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Sam Nombe Striker Sam arrived on loan at Kenilworth Road from Milton Keynes for the duration of the 2020/21 season. After making 12 appearances that season, the Town decided against making his transfer permanent and at the end of the season he signed for Exeter. He went on to score 23 times in 76 league games for the Grecians before making a move to Rotherham in August 2023.

Jamie Campbell Birmingham-born Jamie was regarded as a utility man at Kenilworth Road with his versatility meaning that he was used mainly as a substitute. After making his Town debut in 1991/92, Jamie found his chances limited and moved on to Barnet, followed by Cambridge, Brighton and Exeter, where he was named the Grecians' player of the year in 2000/01.

Steve Basham Striker Steve came through the ranks at his hometown club Southampton before joining Preston in 1999. Made his name with a five-year spell at Oxford and then joined Exeter in 2007. He helped the Grecians to back-to-back promotions before arriving at Kenilworth Road in 2009 with the Town in the Conference but played just six times, scoring twice – both in an FA Cup tie with Rochdale.

Admiral Muskwe Zimbabwe-born Admiral came through the ranks at Leicester but with first-team opportunities with the Foxes limited he joined the Hatters permanently in the summer of 2021. Finding a place in a successful Hatters side was tough, and following our promotion to the Premier League, he signed on loan for Exeter, playing eight times. Now on the books at Morecambe in the National League.

Alan Kimble Left-back Alan played over 300 times for Cambridge before going onto play over 200 times in the Premier League for Wimbledon. Having started his career at Charlton he made one appearance on loan at Exeter in 1985. Joined the Town in 2002 but played just 12 times in what is now League One before winding down his career in non-league.

David Pleat One of the Town's most successful managers, Pleat began his playing career at Nottingham Forest before joining the Hatters in 1964. After nine goals in 70 league games he moved to Shrewsbury before signing for Exeter in 1968 where he would score 14 times in 69 league games. His managerial career spanned over 30 years, including two spells at Kenilworth Road.

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Welcome

Welcome back to Kenilworth Road for the first of two big home games this week, starting tonight under the lights against Exeter.

It will be our third meeting with the Grecians this season and we wish everyone associated with our visitors a safe journey home following the final whistle this evening.

On Saturday we host a Stockport side who we will of course meet again in just over three weeks' time at Wembley. Tickets are now on sale for the Vertu Trophy final and further details can be found elsewhere on today's programme.

A big thank you to those supporters who have made the recent trips to Doncaster and Wycombe – your support will again be needed once more tonight as we aim for an important three points.

Get behind the lads and bring the noise.

Come on Luton!

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THE BOSS

Jack WILSHERE

Good evening and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for another important game as we host Exeter City.

I'd like to extend my welcome to our visitors, including Matt Taylor and his staff and players who will be sure to give us a tough game tonight.

We come into this evening's game off the back of a great result and performance at Wycombe on Saturday that saw us finally end that search for a victory away from home.

I was pleased – relieved – that we got it. It's been a long time coming during which time we've had to endure a lot of difficult moments. There's no denying that it's been tough. We have recognised that it has not been good enough, so to come away from against an in-form team with a very good home record with a performance like that is massive for us.

We showed a level of intensity and maturity that also gave me huge encouragement for what lies ahead in the final nine league games of the season. We weren't silly in possession, didn't make any mistakes and used the ball wisely.

From our high press in the first half to the defending of the long balls in the second, I thought we fully deserved the result. I think we were genuinely comfortable and it was a shame we couldn't keep a clean sheet at the end because I felt the way we defended our box was magnificent all game.

That's the kind of performance that now sets the bar so, while we're delighted, it now gives us the opportunity to build on it. Let's see where it takes us.

Away from home has been challenging. There have been some okay performances but okay is not enough. It's not enough for us and not enough for your loyal support. That win on Saturday was for you and for those who have followed us on trips around the country over the last four months where we have fallen short.

The biggest cheer on Saturday was quite rightly reserved for the return of Elijah Adebayo. He has worked so, so hard to get back to fitness. As someone who suffered some bad injuries as a player, I know how much it tests you. So it was great to see Eli come on for the final minutes at the weekend and I know there's much, much more to come from him. To hear you chanting his name was very special.

Tonight we return to Kenilworth Road for the first time since the defeat to Reading in which we were all left shocked by how the result slipped away from us in the final stages. As a group we have spoken at length about how that cannot happen again and how this evening we can put that right.

This game is the first of three home games in a row at Kenilworth Road. We know our home form has been very strong in recent months, so it certainly gives us a chance to build some momentum going into the final few weeks of the campaign.

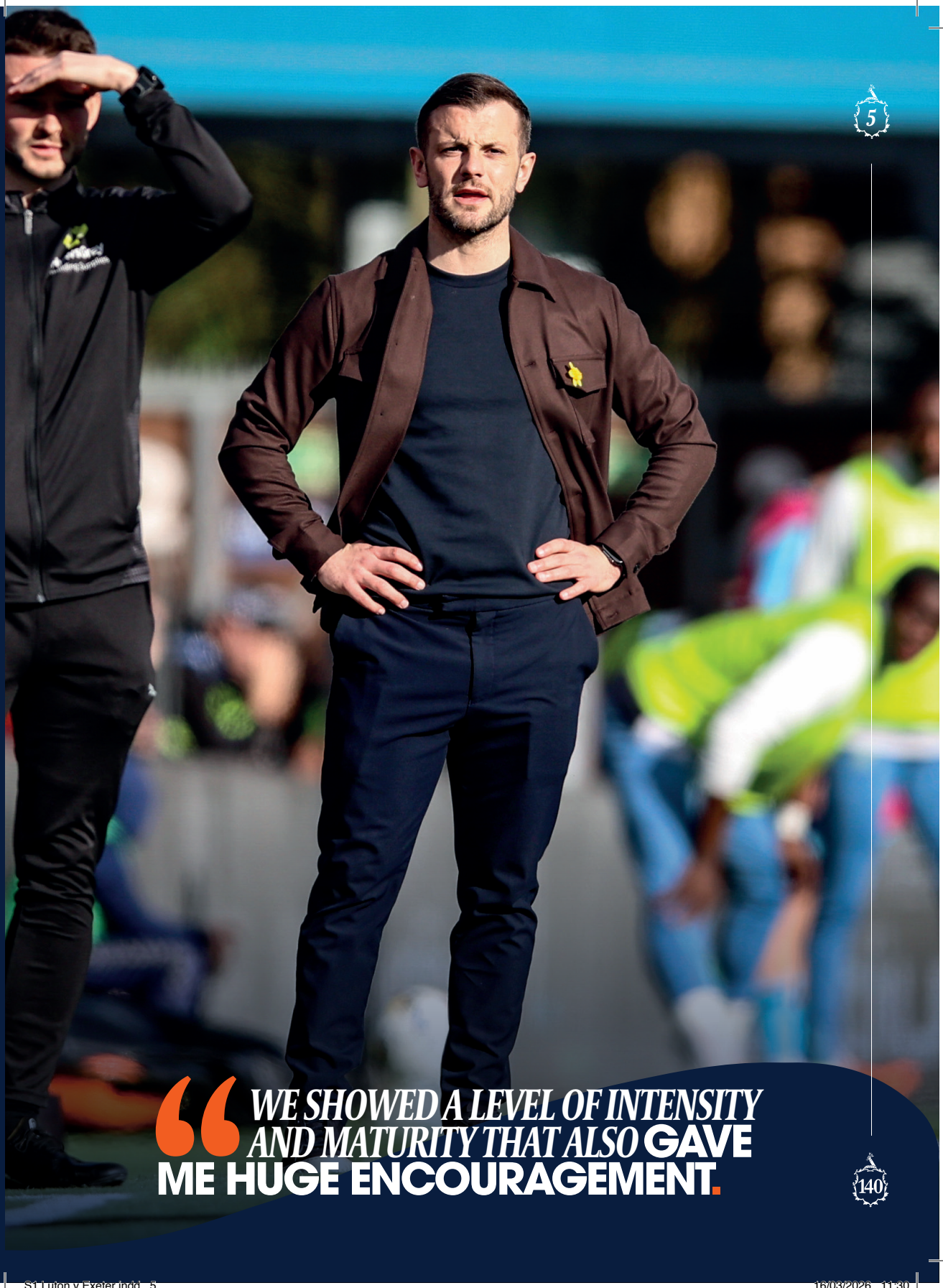
Thank you again for your support home and away in what has been a testing period. Your backing does make a difference.

Bring the noise tonight and enjoy the game.





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BOARDROOM

Jenn SMITH



A warm welcome to Kenilworth Road this evening as we host Exeter City. I would like to extend a particular welcome to the Exeter players, staff, directors and supporters who have made the journey to Bedfordshire.

We hope you enjoy your visit to our historic home and experience the unique atmosphere that Kenilworth Road is known for – although, of course, perhaps a little less enjoyable once the final whistle blows.

We come into this evening's game buoyed by Saturday's excellent victory at Wycombe Wanderers and credit to everyone involved for securing a much-needed win away from Kenilworth Road. Not only was it wonderful to see your loyal support rewarded but it was fantastic to welcome back Elijah Adebayo to the squad having made his recovery from last season's injury. It's great to have you back, Elijah!

Matchdays also provide a moment to reflect not only on the football itself, but on the wider work of the club and the role Luton Town continues to play within our community. As HR Director, I am always proud to see the efforts made across the club to ensure that our club reflects the values of inclusion, respect and togetherness that have long been part of Luton Town's identity.

One area where this commitment continues to develop is in strengthening the voice of our supporters. In the coming weeks we will begin advertising for members of our newly formed Fan Advisory Board (FAB). This group will play an important role in creating a structured forum for dialogue between supporters and the club, allowing fan perspectives to be heard clearly and consistently as we continue to evolve. Supporter insight and lived experience are invaluable, and the FAB will help ensure that engagement remains meaningful as we move forward as a club. We look forward to sharing further details and welcoming applications from supporters who are keen to play a part in shaping the future of Luton Town.

