here over Brighton's Under-21s and Forest Green, the lads made it four wins in a row last weekend at Stockport to breathe new life into our season.

To be in the next round of two cup competitions and within striking distance of the top six is credit to the hard work of everyone over the past month and it's fair to say things are looking positive – you only had to see the support at Stockport last weekend to notice that the feelgood factor is well and truly back. The scenes and limbs in the away left us all smiling!

Of course, things in football change very quicky. Never too high, never too low and all that. Rotherham come here in great form themselves – six unbeaten in League One – so get behind the team this afternoon even when things might not be going our way.

Up the Town!

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THE BOSS

Jack WILSHERE

Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road as we entertain Rotherham United.

We go into today's game knowing it's another big test. Rotherham are in form, well organised and are carrying good momentum after a number of good results, so we'll have to be right at it from the start. For us, it's another opportunity to keep building on the progress we've made and to keep improving the standards we set ourselves.

Last weekend's win away at Stockport was an important moment for the group. To go there, defend the way we did, keep a clean sheet and take our chances showed real maturity.

What pleased me most was how we stuck together. We suffered when we had to in the opening half-an-hour, stayed disciplined and we found a way to come through it. That togetherness is what good teams are built on. All over the pitch there were positives and it takes a team performance like that to earn your reward.

We had to show that same character in our last match here in the FA Cup against Forest Green. It wasn't a straightforward game by any means, and at times it was difficult to analyse, but we found a way to win. The players showed resilience when the momentum shifted and when the game was seemingly going against us. Forest Green committed players forward and made it a real battle. We had to stay calm, dig in and keep believing and in the end, we did what was needed to get in the hat for round two.

That resilience is becoming a real strength of this group, and we will need that once again when we travel to Fleetwood in the next round in a couple of weeks' time.

Every week in this division brings a different type of challenge. There's real quality and physicality throughout, and no team gives you an easy afternoon. You can prepare as much as you like, but there will always be moments when you have to defend properly and show the right mentality. The lads have been excellent in that regard, and we know we have to keep pushing to find more consistency. The only way to do that is through hard work, preparation and staying focused on the next task.

Finally, I also want to speak about your support. The atmosphere and scenes at the end at Stockport last week meant a lot – not just to me, but to everyone involved.

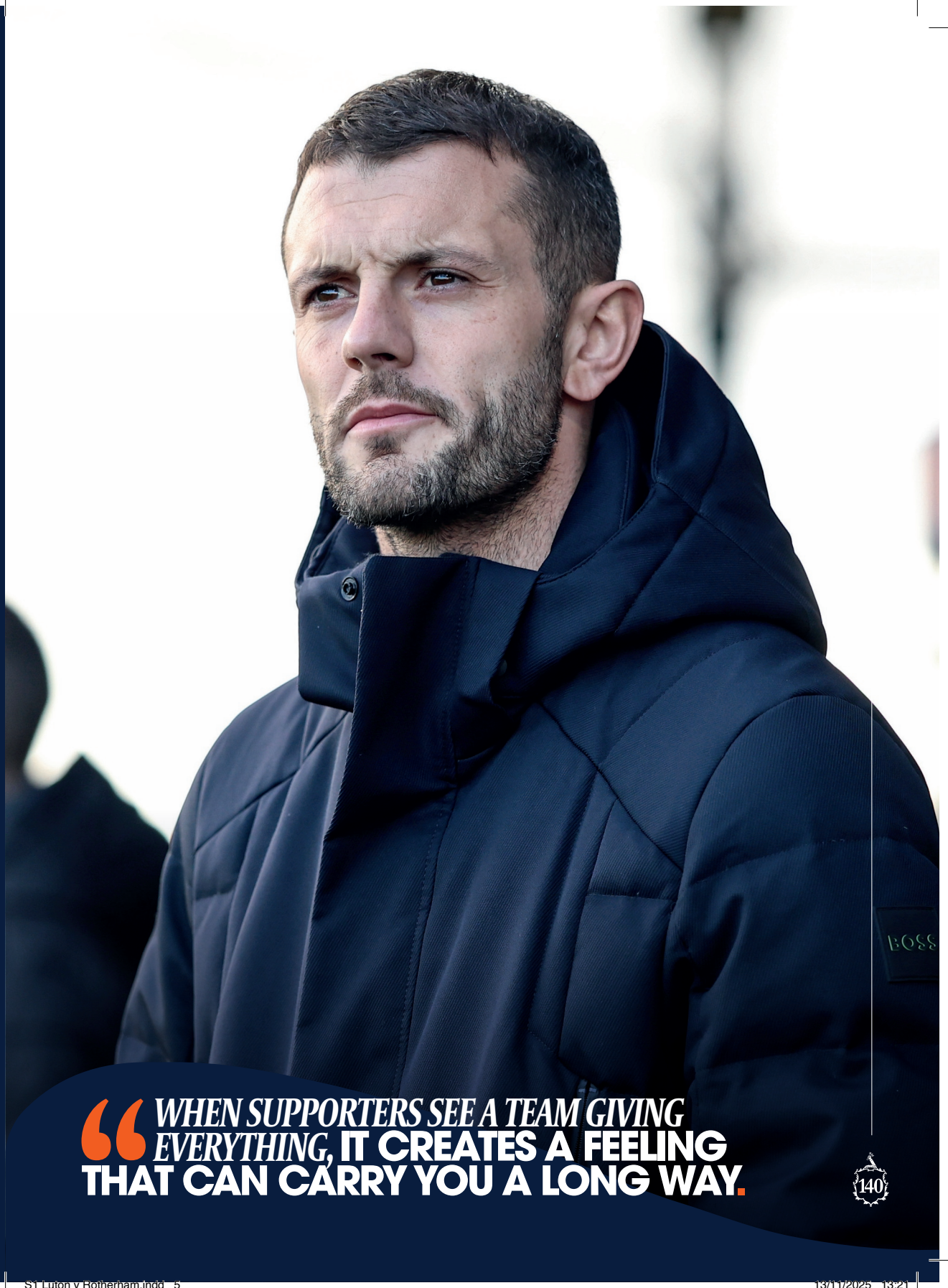
The connection between the players, the staff and you, the supporters, is growing stronger with each game, and you can really feel it. That gives the players energy and belief, and it makes such a difference in those tight moments. You only had to see and hear the reaction at the end when Teden produced that challenge in injury time at Stockport to realise what it means.

That bond is something we value deeply and want to keep building. When supporters see a team giving everything, it creates a feeling that can carry you a long way. We're all in this together, and if we keep that connection strong, there's no limit to what we can achieve.

However, we're still taking small steps so please continue your fantastic backing this afternoon and enjoy the game.



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BOARDROOM

Jenn SMITH



Good afternoon and welcome to Kenilworth Road.

I extend my welcome to you all, and to the travelling Rotherham United supporters. I'll admit, I had to Google the distance – I am always impressed by the lengths football fans go to support their teams, especially when that journey extends to nearly 140 miles to be here today.

We are of course no strangers to facing the Millers, with our paths last crossing in the Championship in 2023 when a 2-0 win in Yorkshire helped strengthen our position in securing a spot in the play-offs.

These are my first programme notes this season. As an Executive Team, we all really enjoy the chance to communicate with our fanbase. It's something we have discussed at length and are keen to do more of.

By now, you will have read notes from each of us, so it feels a good opportunity to explain who we are and what our roles are at the club. We are a team of four, who alongside Gary Sweet, lead strategically but also focus on the day-to-day running of the club.

You have heard from Tom Schofield, our Chief Finance Officer, Ben Kensell, Chief Revenue Officer, James Mooney, Operations Director, and me, Human Resources Director, leading on all things people. My role also oversees our safeguarding function – which is key as we operate an Academy and Community Trust – as well as leading our inclusion strategy.

Inclusion at Luton Town has always been at the heart of what we do as proud Lutonians, raised in a town that is truly unique. Growing up in Luton gives you exposure to everyone and everything, it's impossible to not embrace multiculturalism, and it's what makes us who we are. We refer to our work in inclusion through our 'We're All Luton' campaign, because that is exactly what it means to be a Luton fan – a Lutonian. It's a deep connection, and pride for a town regardless of where you are from, or what you believe.

My grandparents moved here from Scotland to work at Vauxhall, a backstory that I'm sure many of us have in common – perhaps you originate from somewhere slightly more exotic! I often joke that they traded one type of grey for another. However, what unites us all is our fierce loyalty and protectiveness of this town, and in turn our club.

Unfortunately, we have been reminded recently that while we may operate with inclusion at our core – the same can't be said for all. This unfortunately leads me into talking about one of the worst parts of my role. Following our last home game against Forest Green Rovers, we were sickened to have to report an incident of racial abuse towards Teden Mengi on social media. It seems social media has given people a platform to freely and cowardly insult someone using words they would never use to someone's face.

I don't have all the answers for how we counter it, but I do know that there's strength in numbers. I can assure you that these attacks don't come from Luton fans; they typically come from opposition supporters disappointed with a result – but that doesn't lessen the impact. It has been heartening to witness the subsequent support for Teden, especially



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the outpouring of emotion that followed at Stockport. We're all with you, Teden.

These cases are also incredibly difficult to bring to a conclusion. We're still working through an incident of abuse toward Elijah Adebayo that has been going on for over 12 months now. This simply isn't acceptable, and we are continuing to push for an outcome. We can only hope that the more of us who stand up against this abhorrent behaviour will help see it decline.

As I mentioned, these are my first notes this season – my fifth here at Kenilworth Road. As is the Luton way, it's been quite a rollercoaster. I don't wish to dwell much on the lows (though I'm often reminded that life as a Luton fan is about riding that wave!) The summer was busy for every department, including HR. The 'off-season' is something of a myth when you work in the business of football. Instead, we went straight into a full departmental review of people and processes, asking our managers to look at not just the bigger picture, but the small things we could review and improve.

As is always the case, the close season gave us an opportunity to take a breath, step back and restructure in certain places. We have been on an incredible journey since I joined in 2021 – not just through the divisions, but behind the scenes too, professionalising,



We're all Luton: Togetherness shown on and off the pitch at Stockport last weekend

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upscaling and becoming a business that not only wins games but is a great place to work too. We certainly aren't planning on slowing down on or off the pitch, whether that's wins for Jack and the team or looking ahead to Power Court.

Change, and change management, is a big part of my role. Nothing is comparable to the appointment of a new first-team manager, which is a challenge like no other to find someone who can step into our club, embrace our culture, and make a real impact. Recruitment always contains elements of risk. You make a judgement based on what is a relatively short interaction, but I was incredibly impressed with the process and due diligence that led to us appointing Jack, Chris, Tim and David. Getting to know them and induct them into club life has been a fantastic experience so far. They are a great group who have brought real energy to the club.

In their first week, both Jack and Chris visited Luton HQ where they addressed staff and instantly had the full buy-in and support of everyone. What really stood out to me was their acknowledgement of what we had all been through. That sense of empathy and unity is what makes us special. I've worked in many different organisations, but I've never experienced anything quite like Luton Town. It's vital that anyone who joins us understands and embraces that spirit.

I'll close my notes but saying this is a special club. We have something here that you won't find elsewhere. It feels as though we are coming out of a storm, but I would encourage everyone to keep backing Jack and the team, as I know you will.

Let's continue to make Kenilworth Road the intimidating fortress it is, so sing loud and proud this afternoon.

Remember, we're all Luton.

Jenn

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THE CAPTAIN

Kal NAISMITH

Welcome back to you all to Kenilworth Road and I hope you're all in high spirits after a run of four wins on the bounce.

As a group we certainly are. The atmosphere around The Brache has always been good, naturally taking a dip when results hadn't been going our way, but there's no doubt that the feelgood factor is now running right the way through the club – and that's the magic of winning football matches.

The noise and atmosphere you created at Stockport, together with the celebrations at the end, were brilliant. As I mentioned in my last notes, the similar scenes we saw at Northampton were a reminder that we want to enjoy those special moments more often after a number of previous disappointments earlier this season.

I spoke in the dressing room of the importance of your support and how we could use it to give us that extra edge and we certainly did. After weathering an early storm, we gained a foothold in the game and scored two great goals thanks to Jake and Cohen.

We then needed to dig in at the start of the second half because we knew Stockport would throw everything at us. It's a team game so kudos to Josh for brilliantly keeping out their penalty. I don't think I've seen an away end celebrate a penalty save like that before, and I've loved seeing some of the images from the stands doing the rounds of social media.

