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Milija Aleksic Goalkeeper Milija started his career with Port Vale, playing twice in the FA Cup as a 17-year-old. After a move to Plymouth, 'Elastic' joined the Hatters in 1976 and went onto make 92 appearances before a big money move to Tottenham three years later. He sadly passed away aged 61 in 2012.

Mark Cullen A member of the Town side that won promotion from the Conference as champions in 2013, striker Mark hit 24 goals in 83 games before moving to Blackpool in 2015. Helped the Tangerines to promotion at our expense in 2017 and then joined Vale for two seasons, scoring 11 times.

Ron Futcher Striker Ron enjoyed a wonderful career in front of goal that started at Kenilworth Road having joined from Chester in 1974. Scored 43 goals in 133 appearances for the Hatters. After a spell in the United States he returned to the UK and scored 20 times in 52 games for Vale between 1988 and 1990.

Brian Horton Combative midfielder Brian was 21 before making his debut for Port Vale, going on to make over 200 appearances at Vale Park. After another 200 games for Brighton, he became David Pleat's final piece in the jigsaw and played a major role in the Hatters' rise to the top-flight in 1982, captaining the side to the Division Two title.

George Pilkington Centre-back George joined the Hatters in 2008 after making over 250 appearances for Vale. He made his Town debut against the Valiants and went onto become a mainstay in the Town defence during our time in the Conference, playing 172 times. Ended his career with Macclesfield.

Mark Burke Town manager David Pleat, desperately looking to bolster his squad at a time when the Hatters were fighting through to the FA Cup semi-final in 1994, took midfielder Mark on a month's loan from Wolves. He made four appearances and then joined Vale the following season before a four-year spell in the Netherlands.

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Welcome

It's good to be back on home soil after two games away from Kenilworth Road as we begin to gear up for a busy Christmas and New Year period.

This afternoon we welcome you all for this afternoon's game against Port Vale as the Hatters continue to go in search of all important points in League One.

Don't miss inside today's issue the words of Jack Wilshere, Kal Naismith and director Rob Stringer, as well as action from our last two games at Fleetwood and Leyton Orient.

We're not back here at Kenilworth Road until after Christmas when we entertain Wycombe on Boxing Day, so everyone at Kenilworth Road would like to wish you and your families a fantastic time.

Up the Town!

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THE BOSS

Jack WILSHERE

Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road to you all for our final home game before Christmas.

A warm welcome to Darren Moore and his staff and players from Port Vale. They, like us, will be wanting a positive result and performance today as we enter the busy festive period.

We come into today's game off the back of a point at Leyton Orient on Tuesday night. It was a tough one to watch but I thought a point was fair.

However, we never took control of the game. At half-time we felt it was one of those games where we weren't going to have the control we wanted and be able to play our game.

In the end it was one of those nights where we simply made too many technical errors and gave the ball away too many times. Games can be tough when you lose your rhythm, you lose your flow and, obviously, when the opposition score.

After they scored their early goal in the second half it was difficult, but we dug in. When the opposition go ahead and to try to protect their lead it can always be a lot harder, but I can't credit the boys enough for the way they kept going right to the end. Just like we did at Fleetwood last Saturday.

Of course, we don't want to be in the position where we're relying on late goals like we have done recently. We have to find that consistency, and if we want to be a team that's up there and competing at the top end of this league, that's what we need.

We're still chasing it. How you get there is by going through experiences like Tuesday night and then going over it again by sitting down and pinpointing what is acceptable and what's not.

It's easy for a coach to stand there and say we weren't good enough in every moment but, looking back on Tuesday night, I felt there were a couple of good moments we can take heart from.

We have to continue to build on that and the work we've been doing over the past few weeks and show the players that as well. We'll be asking for more consistency and you only get that by training and working hard.

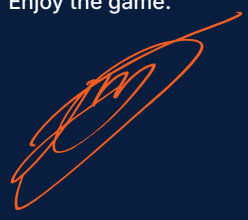
What we have shown in the past two games this week is the character to get back into them. I've said so many times already, but we're going to need that mental strength between now and the end of the season if we're to be successful.

Finally, a big thank you for your support in the past couple of months since we've been in the building. We all see and feel how much this club means to you and we're working hard every day to reward your loyalty with performances on the pitch.

As this is our final home game before Christmas, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all and your families a wonderful time and I look forward to seeing you all here on Boxing Day for the Wycombe game.

Please continue to get behind the lads this afternoon and in the games over the Christmas period.

Enjoy the game.





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BOARDROOM

ROB STRINGER



Welcome to Kenilworth Road to you all for this afternoon's League One game with Port Vale.

As an expat fan exiled in New York, my visits to Kenilworth Road are sometimes dictated by when I need to be in the UK for work commitments, so last Tuesday I was able to attend the Vertu Trophy game against Exeter City in an understandably less crowded stadium than if I had been able to travel this week for the game at Leyton Orient.

As the cliché goes, a week is a long time in football! Frankly having supported Luton for 52 years and living in the US for the past 19 of those, I can still testify that any game visit is still filled with optimism, hope and excitement despite the occasional jetlag!

I was reminded of this in recent days by the social media acknowledgement of Pelly's debut in a FA Trophy tie at Staines Town (which for some strange reason I attended straight from the airport) being 12 years ago to the day.

On a cold, late November Saturday afternoon, who knew that in a very uneventful goalless draw we were witnessing a future Luton Town hero? My point being that even in the Vertu Trophy, I was looking forward to new players making their mark and filling us with that optimism, hope and excitement.

As it happens, the Exeter game saw us rewarded with an excellent attacking display and, like that day at Staines, we were witness to a debut or two for Luton Town. My heartfelt congratulations to Zach Ioannides and Jack Lorentzen-Jones and their families for making that step up into the senior game.

I fully supported Jack's decision to reward several good performances against Exeter with further selection opportunities in the FA Cup but, unfortunately in awful conditions on the north-west coast, the result didn't work out and we exited in the harshest way through penalties. My respect and thanks go to the supporters who made that journey and

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Congratulations to Zach Ioannides (left) and Jack Lorentzen-Jones (inset) on making their debuts against Exeter

supported the team so admirably despite the conditions and result.

Tuesday night at Orient was exactly as Jack described very articulately in his post-match interview, and to supporters in the away end too, adding a more personal perspective. Whilst a frustrating game for 100 minutes, the equalising goal kept us in seventh position and in touch with the play-offs with over a half of the season remaining.

We have 28 points from 19 games. At the same stage in the Premier promotion season we had 29 points from the same number of games. Feel free to check those stats Mr Pitts! It just goes to show we have everything to play for.

As fans we would all like us to win every game and play exciting football all the time, but there is no club in the world that achieves this, no matter how much money is spent or past success achieved.

On the Board we share your pain when we lose, and share your joy when we win. We listen and absorb criticism whether we agree or not, because that is our responsibility. We are totally accepting of the "What have the Romans ever done for us" debate directed at the Board when we are in a bad patch of results. Apologies if the Monty Python reference dates me!

After the Orient game I got a very negative message from a former team-mate of mine in Sunday league football 30 years back, which frankly I could have debated fiercely for an hour, but realised it >>

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was sent in the emotion of the moment after the final whistle. When we win, John Still's analogy "never too high never too low" is always in mind except – when we beat Watford!

There are so many factors in how results can happen positively or negatively that we all have to be patient and understanding, especially less than halfway through the season.

There is no doubt that our anxiety and concern translates to the players on the pitch which doesn't benefit them or us collectively.

We urge you to create a fervent atmosphere at Kenilworth Road for Jack and the team this afternoon. An atmosphere so sharp in all our minds from those shared experiences over previous seasons.

We belong together with the same goals!

With this being our final home game before Christmas, I want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to welcoming you back on Boxing Day when Wycombe Wanderers are in town.

COYH!

Rob

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Get behind us again this afternoon!

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THE CAPTAIN

Kal NAISMITH

It's good to be back at Kenilworth Road after two difficult days on the road in the past week – but we go again back on home turf as we welcome Port Vale.

Our form here in recent weeks has been much more like it. The four points gained against Huddersfield and Bolton were well deserved against two decent teams who will up there come the end of the season, while the win over Exeter was a real testament to the lads who have had to bide their time for minutes on the pitch. It speaks volumes for their attitude to turn in a performance like that.

We'll be aiming for more of the same today. It's a game we're really looking forward to as we enter the busy Christmas period looking to build momentum going into the second half of the season.

We accept that our last two performances have not been up to scratch. It's been hard to take because our standards are high and as players we know when we've fallen below those.

Naturally it was disappointing to exit the FA Cup at Fleetwood – even though we fought back twice to take it to extra-time and then penalties – and we tried to bounce back from that at Leyton Orient on Tuesday. However, once more we found it difficult to perform to the levels we expect. It was not a great team performance. It really was not us.

I hold my hands up for their goal. I'm fully accountable for the mistake. It's not the first I've made and won't be the last – that's the life of a footballer. At times like these it's how you react that matters most.

We showed that fighting spirit once more in the final stages. We never gave up and credit must go to Gideon for another late goal. He's been so valuable for us with so many goals in the final moments this season and he was there again to pop up with the equaliser deep into injury time.

Your support in the final 20 minutes was also the difference, especially when Jordan Clark came on. We all heard your love for Clicker when he entered the pitch and that positivity began to flow through us. I don't need to tell you how much of a big player he is for us and we're so glad to have him back.

While our overall level was not what we wanted, to dig in and come away with a point when we were not at our best is at least something.

This afternoon we take on a Port Vale side who need the points for different reasons to kick-start their season. For us we have two games before Christmas to push on and get to where we want to be in the table.