Accessibility and inclusion also remain key priorities. Our partnership with the Luton Town Disabled Supporters' Association continues to develop through the LTDSA programme, which enables ongoing collaboration between the club and our disabled supporters. We know that accessibility at Kenilworth Road is a challenge, however through open dialogue and partnership, we continue to identify ways to improve the facilities we have here, providing maximum accessibility and to ensure that the matchday experience at Kenilworth Road is welcoming for everyone.

This work is further supported through the Unite for Access campaign, who we were proud to welcome at our last home game with Reading, which raises awareness around accessibility within football and promotes greater inclusion across the game. Football has an extraordinary ability to bring people together and ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to

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The players are pictured with the LTDSA's Steve Moore and our Fan Engagement Officer Lisa McEvoy prior to our game with Reading to highlight our committment to supporting the Unite for Access campaign

participate in and enjoy the experience remains a responsibility we take seriously.

Community engagement has also been at the forefront of our activities in recent days. Last week we were proud to host our fourth annual Community Iftar, bringing together supporters, community leaders, partners and staff during the holy month of Ramadan. It was particularly pleasing to see our manager and two of our players, Ali Al-Hamadi and Davy van den Berg, join us on the evening. For Davy, who only joined the club in January, it was a great opportunity to give him a proper Luton welcome and to show that this football club is about far more than what happens on the pitch. Events like this demonstrate the depth of connection between the club and the town, and the role Luton Town can play in bringing people together.

With Eid approaching this week, we would also like to extend our warmest wishes to everyone who will be celebrating with family and friends.

Last week also saw the celebration of International Women's Day, which provides an opportunity to recognise the contributions of women across football and wider society. The sport has long been viewed as a traditionally male-dominated environment, and many discussions around International Women's Day rightly focus on the barriers women have historically faced within the industry.

However, speaking personally, one of the refreshing aspects of working at Luton Town Football Club is how rarely those everyday assumptions or stereotypes appear in practice. While football may still carry that reputation externally, internally the culture at the club is far more progressive than people might expect. Across departments, women play an important role in leadership, operations, community delivery and many other areas of the organisation.

The respect and professionalism shown across the workforce means people are valued for the contribution they make rather than the stereotypes often associated with the industry.

That does not mean the work stops here – there is always more to do to ensure football continues to become more inclusive – but it is something worth recognising. Luton Town has quietly built a culture that is forward-thinking, supportive and respectful, and that is something I believe everyone connected to the club can be proud of.

All these initiatives – whether centred around accessibility, community

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engagement, equality or supporter involvement – reflect a broader ambition: ensuring that Luton Town remains a club where people feel welcome and proud to belong. Football clubs hold a unique place within their communities, and we recognise the responsibility that comes with representing our town.

With the team continuing to push forward on the pitch, there is also the exciting prospect of a special occasion ahead at Wembley. A moment for the entire Luton Town family to come together – supporters, staff, players and community – united under the arch in celebration of everything this club stands for.

However, while it is something we can all be excited about, you have our assurance that our focus remains firmly on the league campaign. There are a lot of important matchdays between now and then, and our priority is making sure we continue to prepare, perform and collect the points we need week after week.

I hope as many of you as possible will join us on that day at Wembley, it will be a fantastic moment for everyone connected with the club. But until then, our attention stays on the immediate challenges in front of us and the work required on each matchday.

As always, thank you for your continued support. Your passion and loyalty remain central to everything we do. Please continue to get right behind the team this evening and help create the atmosphere that makes Kenilworth Road such a special place to play football.

COYH!

Jenn



A reminder of what it means to get to Wembley!

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THE CAPTAIN

Kal NAISMITH

We were all buzzing after Saturday's deserved victory at Wycombe which ended our long search for a win away from Kenilworth Road.

It was long overdue. It has been well documented that we have been poor on our travels. The results and performances have spoken for themselves. There have been occasions where we've simply not been good enough and others when we've played okay but not done enough to get over the line.

We knew we had to improve. As a group we've held plenty of meetings, had lots of heart to hearts and gone the extra mile in training.

Saturday, though, was an example of what it takes to win away from home. It takes a true team effort. Defensively I thought we were immense, the midfield were winning their battles and the forwards were doing the hard yards pressing from the front.

Against Wycombe we knew it would be tough but I felt we more than deserved it. We were disappointed not to keep a clean sheet because we had worked tirelessly, especially in the second half, to keep them at arm's length.

Defensively it hasn't been easy. We have often had to change our system due to injuries so it has been difficult to build partnerships and that can have a bearing on communication and understanding. The manager has a lot of great defenders to pick from, and hopefully we will soon find the consistency we're looking for.

I'd be lying if I said it wasn't great to score, but honestly, I just wanted to be part of a winning team. I know that some of my performances have not been up to standard. I hold my hands up to that. Reading here last time. That was on me.

Being captain of this club comes with pressure. It's a massive honour, and every time I put the armband on it gives me a great sense of pride. I have been gutted when I've let down those people close to me. That includes the manager who could have easily turned his back on me, my teammates, my family and you, our supporters.

Togetherness is what bonds us all. The full-time scenes on Saturday showed that. I've seen at other clubs that when teams aren't performing the fans just stop showing up. But to still have 1,500 of you supporting us means the world.

Saturday's result won't make up for a long list of indifferent away results just yet, so we need to carry on our decent form at Kenilworth Road, continuing tonight against Exeter.

We have perhaps been guilty of looking too far ahead. Before the weekend, though, we spoke that if we take it game by game we can show the best versions of ourselves.

Finally, a word on Elijah. It was fantastic to see him back on the pitch and the noise from the away end when we came on at the end gave me goosebumps. Here's to more to come from the big man.

Please stick with us tonight and enjoy the game.



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HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY!

We received the following email from Town fan Ed Hutton this week.

I am a Luton Town fan (and have been since 1987, when I was 10 years old. I live in Sligo, a small town on Ireland's north-west coast and have done since 2020. My mother is from the county and it is a place I love and came every summer to on holiday as a child.

There are a huge number of Hatters in the area, as many Sligo people came to Luton in the 1950s and 60s to work before they returned to retire in Sligo.

We, the descendants of those people, who were born and raised in Luton followed our fathers and were always regulars at the Kenny! Many of us (myself included) still do.

We had well over 30 people at the Sligo Rovers v Drogheda United match on Saturday night, when we were introduced at half-time. A large number of Sligo Rovers fans are also Luton fans.

Please mention Sligo Rovers and how good they were to us on the evening in how they treated us, and be assured that the Hatters family in Sligo, Ireland is as loyal and committed as ever, and that we travel over regularly and where health allows, we always will!

Great to hear, Ed and thank you for spreading the word in Sligo. Happy St Patrick's Day!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ANDY!

Many happy returns to Town fan Andy Watts, who celebrates his 50th birthday tomorrow. Andy was matchball sponsor at our last home game against Reading.

Andy has been watching the Hatters since he was eight and his first game was Boxing Day 1984 against Coventry City which we won 2-0.

He has watched many great players but his favourite player of all time is Mick Harford.

We hope Andy has an amazing 50th birthday love from his wife Siân and his son Ben.



REST IN PEACE, JIM KENNEDY



It's with a heavy heart that announce the passing of James 'Jim' Kennedy following a short battle with cancer at the age of 73.

Born in Northern Ireland, and moving to Luton in the early 1980s, Jim started following the Hatters, watching some of our huge moments in the 80s and 1990s, before witnessing our promotion to the Premier League in 2023.

Jim was a regular in the main stand with his two sons and was a season ticket holder for over 15 years.

Outside of his time spent watching Luton Jim was a very active man, spending a lot of time either on the golf course or on his bike. He leaves behind his wife, two sons, and three grandchildren that all love him and miss him very much.

Rest in Peace, Jim.

Once a Hatter, always a Hatter.

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Kasey Palmer has just made it 2-0



First-half headers from Kal Naismith and Kasey Palmer helped the Hatters to their first away victory since November with an important win at Wycombe Wanderers. A run of 11 games without a win on the road came to an end thanks to an excellent rearguard action – even if the hosts pulled a goal back deep into the stoppage time. But it was no more than Jack Wilshere's side deserved as the two goals extended the Hatters' remarkable unbeaten record at Adams Park which now stretches to nine wins and seven draws. Importantly the three points also helped gain ground on the teams chasing the play-offs and the Town also had the opportunity to welcome back striker Elijah Adebayo, who came on as late substitute for his first appearance since suffering an ACL injury in April last year.



Kal Naismith nods us in front



Nahki Wells goes for goal



Emilio Lawrence takes the game to Wycombe



Gideon Kodua spots a pass



Jordan Clark thanks the 1,500 travelling fans



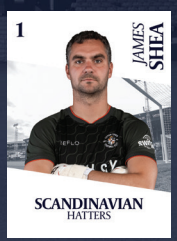
Elijah Adebayo in action on his return



Hakeem Odoffin produced a magnificent defensive performance

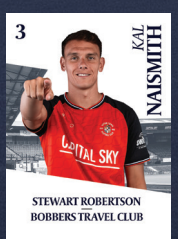
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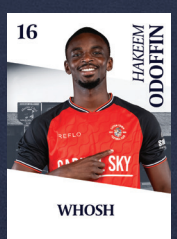


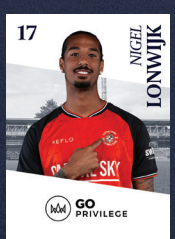
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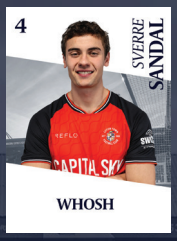




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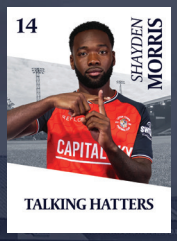
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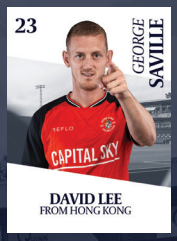


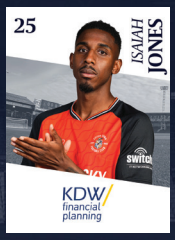








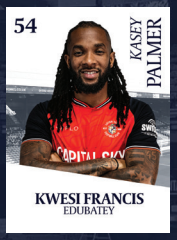






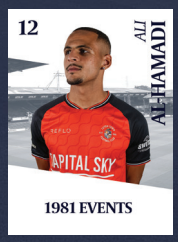




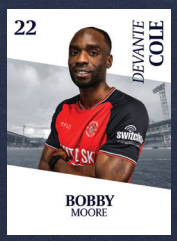


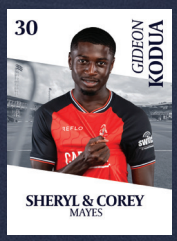
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At our last home game against Reading we had the pleasure of welcoming match sponsors Interfoam, matchball sponsor Andy Watts and nine mascots for the match against the Royals.