The three points were then sealed by Izzy's first of the season in the closing stages but I think the biggest cheer of the afternoon came for Teden's sliding tackle in injury time.

It was a beautiful moment for a man who has had to deal with a lot in the past week having been subjected to horrific racial abuse on social media after the Forest Green game. Ted's been a tower strength but it's easy sometimes to forget he is still a young man. As a group, and as a club, we stand behind him in the face of such hate. The love he was getting from you at Stockport shows the depth of feeling towards a man who is, and always has, given everything for us.

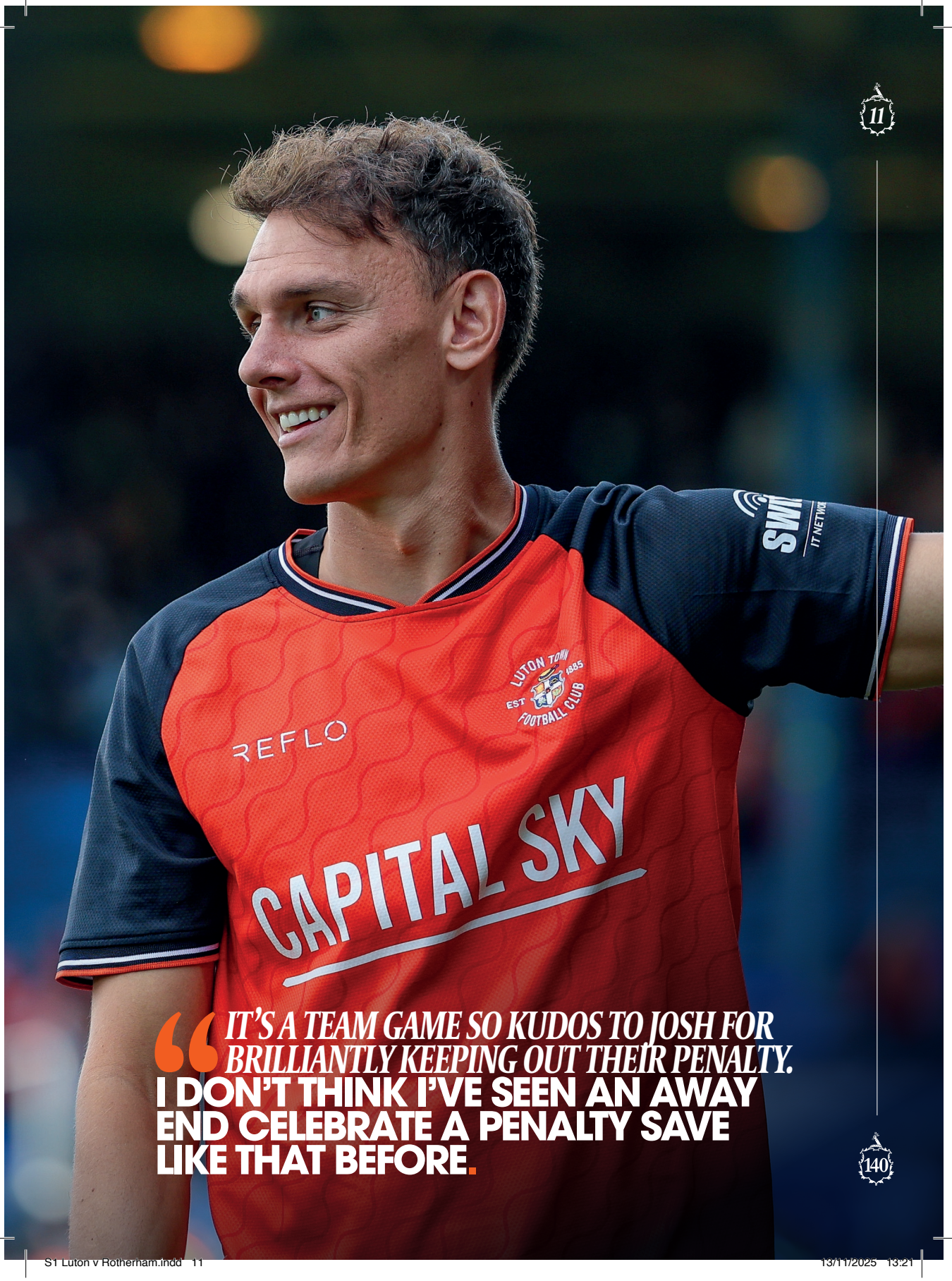
Turning attention back to this afternoon, we entertain a Rotherham side who are themselves in good form in the league. We know we need to earn the right to play and realise that we may have to be patient to do so. No team is ever going to give us an easy ride but we need to ensure that we use Kenilworth Road and your support to our advantage to give us confidence.

Momentum in any sport is massive, and I believe, as a collective, we are capable of harnessing that in our bid to climb further up the table. Football has a funny way of reminding you can take nothing for granted – the Forest Green game a case in point – so we'll be guarding against any complacency, but also be full of confidence and energy that we can continue our winning run.

Get behind us and enjoy the game.



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WELCOME, (ANOTHER) JACK!

We are delighted to announce the appointment to Jack Wilshere's backroom staff of Jack Lamb-Wilson as Head of Analysis.

The pair first worked together at West Ham, when Wilshere was a player and Lamb-Wilson was working during a five-year spell as Performance and Post-Match Analyst at London Stadium.

Previous to that, he had gained valuable Premier League experience during a year as First Team Performance Analysis intern at Cardiff City, then two years as First Team Assistant Performance Analyst at Stoke City.



He arrives at Kenilworth Road to head up a department that already boasts Chloe Golding, who is now in her second season with the Hatters as Performance Analysis Assistant.

While we offer a warm Luton welcome to Jack, departing Kenilworth Road have been Head of Medical Danny Murphy and Club Doctor, Hasan Iqbal, who have both chosen to pursue opportunities away from football.

We thank both Danny and Hasan for their valuable contributions during their time at the Club and wish them the best of luck for their future careers.

TOWN ON TV

Three of our Sky Bet League One fixtures have been moved to earlier kick-offs in the latest EFL selections for live broadcast on Sky Sports.

The home games against Stevenage, on 10th January, and Bradford, on 7th February, and the away trip to Plymouth on 24th January will now kick-off at 12.30pm for broadcast on the Sky Sports+ app.

We apologise to any supporters inconvenienced by these changes, which are beyond the Club's control.



COD ARMY TIE CONFIRMED

The Hatters' trip to Fleetwood Town in the second round of the Emirates FA Cup has been confirmed to take place on Saturday 6th December, with a 3pm kick-off.

The FA have announced live broadcast picks, but our game against the League Two side has not been selected.

The visit to the Fylde coast brings back memories of the League One promotion-winning season six years ago, when the Hatters – under the interim charge of Mick Harford – won 2-0 in February 2019 to set a new Football League club record of 20 games unbeaten.

That sequence stretched to 28 matches by the time we were beaten at Charlton in the April, shortly before being crowned champions.

Full ticket information was announced earlier this week with tickets available directly from Fleetwood. For more information scan this QR code.

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George Saville battles for the ball



Nahki Wells has just put the Hatters 2-0 up

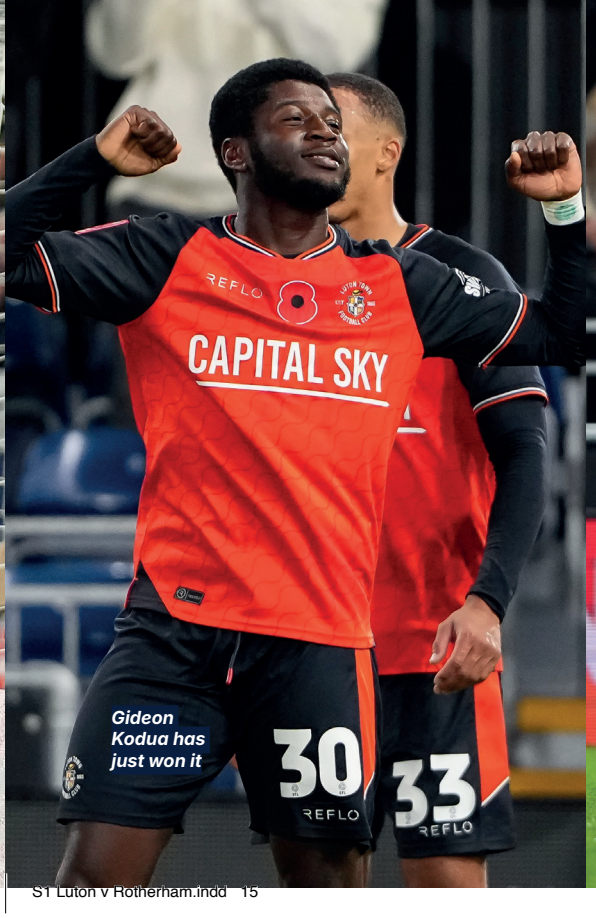


Lamine Fanne celebrates his opening goal



High fives at 3-0

The Hatters survived an FA Cup scare on Halloween as they saw off the brave challenge of Forest Green in a seven-goal thriller. The Town led 3-0 but the National League visitors rallied to level. However, Gideon Kodua had the last laugh with an injury-time winner.



Gideon Kodua has just won it



Ali Al-Hamadi in action on his debut



Jake Richards on his way to creating the Town's third goal



Cohen Bramall has just made it 2-0



Liam Walsh looks for a pass





Celebrations on the pitch and in the away end after Josh Keeley's brilliant penalty save



The Hatters made it four wins on the spin with a fine victory at league leaders Stockport. The Town were 2-0 to the good at half-time and then had a Josh Keeley penalty save to thank for maintaining their advantage. Izzy Jones added the gloss late on to seal a superb away win.



Izzy Jones' trademark celebration following his first goal of the season

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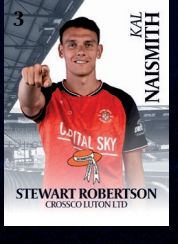
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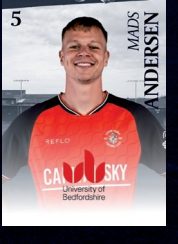




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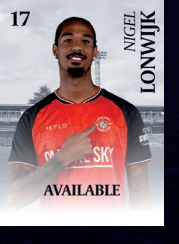


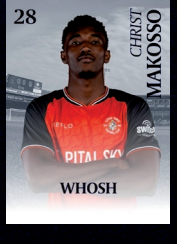
















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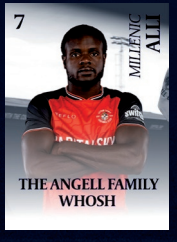








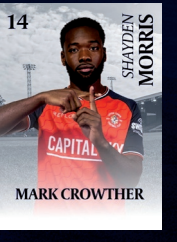
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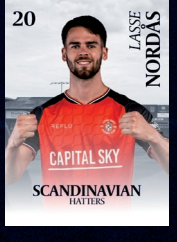




















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ROTHERHAM UNITED

The Millers are in town as they make the trip down the M1 from Yorkshire to Kenilworth Road for this big League One fixture.

Matt Hamshaw's side currently occupy 12th place in the table but have been on a good run as of late and are unbeaten in their last six league games, winning four and drawing twice.

At the start of the season, things were tough for the Millers who won just three of their opening 13 games in all competitions. However, things took a turn for the better in October.

Since the start of October, the Millers have beaten Northampton, Leyton Orient, Barnsley and Lincoln in the league, results which launched them back up the table.

Last week, they recorded an impressive 3-0 victory over high-flying Lincoln, with Reece James, Arjany Martha and Denzel Hall on target.

Prior to this, they came from 2-0 down at home against Burton Albion to salvage a point thanks to a Hamish Douglas last gasp equaliser.

Today is our first meeting with the Millers here at Kenilworth Road since a 1-1 draw in the Championship three years ago this week in 2022. That day, a last-minute equaliser from Luke Berry earned the Hatters a point in a 1-1 draw in a game that saw Mick Harford in the dugout.

The Millers were last victorious on Bedfordshire soil back in League Two in 2009 when running out 4-2 winners in a campaign that saw both clubs deducted points.

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

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Matt Hamshaw

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The Millers

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THE AWAY END

The Boss

MATT HAMSHAW
Appointed Millers boss in March 2025 following the dismissal of Steve Evans. Since taking charge, Rotherham have won 13 of the 29 matches.

Goalkeeper

CAMERON DAWSON
30-year-old goalkeeper who has spent most of his career so far at Sheffield Wednesday. Made the move from the Owls to the Millers in 2024.

