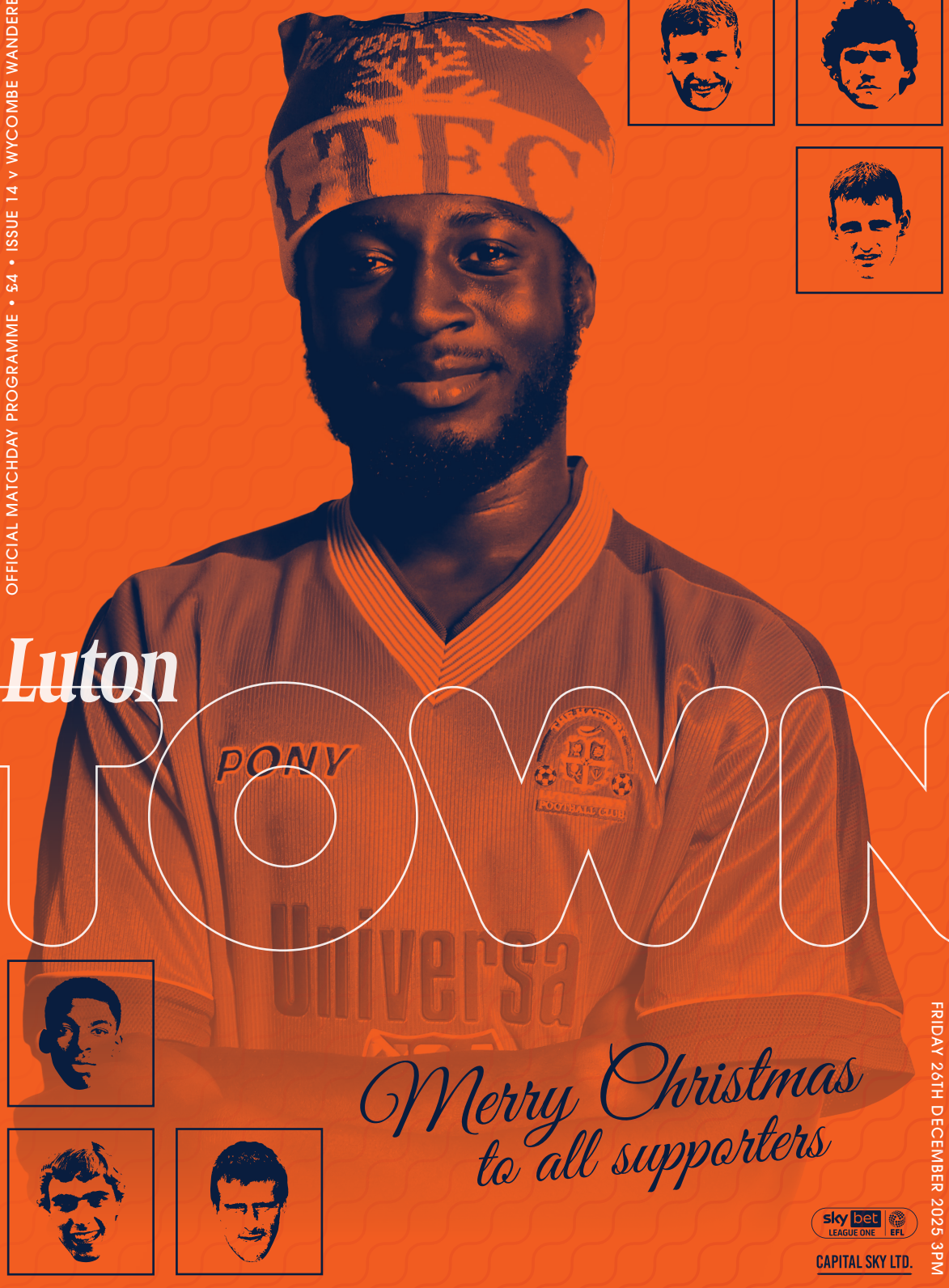
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Gary Doherty Hatters academy graduate Gary broke into the Town side in 1997 and went on to score 15 times in 83 games with manager Lennie Lawrence playing him as a centre-half or centre-forward. He moved to Tottenham for £1m in 2000 before six years at Norwich. He signed for Charlton but ended his career with three seasons at Wycombe.

Trevor Aylott Starting out at Chelsea, it was from Millwall that Town manager David Pleat signed the big target man for £55,000 in March 1983. Trevor aided the Hatters in their bid to avoid relegation in 1982/83 but moved to Crystal Palace in 1984. A long spell at Bournemouth followed and he turned out for Wycombe three times in 1993.

Matthew Spring Thirteenth in the Hatters' all-time appearance list, midfielder Matthew came through the Town academy and made his debut in 1997. After 250 league appearances he moved to Leeds and then Watford before rejoining the Town in 2007. Moves to Charlton and Orient followed, before two seasons at Wycombe.

Tyreeq Bakinson Another Town academy graduate, central midfielder Tyreeq made his debut on the final day of the 2015/16 season. He moved to Bristol City in 2017 and then to Sheffield Wednesday in 2022. Last season was on the books at Wycombe and is now at Leyton Orient.

Viv Busby Striker Viv began his career with hometown club Wycombe where his goalscoring exploits alerted the attention to the Hatters. He hit 16 goals in 86 games for the Town before joining Fulham where he played in an FA Cup final and made over 100 league appearances. In May 2024, Viv sadly passed away aged 74.

Steve Claridge Journeyman striker Steve spent a short spell at Kenilworth Road in 1992, joining from Cambridge. Sold back to Cambridge after 20 games and six goals, he went on to enjoy an illustrious and long career with the likes of Birmingham, Leicester, Portsmouth and Millwall. Joined Wycombe in 2005, initially on loan.

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Welcome

Good afternoon and Merry Christmas from everyone at Luton Town!

We hope you all had a fantastic time with friends and family yesterday and you're looking forward to the first of two festive fixtures at Kenilworth Road starting this afternoon against Wycombe Wanderers.

Boxing Day games at Kenilworth Road are always special occasions – and remember they will soon be a thing of the past when we move to Power Court! So, make the most of the magical Christmas atmosphere this afternoon and transfer all your positivity to the players.

There is plenty to read inside today's festive edition, including boardroom notes from CEO Gary Sweet, plus photographs from the players' recent trip to the local hospitals.

Enjoy the game and sing loud and proud. We look forward to welcoming you back here when Leyton Orient are in the town on Monday.

Come on Luton!

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THE BOSS

Jack WILSHERE

Merry Christmas and welcome back home for this afternoon's game with Wycombe Wanderers.

I hope you all had a great day yesterday with your family and friends and trust you're looking forward to being surrounded by your extended family here at Kenilworth Road today.

Boxing Day matches always have that little extra edge about them with grounds always full and brimming with that air of expectation. It's a special time for supporters with so much football to watch and we hope we can reward your fantastic backing with a good performance this afternoon.

Due to the Christmas holiday printing deadlines, I'm writing these notes after our 2-2 draw with Port Vale and before our game at Reading last Thursday.

Having earned a point from a losing position against Leyton Orient, it felt as though the Port Vale result and performance was the opposite and two points dropped.

It was a frustrating afternoon, especially as at times it looked as though we lacked a little bit of belief – something which has been an issue at times this season.

But belief is something I have in this group, especially given how they have fought back in games recently. We need to find different ways to attack too, as we want to be a team of variation and I felt like we didn't have that in the Port Vale game.

One thing I was happy with in that match was the set-pieces, which we have become a real threat from. We scored from one at Leyton Orient, which got us a point and netted another against Port Vale which earned us a further draw.

Naturally, given Port Vale's position in the table, it was a game we targeted to win – like we do in every match – but you never know until the end of the season whether it's a good or bad point, but we'll be hoping it's a good one.

The lads are giving us everything at the minute, even when behind. We seem to sometimes play our best football when we're chasing the game. It's something we need to be able to produce consistently over the 90 minutes – not just when we need a goal. For the players to keep going under pressure shows the character in the group, so credit to them for that.

This afternoon we entertain a Wycombe side who are searching, like ourselves, for consistency. I'd like to extend my welcome to Michael Duff and his team who are going to prove stern opposition today.

As is the case every year, the festive period is one that can make or break a season with momentum key to any success. We're very close to finding it so please stay with the players, who need your support this afternoon. The noise this old ground can generate can be the difference so get your singing voices at the ready.

There's a quick turnaround before we take on Leyton Orient on Monday so enjoy today's game and I look forward to welcoming you all here again next week.



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BOARDROOM

GARY SWEET



Good afternoon and a very warm festive welcome to Kenilworth Road for our Boxing Day fixture against Wycombe Wanderers.

Firstly, I trust everyone had a happy and enjoyable day yesterday with your families and friends and hope you received a Luton Town gift in your stockings.

A special welcome to everyone who has made the short trip from Buckinghamshire, including Cauley Woodrow – who can't play this afternoon as he's still one of ours – and Fred Onyedinma. They are two great lads who we will always be grateful to for the part they played in our promotion to the Premier League.

Christmas football has always carried a special kind of magic, hasn't it? For many of us, memories of Boxing Day are etched deeply into our love for this club. For me, Watford at their place in 1979 and Basher's late header still shines brightly. There's also Big Mick scoring the winner against Arsenal here in 1991 and, more recently, the 5-0 win at Swindon on our way to promotion in 2017.

However, the last time we played here on Boxing Day, against Norwich in 2022, it marked Rob Edwards' first home game in charge and ended with Cauley's late winner. What perhaps felt like just another dramatic moment at the time went on to spark our promotion run into life. That victory took us to 12th in the table with 33 points from 23 games. For comparison, as I write these prior to Thursday's game at Reading, we sit seventh with 29 points from 20 games already played – a reminder that perspective matters, particularly at this time of year.

As we reflect on where we are, it would be remiss of me not to recognise the work Jack, Chris and the entire coaching staff have done with this group. The resilience shown in recent weeks has been clear for all to see. Coming from behind in four consecutive matches and suffering just one defeat in our last 12 in all competitions – counting Fleetwood on penalties as a draw – speaks volumes about the character within the squad.

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We've seen that resilience most clearly in victories against Northampton, Stockport and Huddersfield, and in the second-half response against Bolton. There is a growing sense of what this group is capable of, particularly with some important players now on their way back from injury.

Clearly, we are all hungry for accelerated success, including our staff and players. But we recognise that any transition will come in phases and we're in the middle of a process which, in time, I am very confident will see us challenging in the top six before too long.

Momentum is a fragile thing in football, but belief – when earned – can be powerful.

Away from the pitch, the past few weeks have once again reminded me what this football club truly represents, especially at this time of year. Players and staff visited Luton & Dunstable and Bedford Hospitals, and, for the first time, we were able to spend time at Keech Hospice as part of our Christmas visits. I also had the privilege of attending the annual Love Luton Awards recently, and evenings like that bring home just how much of an impact this club has across our town and beyond.