Our guests in the Eric Morecambe Lounge also had the pleasure of hearing from manager Jack Wilshere before the game and Kasey Palmer after the game, with the midfielder popping in to meet and greet guests, signing autographs, posing for photos and answering supporters' questions following the final whistle.

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.

Availability remains for our final four home league games this season. Please get in touch with us by calling 01582 411622 or emailing commercial@lutontown.co.uk.

Following the team booking their place at Wembley, there are a number of hospitality options for the Vertu Trophy final in three weeks' time against Stockport. If you are interested in finding out more about these, please do get in touch.

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EXETER CITY

The Grecians are in town as Matt Taylor's side make the long trip from Devon to Bedfordshire for this important third tier tie.

It's been an interesting campaign so far for Exeter who are looking to retain their League One status that they've held since 2022.

Last month, Gary Caldwell left the club to become manager at fellow League One side Wigan Athletic. Caldwell had been in charge for just over three years and had made a huge impact at the club.

Recently, Matt Taylor was appointed as first team manager until the end of the season. This is his second spell in charge at St James Park, after being the man who Gary Caldwell was brought in to replace back in 2022.

Young striker Jayden Wareham has had an excellent campaign for the Grecians so far and is certainly one to watch. He is Exeter's top scorer this season and also has over 20 goal contributions in all competitions.

Tonight will be the third meeting between the two sides this season. The Town ran out 4-0 winners in the Vertu Trophy in December before the Grecians won 1-0 on New Year's Day this year.

The Hatters have a strong home record against City, winning four of the last five meetings – the last league victory coming in League Two in February 2018 when a solitary goal from Harry Cornick earned the Hatters all three points.

City's last win here came in April 2015 when, despite goals from Luke Guttridge and Mark Cullen, the Town went down 3-2 in League Two.

A warm welcome to Kenilworth Road to all those associated with Exeter City.

EXETER CITY AT-A-GLANCE

FOUNDED: 1901

NICKNAME: The Grecians

GROUND: St James Park

RIVALS: Plymouth Argyle

MAJOR HONOURS: Fourth Division champions 1989/90, Fourth Division/ League Two runners-up 1976/77, 2008/09, 2021/22. Conference play-off winners 2007/08

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EXETER CITY

THE AWAY END

The Boss

MATT TAYLOR In his second spell as Exeter boss following a stint between 2018 and 2022. Made his return at the start of the month to replace Gary Caldwell.

Goalkeeper

JOE WHITWORTH Young goalkeeper on loan from Crystal Palace now in his second spell at City. Edging close to 100 club appearances already.

Defenders

JACK McMILLAN A regular at the back for the Grecians since making the move from Scotland to Devon in 2024. Has hardly missed a game since then.

PIERCE SWEENEY Irish defender and City legend who has made over four-hundred appearances for the club. Scored the winner for Exeter in the reverse fixture against the Town on New Year's Day.

LUCA WOODHOUSE Began his career mainly in non-league for the likes of Tonbridge Angels, Slough, Worthing, Banbury and Aldershot before breaking into the team at Exeter.

LIAM OAKES Came through the Grecians' academy. Broke into the first team last season but has cemented his place in the side this term.

ILMARI NISKANEN Finnish international full-back who has previously played for KuPS, Ingolstadt, Dundee United and now Exeter. Has over 10 assists to his name so far this season.

Midfielders

ETHAN BRIERLEY Brentford loanee who is experiencing his first taste of EFL football with the Grecians. He has taken it in his stride, featuring in every league game so far this season.

CHARLIE CUMMINS 20-year-old Irish midfielder who has spent most of this season with Weston-super-Mare in the National League South before being recalled recently.

JACK AITCHISON Scottish midfielder who began his career with Celtic. He gained EFL experience with Forest Green Rovers and Stevenage before signing for Exeter.

AKEEL HIGGINS West Brom loanee who has played over 20 times for Exeter so far. Bagged his first senior goal in a 2-0 victory over rivals Plymouth.

REECE COLE Experienced midfielder who has been with the Grecians for three seasons now. Also scored in the Devon Derby win over the Pilgrims.

Forwards

JAYDEN WAREHAM Exeter's top scorer so far this season with over 15 league goals to his name already. Recently scored an eight-minute hat-trick against Peterborough.

JOSH MAGENNIS Northern Ireland international with experience all across the EFL and Scotland. Scored the equaliser for the Grecians in a recent 1-1 draw with Burton.

CARLOS MENDES GOMES Former Hatter who makes his return to Kenilworth Road. Currently on loan at Exeter from fellow League One side Bolton Wanderers.

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HATTERS *versus* GRECIANS

Historic meetings between the clubs down the years

MARCH 2002

HOWARD'S WAY

After a few early scares, the in-form Town took control against the lowly Grecians with Steve Howard heading in at the far post following a Kevin Nicholls free-kick on 27 minutes. The big striker doubled his and the Hatters' tally midway through the second half before a looping header by Matthew Taylor made it three to rubber stamp the Town's seventh straight win in Division Three (now League Two).

DECEMBER 2015

BENSON'S LATE SHOW ▼

Paul Benson's 100th-minute winner handed the Hatters a dramatic late victory in a thrilling, topsy-turvy encounter under caretaker boss Andy Awford. The experienced striker was in the right place at the time in the 10th minute of added time to seal a remarkable win on the road. Goals from Cameron McGeehan and Danny Green had the Hatters 2-0 in front at the break but hosts Exeter pulled a goal back with 20 minutes left through Tom Nichols' free-kick. Paul Tisdale's side completed the comeback when Alex Nicholls headed home with seven minutes left to play but Benson struck at the death to swing the three points into the Hatters' hands.



Paul Benson celebrates his late, late winner



Harry Cornick celebrates his first goal for the Hatters in 2017

MAY 2016

END-OF-SEASON SUCCESS

A 10-minute three-goal sucker-punch gave the Hatters a flourishing finish as their 2015/16 season culminated in a 4-1 victory. Jack Marriott netted twice to end the campaign with 16 goals, following up a first-half header with a left-foot drive to seal the resounding win. Cameron McGeehan opened the scoring with a deflected free-kick, while Joe Pigott's excellent long-range strike made it three. Ex-Hatter Jayden Stockley threatened a comeback for the visitors just inside the second half, but Marriott's second ensured it was all smiles to end the year in a game that saw James Justin make his debut.

OCTOBER 2017

FOUR-MIDABLE! ▲

The Hatters moved to the top of League Two with a 4-1 victory at fellow promotion chasers Exeter City. Nathan Jones' men made it eight games unbeaten, including seven wins, with a thrilling second-half display in Devon after James Collins' first-half opener had been cancelled out by Jake Taylor. Dan Potts marked his return from suspension with his second goal of the season just after half-time, before Danny Hylton netted his eighth and Harry Cornick bagged his first for the club as the Town made it four wins in a row – a run in which they have netted 16 times.

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We are pleased to confirm ticket information to supporters for the Vertu Trophy Final at Wembley Stadium on Sunday 12th April, 3pm kick-off.

The Town will be allocated an initial 25,340, to a maximum of 36,799 general admission tickets for the East side of Wembley. Tickets will be sold from the North Stand round to the South Stand.

All supporters are reminded that they will require an LTFC Club Account to be able to purchase tickets.

PRICES

Cat 1 - £60 Adults, £45 Young Adult, £30 Over 65

Cat 2 - £48 Adults, £36 Young Adult, £24 Over 65

Cat 3 - £42 Adults, £31.50 Young Adult, £21 Over 65

Cat 4 - £36 Adults, £27 Young Adult, £18 Over 65

Cat 5 - £28 Adults, £21 Young Adult, £14 Over 65

Cat 6 - £20 Adults, £15 Young Adult, £10 Over 65

£10 tickets are available for all Juniors aged 16 years and under.

The price categories will be sold on a first come first served basis and are subject to availability.

HOW TO BUY

Tickets will not be available in person at the Luton Town ticket office; they will only be available online at www.eticketing.co.uk/lutontown. You will need to log into your LTFC+ Account, the same as you would for purchasing normal matchday tickets, all tickets will be digital tickets.

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Due to anticipated demand the Club and Ticketmaster advise no tickets will be sold directly from the Ticket Office.

Each Supporter can purchase 4 tickets per account. If networked to other supporters you will be able to purchase up to 9 in one transaction.

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Period 2: All Season Ticket Holders
Tickets on sale from 10am Friday 13th March

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DISABLED TICKETS

There are a number of Wheelchair and Ambulant Disabled tickets with accompanying Personal Assistant tickets available.

These are sold under the same periods of sale noted above to request a booking please email disabilityliaison@lutontown.co.uk (proof of DLA or PIP will be required if not already held by the club for this season), please only email within your relevant sales period, anyone emailing before will not receive a response.

Full details including travel arrangements, car parking, hospitality and ground regulations can be found on our official website.

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TRUST THE PROCESS

Odoffin reflects on Doncaster draw

Hakeem Odoffin has urged the Hatters faithful to stick with the side after explaining that the Town squad are doing everything they can to sort out their away-day woes.