Defenders

REECE JAMES
Experienced EFL defender who is now on his second spell at the club following a brief loan spell in 2014. Scored in their recent 3-0 win over Lincoln.

HAMISH DOUGLAS
Young defender who came through the ranks before breaking into the first team this season. Scored his first goal earlier this month against Burton.

JOE RAFFERTY Another reliable and experienced EFL defender who has racked up over 400 appearances throughout his career. Featured in 39 league games for the Millers last season.

LENNY AGBAIRE Scottish defender who signed from Celtic this summer following a loan spell at Ayr. Made his debut in the Millers opening day victory over Port Vale.

DENZEL HALL Dutch wing-back who joined the club this summer. Has scored three goals already including one in the recent victory over Lincoln.

Midfielders

DANIEL GORE
Manchester United loanee who has been a regular in the midfield so far this season for Rotherham, hardly missing a match.

ARJANY MARTHA
Curacao international who signed from Beerschot this summer. Scored the second goal in Rotherham's recent win over Lincoln.

SHAUN McWILLIAMS
Experienced midfielder who made over 200 appearances for Northampton before making the switch to the New York Stadium.

JOE POWELL Key player for the Millers who recorded 10 assists in all competitions for Rotherham last campaign. Has also played for Burton, Northampton and West Ham.

DRU YEARWOOD Started his career with Southend and Brentford before moving to the States to play for New York Red Bulls, Nashville SC and Huntsville City before returning to England with Rotherham.

JOSH BENSON Spent four years with Barnsley before making the switch to the New York Stadium this summer.

Forwards

JORDAN HUGILL
Journeyman striker who has previously played for the likes of Norwich, Cardiff, Preston, West Brom, QPR, West Ham and Port Vale.

SAM NOMBE Former Hatter who has been crucial for the Millers since signing in 2023. Has now score 22 goals in 100 appearances for the club.

MARTIN SHERIF Everton loanee who has scored twice in six league games so far for the Millers. Scored his last goal in the 2-2 draw with Bradford City.

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HATTERS *versus* MILLERS

Historic meetings between the clubs down the years

MARCH 1970
ON THE WAY TO PROMOTION

Local youngster, Alan Starling, makes his debut in the Luton goal, replacing Sandy Davie, but is a bag of nerves in the first half and gifts an equaliser to the Millers after juggling with the ball. The Hatters' goals both come from accurate crosses by Jack Bannister and another debutant Viv Busby. The Town don't have long to wait before sealing promotion from the third tier thanks to this win.

APRIL 1997
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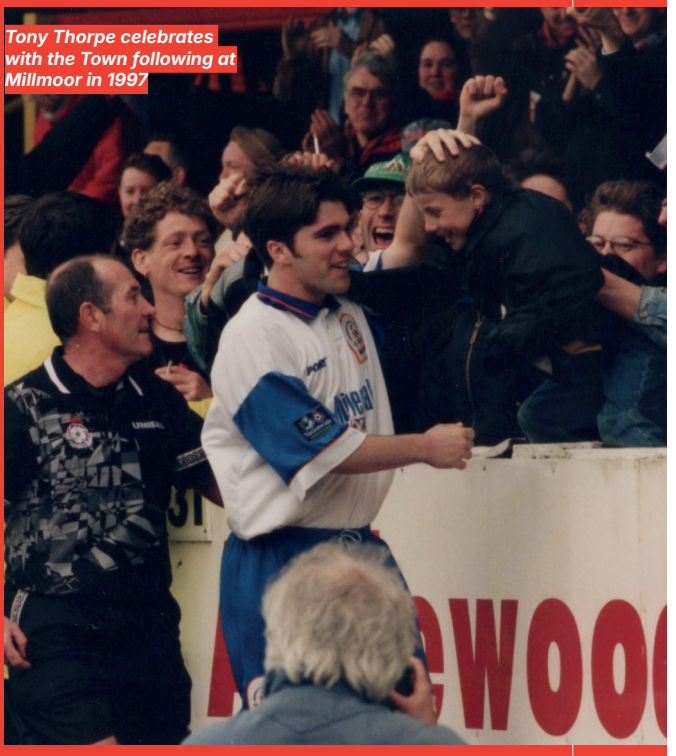
Tony Thorpe becomes the first Luton player to score 30 goals in a season since the days of Malcolm Macdonald when he nets a hat-trick against a poor Rotherham side. Graham Alexander and Julian James supply the crosses for two headed goals and a 30-yard chip over the keeper completes the rout. The Town end the season losing in the play-offs to Crewe.

NOVEMBER 2009
UP FOR THE CUP ▼

The Town, then as National League side, produced an FA Cup 'shock' as they thrashed League Two Rotherham 3-0. Adam Newton put us ahead early on before Alan White doubled the lead with a towering header. Frenchman Claude Gnakpa blasted a right-foot shot into the bottom corner to book us a third-round trip to Southampton.



Alan White was on target against Rotherham here in 2009



Tony Thorpe celebrates with the Town following at Millmoor in 1997

NOVEMBER 2020
LOCKDOWN LIFT-OFF

On our first trip to the New York Stadium, the Hatters leave victorious thanks to James Collins' volley in the 70th minute. In front of no spectators in the midst of Covid, the Hatters had several chances to extend the lead following Collins' strike with Luke Berry and George Moncur going close.

APRIL 2023
MAINTAINING FORM

The Hatters extended their unbeaten run in the Championship to 10 games with a comfortable 2-0 win at the New York Stadium thanks to goals from Carlton Morris and Cauley Woodrow. The victory lifted the Town back into third place in the table in front of 2,125 happy Hatters in the away end. While the Millers avoided relegation, the Town ended the season in style with that win over Coventry at Wembley.

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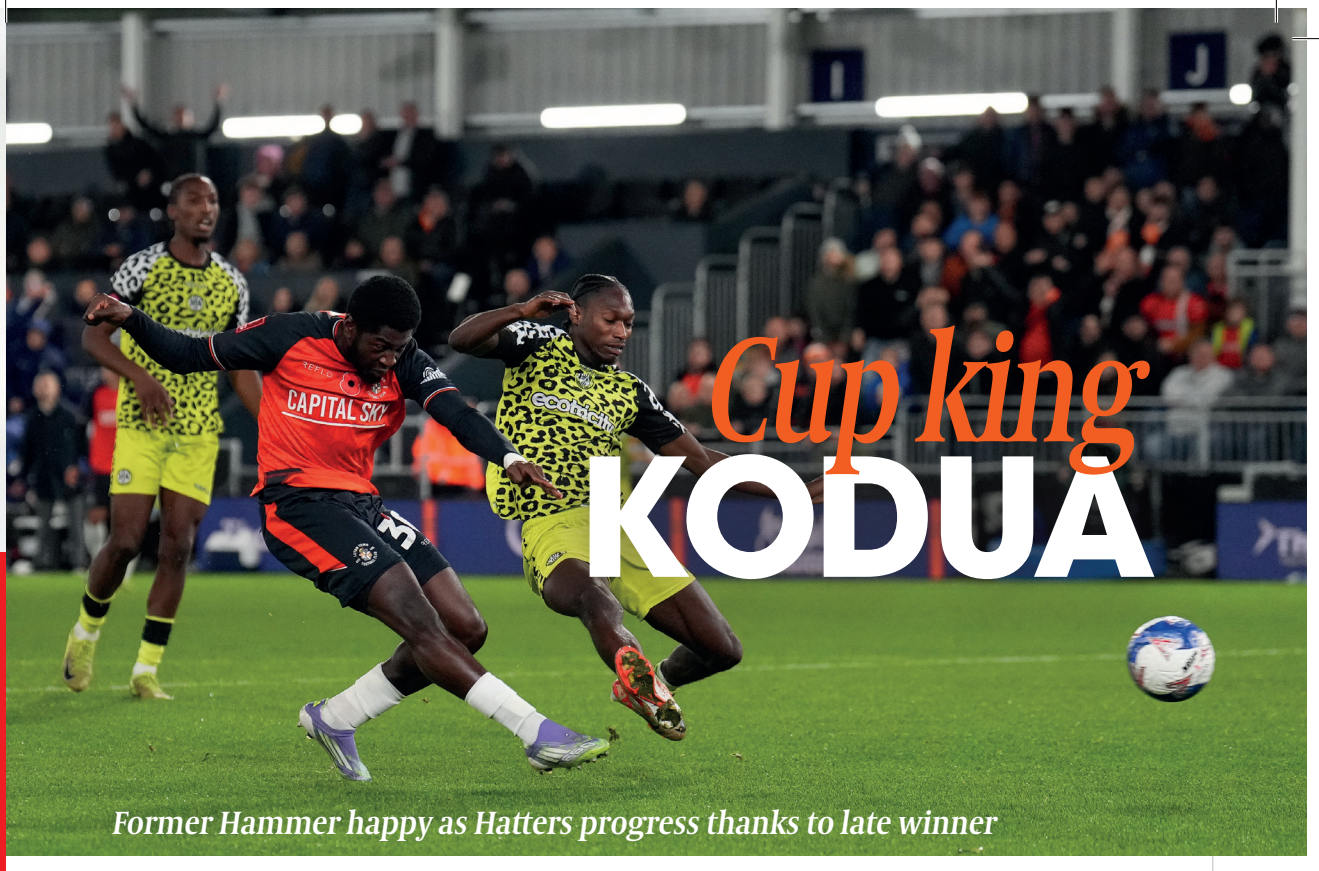


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Cup king KODUA

Former Hammer happy as Hatters progress thanks to late winner

FA Cup goal hero Gideon Kodua is hoping to make a name for himself after his latest goal in Town colours earned us a dramatic 4-3 win over Forest Green Rovers in our last match here at Kenilworth Road.

The 21-year-old netted for the third time already this season since joining from West Ham in August, and the humble youngster knows exactly what he wants to achieve in the game following his latest exploit in front of goal.

"I want to create a name and legacy for myself, but for the season my goal it's to mainly just have fun, show my ability and get back into the flow," said the Hammers academy graduate.

"My aim is to be the best player I can be and that's playing for the biggest clubs in the world. I've just got to keep working at it, training, improving, being the best I can be every single day, which I am."

Kodua's winner came two minutes into injury time, staving off injury time after Robbie Savage's visitors had pulled level from 3-0 down.

On the game itself, Kodua admitted: "I think we just got complacent as a team which we need to touch up in training and which we will.

"It's the FA Cup. Every team that comes and plays here are going to want to give everything and that's whay they did."

"We played well for the first 60 minutes, then they got momentum. Fair play to the opposition, but we dug deep and came out with the winner. That was the main thing, as we held on in the game.

"Fair play to Forest Green, they came out strong, they got their three goals and they had a lot of the momentum in the second half, but it's good to get a last-minute winner.

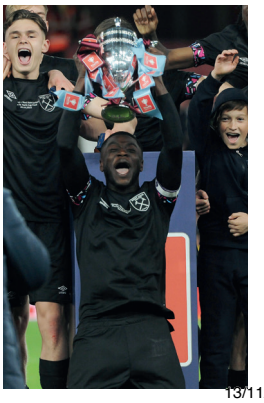
"We want to win; that's the main thing. We've grown as a group together and shown it out on the pitch. We dig deep, we play and we get results as we've got to keep pushing and keep the momentum going."

With new manager Jack Wilshere in charge, Kodua has been reminded of his involvement in captaining West Ham to Youth Cup glory against Wilshere's Arsenal side in the 2024 final (pictured right).

"I've reversed it, I scored for him and it's good to get another goal in the FA Cup and keep the momentum going. It was thanks to Jerry Yates as I thought he was going to shoot, but it was a good finish.

"Knowing that the manager is backing me whenever I'm on the pitch, that's all you want from a manager. He's come in and made an impact so you can't ask for more.

"He puts his trust in me so I've got to repay him somehow and I think I have done, but it doesn't stop there."



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It's good to BE BACK

Jones' joy as Hatters make it four in a row at Stockport

Town winger Izzy Jones is thrilled to be back in the team having recovered from an injury which had kept him out of the side for the first three months of the season.

The former Middlesbrough winger sustained a stress fracture in his back during a pre-season friendly at Boreham Wood in July but has already made his mark since his return to the team.

After a laying on the assist for Lamine Fanne to score the winner at Northampton the 26-year-old then scored his first goal of the season in last weekend's fine 3-0 victory at Stockport.

"I've really enjoyed being back because being out for over three months has not been great," Jones explained to LTFC+ after the win at Edgeley Park.