That sense of connection was further reinforced at the Luton Town Supporters' Trust Meet the Players event in the Eric Morecambe Lounge last Sunday. Kal, Nahki, Teden, Josh and Jordan faced wide-ranging and challenging questions from members, but everyone left with the clear feeling that the supporters are behind this group and willing them on in their promotion push.

Kal, in particular, showed exactly what kind of leader he is. Not just in the way he handled being substituted at Leyton Orient, but in how he spoke that afternoon about his love for this club, the responsibility of the captaincy and his determination to lead us back to the Championship. Leadership isn't only measured in 90-minute performances, it's about accountability, humility and belief – and those qualities were evident to all in the room.

Further goodwill and encouragement came during a successful corporate partners event at packed out Eric Morecambe Lounge, where Jack and Chris spoke eloquently on their aims and ambitions going into the New Year.

I also wish to mention Chloe Sheppard, a young supporter of ours who bravely spoke about how video messages she received from Kal, Jordan and Tom Lockyer helped her through her treatment for leukaemia. I'm delighted to report that Chloe is now in remission. These are things our players do quietly, away from the spotlight and without expectation of recognition, but they mean the world to families and supporters like Chloe – and they say everything about the people we have at this Club.

With January now approaching, attention has inevitably turned to the transfer window. Integral work with Jack and Chris has begun on identifying their desires for improvement as the wider team works with the objective of improving our chances of gaining promotion this season.

As in every January window, we always highlight the caution of the winter window. It's rarely an opening to good value acquisitions but sensible business can be achieved, as we've seen before. Last season we added >>



The players spread Christmas cheer during their annual trip to the children's ward

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seven players, more than any other January, of which five are valuable members of our current squad. Of course, we are also looking forward to specific players returning from injury during this period, which will feel like new additions too.

Meanwhile, I feel it's important to address an unfortunate and important topic. Many of you may have seen the recent court outcome regarding the racist abuse Elijah received on social media in October 2024. The perpetrator was fined just £200, despite a year-long ordeal where Elijah gave several statements. Such a penalty hardly seems a meaningful deterrent.

The verdict contained no requirement for education, community service, or even an apology. Whilst the police are pursuing a potential football banning order, it's likely the offender continued to attend matches since committing the offence, as Elijah and others absorb the burden of that abuse.

Our club actively supports campaigns to eradicate all forms of discrimination from football, through practical action, messaging, and unwavering support for targeted players. However, outcomes like this feel incredulously disheartening. Looking ahead to 2026, it is vital that courts, social media companies, and those who believe they can freely abuse others take stronger action. Our players deserve far better.

And finally, looking forward to 2026 and beyond. A number of you have noticed some activity on Power Court leading up to the traditional annual festive break the construction industry enjoys. I'm happy to say that we took delivery of a rather sizeable piling rig and initiated the preliminary test piling before the Christmas break, which means we will continue piling at capacity upon everyone's return in the new year. This heralds a timely and positive milestone as we enter 2026.

So, on this Boxing Day, as we gather once more at Kenilworth Road, let's remember what makes this club special – resilience, humility, togetherness and care for one another.

Enjoy the game and get right behind the lads.

Merry Christmas and come on Luton!

Gary



Piling will soon commence in order to make this a reality.

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Runners-up 1935/36, 1969/70

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THE CAPTAIN

Kal NAISMITH

A warm welcome and a Merry Christmas to you all as we gear up for the first of two massive home games during this festive period here at Kenilworth Road as we entertain Wycombe Wanderers.

Games over Christmas and New Year are always massively important as they fall in quick succession, giving teams momentum to take into the second half of the season. We will be looking for two positive results against Wycombe today and here against Leyton Orient on Monday to push ourselves into the top six.

We've been hard to beat of late, which is great as it shows determination and character, but we have occasionally found it difficult to go on and win games. All that takes is confidence and momentum gained from the games over the festive period can help.

I'm at The Brache writing these notes before our trip to Reading last week, so I can only look back on the game before that which was the draw against Port Vale. We opened the scoring in style from Cohen's stunning free-kick. It was his third incredible goal this season and his ability from deadball situations is turning out to be a real weapon in our attacking play.

Naturally we were hugely disappointed to allow them back into the game but we showed the spirit to come back and take a point. We heard and felt your reaction, and we completely understood it. However, having got back on level terms after Mads' equaliser we were frustrated not to go on and win it in the final 15 minutes.

On the Sunday afterwards, I attended the Luton Town Supporters' Trust event at Kenilworth Road. It was a good opportunity for me personally to meet supporters and speak, as captain, on behalf of the lads on how the season has been to date.

We all know we should be higher than we are in the table but we're working hard to improve our position while taking on board a new playing style under the new manager. I was able to give an insight into this at the supporters' event and reiterated my love for this club and how much pride I take in being captain.

It has been tough at times this season but as a group we're all working towards achieving the goal we set out at the start – and that's to win promotion. Regardless of results lately, I still think we're in a good place and we're working towards that as we enter the second half of the season.

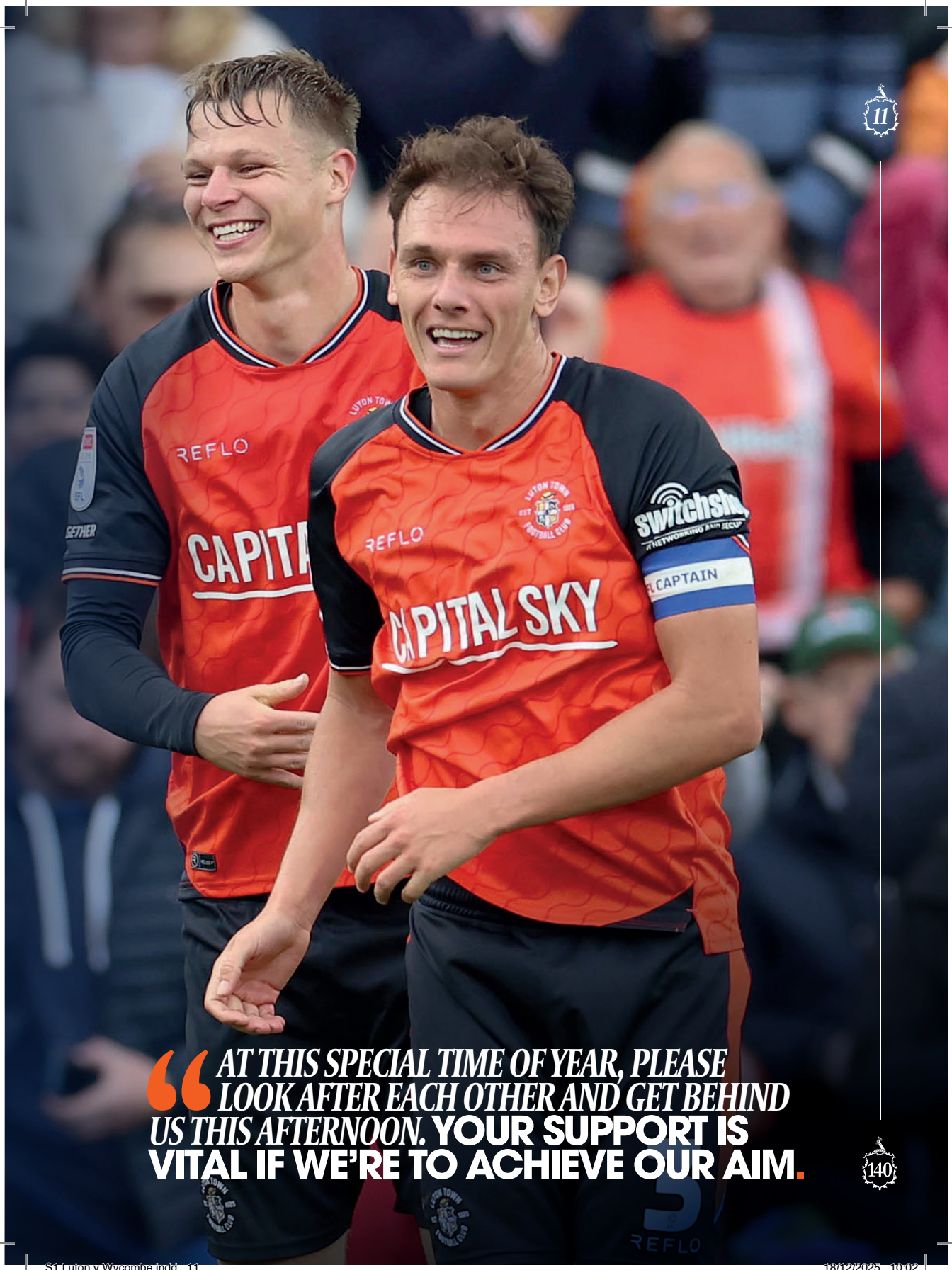
The standards in training and quality we have in the squad still give me every confidence of success and realising our goal come May.

At this special time of year, please look after each other and get behind us this afternoon. Your support is vital if we're to achieve our aim. It's the only way.

Enjoy the game.



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Football for a Fiver will return for the Hatters' Vertu Trophy Round of 16 tie against Swindon Town at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday 13th January.

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

Admission is £5 for adults and £1 for supporters aged 16 and under.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY HATTERS!

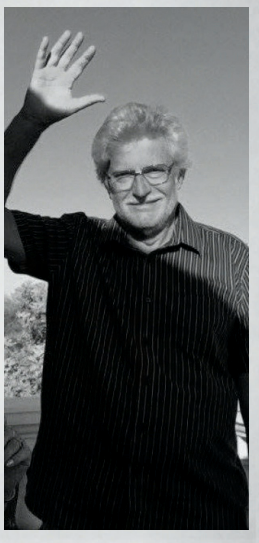
Many happy returns to **Arthur Bowley (below, left)** who is celebrating his 13th birthday! Arthur been a season ticket since he was three despite living his whole life in High Wycombe where he attends John Hampden Grammar School. His favourite Luton player is Jordan Clark and his favourite Wycombe player is Fred Onyedinma!

A happy birthday to **Caelan Cracknell (below, right)**, who turned 14 on Christmas Eve. Caelan is the grandson of our head of academy recruitment Lee Cowley. Have a great day, Caelan!





