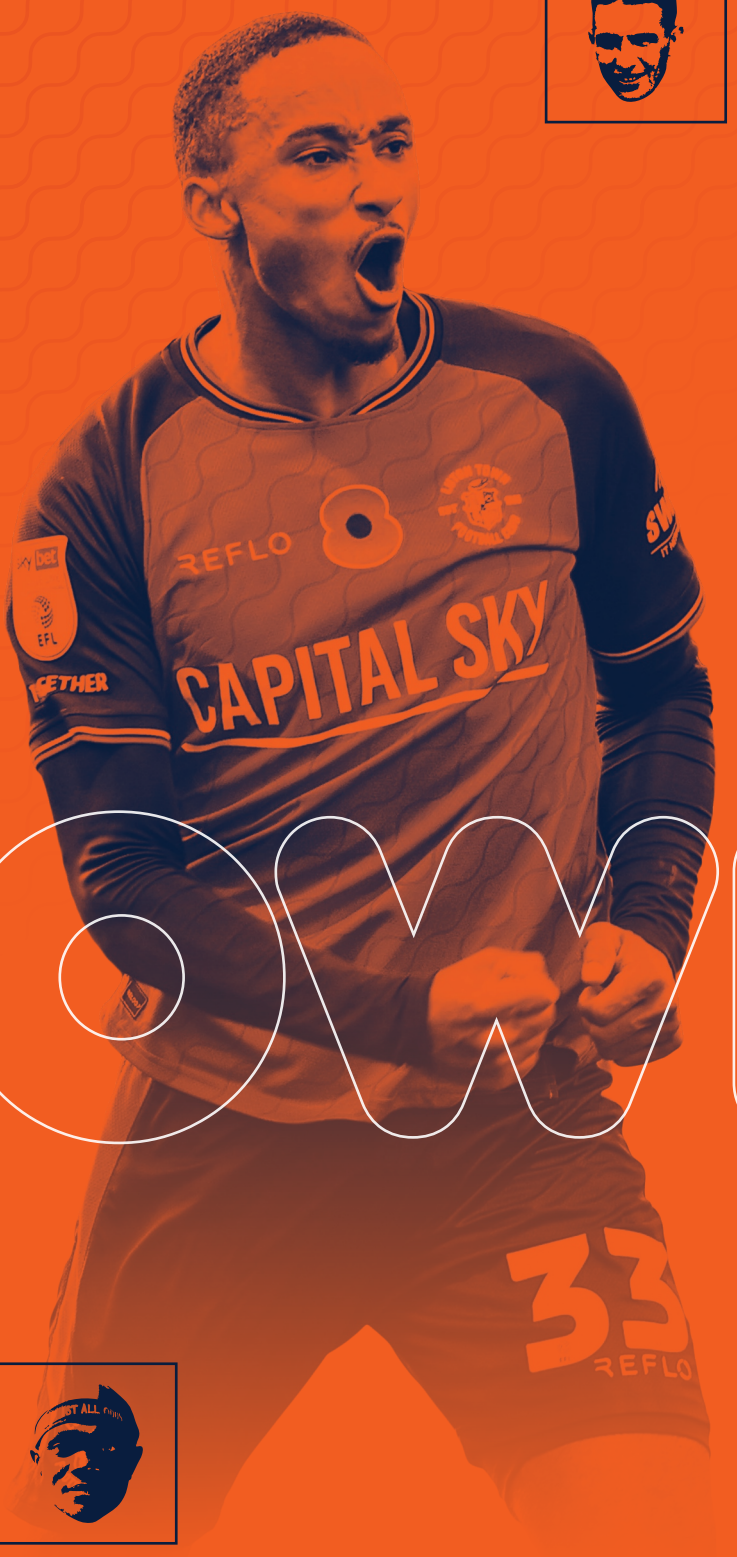
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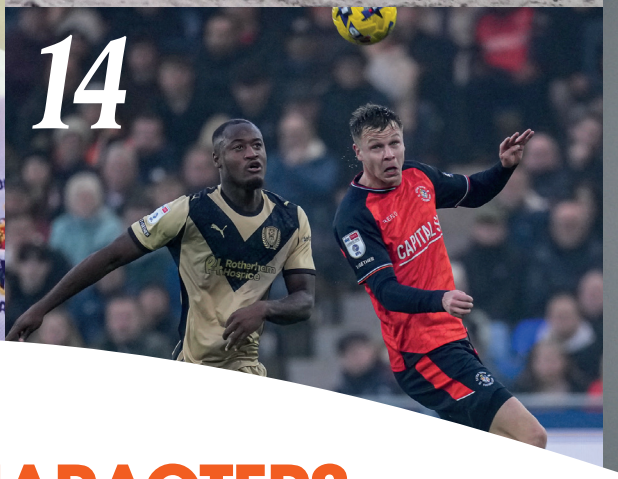
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Kevin Gallen A legend at QPR, striker Kevin came to the Hatters in the twilight of his career, adding a touch of guile to our forward line in our Conference days, scoring 21 times in 75 appearances. Spent one season with Huddersfield back in 2000/01, scoring 10 times in 38 games in the First Division.

Tom Ince Attacking midfielder Tom only featured seven times for the Town when joining on loan from Stoke in 2021, making his debut in a 1-1 home draw with Reading. The England Under-21 international spent a season with the Terriers, scoring twice in 33 league appearances in 2017/18.

Buster Brown William Ian Brown to give him his full name, Buster came through the ranks at Kenilworth Road and was converted from a centre-forward to a half-back after returning from injury. An all-action, versatile player, he moved to Huddersfield in 1935 before a 10-year spell at Brentford.

Martin Cranie Versatile defensive man Martin ended his career with a two-year spell at Kenilworth Road after joining from Sheffield United and made his debut in the 3-3 thriller with Middlesbrough. Started his career at Southampton and had a three-season spell with Huddersfield, playing in the Premier League.

Efe Sodje Centre-back Efe made his name at Stevenage before joining Macclesfield. Town boss Lennie Lawrence brought him to Kenilworth Road but was restricted to just 14 games in Luton colours. He went on to enjoy a fine Football League career, including a two-year spell at Huddersfield, winning the third-tier play-offs in 2004.

Izzy Brown Attacking midfielder Izzy spent the 2019/20 season on loan at Kenilworth Road from Chelsea, helping us avoid relegation from the Championship with a number of important contributions. Was on loan at Huddersfield in 2016/17 scoring four times in 15 games as the Terriers won promotion to the Premier League.

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Welcome

Welcome back to Kenilworth Road as we kick-off a busy week here on home soil with the first of three big games.

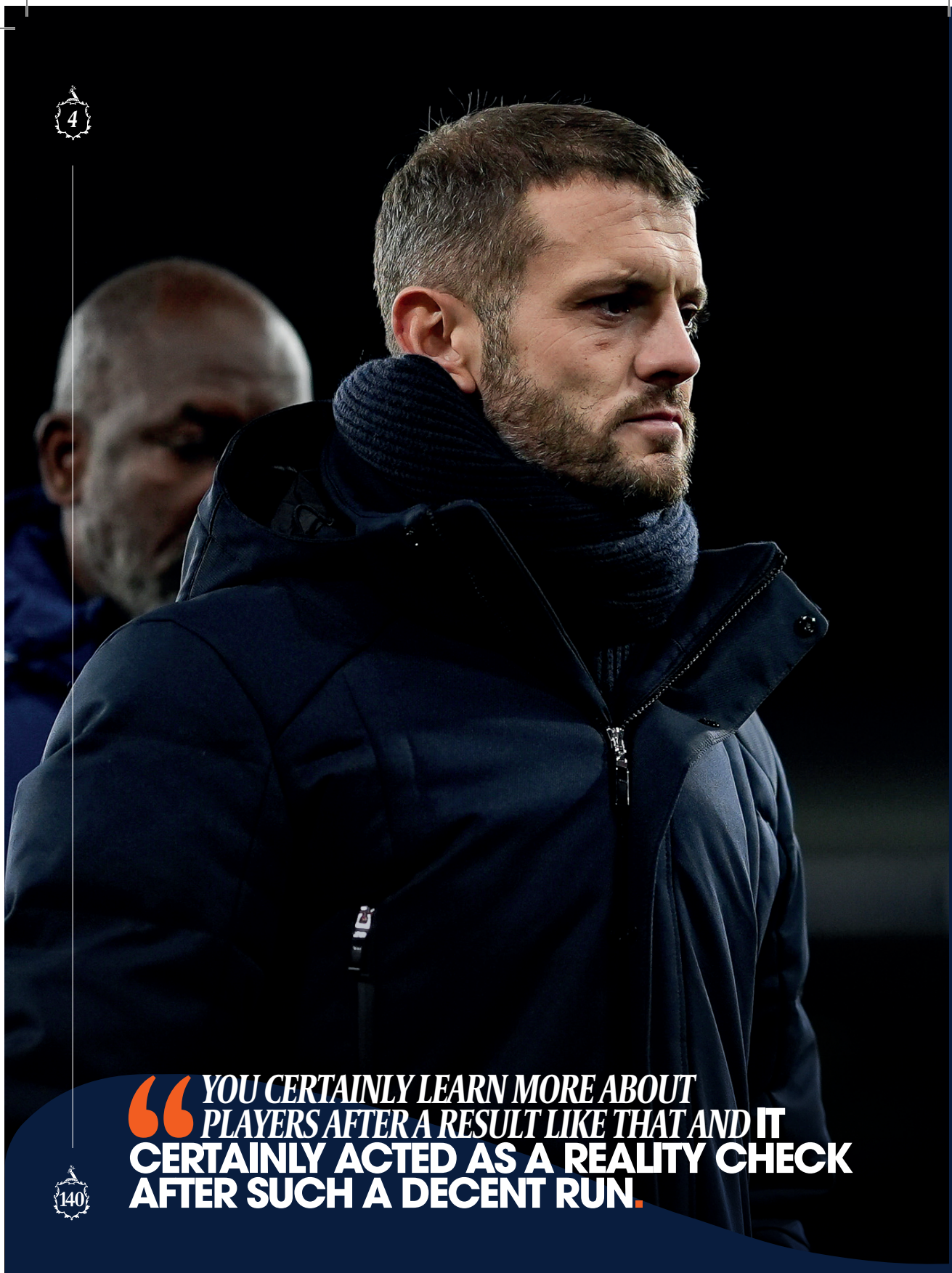
First up this evening under the lights are Huddersfield Town, a familiar recent foe of ours – our most notable meetings coming only a few years ago when we were facing each other in the Championship play-offs. It's fair to say both clubs have had their fair share of ups and downs since then, but we meet on equal terms in the third tier battling for promotion once again.

The busy schedule will continue when another League One giant, Bolton Wanderers, make the trip down on Saturday before we host Exeter a week tonight in the first knockout round of the Vertu Trophy.

Enjoy reading tonight's programme and, of course, get behind Jack and the lads as we embark on a crucial run of fixtures as the festive period approaches.

Up the Town!

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THE BOSS

Jack WILSHERE

Good evening and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for an important League One fixture against Huddersfield Town.

We welcome Lee Grant and his team, who arrive here full of confidence after a solid victory on the road at the weekend. They are a good side, a talented group and will prove tough opposition – like they all are at this level.

For ourselves there's no glossing over the fact we were not good enough at Barnsley at the weekend. It was a difficult afternoon for all concerned. Tonight's game gives us a very quick opportunity to right the wrongs and bounce back and show the kind of form that was evident in the lead-up to that game.

We went to Oakwell confident off the back of a five-game unbeaten run but after conceding the first goal, everything unravelled. For us, and for me, the result and performance was a real wake-up call.

It was another example of how ruthless this division can be if you don't take your chances. The teams in this division are not going to allow you time and space and, if you miss your chances, they will make you pay. In the very early stages on Saturday we looked a threat but once they scored their first goal tactics went out the window. It's at that point you need to roll your sleeves up and fight and we didn't do that and that is very frustrating.