"However, it's been great to be back in the team and for Jack to have faith in me to play a role in the team."

Jones' goal came after excellent work from Jake Richards and it was the winger's first for the Town since scoring in the 3-1 win over Bristol City at the tail end of last season.

"It was good for me to score but even better for us to win the game. To come to the league leaders, who you have to respect, keep a clean sheet and to win is great for our confidence," said the Guyana international.

"It was a good feeling to score – of course my celebration gets a bit of stick from the opposition fans, but I felt I had to do it because of the all-round performance from the team."

The victory against the league leaders was the Town's fourth in a row in all competitions and Jones hopes the Hatters can continue their good form going into today's game with Rotherham.

"Since the gaffer has come in, he's told us the identity he wants us to play," explained Jones.

"We're giving 100 per cent in training and 100 per cent in games and although we played well against Northampton, I felt it all clicked against Stockport and the result showed."

And that feelgood factor was never more evident towards the end of the game and at the final whistle as the Hatters celebrated another three points on the road to leave them just six points off the top of the table with a game in hand.

> *"TO COME TO THE LEAGUE LEADERS, WHO YOU HAVE TO RESPECT, KEEP A CLEAN SHEET AND TO WIN IS GREAT FOR OUR CONFIDENCE.*

"It's been a tough first half of the season," admitted Jones. "Even though I wasn't playing I could feel that it was difficult but since Jack's come in there's been a new lease of life.

"You see that on the pitch – Teden winning that challenge and celebrating like a goal shows that.

"I think we've come a long way in a short space of time and hopefully we can maintain and continue that passion and belief."

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A LONG TIME *coming!*

Teenager midfielder Jake Richards on what it meant to score his first goal in Luton colours at Stockport last weekend

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Jake Richards was so happy to score his first goal for the Hatters that he didn't quite know how to celebrate.

The 18-year-old became the youngest player to score a league goal for the Town since Keith Keane netted against Bristol City 21 years ago when putting us into the lead during last weekend's 3-0 win at Stockport.

But the midfielder could not hide his delight after meeting Cohen Bramall's left-wing cross to put the Hatters on their way to victory at Edgeley Park with his first strike since joining from Exeter in the summer.

"I think it was relief if anything because it was a long time coming to score my first goal as I've been here a while," said the youngster.

"All of the emotion came out, a knee-slide and then to celebrate with the fans – I couldn't have asked for much more.

"Obviously we went into the game with a job to do. We didn't care that they were top of the league because we know what a squad, a team and the quality we have, and it showed."

> *"KAL SAID TO USE EVERY TACKLE TO GET THE FANS WITH US AND I THINK THAT WORKED ESPECIALLY TED'S TACKLE AT THE END.*

Richards, who has now started in three of the last four matches under Jack Wilshere, was influential throughout the victory in the north-west, laying on the third goal for Izzy Jones to seal victory in the closing stages.

"It's been something we've worked on in training so it's great to see these things come off," explained the midfielder.

"I know Izzy's got the pace and power and I was able to produce a bit of magic to find him on the underlap and score."

Having led 3-0 in their previous game against Forest Green only to be pegged back at one stage at 3-3, Richards admitted the team and the management made absolutely sure there would be no repeat having got into such a commanding position again.

"The manager said at half-time to go and enjoy it, maintain the energy but don't do another Forest Green!" said Richards.

"Kal said to use every tackle to get the fans with us and I think that worked – especially Ted's tackle at the end which was top."

Given Richards' glowing reputation – the teenager was named the League One apprentice of the year last season – and following the appointment of former England international Wilshere, many onlookers are expecting even greater things from him – including the player himself.

"I think it's ideal for me and the way I play," he said. "Since the coaches have come in it's been brilliant.

"There's the little details that give me the opportunity to have confidence and freedom in a role that I'm not used to but I'm adapting to and enjoying."



THE YOUNGEST LEAGUE GOALSCORER *since...*

At 18 years and 92 days Jake Richards became our youngest Football League goalscorer in 21 years since Keith Keane scored against Bristol City (pictured) in 2004.

He becomes the eighth youngest in history after Ricky Hill, Keane, Roly Legate, Stuart Douglas, Matt Taylor, Frankie Bunn and Ron Futcher.

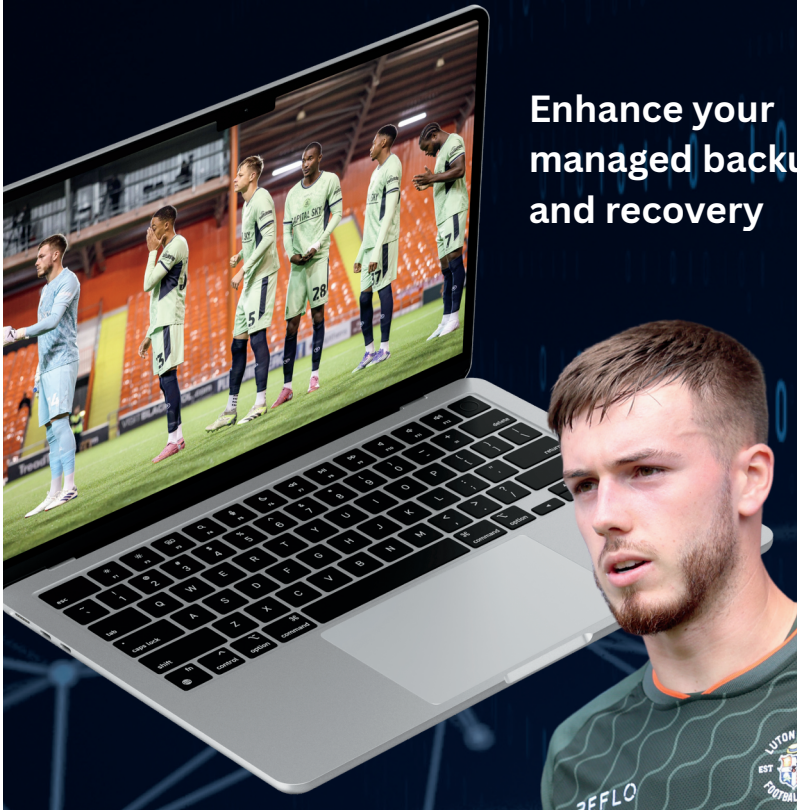


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THE VIEW FROM THE PRESS BOX

*Lutonian journalist **James Cunliffe** believes the fun is back following the Town after four straight victories*

The days since that win at Stockport have been a welcome blast from the past, haven't they? Perhaps because the future suddenly looks clearer?

It feels like something has shifted. Victories have that effect. And four on the spin? Well, we didn't even see that in the Premier League promotion season. You'd have to dust off memories from five years ago for that. Before that? The promotion from this division, when it happened on three occasions.

Hopefully, you've woken up every morning this week "feeling fine," as the unearthed chant goes. Another welcome reboot.

On top of a statement win, and many more positives than I can fit on this page, on and off the pitch, they're all signs of the club rediscovering itself. Or, at very least, reconnecting.

Did you have a spring in your step getting here today? I hope so.

In the space of four weeks, Jack Wilshere's Luton have started to look like Luton again – urgent, gritty, expressive and, above all, together.

It's easy to get lost in talk of formations and systems, but the transformation goes deeper than tactical tweaks. The difference now is belief, from the stands to the pitch and back again.

The "fun is back," as I said on the Luton Town Supporters' Trust podcast, and you can feel that fun radiating through the whole club.

The last four weeks have served as a reminder that football can still be raw, human and gloriously emotional, for all the right reasons.

And, yeah, those goals and performances were great last Saturday, but what will endure for longer in my mind is the players and you standing together at the end for minutes that felt like a celebration of something bigger than just three points – a connection reforged.

Because this isn't just about tactics or results. It's about what modern football too often loses: belonging. In an age of sanitised stadiums and corporate gloss (though not so much in the third tier, granted), the limbs in that marquee covered away end in Greater Manchester showed what the game still means when it's stripped back to people, noise and belief.

Bring that passion and spirit back here to the Kenny, not just for today's visit of Rotherham but from now on, and this train could become a runaway locomotive.

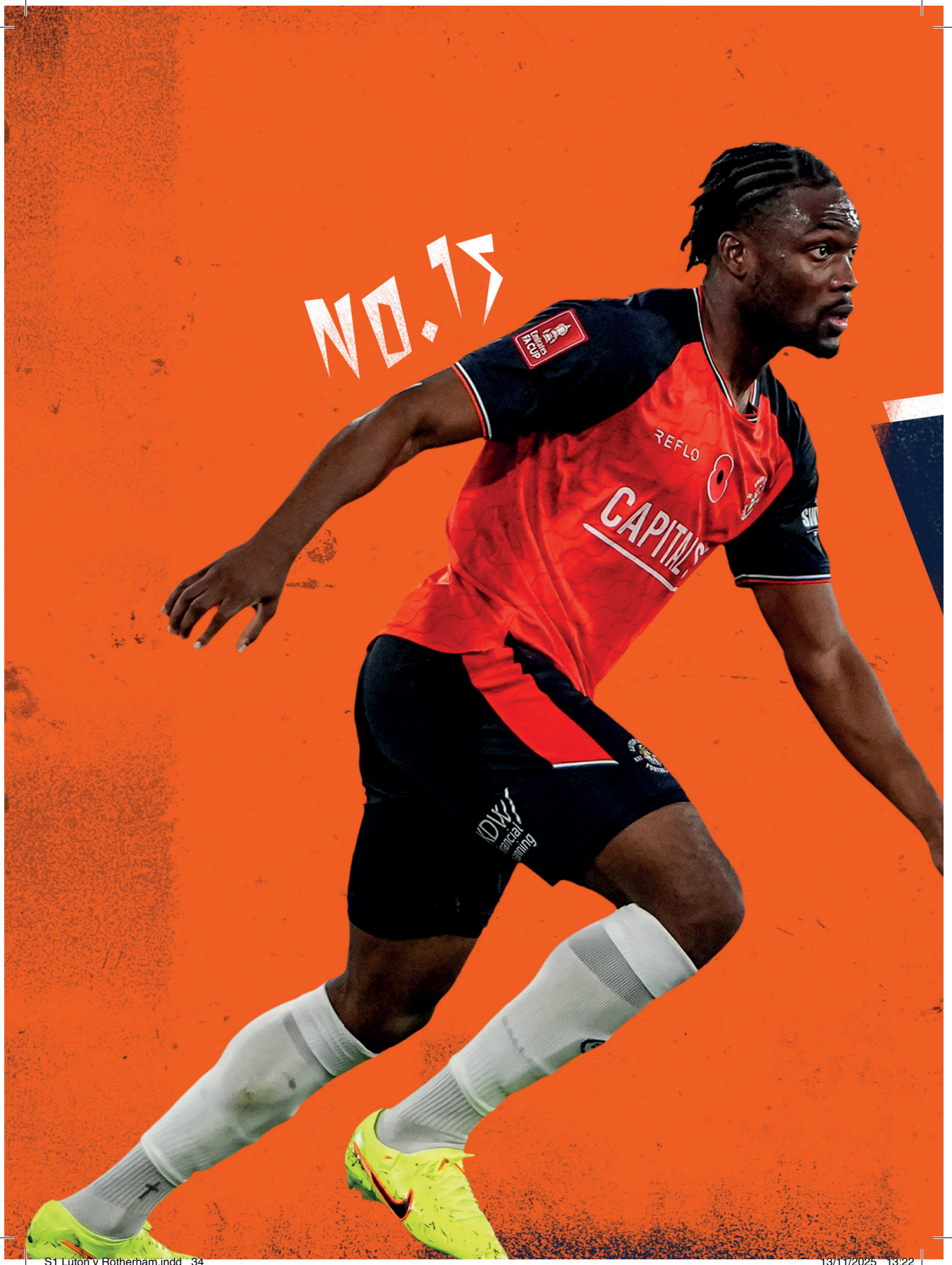
It might be too early to talk with certainty about promotion – though the prospect is now back on the table – but it's not too early to talk about identity.

The fun is back, the unity is back and, for the first time in far too long, it's starting to feel like – sing it loud – Luton are back!



All smiles at Stockport as the Town celebrate Jake Richards' opener with the Hatters fans

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*In our latest programme column, Trust media officer **Kevin Harper** takes you behind the scenes at the recent content creator session which was held at The Brache last month.*

The day after Jack Wilshere's first game in charge of the Town against, myself and my fellow Luton Town Supporters' Trust podcast host James Cunliffe, received an email from the club inviting us to a content creator session at The Brache on the Thursday, two days before the trip to Northampton Town.