REST IN PEACE, MALCOLM



In loving memory of **Malcolm Rennie**, a devoted Town supporter and season ticket holder for over 50 years. Through highs and lows, Kenilworth Road was his second home, and the Hatters were always in his heart. His passion, loyalty and love for the club will never be forgotten. Malcolm passed away on 9th December, but his spirit lives on every matchday. Rest in Peace, Malcolm. Once a Hatter, always a Hatter x

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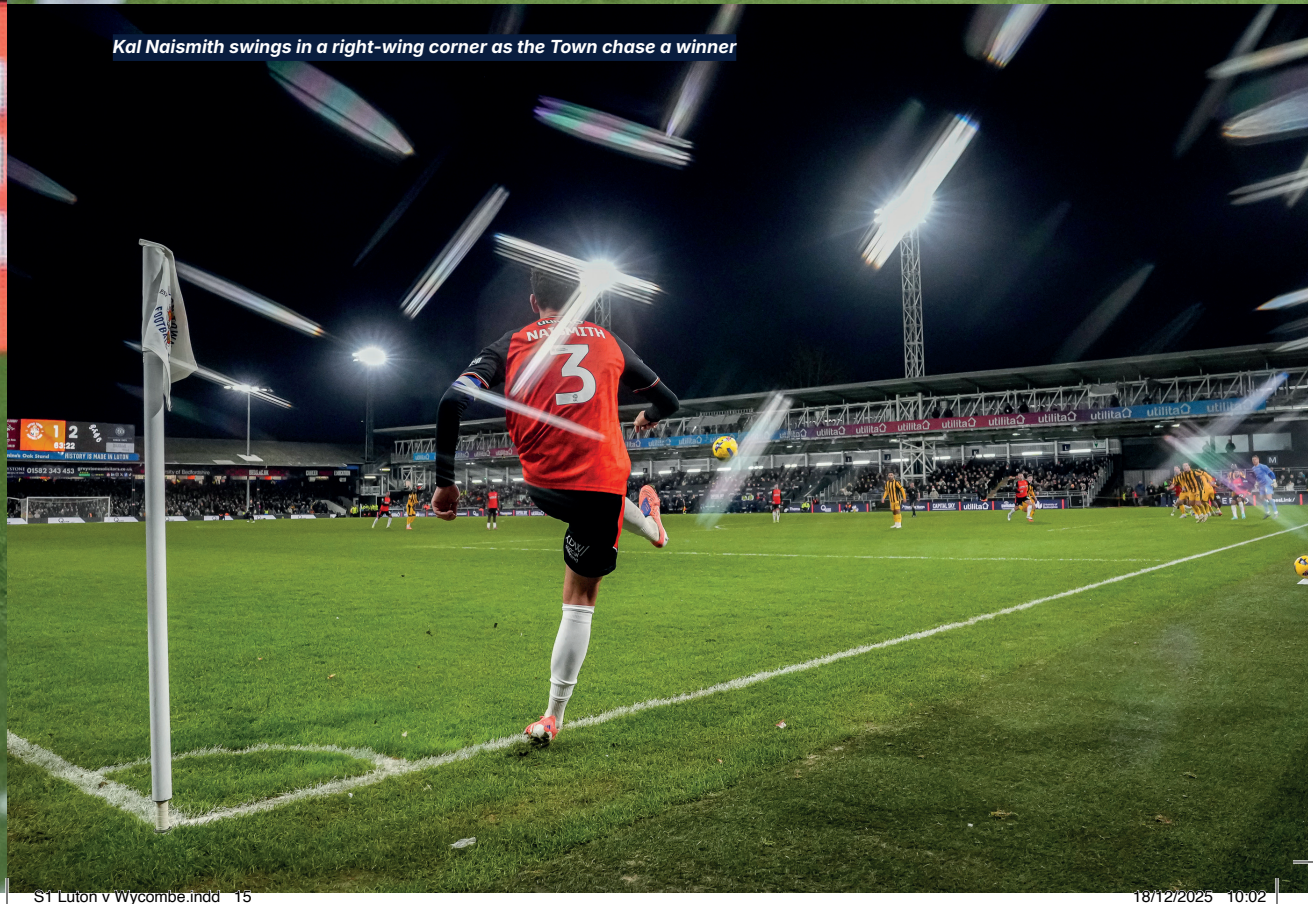
Cohen Bramall expertly fires the Hatters in front against Vale

The Town had to settle for a point against Port Vale in their final home match before Christmas at Kenilworth Road. Cohen Bramall's fabulous free-kick put the Hatters in front but Jack Wilshere's side could not build on that and bottom-of-the-table Vale fought back to lead early in the second half. However, the Town rallied and were rewarded when Mads Andersen nodded home an equaliser with 20 minutes left. The Hatters tried to find a winner in the closing stages but could not prevent a third draw in a row in League One to keep them on the fringes of the play-off places.



Celebrations on the bench

Kal Naismith swings in a right-wing corner as the Town chase a winner





Jacob Brown looks for a way through the Vale defence

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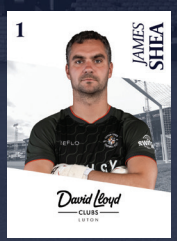
Lasse Nordås tries an acrobatic volley late in the game



Mads Andersen celebrates his equaliser

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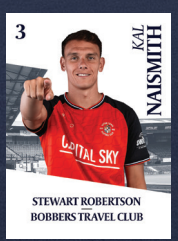
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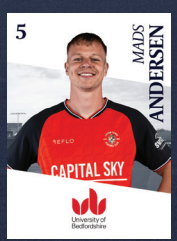




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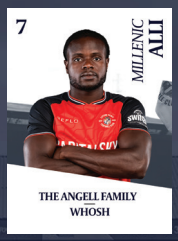




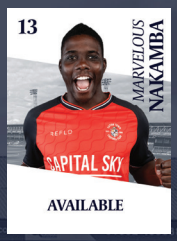
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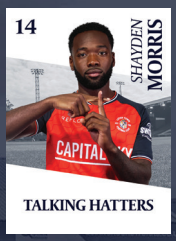
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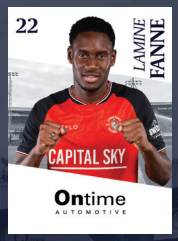




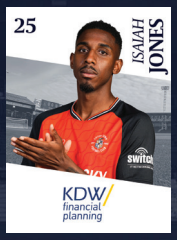










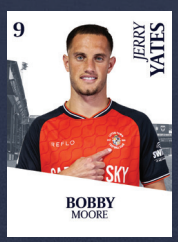




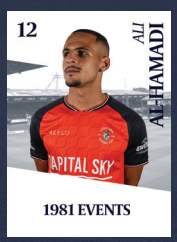


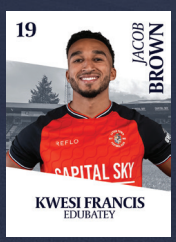


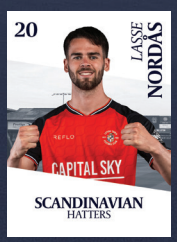
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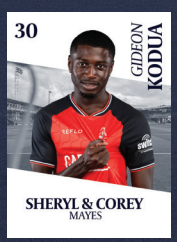


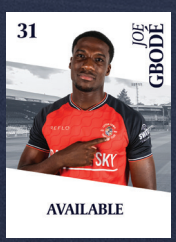










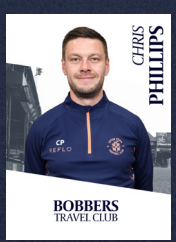


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At our last home game against Port Vale Cohen Bramall was named man-of-the-match and we had the pleasure of welcoming three mascots to Kenilworth Road.

Our guests in the Eric Morecambe Lounge also had the pleasure of hearing from Elijah Adebayo and Shandon Baptiste before the game where the duo met guests, signed autographs and answered supporters' questions prior to the 2-2 draw with the Valiants.

Post-match it was then Nigel Lonwijk's turn to appear in the Eric to digest the point earned against Vale.

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

It remains a busy period, so 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.

There is availability for sponsorship and hospitality opportunities for our next fixture here against Leyton Orient on Monday as well as our first home game in 2026 against Stevenage.

Finally, a warm welcome to our match sponsors this afternoon who are Ben and Jane Wright. We hope you have a great day with us.













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WYCOMBE WANDERERS

The Chairboys are in town as Michael Duff's Wycombe side travel to Kenilworth Road for this big Boxing Day clash on Bedfordshire soil.

After reaching the play-offs last season, the Chairboys have had an up and down season so far and currently sit mid-table.

It was a rough start to the season for Wanderers which saw them winless in the league until the start of September. Soon after, Mike Dodds was dismissed and replaced by Duff.

Since then, results have improved massively for Wycombe. Wins against Northampton, Wigan, Huddersfield, Leyton Orient and Lincoln have helped Duff's side fly up the table.

However, the last few weeks have been tougher for the Chairboys. Prior to their game against Bolton last Saturday, they had not won in five games which had seen them knocked out of the FA Cup and the Vertu Trophy.

Former Hatter Fred Onyedinma has had a strong season so far for the Chairboys, scoring five goals so far while Hatters loanee Cauley Woodrow is also a key part of the Wycombe attack, scoring five in all competitions so far.

The Town have won their last three games here against the Chairboys – all without conceding a goal. The Hatters ran out 2-0 winners back in the Championship in October 2020 with Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu and Elliot Lee on target.

Lee was also on target the last time Wycombe tasted success at Kenilworth Road when the Chairboys won 3-2 in March 2015. Wanderers have also won here on Boxing Day, running out 2-0 winners in December 2015.

A warm welcome to Kenilworth Road to all those associated with Wycombe Wanderers.

WYCOMBE AT-A-GLANCE

FOUNDED: 1887

MANAGER: Michael Duff

STADIUM: Adams Park

MAJOR HONOURS: League One play-offs 2020, x4 third-tier promotions, Conference Champions 1992/93

RIVALS: Reading, Oxford

LAST TIME AT THE KENNY: Town 2-0 Wycombe 3/10/2020

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WYCOMBE WANDERERS

THE AWAY END

The Boss

MICHAEL DUFF Former Barnsley, Swansea City and Huddersfield Town boss who was appointed Wycombe manager in September.

Goalkeeper

WILL NORRIS Started his career with Cambridge United and was in goal back in 2014 during the 1-1 draw against the Hatters in the National League when Mark Cullen scored a late equaliser.

Defenders

DANIEL HARVIE Scottish full-back who signed for Wycombe in July 2024 after departing Milton Keynes. Has been a regular in the team ever since.

ANDERS HAGELSKJAER Danish defender who came through the ranks at FC Midtjylland before gaining senior experience with Skive, Silkeborg, AAB and Molde.

DAN CASEY Began his career with Bohemian FC and has gone on to play in the USA, Scotland and now England. Scored his first goal for the club in a 4-1 victory against Leyton Orient.

JACK GRIMMER Scottish right-back with over 200 appearances to his name with the club. Signed in Wycombe's League One promotion winning 2019/20 campaign.

CONNOR TAYLOR 24-year-old defender who began his career with Stoke City. Left Bristol Rovers in the summer to sign for the Chairboys.

Midfielders

JAMIE MULLINS Also started his career with Bohemian FC but was signed by Brighton in 2023. Has since left the Seagulls and joined the Chairboys over the summer.

LUKE LEAHY Experienced midfielder with over 100 Wycombe appearances to his name. Also spent two years each with Walsall, Bristol Rovers and Shrewsbury.

ALEX LOWRY Rangers academy product who swapped Ibrox for Adams Park in January this year. Has played over 30 times for the club.

SAM BELL Bristol City loanee with plenty of Championship experience for the Robins. Has had an impressive season so far, recently scoring twice against Lincoln.

JUNIOR QUITIRNA 25-year old midfielder who had a successful season in League One last year with Crawley Town, scoring eight times.

Forwards

DORNELL McNEILLY Young striker on loan at Wycombe from Chelsea. Scored 15 goals for the Blues' U21 side last season.