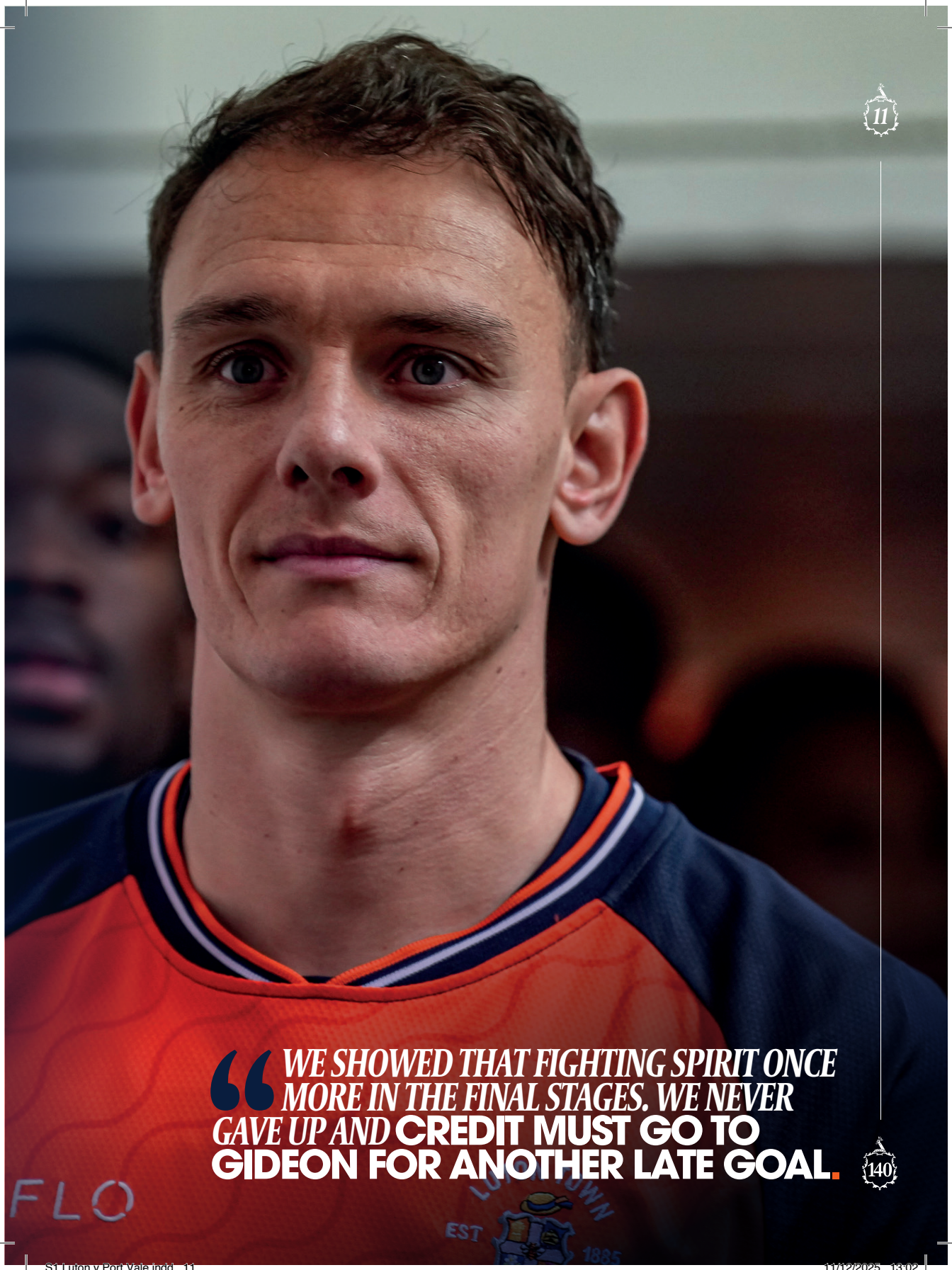
We know we need to perform better and if we can raise our levels today against Port Vale and at Reading next Thursday it can be a good platform to take into the games over the Christmas and New Year period and kick-on from there.

Thank you for your continued loyal support – especially to those who braved the elements at Fleetwood and then travelled to London on Tuesday night. Your loyalty is never taken for granted.

Please get behind us once more today and enjoy the game.



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REST IN PEACE, ADRIAN

It is with greatest sadness that lifelong Hatters fan **Adrian Perks** passed away at home suddenly on Monday 24th November.

Adrian followed the Town for the entirety of his life and like other Hatters followed them through the tough times and all the way to the Premier League. He would always don his favoured orange whenever he could to show support.

He was a character and will be truly missed by his friends and family alike. He leaves behind his beloved wife, Kathleen, and dog Gibson.

Rest in Peace, Adrian. Once a Hatter always a Hatter x



HOME TIE IN VERTU TROPHY

The Hatters have been drawn at home to Swindon Town in the Round of 16 of the Vertu Trophy.

After the 4-0 win over Exeter, the Town will host the Robins at Kenilworth Road week commencing 12th January 2026.

League Two Swindon booked their spot in the next round by beating Peterborough 1-0.

The two clubs have met once before in this competition, the Hatters winning 3-2 in the second round in December 2016.

Ticket news for this game will be announced in due course.



FESTIVE OPENING TIMES

With the festive period fast approaching, we wish to advise the opening hours of the ticket office and club shop.

Remember, tickets can be purchased online and visit our club shop for all your Christmas gifts. The last day for postage is 19th December.

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Mon 22 Dec 10:00 – 17:00
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Sun 28 Dec Closed
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Wed 31 Dec Closed
Thu 1 Jan Closed
Fri 2 Jan Normal opening hours resume

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Zack Nelson goes for goal

2-2

Lost on 4-2 on penalties



Jerry Yates is first to the ball after his equaliser



Reuell Walters skips a challenge



Teden Mengi celebrates his late equaliser

The Town exited the FA Cup after a penalty shootout defeat at Fleetwood. In an entertaining tie in atrocious conditions on the Fylde coast, the Hatters twice battled from behind against the League Two side with Jerry Yates and a stunning strike from Teden Mengi in injury time taking the tie to extra-time.

But after no further goals in the extra half-an-hour it went to penalties where Fleetwood goalkeeper David Harrington was the hero saving from Jacob Brown and Liam Walsh to end the Town's interest in this season's competition.



Gideon Kodua celebrates his late, late leveller

Gideon Kodua's 96th-minute header earned the Hatters a dramatic late point at Leyton Orient.

The winger struck his fifth goal of the season when nodding home Liam Walsh's corner deep in injury time to cancel out Theo Archibald's goal early in the second half for the O's.



Jacob Brown shield the ball from his man



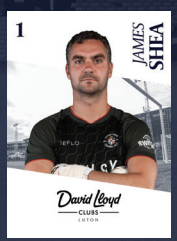
Lamine Fanne gets things moving at Brisbane Road



Liam Walsh gets advice from the referee where to pass

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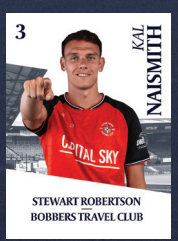
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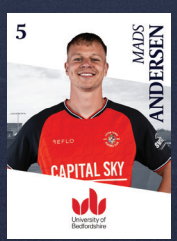




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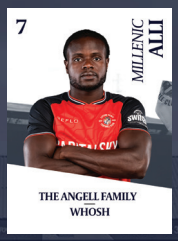




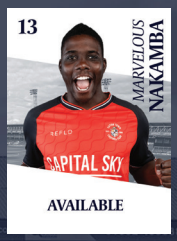
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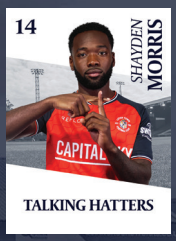
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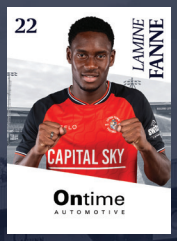




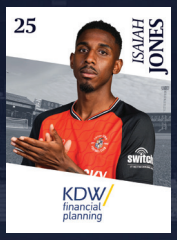










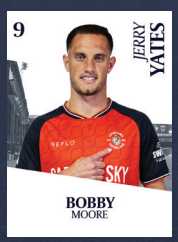




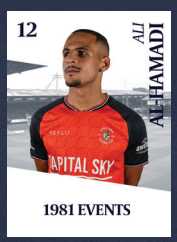


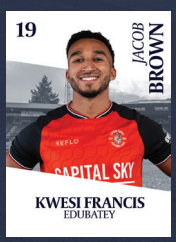


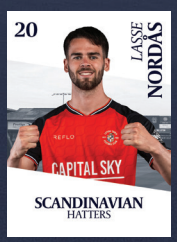
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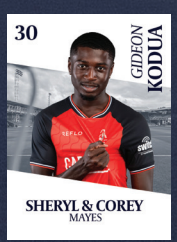


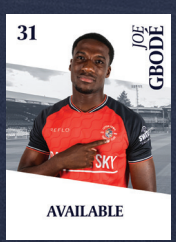












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At our last home game against Bolton Liam Walsh was named man-of-the-match and we had the pleasure of welcoming six mascots and the family of Kai Richardson as matchball sponsor for the game with the Trotters.

Our guests in the Eric Morecambe Lounge also had the pleasure of hearing from Shayden Morris after the game where the winger met guests, signed autographs and answered supporters' questions after the 1-1 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!

With the busy Christmas period fast approaching, make sure you get in touch with our team to book your place at one of our home games between now and the end of the season.

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PORT VALE

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Port Vale make the trip down from the Midlands to Bedfordshire to go up against the Hatters in this important League One fixture for both clubs.

The Valiants have had a tough start to the season following promotion last term and currently sit bottom of the third tier table.

Darren Moore's side had a tough beginning to the campaign, and were winless in their first seven league games. They turned this around after with three wins on the bounce against Exeter, Mansfield and Barnsley.

Since those wins in September, however, Port Vale are winless in their last eight league matches going into today. Recent narrow losses against Plymouth and Lincoln saw the Valiants drop to bottom of the table.

However, Port Vale have been in good form in the cups this season. Recently, they thumped Barnsley 5-0 in the Vertu Trophy and beat Bristol Rovers 1-0 in the FA Cup to advance to the third round where they will face Fleetwood Town, who beat the Hatters last weekend.

Vale fans in the Oak Road end this afternoon will be hoping for the same result when the two teams last met when the Valiants won 4-0 back in 2017/18.

However, those visiting fans of a certain age will remember their record here at Kenilworth Road isn't a great one. Vale secured a 3-1 win on the opening day of the 2008/09 season – their first in 15 attempts.

A warm welcome to Kenilworth Road to all those associated with Port Vale.

PORT VALE AT-A-GLANCE

FOUNDED: 1907

MANAGER: Darren Moore

STADIUM: Vale Park

MAJOR HONOURS: Third tier champions 1929/30, 1953/54, Fourth tier champions 1958/59, Football League Trophy winners 1993, 2001

RIVALS: Stoke City

LAST TIME AT THE KENNY: Town 2-0 Port Vale 12/9/2017

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PORT VALE

THE AWAY END

The Boss

DARREN MOORE Former West Brom, Doncaster, Sheffield Wednesday and Huddersfield boss who was appointed as Port Vale manager in February 2024 and guided them to promotion.

Goalkeeper

JOE GAUCI Australian goalkeeper on loan at the club from Aston Villa. Featured eight times for the Australian National Team.

Defenders

CONNOR HALL Experienced EFL defender in his second spell at the club. Has now made over 100 appearances for the club across the two spells.

CAMERON HUMPHREYS Came through the Manchester City academy but never fully broke into the first team. Spent three years at Rotherham United before making the move to Vale Park.

BEN HENEGHAN Veteran League One defender who has played for Blackpool, AFC Wimbledon, Sheffield Wednesday, Fleetwood and Port Vale all whilst in the third tier.