Speaking to LTFC+ after the 1-1 draw with Doncaster, a game in which Town took the lead through Kasey Palmer's spectacular first strike for the side, Odoffin sympathised with fans while looking to take the positives from a frustrating evening in South Yorkshire.

Odoffin, who completing his first 90 minutes for the Hatters since the 1-1 draw at home to Bolton Wanderers, said: "Whenever you go 1-0 up in a game you want to build on that, keep adding goals and stay in the ascendancy. I feel as though even though the first half wasn't perfect, we were definitely on the front foot and creating chances, we were happy to be going into half-time with the advantage.

"In the second half there was a more direct approach from them, especially with the wind on their side and the balls in behind caused problems. I feel as though there was some really good defending from the boys, especially at the end, when you concede a goal, it is so important that you don't double down and lose the game. I am happy that we didn't capitulate and let our heads drop, we didn't lose the game, but obviously when you go a goal up you want to leave with three points."

When asked how the side can get over their away day hurdles, Odoffin responded by calling on the squad to trust in the process.

"It's like what the gaffer says with sticking to the process," he said. "I think we have found a way that we want to play and at times in the first half we were finding those spaces and making the right passes, but we probably didn't do quite enough in the end. In the second half it was more of a defensive effort. Yes, we conceded a goal, but we were determined not to lose this game, it's important now to go into the weekend to try and get three points.

"The fans are fantastic. It is as simple as that. We feel and mirror their frustration, especially with all the results away from home. It is something that hurts all of us in the changing room, it is something we want to correct. Like I was saying, to leave the game with only a point isn't what we wanted but we have to take pride in seeing the game out. There is no point in feeling sorry for yourself because there's another game at the weekend that gives us the chance to put it right."

With a long and testing spell out of the side with injury, the defender was pleased to finally return to the starting XI and expressed his delight in making it through the game unscathed.

"I'm glad to get through this 90," Odoffin added. "It is always difficult when you're out for a long period of time, but I feel good. It was definitely a scrap towards the end of the game, it was good though to see my body get through that. Now it is all about recovery and being ready for the next challenge."

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ADEBAYO ALL SMILES ON TOWN RETURN

Striker happy to be back and play a part in a crucial victory

"I need to thank the medical staff for all they have done for the past 343 days – not that anyone's been counting!"

It was a sentence that said it all after a poignant day for Elijah Adebayo after the striker made it back to first team action for the first time in almost a year at Wycombe on Saturday.

Having left the field with an ACL injury in the 1-1 draw with Leeds at Kenilworth Road almost a year ago, the frontman's return as a late substitute in Saturday's win at Adams Park raised the biggest cheer of the afternoon.

"It's been a long, long road but I'm absolutely delighted to be back – and what a way to do it with a win," the 28-year-old told LTFC+ in the aftermath of his comeback.

"There's smiles all round, there's happiness all round. It's a great afternoon.

"The fans have been great from start to finish, it was lovely to see them again and see them in their numbers singing."

Adebayo, though, reserved his highest praise to the Hatters medical team, including head physiotherapist Chris Phillips and the long-serving Simon Parsell, and manager Jack Wilshere.

"They have been fantastic," he said. "Chris, Si, everyone in the department, to be with me every day. They've pushed me, and I've pushed them so it's been a lovely day for us all.

"The coaching staff have been brilliant for me, too. I've wanted to be out there as soon as possible and the manager said 'you'll get your moment, just be patient'. I said that was fine, all I wanted to do was just help.

"I think being around the boys, even when I wasn't close to a return, was good for me. And the lads themselves have been a great help."

The striker, who came on as an 89th-minute substitute, now hopes the Town can build on their first win away from home since November between now and the end of the season.

"Football can be cruel sometimes," said Adebayo. "Sometimes we've played well and still not got the result we wanted but this was a complete performance from front to back.

"I was so proud of the boys, individually and collectively. We've been working hard and we were able to get a result.

"Now we'll go back to Kenilworth Road on Tuesday. We'll rest and recover. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone again.

"We know we have to back-up this result but we will take it one game at a time. There's no need to rush, or panic. Just take our time and see where the next game takes us."

It's great to have you back Eli!

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THE VIEW FROM THE PRESS BOX

The Luton News sports editor witnesses the return of Elijah Adebayo at Wycombe and tells of the striker's ambition

343 days then. 343 long days. That was the exact amount of time that had passed between Elijah Adebayo's last outing on a football field for Luton and his return to competitive action when coming off the bench against Wycombe Wanderers at the weekend.

It was clearly a number that had been imprinted on his brain too, the forward quick to remind everyone just how long an absence it had been from the time he hobbled off on his 182nd appearance for the club against Leeds United to finally making it 183 on Saturday.

Some people might relish such a lengthy period of absence from their job, but not footballers, and certainly not Adebayo, who has had to watch on frustratedly as Town suffered a second successive relegation to plummet from the Championship back to League One.

Ticking off the minutes needed when playing for the Under-21s twice, just being in the squad gave those who had made the journey to Adams Park cause for optimism too, his name bellowed out from the stands, and that was when he came to warm up.

On the bench for the fixture, it was always hoped he would get his chance, and with Town 2-0 up in the second period and Nahki Wells having to come off, the visiting faithful held their breath hoping it would be Adebayo, although Devante Cole rightly got the nod instead due the time left in the contest.

Then in the closing stages, boss Jack Wilshere swapped to a 4-4-2, pushing Kasey Palmer further forward alongside Cole, as you could tell Adebayo would be inbound for the final stages.

He was, and yes, the visiting fans enjoyed both Kal Naismith and Palmer's first half goals, but the poignant and wonderfully loud ovation that the forward got topped the lot.

He had a few touches too, helping Luton keep the ball in an advanced area which meant when Wycombe did find the net late on, it was thankfully no more than a mere consolation.



Elijah Adebayo: Back in Luton colours at last

With Adebayo back and nine games of the season left, 10 with the Vertu Trophy final, the forward openly admitted he hopes it will in fact be 13, and another trip to Wembley in the play-off final – although both manager and players were keen to state the old cliché of 'one game at time' during the run-in.

With the Rotherham match postponed, Luton now have four of their next five on home soil, as after hosting Exeter tonight, they entertain Stockport, Peterborough and Northampton, with a trip to AFC Wimbledon in between.

Although the Hatters' hit and miss results up until now means it's a tall ask, if they can deliver the kind of performances they did against Bradford City, and the majority of the contest versus Reading, along with finally ending their away hoodoo in Buckinghamshire, then there's still a chance Adebayo's wishes might come true.

And we all know just how much he enjoys a play-off final at the home of English football.

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The Trust Interviews...

Viv Long *Hospitality Manager*

Viv Long is a familiar, welcoming face well known to fans who've attended club events or enjoyed match day hospitality. We talked to her about what brought her to Luton Town, how her role has changed – and what the working experience is like for women in football, as we have recently celebrated International Women's Day.

Hello Viv – can you start by telling us a bit about yourself please?

I was born in Oxford and I moved around a bit as my dad was with the RAF, and then came to Luton with my mum in 1999. I'd never heard of Luton Town at that point, but my stepfather is a massive fan. I never really intended to get into football; it just sort of happened.

In 2011 I was in my second year at university doing a PR degree and had a part-time job at Sainsburys as an ambassador, helping them get good PR across the town. Around Sport Relief or Comic Relief time, I can't remember which now, I came up with the idea of emailing the football club to see if we could have some players for a personal appearance. I was quite persistent. I sent lots of messages to David Hoskins who was commercial manager at the time, and he eventually brought two players along. He told me they didn't usually do that and were only there because I was persistent in bothering him about it! When he asked me what I wanted to do with my career, I replied that I wanted a nice job in London in PR – that was my ambition. He then asked me if I got a placement year of part of my course, and offered me a place at the club. That was in the Conference days. David didn't really sell me anything about the club, he just said it would look good on my CV! I had no idea what 'commercial' was, or what job I was going into, but placements were hard to come by so I signed up for it.

So I did my placement year and then said 'thanks very much, I had a great year but I've no interest in working in football'. I kept a little role with the club on matchday hospitality, though. I completed my degree, and got a job in London, commuting to Shoreditch for six months – but it wasn't as glamorous, or well paid as I'd expected, so I moved over to marketing. Then, I was talking to David one day and I said that no job I'd found so far had been anything like as good as I remembered football being – and if you ever had an opening, would you consider me? He said he would find an extra role in the team if I wanted to come back, which I jumped at. I quit my marketing job and joined the club full-time in August 2015. I've been here ever since and I absolutely love it.

What a lovely story! So how have things changed in your time with the club?

We'd just got back in the Football League then and were trying to reset what people thought of the club, to build the brand that Luton was again. When we were in the Conference we were really, really trying to pull people in. Attendances were low, so it was a lot of outward-bound contact, getting people to want to come to games. But when we hit the Football League, people shifted their opinions, it was like they thought Luton was a proper club again.

In commercial, it was just me and David and Esther at that time, with Hannah joining us later. Then David left to go off to Worcestershire cricket just before COVID and Chris Bell came to us from Wasps rugby, bringing some new ideas and ways of working. To meet the growing demand, Chris brought in Conor Danes to work with him on partnerships, in a new structure with me becoming Hospitality Manager.

After Chris left, Ben Kensell came in as Chief Revenue Officer and brought Ben Tunnell in as head of commercial. There are now five of us, with George Atkins as Hannah's maternity cover and Betsy Daws and Richard Becker in partnerships – or sponsorship in old school terms. We call it partnerships because we work closer with sponsors and businesses now, trying to make sure that we're with the right brands that match our ethos and we match theirs – looking at how we can work together to build each other up. A good example is Capital Sky, our front of shirt sponsors, a local business that's as you know are working on the new stadium. We are two quite big players in the town and keeping it local – something we really believe in.

It's been International Women's Day recently. What's it like for women working in football?