But we go again tonight. The players have given me everything since we've come into the building, and addressing the group after the game on Saturday there wasn't one who wasn't hurting. You could tell. However, the reaction has to be right tonight.

You certainly learn more about players after a result like that and it certainly acted as a reality check after such a decent run. I think we all know we are capable of better in all areas of the pitch.

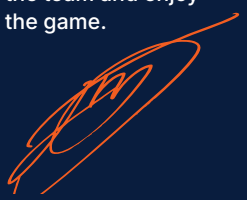
We are still early in our time here and we are still working on getting our ideas and methodology across daily in sessions. We have also worked hard in building belief and confidence. Saturday does not help that process but, as I've said, it will act as a reminder of how much work we still have to do to get to where we want to be.

Huddersfield certainly aren't going to make things easy for us this evening but, with your support behind us, I'm confident we'll get a positive reaction.

The level of support we received at Barnsley was fantastic and I'm hugely disappointed we could not reward your loyalty with a better result. I have said before how important it is to build a bond with the supporters, and after excellent away days at Northampton and Stockport, this was a sobering experience.

Tonight we will need your noise and passion throughout in what promises to be a good game of football against two talented teams. It's also the first of two big games here at Kenilworth Road this week with another team with similarly big ambitions in town on Saturday.

Please get behind the team and enjoy the game.



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BOARDROOM

David WILKINSON



Good evening, everyone, and a very warm welcome to Kenilworth Road.

Our visitors today are Huddersfield Town, who, like us, have flirted with the Premier League in the recent past and were relegated from the Championship the year before us in 2024.

The Terriers would probably agree that their golden years were between the wars under the management of the legendary Herbert Chapman when they won the league championship three times, were runners up three times and won the FA Cup in 1922.

We first played each other in 1952 since which time we have won 13, drawn eight and lost 11. Let's hope for a good game tonight with a positive outcome to add to our list of victories.

Along with this welcome could I also say how sad I was to read about the devoted Huddersfield supporter, Myles Scriven, who died earlier in the year at the age of 31. Myles was autistic and had learning disabilities and was found by the coroner to have been badly let down by the NHS Trust responsible for his health. Our thoughts remain with Myles' family and friends.

I now have the unenviable task of addressing our performance and result on Saturday at Barnsley.

What a shock! We arrived in Barnsley fully expecting a committed performance and further signs of improvement under Jack. It's an understatement, but we certainly did not get that. We had also kept eight clean sheets going into the game – more than any other team in the league – so we expected a decent defensive performance. Again, the final score tells its own story. However, above all else, we expected a Luton style energetic game that we, as supporters, could get behind. All in all, the final score made for a long and disappointing journey home.

We are all aware that Jack is new to his role and that it takes time to figure out what makes people tick and we trust that he and those around him will find the right formula. In his interview, Jack said it was on him, but I don't believe that is right. We are all part of the team from those who have made sacrifices to secure the future of the club we love, to those washing kit to those attending to our pitches.

Every director, executive, coach, analyst, physio, player, media team member and supporter has a role to play. If you're not part of the solution you're part of the problem.

I lose count of the number of fans who say, "must get three points today, David" or "we need a win, David" before each game. Of course we do, is my answer, but we as individuals can do little to make it happen by ourselves. As in other walks of life, group action carries the most weight.

What I'm trying to get at is that we all want success off and on the field. It should never be us and them, instead it needs to be us against the world. We are all on the same side and need to help and support Jack and all those who cross the white line and represent our club.

I'm not going to attempt to analyse the game. We all saw it as we always do. Like you, we'll tear it apart in the pub or on the way home on a bad day or argue about who was man-of-the-match or which was the best goal on a good day.

This was a bad day – and we all know it. It happens. What is important is that we learn from it and

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move on together and show people what we are made of. We are LUTON TOWN.

Thank you to all those who travel away with us. We know how miserable it can be, but equally how wonderful it is when it goes right. I think back over my 67 years and it's not only victories and promotions I remember, but, without getting too deep, it's often been as much about the occasion, the people, the venue and the drama.

As a Board we will do all we can to support Jack and his team, as we do with all our managers, and we strongly believe he will not only get it right, but that it will lead on to greater things for both him and us.

That segways quite nicely onto the most important thing now, Power Court, which continues to make steady progress. I make no apology for reminding everyone that when we first became involved 17 years ago the club was bust. It was put into administration because it had been living beyond its means and because some previous owners used it for their own personal benefit.

Kenilworth Road is unable to generate sufficient income to support an ambitious football club. It doesn't take an accountant to work out how much it can make – not only because of the limited seating capacity, but also lack of space for hospitality and sponsorship.

For as long as I have been a supporter, we have always been a selling club to top up that shortfall in revenue, but that doesn't mean it always has to be like >>

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that. With a new stadium we have the means to generate more revenue and make ourselves more attractive in all sorts of ways, but perhaps most particularly to players, supporters and investors.

We came in as lifelong fans with the ambition for our children and grandchildren to be able to become the same. This is the only way.

Back to tonight. We have been hit by quite a number of long-term injuries in the last couple of years and it's great to see a number of these players back on the grass after working so hard for so long. Jacob Brown is the latest to return after two serious injuries. It seems like a lifetime ago that he was scoring for us in our first home win in the Premier League against Crystal Palace. Likewise, it was fantastic seeing a smiling Elijah Adebayo running on grass at The Brache last week and at least it is not such a lonely road to recovery for him now, surrounded by his teammates.

We wish all our long-term injured well and look forward to them being able to compete for their places soon.

Finally, today is White Ribbon Day, a day in the calendar set aside to raise awareness of male violence against women and girls. Together with our Community Trust, we support this important initiative, which was highlighted at an event we held at Kenilworth Road recently. You can read more about this project on pages 52 and 53 inside tonight's programme and at whiteribbon.org. Please take the time to be acquainted with their vital work and a huge thanks to our Community Trust for their tremendous backing of it.

"Strong people don't put others down. They lift them up." – Michael Watson.

Enjoy the game.

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David



Elijah Adebayo back on the grass at The Brache

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THE CAPTAIN

Kal NAISMITH



There's no getting away from the fact that Saturday's result and performance at Barnsley was not good enough.

It doesn't matter who you are or who you're playing against, when you get beat and concede five goals away from home it's tough to take. As players it's a real rollercoaster of emotions.

It's disappointing first and foremost because we came into the game in such a good place. Five games unbeaten and three clean sheets in a row in the league gave us so much confidence going into it but once we conceded a goal all of that fell away. Fair play to Barnsley, they're a good side, but once we allowed them to get in front we couldn't wrestle back the momentum and struggled to find a way back into it.

I think we can all see how much we've come on in the last month or so since the new manager has come in, but we now need to show those levels of character in order to bounce back, starting tonight.

Huddersfield are certainly not going to come here and sit back and make things easy for us but we must use the disappointment of Saturday as motivation. The league table certainly doesn't lie – we are where we are for a reason. However, the competitive nature of it means any team who build consistency has a great chance of success come the end of the season and there is a long way to go.

But just because this club were in the Premier League and the Championship in recent seasons does not give us a divine right to be winning every game and to be sitting top of the table. Of course that's what we want and what we're aiming for, but we're still a relatively new group with a new manager and things take time.

The most important thing is that right now we stick together. I understand some supporters' frustrations. When you lose 5-0, that's obvious. You have a certain level of expectation and pay good money to travel the country and take time off work to follow us home and away.

However, what I won't accept as captain of this club is to hear the kind of abuse aimed at our players that I heard on Saturday, especially towards some of the younger lads. It simply isn't Luton. I completely, 100 per cent understand the frustrations and the boos. It comes with the territory. When you lose like that, hands up, that's not good enough. Clearly. But some of the words I heard directed to my teammates I have never heard from Luton fans. This club did not get to where it was on that.

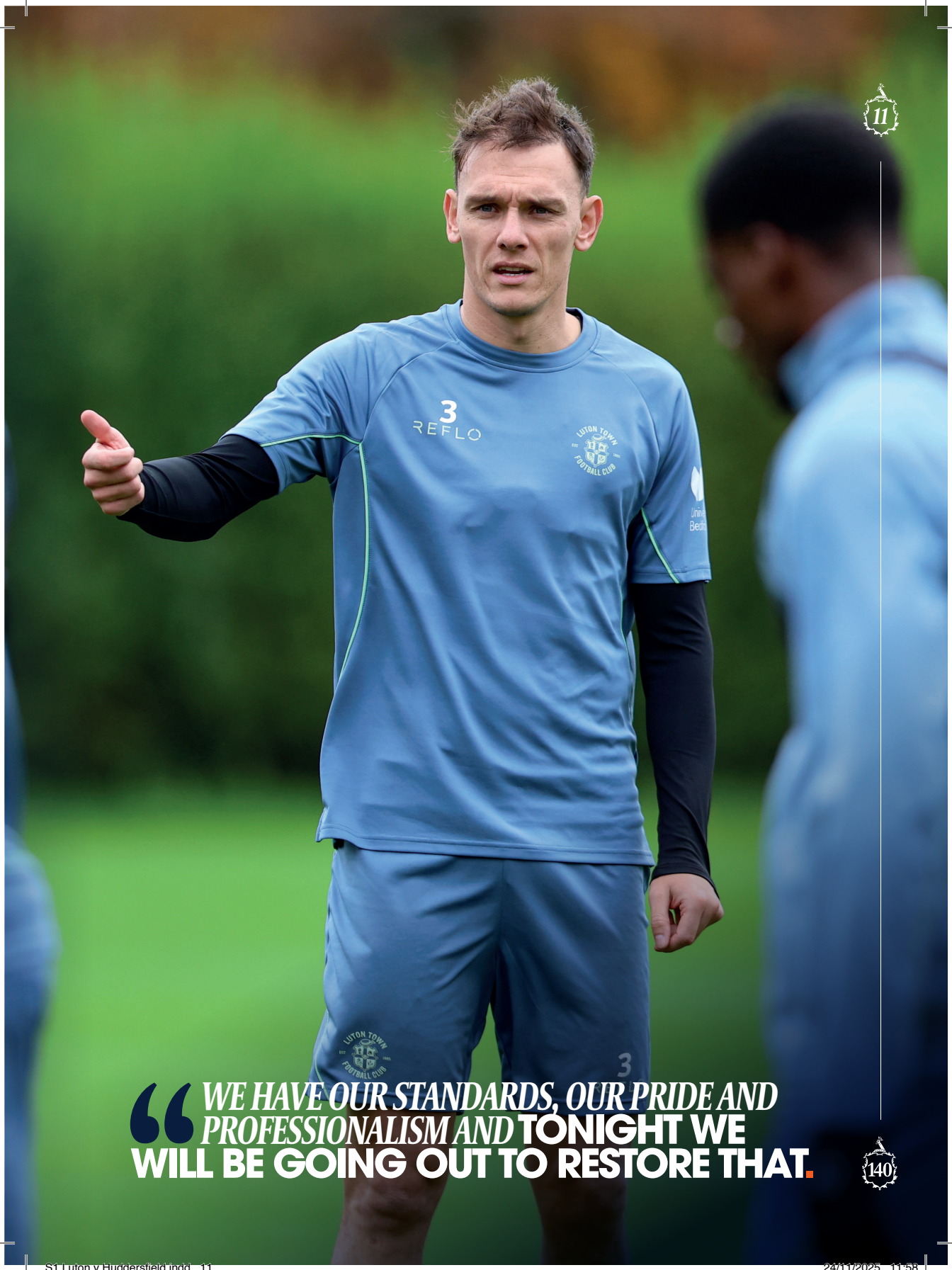
We win together and we lose together. Remember that win at Stockport? The scenes at the end, the togetherness and the unity. That was proper Luton. Vent your feelings – you have every right – but there are ways to channel that, especially, as I say, to some of our younger players.

There certainly weren't any happy faces in the dressing room on Saturday and trust me the anger and disappointment were bouncing off the walls post-match. We know it was unacceptable. We have our standards, our pride and professionalism and tonight we will be going out to restore that.