KYLE JOHN Young defender who left Everton last year to join the Valiants. Has featured 50 times for the club since then, helping the club win promotion last campaign.

Midfielders

BEN GARRITY A regular in the midfield for Vale since joining in 2021, amassing almost 200 appearances for the club in that time.

GEORGE HALL Came through the Birmingham City academy and played 41 times for the first team before moving to Vale last summer.

FUNSO OJO Belgian midfielder with experience across Europe. Has recently played for Aberdeen, Wigan, Scunthorpe and Shrewsbury Town.

RONAN CURTIS Irish winger with a wealth of League One experience and goals to his name. Signed for Vale in the summer of 2024 and has played 70 games since, scoring ten times.

GEORGE BYERS Former Swansea, Portsmouth, Sheffield Wednesday and Blackpool man who signed for Vale on a free transfer just over a year ago.

Forwards

DEVANTE COLE Thirty-year-old striker who bagged 18 goals in his last season in League One two years ago with Barnsley. Scored four times so far this campaign for the Valiants.

JAYDEN STOCKLEY EFL journeyman striker and former Hatter who left Fleetwood to join Port Vale in 2024. Played for the Hatters in League Two back in 2015 when on loan from Bournemouth.

MO FAAL Wrexham loanee who came through the West Brom academy. Scored twice in four Vertu Trophy games for Vale.

DAJAUNE BROWN Derby County loanee who is on his second loan away from the Rams after a spell at Gateshead where he scored nine times.

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HATTERS *versus* VALIANTS

Historic meetings between the clubs down the years

SEPTEMBER 1994
ON THE ROAD ▼

Luck evens itself out, or so they say, and after the defeat at Tranmere in their previous match, the Town bounce back with a smash-and-grab raid at Vale Park. Dwight Marshall heads in an accurate cross from David Preece. Vale, who had not lost at home for a year, attack at will, hitting the woodwork twice, but the Town continue their excellent away record to hold out for victory.

DECEMBER 2004
CROATIAN SENSATION

Calvin Andrew makes his first start of the season as a replacement for the suspended Steve Howard and sees his early header cleared off the line. The Town fail to take advantage of a number of chances, with Stephen O'Leary smashing a volley against the crossbar. With the clock running down, Ahmet Brkovic comes to the rescue netting a trademark overhead kick after chesting down a Kevin Foley cross.

Scott Oakes on the ball in 1994



Chris Martin on target at Vale Park in 2009



AUGUST 2008
MINUS 30

Kevin Nicholls returns and eight players make their debut at Kenilworth Road as the Hatters open the 2008/09 season against Vale starting on minus 30 points following two separate points deductions. Despite dominating, it's a day to forget as the visitors run out comfortable 3-1 winners. Sam Parkin cancels out a Louis Dodds opener but goals from Robert Taylor and Marc Richards earn the Valiants the points.

FEBRUARY 2009
CLAWING BACK THE POINTS ▲

In the same season the Town are finding it difficult in a bid to beat the drop but come from behind at Vale Park to earn a priceless win. Vale take the lead but the Hatters are level at break thanks to Asa Hall. The Town then turn on the style in the second period with two goals in 12 minutes through Kevin Gallen and Chris Martin.

DECEMBER 2017
VICTORY FOR VALE

Our last meeting was one to forget as the Valiants ran out comfortable 4-0 winners with Tom Pope scoring a brace. The Hatters go into the game at the top of League Two and unbeaten in 12 games but are behind to Dan Potts' own goal and never recover. "The goals were horrific and we didn't deserve anything," is boss Nathan Jones' verdict.

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REST IN PEACE, JOHN 'DIXIE' DEANS

Roger Wash pays tribute to former Town striker who has passed away aged 79.

We were saddened to learn of the passing of 'Dixie' Deans, a striker who only played for the Hatters a short time but certainly was 'once seen never forgotten'.

Born in Johnstone, Scotland, Dixie was a scoring revelation in his home country for both Motherwell and Celtic and bagged a hat-trick for the latter in a Scottish Cup final, and six in a league game against Partick Thistle in 1973. He also picked up two Scotland caps during his time at Celtic Park.

It was regarded as a big coup by Luton manager Harry Haslam when he brought the 30-year-old to Kenilworth Road in 1976, and he did not disappoint, scoring six goals in 14 appearances including two on his debut against Sheffield United.

Short and squat and the complete opposite of a lithe athlete, Dixie was a bull of a striker and brilliant in the air but indiscretions both on and off the pitch saw Haslam lose patience and he was packed off to Carlisle.

After a time playing in Australia, Dixie settled back in Scotland where he became a publican and a matchday host at Celtic Park.

Our condolences go out to all his family and friends.



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"Winning football matches makes everyone happy"

JORDAN CLARK REFLECTS ON ORIENT DRAW ON RETURN FROM INJURY



By Liam Wilmot

Town star Jordan Clark believes the club needs to 'stick together like a family' following the 1-1 draw against Leyton Orient at Brisbane Road.

Speaking after making an immediate impact from the bench, the midfielder revealed what the manager told him before coming on.

"He said just try and get the ball, try and get forward and create a little bit, because there wasn't a lot happening because it was a bit of a cagey game. We lacked that bit of quality, but he told me to play free and show a bit of character and to try and get us back into the game.

"It wasn't just me though, it was all the subs, there's no disappointment when you're on the bench, we all watch the game and think 'where can I come on and change things, how can I improve us?' and I think we did that."

On a tough evening for the Hatters, Clicker emphasised that the

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result wasn't through a lack of effort, as the side determinedly fought through extra time to bring a point back to Bedfordshire, courtesy of Gideon Kodua's late header.

"It was frustrating, the first half and first 60 minutes wasn't us, you know? We knew it'd be that type of game, they're a good side, with a good manager and good staff.

"We matched their effort, the duels and everything we needed to do, but we lacked the quality, and it wasn't us. We were sloppy on the ball and gave it away a lot and we got counter-attacked and the game turned into a bit of a basketball match."

Ahead of hosting Port Vale at Kenilworth Road this afternoon, Clark said that hindsight might be a wonderful thing if the Town can take all three points and make it four unbeaten in the league – while also asserting that the squad needs to keep focused on attacking the game from the off.

"We've got to keep going, if we get a win on Saturday then it would have been a good week in hindsight, it'll be good to be back at the Kenny against Port Vale," he said.

"They're having a tough time at the minute but they've got a good manager who's experienced, but we've got to recover right and improve.

"When you go 1-0 down, you're chasing the game a little bit, it's easy then to come on and play free because you've got nothing to lose. But we can't have that mentality because we've got to have it from minute one.

The midfielder, making his first appearance since picking up a calf injury against Northampton back in October, reiterated that it is important for everyone to feel united as the Hatters look to finish the year strongly.

"Since I have been here, this club has been used to winning a lot of football games, having pride and working hard for each other and working hard for the club," he said.

"When you wear this shirt, you have that pride and you work hard, and you stick together like a family – the supporters gave me a great reception, I love them to bits, but winning football matches makes everyone happy."

"WHEN YOU WEAR THIS SHIRT, YOU HAVE THAT PRIDE AND YOU WORK HARD, AND YOU STICK TOGETHER LIKE A FAMILY.



Clicker finds himself surrounded by Orient defenders on Tuesday night

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THE VIEW FROM THE PRESS BOX

BBC Three Counties Radio's ***Geoff Doyle*** *hails the return of the Town's Jordan Clark*

When Jordan Clark signed for Luton Town back in 2020 I don't think anyone knew then how much of an impact he would make at this football club.

Remember, Clark was a free transfer from League One Accrington Stanley who Nathan Jones brought in to help the Hatters' Championship campaign which had only just survived in tier two the season before.

We should have known what we were getting when you look back at his Stanley figures. A consistent presence in the Accrington team for the past four seasons albeit in the leagues below and chipping in with his fair share of goals from midfield.

But could he do it at the next level? Most felt that he would be a squad player trying to break into a midfield which consisted of Kiernan Dewsbury-Hall, Luke Berry, George Moncur, Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu and Glen Rea. But Clark settled in and became more than that proving to be a vital figure in the Luton engine room.

He consistently produced and had his best season two years later when he helped Luton to promotion into the Premier League, scoring the Wembley play-off final goal and needless to say scoring his own penalty in the shoot-out.

Fast forward another three seasons and Clark is still doing the business and is now arguably Luton's most crucial player.

Tuesday night at Orient demonstrated that. Luton probably don't get a draw at Brisbane Road if Clark doesn't come off the bench in what was a drab affair and another game in which Luton couldn't click into gear.

Clark came on and made things happen immediately. He broke into the box and nearly scored with his first touch unluckily hitting the post. After that he continued to drive into the penalty area, causing confusion for Orient and leading to panic in their defence. From a resulting corner the equaliser came.

Luton now need more players to step up like Clark. Players that are going to make a difference on the pitch.

The popular Yorkshireman has played and scored at the highest level and yet he's still putting in a shift in League One as he did in the Championship last season leading to his Player of the Year title.

This is his sixth season at Kenilworth Road and by the end of it he will have played close to 200 games in Luton colours.

He's a player fans can rely on and who they trust and why he's so popular with them.

If the Hatters are to mount a promotion campaign, you get the feeling that Clark is going to be right at the heart of it. He's the first name on my tactics board :-)



Jordan Clark had an immediate impact on Tuesday night

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The Trust Interviews...

Thorsten Gfrarer *Automation and Technology Manager*

For our latest interview we spoke to another of those people who play a crucial role in how the club – and our supporter experience – works, but who are seldom in the spotlight: Thorsten Gfrarer, Automation and Technology Manager.

Thank you for taking time out to speak to us, Thorsten. We prepped by doing a search for what your job title means – seemed appropriate! – and Google came up with this: "Automation & Technology Manager is a role with responsibility for overseeing the strategy, development, and implementation of automated systems and technological solutions within an organization." But before we explore that with you, tell us a little about yourself, please, and what brought you to Luton Town?

Well, I'm from Germany originally, from a place called Crailsheim between Stuttgart and Frankfurt. My family moved to the Luton area in 1998, when I was 14, and I've been here ever since. My children, my wife, her parents and, to a certain extent her grandparents, are Lutonians – her grandfather, now 97, moved here when he worked at Vauxhall.

Luton really is home for me. Before I started working with the club in 2020, I was with EasyJet for many years so I was 'orange through and through' already – I just traded orange hats! My role at EasyJet was all about technological innovation and automation – developing solutions like automated bag drops, biometric entry systems, their mobile app – essentially things about the flow of people through the airport, their experience, the automation process, which is the foundation of what I do at the club now.

EasyJet had box 12 before the new Bobbers Stand was constructed, and I often sat there and thought about how the technology could perhaps be improved. I talked to my wife about volunteering and approached the club, leading to an eventual meeting with Gary Sweet about how technology could help the club operate more efficiently – and developed a strategy for implementing it, both at Kenilworth Road and into the future at Power Court.