FRED ONYEDINMA Championship promotion winner with the Hatters and went on to play in the Premier League. Left the Hatters in 2024 to rejoin Wycombe.

BRADLEY FINK Swiss striker who left Basel this summer to sign on the dotted line for Wycombe. Scored twice in the Vertu Trophy so far.

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HATTERS *versus* CHAIRBOYS

Historic meetings between the clubs down the years

SEPTEMBER 1996
THE FIRST MEETING

In our maiden meeting with the Chairboys, the Hatters open up and play all the football against a Wycombe side who power the ball forward at every opportunity. The only goal comes when Andrew Fotiadis heads a cross from Mitchell Thomas to David Oldfield who bundles the ball into the net. Paul McCarthy hits the bar with a shot late on for Wanderers, who have Ray Wilkins in their line-up.

BOXING DAY 2014
POINTS SHARED

Jonathan Smith hit a stunning equaliser as the Hatters fought back to earn a point in a thrilling top-of-the-table clash. The Town fell behind after just two minutes through Paris Cowan-Hall's header but Smith volleyed home from the edge of the six minutes later. Both sides came close to adding to the score, with the Hatters going close in the second half with Andy Drury having the Town's best chance.

SEPTEMBER 2016
HYLTON'S HAT-TRICK ▼

A Danny Hylton hat-trick – and an assist to set up Jordan Cook's first goal in a Hatters shirt – took the Town to the top of League Two with a comprehensive dismantling of the Chairboys. Hylton scored an early opener, then – after Cameron McGeehan had missed a first-half penalty – bagged a simple second and took responsibility himself for a penalty he won to claim the matchball, before teeing up Cook for an injury-time fourth.



How many, Dan?


Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu celebrates his goal in 2020

SEPTEMBER 2017
THE LATE, LATE SHOW

The Hatters produced a dramatic late comeback to pick up their first away win of the season in a frantic finale at Adams Park. The Town trailed 1-0 to an Adebayo Akinfenwa first-half header and had seen a Danny Hylton penalty saved. However, captain Scott Cuthbert steered in a 90th-minute equaliser that looked to have preserved the club's unbeaten record at Adams Park. But then, eight minutes into time added on, James Collins popped up at the far post to head in a late winner and send the Town fans into raptures.

OCTOBER 2020
THE TIMELORD ▲

The Hatters made it three wins out of four in the Championship after beating Wycombe 2-0 with Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu's superb strike putting the Hatters in front in the two clubs' first meeting in the second tier. Substitute Elliot Lee's late goal gave the Town added breathing space to send them up to fifth in the table.

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HATTERS
HOSPITAL VISITS

The first team squad spread Christmas cheer in the children's ward at the Luton & Dunstable Hospital and Bedford Hospital.

As our photographs show, the players were on hand to pose for photographs with patients and their families and handed out gifts too.

We wish to thank all the staff at both hospitals and send our love and Christmas wishes to everyone.

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Merry Christmas







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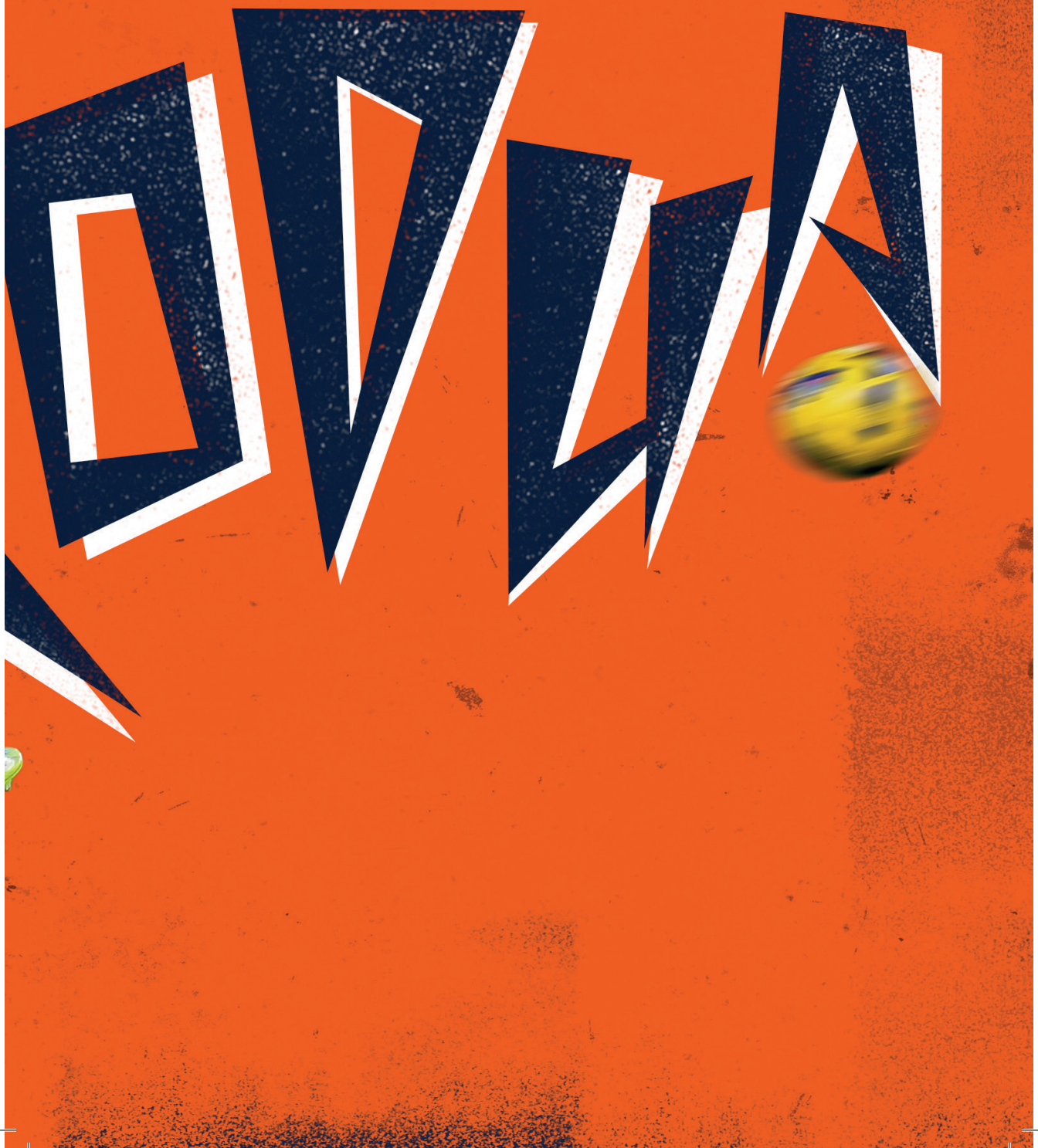






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The Trust Interviews...

Lisa McEvoy *Fan Engagement Officer*

Lisa McEvoy, Luton Town's full-time fan engagement officer, is a familiar, smiling face for many supporters on matchdays – managing events, greeting supporters and answering issues and enquiries before home matches, and often at away games too. Lisa is a visible point of reference, helping fans and liaising with the host club's matchday staff whenever needed. But there's a lot more to Lisa and her role, as well, as we find out.

We asked Trust members what questions they had for Lisa, and she happily provided all the answers. But before we get on to them, we wanted to know a little about Lisa herself.

I'm a Lutonian through and through – my great grandparents had the grocers shop on Marsh Road, and generations of my family have been brought up in the town. So I have deep rooted connections here and football has always been part of my life because of that. Grandad used to stand in the old Bobbers, Mum went to games from being a little girl and one of my first dates with my husband Gary was a home game against Tranmere on a cold night in 2003 (we won 3-1!) So when the opportunity to work at the club came up it was a no brainer really.

At the time, almost 16 years ago, I'd just had the first of my three boys and was earning a little bit of extra money handing out leaflets at the ground. The commercial manager at the time told me I was too good to just be doing that and he wanted me on his team, so I became an executive host. I absolutely loved it, the place and the people. I was still working as a hairdresser then but got more involved, helping out the commercial department when covering for annual leave.

Then, around four years ago, the job came up for a receptionist and, with a bit of persuasion from other people at the club, I applied for it and got it, initially part-time then full-time. I loved the work that John Miller, my predecessor as Supporter Liaison officer, was doing, how we offered that accessibility to the club for the supporters and vice versa; talking to people, feeding their opinions and experiences back. It really spiked my interest and I shadowed him for a while, getting increasingly involved, taking his advice so I could fulfil his role from my main reception desk when he wasn't in. When he moved on, I really hoped I would be considered for the role and was so happy I was successful. I'm very much a people person and it seemed like a natural transition.

So, what does the club define as your Fan Engagement Role? (Angus, Mark)

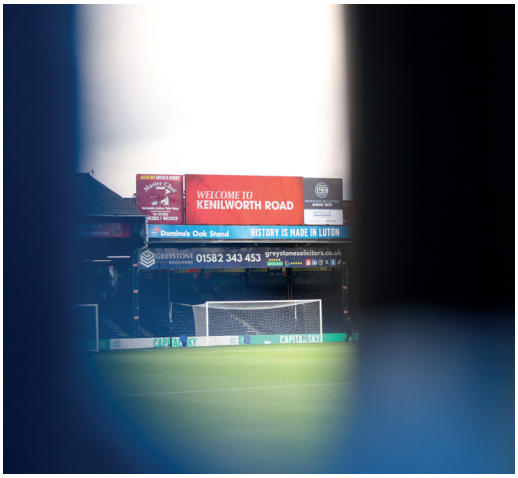
When explaining my role to new staff at the club I tell them that fan engagement plays a key role in creating and maintaining a positive relationship with supporters. They should feel connected to the club. Good communication channels are important to keep them informed, and it's also important to listen to their ideas and any concerns so they know they are valued.

My role is to be there for 12,000 supporters, 25,000 supporters, however many there are, because you've got your global Hatters in that as well. I'm here to listen to anyone who supports Luton Town Football Club.

That involves not just being a matchday presence, but also answering emails, which range from requests to feedback, meeting

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regularly with supporters' groups to share ideas and communicate. I also work with the Community Trust and our marketing, media and safety departments to enhance the matchday experience and communications in general, as well as maintaining contact with the EFL and other clubs. Then there's planning and managing matchdays and the fan zone at Kenilworth Road, along with our matchday ambassadors (I'm delighted to have introduced our Young Ambassadors, who are a real hit with our younger fans, they're so energised and clued up!) our mascots Harry and Hatty, and the children who wave the flags as the players walk out.

I'm responsible for accessibility too, and a visible point of contact on matchdays for supporters, visiting supporter liaison officers and home and away disabled supporters. On non-match days, I'm an online and on phone contact for all supporters. My message is – if you've got a question about your match day experience or club engagement, contact me, and I'll either sort if myself or pass it on to the relevant department if it's an area I'm not qualified for or able to deal with.

Relating to that, we had a question from a fan who sent in two complaints about foul mouthed verbal abuse by a Luton fan towards a specific player at an away game, but hasn't had a reply (Barbara).