Get behind us. Even when things aren't going right. We need you. We need each other. Come on, we're all Luton.

Enjoy the game.

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Football for a Fiver will return for the Hatters' Vertu Trophy Round of 32 tie against Exeter City at Kenilworth Road a week tonight, Tuesday 2nd December.

As has been the case for the two home games in the competition so far, admission for the all-League One clash is being priced to encourage as many families as possible to attend, with kids in for a quid for the earlier-than-usual kick-off time of 7pm.

Prices are £5 for adults and £1 for those under 16 with tickets for this fixture will be unreserved seats initially in the Main Enclosure Blocks A to G and Main Stand A to D.

Tickets can be purchased online or by either visiting or calling the Ticket Office during advertised opening hours.

FEE AGREED FOR JAKE

On the subject of Exeter, we are delighted that the fee for the transfer of Jake Richards from the Grecians has been confirmed, with the two clubs agreeing on a sum that will be paid in three instalments across this season and next.



As Jake is under the age of 24, the Grecians were entitled to compensation that would have been set by a tribunal, had the agreement over the undisclosed fee not been reached for the midfielder who joined the Town in early July.

The 18-year-old midfielder has impressed so far this season, scoring his first goal for the club in the 3-0 at Stockport.

"Jake is someone I see bits of myself in, especially as a young left-footed midfielder making his way into senior football playing off the right," manager Jack Wilshere said.

"Credit to the recruitment team and previous management for identifying his talent coming through at Exeter and bringing him to Luton when the opportunity arose.

"He has a lot of experience at the level already for someone who only recently turned 18, and he's got a great attitude to keep learning and progressing.

"He's a long way to go, which Jake acknowledges himself. But there's no disguising that he's got a bit of magic in his feet, as we saw at Stockport, and he's one of several promising players we've got here at the club with a big future ahead of them."

REST IN PEACE, RITA



Word has reached us of the sad passing of lifelong Hatters fan Rita Strange, known as Nanny Rita, on 9th of November with her loving family at her side.

Nanny Rita fell in love with Luton Town as a young girl when her father George used to bring her to games, always referring to them as "the Lilywhites", a reference to the white shirts worn by the Town between 1920 and 1973.

She never failed to listen to a game on the radio, double-checking the kick-off time multiple times in the lead-up. Even in her final hours she found comfort listening to the 3-0 win against Stockport.

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

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All eyes on the ball



Jerry Yates runs at the Rotherham defence

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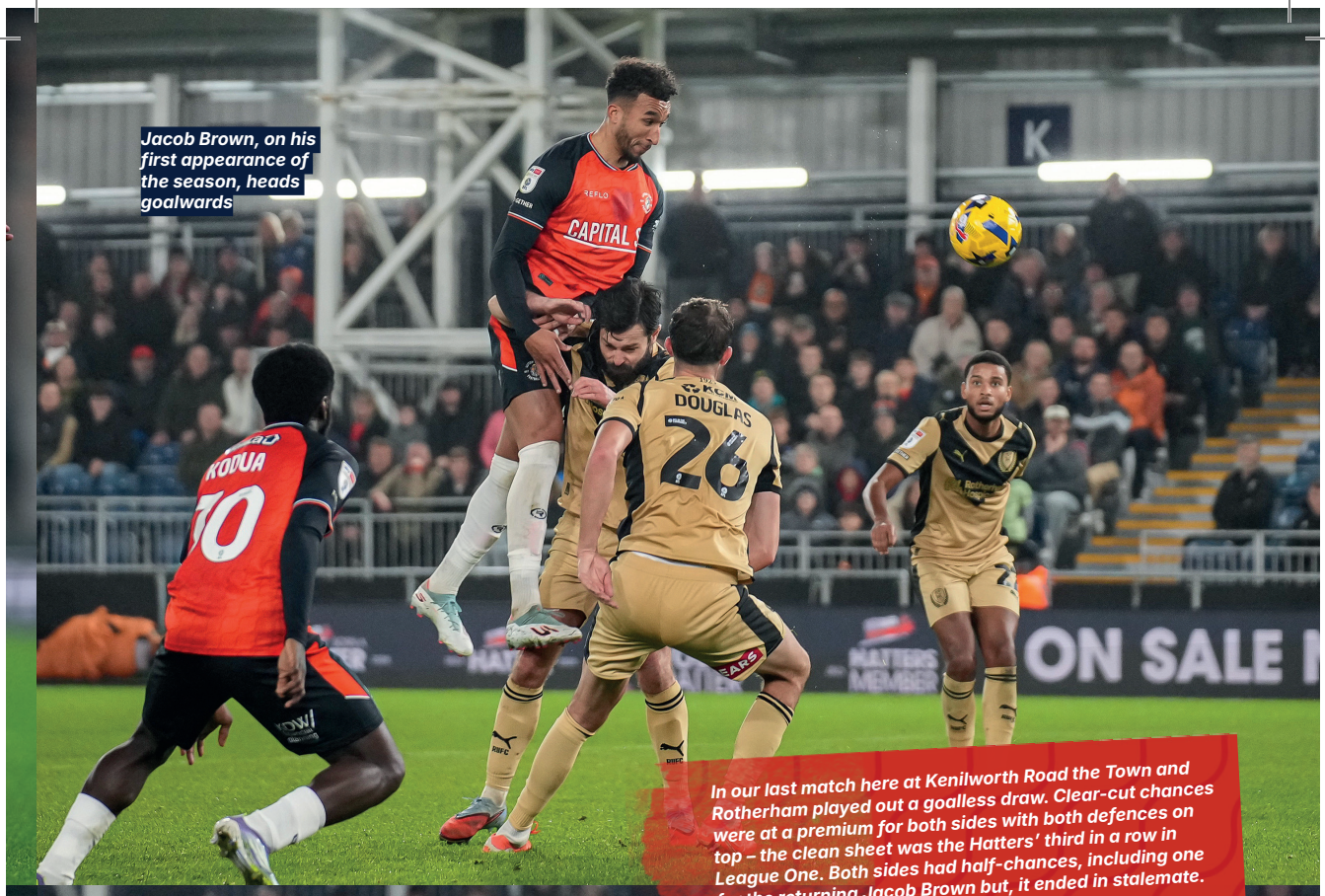
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Liam Walsh looks for the ball



Kal Naismith beats his man



Jacob Brown, on his first appearance of the season, heads goalwards

In our last match here at Kenilworth Road the Town and Rotherham played out a goalless draw. Clear-cut chances were at a premium for both sides with both defences on top – the clean sheet was the Hatters' third in a row in League One. Both sides had half-chances, including one for the returning Jacob Brown but, it ended in stalemate.



Gideon Kodua strikes an effort goalwards



Former Barnsley defender Mads Andersen rises highest

The Hatters' five-match unbeaten run came to an abrupt end with a heavy defeat at Oakwell. Having gone three games in League One without conceding the Town were 3-0 down at the break as the hosts threatened to run riot. Barnsley added a fourth shortly after the hour and a fifth with 15 minutes left to play as the Hatters were left to reflect on a day to forget at a ground in which they had won on their last three visits.

Liam Walsh in action at Oakwell



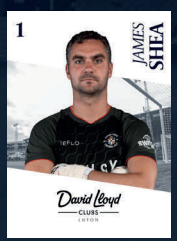
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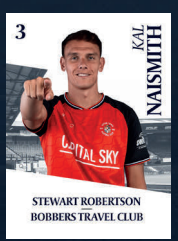
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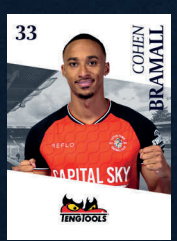














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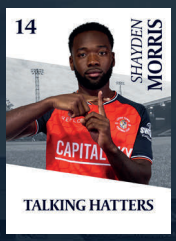
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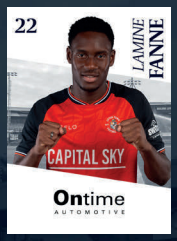








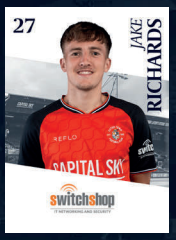






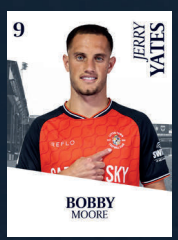




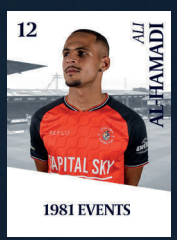


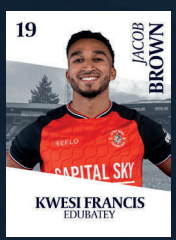


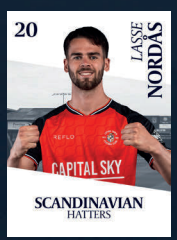
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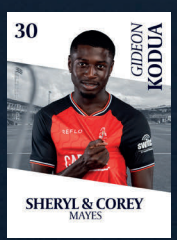








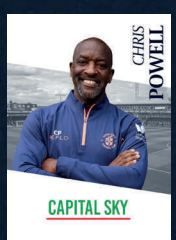




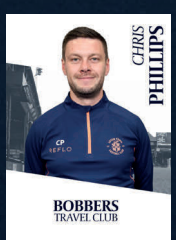


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At our last home game against Rotherham, midfielder Liam Walsh was named man-of-the-match and we also had the pleasure of welcoming two mascots to the League One fixture against the Millers.

Our guests in the Eric Morecambe Lounge also got a surprise before and after the game with Town duo Jordan Clark and Shayden Morris popping in to meet and greet guests, signing autographs and posing for photos before the game.

After the game our guests then had the opportunity to put questions to defender Teden Mengi following the 0-0 draw.

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!

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HUDDERSFIELD TOWN

The Hatters welcome Huddersfield Town to Kenilworth Road for a big night under the lights in the third tier.

Lee Grant's side have found a bit of recent form and will come to Kenilworth Road full of confidence.

Last time out, the Terriers beat Mansfield Town 3-1 at Field Mill. An absolutely electric start from Huddersfield saw them soar into a three-goal lead after just 16 minutes paving the way for three points on the road.

Prior to this the Terriers had endured a tough run of form throughout the months of September and October, picking up just two leagues wins across the two months.

However, with that Mansfield win on Saturday and a convincing victory before that against Plymouth Argyle, it would appear that Huddersfield's fortunes are turning.

In particular, Serbian striker Bojan Radulovic has been on a good run in front of goal, scoring in his last four games as well as getting two assists in the weekend win at Field Mill.

Since our promotion back to the Football League we have met the Terriers 10 times at Championship level. Half of those games have ended a draw, including our last meeting here at Kenilworth Road which ended 3-3.

Draws have been a common result in recent years between the two sides, especially at Kenilworth Road. Our past four meetings in Bedfordshire have all ended in a draw. Huddersfield's last win here came back at the end of the 2007/08 season that ended with the Town relegated from League One.

A warm welcome to Kenilworth Road to all those associated with Huddersfield Town.

HUDDERSFIELD TOWN AT-A-GLANCE

FOUNDED: 1908

MANAGER: Lee Grant

NICKNAME: The Terriers

STADIUM: Accu Stadium

MAJOR HONOURS: First Division champions 1924, 1925, 1926. FA Cup winners 1922

RIVALS: Leeds, Bradford and Barnsley

LAST TIME AT THE KENNY: Town 3-3 Huddersfield 4/10/22

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HUDDERSFIELD TOWN

THE AWAY END

The Boss

LEE GRANT Former goalkeeper for Manchester United, Stoke, Derby, Burnley and Sheffield Wednesday. Appointed Huddersfield Town boss over the summer.

Goalkeeper

OWEN GOODMAN Crystal Palace loanee who has made 10 appearances for the Terriers so far this campaign. Won promotion from League Two whilst on loan at AFC Wimbledon last season.