That's changed a lot in my time. Before I came into football, I didn't know that women worked in it, or how many jobs there were behind the scenes either. So you looked at it and you didn't think it was an industry for you, or that it was not accessible, or thought there won't be anyone like you.

When I came in, 10 years ago, there was only a small staff throughout the club and only a tiny percentage were women, and that was true of football in general.

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Limbs and tears at Wembley in 2023

But now it's opened up and there are so many more women involved. At Luton, there are two in our commercial team, a social media manager, a graphic designer, a fan engagement officer and there are women on the playing operations side, down to our academy and our physios. We've got women across all the departments, which is really nice. It's become a sector where women can make a career for themselves now.

What was it like for you when we moved up to the Premier League?

At Wembley I was in shell shock! There's a little group of us behind the goal, five or six of us women, and when that penalty flew over the bar and we'd won, we all just burst into tears because we couldn't believe what was happening. I'd been looking after guests in the Bobby Moore Lounge and went back in there and was talking to a woman from the EFL and she shook my hand and said 'we've loved having you in the EFL, you're one of our favourite clubs, we're going to miss you'. I was, like, what do you mean, 'miss us?' And she said 'you're in the Premier League now!'

It was the first promotion where I had to sit there and take a breath to take it in. And straight away the emails and messages came flooding in. It was a level of demand I've never seen before. Everyone wanted a piece of Luton, a piece of the Premier League action. It was such a surreal moment because I thought back to my placement year, we were practically begging people to come and watch us and now people are desperately trying to get through the door. The fans were different that year, too. We were – are – used to people who are passionate about our club and love Luton Town. But suddenly we had people flying in from around the world, just to experience our ground, to see the Oak Road entrance. Big, national and international companies and businesses were approaching us, wanting to buy into Luton, too.

We wanted to look after all the people who had supported us over the years, the sponsors and businesses, and of course, we tried to work with local companies as much as we could. Dominos, the local history there, Tui, a big name but a local employer. I know some noses were put out of joint, but if they'd seen behind the scenes, they would have known how hard we were trying to make everyone fit. All those relationships that became strained, we're trying even now to restore them because local always counts at Luton Town.

When Ben came in we didn't know whether we'd stay in the Championship or go down and the whole scene changed again. Obviously, it's not been easy for anyone, for supporters or for us at the club. There have been some tough conversations. Attracting people for games in League One is not the same when you're playing Spurs or Manchester United of course! But we have better communications channels now, which is one of the reasons people get more emails for instance. Obviously if you're doing well, people want to celebrate it and engage more with the club. We're



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working hard on improving fan engagement and business engagement, to keep the relationship going with our core fans and partners and to build for the future both in our remaining time here at Kenilworth Road and at Power Court. We're all very positive, we know we will come back. That's not just putting a brave face on it, absolute belief is there though naturally people are raising questions because they're hurt and that's where we are at the moment. In my mind, we're potentially Premier League again when we move into Power Court in a couple of years' time.

What are your thoughts on Power Court?

Power Court is such an incredible prospect. I think it will blow people's minds when they see it, and they'll realise why they've waited for it. It's not just the stadium either, it's the whole town. I tell my little brother – he's 25 – how lively it used to be and the football club is such a big part of its regeneration. Power Court will bring the life back and I just want people to see that. We saw how the Premier League changed perceptions of the town, and Power Court and what it brings will be transformative. For me, I've done the Conference and



League Two and right up to the top with Kenilworth Road, and the dream is to walk into Power Court and just be like, 'we all did this'. One small part of me is part of this. I want to shout out what a great place, what a great club, Luton is.

Life is going to be very different for us in commercial there, for certain. On my side, hospitality, we have about 500 covers right now and that number will go through the roof once at Power Court. And the amount and variety of events that will happen at the stadium – not just football, but conferences, weddings, university exams and graduations, music, concerts, comedy, maybe boxing – I can imagine it being open and busy almost every day. It'll change the town so much for the good, across all our communities. There will be room to bring them all in, to involve them – and to accommodate all the people who've been on this journey with us.

What have been some of your memorable moments with the club?

There are so many! I used to really love the Executive Boxes. Though the new Bobbers is great I miss them. We had some moments in there! In the Eric Morecambe, too, like when a certain supporters' group sponsored a game, were awarded the match ball and subsequently booted it up into the air and smashed down some ceiling tiles! People are generally really nice when they're in hospitality, and it's noticeable how more 'well-behaved' they've become as we've moved up the leagues – but they've always been great.

A big, lovely memory that springs to mind is leaving Wembley, walking alongside Pelly, Elijah and Jordan Clark. There's a boombox blaring, they're walking along Wembley Way with their medals on. It was surreal: this is actually really happening. Wow. I've got to say, the players are really nice too. Pelly 'completed football' from the Conference to Premier League while I've been here, so I can say I have too! He's a favourite, he's unforgettable, such a big and loud character, he didn't have a massive ego as such but had an amazing aura and presence about him. I was sad to see him go but he'll always be a legend at the club. And right now, the same can be said of Kal Naismith. He's so passionate about the club. He's Luton through and through and a leader.

As staff we struggle sometimes with the personal abuse players get but believe me they all care and desperately want to do well, like Jack and all the management and the board. All of us, just like every supporter does. I know it's a cliché, and I think people sometimes think you're exaggerating when you say it, but when we've come from being so small, it really does feel like a family.

Not everyone has the opportunity to work somewhere where you enjoy going to every day, but we do. I've enjoyed the growth because we were a small group before and as we've moved on we've expanded and brought in new people – it's also nice to have fresh ideas but everyone still remains gelled and close-knit. For some the worry was that the bigger you get, you lose that family feeling – but we haven't. We're all Luton, like all our fans.

We need to stick together through these tough times and get back up, ready for Power Court and a fantastic future.

Absolutely spot on Viv – thank you for talking and for all the great work by the hospitality and commercial teams. Here's to three points today, COYH!



Viv with the Conference trophy in 2014

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Wearing HISTORY

2018/19 GOALKEEPER

We have had several green goalkeepers' shirts, but today we feature one of the best.

The performances on the pitch and the memories of this shirt may have resulted in rose tinted glasses, but we are going to roll with it!

Today we feature the 2018/19 green goalkeepers' shirt – a promotion winning, clean sheet award shirt! Now you can understand why I like it so much!

Made by Puma, this shirt features a lovely shade of green complete with white trim down the sleeves, white trim around the neckline and white font on the sponsor details. The green and white combination just works.

The only thing disrupting the white trim on the sleeves was the green Puma logo and the League One sleeve patches. This shirt, when fully printed and patched-up looks amazing from the back too. The back of shirt sponsor, NICEIC, the contrast of the yellow left sleeve patch and the name set font, which supports the Mind charity, just absolutely pops.

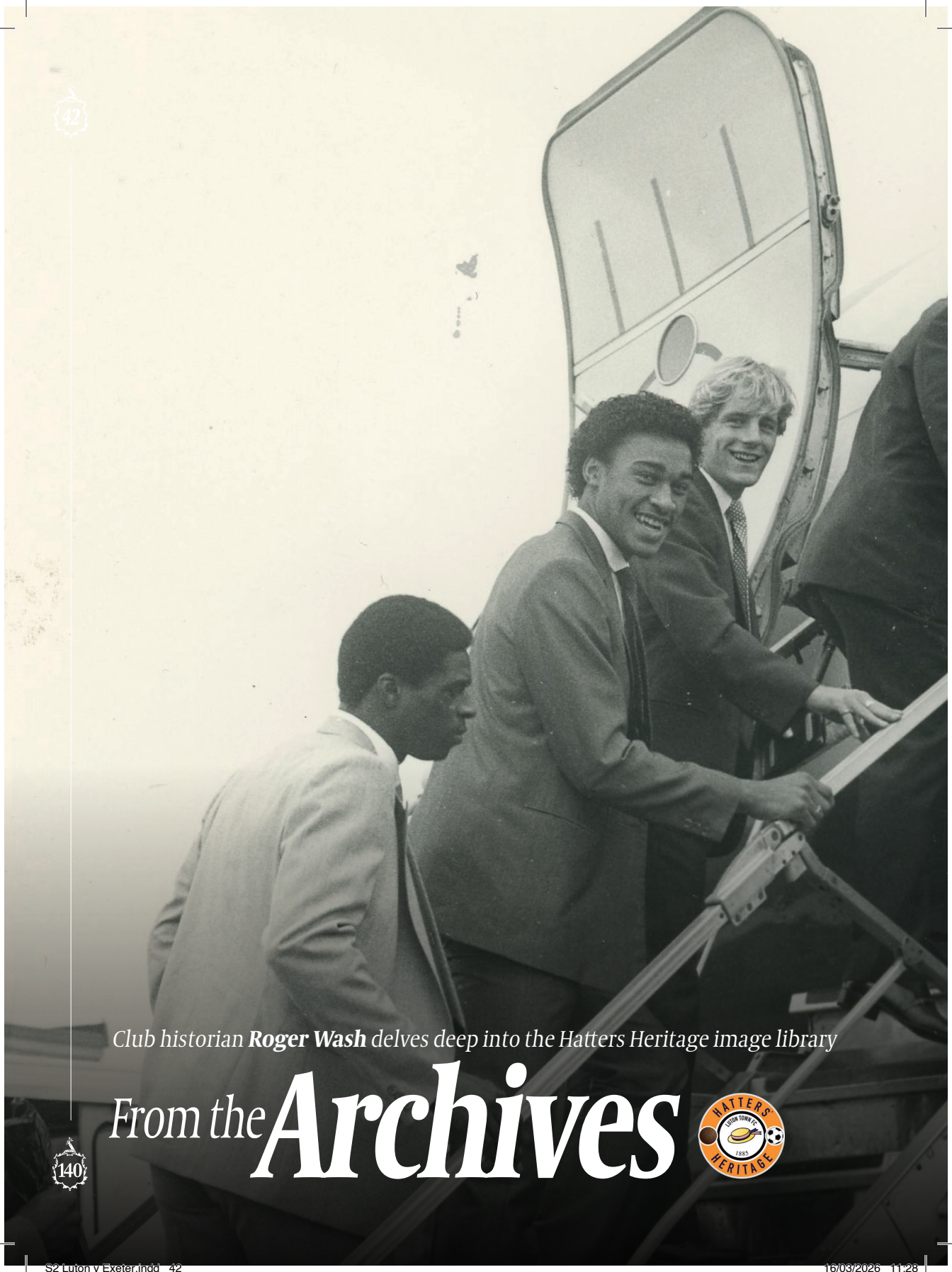
We popped on the pitch too, winning League One under the stewardship of legend Mick Harford.