That's one of the areas I'm not qualified to deal with, so it would have been passed on to safety to investigate who will ask the host club for CCTV, talk to stewards etc. – as they will if it happens at our ground. Sorry if the member didn't receive a reply, especially as this is something we've been made aware of on quite a few occasions recently. Normally if an email is about an issue which is across departments, we'll get together to discuss it and get back to you. That's an oversight, so apologies and I'll be in touch, Barbara.

Foul mouthed verbal abuse, especially that gets personal to individuals – and to their families – simply isn't acceptable. If you're that unhappy, just try to remember they are human just like you and if you want to vent your frustrations, take a breath first and email me if it will help. Do what you need to do but don't make it personal. How would they feel if they – and their families – were on the receiving end at their place of work? It also spoils the matchday experience for other supporters. Making your feelings felt is one thing, but not going that far.

Trust member Angus asked a) what are the key measures of your role? b) what would you say are your top three achievements over the last six months and c) what are your top three priorities between now and the end of the season?

Previously success for my role has been measured by happiness of fans and the email surveys. But we're about to release our Fan Engagement Strategy, which will be shared with the Supporters' Trust and will outline those measures and what we aim to achieve, and encourage feedback. We already have an annual fan engagement plan, but this goes beyond that. I'm very excited about it: it will be released in January, so watch this space! It's based on work we did on fan engagement starting in the Premier League season, which sets a very high standard and format. All my work is based on the demanding standards set by that Premier League season: that's the level we aspire to throughout the club and as we look towards Power Court, we will be looking to expand our fanbase, helped by the engagement we set in motion now.

Three recent achievements? Firstly, changes to the fan zone, offering supporters a covered space. With so many pubs closing in the town, I felt that was a really important thing to provide. As are the other facilities and events on the apron, enhancing and extending the fan experience at the ground. I couldn't have achieved this on my own. It was a collective effort from many departments who all supported the idea and helped to make it a reality. We are a strong team and always work to achieve more for the supporters.

Secondly, we held our first fans' focus group in October and we have another on the way soon. Meeting and listening to supporters in person and trying to connect more closely is really important to me. There's so much negativity online, and it's really nice to reconnect with people and actually talk face to face and answer questions. It's easy to point the finger at the club through social media, and some people take what they read on Facebook and run with it rather than actually coming to the source and asking what's happening. Focus groups give us a chance to talk, provide answers, and make changes where we can, as do these interviews and all the new ways the club is reaching out to supporters.

And finally, the fan engagement strategy, which again seeks to help people to reconnect with the club. >>

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My priorities for the rest of the season? One is to make all the accessible toilets stoma-friendly. I'm working on that now. Then there's the upcoming Fan Advisory Board, as part of the engagement strategy. This is designed to enhance transparency and communication with supporters. It's a consultative body that will be used to exchange ideas and information and secure feedback from our supporters' perspective. There will be a FAQ section in the strategy and we'll provide more information as we progress with forming this board. So please look out for that. I'd like to make it very clear, though, that this is in no way designed to replace or undermine our various supporters groups – it will sit below them to help, inform and enable them.

That brings us to another couple of questions which ask why as Fan Engagement Officer you don't reach out to independent supporters groups and what the club is doing about the sense of disconnection many people are feeling. (Mark)

We really do reach out to all the supporters' groups. Every time supporter information comes through to us (for instance from other clubs regarding our visits) it is sent to all groups through their chairs, including the Trust, Loyal Luton and the LTDSA. That applies to invites to events like the focus groups too, which go out to the whole database. I have personally tried to engage with all groups – all supporters' views, opinions, ideas are valued.

> ***"WE'VE LISTENED, WE'VE HEARD YOU AND THE WHITE SHIRT WILL BE BACK.***

We're addressing that sense of disconnection that some fans feel, too, with the new strategy, the advisory board, the opening of communications like the podcasters' open day, the Trust's meet the players event last week and so on. I'd love fans to make the most of the existing channels to communicate with the club directly, or through their supporters' groups as well.

My contact details are on the club website, as are those for Support Services, while Ben Kensell has invited questions too, in his recent interview. If you've got questions or concerns contact the people who can give a genuine answer, not someone on social media. All you need to do is ask! My email is lisa.mcevoy@lutontown.co.uk.



Thank you, Lisa. We think that message comes through loud and true. A couple of specific quickfire questions now. Firstly, for reassurance that the 'no white shirt' scenario won't recur (Chris) and secondly about setting up a contact platform for 'remote' supporters to get together and maybe travel to games (Neil).

Along with the Trust, we've already assured fans that there will be a white shirt next time and every time: it was a genuine miscommunication. We've listened, we've heard you and the white shirt will be back. And as for a remote supporters' communications platform, I think it's a great idea but not within my remit. I am always more than happy to work with the Trust and other supporter groups to find helpful solutions though.

Finally, a lovely message and question from supporter James, from Sussex, who brought his autistic eight-year-old son to his first game at Kenilworth Road recently as part of a very special 'three generations of fans' get-together with their grandad. James's son found the noise pre-match hard to deal with and they thought they might have to leave – but one of Lisa's team sorted them out with quieter seats and they got to enjoy the game together. Lovely! James wants to know if there are any plans at Power Court for families with additional needs to attend together. (His son wants to know how he can come and watch Luton again!).

Thank you James – and yes, there are. Better accessibility for all supporters is one of my priorities, and as part of that we will have a designated sensory room amongst other facilities for all fans and families. We want to be able to welcome all!

Thank you Lisa. Any final words?

Just to repeat that if you have any questions, I'm always here so please ask. And remember, positivity is infectious. When we get together at work, we're always looking for ways to make things better any way we can. And your input is welcome, so send us any inspired or inspirational ideas you have too!

Brilliant, thank you again Lisa. Let's all take that positivity message on board too and get behind the lads from pre-match to the final whistle and beyond.

Come on you happy Christmas Hatters!

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Wearing HISTORY

1995-1997 GOALKEEPER SHIRT

Today we feature a classic 1990's Luton Town shirt that has multiple purposes: first being a goalkeeper's shirt, the second a warm jumper for those chilly winter games at Kenilworth Road!

They certainly made them different in the 1990s, with the keepers shirt being super thick, with padding on the sleeves and elbows and, a rare thing these days, long sleeves!

A prime example of this was our 1995 to 1997 green goalkeeper shirt. Made by Pony, this is such a 90s kit. Bright, neon green in colour with the old school 90s Luton badge smack bang in the middle of the chest. The Universal Salvage Auctions sponsor just adds to the 90's vibe and brilliance of this shirt. We also had black panelling on the shoulders and down the sleeves, with a flappy collar to finish the shirt off.

If you are lucky enough to still have a replica or match worn shirt, you will know how thick this is, so much so that nowadays, you can legitimately wear it as a jumper.

The thinking behind this was to support goalkeepers when they are diving about on the hard pitches of the mid 90s in a bid to avoid impact injuries. Modern pitches are a lot softer and easier on goalkeepers.

In this shirt's first season, in what is now the Championship, things didn't go according to plan. We finished bottom of the league, so we'll quickly move on to the following season's highlights!

In 1996/97, our campaign in Division Two (now League One) was a more positive one in this shirt. We finished third in the league and made it to the third round of both the FA and League cups.

Juergen Sommer was the first owner of this shirt, before another big American, Ian Feuer (right), took over in goal. What an iconic goalkeeper he was! The popular stopper seemed so tall to me as a five-year-old, and I remember him making a lot of good saves.

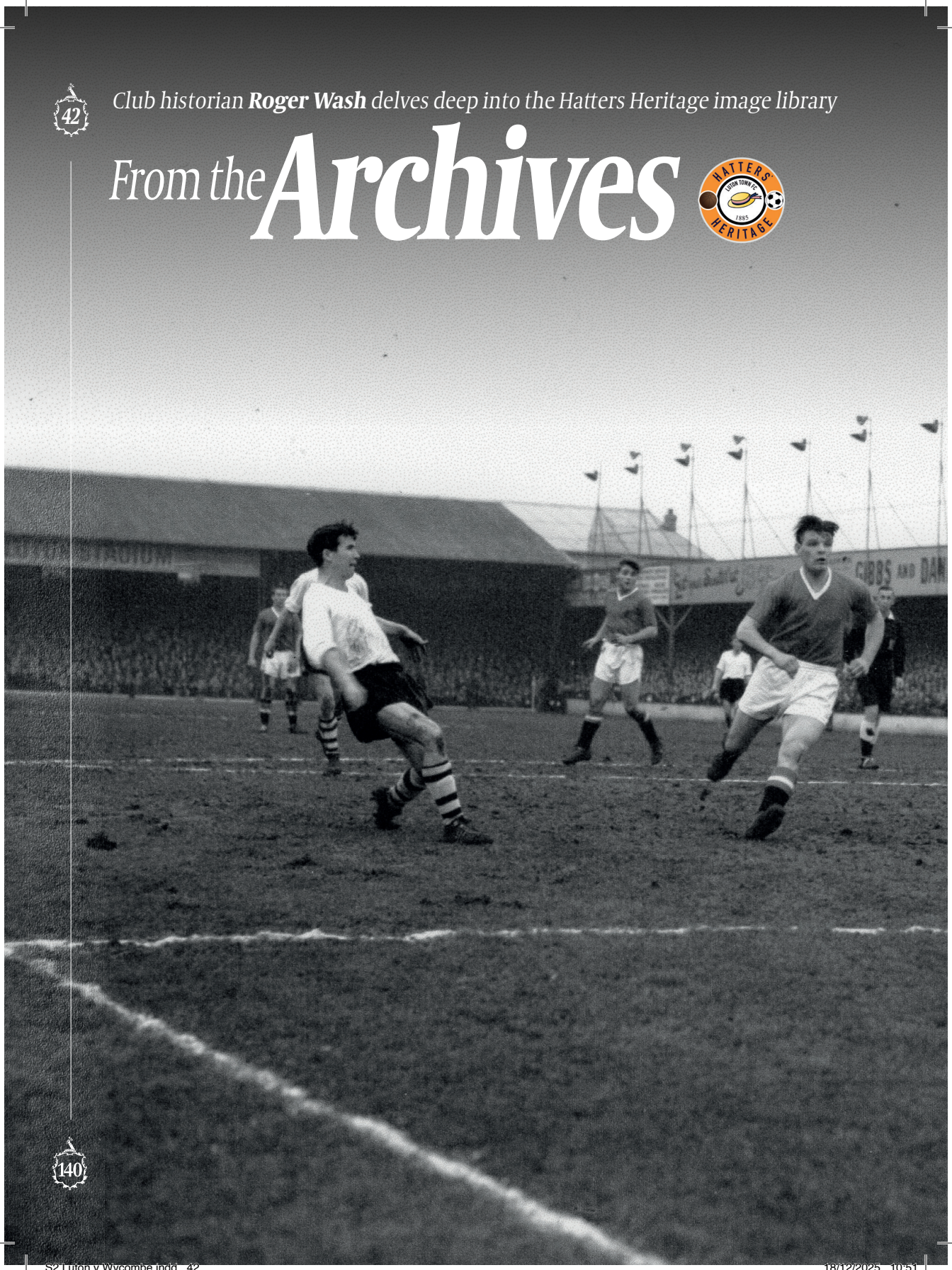
Kelvin Davis then came through the academy and was another to have donned this jumper – sorry, shirt!