Defenders

LASSE SORENSEN Danish full-back who has gained plenty of EFL experience with Stoke, Milton Keynes and Lincoln City. Scored in Huddersfield's victory against Mansfield on Saturday.

JOSH FEENEY Young defender on loan at the club from Aston Villa. Been a regular in the team so far under Lee Grant.

RADINIO BALKER Signed for the club in January 2024 but has really struggled with injuries since. Back in contention for selection now back to fitness.

RUBEN ROOSKEN Dutch full-back who made the move to Huddersfield from Heracles in January this year. Has scored three goals in his time in Yorkshire so far.

LYNDEN GOOCH Former American international with lots of EFL experience who left Stoke in the summer to join the Terriers. Previously played for Sunderland, making well over 200 appearances.

Midfielders

RYAN LEDSON Former Preston North End midfielder who racked up over 200 appearances for the Lilywhites before joining Huddersfield.

MARCUS HARNESS Midfielder who has previously played for the likes of Derby, Ipswich, Portsmouth and Burton Albion.

BEN WILES Central midfielder who has now made over 100 appearances for the Terriers. Scored in their 2-0 win over Doncaster back in August.

MICKEL MILLER Left-sided midfielder who joined the club from Plymouth back in July 2024. Has featured 28 times for Huddersfield since his arrival.

LEO CASTLEDINE Chelsea loanee who has been a regular so far this campaign for the Terriers. The midfielder spent last year on loan at Shrewsbury Town, gaining some League One experience in the process.

ANTONY EVANS Made his return to the Huddersfield team last Saturday for the first time since May after a knee issue, leaving him sidelined for months.

Forwards

DION CHARLES Northern Ireland international who switched Bolton for Huddersfield back in January this year. Has also scored four goals in his last three appearances.

BOJAN RADULOVIC Serbian striker who signed from HJK in 2024. Hitting some form now for the Terriers, scoring in his last four consecutive games.

JOE TAYLOR Former Luton striker who left Kenilworth Road for the Yorkshire side at the start of the year. Has scored seven times for the Terriers so far.

CAMERON ASHIA Broke into the Huddersfield first team this season and has made his mark with three goals in all competitions since August.

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HATTERS *versus* TERRIERS

Historic meetings between the clubs down the years

SEPTEMBER 2002
LAST-GASP GLORY

The Town are much better defensively in a tight game, which sees Huddersfield's Kenny Irons hit a 25-yard against the bar, and the Hatters' Paul Hughes smash a drive against a post. A draw seems a fair result but Steve Howard scrambles in his seventh of the season in added time after being set up by substitute Andrew Fotiadis.

FEBRUARY 2005
PINCHING A POINT ▼

Ahmet Brkovic taps home a Kevin Foley cross for a controversial opening goal with the Terriers' players and fans appealing for offside. The goal is allowed to stand, and in a bad-tempered game, Luton's alleged time-wasting tactics do not go down well. Deep into stoppage time, striker Luke Beckett equalises with a clever 20-yard chip over Marlon Beresford and the Hatters have to settle for a point.

JULY 2020
GREAT ESCAPE

The Hatters are deep in relegation trouble at the foot of the Championship but the Terriers are also battling for survival in this crucial behind-closed-doors Covid battle. Starting the day bottom of the table the Town climb off it thanks to a superb showing on the road. Sonny Bradley nodded us ahead before Elliot Lee doubled the advantage with a fine finish from the edge of the box.



Ahmet Brkovic in action at Huddersfield in 2005



Jordan Clark celebrates his goal back in 2022

MAY 2022
PLAY-OFF HEARTBREAK

It's one of our biggest games in recent history as the Town find themselves 90 minutes away from the Championship play-off final. After a 1-1 draw at Kenilworth Road the second leg in West Yorkshire is perfectly poised. The injury-hit Hatters dominate the first half and miss several gilt-edged opportunities. However, eight minutes from time the Terriers win it when Jordan Rhodes struck to send the hosts to Wembley.

OCTOBER 2022
SIX-GOAL THRILLER ▲

Five months on from the play-off semi-final, the two sides meet again and share six goals at Kenilworth Road. The Hatters fall behind twice but equalise on each occasion through Elijah Adebayo. Jordan Clark has the Town in front for the first time minutes before half-time but the visitors earn a share of the spoils when Ben Jackson heads home an equaliser to make it 3-3.

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Our resident kit collector ***David Foxen*** *runs the rule over the hits and misses of our kits from the past.*

Wearing HISTORY

1972/73 AWAY

Come on you Reds!

Luton Town, in red? Surely, this must have been a goalkeeper shirt? No, our outfield players really wore red in a game during the 1972/73 season away at Huddersfield Town.

The date was 20th January 1973, and Luton Town wore their rare "alternative" shirt which was a red shirt, black shorts and red socks. I was only made aware of this shirt back in February 2024 when Hatters Heritage uploaded footage of this game on their YouTube Channel.

It was a snowy game, so that may have been the thinking behind the Hatters not playing in their traditional white home shirts.

It's hard to find any clear pictures of this shirt, but it appears to have been a lighter shade of red with a white collar and white cuffs to the long sleeves, with no sponsor or Luton Town badge on the shirt. The only other red shirt I can think of was the special edition shirt from the 1988 season, another super rare shirt.

The Hatters had stitched white numbers on the back of the shirts with no surname as was common with the time. No sleeve patches either, they didn't come into play until the late 1980s.

Footage of the game shows that the snow fell heavily for pretty much the whole game, with the pitch becoming white and slippery with the settling snow.

Huddersfield took the lead with a spectacular goal that was severely assisted by the snow. The ball just barely moved in the build up! The game wouldn't have been played nowadays that's for sure.

Not to worry, because in the slippery conditions the Huddersfield defenders were slipping and sliding all over the place and one errant backpass to the goalkeeper was pounced upon by Barry Butlin who easily slotted it past a stranded keeper.

In the second half, with conditions even worse and the pitch full white with snow, a cross from the left-hand side from John Ryan saw the keeper completely miss the ball, and a Huddersfield defender clumsily bundled the ball into his own net! 2-1 to the boys in red!



Hatters in red!

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A Special FEELING

An emotional Jacob Brown returned to action for the first time since March against Rotherham and paid tribute to those who helped him on the way back to fitness.

It might have been a forgettable goalless draw but for one member of the Town squad the Rotherham game served up something more significant.

After eight months sidelined following a serious knee injury, Jacob Brown's appearance for the final 12 minutes against the Millers was a moment the forward had been dreaming of for months.

It's been a long road back to recovery for a player who, two years ago today, scored our winning goal at Kenilworth Road against Crystal Palace in the Premier League.

Having also missed the final three months of that season in the top-flight, as well as pre-season last term, life has not been easy for the 27-year-old Scotland international.

"It was a really special feeling," Brown told LTFC+ after the Rotherham draw.

"With my previous injury and then this one it's been a difficult 18 months, but when I stepped back on the pitch I felt quite emotional coming back on.

"I've worked very hard to get back to where I am now and it was a special feeling. It's just a massive thank you to the people who have helped me along the way, especially my missus!

"Early in the injury, I couldn't do anything, but she was very patient with me, she helped me out as I couldn't really do much.

"Then a massive thank you to all the staff and the medical team. It's not just me doing it, everyone's helped me to get where I am, so I'm very grateful.

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"For both seasons, when you're out for so long, you can't help and that's one of the harder things, but it's part of the game. I've been unfortunate, but it's made me who I am today. I've been working hard to get back fit so now that I am fit, I just want to play as much as I can now."

The forward almost capped his return with a goal with a half-chance that came his way following fellow substitute Milli Alli's cross.

"I genuinely thought it was my moment," says Brown with a smile. "Obviously at 0-0, as a striker you feel like you're going to come on and score the winner.

"I had a couple of chances, but maybe in a couple of weeks when I'm a bit sharper I can get a goal there, but honestly it was just a great feeling to be back playing, that's the main thing for me right now."



Brown did get on the scoresheet at Kenilworth Road a few days later when playing for the Under-21s against West Bromwich Albion (pictured above), but the former Stoke man is now aiming to help the Hatters push for promotion in League One under Jack Wilshere.

"It's been a tough season so far with lots of ups and downs," continues Brown.

"Recently we've picked up good form since the gaffer's come in and the vibe around the place is really good.

"We didn't get the win against Rotherham, but it's another game unbeaten. They sat off and made it really difficult to get through them, but confidence is high.

"Rotherham defended really well. I know it's difficult for the fans watching as we did have a lot of the ball, but it really is hard to break teams down when they're all sat off.

"That was their gameplan, so there's things for us to work on, but there's lots to take from it as well.

"Before this we'd won four games on the bounce, so it's another game unbeaten. You know how quick things can change in the league, we've just got to focus on the next one and keep going."



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THE VIEW FROM THE PRESS BOX

BBC Three Counties Radio's ***Simon Oxley*** *can't wait for the games to come thick and fast*

The recent trip to Stockport gave us all a much-needed boost after a difficult start to the season both on and off the pitch. It helped that so many key moments happened at the away end – the first two goals, the penalty save, and the Teden Mengi tackle to preserve the clean sheet – and after the defeats at Lincoln and Stevenage it was just reward for the travelling faithful.

My last visit to see Luton win at Edgeley Park was at the start of the League One title winning season under Mike Newell, when 10 wins and two draws from the opening 12 games set up the promotion charge. This time around wins have not come so readily, but no team has yet taken the league by the scruff of the neck so to speak.

At the time of writing, before Saturday's trip to Barnsley, Luton had lost to four of the top six, but were 3-0 winners at the leaders. Things may become clearer as we say goodbye to international breaks until March, although we enter the territory of bad weather and matches postponed for FA Cup ties.

Even at this early stage there is a strange disparity in terms of games played. Stevenage were two points behind second placed Lincoln, with the Hertfordshire side having played three games fewer. Games in hand or points on the board?

It was pleasing to see the Rotherham fixture played despite call-ups. If nothing else, it meant football at 3pm on a Saturday. I'll brush over waiting until around 4.15 for a shot on target, but on reflection it was a game that might well have been lost two months before.

Huddersfield are probably also thinking that their position doesn't reflect their squad, and tonight and then Saturday's game here against Bolton are a real opportunity to get the home results up and running against fancied sides.

Then comes a third home game in a week with the Vertu Trophy tie against Exeter, followed by the FA Cup second round visit to Fleetwood. Despite my earlier comments about fixture congestion, I'm finding the Trophy a useful and worthwhile experience, especially with the size of the squad now that players are returning from injury. And at least it's Exeter at home, with the league trip there just over the horizon. Anyone else planning New Year's Eve in Devon?

I imagine as well that the Blackpool weekend cancelled in September might be reinstated after drawing Fleetwood in the cup. The win at Stockport has indeed whetted our appetites on and off the pitch.



The scenes after the recent win at Stockport

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LUTON TOWN SUPPORTERS' TRUST



The Trust Interviews...

Ben Kensell *Chief Revenue Officer*

In advance of this interview, we asked all Trust members if they had any questions for Ben, whose role covers many key areas of interest to fans. Ben provided us with answers to them all – but we started with a couple of our own....

Before we get on to questions and answers, tell us a bit about yourself please Ben, your background and what's brought you to Luton Town.

So, for 20 plus years I've worked in football. I was at Arsenal for eight years and worked through the organisation on the commercial and operational side as they moved from Highbury to the Emirates. There I looked after the club and box levels – a huge commercial operation – and also the setting up of premium events like concerts at the stadium.

It was a brilliant apprenticeship at a fantastic club, but I'd hit a glass ceiling and wanted to achieve more, so moved to Charlton at a senior level as Chief Commercial Officer where we achieved promotion to the Championship under Chris Powell and then onto Norwich City where I had an incredibly productive seven-plus years.

At Norwich we established an operating model of being the most successful financially sustainable club in Europe under Delia Smith, relying entirely on the income generated through the club and player trading, with central distributions and the three promotions during my time there.