So not only is this part of a promotion winning shirt collection, but James Shea also won the League One Golden Glove award. This was given to James for his 19 clean sheets that season, an award shared with Adam Davies of Barnsley. An incredible achievement which was the cherry on top for a wonderful season.

For me, the away game against Sunderland was this shirt's most important and significant game. Having just lost Nathan Jones to Stoke there was lots of uncertainty around our promotion charge, and with Sunderland being a really tough team to go against, it was an emotionally charged game.

Shea actually wore the shirt with the away sponsor, Northern Gas and Power, for this game which was never commercially available to buy. A 1-1 draw, earned thanks to James Collins' penalty, settled nerves, made us realise all would be ok and sparked a second half of the season that saw us win the title!





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

From the Archives

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All aboard the Skylark! Michell Thomas, Paul Elliott, Paul Walsh and Brian Stein get on the plane which will take them to Scandinavia for a summer tour in 1983.

Inset: A group photo taken on the same tour.

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

ON THIS DAY

17th March

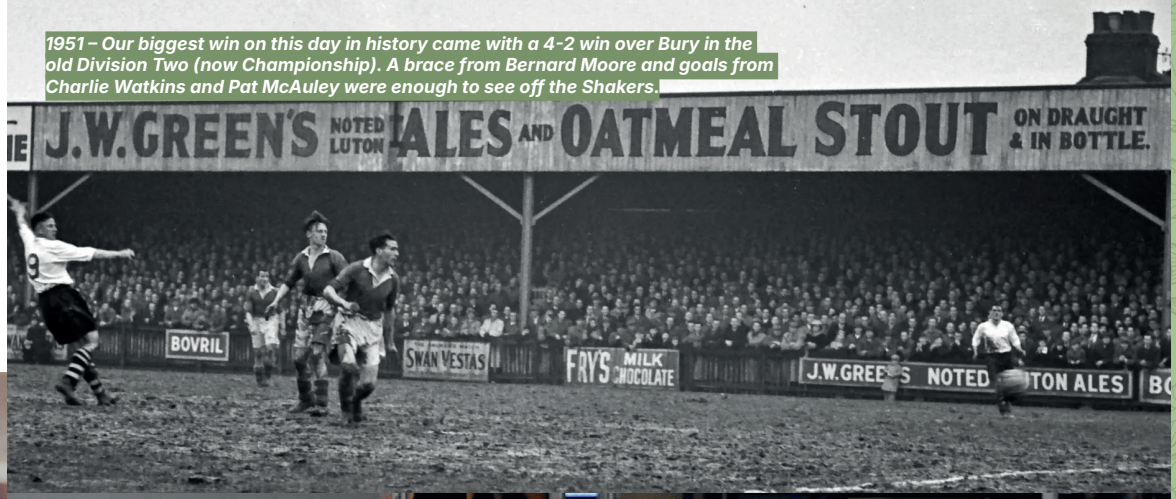


1990 – A penalty from Danny Wilson earned the Hatters a point in a 1-1 home draw against Manchester City in the top-flight.



1973 – The Hatters reach the quarter-finals of the FA Cup but an injury-hit side go down 2-0 at Sunderland before a crowd of over 53,000 at Roker Park. The Black Cats would go on and lift the trophy at Wembley.

1951 – Our biggest win on this day in history came with a 4-2 win over Bury in the old Division Two (now Championship). A brace from Bernard Moore and goals from Charlie Watkins and Pat McAuley were enough to see off the Shakers.





1956 – The Town, who have won only five times in 21 matches played on this day, won 2-1 at Wolves in the top-flight before a crowd of over 31,000 at Molineux. Roy Davies and Tony Gregory, pictured, on target.

2009 – It's the ill-fated minus-30 season and the Town secured what is our only win in our last 12 games on 17th March by beating Grimsby 2-1 at Kenilworth Road thanks to goals from Mark Bower and Asa Hall.



2018 – Our last game on this day came eight years ago when a Dan Potts equaliser earned us a 1-1 draw at Newport in League Two. Coincidentally, the Town lost 1-0 at Newport on the very same day in 2015.



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Celebrating a hat-trick against Fulham in 1980

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

Wing wizard – David Moss

David Moss had a full league debut that any Luton fan would dream of – apart from the fact he was wearing a Swindon Town shirt.

In April 1972, under the management of Dave Mackay at the County Ground, he set up both goals for Peter Noble as his side won 2-0. His opponents? Watford. Good lad, Mossy.

Born in Witney in 1952, he had joined Swindon, the club he'd supported growing up, at 16, rejecting the advances of fierce rivals Oxford United. Talented from a young age, he often found himself playing against older boys, which was a large reason for becoming a winger, where he could find more space and put his speed and skill to better use. There was a trial at Tottenham as a schoolboy, but legendary Spurs boss Bill Nicholson felt he needed to go home and develop more, a decision that Moss agreed with.

It was tough going at Swindon to begin with. It took him three years to make a first team appearance and even then he was mostly used as a substitute, including for the visit of Luton in February 1972 when he saw his side beaten by two goals from Vic Halom.

He'd become a regular by the 1973/74 season during which Swindon were relegated to the Third Division (now League 1). The drop in level may have helped him, and he would certainly become a key member of the team over the next four campaigns, barely missing a game and reaching double figures in goals on three occasions.

Importantly he was often part of a 4-3-3 system, the same formation that David Pleat would implement at Kenilworth Road. So, when Pleat was on the look out for a new left-sided forward in the summer of 1978, his assistant manager Ken Gutteridge recommended Moss, who he'd seen while scouting for Brighton and Hove Albion.

Moss was keen to finally step up a level and Luton were, for once, flush with cash after the £350,000 sale of Paul Futcher to Manchester City. It took £100,000 to get him, beating off competition from Stoke City and equalling the club's record transfer fee. "He's direct and quick, can cross accurately while in full flight, and is sharp in the box," Ken Gutteridge told Brian Swain upon completion of the deal. Luton fans would certainly come to agree with that.

Yet David's first season at Kenilworth Road was somewhat of a challenge. Though he scored 13 times in 34 appearances, Moss struggled with a

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recurring pelvic injury which kept him out of the team more often than he would have liked. To make matters worse it looked like the Hatters might suffer relegation from the Second Division (now Championship), sending him right back to the third tier from which he'd taken so long to escape.

With that fate averted after a good run of form towards the end of the season, Pleat would slowly improve the side over the next few seasons with Moss an integral part of a much feared front three with Brian Stein on the other flank and Bob Hatton or Steve White in the middle. He was a top class penalty taker to boot, including very memorably slamming home two from the spot as the Hatters beat FA Cup holders West Ham on the opening day of the 1980/81 campaign. His only real weakness was his heading, causing the Kenilworth Road crowd to cheer ironically whenever his forehead made contact with the ball!

The signing of Brian Horton in the summer of 1981 proved to be the catalyst needed for promotion. But 'Nobby's' arrival made Moss nervous as the pair had had multiple run ins as opposing players. "I don't think he likes me," Moss told Pleat. They quickly laughed off previous tussles and the pair would become close friends on and off the pitch, including David serving as Horton's assistant manager at a number of clubs.



Modelling a slightly too big scarf (l to r Paul Walsh, Brian Horton, Moss and Billy Kellock)

Moss scored an incredible 59 goals in the three seasons leading up to that promotion and more than held his own when, at the age of 30, he became a top-flight footballer for the first time, hitting 10 goals in 44 appearances as the Hatters returned to the First Division for the first time since 1975. He would remain at Kenilworth Road for two further campaigns after that, setting up chances for Paul Walsh and Mick Harford amongst others, before he was released in the summer of 1985.

A return to Swindon became a case of heart over head as he realised early on that he didn't fit into Lou Macari's fitness-first culture. In the end he'd make only four league appearances before hanging up his boots for good and moving into coaching.

In all he scored a remarkable 94 goals in 245 appearances for the Town, a tally that places him equal seventh in the list of all time goalscorers in a Town shirt. Since World War Two only Gordon Turner, Brian Stein and Steve Howard have scored more.

In an era when the football world was concerned that the winger was a dying breed, we were lucky to have one of the best in the business. "Where could you find a winger in this country who can score goals like him?" David Pleat asked in a 1979 interview. In other words, there really was only one David Moss.

It is David's birthday tomorrow. All at Hatters' Heritage would like to wish him a very Happy Birthday.



Scoring from the spot against Birmingham in 1978

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Youth team boss Joe Deeney

Deeney rallies youngsters to bounce back after cup heartbreak

Joe Deeney called on his players to 'remember the feeling' following the dramatic late defeat to Stockport County and to use it to fuel their fight in the final against AFC Wimbledon in late April.

Goals from Ty Lesser and Rufus Barnes proved insufficient to get Town through to another PDL final after making the under-18s version of the tournament following the 4-2 victory over Swansea City.

Speaking after last week's 3-2 defeat, Deeney praised his side for their determination.

"I cannot fault them for their attitude and their application because we lost our top scorer early on and from that moment, we were up against it," he said.

"In the end, it was such a scrappy game, it was backwards and forwards and, in the end, it's a gut punch to take. I've said to the lads we can't stand here and analyse it now because we have a cup final in the 18s to look forward to."