I felt the possibility of working at Luton and eventually at Power Court was an opportunity I couldn't miss – and when it arose, I grasped it with both hands as I felt it to be somewhere I could make a difference and that's really what I wanted.

What I had observed here was that the club had successfully progressed on the pitch over the nine or 10 years before I joined, but technology was probably – and understandably – a little bit left behind. Me coming onboard supported the longer-term vision and I knew I could help to lead change.

How did you go about changing the way the club used tech?

When I first came there were a lot of areas that needed ownership with multiple suppliers and pieces of technology that didn't join up. This included, for example, different cash payment machines to take payments, but no single contracts.

Things had grown and developed piecemeal, as they do. My background with EasyJet was very much about all of the areas where technology can help you do things more efficiently, and one of the things we implemented was becoming a cashless stadium, which was obviously a big cultural change for the club. But we really didn't want to

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come in and just say we must have the technology everywhere. We've got to remember the fanbase we have is used to how things operate so where change happens it should ideally be implemented slowly and sensitively.

Cashless was in large driven by Covid to an extent, but it also had operational benefits. Although it's super-efficient, we also listen to supporter and operator feedback, and we may offer some cash usage options again at Power Court, for low value items. Think of children going to a match and being given a fiver to spend by mum and dad for instance. Are there ways we can make that possible? We're keen to consult with fans about things like that.

We introduced season cards, too, which are a lot easier for everyone than the old season ticket booklets, and enhanced things like the televisions and sound system in the Eric Morecambe.

Change can be difficult with all the quirks of an old stadium like Kenilworth Road, operating to its technical capacity with restricted connectivity and so on. It certainly wasn't built with IT in mind! But the Premier League season really did change things. When I first joined – before the Premier League – Gary asked me if we could live stream one of our Academy games. He said 'do you think we can do it?'. I told him I thought our network and systems would crumble. But when the Premier League came to town, we ripped them all out, cut out all the tech system veins and arteries at the club and put new ones in.

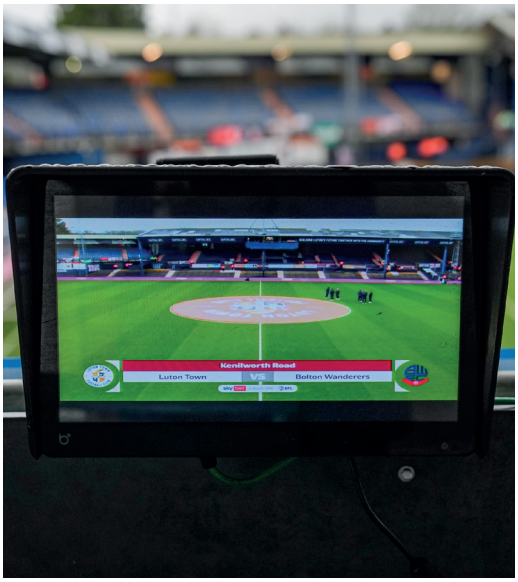
It was almost like a transplant. And the capability from not being able to broadcast the game, to be able to broadcast matches live internationally, was such a transformation. It was just off the scale.

But there are still major constraints to connectivity at Kenilworth Road – the programme seller payment points out on the forecourt cut out sometimes because the network masts aren't really designed for the volume of people who want connections at the same time. Connectivity is a major part of our plans for Power Court.

In the meantime, we're still trying out new things and recently introduced the big screen on the forecourt, in conjunction with a local company, as well as extended food and beverage options, the Bar 140, pre-match games and many other activities. We are constantly exploring other ideas we can do out there to improve the supporters' matchday experience.

The big screens inside the ground have been enhanced this season, too, with much more content. In all reality we're running at full capacity with what's possible at the ground though – even with the new systems and network so what we have to do is think innovatively to improve and optimise what we can achieve, given those constraints.

I work with great people right across the club, from catering, facilities and my operating director James through to the ground, HQ up at Parkway, the footballing side, with tech for management at



home and away games and at The Brache. We're a real team, sharing the same vision, values and ambitions.

Ben Kensell mentioned a tech review – what can you tell us about that?

Yes, we're reviewing all our tech at the moment, and we have a few things which we hope you can see in place next season: a ticketing solution through our app for instance, so you'll be able to access your tickets on your devices and scan them in at the turnstiles. Plus, improvements to the functionality of the app itself, and its content.

We want to improve the fan experience with tech so it's interactive, creating fan journeys that are connected at all points, from starting out as a young fan to other areas such as the Community Trust. We're looking to enhance that offering – and all the lifestages of being a Luton fan. With all that information and data, we'll be able to offer a far more personalised service and experience. That'll involve enhancing the official website too, so all the content we create or link to is there in one place, and will all be accessible through your devices. Most importantly, this will all give supporters the ability to see their information in one place.

We're talking to fans about this constantly and will continue to do so – understanding and engaging with fans is the key. I know Ben Kensell spoke about this too. He and Ben Tunnell are opening doors to better communication and connection with our fanbase and with the community.

The Community Trust is another area we're looking to bring under our umbrella – or into the club's tech ecostructure. The Community Trust has its own tech stack at the moment, and we can help to integrate that and make it work better alongside our platforms.

Another area we're looking to improve is engagement with hospitality bookings. We're currently looking into making changes to our booking system for this area of the business, which >>

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currently relies on phone calls or emails that are only dealt with within office hours, with the hope that supporters in the future can access and amend their bookings anytime online, 24/7. But it's not just hospitality but ticketing too: all those points of contact where we can make life easier for supporters, and in fact for all stakeholders, inside and outside of the business.

What is your involvement in preparing and planning for Power Court?

I'd say almost half of my time is spent on Power Court, as we develop and test the systems, platforms and ideas that we're preparing for the move. We're looking to double our crowd size and we're building the relationships we have with our existing and potential fan bases in order to achieve that.

Tech is a great tool – but at the same time we don't want to lose our identity. We need to remember who we are, to be true to ourselves as a club and a town. Hard working, down to earth and grounded.

So we might look at the level of tech at say, the new Spurs stadium or the new Riverside Stand at Fulham and think, 'yes, that's great but do we really need it? Is that in line with who we are?'

We aim for everything we do to be functional and deliver the tech experience our fans want and need. We'll be reaching out and talking to people, businesses and communities to ensure that Power Court delivers that.

Gary once said Power Court will be a lighthouse for the whole town, with football as its focus of course, but with the capacity to hold other events too. It will be a focal point and shine a new and positive light on a town which has so much to offer, but which is so often hidden away. It will also help bring the whole town centre back to life so it's a place where people want to go out and enjoy themselves rather than heading off to London, or St Albans. Power Court, with its unique design and new facilities, will become a destination for not just football and football days, but through the week and year. That's something I wholeheartedly agree with.



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There are lots of potential features we're looking at, along with automated processes to aid the flow and fan experience at Power Court. These include interactive video walls where you can, for instance, test your penalty skills against a goalkeeper, or be part of a game in 'virtual reality', or where we can project interviews and highlights.

We're thinking about memory making, too. That's something we can do right now with the big screen on the apron too: using it as a backdrop for family pictures with captions and so on to make it a personal memory of a day there. Rather like the photos many of us – well, we certainly did as a family – took at Wembley with those big video signs in the background.

How important do you think the role of technology is becoming?

There are so many options and ideas made possible by IT but for me it's important to remember that it is an enabler, not an end in itself. It must always be functional and help people achieve and experience things that might not otherwise be possible.

If you want to engage with people and communicate with them effectively, then technology enables and supports that. AI is a great tool, for instance, but it won't take over from everything. It doesn't replace real experiences and human interaction.

Whatever we do as a club, at Kenilworth Road and at Power Court, technology won't replace human engagement. Our whole club culture is about people and connecting with them, be that on our app or at the ground – and technology is all about supporting that to help us be the best Luton Town we can be.

Thank you, Thorsten. We look forward to hearing more as plans as we move towards Power Court and it's great that fan engagement is so central to how the club makes the most of IT advances. Speaking of which, the human element is something we can do our bit with – by giving the team the best support we can, today and at every game!

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Wearing HISTORY

2001-2003 HOME

To those of us old enough to remember, if I said "Jean-Louis Valois" I am 99 per cent sure you are picturing or remembering him in this shirt, likely in long sleeves too!

I am of course talking about the brilliant 2001-2003 home shirt. Our first collaboration with the manufacturer, Xara, this white home kit featured a smart collar, orange and black piping on the under arm and sides and the mid-90s to mid 2000s badge.

To top it off, we also had the SKF logo on the front of the shirt. Xara only lasted four seasons and two different design cycles with us, but they created a bit of a classic with this shirt.

The two seasons we had this home shirt were both successful. The first being that second-place finish, and promotion, in the old Division Three (now League Two) and a ninth-place finish in the old Division Two (now League One).

We had that memorable battle with Plymouth Argyle for the title in 2001/02 with Joe Kinnear and Mick Harford at the helm, and legendary players like Kevin Nicholls, Chris Coyne, Matt Taylor, and that mercurial French winger, Valois.

This shirt screams JLV! When he joined us from Lille in the summer of 2001 few of us knew who he was. But we certainly knew his name after his home debut against Torquay United after he scored a 30-yard screamer into the top corner, showing flair and skill we hadn't seen at the Kenny for a while.

He only stayed for one season, scoring six goals – most of them worldies – but he left a lasting impact on Hatters fans who were privileged to see him play. His relationship with fellow long-sleeved shirt enthusiast, Matt Taylor, down that left wing was something to behold and a joy to watch.

And what a shirt to do it all in!