I had a Managing Director type role at Norwich and that really set me up for my next role, which was Chief Executive Officer at Hibernian in Edinburgh, where I took on running both the football and business sides of the club. I was there for over three-and-a-half years and, after success off the pitch and European football on it, I moved to Luton earlier this year, back in May.

What does your role as Chief Revenue Officer involve?

I look after all club-controlled income areas from ticketing, sponsorships, catering, retail and more. There are many areas that sit under a role like this but in summary everything that generates income outside of player trading.

I also oversee communications and community activity. I'm part of a terrific Executive team here at the club, and we share the day-to-day operations across all areas of the club in essence, and of course support Gary as CEO.

But I would like to point out it's not just about optimising income – the real value of revenue is derived from better engagement, better communication, better processes and better understanding of the supporter. My role is shaped by my experience across those 20-plus years – I'm really focussed on fan engagement and the fan experience and building that up, not just for now but as we look to Power Court. I've been brought in to address some of the areas the club is looking to improve – which is one of the reasons I'm keen to answer supporters' questions and address their concerns and find solutions and make improvements where possible.

With my experiences and track record I can also support the commercial planning, execution and movement to Power Court and this is another big part of my role.

Thank you – we've rounded member questions up into a set of 'themes' to avoid repetition. Let's start with your revenue priorities, focus and KPI's (question from

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Angus), budgeting considerations (Neil) and transparency between the club and the playing staff budget/transfer fees received (Paul).

My focus and main priority is to grow the club-controlled income as much as we can - but not to the detriment of the fanbase, or the ability for people to be able to afford to come to Luton Town and have great experiences. My other priority is help the club define and deliver the future revenue potential at Power Court, both on a matchday and every other day.

The more successful we are off the pitch, the more success we can potentially bring on the pitch by contributing more to the overall football operation and player budget year on year. Along with club-controlled income, we need to maximise our player trading model to ensure that we can remain as competitive as possible and give the largest playing budget that we can to Jack, Chris and the team.

In terms of financial transparency, Luton compares very well with all the clubs I've worked with. We operate on a very tight and sustainable model with revenue, in a balanced way, going towards delivering Power Court whilst remaining as competitive as we can be. Revenues need to grow, and we need to remain as efficient as possible with our operating costs to maximise what we can make to deliver it back to the playing budget or improve our club to ensure we can grow year on year.



Success off the pitch can help it on the pitch too

Obviously, football is an emotional business and there will be fans wanting us to spend all the available money on the pitch and players which I understand. But we have to build and work towards being a competitive sustainable club for decades to come, and Power Court will allow us to achieve that.

What I would say around transparency is that the Board do allow the Supporters' Trust full view of the finances of the club and, having worked at other clubs, Luton are much more open than others with finances and communication – and I applaud that – but it doesn't mean we shouldn't try and do more and this is where my work with the communications team will hopefully mean supporters can feel even more involved and connected and communicated with.

You mentioned the fan experience, and we have a number of questions based around commercial issues like shirt prices, the costs of player sponsorships and merchandise and match day mascots. (Thanks to Alex, John and Paul).

This is something I'm very much looking at with the wider commercial team. Having arrived in May I couldn't just come in and change them instantly or make sweeping changes without understanding the club, the commercial landscape or even understanding the targets and strategic plan for growth and Power Court.

It takes time but hopefully fans have already seen some movement – lower price academy sponsorship through the Trust and SoLYD, the commitments we've made, again in discussion with the Trust, about future shirt designs and frequency of changes. We have also made big improvements to our fan-zone with the marquee and big screen, and food and drink offers, and we have seen more and more supporters come earlier to the ground and enjoy themselves, so we are making progress. I've also personally spoken to many fans, and I am always keen to gather as much information to assist us I ensuring we do the right things for the club and its supporters to move us forward.

Regarding shirts, prices are dependent on the price we pay our suppliers, but we've compared across the market and ours are competitive and the quality of kits manufactured by Reflo are very good. We managed to get them out in good time this season, but we are looking to do even better and earlier for next season.

We're looking at retail in general too, an area we know we can – and should be and will be – doing far better in but I was really pleased with the retro range, and we have fantastic and committed staff.

We're actively looking at the mascot packages as well, and will be introducing changes to make them accessible to all: we understand what a memorable >>

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Ben pictured on his first day as Chief Revenue Officer at Kenilworth Road

experience that is for young supporters and their families, so watch this space as we look to implement changes and make improvements which we hope fans will appreciate.

I also think it's worthwhile that we hold fan forums and ask fans and focus groups what they want and get feedback before making sweeping changes so we're in the process of doing that.

On the broader subject of sponsorship and partnerships, are you looking locally or nationally? (Paul, Julian)

For me, everything starts with Luton and Bedfordshire. Local business must be the foundation of not only our sponsorship and partnership strategy, but ticketing, hospitality, conferencing and events.

Local support is the bedrock of what will make us commercially and financially sustainable for many years to come. Once we have got this right, only then can we turn to developing domestic and international strategies. The club has a rich history with its local business community, but there's a lot of opportunity to reconnect with those who have since parted ways with the club and reconstruct the pathways for a business of all sizes to grow their brands alongside ours.

When I arrived, we hadn't developed any long-term partnerships, outside of the University of Bedfordshire. There are many reasons behind this, but primarily it's been down to resource. We're strengthening this area of the business, with several new colleagues joining the team whose remit will be to engage, support and nurture this local business community into long-term thriving relationships.
In my first six months, I've met with dozens of consulted with the right people. We've taken every piece of feedback very seriously and are using it to generate our commercial plans for the seasons ahead. These aren't overnight fixes, but I believe that those involved would agree we're making small steps every day to bring about positive change.

It's important to also share that we'll uphold the values of the football club throughout all our partnership agreements. That means no betting sponsorship and no brands that would, in any way, bring the club's brand and reputation into question. This naturally does limit the value we achieve through partnerships, but that's something I and the board remain very passionate about.

That brings us on to communications, including improving the website (Paul) – and fan engagement.

From a communications perspective, the focus for me has been on how we can maintain constant dialogue with local media, supporters and fan groups. We've heard the feedback from supporters that they felt there had been a disconnect between them and the club, so we moved to bring about change in that area and bring everyone closer together.

Media and communications are areas we've really been active in introducing change and improvements – take the recent podcast and fan created content session at The Brache for instance. Affording those creators the opportunity to speak directly with the newly appointed Jack, Chris, the coaching team as well as Gary on the process. I thought the content was unprecedented in its transparency and landed incredibly well, and this is something I look forward to replicating in the future. >>

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We're constantly reviewing various new communication and fan engagement initiatives that will bring us all closer together. This is a collaborative effort that now also includes our Community Trust. A great example of this I think is the redeveloping of our overarching Fan Engagement Strategy and the introduction of a Fan Advisory Board. It's critically important that we have an appropriate number of forums per year to listen to our supporters and report back to them on developments across the club. That's a key priority, complete transparency.

On the club's website and mobile app, yes this is currently under review. But not just these areas, we're reviewing a lot of commercial technology as part of a broader tech roadmap as we prepare for Power Court. We'll share progress updates on the website and app process with the relevant supporter groups. Ultimately the platforms we currently have don't allow us to serve our content as well as we would like for supporters but also they don't allow supporters to enjoy one seamless journey between news, ticketing and retail. So, this is a priority project that will conclude this season.

What do you see as the key opportunities inside and outside Kenilworth Road to improve fan engagement and awareness, (Rob), in the build up to and opening of Power Court (David) and in the final season at Kenilworth Road (Steve)?

We've been doing a lot of new things on the Kenilworth Road apron to entertain fans and attract them pre-match and will continue to do so. As for looking to the future, the single biggest success for me would be to understand our fanbase better, understand their experience better, understand what they want and how this will help us optimise the opportunities to build our fanbase ready to attract bigger attendances at Power Court.

We have a real opportunity to build on the sheer passion of our fanbase: though attendances are limited by current ground, we have tens of thousands on our database. We have the potential to be a big club, in a big town with a big future, but it needs to operate in a much more modern way when we move into our new home – and the new systems we're putting in place will help us grow and transition seamlessly. We also need to expand our community activities so more and more people engage and identify with the club, and it becomes part of their lives.

As for that final season – I think there needs to be real celebration through the year, not just an event at the end of the season. We'll be collaborating with all supporters to explore all those possibilities but we already have a lot of ideas ourselves – what does that final year look like? What do we all want? What is the fitting tribute to Kenilworth Road?

We want to make sure everyone is on board and feels part of it, so it's a commercial success and a real celebration at the same time. And that's all about communication and collaboration.

That's a good cue for your final thoughts Ben (for now – this discussion is to be continued!)

I hope our supporters can see and understand that the club and I are committed to improving all supporter facing areas. The club does a tremendous amount of great work, but there's always a lot of exciting areas to grow and improve.

To do that I need feedback, and I want supporters' ideas also. They are welcome to email me at ben.kensell@lutontown.co.uk anytime, or grab me – or anyone else in the commercial team, or Gary – on a matchday. Equally, I'm also happy to hop on a call, host a forum or meeting, all to ensure that I'm true to my commitments that we want to act with the utmost transparency and in true collaboration.

Lastly, let's all get behind Jack and Chris. Despite Saturday's blip, they've made a very promising start and long may that continue by getting back to winning ways tonight.

Thank you to Ben and to all who sent us questions: we hope we have covered everything, even if in broad terms due to space limitations. And we certainly hope to do this again in the near future!

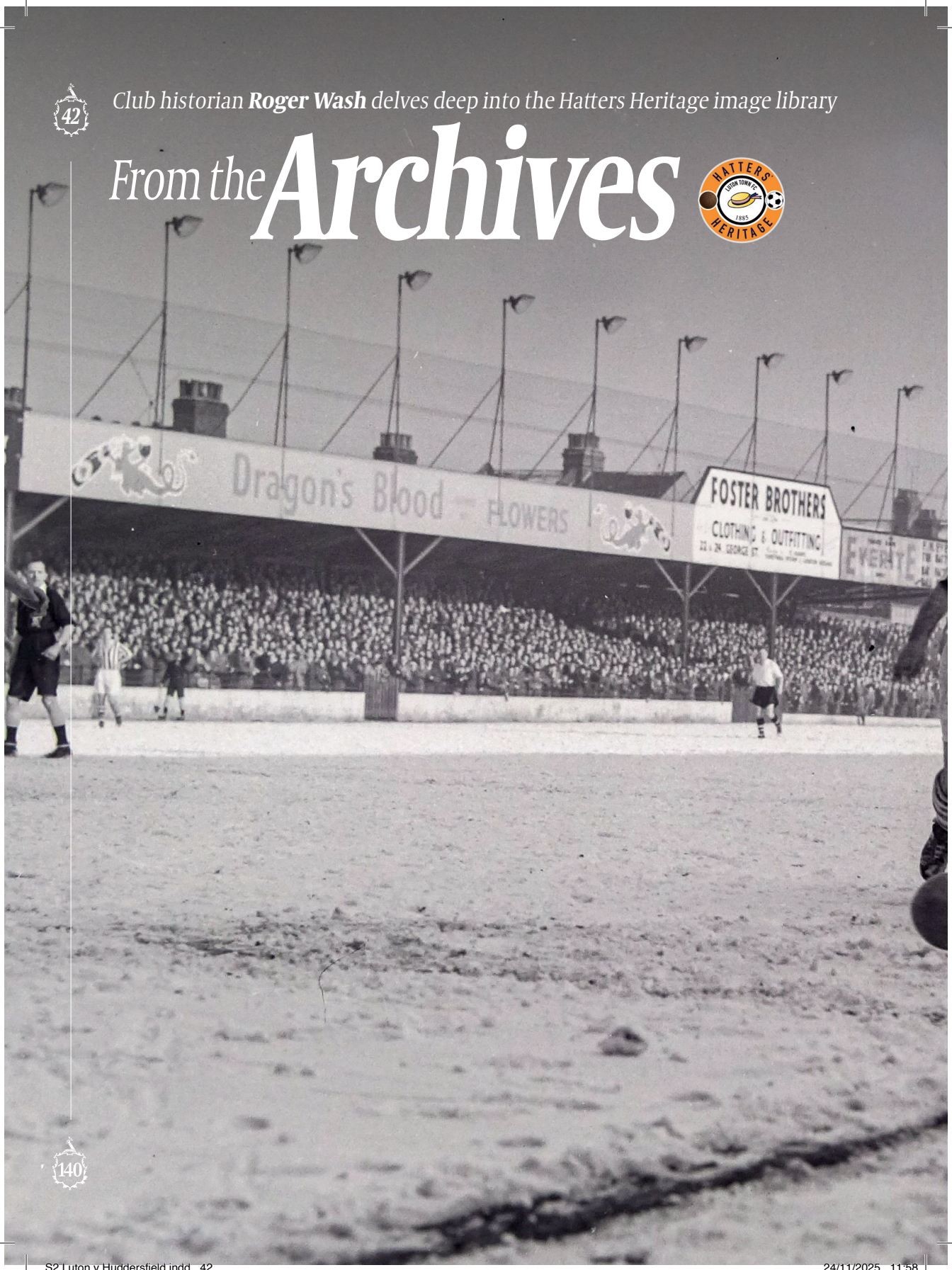
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Club historian ***Roger Wash*** *delves deep into the Hatters Heritage image library*

From the Archives



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The Hatters take on the Terriers at a snow-bound Kenilworth Road in February 1956.