Explaining how difficult it was to take, Deeney expressed the nature of the defeat and also spoke about the need to go again for the young Hatters.

"It's literally the last kick of the game. The referee has blown the whistle as it has gone in. You play against big sides and I said to them that we've been a bit aggressive lately to address the light-hearted way we've gone about set pieces, they're one of the biggest factors in any football match and that's what got us in the end.

"At any level of the game, you cannot afford to be conceding twos or threes every game, especially for people like myself and Ronnie Henry being defenders, it is tough to take.

"We're resilient though, we'll come back and we've got to focus on what to do better. It's a young group and they'll be better for it next year, I have no doubt about that."

Words: 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 L 0-2

JANUARY
Sat 3 Stevenage D 3-3
Sat 10 Sutton United W 3-1
Sat 17 AFC Wimbledon L 0-4
Sat 24 Barnet P-P
Sat 31 Bromley D 2-2

FEBRUARY
Sat 7 Cambridge United L 1-2
Sat 14 Gillingham W 4-2
Sat 21 Leyton Orient 11am
Sat 28 Wycombe W 4-1

MARCH
Sat 7 Milton Keynes D 2-2
Sat 14 Northampton W 2-1
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 L 3-4

JANUARY
Tue 27 Leighton Town (BSC) L 1-3

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Jamie Odegah

YOUR NAME? Jamie Odegah

WHERE ARE YOU FROM? North London

WHAT POSITIONS DO YOU PLAY? Striker

WHEN DID YOU JOIN THE ACADEMY? At under-14s

WHO WAS YOUR FOOTBALL HERO GROWING UP? Neymar

GO-TO BOOTS RIGHT NOW? Nike Vapor Mercurial

FIRST TIME YOU KICKED A BALL? 7 years old

BIGGEST LESSON FOOTBALL'S TAUGHT YOU? Be more confident

TEAMMATE MOST LIKELY TO BE A MANAGER? Henry Blackledge









FUNNIEST TEAMMATE? Josh Phillips

HARDEST-WORKING TEAMMATE? Charlie Trustram

BIGGEST INSPIRATION OUTSIDE OF FOOTBALL? Lewis Hamilton

MOMENT YOU'LL NEVER FORGET? Making my FA Youth Cup debut when I was 15

BEST BIT ABOUT BEING AT LUTON? Enjoying playing football

ONE THING YOU'RE WORKING ON? My left foot and technically ability

FAVOURITE MUSIC/ ARTIST? Gunna

FAVOURITE GAME? GTA

PRE-MATCH ROUTINE OR SUPERSTITIONS? I eat porridge before every match

GO-TO CHEAT MEAL... Kebab

IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER? F1 driver

PERSON YOU'D SWAP PLACES WITH FOR A DAY? Lewis Hamilton

THREE WORDS TO DESCRIBE YOURSELF. Relaxed, peaceful, fast

ONE THING PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT ME. I like F1

BIGGEST FOOTBALL DREAM? To make my professional debut

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Throughout the competition the girls faced Chelsea, Arsenal, West Ham, Bromley, Milton Keynes, Wimbledon, Watford and Brentford, finishing with six wins, two draws and one defeat. They have now qualified for the national final, taking place later this year.

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To progress to the regional tournament in London, Gilbert Inglefield emerged as winners of our local Luton and Bedfordshire county tournament, where more than 20 schools and over 200 girls took part.

For the second consecutive year, a school representing Luton Town FC Community Trust has qualified for the national final. Last year, Leighton Middle School, representing Luton Town FC Community Trust, finished runners-up at the national final at Molineux.

The tournament is part of the Premier League Primary Stars programme which uses the power of football, sports and Luton Town badge to inspire 5–11-year-olds to stay active and develop essential life skills.

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Ladies share the spoils with Milton Keynes

Late Fensome equaliser earns Town a point

Tasha Fensome rescued a point for the Ladies with an equaliser five minutes from time in a topsy-turvy 2-2 draw with Milton Keynes last week.

After a quiet opening 10 minutes, the Town won the game's first corner. A driving run from Emily Wilson into space on the right, saw her advance into the Milton Keynes area but a recovery challenge saw the ball go out of play for a Luton corner. Andie Dickens' resulting delivery was looped into the centre of the area but visitors were able to clear.

Amber Leighton was taken out by a late challenge outside of the Milton Keynes area, and the Town were awarded a free-kick. Shianne Swarres' 25-yard free-kick failed to test the Milton Keynes goalkeeper who was able to comfortably save.

There was some fine play down the Luton left-hand side, beginning with Andie Dickens who flicked the ball inside to Leighton, before the midfielder returned it back to Dickens, who had begun her run down the wing. After taking the ball in her stride, she attempted a low-driven ball into the area, but again the visitors' goalkeeper was able to gather the ball.



However, with five minutes remaining at the end of the first half, the Hatters took the lead. Dickens' throw-in was collected by Amy McLean who rolled her marker and then fired the ball home. The goalscorer was then replaced at half-time by skipper Leyah Maddix.

It was all Milton Keynes in the early stages of the second half. Just moments after the restart Sarah Hudson was called into action for the first time making a huge one-on-one save to keep the score level.

The visitors kept the pressure up and came mighty close to scoring on 48 minutes. Mia Richards' effort looked to have beat Hudson, however she was able to claw it away to safety on the line.

Maddix had made a positive impact following her introduction, and some strong hold up play from the forward resulted in her slipping Wilson through on goal, but the visiting goalkeeper was quick off her line to prevent her from having an effort on goal.

With 10 minutes to play, Milton Keynes netted a well-deserved equaliser when Maddie Pollard's header beat the oncoming Hudson.

And just moments later, Pollard scored her second. A looped header caught Hudson off guard, giving the Town work to do heading into the final stages.

The lead did not last long, though, as the Town levelled with five minutes left. Wilson played the ball into Fensome who showed great strength and pace to stride past her marker and slot home.

The Ladies are next in action this coming weekend when they travel to north-west London to take on London Bees.

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 P-P
25 Norwich City D 1-1

FEBRUARY
1 AFC Sudbury D 3-3
8 Actonians W 2-1
18 Chesham Utd W 3-0
22 AFC Sudbury W 4-3

MARCH
1 Fulham L 0-1
8 Milton Keynes D 2-2
22 London Bees
29 QPR

APRIL
12 Fulham
26 Chatham Town

Town: Hudson, Swarres, Tambula, Fensome, Wilson, Milliken, Dickens (sub Makowska 83), Leighton (sub Buttigieg 69), McLean (sub Maddix 46), Lewis (sub Chellenbron 90), Beaufort.

Unused subs: Blacksley, Fryer.

Report: Owen Williams
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Can you find the names of the teams Jordan Clark has scored against this season?

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Ticket information for our remaining home fixtures against Peterborough, Northampton and Barnsley will be announced in due course.

NEW DATE FOR **ROTHERHAM TRIP**

Our Sky Bet League One fixture away to Rotherham United on Saturday 28th March has been postponed.

We have received notification of sufficient call-ups for our players to represent their countries during the upcoming international window to request a postponement of the fixture at New York Stadium.

A new date for the fixture has been agreed for Tuesday 21st April, 7.45pm kick-off.

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



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LEAGUE LOOK

The Hatters' 2-1 win at Wycombe at the weekend was even more important given that a host of teams above the Town in the table dropped points in the race for the play-offs.

If you take out the top two, of the nine teams above the Hatters in the table, from third to 11th before a ball was kicked on Saturday, only one team managed to pick up all three points.

That club were Stevenage, who's narrow 1-0 win over Wimbledon saw Boro jump into fifth place in the table.

Bolton drew at Rotherham and Stockport went down at Lincoln while draws were the order of the day elsewhere in the race for the top six.

Barnsley were held at Mansfield, Huddersfield drew 0-0 at Port Vale and Reading and Plymouth shared four goals in an entertaining game at the Madejski Stadium.

Former Town striker Joe Taylor was on target as Wigan secured a priceless victory over Bradford.

All of that means the Town, while sitting 11th, are now five points off the final play-off place with nine games left to play.

There's a full round of fixtures tonight to keep an eye on. The top two could certainly help the Hatters out as Cardiff host Wycombe and Lincoln travel to Huddersfield. Stevenage make the trip to Plymouth.