After recording the episode reflecting on the defeat to the Stags, an afternoon of encouraging signs with a disappointing outcome, the attention quickly turned to how to get the most out of the upcoming session for the thousands of regular viewers and listeners to the podcast.

The email briefly explained the format of the session. Each content creator would have access to new the boss, his assistant Chris Powell, recently arrived first-team coaches Tim Corcoran and David Bridges as well as Chief Executive Gary Sweet. We would all have 10 minutes with each of the individuals.

Having spent the intervening three days preparing for the interviews we would produce, the Thursday afternoon came around and it was off to the training ground.

On arrival, we met the other invited content creators and congregated in the canteen while we waited for the session to begin.

The session was staged inside the performance



Jack talks to the Trust at the recent content creator session

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"WE LEFT THE CONTENT CREATOR SESSION VERY MUCH BUOYED BY WHAT WE HEARD FROM THOSE WHO ARE IN CHARGE OF IMPROVING THINGS ON THE PITCH

centre, a wonderful facility with all the equipment a professional football player needs to maintain and improve their fitness. In this gym there were six stations, one for each content creator.

We claimed the second station in the middle of the room, set up the recording equipment and ran our tests to make sure the audio and video matched up before returning to the canteen.

It was at this point that Ben Kensell and Stuart Hammonds, the hosts from the club, asked everyone to introduce ourselves to each other and the session got underway.

Our first interview was with Jack. We had already decided prior to arriving that I would do the chat with Jack and James would carry out the one with Chris Powell as James has access to Jack at press conferences.

Jack sat down and I asked him about his reflections on his first game in charge, how he would like his team to play and a couple of the tactical differences in the 10 minutes.

Next up it was Chris. I retreated behind the camera for this one to allow James to chat to Chris. We had planned different angles for each of the interviews so that we didn't ask the same things five different times.

James took Chris through his previous experiences which were similar to here, with Chris offering an assurance things will turn around but requesting patience should it take longer than we hope – a perfectly acceptable call to arms!

It was meant to be our rest session next but I was offered the chance for a quick chat with player recruitment manager Yousuf Sajjad ahead of my time with Gary Sweet, with recruitment the topic for both discussions with a transfer window two months away.

During the chat with both men I was able to get an understanding of how recruitment works, the role every individual plays in it and how we arrive to deciding on which player to sign.

Our last two interviews were with the new coaches Tim and David where our aim was to get to know them as coaches and gain their first impressions of the club. Both were hugely positive about their initial experiences, the squad they have to work with and of the environment.

My chat with David concluded the afternoon and then it was off home to work on getting the interviews out for you to watch or listen to.

I'm delighted to report than the interviews have had more than 25,000 views on YouTube and thousands more audio downloads with the feedback on them very good, so we thank everyone who has watched or listened to each interview.

If you haven't listened or watched the interviews and would like to, head to this link for details of where you can access them on the QR code below.

WATCH THE INTERVIEWS HERE

Since the session, the Town have won four straight games in all competitions with Jack handing out senior debuts to Fin Evans and Harry Fox and you can sponsor the shirt of the latter, and a number of academy players, through our SoLYD shirt sponsorship scheme. Head to our website for more details.

In summary, we left the content creator session very much buoyed by what we heard from those who are in charge of improving things on the pitch. They all came across brilliantly and we thank them for their time. We would also like to thank Ben and Stuart at the club for our invite.



COMING SOON...

Look out for the next in our series of interviews with key staff members at the club in the next programme when Huddersfield come to town a week on Tuesday.

We emailed all Trust members asking them if they had any questions for Ben Kensell about his role as Chief Revenue Officer and requested their comments and queries about commercial and communications operations.

Thank you to all members who responded – all the answers are coming up in his interview!

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At our last home game against Forest Green, midfielder Lamine Fanne was named man-of-the-match and we also had the pleasure of welcoming one mascot to the FA Cup tie.

Our guests in the Eric Morecambe Lounge also got a surprise before and after the game with Rovers as striker Ali Al-Hamadi popped in to meet and greet guests, signing autographs and posing for photos after the 4-3 victory.

The striker took part in a question-and-answer session where he reflected on making his debut and his thoughts and goals for the rest of the season.

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 phone call or email away!

With the team on a roll, make sure you get in touch with our team to book your place at one of our home games between now and the end of the season.













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Wearing HISTORY

2018/19 AWAY

It's time to focus on another promotion winning shirt.

The 2018/19 season was that fantastic League One title winning season under Nathan Jones, and then the legend that is Mick Harford. We had several smart kits that season too, including the white away shirt.

Made by Puma, this white away shirt featured an orange accent going down the sleeves and around the cuff, the dark Puma badge, and then the colour matched Star Platforms logo. The logo pops on this shirt, a prime example of a sponsor complimenting a shirt, rather than being a distraction or not looking quite right.

Results started slowly in this shirt, with its debut coming in the away defeat to Portsmouth on 4th August 2018. Danny Hylton scored our first goal wearing this shirt a few weeks later in another defeat, this time to Peterborough.

Our first victory in these colours came away at Oxford, with James Collins and Dan Potts getting the goals – with Pottsy's winner a memorable one eight minutes into injury time. This started a bit of a roll for this shirt, with further wins away at AFC Wimbledon, Gillingham, Scunthorpe boosting the success rate for this shirt.

One of the standout moments, however, came in an away game at Walsall during that in-between Christmas and New Year period. We were 2-0 down with the threat of our 13-game unbeaten run being ended. On a muddy pitch, Collins got us back to 2-1, before a 94th-minute equaliser from Kazenga LuaLua sparked bedlam in the away end to rescue a point and maintain our unbeaten run.

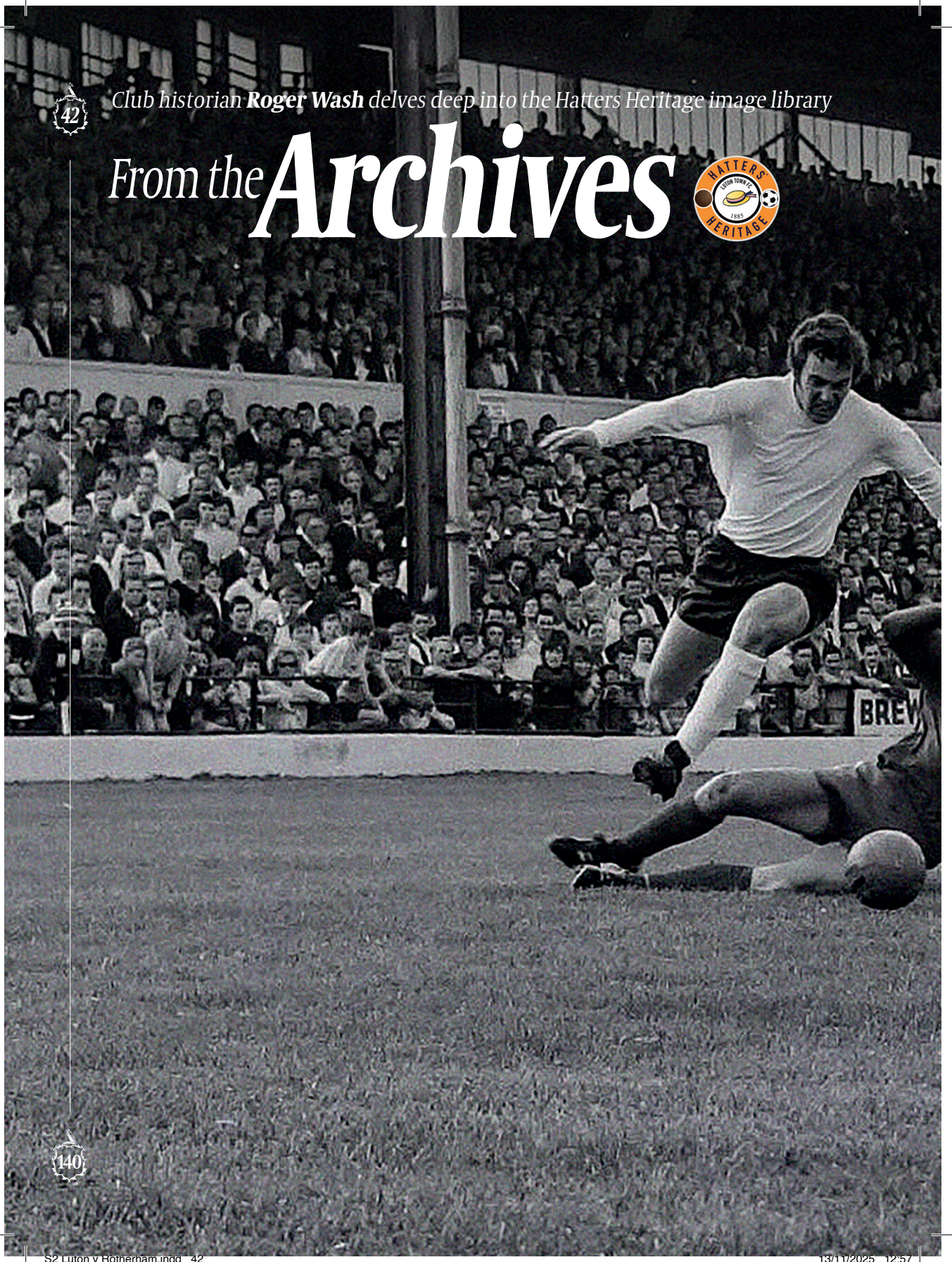


James Collins celebrates in the 2018/19 away shirt after his goal in the 2-2 draw at Walsall

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

From the Archives



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The mercurial Luton winger Graham French hurdles an attempted tackle by Rotherham's Neil Hague during the 3-1 home win in August 1968.

Inset: In the same game, Millers goalkeeper Alan Hill grasps at thin air as a long-range piledriver from Bruce Rioch whistles into the net.

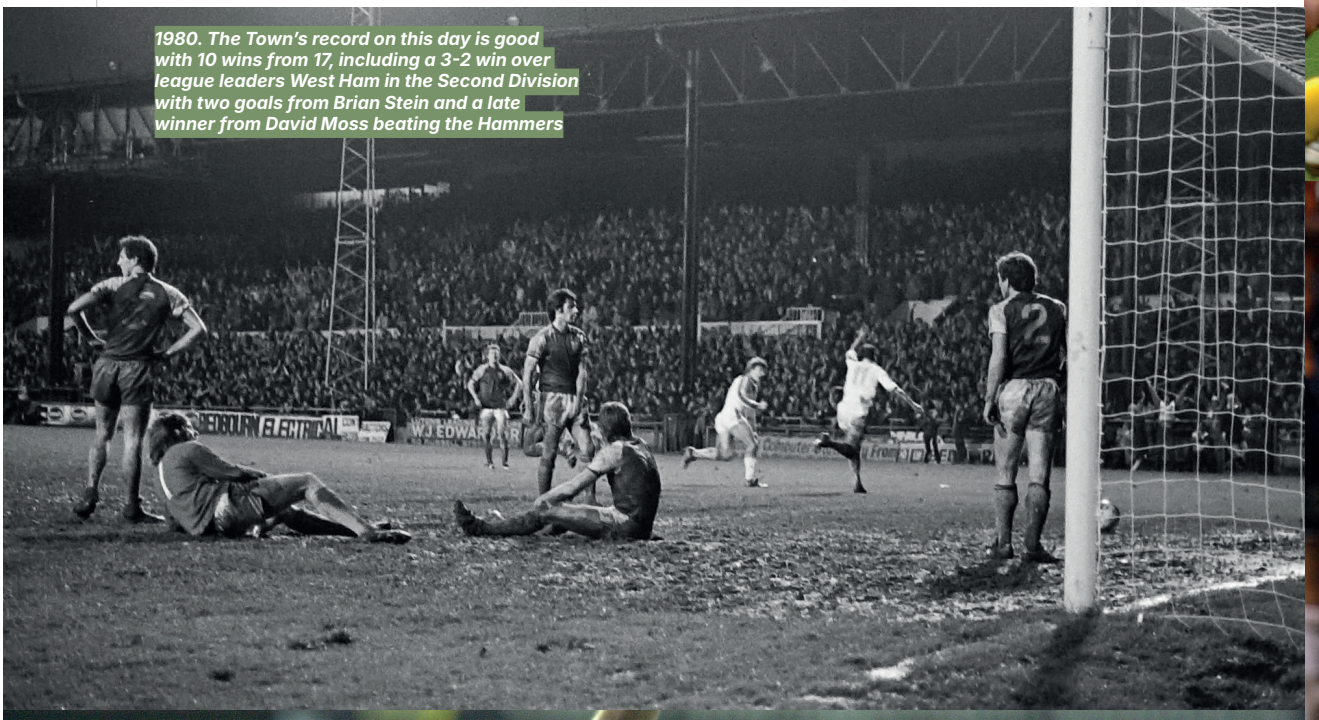


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We look back on some of the most iconic matches played on this day in our history