Pictured is George Cummins being upended in the area for a penalty which is smacked home by the reliable Gordon Turner (inset).

With both teams at the wrong end of the Division One table, the eventual 2-1 win Huddersfield seemed significant but the table at the end of the season showed the Hatters in a comfortable 10th position while the Terriers were relegated on goal average.



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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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25th November



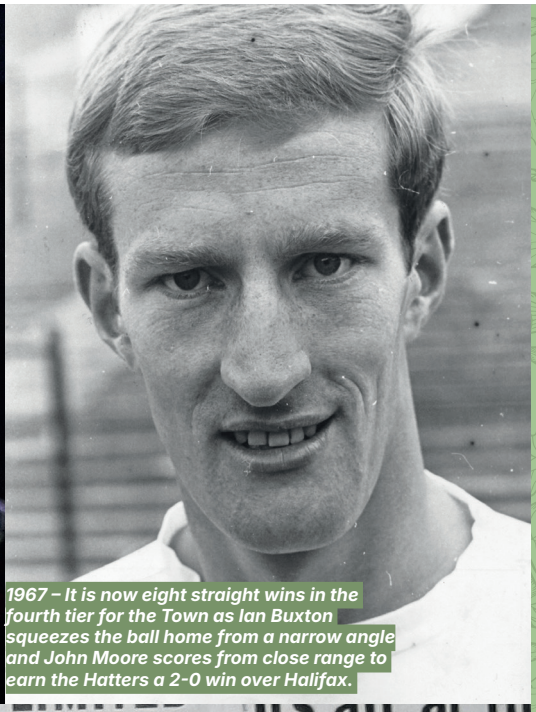
2023 – The Hatters finally secure their first home win in the Premier League as a late winner from Jacob Brown earns us a 2-1 win over Crystal Palace. Teden Mengi's opener was cancelled out by a super Michael Olise strike but Brown had the final say.







2017 – It was League Two action back in 2017 when the Hatters saw off Crewe 2-1 at Gresty Road. Goals from Danny Hylton and Luke Berry had the Town in command before an own goal from Johnny Mullins got the hosts back into it.



1967 – It is now eight straight wins in the fourth tier for the Town as Ian Buxton squeezes the ball home from a narrow angle and John Moore scores from close range to earn the Hatters a 2-0 win over Halifax.

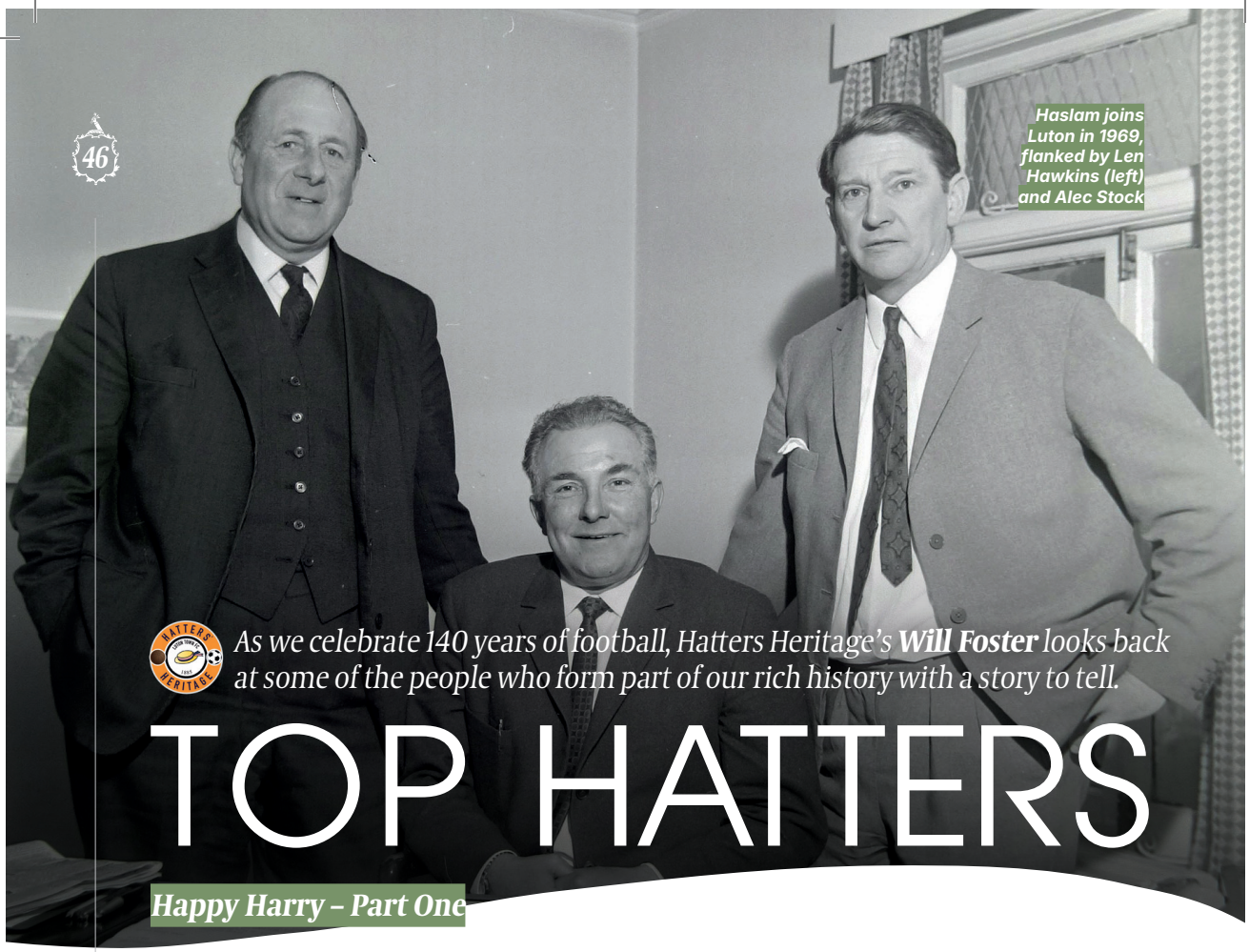


1969 – Four floodlight failures, combined with a blinding snowstorm, make conditions difficult as the Town entertain Fulham at Kenilworth Road. Malcolm Macdonald, in his first appearance against his former club, scores his 12th goal of the season to earn a 1-0 win.



1989 – Marvin Johnson becomes the fourth Town centre-half to limp off with an injury and his presence is missed as the Southampton score six times. The Town fight back twice but despite goals from John Dreyer, Kingsley Black and Lars Elstrup we go down 6-3 at The Dell.

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Haslam joins Luton in 1969, flanked by Len Hawkins (left) and Alec Stock

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

Happy Harry – Part One

There are not many figures in the history of Luton Town who can link together Bobby Robson, Malcolm Macdonald, the Oak Road Shop and Diego Maradona. But then, Harry Haslam was never particularly ordinary.

Harry was born in Manchester in 1921 and began as a robust, attacking full-back in the Manchester United youth set up. He would join Rochdale as an amateur after the war and then embark on a short career in the Football League with Oldham, Brighton and Leyton Orient.

It wasn't long before he'd moved into scouting and coaching. An early influence was England international full-back Jack Tresadern, who hired Harry as chief scout at Hastings United and who he succeeded as Tonbridge manager in 1960 after Tresadern's passing.

Sandwiched between this was a spell as manager of Barry in the Welsh League, where Haslam was perhaps most famous for signing a handful of Nordic internationals who were looking for games before the 1960 World Cup.

At Tonbridge, inspired by his time at Old Trafford, Haslam set about replicating the Busby Babes youth model. He inaugurated a Juniors and Colts side which quickly signed up 40 local players from the strongest youth teams in the area. It was no surprise therefore that it was Haslam who was called by Knole Juniors' George Piper with word of a 17-year-old full-back that was worth a look. Haslam agreed, and signed the young Malcolm Macdonald for Tonbridge in time for the 1966/67 season.

A left-back, Macdonald's route into the first team was blocked by Vic Akers, who would go on to play for Cambridge and Watford. "You'll play right-back son," Haslam would tell his new player. "That's your position for the new season. If

> **"THAT'S YOUR POSITION FOR THE NEW SEASON. IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT, TOUGH. LOOK AT IT THIS WAY – I'M TEACHING YOU TO KICK WITH YOUR RIGHT FOOT!**

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Christmas with the Haslams

you don't like it, tough. Look at it this way – I'm teaching you to kick with your right foot!"

Harry's importance in the career of 'Supermac' cannot be understated. He became a friend of the family, telling Malcolm's mum, "I'll try everything in my power to get him in as a full-time pro, and then we'll see how it goes."

For his part Macdonald was happy for Haslam to guide his career, including the suggestion of trying out a few games in the forward line!

Haslam would remain in charge at Tonbridge for 522 games over eight years before taking up the role of chief scout at Fulham in 1968 under a young Bobby Robson, himself taking a first real job in management.

He took Macdonald with him to Craven Cottage, though the time in London would prove to be miserable for all three. Haslam would leave when Robson was sacked after only 10 months in charge, and soon Macdonald found himself frozen out after getting himself on the wrong side of club legend Johnny Haynes.

It was Harry that Macdonald would call for advice when he became desperate to leave. Haslam's advice was simple, if somewhat risky. He told his protégé to demand a meeting with chairman Tommy Trinder and say, "if you don't let me go, I'm going to stick Johnny Haynes up against a wall and beat the living daylights (a less polite word was actually used) out of him."

The plan worked. And as it happened, the club most interested in Macdonald was Luton, where Haslam had joined Alec Stock's backroom staff. The meeting to obtain his signature was delayed after Stock's car suffered a puncture, hence the reason for Haslam arriving in a grease covered shirt after changing the wheel at the roadside.

In Stock, Haslam had found a kindred spirit – one similarly unafraid to challenge conventional football wisdom. Harry's first role at Kenilworth Road was suitably unusual – 'Entertainments Manager and Chief Scout' – and he was based in what was then known as the Luton Town Sports Shop on the corner of Oak Road. He took both parts of the job very seriously and was at the forefront of a number of commercial initiatives, such as the Hatters' Club and the Bonanza Girls hired to sell raffle tickets.