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

From the Archives



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1957 was the last time the Town played on both Christmas Day and Boxing Day with champions Manchester United the opponents.

The Hatters went down 3-0 at Old Trafford on Christmas Day and 24 hours later 26,478 were at Kenilworth Road to witness a pulsating 2-2 draw.

Pictured is Jimmy Adam putting in a cross – sadly the three United players seen clearly in the photo, Duncan Edwards, Mark Jones and Eddie Colman, were to lose their lives following the Munich air crash a few short weeks later.

Inset: Looking for any vantage point to see the game.



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

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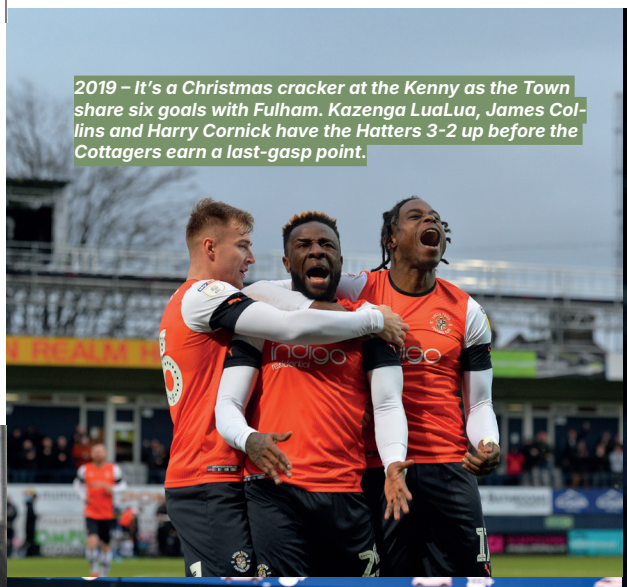
26th December



1958 – Kenilworth Road is packed to witness the Town earn a 6-3 win over Arsenal in the top-flight. Billy Bingham and Allan Brown both score twice while Jimmy Adam and Tony Gregory also find the target to down the Gunners.



2013 – Jonathan Smith breaks his leg at Barnet but the Hatters win an important three points for their teammate thanks to goals from Paul Benson and Alex Lawless.



2019 – It's a Christmas cracker at the Kenny as the Town share six goals with Fulham. Kazenga LuaLua, James Collins and Harry Cornick have the Hatters 3-2 up before the Cottagers earn a last-gap point.



2023 – The Town benefit from two own goals to fight back and earn a Premier League win at Sheffield United.



2021 – A late winner from Cauley Woodrow earns the Hatters a 2-1 win over Norwich at Kenilworth Road.



1979 – It's one of the Hatters' most famous Boxing Day wins as a header from Kirk Stephens gives the Town a 1-0 win at Vicarage Road.

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Celebrating a goal at Sheffield United, October 1994

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

Loyal clubman – Julian James, Part 1

One would imagine the fans travelling to see the Hatters take on Bristol Rovers on 18th April 1998 did so in higher spirits than they'd done in a while.

Four wins in six, helped by the arrival of loan superstar Rory Allen, had moved Town four points clear of the relegation zone and knowing that a win would likely guarantee survival.

The game didn't start well as Kelvin Davis fumbled a long-range shot to put the home side ahead.

But much worse was to come on 14 minutes when Julian James was involved in an off the ball clash with Rovers forward Barry Hayles, the force of which left both players writhing in pain. For Hayles it was a minor knock to the knee and he was able to continue. For Julian James though, it would signal the end of his professional career.

"I got to the hospital and they had to try and straighten the leg first because the bone was piercing the skin," James says.

"I can't remember the first night because I was on so much morphine. The next evening I had a message from David Pleat which was nice of him. Then John Moore came to see me."

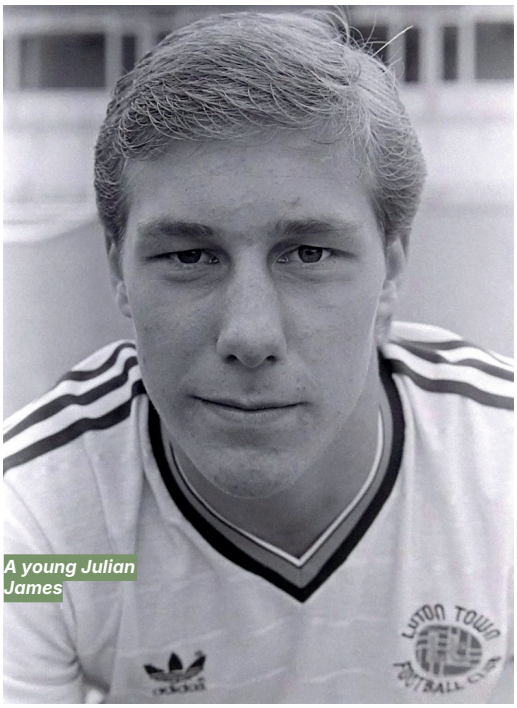
Four operations would follow and, though the club offered a one-year extension, it was a difficult time.

"I trained on my own for quite a while. When I reintegrated with the squad I wasn't truly fit because my leg was still broken. I should have had it rebroken but that would have meant another year out of the game and the club weren't willing to offer another contract for that, which I understand.

"I went to see a specialist and he basically said I was biomechanically knackered on one side. It was a hard time. Lennie Lawrence shook my hand on the last day of

> *"JOHN MOORE SAID THAT HE KNEW I WAS A PLAYER WHEN HE SAW I COULD HEAD THE BALL AS FAR AS I COULD KICK IT!*

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A young Julian James

my contract and that was pretty much it."

We were delighted to speak to James recently from his home in Weymouth, where he lives near another ex-Hatter, Steve Claridge.

He was born in Tring in March 1970. Whisper it quietly, but he grew up as a fan of that lot down the road.

"My Mum and Dad's family are all Watford. I watched the Graham Taylor teams growing up. They had some great players there. Gerry Armstrong, Pat Rice, Martin Patching. Then you had John Barnes coming through obviously, and people like Wilf Rostron in midfield."

His dad was manager of local side, Tring Tornados, and James started his footballing life there at the age of seven. For a player known as a defender, it might come as a surprise to hear he started as a free-scoring forward.

"I was quite stocky, and I bagged quite a few goals. One season I scored about 80 or 90. When I was a bit older, an opposing manager asked if I was going to the district trials. I had no idea about it. I went to Tring School and they should have been putting me forward, but football wasn't a big thing there.

"Anyway, I go to the trial and what do they do? They stuck me in midfield. I enjoyed it though. Lots of tackling and throwing myself about. John Moore said that he knew I was a player when he saw I could head the ball as far as I could kick it! I had plenty of interest, including West Brom, where Nobby Stiles himself picked me up to bring me to the ground. They were really keen on signing me but it was my first time away from home and I didn't fancy it."

Besides, the local boy had plenty of interest closer to home. "Watford were really keen. I knew Graham Taylor really wanted me. But Luton wanted me more. They were so accommodating and kind. I signed schoolboy forms at 15.

"Jimmy Ryan and John Faulkner were involved in the reserve and youth teams then. We had some cracking trips abroad. I remember once going to Den Haag. On a seven-hour crossing from Harwich, one of the lads asked Jimmy Ryan if we could have a drink. He just laughed and said we could have a 'couple'. Well we go into the bar and there's a group of drunk rugby lads in there. Then a group of female hockey players about our age show up...

"Jimmy pulled us out a bit later. He said, 'right you lot. You've got to walk straight along this line. If you can't, I know you're drunk, and you'll be fined.'

"Safe to say no-one was successful."

On the pitch, James was in the squad for the Littlewoods Cup final in 1988 but didn't make the bench.

However, his debut came in the weeks following that triumph, coming on as substitute at Southampton ("where Jimmy Case gave me a whack in the ear") and then a trip to Liverpool for his second game to play the champions elect. Some baptism of fire.

To be continued...



James takes the ball off Liverpool's Ian Rush, February 1991

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LTFC academy

With Lee Cowley
Academy Head of Recruitment



As we approach the Christmas period, the pace of professional fixtures intensifies, while youth fixtures begin to slow down.

This provides our youth scouts with an opportunity to recharge ahead of the busy New Year period. I would like to extend sincere thanks to all of our youth scouts for their continued hard work and commitment, particularly at weekends.

Our player recruitment process remains thorough and focused on identifying and developing the best possible talent.

One area of recent success has been through the Community Trust Football Programme. Their development squads across all age groups regularly compete against our academy teams, and we also observe their training sessions.

This allows us to closely monitor individual development and invite players into academy trials, with the aim of offering contracts to those who are successful. I have also recently attended a Premier League conference, which has allowed me to continuously improve my knowledge and adopt innovative ideas to enhance our recruitment process. Whilst here, I was nominated to discuss '*The Luton Town Approach*' with other clubs. This demonstrates that we are an extremely unique club, which allows all departments to work strongly together as a team, underpinned by a rich community-focused approach.

We aim to cover a wide geographical area to ensure we identify the strongest talent available. Our scouting includes grassroots fixtures, private academy matches and training sessions, as well as our own academy showcase fixtures across various age groups. I would also like to thank the Board for their continued support, as well as our coaching staff, whose open-minded approach and clear communication allow for a smooth transition from player identification to trials, and ultimately to potential signings.

I would like to congratulate our Under-14s on the fantastic achievement of winning a national tournament in Bournemouth recently. This season, we have welcomed a high number of trialists who have had the opportunity to showcase their talents, resulting in a strong return of new signings into the academy. Our current signed players continue to work extremely hard, and we are proud to have seen several young players make their first team debuts recently. This remains the aim of the academy: to develop footballers who progress into first-team players.

A big mention must also go to all our loyal supporters who have watched many of our young players progress and have offered continuous support throughout. Both the club and I would like to extend our festive wishes to everyone, and we hope you all have a very happy New Year.

COYH!



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UNDER-21S FALL TO BEES DEFEAT



Under-21s boss Alex Lawless

Jamie Odegah's header and a second half rally from the Hatters wasn't enough to secure another positive result in our Premier League Cup campaign, after goals from Isaac Holland and Andre Grey secured Brentford's immediate qualification from the group stage.

It was a less than ideal start for the Town in an otherwise quiet first half, finding themselves behind in the fourth minute when Holland scored from around 12 yards out following a smart corner routine that left the forward with plenty of time and space to sweep a low finish past Charlie Booth for Brentford's opener.

The second half threatened to start in much the same way as the first, in the 47th minute the hosts were awarded a penalty, though a fantastic save from Booth and excellent defending from the Hatters defence stopped Brentford from doubling their lead.

The heroics from our number one proved vital as just eight minutes later, an excellent driving run from Zach Ioannides down the right-hand side and a pinpoint cross from the full-back found Odegah in the box to power home our equaliser with an excellent header past Bee's keeper Matthew Cox.