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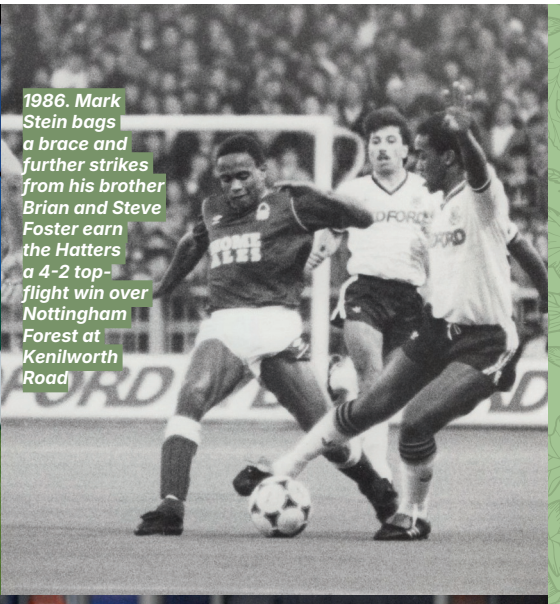
1980. The Town's record on this day is good with 10 wins from 17, including a 3-2 win over league leaders West Ham in the Second Division with two goals from Brian Stein and a late winner from David Moss beating the Hammers



2003. The Town find themselves 2-0 down to Wrexham at Kenilworth Road but hit back to win 3-2 with goals from Adrian Forbes, Steve Robinson and Lee Mansell sealing a dramatic victory



2008. In the midst of our minus-30 season, the Hatters recorded a 2-1 home victory over Dagenham & Redbridge thanks to goals from Sol Davis and Paul McVeigh



1986. Mark Stein bags a brace and further strikes from his brother Brian and Steve Foster earn the Hatters a 4-2 top-flight win over Nottingham Forest at Kenilworth Road



2014. It's been 11 years since the Town last played on this day in history when a solitary goal from Ricky Miller gave the Hatters a 1-0 win over Tranmere in League Two at Kenilworth Road



1998. The Hatters come through an FA Cup banana skin in front of a TV audience as two goals from Phil Gray and one from Steve Davis earn us a 3-2 win at Boreham Wood

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Hugh flashes in a shot against Fulham in January 1947

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

Hot shot Hughie

At a concert for Tommies in April 1940 the entertainer noted they had a soccer star in their midst. Indeed, the player had sat atop the Division Two scoring charts at the outbreak of war.

Poor Hugh Billington, the bashful, humble man the crowd turned towards, could not have been more embarrassed by the attention.

"I shan't go to another concert for a long time," he told an interviewer.

Hugh was born in Ampthill in 1916 but grew up in Luton. He was living on Inkerman Street around the time Luton finally managed to persuade him to turn professional in the summer of 1938, leaving behind an incredible spell at Waterlows where his 100-plus goals, including 80 in a single season, had helped the Dunstable side to two Spartan League titles. Billington would later admit he preferred the amateur life, saying, "we could go out for a drink with our wives after matches. You couldn't do that once you were a professional!"

He joined a club looking for someone to take on the unenviable role of replacing Joe Payne, who had departed for Chelsea the previous March. At first it was hoped Jack Vinall would be the next in line but injury and loss of form led Town to turn to Billington, who had banged in 14 goals in 15 reserve games, by the time they visited Tranmere on Guy Fawkes night 1938.

"I was more anxious that day than I'd ever been," Hugh said in a 1939 interview, "and I can tell you it was a great relief when I saw the ball going into the net for my first league goal." He would score again for good measure, helping Luton to a 3-2 win.

It began an incredible goalscoring record in Luton colours. He managed 28 in his first 30 appearances, a number bettered to this day only by Joe Payne's 35, and ended his first season in the professional game

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as Division Two's (now Championship) top scorer. It helped us to a seventh placed finish, the highest ever achieved in the Football League at the time. All this less than 12 months after turning out in the Spartan League!

Southampton were to suffer particularly badly in the face of his goalscoring prowess. Over the course of the 1939 Easter Weekend Billington first hammered a hat-trick in a 6-3 win at Kenilworth Road, before equalling the feat three days later in a 4-0 victory at The Dell. They were two of the eight hat-tricks he scored in a Luton shirt. Only Gordon Turner, Ernie Simms, Andy Rennie and Payne have managed more.

Naturally this led to scouts descending on Kenilworth Road, with visitors from Liverpool, Norwich, West Brom, Blackpool and Birmingham among the suitors. The Luton directors, seeing Division One football so tantalisingly near, were determined not to sell though, and Billington was still around when football was halted after only three games of the 1939/40 season. Not only was Billington topping the scoring charts, as that entertainer would note a few months later, but Town were leading the division.

Hugh was called up to the Army in March 1940 but continued to play for the Town in wartime matches while on leave. Two months earlier, writing in the Sunday Express, journalist John Wadham had ruminated on what Billington might have been worth in peacetime conditions. "£10,000 and not a sixpence less," was his deliberation, a remarkable number given the British transfer record stood just £4,000 higher at the time.

Hugh returned to football at the end of the war but was now 30. Still, in the first league match back at Kenilworth Road, a 4-1 win against Sheffield Wednesday, it was said that the visitors' preoccupation with Billington was a large reason when Mel Daniel was left with the space to score a hat-trick.

In all he managed 28 goals in 40 games in the first season back. This included five in the 6-0 thumping of Notts County at Kenilworth Road in January – the only time a Luton player has achieved such a feat in the FA Cup. The following season the unthinkable happened and Billington, in the midst of a poor run of form in which he'd only scored once in eight games, was dropped to the reserves by manager Dally Duncan, who felt his star player needed a rest. Hugh was apparently in agreement, though he was back in the first team by the time Chelsea came calling in March.

In the end it was apparently 'only' £8,000 needed to secure his services, with Hugh moving to Stamford Bridge alongside Billy Hughes in a £20,000 deal. He would spend three seasons in west London before eventually hanging up his boots after a short spell at Worcester City. He lived in Luton until his passing in 1988, when he was survived by his wife Rene.

To many young supporters of the era, Billington was their hero. This included Frank Batt who, in a 2010 Supporters' Club fanzine article wrote, "he was the best centre-forward I have ever seen at Luton... after the war, with little to distract us and no television soccer to taint our biased views, we knew that Hughie was the best thing *even before* sliced bread."



Receiving treatment from Tom Mackey and Arthur Pembleton

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LTFC academy

With Jack Cartwright
Youth Development Phase Lead U15/16



This is my eighth season at Luton Town and my second season as the Youth Development Phase Lead at under 15 and 16 level within the academy, having previously being the under-12-14 phase lead for three seasons.

I feel extremely privileged to work at such a fantastic, forward thinking football club with brilliant support from all the staff and working with such talented, hardworking, elite academy players every day.

Some of my main responsibilities are putting together challenging training sessions and delivering a varied games programme for the players, making sure we look to carry on their development with a holistic approach, so we develop all the players not only technically but also physically, tactically, socially, psychologically and emotionally.

As well as developing young footballers we are looking to help them develop into polite, respectful, honest young men encouraging them to have a hardworking can-do attitude which this club embodies.

UNDER-15S

The Under-15s have had a challenging season ahead to date and going forwards for the remainder of the season.

Having just be offered a new registration at the end of their under-14 season, they now must contend with the complexities of being a part of the under-16 group also.

This comes with its challenges for them in many different facets. It is our job as an academy to make this transition as smooth and stress free as possible for the under-15 players to allow them the correct environment to flourish and continue to develop in an upward trajectory in their footballing journey at Luton Town.

The Under-15s have had a busy start to the season thus far and have competed well in the Under-15 Floodlit Cup this season and are currently unbeaten in the group stages having played the likes of Millwall, Northampton and Milton Keynes. They have also been in great form as it stands in another cup competition, the BMW Cup, having won all five of their games so far, beating the likes of West Ham United in the process.

UNDER 16S

As always, the Under-16 season is always difficult to navigate for players. With scholarship decisions looming this month, they also have to prepare for their GCSE mock exams before Christmas and then the full GCSE examination later in the year.

We as a staffing group must navigate this season with due care and consideration by helping to support their education as well as helping the players develop to achieve a scholarship at Luton Town.

The Under-16s have collectively performed to a consistent level this season and they currently sit second in the league table with positive performances and results throughout the season thus far. They are also joint top of their Under-16 PDL Cup group beating both Colchester United and Oxford United with Watford to play next week in the decider.

We look forward to seeing how the season will unfold and hope to give the players both opportunity and experiences that allow them to both grow and develop as young footballers but more importantly respectable young men who represent the club with good values.

Keep up all your amazing support that you have shown so far this season and cheer the team on in today's game! COYH!

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The Town Under-18s returned to winning ways against Bristol Rovers last weekend

SIX OF THE BEST FOR UNDER-18S

The Town Under-18s bounced back after the disappointment of their FA Youth Cup exit with a 6-1 thumping over Bristol Rovers in the Youth Alliance on Saturday.

Joe Deeney's side had to wait until the 24th minute to take the lead when Dawid Gawel raced clear to put the Hatters ahead at The Brache.

Gawel doubled his and the Town's tally four minutes before half-time when Alvin Isufi threaded a pass to the striker who kept his composure to bend a fine finish into the far corner.

After the break the Hatters upped the ante further and five minutes into the second period it was three when Fin Evans' cross was turned home by Sam Hincapie-Alfonso.

Fifteen minutes later the Town gave the Pirates a route back into the game when a defensive mix-up allowed the visitors to pull one back.

But little over a minute later the three-goal cushion was restored when good work from Harry Fox teed up Hincapie-Alfonso to score his second with an emphatic strike.

Fox then got his name on the scoresheet on 71 minutes with a superb low drive from 30 yards after good work from Archie Shepherd.

The Hatters then completed the scoring three minutes from time when Fox and Shepherd combined and, after the ball ricocheted in the box, Rufus Barnes was on hand to notch his first goal of the season from six yards.

Town: Booth, Evans, Mehmetaj, Barnes, Asamoah Junior, Shepherd, Fox, Isufi, Frimpong-Kwakye, Hincapie-Alfonso, Gawel.

Subs: Pipa, Kwame Anson, Passley-James, El Gourja, Lesser.

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 W 4-2
Sat 30 Forest Green L 0-3

SEPTEMBER
Sat 6 Exeter City W 4-0
Sat 13 Oxford Utd W 4-1
Sat 20 Newport County W 3-0
Sat 27 Swindon W 7-0

OCTOBER
Sat 11 Portsmouth D 1-1
Sat 29 Barnet (FAYC) D 1-1*

NOVEMBER
Sat 8 Bristol Rovers W 6-1
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 L 0-1

OCTOBER
Tue 21 Brentford L 1-6
Wed 29 Dunstable (BSC) W 5-0

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
**lost 6-5 on penalties*

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youth PROFILE

Rufus Barnes

YOUR NAME? Rufus Barnes

WHERE ARE YOU FROM? Buckinghamshire

WHAT POSITIONS DO YOU PLAY? Centre-back and right-back

WHEN DID YOU JOIN THE ACADEMY? Under-14s

WHO WAS YOUR FOOTBALL HERO GROWING UP? Dele Alli

GO-TO BOOTS RIGHT NOW? Nike Mercurials or Sketchers Razors

FIRST TIME YOU KICKED A BALL? Three years old

BIGGEST LESSON FOOTBALL'S TAUGHT YOU? Hard work pays off

FUNNIEST TEAMMATE? Luca Knote-Reed

HARDEST WORKER? Myself









BIGGEST INSPIRATION OUTSIDE FOOTBALL? My family

TEAMMATE MOST LIKELY TO BE A MANAGER? Dawid Gawel or Charlie Booth

MOMENT YOU'LL NEVER FORGET? Beating Watford 5-0 in the Under-15 floodlit cup

BEST BIT ABOUT BEING AT LUTON? Being around coaches who have played professionally

ONE THING YOU'RE WORKING ON? Scoring goals

PRE-MATCH ROUTINE OR SUPERSTITIONS? Socks are always on the wrong feet

FAVOURITE MUSIC... Drake

FAVOURITE GAME... Fifa

GO-TO CHEAT MEAL... Pizza

IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER? A lawyer

PERSON YOU'D SWAP PLACES WITH FOR A DAY? Nobody!