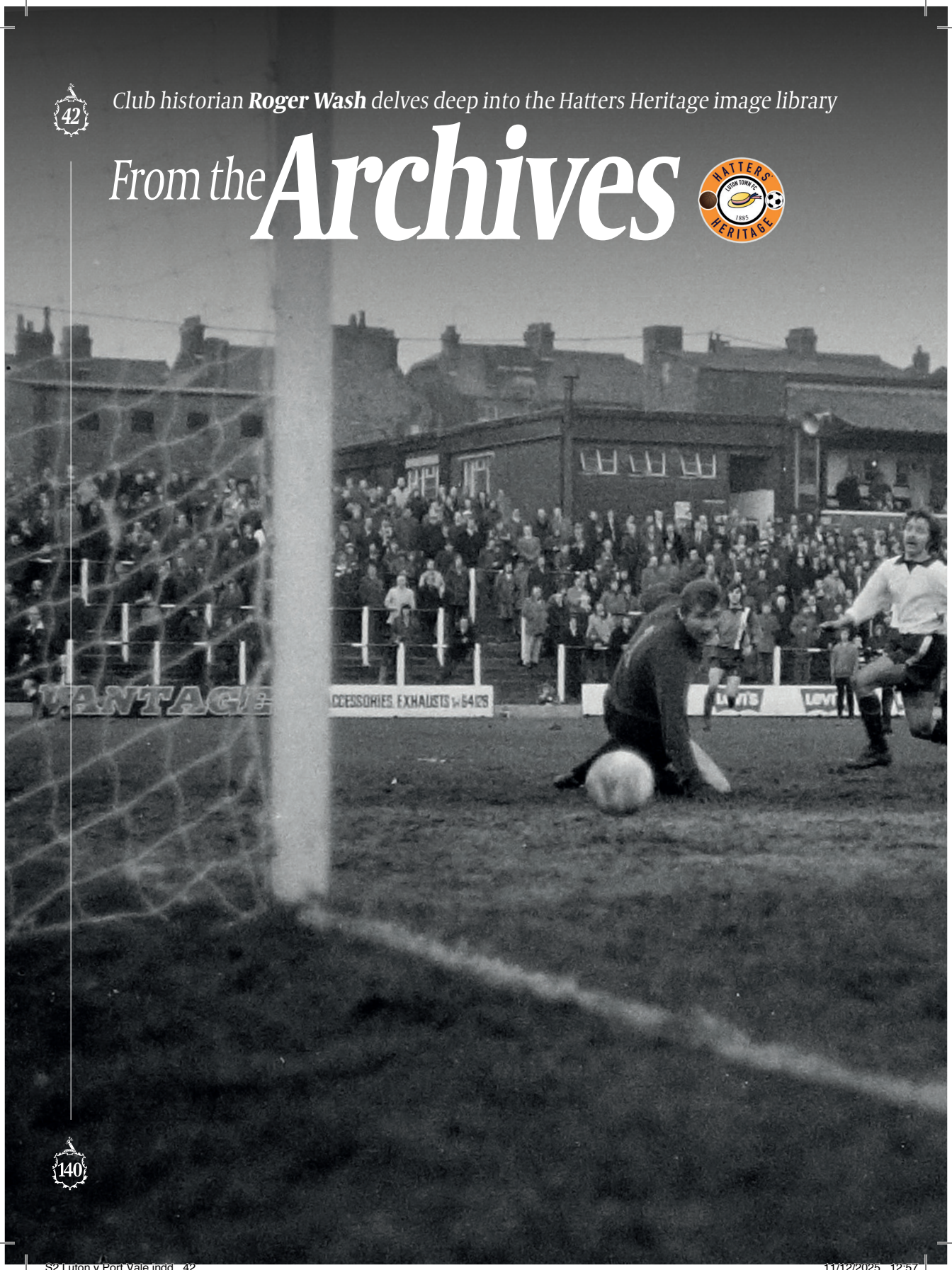


One season wonder: Jean-Louis Valois

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

From the Archives



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Jimmy Ryan (on floor) slams in the Town's equaliser during the 1-1 draw at Port Vale in the FA Cup in January 1974. The Hatters made no mistake in the replay, winning 4-2.

Inset: Combative Port Vale skipper Brian Horton displaying the leadership qualities he would later bring to Kenilworth Road.

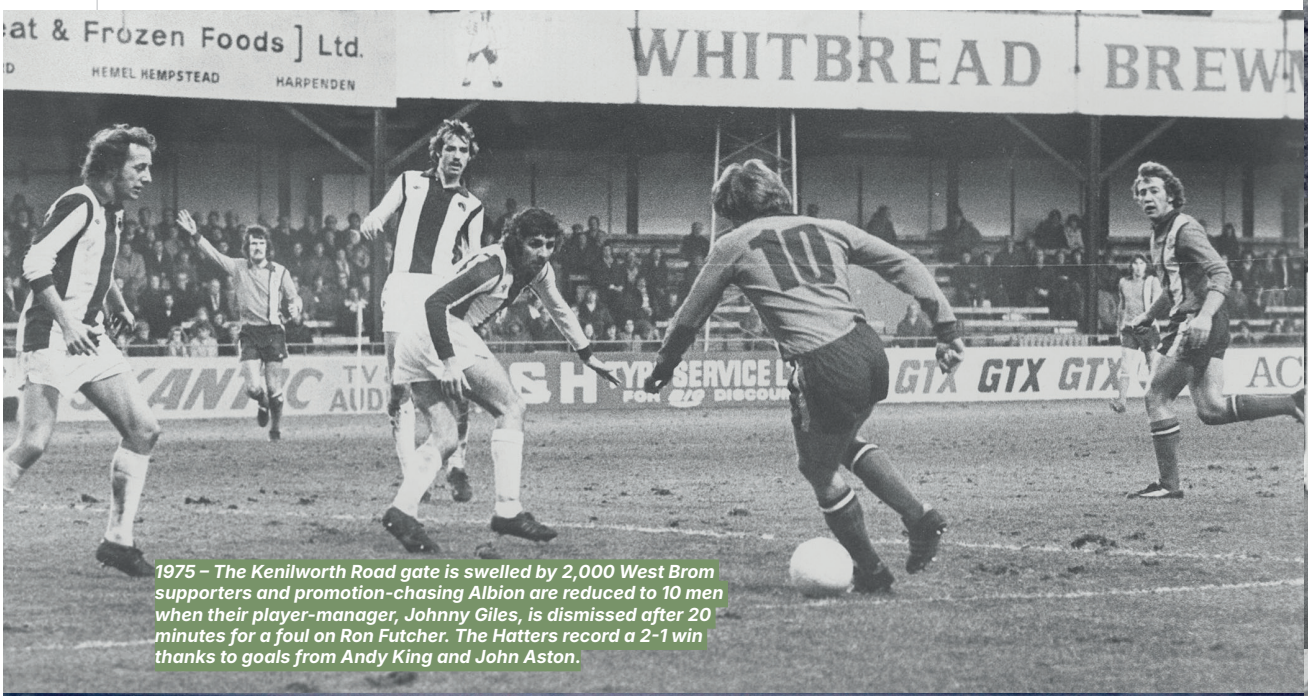


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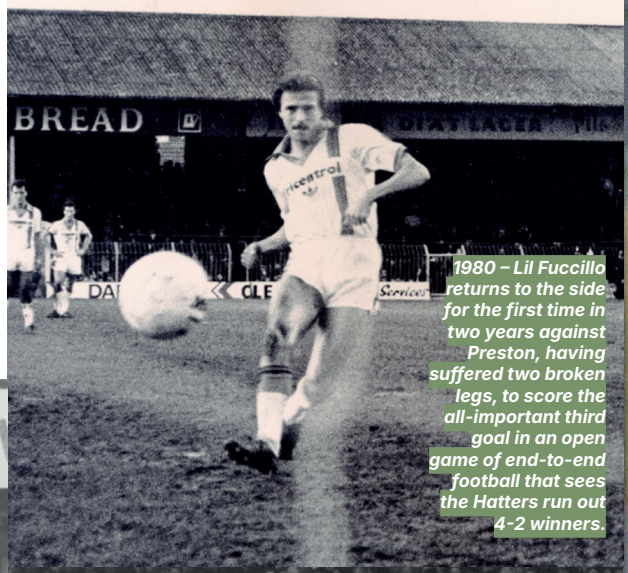
13th December



1975 – The Kenilworth Road gate is swelled by 2,000 West Brom supporters and promotion-chasing Albion are reduced to 10 men when their player-manager, Johnny Giles, is dismissed after 20 minutes for a foul on Ron Futcher. The Hatters record a 2-1 win thanks to goals from Andy King and John Aston.



1995 – Remember the Anglo Italian Cup? Well, the Town beat Ancona of Serie B on this day in 1995 with five different players on target. Scott Oakes, Dwight Marshall, John Taylor, Tony Thorpe and Bontcho Guentchev were among the goals in front of 2,091 at Kenilworth Road.



1980 – Lil Fuccillo returns to the side for the first time in two years against Preston, having suffered two broken legs, to score the all-important third goal in an open game of end-to-end football that sees the Hatters run out 4-2 winners.



1986 – The Town raise their game and take the lead against Everton through a header from Mike Newell. The Toffees feel that they should have had a penalty when Steve Foster handles in the area and Les Sealey, who is nursing a foot injury, has to react sharply as Everton pile on the pressure in the final minutes.



2003 – Steve Robinson hits a cracking 25-yard shot to open the scoring but the Hatters are forced back after the break against Blackpool. The defence, with help from Steve Howard who drops back as a central defender, holds firm and the Town notch a first win at Bloomfield since 1971 and move up into the play-off positions.

1969 – Following their FA Cup beating by non-League Hillingdon, the Town bounce back with a 5-0 win over Bradford. Malcolm Macdonald scores his first hat-trick for the club and is joined on the scoresheet by Matt Tees and John Collins.



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Mike (left) out running with his good friend Alan West

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

Mike Beevor

In the annals of Luton Town few can possibly have lived a more interesting life than Mike Beevor, who worked in a number of commercial roles at Kenilworth Road in the 1980s.

We recently visited Mike at his home in Luton where he was kind enough to share his memories of his time at the club and more.

He grew up in the shadow of Loftus Road and became a QPR fanatic.

"I loved watching Bobby Cameron in particular. I'd hang around the ground and talk to the players. When I was a little older I remember walking home in the rain one day and a car pulled up and offered me a lift home. It was the manager, Alec Stock, and he made me head ball boy. That was great, because it meant I got into games for free."

When it came to finding a job he had a career mapped out for him. "My father had grown up in the depression and was adamant that I should work in insurance, so I started in the city. I found it boring though and wanted to work in sport."

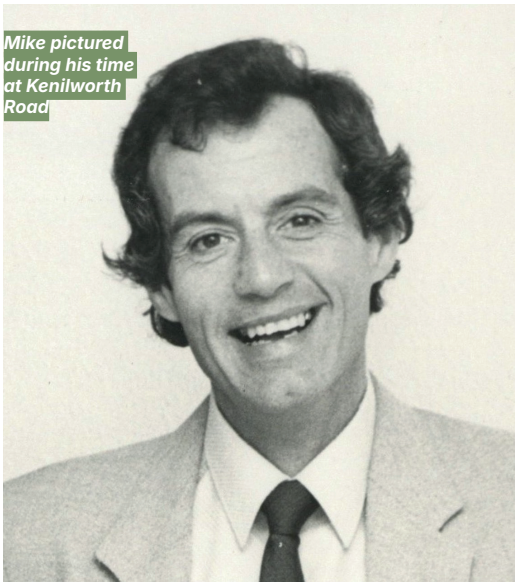
After moving to Houghton Regis, Mike quit his city job and took up a role at Stopsley Leisure Centre. He impressed enough to be quickly promoted and was soon coordinating sports events at the council, including a cross-country relay that was covered on Grandstand, giving him the chance to meet David Coleman among others.