Unfortunately for Town, their efforts in finding an equaliser would be undone just minutes later as Brentford midfielder Grey collected a ball into the box from striker Holland before firing the hosts in front for a second time.

In a more open second half, Town looked to exploit the gaps in Brentford's defence with the reinforcements of Archie Shepherd and Dawid Gawel from the bench, with Shepherd impressing by scoring a hat-trick the day before in Town's Under-18s' 6-3 defeat to Cambridge in the EFL Youth Alliance.

Despite a late sending off for the hosts and an additional five minutes of stoppage time, the Hatters were unable to find another leveller before the final whistle, leaving Town bottom of Group E after five games played.

Report: 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 L 3-6
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
Sun 14 Brentford L 1-2
Mon 22 West Brom 7pm

JANUARY
Tue 6 Leighton Town (BSC) 7.45pm

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



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youth PROFILE

Archie Shepherd

YOUR NAME? Archie Shepherd

WHERE ARE YOU FROM? Essex

WHAT POSITIONS DO YOU PLAY? Winger or attacking midfielder

WHEN DID YOU JOIN THE ACADEMY? As an under-16

WHO WAS YOUR FOOTBALL HERO GROWING UP? Eden Hazard

GO-TO BOOTS RIGHT NOW? Sketchers

FIRST TIME YOU KICKED A BALL? Aged four

BIGGEST LESSON FOOTBALL'S TAUGHT YOU? Never give up no matter what happens

FUNNIEST TEAMMATE? Fin Evans

HARDEST WORKER? Samuel Hincapie-Alfonso









BIGGEST INSPIRATION OUTSIDE FOOTBALL? My mum and dad

TEAMMATE MOST LIKELY TO BE A MANAGER? Kyron Roberts-Edema

MOMENT YOU'LL NEVER FORGET? The Swansea game in PDL Cup final last season

BEST BIT ABOUT BEING AT LUTON? Developing as a player and becoming the best player I can become

ONE THING YOU'RE WORKING ON? Scoring more and gaining more assists

PRE-MATCH ROUTINE OR SUPERSTITIONS? I have to listen to the same song before every game

FAVOURITE MUSIC... Central Cee

FAVOURITE GAME... EAFC

GO-TO CHEAT MEAL... Chinese

IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER? Business

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

THREE WORDS TO DESCRIBE YOURSELF. Funny, determined, skilful

ONE THING PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT ME... I won player of the tournament in a Premier League festival against the best teams in England

BIGGEST FOOTBALL DREAM? Making it as a professional footballer and playing in the Champions League

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LUTON TOWN FC COMMUNITY TRUST

Premier League Kicks Winter Cup

Premier League Kicks, funded by the Premier League through the Premier League Foundation, harnesses the power of football and sport to inspire young people to reach their potential in some of the most high-need areas of England and Wales.



On Monday 22nd December, the Community Trust proudly delivered the Premier League Kicks Winter Cup as part of our community programme.

Over 100 participants who attend our weekly Premier League Kicks sessions in Bedford, Tithe Farm, north, south and east Luton enjoyed a full day of friendly competition with all sites playing in a league format to ensure the young people got as much game time as possible.

The aims of the Winter Cup were for our participants to have a great time playing football, meet other young people and breaking down barriers between localities through sport.

Alongside the football, young people took part in a workshop carousel, including CPR training delivered by the East of England Air Ambulance Service, sessions led by our funding partners at the Violence and Exploitation Prevention Partnership (VEPP) focused on building resilience to exploitation, and inspiring talks from scholars at the Club academy. The scholars provided fascinating insight into their pathways to academy football, with a number of them having previously attended Premier League Kicks sessions.

The highlight of the day for our participants was the visit by men's first team players Isaiah Jones and Nigel Lonwijk, who observed the Winter Cup final and presented the winners with the trophy. Both players took part in a relaxed question and answer session with the participants.

On the day the team from our Tithe Farm centre in Houghton Regis were the winners and celebrated with the Premier League Kicks Winter Cup. All squads left with a medal to celebrate their participation.

Philip Hilaire-Moore, Programme Manager for Health & Community Services said: "The Community Trust is proud to deliver Premier League Kicks to over 250 unique individuals a week across all our sites.

"Premier League Kicks inspires young people to achieve their potential and develop life skills with access to free weekly football and multi-sport, mentoring and education workshops."

Shipaar Miah, Premier League Kicks Lead for the Community Trust, added: "It was great to bring Premier League Kicks participants from across Bedfordshire together to enjoy football and learn more from our workshop providers.

"It helps to demonstrate to them that they have more in common than they do in difference."

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Christmas at the Heart of Our Community

This month, the Club helped spread festive cheer by donating over 600 Christmas crackers to Dallow Primary School for their Christmas party, alongside EFL sticker books and stickers for pupils to enjoy.

The gesture brought smiles and excitement to pupils, creating a fun and memorable festive celebration.

As a valued neighbour of Kenilworth Road, Dallow Primary School also contributes to the smooth running of matchdays like today by generously providing access to its car parking facilities.

Bert Klemmer, Programmes Manager – Education, Employability and Learning, said: "This initiative was part of Luton Town's ongoing commitment to supporting local schools and making a positive difference within the community, particularly at a time of year that celebrates generosity and togetherness.

"By gifting EFL sticker books, it marks an exciting moment for collectors and supporters, who for the first time can enjoy the Panini EFL 2025/26 official sticker collection, featuring clubs from the Championship, League One and League Two."

> ***"THIS INITIATIVE WAS PART OF LUTON TOWN'S ONGOING COMMITMENT TO SUPPORTING LOCAL SCHOOLS AND MAKING A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE.***



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Ladies denied by late equaliser

Hatters' final game before Christmas ends in a draw at Dulwich

Tasha Fensome's second-half header was cancelled out by a 90th minute equaliser, as Luton Town Ladies ended 2025 with a 1-1 draw away at Dulwich Hamlet.

Myles Maddix made two changes from the side that was defeated at Chatham a fortnight ago. Nicole Melling returned between the sticks after a two-week absence, and Natalia Makowska returned to the frontline in place of Andie Dickens.

The Town started with a high press, with some persistent work from Fensome forcing the Hamlet to clear behind for the game's first corner with less than two minutes on the clock.

But, it was the hosts who should have had an early lead. A ball from Dulwich's right hand side was fizzed across the box into the direction of Fuller Fagan, who was unmarked but headed wide.

Jànaye Beaufort found herself in space about 25 yards out from goal and unleashed an effort at goal, but the ball drifted wide of the post.

Some smart play from the Town resulted in another long-range effort from Beaufort. Leyah Maddix held the ball up well and laid it off for the midfielder, who again could only fire wide of the target.

Nicole Melling was called into action for the first time just before the break. The Town keeper spilled the ball from a long-range Hamlet effort, but was quick off her line to block the rebound and Lisa Milliken was eventually able to clear, after a few nervy seconds from the Ladies.

After a dominant start to the second-half, Fensome headed the Ladies into the lead.

Taylor O'Leary and Maddix played a smart one-two on the edge of the Dulwich area, with the latter spreading it out wide to Natalia Makowska, who laid it off for Shanice Lewis to send a lofted ball into the centre of the box, where it was met by the leaping Fensome to power home her ninth of the season.

With 25 minutes to play, Courtnay Ward-Chambers was introduced for her first appearance since September, and it was almost instant impact from the Town forward. She collected the ball, drove into the box and aimed for the far post, but was unable to hit the back of the net.

Despite the Town's dominance, the hosts found themselves level with seconds of normal time remaining as Lucy Monkman's cross looped over Melling, giving Hamlet a share of the points and leaving them one place and one point behind the eight-placed Hatters in the Women's National League Division One South East table.

Town: Melling, Blacksley, Tambula, Fensome (McLean 88), Mulvaney, Maddix (Dickens 80), Milliken, O'Leary, Lewis, Makowska (Ward-Chambers 65), Beaufort (Leighton 80).

Unused subs: Hudson, Gayle, Fryer.

Report: Owen Williams

Picture: Duncan Jack



Celebrations as the Town take the lead at Dulwich

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 D 1-1

JANUARY
4 Cambridge Utd
25 Norwich City

FEBRUARY
8 Actonians
18 Chesham Utd
22 AFC Sudbury

MARCH
8 Milton Keynes
22 London Bees
29 QPR

APRIL
12 Fulham
26 Chatham Town

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Jasper Evans

Age: 9
Hobbies: Luton Town obsessed, playing & watching football
Favourite Player: Christ Makosso, Kal Naismith & Jordan Clark



Charlie Sanders

Age: 8 (Birthday was on 21st of December)
Hobbies: Football
Favourite Player: Jordan Clark

SECRET SANTAS

Can you guess the Hatters behind the beards?





Sonny Morrison

Age: 7
Hobbies: Football
Favourite Player: Jordan Clark



Macie-Jay Stevens

Age: 8
Hobbies: Football & Dancing
Favourite Player: Josh Keeley



ANSWERS: Cohen Bramall and Jacob Brown

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£21 Golden Senior (over 75)	£18 Golden Senior (over 75)
£25 Young Adult (under 22)	£22 Young Adult (under 22)
£21 Under 19	£18 Under 19
£13 Under 17	£10 Under 17
£10 Under 14	£8 Under 14

AWAY TICKETS

v Exeter City
Thursday 1st January, 3pm

We have received a full allocation of 993 standing and 168 seating tickets for this fixture.

Please note seats are for families and elderly supporters and will only be available via phone.

Only physical tickets will be sold for this game and will either be available for collection at the ticket office or sent in the post.

General Sale

Subject to availability, tickets are on general sale at one per person to any supporter with a previous purchasing history and any member without a previous booking history.

Prices:

Seating
Adults - £27
Seniors (Over 65+) - £24
Young Adult Under 24 (18-23) - £24
Under 18 - £13

Standing
Adults - £20
Seniors (Over 65+) - £17
Young Adult Under 24 (18-23) - £17
Under 18 - £8

Children aged 4 and under who do not require a seat will not require a ticket to enter the match.

Disabled supporters are charged the appropriate age-related with an assistant free of charge.

HOME GAMES NOW ON general sale

v Leyton Orient

Monday 29th December, 7.45pm
Category B

v Stevenage

Saturday 10th January, 12.30pm
Category A

v Lincoln City

Saturday 17th January, 3pm
Category B

v Blackpool

Saturday 31st January, 3pm
Category B

v Bradford City

Saturday 7th February, 3pm
Category B

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LEAGUE LOOK

LEAGUE ONE STANDOUTS

We take a look at the men making the headlines in the third tier as we reach the mid-way point of the season.

The 2025/26 League One season has already produced several standout performers, with a strong emphasis on attacking quality across the third tier.

While team success varies in what seems an open division, a handful of players have consistently risen above the level.