THREE WORDS TO DESCRIBE YOURSELF. Hardworking, determined, ruthless

ONE THING PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU? I'm more Scottish than English

BIGGEST FOOTBALL DREAM? Lift a professional trophy as captain

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LUTON TOWN FC

COMMUNITY TRUST

Hatters visit Chiltern Academy for EFL Week of Action

Last week marked the annual EFL Week of Action celebrations, alongside a national exhibition showcasing the collective community impact of all 72 EFL Club charities across England and Wales.

From 3-7 November, the week highlighted how Luton Town FC Community Trust, together with fellow EFL clubs, continues to play an essential role at the heart of our community supporting people's health, happiness, social connections, education and future opportunities.

Jack Wilshere, Kal Naismith and Mick Harford visited Chiltern Academy as part of our Week of Action, supporting the Trust's work in local schools.

Leading a PE session with the students at the school situated next to The Brache was former Town scholar and young pro Avan Jones, who combines his work for the Trust with playing part-time for National League South side Enfield Town.

The event formed part of the Trust's Brighter Futures project, which supports students who are disengaged from education. The initiative aims to inspire young people at risk of not reaching their potential by equipping them with the confidence, resilience, and essential life skills needed to succeed.

The afternoon started with the Town foursome coaching teams out on the school's five-a-side pitches, before Jack, Mick and Avan answered pupils' questions on their careers and how they deal with setbacks and wellbeing in their roles in an informative session.



"The community is so important to the football club, just as the club is so important to the community," said Jack. "We have to be together, we have to spend time together and we have to be open to having people into the training ground for visits, too.

"Arsenal had a similar feel and now for me, Luton has a real family feel. For me personally, these are places where I want to be. I want to be with good people that have the same vision and same ideas, and yes, there are tough times along the way, but as long as you feel like you're with good people and there is a family feel, you can get through it.

"When I was getting the job, we spoke about this and how we have to keep what we've got going here with the fans and the community and try to improve it. We keep trying to build on that and find ways to inspire the kids, get them to watch training, bring them to games."

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> *"THE CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR FIRST TEAM STAFF AND PLAYERS IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY MAKES A REAL DIFFERENCE, EVEN WHEN THE IMPACT ISN'T ALWAYS IMMEDIATELY VISIBLE.*

Daniel Douglas, Head of Luton Town Community Trust, said: "We continue to work with students throughout the town work, delivering our Brighter Futures one-to-one mentoring sessions. These sessions are designed to help participants build their personal, social, and life skills through regular face-to-face mentoring.

"The project has specifically supported students with care experience or those on support plans, including Child in Need, Child Protection, and Edge of Care. More recently, we supported Luton Borough Council's "Next Step" event at Chiltern Academy, which welcomed young people in school years 9 and above who have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

"The continued support of our first team staff and players in the local community makes a real difference, even when the impact isn't always immediately visible. The commitment and energy from the whole team plays a vital role in helping us reach the communities we serve, and it was great to see the buzz and enthusiasm from everyone involved.

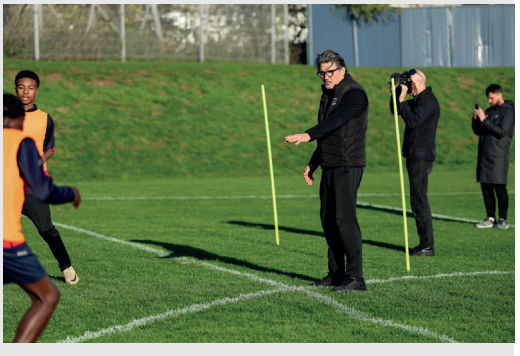
"To have someone like Avan, a Luton boy who has walked the path those children aspire to, is brilliant. He continues to be an inspiration and fantastic role model for our young people."

Having seen how some of the Chiltern Academy's pupils, who include some members of the club's academy, engaged with the session, Town manager Wilshere added: "Every kid's journey is very individual, and some will thrive in schools, some will not like school, some will learn a certain way, some will try to learn a different way.

"What football has done – and especially at Luton – all the people I am talking about, the analysts and people in the office, we are one, we are together and it's a really good environment. If the kids can see that and that inspires them, then we are doing a good job."







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A catch-up with the Ladies' boss

Myles Maddix discusses taking on tier-four, early setbacks, signings and more in in our latest interview

The Ladies began their 2025/26 campaign in style, securing back-to-back victories over Dulwich Hamlet and Tottenham Hotspur PGA but their early momentum was halted as they suffered consecutive heavy defeats to Cambridge United and then Actonians.

Reflecting on the start of the season Hatters manager Myles Maddix said: "We needed to hit the ground running in the opening two games.

"We looked at those games and knew if we got points in those games, it could set us up for the rest of the season, and we managed to achieve that. We then hit a tough run, we lost players through injuries, through suspensions and they left us in a bit of a rut, and I think the reality of what tier-four football is about caught up with us.

"Now we are in a much stronger position, we understand what the league is about now, what we need to do, how we can grow, where our strengths are, and we'll keep on trying to improve on the weaknesses that are there too.

"The Actonians game was a freak of nature.



Town manager Myles Maddix

We were looking at three or four chances that we should've put away and then a 10-minute period of sleeping saw us concede four goals. On reflection, we knew we had to be way better than that. Switching off in this league will get you punished."

The Hatters announced the signing of QPR goalkeeper Nicole Melling in the summer. Speaking about the competition for the No.1 spot between Melling and Sarah Hudson, the boss explained: "Both are very professional and that is what we want to see. I know they'd both love to play every single week, and they absolutely have the quality to do that. It is great to have two great goalkeepers battling for the starting place and they both push each other to the limit, which is absolutely what we want."

Chloe Tambula returned to the club after a five-year absence in October. Speaking about her impact, Maddix said: "I worked with her when she was 16 in my first year at Luton.

"Bringing someone of her ability back to the club is fantastic. We identify different types of players we want, and Chloe fits all the styles that we want to play, so, since she has joined, it has given us an extra boost to the squad."

When asked to give insight on his expectations for the rest of the season, the Ladies' Maddix said: "For any team that gets promoted into any league, the standard target is to stay in the league.

"It'll be naive to say we want to finish in the top five without securing ourselves in the league. We do have targets as coaching staff, but as I said, the number one goal is staying in the league."

The Ladies are in action tomorrow against QPR Women at Loftus Road, with tickets available via the QPR website.

2025/26 FIXTURES

AUGUST
17 Dulwich Hamlet W 3-1
20 Tottenham (NLC) W 4-1
24 Cambridge Utd W 5-0
31 Actonians L 0-4
SEPTEMBER
7 Milton Keynes (NLC) W 2-1
14 Norwich City L 0-4
21 Milton Keynes W 2-0
28 Oxford Utd (NLC) L 0-4
OCTOBER
5 Milton Keynes (FAC) W 5-1
26 Mansfield Town (FAC) W 3-0
29 Chesham Utd W 4-1
NOVEMBER
2 London Bees L 0-1
16 QPR
23 Oxford United (FAC)
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

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Hobbies: Football, PlayStation
Favourite Player: Jordan Clark



Oliver Adams

Age: 7
Hobbies: Football, Singing, Playing Roblox
Favourite Player: Josh Keeley

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WHO AM I? : Jake Richards

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

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Saturday 22nd November, 3pm

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Please note only digital tickets will be supplied for this match, which will be sent by email.

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Under 19 £12
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Saturday 13th November, 3pm
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LEAGUE LOOK

AROUND THE GROUNDS IN THE THIRD TIER

Last week proved to be a crazy week in League One, with lots of twists and turns in the table. Let's break down all the action and see how it unfolded.

On Thursday night, Reading picked up a crucial win against high-flying Stevenage at home under the lights. A fourth-minute strike from Charlie Savage was enough for Reading to earn all three points.

On Saturday, we weren't short of drama. Wycombe beat Leyton Orient 4-1 with former Hatter Fred Onyedinma scoring twice, bringing his season tally to five goals. Northampton also got an important victory over Mansfield winning 2-1 at Sixfields.

Blackpool earned an unexpected victory against Cardiff City. The Seasiders won 3-1 thanks to a Tom Bloxham strike and Ashley Fletcher double. Bolton eased past Port Vale as they put four past the Valiants with Amario Cozier-Duberry the star of the show again scoring twice and laying on another two.

Burton Albion condemned Bradford to their first home loss of the season with a shock 2-1win. Two goals just before the break were enough to secure the victory despite a late Bobby Pointon goal for the hosts.

Doncaster continued their poor league form with a home defeat against local rivals Barnsley while Exeter were held to a 1-1 draw against Wigan.

More misery was piled on Plymouth and more pressure was put on Tom Cleverley after yet another defeat. A 3-1 loss away at Huddersfield Town sees Argyle bottom of the league after 15 games.

A five-star performance from Peterborough saw them crush AFC Wimbledon 5-0 at London Road in a statement victory for new boss Luke Williams.

Our opponents today Rotherham also picked up an excellent victory, beating an impressive Lincoln side 3-0 to make it six games unbeaten in League One.



Reading's Charlie Savage

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	11 (1)	1	1 (3)	0	12	1	32	5
Mads Andersen	10 (1)	1	2 (0)	1	12	2	32	3
Shandon Baptiste	2 (2)	0	0 (0)	0	2	0	21	1
Cohen Bramall	5 (7)	1	5 (0)	1	10	2	17	2
Jacob Brown	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0	0	52	7
Christian Chigozie	0 (0)	0	2 (0)	0	2	0	2	0
Jordan Clark	10 (2)	3	1 (0)	0	11	3	192	21
Lamine Fanne	7 (2)	1	2 (2)	1	9	2	26	2
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	1 (1)	1	1 (0)	0	2	1	21	3
Josh Keeley	14 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	15	0	15	0
Gideon Kodua	6 (5)	2	3 (2)	1	9	3	16	3
Nigel Lonwijk	8 (1)	0	2 (2)	0	10	0	13	0
Christ Makosso	9 (1)	0	1 (1)	0	10	0	25	0
Mark McGuinness	4 (2)	0	1 (0)	0	5	0	51	3
Teden Mengi	6 (0)	0	2 (0)	0	8	0	63	2
Kal Naismith	12 (2)	1	3 (0)	0	15	1	95	5
Marvelous Nakamba	0 (1)	0	1 (0)	0	1	0	59	0
Zack Nelson	5 (6)	1	4 (1)	0	9	1	41	2
Lasse Nordas	4 (5)	1	3 (1)	1	7	2	23	2
Hakeem Odoffin	0 (2)	0	1 (1)	0	1	0	4	0
Josh Phillips	0 (0)	0	0 (2)	0	0	0	3	0
Jake Richards	3 (2)	1	2 (3)	0	5	1	10	1
George Saville	14 (0)	1	1 (0)	0	15	1	15	1
James Shea	0 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	4	0	114	0
Liam Walsh	4 (3)	0	4 (0)	0	8	0	39	0
Reuell Walters	2 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	2	0	18	0
Nahki Wells	9 (3)	1	1 (0)	2	10	3	13	3
Cauley Woodrow	0 (1)	0	1 (0)	0	1	0	82	6
Jerry Yates	6 (4)	1	2 (3)	3	8	4	15	4