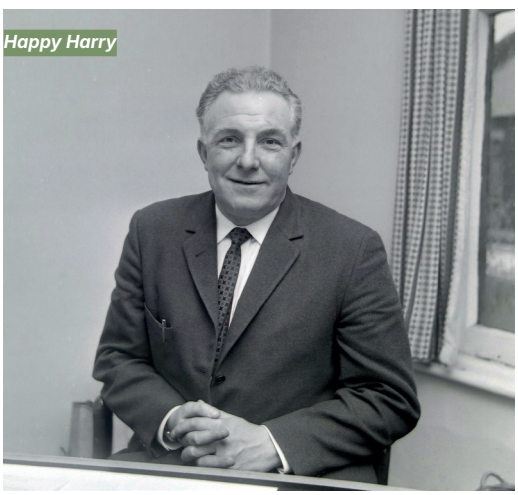
These were good times at Kenilworth Road. Buoyed by the financial backing of Tony Hunt, whose V&G insurance company was booming thanks to the novel idea of offering 'no claim discounts', and by the goals of a certain Malcolm Macdonald, Town were promoted into the old Division Two in 1970.

In the background Haslam was starting to make an impression in the scouting side of his job too, his signings including a 19-year-old from Hendon by the name of Peter Anderson.

However, being Luton, turmoil wasn't far away. Following a 1-0 win at Portsmouth in April 1971 news began to break of a collapse in V&G shares. It would result in the resignation of Tony Hunt and the club being placed in receivership. Forced to sell his best players, including Macdonald, Stock soldiered on for a year before the toil on his health became too much and he resigned with a single match left of the 1971/72 season.

Fortunately the club had a seemingly perfect replacement in house. At 51, and after years in the non-league game, Haslam was going to become a Football League manager at last.

To be continued...


Happy Harry

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LTFC academy

With Michael Malone
Head of Academy Analysis



Throughout my time at the club, the world of analysis has grown and developed into a crucial tool used in the development of elite footballers.

Never more so than now are players watching games and training sessions, analysing every aspect of their game.

This season we have again developed our programme further. Myself and Sonny Comrie lead the analysis provision in the Under-21 and Under-18 age groups with Dylan Glancy leading it in the Under-15 and Under-16 age groups.

This year we have two full-time interns – Josh Ralphson and Oscar Hibbett – who will work with us for the season, primarily working within our Under-9 to Under-14 programme.

A lot of our work is within the technical and tactical corners of player development meaning we work side-by-side with the coaches to tailor feedback to each player around their Individual Development Plan (IDP). However, we still support development in other areas of the academy ranging from sports science and medical to our education department and player care departments.

Our close working relationship with the first team staff only strengthens our fight to develop our young footballers, sharing processes and best practice in order to make sure we are aligned as possible at every step. This is strongest in our Under-21 and Under-18 age groups as they are next in line with the opportunity to showcase their potential.

Our aim in the academy is to develop players capable of playing in our first team, individuals who will thrive in an elite environment that will enthuse people around them with high standards and a hard-working ethic – core principles of what makes a Luton player.

The skills our players are encouraged to work on are a pillar of their development as each individual is a person before they are a footballer. To date, we have conducted over 160 analysis sessions this season, each varying between team, unit and individual interventions.

All of our recorded training sessions and games are available to view on our online platform 'Hudl'. A key function of this online tool is our player feedback system, allowing players to review the footage, create their own clips and send it to their coaches with their comments. It is a crucial tool to continue the conversation even when the players are not at The Brache.

At the start of the season we restructured our analysis programme for our Under-9s to Under-14s, offering more bespoke analysis sessions based off the games and training sessions.

Our Under-13 to Under-16 age groups do one post-match analysis session and one training analysis session a week with the aim of reviewing performances, applying feedback and then reviewing again before playing.

The Under-9s to Under-12s have a similar process but only do one post-match session a week. This is a crucial step on their journey to becoming footballers, not only developing their footballing knowledge but also working on their personal skills, often taking part in activities and learning to speak in front of groups of their peers.

All of this with the aim to create a holistic and well-rounded approach to player development.

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Archie Shepherd scored one and set-up another against Watford

The Under-18s recorded a superb 4-1 win at Watford in the PDL Cup on Saturday to move into the next phase of the competition.

It was a cagey start to this local derby after an even opening 20 minutes but the Town took the lead in acrobatic style shortly before the half-hour mark. Fin Evans headed a set-piece across goal and striker Dawid Gawel sent a powerful overhead kick into the top corner.

It got better for the young Hatters 60 seconds later when the lead was doubled. Samuel Hincapie-Alfonso's shot was parried into the path of Archie Shepherd and after taking a touch the winger finished well from an acute angle to make it 2-0.

It was all the Town and two became three eight minutes before half-time when Shepherd's cross from the right was met by a first-time finish from Gawel for his second of the afternoon and 28th goal of the season so far.

Just when it seemed like plain sailing, the Hornets pulled one back just before the break when Harry Fox was adjudged to have handled in the box and resultant penalty beat Lucas Thomas.

But the Hatters came close after the interval to restoring their three-goal lead with Shepherd and Fox both going close, the latter seeing a shot cleared off the line.

But it was game over in the 81st minute when a handball in the box led to a Town penalty and Fox coolly made it 4-1 by burying his penalty to seal an excellent victory.

A delighted Deeney said afterwards: "When you're involved in this club you know the importance of this fixture. The boys knew that and responded brilliantly with a fantastic performance.

"We've been a bit off it in recent weeks but they bounced back with a display full of energy, physicality and intensity.

"We were a constant threat and were ruthless in those big moments."

Town: Thomas, Asamoah Junior, Barnes, Evans, Kwane Anson, Norton, Fox, Isufi, Shepherd, Hincapie-Alfonso, Gawel.

Subs: Flynn, Ed-Okungbowa, Lesser, Frimpong-Kwakye, Joy.

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 L 1-2
Sat 22 PDLC Watford W 4-1

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 L 1-5

DECEMBER
Tue 2 Exeter City 7pm
Tue 9 Leighton Town (BSC)
Sun 14 Brentford 1pm
Mon 22 West Brom 7pm

Bold denotes home fixture
**lost 6-5 on penalties*

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youth PROFILE

Dawid Gawel

YOUR NAME? Dawid Gawel

WHERE ARE YOU FROM? Poland

WHAT POSITIONS DO YOU PLAY? Striker

WHEN DID YOU JOIN THE ACADEMY? This season from Everton

WHO WAS YOUR FOOTBALL HERO GROWING UP? Robert Lewandowski

GO-TO BOOTS RIGHT NOW? Adidas F50s

FIRST TIME YOU KICKED A BALL? Four or five years old

BIGGEST LESSON FOOTBALL'S TAUGHT YOU? It's a game of opinions, you can't worry about decisions that have gone against you

FUNNIEST TEAMMATE? Luca Knote-Reed









HARDEST WORKER? Luke Takawira

BIGGEST INSPIRATION OUTSIDE FOOTBALL? My dad

TEAMMATE MOST LIKELY TO BE A MANAGER? Rufus Barnes

MOMENT YOU'LL NEVER FORGET? Scoring against Sporting Lisbon in the Under-16 international quarter-final

BEST BIT ABOUT BEING AT LUTON? Togetherness

ONE THING YOU'RE WORKING ON? My left foot

PRE-MATCH ROUTINE OR SUPERSTITIONS? Listening to the same playlist

FAVOURITE MUSIC… Lil Baby, Drake

FAVOURITE GAME… Fifa

GO-TO CHEAT MEAL… Pizza

IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER? Physio

PERSON YOU'D SWAP PLACES WITH FOR A DAY? Third choice Premier League goalkeeper!

THREE WORDS TO DESCRIBE YOURSELF. Hungry, hard-working, passionate

ONE THING PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU? The amount of training I do behind the scenes

BIGGEST FOOTBALL DREAM? Play at a World Cup for Poland

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LUTON TOWN FC

COMMUNITY TRUST

White Ribbon Day: Standing Together to End Male Violence Against Women and Girls

Today, on White Ribbon Day, Luton Town Community Trust stands alongside organisations, partners, and supporters across Bedfordshire to raise awareness of Male Violence Against Women and Girls.



This year, our commitment is strengthened by the recent and powerful event hosted here at Kenilworth Road: Bedfordshire's first Hope Hack, a full day of youth-led engagement, discussion, and action that placed young people at the heart of the conversation.

The Hope Hack was delivered by the Hope Collective, working in partnership with the Bedfordshire Violence and Exploitation Prevention Partnership (VEPP), Luton Town Community Trust, Bedfordshire Police, and a wide range of local organisations including TOKKO, the Rio Ferdinand Foundation, Next Generation Youth Theatre, Project YANA CIC, and others who all contributed to a meaningful and impactful day.

More than 100 young people from across the county joined us for discussions that were both eye-opening and solution-driven, confronting the challenges of violence against women and girls with honesty, bravery, and creativity.

Throughout the day, young people aged 13 to 17 participated in collaborative workshops exploring gender stereotypes, harmful norms, consent, respect, social media, influencers, online safety, and what it means to be an active bystander. They worked together to design practical, innovative ideas for change before pitching them to a Dragons' Den-style panel. These proposals will now help shape future local strategies, ensuring that youth perspectives inform policies and prevention work across Bedfordshire.

The day also featured inspirational contributions from Usman Ahmed, Youth

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Management Group Co-ordinator at the Hope Collective, Jenni Steele, founder of Project YANA and Tysie Gallagher, the British Super-Bantamweight Champion and Commonwealth title holder.

Each spoke powerfully about resilience, respect, and challenging harmful behaviours. Creative performances from the Next Generation Youth Theatre and musician Lavz added energy and encouragement, while young attendees enjoyed a special tour of Kenilworth Road - reminding everyone that our football club is, and always will be, rooted in its community.

The impact of the event was widely felt by participants and partners. Detective Chief Superintendent Zara Brown described the Hope Hack as "a vital platform for young people to have their voices heard", highlighting its value in shaping "safer, stronger communities".

Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner Umme Ali praised the "energy and creativity" of the young people and emphasised the importance of acting on their ideas.

And in a message to our Trust, Police and Crime Commissioner John Tizzard offered "a very big thank you" acknowledging the commitment, teamwork, and planning that helped bring the event to life.

Events like the Hope Hack matter because the scale of MVAWG remains deeply concerning:

- **More than 1 in 4 women (27%) have experienced domestic abuse since age 16.**
- **1.6 million women experienced domestic abuse last year alone.**
- **At least 113 women in the UK were killed in the past 12 months because of their gender.**
- **Around 3 women every week die by suicide as a result of domestic abuse.**
- **41% of girls aged 14-17 in a relationship have experienced sexual violence from a partner.**
- **Police receive a domestic-abuse-related call every 30 seconds. And with less than a quarter of incidents reported, these figures only scratch the surface.**

Tonight, as part of our Club's commitment to White Ribbon Day, you will find the us alongside our Club Charity of the Year, Stepping Stones, outside the Kenilworth Road end, offering activities, information, and opportunities for supporters to get involved. You can pick up your White Ribbon, make a pledge, and join us in saying "Enough is enough".

Together, our club, our young people, our partners, and our supporters - we can help create a future where all women and girls feel safe, respected, and valued.

Thank you for standing with us on White Ribbon Day.

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Ladies bow out of FA Cup

Hatters fall to defeat to Oxford



Leyah Maddix goes for goal against Oxford on Sunday

Luton Town Ladies put up a strong fight against tier-three Oxford United but the U's proved to be too strong for the resilient Hatters who bowed out in the FA Cup second round on Sunday.

Oxford took the lead with little over 60 seconds played. Maisy Parker's delivery from the left hand side was headed past Sarah Hudson by Holly Manders from the centre of the area.

The hosts continued to threaten after the early lead. Parker advanced into the Town area, but a strong challenge from Tanay Blacksley prevented the winger from getting her shot off.

But the U's were not to be kept out for long, and it was the same combination again that unlocked the Hatters' defence. Parker skipped past Shanice Lewis and her low, driven ball into the area was tucked away by Manders.

Just shy of the half hour mark, Leyah Maddix pulled a goal back for the Town. Out of nothing, the skipper collected the ball out on the left, cut inside past an Oxford defender and, on her right foot, curled the ball into the far corner.