Luton in the 1970s had become a hot-bed of distance running. This included Mike who had been running at a good level since his teens, becoming Middlesex Cross Country champion and representing Hercules Wimbledon.

He took part in the Commonwealth trials and was part of an incredibly strong group of local runners such as Ian Thompson, Tony Simmons and Dick Brockway. He has been a life long friend of Dave

> *"HE WAS PARTICULARLY FOND OF RICKY HILL AND WAS HONOURED TO BE CHOSEN TO GIVE THE MAIN SPEECH AT RICKY'S TESTIMONIAL. MORE THAN A BIT NERVOUS HE REMEMBERED TO THANK EVERYONE HE NEEDED TO, ONLY REALISING AT THE VERY LAST MINUTE THAT HE'D MISSED A MENTION OF ONE MAN – RICKY HIMSELF!*

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Mike pictured during his time at Kenilworth Road

Bedford, who competed for Great Britain in the 1972 Olympics.

He joined Luton in 1980, leaving the safety of his council job for the volatile world of football. He had known John Smith from his time at QPR, where Smith had been the youngest executive in the game.

"The commercial department was a bit of a mess. The programme was loaded with adverts but it was actually costing more money to run the adverts than we were getting back. They asked me to take it over and I cut down the number per edition, which actually made more money!"

Sadly he missed the historic day at Maine Road in 1983 through illness but he did send a message of support to each of the players, with Raddy Antic sending Mike particular thanks for his. He was at Kenilworth Road for the visit of Millwall two years later, and went on to the pitch with John Smith to plead with the Luton fans not to retaliate.

He was particularly fond of Ricky Hill and was honoured to be chosen to give the main speech at Ricky's testimonial. More than a bit nervous he remembered to thank everyone he needed to, only realising at the very last minute that he'd missed a mention of one man – Ricky himself!

Despite success on the field, low gates at Kenilworth Road often meant the need to find additional income or ways of creating interest. He was behind the Luton Strikers dancing troupe, and arranged games of Take Your Pick before matches. This included procuring a signed picture of Des O'Connor as a prize for Eric Morecambe, much to the comedian's mock disgust.

Mike was heavily involved in the deal which brought Barry McGuigan's fight to Kenilworth Road, though negotiating with difficult figures like promoters Frank Warren and Frank Maloney made the experience a stressful and unhappy one.

More fond in the memory is Carol Aid which he helped to organise to raise money for local and national charities. Starting in 1988 It drew big crowds to Kenilworth Road to see school choirs. Many local school children will recall raising money for the event or performing.

He also helped set up a local netball league with matches played on the Maple Road car park. One participant was colleague Cherry Newbery, who had played the game at a high level.

He would eventually leave Luton in 1990, returning to the insurance business. "I may be a QPR supporter but when I worked at Luton I wanted them to win every game, even against the Rangers.

"I still get teased by my QPR mates now, who can't wait to tell me if Luton go behind in the game. 'Your lot are losing,' they never fail to tell me."

Mike has been friends with Alan West for over 40 years and the pair share a strong religious faith. On 14th December the Christians in Runfold group are hosting a Christmas Carol event at the Jolly Milliner pub on Icknield Way. If you are in the area both he and Alan would love to see you there.



Mike today

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LTFC academy

With Billy Carter
Under-13 and Under-14 Lead Coach



It's a pleasure to share an update from our Under-13 and Under-14 age groups, who continue to represent the club with enormous pride both on and off the pitch.

It has been a hugely positive period for the boys, and their efforts deserve recognition as we move into the knockout stages of the EFL Nationals.

Both groups have enjoyed outstanding group-stage campaigns, each finishing top of their respective tables – an achievement that reflects not only their talent, but also their consistency, attitude, and togetherness.

The Under-13s impressed throughout, playing with real bravery and intent. Their 4-0 win over Watford in the final group fixture was one of the standout performances we've seen this season.

The maturity shown in and out of possession highlighted just how far the group has come in a short space of time. They have grown in confidence, and they've shown a willingness to push themselves every single week. That mentality will serve them well as we prepare for a tough quarter-final test against Millwall.

The Under-14s also topped their group and did so in superb style, beating Watford 3-1 in their final game. That performance captured the momentum the group has carried for several months. They currently sit 28 games unbeaten, an extraordinary run that speaks volumes about their discipline, resilience, and hunger to improve.

This unbeaten stretch includes their recent success at the Premier League 5s tournament, where they showcased technical quality and tactical understanding against strong opposition in the shape of Bournemouth, Reading, West Ham and QPR. Winning that competition was a proud moment for the boys and a reward for the hard work they continuously put in throughout the year.

It's equally pleasing to see individual recognition come alongside the team's success. Congratulations to D'mari and Jude, who have both received call-ups to an England training camp. Representing your country at any age is a significant milestone, and both players fully deserve their selection. They have shown real dedication to their development and consistently demonstrated the values we expect of players wearing the Luton Town badge. Their call-ups are also a reflection of the environment created by their teammates, who challenge and support each other daily.

We now turn our attention to the quarter finals, where both age groups face Millwall – a strong academy with a clear identity. These are exactly the types of fixtures our boys relish: competitive, high-energy, and full of learning opportunities. We'll prepare well, stay true to our principles, and give everything to represent Luton Town in the best possible way.

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Deeney delight with weekend triumph

Joe Deeney hailed his resilient Hatters after last Saturday's 4-0 victory over Milton Keynes in the EFL Youth Alliance maintained the Under-18s recent good form.



A brace from Excel Ed-Okungbowa and goals from Benny Benagr and Archie Shepherd sealed an impressive win for the Town as they continue to impress in the youth competition.

Speaking after the full-time whistle, the Under-18s' lead coach said: "I was pleased with them, it was a bit of a mix and match side today, we're very young because of the Under-21s game on Wednesday.

"It was fantastic to get Benny back, he was on half a game and for him to get a goal and two assists was brilliant and it was brilliant to see him back because he's not played since May."

The Hatters were more than just impressive in front of goal against MK, with goalkeeper Oliver Pipa remaining focused throughout the game to save well when called upon, while the defensive efforts of those in front of him also ensured Town would keep a much-needed clean sheet.

"I think we were utterly ruthless on those transitions, we said to them beforehand that we 'need to be us', I thought when we turned the ball over, we looked really effective," Deeney explained.

"I'm pleased for the boys to get the clean sheet; we always seem to be shipping that one goal every week and the lads threw themselves at the ball really well today."

It was a first league start of the campaign for Ed-Okungbowa, and by the closing stages of the first half he had scored his fifth in all competitions.

However, it was more than just his ability to put the ball in the back of the net that impressed Deeney.

"I preach it all the time, you'll get your goals from arriving at the width of the goal and both of his goals came today through that, I think that's what you want from your forwards, you want them in the right area in those key moments.

"He's still building his fitness, he's had a disjointed start to the season, but I thought he was a handful today and he got down the sides of the opposition.

"I'm pleased with him to get his goals, I don't like taking a striker off when he's on a hat-trick.

"He understands that it's now about getting minutes in the tank ready for next Saturday and hopefully that'll provide a few more selection headaches."

The Hatters are back in action when they host Cambridge United on Saturday in the EFL Youth Alliance.

By Liam Wilmot

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 W 4-0
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
Wed 3 Exeter City W 2-1
Tue 9 Leighton Town (BSC) P-P
Sun 14 Brentford 1pm
Mon 22 West Brom 7pm

Bold denotes home fixture
**lost 6-5 on penalties*
***match at Enfield Town FC*

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youth PROFILE

Excel Ed-Okungbowa

YOUR NAME?
Excel Ed-Okungbowa

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?
Nigeria/England

WHAT POSITIONS DO YOU PLAY? Striker

WHEN DID YOU JOIN THE ACADEMY?
November 2022

WHO WAS YOUR FOOTBALL HERO GROWING UP?
Lionel Messi

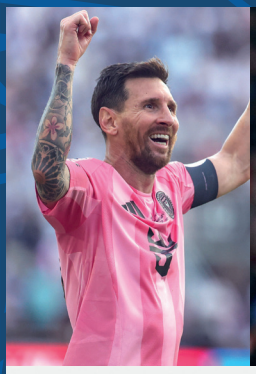
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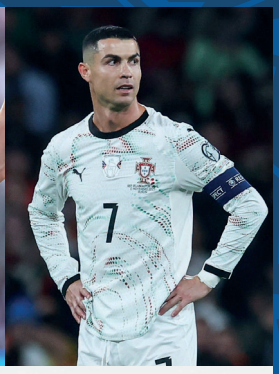
FIRST TIME YOU KICKED A BALL? Six years old

BIGGEST LESSON FOOTBALL'S TAUGHT YOU? To always be respectful on and off the pitch

FUNNIEST TEAMMATE?
Luca Knote-Reed

HARDEST WORKER?
Jerome Passley-James









BIGGEST INSPIRATION OUTSIDE FOOTBALL?
My parents

TEAMMATE MOST LIKELY TO BE A MANAGER? Rufus Barnes

MOMENT YOU'LL NEVER FORGET? The Watford game in the Under-15 Floodlit Cup. We won 5-0 and I scored twice

BEST BIT ABOUT BEING AT LUTON? It teaches you about hard work and how that benefits you in so many ways

ONE THING YOU'RE WORKING ON? My technique

PRE-MATCH ROUTINE OR SUPERSTITIONS?
Always listen to music

FAVOURITE MUSIC…
I listen to everything, especially rap and rnb – I can't choose one artist

FAVOURITE GAME… Fifa

GO-TO CHEAT MEAL…
Pizza

IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER? Engineer

PERSON YOU'D SWAP PLACES WITH FOR A DAY? Ronaldo

THREE WORDS TO DESCRIBE YOURSELF.
Hardworking, intelligent, strong

ONE THING PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT ME… I can be funny

BIGGEST FOOTBALL DREAM? To become a professional and play abroad

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COMMUNITY TRUST

The Utilita Girls and Kids Cup





Each season, EFL clubs run local Kids Cup and Girls Cup competitions through their club charities, giving schools the chance to represent Luton Town in the regional and national phases.

This year, more than 50 schools across Luton and Bedfordshire are taking part in our Utilita Under-11 Kids Cup and Under-13 Girls Cup tournaments.

The winning teams will go on to face schools representing other EFL clubs, competing for a place in the Utilita Kids and Girls Cup Grand Finals, held ahead of the EFL Trophy Final and the EFL Play-Off Finals.

In 2022, one of our schools, Sacred Heart Primary School were winners at Wembley Stadium in the EFL Utilita Kids Cup final.

The Utilita Kids and Girls Cup are two of the country's biggest national football competitions for schools and children. The annual football competition sees more 20,000 boys and girls each year take to the pitch to represent the 72 EFL Clubs across England and Wales, bolstering the existing ties between Clubs and their local communities.