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FIXTURES & RESULTS 2025/26

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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**	L	0-1	11	11,456	1,345	Keeley	Lonwijk	Alli	Makosso	McGuinness	Naismith	Saville
SAT 30	BURTON ALBION	15:00	W	3-0	7	4,487	1,675	Keeley	Kodua	**ALLI 1**	Makosso	McGuinness	Lonwijk	Saville
SEPTEMBER														
TUE 2	**BARNET (VT)**	**19:30**	W	4-1	-	3,157	404	Shea	Kodua	**BRAMALL 1**	Chigozie	Makosso	Naismith	Richards
SAT 13	**PLYMOUTH ARGYLE**	**15:00**	L	2-3	9	11,801	1,342	Keeley	Kodua	Alli	Makosso	Andersen	Lonwijk	Saville
SAT 20	LINCOLN CITY TV	12:30	L	1-3	11	9,255	1,433	Keeley	Lonwijk	Alli	Mengi	Andersen	Naismith	Saville
SAT 27	**DONCASTER ROVERS**	**15:00**	W	1-0	10	10,597	1,072	Keeley	Makosso	**NAISMITH 1**	Mengi	Andersen	Fanne	Saville
TUE 30	BLACKPOOL	19:45	D	2-2	7	8,530	520	Keeley	Makosso	Bramall	Naismith	Andersen	Fanne	Saville
OCTOBER														
SAT 4	STEVENAGE	15:00	L	0-2	11	7,228	1,363	Keeley	Makosso	Naismith	Mengi	Andersen	Fanne	Saville
TUE 7	CAMBRIDGE UNITED (VT)	19:00	L	1-3	-	1,767	591	Shea	Lonwijk	Bramall	Mengi	**ANDERSEN 1**	Naismith	Nelson
SAT 18	**MANSFIELD TOWN**	**15:00**	L	0-2	14	11,784	1,308	Keeley	Makosso	Naismith	Mengi	Andersen	Fanne	Saville
SAT 25	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	15:00	W	1-0	10	8,029	1,551	Keeley	Lonwijk	Bramall	Mengi	Naismith	**FANNE 1**	Saville
TUE 28	**BRIGHTON & HA U21 (VT)**	**19:00**	W	3-1	-	2,212	69	Shea	Odoffin	Bramall	**EVANS 1**	Andersen	Nakamba	Walsh
FRI 31	**FOREST GREEN (FAC1)**	**19:30**	W	4-3	-	4,511	462	Keeley	Lonwijk	Bramall	Mengi	Naismith	FANNE 1	Saville
NOVEMBER														
SAT 8	STOCKPORT COUNTY	15:00	W	3-0	9	10,090	1,151	Keeley	**JONES 1**	**BRAMALL 1**	Mengi	Andersen	Naismith	Saville
SAT 15	**ROTHERHAM UNITED**	**15:00**												
SAT 22	BARNSLEY	15:00												
TUE 25	**HUDDERSFIELD TOWN**	**19:45**												
SAT 29	**BOLTON WANDERERS**	**15:00**												
DECEMBER														
SAT 6	FLEETWOOD TOWN (FAC2)	15:00												
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**												
JANUARY														
THU 1	EXETER CITY	15:00												
SUN 4	DONCASTER ROVERS	15:00												
SAT 10	**STEVENAGE** TV	**12:30**												
SAT 17	**LINCOLN CITY**	**15:00**												
SAT 24	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE TV	12:30												
TUE 27	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	19:45												
SAT 31	**BLACKPOOL**	**15:00**												
FEBRUARY														
SAT 7	**BRADFORD CITY** TV	**12:30**												
SAT 14	CARDIFF CITY	15:00												
TUE 17	WIGAN ATHLETIC	19:45												
SAT 21	**BURTON ALBION**	**15:00**												
SAT 28	PORT VALE	15:00												
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SAT 7	**READING**	**15:00**												
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												

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy 80th birthday Grandad Graham! As a life long Luton fan, we hope you have the best day watching your boyhood club. Come on you Hatters!

Love Ella, Martha, Jamie Jr and Jamie Sr xxx



				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	Nordås	Nelson	Walsh
Clark	Walsh	Alli	Yates	Nordås	Nelson	Holmes		
Clark	Walsh	Wells	Nordås	Yates	Kodua	Nelson	Baptiste	Bramall
Clark	NELSON 1	Yates	NORDÅS 1	Wells	Walsh	Naismith	Bramall	
Walsh	Nelson	YATES 1	NORDÅS 1	MORRIS 1	Alli	Lonwijk	Fanne	Phillips
Clark	Nelson	YATES 1	Nordås	WELLS 1	Naismith	Morris	Bramall	Gbodé
CLARK 1	Nelson	Yates	Wells	Gbodé	Morris	Makosso	Bramall	Nordås
Morris	Nelson	Alli	Wells	Kodua	Gbodé	Nakamba	Bramall	Richards
Morris	Nelson	Alli	Wells	CLARK 1	Gbodé	KODUA 1	Richards	Nordås
Kodua	Richards	Bramall	Nordås	Gbodé	Alli	Clark	Morris	Wells
Clark	Morris	Alli	Nordås	Richards	Fanne	Yates	Kodua	Gbodé
Clark	Kodua	Alli	Wells	Yates	Nelson	Bramall	Nordås	
Clark	Kodua	Richards	Wells	Yates	Jones	Odoffin	Andersen	
Nelson	Kodua	Gbodé	YATES 2	Fox	Alli	Makosso	Nordå	Richards
Walsh	Richards	Jones	WELLS 2	Al-Hamadi	Nelson	Yates	KODUA 1	Odoffin
Walsh	RICHARDS 1	Fanne	Wells	Kodua	Odoffin	Yates	Al-Hamadi	

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. Which nation are Ali Al-Hamadi's Iraq playing in World Cup qualifiers this week?

2. Which two teams did Hakeem Odoffin play for in the Scottish Premiership prior to joining Rotherham?

3. We last played on this day in 2014 and beat Tranmere 1-0 – who scored our winner?

4. How many Premier League goals has Erling Haaland scored this season?

5. Which 15-year-old became the first player that age to play in the Premier League this season?

6. Which club are currently top of National League South?

7. Which player born in the Channel Islands was called up to the England squad last week?

8. Which club play at the Brick Community Stadium?

9. Which nation did England beat in the semi-final of the World Cup in 1966?

10. We drew 2-2 at Rotherham in an FA Cup tie in 2009 but at which stadium?

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

1. United Arab Emirates. 2. Livingston and Hamilton. 3. Ricky Miller. 4. 14. 5. Max Dowman. 6. Hornchurch. 7. Alex Scott. 8. Wigan. 9. Portugal. 10. The Don Valley Stadium.

TABLE 2025/26

Team	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Stockport	15	8	4	3	5	28
Bradford City	15	7	6	2	6	27
Bolton	15	7	5	3	8	26
Cardiff	14	8	2	4	8	26
Stevenage	13	8	2	3	7	26
Lincoln	15	7	4	4	4	25
Wimbledon	15	8	1	6	-1	25
Mansfield	15	6	4	5	5	22
Luton	**14**	**7**	**1**	**6**	**3**	**22**
Huddersfield	14	7	1	6	2	22
Barnsley	13	6	3	4	2	21
Rotherham	**15**	**6**	**3**	**6**	**0**	**21**
Northampton	15	6	2	7	-2	20
Wycombe	15	5	4	6	5	19
Burton	15	5	4	6	-4	19
Wigan	15	4	6	5	-1	18
Reading	15	4	6	5	-3	18
Doncaster	15	5	3	7	-7	18
Exeter	15	5	2	8	0	17
Leyton Orient	15	5	2	8	-5	17
Blackpool	15	4	3	8	-7	15
Peterborough	14	4	1	9	-7	13
Port Vale	15	3	4	8	-8	13
Plymouth	15	4	1	10	-10	13

TODAY'S Fixtures

3PM KO

Burton Albion v Blackpool
Leyton Orient v Exeter
Lincoln v Doncaster
Port Vale v Wycombe

TOWN Totals

	W	D	L	F	A
HOME	1568	692	635	5782	3259
AWAY	750	717	1417	3320	4968
NEUTRAL	6	4	13	29	43
TOTAL	2324	1413	2065	9131	8270
At KR	1438	664	581	5243	3013

5,802 games played

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

SEASONS TO REMEMBER *2004/05*



After the saga in the summer of 2003, where John Gurney appeared from nowhere and could have wrecked the club, his choice of Mike Newell to take over the manager's chair in a farcical 'Manager Idol' contest proved to be a good choice by default.

Newell became a steady hand in charge as the Town finished 10th in his first season.

Despite the departures of Matt Spring and Emmerson Boyce to the Premier League, Newell was confident that he could still engineer some surprises as the 2004/05 campaign kicked off.

And so it proved, with young Curtis Davies slipping in seamlessly in defence in place of Boyce and loanee Rowan Vine proving the perfect foil to big Steve Howard up front the Town were 10 points clear at the top after 12 games, the first six of which were won to set a new club record.

Although there were a few minor blips along the way, the team remained remarkably injury free and would always bounce back immediately from the rare defeats encountered.

Hull were the Town's closest rivals and, with the Tigers taking advantage of a string of Luton draws, they sat only one point behind when the teams clashed at Kenilworth Road on 12th February. The visitors made no secret of coming for a draw and, as the game ticked into the 89th minute, they seemed to have achieved their goal.

The neat header from Croatian Ahmet Brkovic took the roof off the Kenilworth Road end, saw off Hull's challenge and galvanised the Town for the run-in. The Hatters clinched promotion with four games to go and the Championship a game later.

Club records tumbled in this momentous season with the only negative, albeit very a picky one, was that one more goal during the final day 3-3 draw at Doncaster would have broken the 100-point barrier.

LEAGUE ONE	PLD	W	D	L	GD	PTS
Luton Town (C,P)	**46**	**29**	**11**	**6**	**39**	**98**
Hull City (P)	46	26	8	12	27	86
Tranmere Rovers	46	22	13	11	18	79
Brentford	46	22	9	15	−3	75
Sheffield Wednesday (P)	46	19	15	12	18	72
Hartlepool United	46	21	8	17	10	71
Bristol City	46	18	16	12	17	70
Bournemouth	46	20	10	16	13	70
Huddersfield Town	46	20	10	16	9	70
Doncaster Rovers	46	16	18	12	5	66
Bradford City	46	17	14	15	2	65
Swindon Town	46	17	12	17	−2	63
Barnsley	46	14	19	13	5	61
Walsall	46	16	12	18	−4	60
Colchester United	46	14	17	15	10	59
Blackpool	46	15	12	19	−5	57
Chesterfield	46	14	15	17	−7	57
Port Vale	46	17	5	24	−10	56
Oldham Athletic	46	14	10	22	−13	52
Milton Keynes	46	12	15	19	−14	51
Torquay United (R)	46	12	15	19	−24	51
Wrexham (R)	46	13	14	19	−18	43
Peterborough United (R)	46	9	12	25	−24	39
Stockport County (R)	46	6	8	32	−49	26

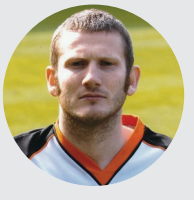
Player focus

Steve Howard top scored with 18 in a season when the goals were shared around. Giving away most fouls and, conversely, being the most fouled player in the division proved he was a handful!



Season standout

Captain **Kevin Nicholls** led by example in midfield urging the team on to promotion and scoring several victory clinching goals along the way. As with Howard, only suspension kept him out of the side.



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3	KAL **NAISMITH**
5	MADS **ANDERSEN**
7	MILLENIC **ALLI**
8	LIAM **WALSH**
9	JERRY **YATES**
11	ELIJAH **ADEBAYO**
12	ALI **AL-HAMADI**
13	MARVELOUS **NAKAMBA**
14	SHAYDEN **MORRIS**
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**
30	GIDEON **KODUA**
31	JOE **GBODÉ**
33	COHEN **BRAMALL**
37	ZACK **NELSON**
38	JOE **JOHNSON**
39	JOSH **PHILLIPS**
42	CHRISTIAN **CHIGOZIE**

ROTHERHAM UNITED

MANAGER **MATT HAMSHAW**

1	CAMERON **DAWSON**
2	JOE **RAFFERTY**
3	ZAK **JULES**
4	LIAM **KELLY**
5	SEAN **RAGGETT**
6	REECE **JAMES**
7	JOE **POWELL**
8	KIAN **SPENCE**
9	JORDAN **HUGILL**
10	SAM **NOMBE**
11	AR'JANY **MARTHA**
12	THOMAS **HOLMES**
13	TED **CANN**
14	MARVIN **KALETA**
15	JAMAL **BAPTISTE**
16	DRU **YEARWOOD**
17	SHAUN **McWILLIAMS**
18	LENNY **AGBAIRE**
19	JOSH **BENSON**
20	MARTIN **SHERIF**
21	JOSHUA **KAYODE**
22	DENZEL **HALL**
23	JACK **HOLMES**
26	HAMISH **DOUGLAS**
27	BEN **HATTON**
29	KION **ETETE**
37	JAMES **CLARKE**
38	KANE **RICHARDSON**
41	JOSH **AYRES**
42	REECE **WILSON**
44	DAN **GORE**

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ASSISTANT REFEREE **KEVIN HOWICK**
FOURTH OFFICIAL **ROSS MARTIN**