With minutes remaining at the end of the first 45, Hudson did well to prevent Mandera from netting her hat-trick.

Ruby Sealey squared the ball to the forward, but Hudson was equal to it, pulling off an impressive reaction save.

However Oxford regained their two-goal lead five minutes after the restart. Manders' free-kick was knocked on by Riva Casley into the path of Naomi Bedeau, who rose highest to add her side's third of the afternoon.

The Ladies held their own against the tier-three side, but were unable to test the U's in the second-half.

The Town are back in league action next Sunday, when they travel to Chesham United.

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 D 2-2
23 Oxford United (FAC) L 1-3
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

Town: Hudson, Lewis, Blacksley, Swarres, Tambula, Fensome, Mulvaney (Dickens 67), Maddix (Makowska 67), Milliken, O'Leary, Beaufort.

Unused subs: Robinson, Fruer, Gayle, Sargeant.

Report: Owen Williams

Photo: Duncan Jack

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JUNIOR HATTERS

WORDSEARCH

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WHO AM I?

Can you guess the players' from their previous clubs crests?

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2



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Can you grab a players' autograph tonight?

WHO AM I? : 1. Hakeem Odoffin, 2. Liam Walsh.

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

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LEAGUE LOOK

AROUND THE GROUNDS IN THE THIRD TIER

It was a chaotic day in League One on Saturday, so let's break down all the action and see how everything unfolded in the third tier.

On Thursday night, Peterborough got a huge victory at home against Stockport County, with Luke Williams' side easing to a 3-0 win to continue Posh's strong form under their new manager.

On Saturday, Plymouth won 1-0 against Port Vale in a crucial win for the Pilgrims, with Lorent Tolaj scoring the winning goal on his return to Vale Park. Wigan also picked up a huge away win as they beat AFC Wimbledon 2-1 in South London.

Bolton were held to a 0-0 draw against high-flying Bradford City and Stevenage were also held to a goalless draw against Doncaster Rovers.

Blackpool rescued a point in the last minute against Leyton Orient thanks to a late Ashley Fletcher strike against 10-man Orient while Reading and Rotherham also drew 1-1 with goals scored by Josh Benson and Charlie Savage.

Our opponents tonight Huddersfield won 3-1 away at Mansfield, the Terriers raced into an impressive three-goal lead after just 16 minutes.

Cardiff secured an important victory away at Northampton Town, winning 3-1 at Sixfields.

Finally, Wycombe continued their good recent form by earning a huge victory over Lincoln City, with Michael Duff's side beating the Imps 3-2 at Adams Park.

There is only one other game in League One this evening where in-form Peterborough aim to make it four wins in five game against Stevenage who, despite sitting in sixth place, have failed to win any of their last four games.



Lorent Tolaj's goal helped move Plymouth off the foot of the League One table with victory at Port Vale

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 (2)	1	1 (3)	0	12	1	33	5
Mads Andersen	11 (1)	1	2 (0)	1	13	2	33	3
Shandon Baptiste	2 (2)	0	0 (0)	0	2	0	21	1
Cohen Bramall	6 (7)	1	5 (0)	1	11	2	18	2
Jacob Brown	0 (1)	0	0 (0)	0	0	0	53	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	8 (2)	1	2 (2)	1	10	2	27	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	2 (1)	1	1 (0)	0	3	1	22	3
Josh Keeley	15 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	16	0	16	0
Gideon Kodua	6 (6)	2	3 (2)	1	9	3	17	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	7 (0)	0	2 (0)	0	9	0	64	2
Kal Naismith	13 (2)	1	3 (0)	0	16	1	96	5
Marvelous Nakamba	0 (1)	0	1 (0)	0	1	0	59	0
Zack Nelson	5 (7)	1	4 (1)	0	9	1	42	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	4 (2)	1	2 (3)	0	6	1	11	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	5 (3)	0	4 (0)	0	9	0	40	0
Reuell Walters	2 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	2	0	18	0
Nahki Wells	10 (3)	1	1 (0)	2	11	3	14	3
Cauley Woodrow	0 (1)	0	1 (0)	0	1	0	82	6
Jerry Yates	7 (4)	1	2 (3)	3	9	4	16	4

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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**	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**	D	0-0	8	11,091	711	Keeley	Jones	Bramall	Mengi	Andersen	Naismith	Walsh
SAT 22	BARNSLEY	15:00	L	0-5	12	10,882	1,478	Keeley	Jones	Bramall	Mengi	Andersen	Naismith	Saville
TUE 25	**HUDDERSFIELD TOWN**	**19:45**												
SAT 29	**BOLTON WANDERERS**	**15:00**												
DECEMBER														
TUE 2	**EXETER CITY (VT)**	**19:45**												
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												
MARCH														
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												



				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	
Fanne	Richards	Yates	Wells	Kodua	Nelson	Brown	Alli	
Walsh	Nelson	Kodua	Wells	Yates	Alli	Richards	Odoffin	Fanne

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 team became the smallest nation to qualify for the World Cup last week?

2 When was the last time Scotland qualified for the World Cup?

3 In which year and against which opponent did Huddersfield win the Championship play-off final?

4 What was the score when the Hatters last met Huddersfield at Kenilworth Road in October 2022?

5 How many goals did Steve McNulty score for the Hatters?

6 Who scored Huddersfield's winner in their 1-0 play-off victory over us in May 2022?

7 Which National League club is nicknamed the Pilgrims?

8 Which manager resigned as the manager of Jamaica last week?

9 Which club did the Hatters beat in the area semi-final of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy in 2008/09?

10 Which club have we played the most times in our history – 143 times?

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

1 Curacao, 2 1994, 3 2017 v Sheffield United, 4 3-3, 5 Two, 6 Jordan Rhodes 7, Boston United, 8 Steve McClaren, 9 Colchester United, 10 Queens Park Rangers.

TABLE 2025/26

Team	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Cardiff	15	9	2	4	10	29
Bradford City	16	7	7	2	6	28
Lincoln	17	8	4	5	4	28
Stockport	16	8	4	4	2	28
Bolton	16	7	6	3	8	27
Stevenage	14	8	3	3	7	27
Huddersfield	**15**	**8**	**1**	**6**	**4**	**25**
Wimbledon	16	8	1	7	-2	25
Barnsley	14	7	3	4	7	24
Wycombe	17	6	5	6	6	23
Rotherham	17	6	5	6	0	23
Luton	**16**	**7**	**2**	**7**	**-2**	**23**
Mansfield	16	6	4	6	3	22
Burton	16	6	4	6	-3	22
Wigan	16	5	6	5	0	21
Leyton Orient	17	6	3	8	-4	21
Northampton	16	6	2	8	-4	20
Reading	16	4	7	5	-3	19
Doncaster	17	5	4	8	-8	19
Exeter	16	5	2	9	-1	17
Peterborough	15	5	1	9	-4	16
Blackpool	17	4	4	9	-8	16
Plymouth	16	5	1	10	-9	16
Port Vale	17	3	5	9	-9	14

TONIGHT'S Fixture

7.45PM KO

Peterborough v Stevenage

TOWN Totals

	W	D	L	F	A
HOME	1568	693	635	5782	3259
AWAY	750	717	1418	3320	4973
NEUTRAL	6	4	13	29	43
TOTAL	2324	1414	2066	9131	8275
At KR	1438	665	581	5243	3013

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SEASONS TO REMEMBER *1986/87*



In the summer of 1986, Kenilworth Road saw its first major overhaul for many years.

A roof was erected over the Kenilworth Road end, seats were bolted on to the Oak Road end terraces and, most controversially, executive boxes replaced the Bobbers Stand seats.

While all this was going on, manager David Pleat decided to take up the hot-seat at Tottenham with his place being taken by loyal and long serving John Moore, continuing the club's policy of promoting from within.

As if losing the manager and rebuilding the ground was not enough, the club decided to introduce an away fans ban and a members only scheme. This earned the club pariah status, especially when the Hatters were kicked out of the Littlewoods Cup for refusing access to the 5,000 Cardiff supporters who intended to travel to Luton for a midweek second round tie.

Long-term injuries to striker Mick Harford and mid-field provider David Preece meant that the Town were not likely to score many goals but, with Mal Donaghy and Steve Foster forming arguably the best central defensive partnership in the country, the goals against column was never going to be high.

And so it proved, with the Town grinding out a number of single goal wins and always looking upwards in the table, reaching third place as the season entered its final quarter.

Highlights included a 4-1 home thrashing of Liverpool with Reds supporter Mike Newell netting a hat-trick and beating the same side 3-0 in the FA Cup. The away fans ban plus an artificial surface certainly gave Liverpool manager Kenny Dalglish something to moan about!

If the Town had beaten Oxford at Kenilworth Road in the penultimate game they would have finished a remarkable fifth place but, even so, seventh represented the highest position in the club's history – a record which still stands today.

DIVISION ONE	PLD	W	D	L	GD	PTS
Everton (C)	42	26	8	8	45	86
Liverpool	42	23	8	11	30	77
Tottenham Hotspur	42	21	8	13	25	71
Arsenal	42	20	10	12	23	70
Norwich City	42	17	17	8	2	68
Wimbledon	42	19	9	14	7	66
Luton Town	**42**	**18**	**12**	**12**	**2**	**66**
Nottingham Forest	42	18	11	13	13	65
Watford	42	18	9	15	13	63
Coventry City	42	17	12	13	5	63
Manchester United	42	14	14	14	7	56
Southampton	42	14	10	18	1	52
Sheffield Wednesday	42	13	13	16	−1	52
Chelsea	42	13	13	16	−11	52
West Ham United	42	14	10	18	−15	52
Queens Park Rangers	42	13	11	18	−16	50
Newcastle United	42	12	11	19	−18	47
Oxford United	42	11	13	18	−25	46
Charlton Athletic (O)	42	11	11	20	−10	44
Leicester City (R)	42	11	9	22	−22	42
Manchester City (R)	42	8	15	19	−21	39
Aston Villa (R)	42	8	12	22	−34	36

(O) Charlton won Second Division play-offs to retain their status

Player focus

Taking over from the long-term injured Mick Harford up front, **Mike Newell** bagged 12 goals and won over the fans especially with his hat-trick against champions Liverpool.



Season standout

Sweeping up alongside Steve Foster in central defence, **Mal Donaghy** was a model of consistency and remained ever-present in a mean Luton back line. Never fazed with remarkable anticipation, Mal was a top, top defender.



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the TEAMS

LUTON TOWN

MANAGER **JACK WILSHERE**

1	JAMES **SHEA**
2	REUELL **WALTERS**
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**

HUDDERSFIELD TOWN

MANAGER **LEE GRANT**

1	OWEN **GOODMAN**
2	LASSE **SORENSEN**
3	MURRAY **WALLACE**
4	RYAN **LEDSON**
5	JOE **LOW**
6	JACK **WHATMOUGH**
7	LYNDEN **GOOCH**
8	BEN **WILES**
9	JOE **TAYLOR**
10	MARCUS **HARNESS**
11	RUBEN **ROOSKEN**
12	RADINIO **BALKER**
13	JACOB **CHAPMAN**
14	MICKEL **MILLER**
15	DION **CHARLES**
16	HERBIE **KANE**
17	MARCUS **McGUANE**
18	DAVID **KASUMU**
20	JOSH **FEENEY**
21	ANTONY **EVANS**
22	LEE **NICHOLLS**
23	SEAN **ROUGHAN**
24	LEO **CASTLEDINE**
25	BOJAN **RADULOVIĆ**
26	ALFIE **MAY**
27	WILL **ALVES**
29	ZÉPIQUENO **REDMOND**

The Officials

REFEREE **ANDREW HUMPHRIES**
ASSISTANT REFEREE **RYAN WHITAKER**
ASSISTANT REFEREE **STEPHEN FINCH**
FOURTH OFFICIAL **SAM MULHALL**