In December, we hosted our Utilita Girls Cup County final in partnership with Luton School Games, with 24 teams and more than 200 girls taking part. Gilbert Inglefield Academy emerged as champions and will now represent Luton Town in the Area Final in Norwich in January 2026. They played eight games, winning seven, drawing one, scoring 15 goals and conceding just one. Wixams Academy finished as runners-up, with Lincroft Academy in third place. In the Plate competition, Houstone School were crowned champions, followed by Bedford Academy in second and Lealands School in third.

Vicki Dockerill, Luton School Games Organiser, said: "The tournament was a tremendous success.

"It was great to see so many teams taking part, with twenty-four schools taking on the challenge. Every school should be incredibly proud of their pupils who showed remarkable resilience, skill, and spirit throughout the event. It is great to work with Luton Town and to see their commitment and support in helping to increase women's and girls' participation in football across Luton and Bedfordshire."

In November, we hosted our Utilita Kids Cup Luton final in partnership with Luton School Games, with

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21 teams taking part. Sacred Heart Primary School emerged as winners, Hillborough Junior School finished second, Wigmore Primary School third, and William Austin Junior School fourth.

All four schools have now qualified for our Utilita Kids Cup County Final in January 2026, where 14 teams from across Bedfordshire will compete for a place to represent Luton Town in the Area Final later in 2026.

Bert Klemmer, Programmes Manager (Education, Employability & Learning), said: "Our local schools and community are incredibly important to us, and we place a strong focus on providing meaningful opportunities each season. The Utilita Kids and Girls Cups give young people a valuable chance to participate in football, develop a love of the sport, and be inspired to stay active, healthy, and work as part of a team.

"We are proud that each year more schools and young people take part in our local competitions. It is also inspiring to see them represent Luton Town with pride in the Area, Regional, and National phases, competing against schools from other EFL clubs."





South Asian Player Engagement Project

The Community Trust's South Asian Player Engagement project is supported by the Premier League and Professional Footballers' Association.

Administered through the Premier League Foundation, the funding helps football clubs to tackle inequality and respond to local challenges, supporting people and their communities to be more inclusive.

The Trust continues to play a pivotal role in the Premier League's South Asian Action Plan. Launching in May 2024 with a visit to West Ham, Community Trust coaches and local young players were invited down to participate in a collaborative training session culminating in small-sided games celebrating the work being done by both clubs in their respective communities.

Since then, our coaches, working in partnership with local mosques and grassroots clubs, have delivered regular weekly training sessions to children and young people in the heart of our South Asian communities developing their passion for football and bringing them closer to the Club.

Our participants have also been involved in local schools' competition for girls and boys in Year 5 and 6, Talent ID days and an Emerging Talent Festival at Loughborough University where our participants enjoyed competing in Luton Town club colours against 21 Premier League and EFL Clubs, overseen by professional Academy coaches and scouts.

Shipaar Miah, Community Inclusion Officer for the Trust said: "Our biggest strengths lie in our engagement with communities and the representation of our communities within our coaching staff. We have had some successes with five players securing trials and three now part of the Player Development Centres. This is powerful for our participants as they can see pathways for their potential.

"In early December, our Under-9s and Under-10s squads played against teams from our Football Development Team's Player Development Centres to provide a benchmark for their progress. This also provided an insight into the knowledge, skills and abilities required to progress within the pre-Academy system.

> ***"WE HAVE HAD SOME SUCCESSES WITH FIVE PLAYERS SECURING TRIALS AND THREE NOW PART OF THE PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CENTRES.***

Shipaar added: "Despite our U9s and U10s coming away with defeats, these experiences will have a positive impact on their development as players."

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Ladies close out 2025 in the capital

Hatters look to end 2025 on a high, when they travel to South East London to take on Dulwich Hamlet tomorrow

The Town were without a fixture last weekend after their scheduled match at Barton against Fulham was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch. Details regarding the rearranged fixture will be announced in due course.

In what has been a majorly successful 2025 for the Ladies, where they have picked up 25 wins, scored 94 goals and gained the all-important promotion back to the fourth-tier, s well as a League Cup triumph, they'll be looking to end it on a high against the struggling Dulwich Hamlet.

The opposition

Sunday will be the second meeting between the two sides this campaign. The previous match was on the opening day, where the Hatters toppled Hamlet 3-1 at Barton thanks to a brace from Tasha Fensome and a second-half strike from Courtnay Ward-Chambers.

The South-East London side have steadied themselves in the fourth-tier, having won promotion during the 2023/24 season after being crowned champions of the London & South East Regional Women's League. However, they're threatened with relegation this time around, sitting four points above the relegation zone.

Dulwich Hamlet bounced back from opening day defeat, winning three of the following four matches, but are out of form as of late. Hamlet, who sit ninth in the WNL Division One South East table, have only won one of their previous six matches in all competitions, failing to score in four of those.

Myles on Dulwich test

Ladies' boss, Myles Maddix, gave his thoughts ahead of Sunday's match: "This Sunday is another important fixture for us. Recently our performances haven't matched our results," he said.

"As a squad, our focus has been on turning these strong performances into positive outcomes. I believe everyone at the club is fully committed to achieving this. Sunday is another chance for us to prove what we're capable of."

Regarding picking up points against teams lower down the table, Maddix added: "It is vital that we pick up points like these. I'm sure Dulwich and the other teams around us have dates like this Sunday circled in their calendar as a chance to earn points.

"For us, the focus is always on getting all three points, so there shouldn't be any major mental shift. If we play the way we know we can, good things will be in store for us!"

Back the Town in the capital

The Ladies need your support as they look to pick up a massive three points in the capital. Kick-off at Dulwich Hamlet's Champion Hill ground is at 2pm.

Tickets are available on the day, priced at £5.30 for adults and under-13s have free entry. Please note only card payment will be accepted.

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 L 0-1
DECEMBER
7 Fulham P-P
14 Dulwich Hamlet
JANUARY
4 Cambridge Utd
25 Norwich City
FEBRUARY
8 Actonians
18 Chesham Utd
22 AFC Sudbury
MARCH
8 Milton Keynes
22 London Bees
29 QPR
APRIL
12 Fulham
26 Chatham Town



The Hatters head to Dulwich Hamlet tomorrow

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Matthew Young

Age: 12th Birthday Today
Hobbies: Playing Football
Favourite Player: Teden Mengi



Jack Purdy

Age: 12th Birthday Yesterday
Hobbies: Football
Favourite Player: Josh Keeley



Alfie Kovacs

Age: 8
Hobbies: Watching Luton and playing for Staines and Laleham U9s
Favourite Player: Elijah Adebayo

SPOT THE BALL

Can you guess where the correct ball is?



ANSWER: Bowling ball

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£10 Under 14	£8 Under 14

v Wycombe Wanderers

Friday 26th December, 3pm
Category A

v Leyton Orient

Monday 29th December, 7.45pm
Category B

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v Reading
Thursday 18th December

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LEAGUE LOOK



AROUND THE GROUNDS IN THE THIRD TIER

Earlier this week there was plenty of League One sides were in action and lots of drama unfolded, so let's break down what happened and who did what.

Stockport County defeated Doncaster 2-0 at the Keepmoat Stadium thanks to two second half goals from Ben Osborn and Kyle Wootton.

Exeter also got a huge win against AFC Wimbledon, winning 1-0 to move outside the relegation zone.

Lincoln picked up a commanding victory against Barnsley as they won 3-1 at Sincil Bank to help put pressure on Cardiff and Bradford at the top.

Cardiff secured all three points away at Stevenage after a Callum Robinson goal in the 85th minute winner but Bradford's game against our visitors today Port Vale was postponed.

Bolton got an away victory against 10-man Mansfield Town thanks to a Jordi Osei-Tutu goal just before the break.

Northampton and Huddersfield Town played out a 1-1 draw at Sixfields with Chelsea loanee Leo Castledine getting on the scoresheet again for the Terriers.

Struggling Plymouth got a rare away victory, this time against Wycombe as they won 1-0 in Buckinghamshire. Owen Oseni got the decisive goal for the Pilgrims.

Peterborough beat Reading 2-1 at the Madejski Stadium to continue their recent resurgence and pile more misery on the Royals.

And of course, the Hatters managed to get a point away at Leyton Orient after a late equaliser from Gideon Kodua, his fifth this season in all competitions, all of which have come after the 80th minute.

In the pick of this afternoon's games, leaders Cardiff entertain Doncaster while Peterborough meet near-neighbours Northampton at London Road.

Plymouth aim to make it two wins on the spin at home to Rotherham while two of the top six meet at Edgeley Park as Stockport host Stevenage.

PLAYER STATS *2025/26*

	LEAGUE APP(S)	LEAGUE GLS	CUP APP(S)	CUP GLS	TOTAL APP(S)	TOTAL GLS	LTFC CAREER APPS	LTFC CAREER GLS
Elijah Adebayo	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	182	47
Ali Al-Hamadi	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (2)	0	2	0
Millenic Alli	11 (4)	1	3 (3)	0	14 (7)	1	37	5
Mads Andersen	12 (3)	1	4 (0)	1	16 (3)	2	38	3
Shandon Baptiste	2 (2)	0	0 (0)	0	2 (2)	0	21	1
Cohen Bramall	10 (7)	1	5 (0)	1	15 (7)	2	22	2
Jacob Brown	2 (2)	0	0 (1)	0	2 (3)	0	57	7
Christian Chigozie	0 (0)	0	2 (0)	0	2 (0)	0	2	0
Jordan Clark	10 (3)	3	1 (0)	0	11 (3)	3	193	21
Fin Evans	0 (0)	0	1 (0)	1	1 (0)	1	1	1
Lamine Fanne	11 (3)	1	3 (2)	1	14 (5)	2	32	2
Harry Fox	0 (0)	0	0 (2)	0	0 (2)	0	2	0
Joe Gbode	0 (5)	0	1 (2)	0	1 (7)	0	8	0
Tom Holmes	0 (1)	0	1 (0)	0	1 (1)	0	22	1
Zach Ioannides	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0	1	0
Joe Johnson	0 (0)	0	2 (0)	0	2 (0)	0	17	0
Isaiah Jones	3 (1)	1	1 (0)	0	4 (1)	1	23	3
Josh Keeley	19 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	20 (0)	0	20	0
Gideon Kodua	8 (7)	4	4 (3)	1	12 (10)	5	22	5
Nigel Lonwijk	11 (1)	0	2 (2)	0	13 (3)	0	16	0
Jack Lorentzen-Jones	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0	1	0
Christ Makosso	9 (1)	0	2 (1)	0	11 (2)	0	26	0
Mark McGuinness	4 (2)	0	1 (0)	0	5 (2)	0	51	3
Teden Mengi	11 (0)	0	3 (0)	1	14 (0)	1	69	3
Shayden Morris	2 (6)	0	2 (2)	2	4 (8)	2	12	2
Kal Naismith	17 (2)	1	3 (1)	0	20 (3)	1	101	5
Marvelous Nakamba	0 (1)	0	2 (0)	0	2 (1)	0	60	0
Zack Nelson	6 (8)	1	6 (1)	1	12 (9)	2	46	3
Lasse Nordas	4 (6)	1	5 (1)	3	9 (7)	4	26	4
Hakeem Odoffin	2 (3)	0	1 (1)	0	3 (4)	0	7	0
Josh Phillips	0 (0)	0	0 (2)	0	0 (2)	0	3	0
Jake Richards	5 (3)	2	3 (3)	0	8 (6)	2	14	2
George Saville	18 (0)	1	2 (0)	0	20 (0)	1	20	1
James Shea	0 (0)	0	6 (0)	0	6 (0)	0	116	0
Liam Walsh	9 (3)	0	4 (1)	0	13 (4)	0	45	0
Reuell Walters	2 (0)	0	2 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	20	0
Nahki Wells	11 (3)	1	1 (0)	2	12 (3)	3	15	3
Cauley Woodrow	0 (1)	0	1 (0)	0	1 (1)	0	82	6
Jerry Yates	10 (5)	2	2 (4)	4	12 (9)	6	21	6