Barnsley's **Davis Keillor-Dunn** has been one of the most reliable forwards in League One so far. Towards the top of the scoring charts, the frontman has led the Tykes' attack through sharp movement and calm finishing. What separates Keillor-Dunn from many strikers at this level is his all-round contribution – he links play well, presses defenders effectively, and often creates space for others. His goals – including a run of eight goals in 14 games – and one against the Hatters – have come in important moments, underlining his value beyond raw numbers.

Yousef Salech, the Cardiff City forward, has also become a key figure in one of the division's strongest attacks. Salech blends pace with physicality, allowing him to stretch defences while still being effective in the box. The Dane's off-the-ball movement has been particularly impressive, regularly getting himself into scoring positions against both high and deep defensive lines – and is one of the reasons why the Bluebirds find themselves at the top of the table.

Leyton Orient's **Dom Ballard** continues to prove himself as a well-rounded League One forward. Another player to have been a regular scorer so far this term, Ballard offers more than just finishing. He's comfortable dropping deep to link play and is often involved in the build-up before chances are created. Having only signed for the O's in September, the 20-year-old has hit the ground running with his work rate and ability to bring others into the game making him a central figure in the O's attacking approach.

Now in his third season with Stockport, **Kyle Wootton** continues to be a constant threat to League One defences. His physical presence has caused problems across the division, let alone his goalscoring prowess. The former Notts County man excels aerially and is particularly dangerous from crosses and set pieces, but he's also effective with his back to goal. His hold-up play allows County to push higher up the pitch, making him vital to their overall structure rather than just a finisher.



Despite Plymouth's poor start to the season, one bright spark for Argyle has been the form of **Lorent Tolaj**. After successful seasons in front of goal in the National League and League Two in the past two campaigns, the Swiss-born striker has operated across the forward line, drifting wide or cutting inside depending on the situation. His flexibility has given the Pilgrims tactical variety, and his ability to contribute both goals and creative moments makes him difficult to mark – characteristics which have been a reason why he has been their top scorer so far this term.

PLAYER STATS *2025/26*

	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		LTFC CAREER	
	APP(S)	GLS	APP(S)	GLS	APP(S)	GLS	APPS	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	12 (4)	1	3 (3)	0	15 (7)	1	38	5
Mads Andersen	13 (3)	2	4 (0)	1	17 (3)	3	39	4
Shandon Baptiste	2 (2)	0	0 (0)	0	2 (2)	0	21	1
Cohen Bramall	11 (7)	2	5 (0)	1	16 (7)	3	23	3
Jacob Brown	3 (2)	0	0 (1)	0	3 (3)	0	58	7
Christian Chigozie	0 (0)	0	2 (0)	0	2 (0)	0	2	0
Jordan Clark	10 (4)	3	1 (0)	0	11 (4)	3	194	21
Fin Evans	0 (0)	0	1 (0)	1	1 (0)	1	1	1
Lamine Fanne	11 (4)	1	3 (2)	1	14 (6)	2	33	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	20 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	21 (0)	0	21	0
Gideon Kodua	9 (7)	4	4 (3)	1	13 (10)	5	23	5
Nigel Lonwijk	12 (1)	0	2 (2)	0	14 (3)	0	17	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	12 (0)	0	3 (0)	1	15 (0)	1	70	3
Shayden Morris	2 (7)	0	2 (2)	2	4 (9)	2	13	2
Kal Naismith	18 (2)	1	3 (1)	0	21 (3)	1	102	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 (7)	1	5 (1)	3	9 (8)	4	27	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	19 (0)	1	2 (0)	0	21 (0)	1	21	1
James Shea	0 (0)	0	6 (0)	0	6 (0)	0	116	0
Liam Walsh	10 (3)	0	4 (1)	0	14 (4)	0	46	0
Reuell Walters	2 (0)	0	2 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	20	0
Nahki Wells	11 (4)	1	1 (0)	2	12 (4)	3	16	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**	D	2-2	7	10,867	1,041	Keeley	Lonwijk	**BRAMALL 1**	Naismith	Mengi	**ANDERSEN 1**	Saville
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**												
TUE 13	**SWINDON TOWN (VT)**	**19:00**												
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*

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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**

WYCOMBE WANDERERS

MANAGER **MICHAEL DUFF**

1	MIKKI **VAN SAS**
2	JACK **GRIMMER**
3	DANIEL **HARVIE**
4	JOSH **SCOWEN**
6	TAYLOR **ALLEN**
7	ARMANDO **JUNIOR QUITIRNA**
8	CAOLAN **BOYD-MUNCE**
9	BRADLEY **FINK**
10	LUKE **LEAHY**
11	SAM **BELL**
12	CAULEY **WOODROW**
13	LAURENCE **SHALA**
15	JAMES **TILLEY**
17	DAN **CASEY**
20	EWAN **HENDERSON**
21	JAMIE **MULLINS**
22	FIN **BACK**
23	NIALL **HUGGINS**
24	DONNELL **McNEILLY**
25	DECLAN **SKURA**
26	CONNOR **TAYLOR**
30	GEORGE **ABBOTT**
31	STUART **MOORE**
39	RYAN **COLE**
42	MAGNUS **WESTERGAARD**
44	FRED **ONYEDINMA**
45	ANDERS **HAGELSKJÆR**
50	WILL **NORRIS**
51	ALEX **LOWRY**

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				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
Walsh	Alli	Kodua	Brown	Morris	Clark	Wells	Fanne	Nordås

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 did Bristol Rovers appoint as their new manager last week?

2. How many different goalscorers were there in the 4-4 draw between Manchester United and Bournemouth?

3. Who scored our goals in our last home victory on Boxing Day?

4. Which player suffered a broken rib and a punctured lung in the Sunderland v Newcastle match?

5. Who scored the winning goal for the Hatters in a 1-0 victory over Arsenal on Boxing Day in 1991?

6. Which club did we beat 5-0 on Boxing Day in 2011 in the National League?

7. Which two sixth-tier clubs made the third round of the FA Cup?

8. When Cardiff beat Doncaster 4-3 last week, in which minute did the Bluebirds score their winning goal?

9. Which Town player suffered a broken leg on Boxing Day in 2013 and recovered to play in the final game of the season?

10. Harry Cornick scored on Boxing Day three times in a row – name the opponents.

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

1 Steve Evans 2 Eight 3 Alan Campbell and Cauley Woodrow 4 Dan Burn 5 Mick Harford 6 Kettering Town 7 Macclesfield and Weston-super-Mare 8 99th 9 Jonathan Smith 10 Swindon (2017), Scunthorpe (2018), Fulham (2019).

TABLE 2025/26

Team	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Cardiff	19	13	2	4	16	41
Bradford City	19	10	7	2	10	37
Lincoln	20	10	5	5	7	35
Bolton	19	9	7	3	10	34
Stevenage	18	10	4	4	9	34
Stockport	19	9	5	5	2	32
Luton	**20**	**8**	**5**	**7**	**-1**	**29**
Barnsley	17	8	4	5	6	28
Huddersfield	20	8	4	8	2	28
Wimbledon	19	8	3	8	-3	27
Wigan	19	6	8	5	1	26
Wycombe	**20**	**6**	**7**	**7**	**5**	**25**
Leyton Orient	20	7	4	9	-1	25
Northampton	19	7	3	9	-2	24
Rotherham	20	6	6	8	-4	24
Mansfield	19	6	5	8	-1	23
Burton A	19	6	5	8	-8	23
Reading	19	5	7	7	-3	22
Peterborough	19	7	1	11	-4	22
Doncaster	20	6	4	10	-10	22
Plymouth	20	7	1	12	-11	22
Exeter	19	6	2	11	-2	20
Blackpool	20	5	5	10	-8	20
Port Vale	19	3	6	10	-10	15

TODAY'S Fixtures

3PM KO

Wimbledon v Stevenage
Barnsley v Mansfield
Blackpool v Doncaster
Bolton v Rotherham
Bradford v Wigan
Burton v Northampton
Cardiff v Exeter
Huddersfield v Port Vale
Peterborough v Leyton Orient
Plymouth v Reading
Stockport v Lincoln

TOWN Totals

	W	D	L	F	A
HOME	1570	695	635	5791	3263
AWAY	750	719	1418	3323	4976
NEUTRAL	6	4	13	29	43
TOTAL	2326	1418	2066	9143	8282
At KR	1440	667	581	5252	3017

5,810 games played

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SEASONS TO REMEMBER *1913/14*



Having been relegated to the wastes of Southern League Division Two in 1912 the Town were expected to bounce back first time but finished a disappointing fifth in their first season at the new level.

Aided by money donated by the newly formed Supporters' Club the Town splashed the cash in the summer of 1913, paying out £10 to Barnsley for Ernie Simms and a mammoth £40 to Portsmouth for Frank Rollinson in a bid to boost the forward line.

The money was well spent as the pair hit 45 goals between them as the Town looked to get out of a division that boasted only four English sides – the Town, Brentford, Croydon Common and...Stoke! All the other sides were based in Wales.

Some of the Welsh pitches were reported as being little better than cow pastures with pronounced slopes and less than friendly locals. Despite this the Hatters enjoyed a good away record, only losing three times, all in Wales, and included a 9-0 win at Caerphilly.

At home the Town set a perfect record and recorded two fives, two sixes a seven and an eight along the way. Arthur Wileman, who was to lose his life in World War One, was joined by the aforementioned Rollinson and Simms in a devastating forward line that scored goals for fun.

Easter was to prove the crunch time with two games against promotion rivals Stoke. A record crowd of 12,000 turned up at Kenilworth Road on Good Friday to see the Town win 2-1 and the score was replicated three days later in the return with 1,300 Hatters making the trip to the Potteries.

The Town, though, could not shake off Croydon Common who finished top on goal average. If goal difference had been around the top two positions would have been reversed!

SOUTHERN DIVISION TWO		PLD	W	D	L	GAV	PTS
1	Croydon Common (P)	30	23	5	2	5.429	51
2	**Luton Town (P)**	**30**	**24**	**3**	**3**	4.182	**51**
3	Brentford	30	20	4	6	4.444	44
4	Swansea Town	30	20	4	6	2.64	44
5	Stoke	30	19	2	9	2.088	40
6	Newport County	30	14	8	8	1.289	36
7	Mid Rhondda	30	13	7	10	1.486	33
8	Pontypridd	30	14	5	11	1.132	33
9	Llanelly	30	12	4	14	1.216	28
10	Barry	30	9	8	13	0.629	26
11	Abertillery (L)	30	8	4	18	0.863	20
12	Ton Pentre	30	8	4	18	0.541	20
13	Mardy (L)	30	6	6	18	0.5	18
14	Caerphilly (L)	30	4	7	19	0.204	15
15	Aberdare (L)	30	4	5	21	0.379	13
16	Treharris (L)	30	2	4	24	0.179	8

(L) - Left the league at the end of the season

Player focus

Arthur Wileman arrived at Luton from Millwall in 1912 and came to the fore in the promotion season with 27 goals, most of which were spectacular.



Season standout

£10 was well spent as **Ernie Simms** top scored with 28 goals. Ernie was also top scorer in 1914/15, 1919/20 and 1920/21 and earned an England cap for his efforts.



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