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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**	W	2-1	7	9,971	589	Keeley	Odoffin	Bramall	Mengi	Lonwijk	Naismith	Saville
SAT 29	**BOLTON WANDERERS**	**15:00**	D	1-1	7	11,204	1,329	Keeley	Odoffin	Bramall	Mengi	Lonwijk	Naismith	Saville
DECEMBER														
TUE 2	**EXETER CITY (VT)**	**19:00**	W	4-0		2,233	136	Shea	Walters	Johnson	Andersen	Makosso	Nakamba	**NELSON 1**
SAT 6	FLEETWOOD TOWN (FAC2)	15:00	D	2-2*		1,180	663	Shea	Walters	Johnson	Andersen	**MENGI 1**	Saville	Nelson
TUE 9	LEYTON ORIENT	19:45	D	1-1	7	8,176	1,246	Keeley	Lonwijk	Bramall	Naismith	Mengi	Saville	Walsh
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												

*lost 4-2 on penalties

HAPPY BIRTHDAY HATTERS!



A happy 50th birthday **Stewart**, who works here at Kenilworth Road on match days as well as on away trips with the Bobbers Travel Club. Wishing you a fantastic day as you celebrate this special milestone. With lots of love, Mum, Carol, June and Dudley and all your friends and colleagues at Luton Town.



Many happy returns to big Town fan **John Francis** who is celebrating his 80th birthday at today's game. John, whose birthday is on Christmas Day, is making the trip from Lowestoft with his two sons and grandson – all of whom are mad Hatters fans. We hope you have a great day with us, John!



Happy 76th birthday to **Andy Barringer**, a life-long Hatter who can still reel off his favourite team - the 1967/68 Division Four championship winning side. Love from all the family, including new addition Reu! Andy is pictured above with former Town striker Malcolm Macdonald. Have a great day, Andy!

				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
Walsh	RICHARDS 1	Fanne	YATES 1	Brown	Andersen	Morris		
Walsh	Brown	Fanne	Yates	KODUA 1	Morris	Alli		
MORRIS 1	Alli	Kodua	NORDÅS 2	Gbodé	Ioannides	Fox	L-Jones	
Richards	Fanne	Alli	Nordås	Walsh	Kodua	YATES 1	Brown	Morris Naismith
Fanne	Brown	KODUA 1	Yates	Andersen	Morris	Clark	Nordås	Nelson

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 Who scored Aston Villa's winning goal against Arsenal last weekend?

2 What was the score when the Hatters last met Port Vale?

3 Which pop star is an honorary club president at Vale Park?

4 Name England's three opponents in the group stages of this summer's World Cup?

5 Which club won the Champions League in 1993?

6 Which nation rose the most places in the latest FIFA men's rankings?

7 Which player is the second-highest Fantasy Premier League scorer behind Erling Haaland?

8 Which former Port Vale defender joined the Hatters in the summer of 2008?

9 Which club did goalkeeper Henry Blackledge join last week on loan?

10 At which club did Chris Powell end his professional playing career?

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

1 Emi Buendia 2 Port Vale 4-0 3 Robbie Williams 4 Croatia, Panama and Ghana 5 Marseille 6 Malta 7 Mark Guehi 8 George Pilkington 9 Gosport Borough 10 Leicester City

TABLE 2025/26

Team	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Cardiff	18	12	2	4	15	38
Bradford City	18	9	7	2	8	34
Lincoln	19	10	4	5	7	34
Stockport	18	9	5	4	4	32
Bolton	18	8	7	3	9	31
Stevenage	17	9	4	4	7	31
Luton	**19**	**8**	**4**	**7**	**-1**	**28**
Huddersfield	19	8	3	8	2	27
Wimbledon	18	8	2	8	-3	26
Barnsley	16	7	4	5	5	25
Wigan	18	6	7	5	1	25
Leyton Orient	19	7	4	8	0	25
Wycombe	19	6	6	7	5	24
Northampton	18	7	3	8	-1	24
Rotherham	19	6	6	7	-3	24
Mansfield	18	6	4	8	-1	22
Reading	18	5	7	6	-1	22
Burton	18	6	4	8	-8	22
Doncaster	19	6	4	9	-9	22
Exeter	18	6	2	10	-1	20
Peterborough	18	6	1	11	-5	19
Blackpool	19	5	4	10	-8	19
Plymouth	19	6	1	12	-12	19
Port Vale	**18**	**3**	**5**	**10**	**-10**	**14**

TODAY'S Fixtures

12.30PM KO

Wimbledon v Mansfield

Huddersfield v Wigan

3PM KO

Barnsley v Leyton Orient

Blackpool v Lincoln

Bolton v Exeter

Bradford v Reading

Burton v Wycombe

Cardiff v Doncaster

Peterborough v Northampton

Plymouth v Rotherham

Stockport v Stevenage

TOWN Totals

	W	D	L	F	A
HOME	1570	694	635	5789	3261
AWAY	750	718	1418	3322	4975
NEUTRAL	6	4	13	29	43
TOTAL	2326	1416	2066	9140	8279
At KR	1440	666	581	5250	3015

5,808 games played

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

SEASONS TO REMEMBER *1973/74*



Over the summer of 1973 the club's directors put together a five-year plan at the end of which they hoped the Hatters would be back in the top-flight.

Little did they know that promotion would be achieved four years ahead of schedule even though finances were not secure enough for this dramatic elevation in status.

After losing 4-0 at Nottingham Forest on the opening day, promotion was furthest from the thoughts of supporters. It gave the coaching staff much to ponder over but the defeat was followed by an eight-game unbeaten run which set the pattern for the season.

Looking back, the Town were competing in a poor division that year and, apart from runaway leaders Middlesbrough, the chasing pack seemed at times to be trying to avoid promotion.

The mid-season signings of Alan West and Jimmy Husband from Burnley and Everton respectively certainly enhanced the team, and a fit again Barry Butlin, who was phenomenal in the air, proved effective up front.

At the turn of the year the Town sat in third spot with only a modest points tally and by February had risen to second where they were to stay for the rest of the season.

Even the most die-hard Luton fan felt that after a disastrous Easter, with only two points won in three games, promotion hopes had been blown but the fellow hopefuls had an even worse time. A 3-0 home win over Millwall in the next match meant that a draw at West Bromwich Albion in the penultimate game would secure second spot.

The point was won after a nail-biting fight at the Hawthorns and the Town were back in a division they had left in 1960.

FOURTH DIVISION	PLD	W	D	L	GAV	PTS
1 Middlesbrough (C, P)	42	27	11	4	2.567	65
2 Luton Town (P)	**42**	**19**	**12**	**11**	**1.255**	**50**
3 Carlisle United (P)	42	20	9	13	1.271	49
4 Orient	42	15	18	9	1.31	48
5 Blackpool	42	17	13	12	1.425	47
6 Sunderland	42	19	9	14	1.318	47
7 Nottingham Forest	42	15	15	12	1.326	45
8 West Bromwich Albion	42	14	16	12	1.067	44
9 Hull City	42	13	17	12	0.979	43
10 Notts County	42	15	13	14	0.917	43
11 Bolton Wanderers	42	15	12	15	1.1	42
12 Millwall	42	14	14	14	1	42
13 Fulham	42	16	10	16	0.907	42
14 Aston Villa	42	13	15	14	1.067	41
15 Portsmouth	42	14	12	16	0.726	40
16 Bristol City	42	14	10	18	0.87	38
17 Cardiff City	42	10	16	16	0.79	36
18 Oxford United	42	10	16	16	0.761	36
19 Sheffield Wednesday	42	12	11	19	0.81	35
20 Crystal Palace (R)	42	11	12	19	0.768	34
21 Preston North End (R)	42	9	14	19	0.645	31
22 Swindon Town (R)	42	7	11	24	0.5	25

Player focus

Missing only one game over the season, busy linkman **Peter Anderson** chipped in with several important goals that secured 1-0 wins. He finished second top scorer with 11 goals representing a good return from midfield.



Season standout

Imperious in the air, **Barry Butlin** weighed in with 17 league goals, including a hat-trick against Preston at Kenilworth Road. Incredibly brave as proved by a broken jaw and front teeth going missing during the season.



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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**

PORT VALE

MANAGER **DARREN MOORE**

1	MARKO **MAROŠI**
2	MITCH **CLARK**
3	JAHEIM **HEADLEY**
4	BEN **HENEGHAN**
5	CONNOR **HALL**
6	JORDAN **GABRIEL**
7	GEORGE **BYERS**
8	BEN **GARRITY**
9	JAYDEN **STOCKLEY**
10	DAJUANE **BROWN**
11	RONAN **CURTIS**
12	RHYS **WALTERS**
13	BEN **AMOS**
14	FUNSO **OJO**
15	LIAM **GORDON**
16	RYAN **CROASDALE**
17	RUARI **PATON**
19	BEN **WAINE**
22	JESSE **DEBRAH**
23	JACK **SHORROCK**
24	KYLE **JOHN**
25	CAMERON **HUMPHREYS**
26	JORDAN **SHIPLEY**
28	MARVIN **JOHNSON**
30	BEN **LOMAX**
33	GEORGE **HALL**
36	MO **FAAL**
44	DEVANTE **COLE**
46	JOE **GAUCI**

The Officials

REFEREE **LEE SWABEY**
ASSISTANT REFEREE **MICHAEL CHARD**
ASSISTANT REFEREE **CONALL BARTLETT**
FOURTH OFFICIAL **ABIGAIL BYRNE**