PLAYER STATS *2025/26*

	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		LTFC CAREER	
	APP(S)	GLS	APP(S)	GLS	APP(S)	GLS	APPS	GLS
Elijah Adebayo	0 (1)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	183	47
Ali Al-Hamadi	1 (6)	0	0 (1)	0	1 (7)	0	8	0
Millenic Alli	12 (4)	1	3 (3)	0	15 (7)	1	38	5
Mads Andersen	25 (4)	2	6 (0)	1	31 (3)	3	53	4
Ethon Archer	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0	1	0
Shandon Baptiste	2 (2)	0	0 (0)	0	2 (2)	0	21	1
Cohen Bramall	17 (12)	2	5 (0)	1	22 (12)	3	34	3
Jacob Brown	3 (4)	0	0 (1)	0	3 (5)	0	60	7
Christian Chigozie	0 (0)	0	2 (0)	0	2 (0)	0	2	0
Jordan Clark	27 (4)	9	3 (0)	1	30 (4)	10	213	28
Devante Cole	4 (3)	0	0 (1)	0	4 (4)	0	8	0
Fin Evans	0 (0)	0	1 (0)	1	1 (0)	1	1	1
Lamine Fanne	15 (6)	1	4 (2)	1	19 (8)	2	40	2
Harry Fox	0 (0)	0	1 (2)	0	1 (2)	0	3	0
Dawid Gawel	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0	1	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	14 (1)	0	2 (1)	0	16 (2)	0	33	0
Isaiah Jones	9 (3)	1	12(0)	1	11 (3)	2	32	4
Josh Keeley	36 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	37 (0)	0	37	0
Gideon Kodua	21 (9)	9	6 (3)	1	27 (12)	10	39	10
Emilio Lawrence	7 (1)	0	2 (1)	0	9 (2)	0	11	0
Nigel Lonwijk	28 (2)	2	3 (4)	0	31 (6)	2	37	2
Jack Lorentzen-Jones	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0	1	0
Christ Makosso	10 (1)	0	3 (1)	0	13 (2)	0	28	0
Mark McGuinness	4 (2)	0	1 (0)	0	5 (2)	0	51	3
Teden Mengi	21 (0)	0	4 (0)	1	25 (0)	1	80	3
Shayden Morris	7 (17)	3	3 (4)	2	10 (21)	5	31	5
Kal Naismith	26 (3)	2	5 (1)	0	31 (4)	2	113	6
Marvelous Nakamba	0 (1)	0	2 (1)	0	2 (2)	0	61	0
Zack Nelson	6 (12)	1	7 (1)	1	13 (13)	2	51	3
Lasse Nordas	4 (7)	1	5 (1)	3	9 (8)	4	27	4
Hakeem Odoffin	4 (5)	0	2 (1)	0	6 (6)	0	12	0
Kasey Palmer	10 (1)	2	0 (2)	0	10 (3)	2	13	2
Josh Phillips	0 (0)	0	0 (2)	0	0 (2)	0	3	0
Jake Richards	11 (7)	3	5 (3)	0	16 (10)	3	26	3
Sverre Sandal	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0	0
George Saville	24 (7)	2	4 (0)	0	28 (7)	2	35	2
James Shea	1 (0)	0	9 (0)	0	10 (0)	0	120	0
Davy van den Berg	1 (5)	0	2 (0)	0	3 (5)	0	8	0
Liam Walsh	21 (4)	0	5 (1)	1	26 (5)	1	59	1
Reuell Walters	3 (1)	0	3 (0)	0	6 (1)	0	23	0
Nahki Wells	22 (10)	4	3 (0)	3	25 (10)	7	35	7
Cauley Woodrow	0 (1)	0	1 (0)	0	1 (1)	0	82	6
Jerry Yates	11 (11)	2	3 (4)	5	14 (15)	7	29	7

THE QUIZ

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

1. Which goalkeeper was substituted after 17 minutes of Tottenham's defeat to Atletico Madrid last week?

2. What was the aggregate score against English clubs in last week's Champions League matches?

3. How many hat-tricks – and against which clubs – did Andre Gray score for the Hatters?

4. In which minute did Paul Benson score the winning goal in our 3-2 win at Exeter in December 2015?

5. Which two players made their Hatters debuts on the final day of the 2015/16 season against Exeter?

6. Against which club did the Town lose in the quarter-finals of the FA Cup on this day in 1973?

7. Which club has secured promotion to the Premier League the most times through the play-offs (four times)?

8. Which goalkeeper made the famous 'scorpion kick' against England at Wembley in 1995?

9. Who is the manager of the Sweden national team?

10. Port Vale's Ben Waine imitated which player's celebration when scoring against Sunderland in the FA Cup?

1 Antonin Kinsky
2 16-6 3 Three (v Hyde, Nuneaton & Hereford)
4 100th (90+10)
5 James Justin & Tyreeq Bakinson
6 Sunderland
7 Crystal Palace
8 Rene Higuita
9 Graham Potter
10 Alan Shearer

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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	20:00	L	2-3	7	9,252	1,101	Keeley	**LONWIJK 1**	Bramall	Naismith	Mengi	Andersen	**CLARK 1**
FRI 26	**WYCOMBE WANDERERS**	**15:00**	W	4-0	8	11,596	1,092	Keeley	Lonwijk	Johnson	Andersen	Mengi	Walsh	Fanne
MON 29	**LEYTON ORIENT**	**19:45**	W	3-0	8	11,736	1,327	Keeley	Lonwijk	Johnson	Andersen	Mengi	Walsh	Fanne
JANUARY														
THU 1	EXETER CITY	15:00	L	0-1	8	7,912	966	Shea	Walters	Johnson	Lonwijk	Mengi	Walsh	Saville
SAT 10	**STEVENAGE** TV	**12:30**	W	2-1	7	11,434	1,299	Keeley	Lonwijk	Johnson	Andersen	Makosso	Walsh	Fanne
TUE 13	**SWINDON TOWN (VT)**	**19:00**	L	1-2		3,243	585	Shea	Walters	Fox	Lonwijk	Makosso	Saville	Fanne
SAT 17	**LINCOLN CITY**	**15:00**	D	2-2	7	11,230	1,328	Keeley	Lonwijk	Johnson	Andersen	Naismith	Walsh	Bramall
SAT 24	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE TV	12:30	L	0-1	7	15,949	790	Keeley	Lonwijk	Johnson	Andersen	Naismith	Walsh	Palmer
TUE 27	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	19:45	L	0-1	9	15,367	397	Keeley	Lonwijk	Johnson	Andersen	Mengi	Walsh	Palmer
SAT 31	**BLACKPOOL**	**15:00**	W	1-0	7	10,697	728	Keeley	Lonwijk	Johnson	Andersen	Mengi	Palmer	**CLARK 1**
FEBRUARY														
SAT 7	**BRADFORD CITY** TV	**12:31**	W	2-1	7	11,000	1,343	Keeley	Lonwijk	Johnson	Andersen	Mengi	Palmer	Clark
SAT 14	CARDIFF CITY	15:00	L	1-3	8	19,524	830	Keeley	Lonwijk	Johnson	Andersen	Mengi	Palmer	**CLARK 1**
WED 18	WIGAN ATHLETIC	19:45	L	0-1	9	8,440	618	Keeley	Lonwijk	Naismith	Andersen	Mengi	Palmer	Clark
SAT 21	**BURTON ALBION**	**15:00**	D	1-1	10	10,364	497	Keeley	Jones	Johnson	Andersen	Naismith	Saville	Clark
TUE 24	**PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (VT)**	**19:00**	W	2-1		4,203	785	Shea	**JONES 1**	Naismith	Andersen	Mengi	Saville	**CLARK 1**
SAT 28	PORT VALE	15:00	D	1-1	10	7,335	1,168	Keeley	Jones	Johnson	Lonwijk	Naismith	Saville	Walsh
MARCH														
WED 4	**NORTHAMPTON TOWN (VT)** TV	**19:30**	W	2-1		10,280	1,311	Shea	Kodua	Lawrence	Andersen	Naismith	Odoffin	**WALSH 1**
SAT 7	**READING**	**15:00**	L	2-3	11	11,375	1,311	Keeley	Jones	Johnson	**LONWIJK 1**	Naismith	**SAVILLE 1**	Clark
TUE 10	DONCASTER ROVERS	19:45	D	1-1	11	7,470	642	Keeley	Jones	Lawrence	Lonwijk	Odoffin	Johnson	Clark
SAT 14	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	15:00	W	2-1	10	6,721	1,482	Keeley	Kodua	Lawrence	Lonwijk	Odoffin	**NAISMITH 1**	Clark
TUE 17	**EXETER CITY**	**19:45**												
SAT 21	**STOCKPORT COUNTY** TV	**12:30**												
APRIL														
FRI 3	**PETERBOROUGH UNITED**	**15:00**												
MON 6	AFC WIMBLEDON	15:00												
SUN 12	**STOCKPORT COUNTY (VT)**	**15:00**												
WED 15	**NORTHAMPTON TOWN**	**19:45**												
SAT 18	MANSFIELD TOWN	15:00												
TUE 21	ROTHERHAM UNITED	19:45												
SAT 25	**BARNSLEY**	**15:00**												
MAY														
SAT 2	BOLTON WANDERERS	15:00												

**lost 4-2 on penalties*

				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
Walsh	Fanne	Kodua	Wells	Morris	Yates	Brown	Nelson	Saville
KODUA 2	CLARK 1	Bramall	Wells	Yates	Saville	Odoffin	MORRIS 1	Nelson
KODUA 1	CLARK 1	MORRIS 1	Wells	Saville	Bramall	Nelson	Yates	Walters
Morris	Clark	Bramall	Yates	Wells	Brown	Fanne	Nelson	
KODUA 1	CLARK 1	Lawrence	Wells	Morris	Bramall	Yates	Saville	
Morris	Nelson	Lawrence	YATES 1	Nakamba	Archer	Gawel		
Clark	KODUA 1	Lawrence	WELLS 1	Morris	Richards	Yates		
Clark	Kodua	Lawrence	Wells	Morris	Bramall	Yates		
Richards	Kodua	Bramall	Clark	Morris	Wells	Al-Hamadi	Lawrence	Fanne
Morris	Kodua	Bramall	Wells	Richards	Jones	Al-Hamadi	Saville	Naismith
MORRIS 1	Kodua	RICHARDS 1	Cole	van den Berg	Jones	Wells	Saville	Al-Hamadi
Jones	Kodua	Richards	Cole	Al-Hamadi	Morris	Wells	van den Berg	
Jones	Richards	Al-Hamadi	Cole	Morris	Wells	Kodua	van den Berg	
Palmer	Kodua	Morris	WELLS 1	van den Berg	Cole	Richards	Lonwijk	
van den Berg	Kodua	Richards	Wells	Lonwijk	Johnson	Morris	Palmer	Lawrence
Clark	Lawrence	Richards	WELLS 1	Al-Hamadi	Palmer	van den Berg	Morris	Odoffin
van den Berg	Richards	Clark	WELLS 1	Morris	Palmer	Cole	Lonwijk	
Richards	Palmer	Lawrence	Cole	Walsh	Wells	Kodua	Bramall	Morris
Walsh	van den Berg	PALMER 1	Wells	Richards	Saville	Bramall	Cole	
Saville	Walsh	PALMER 1	Wells	Cole	Johnson	Adebayo		

TABLE 2025/26

Team	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Lincoln	37	24	8	5	37	80
Cardiff	37	23	7	7	34	76
Bolton	37	17	14	6	17	65
Bradford City	37	19	7	11	6	64
Stevenage	36	16	9	11	3	57
Huddersfield	37	16	8	13	10	56
Stockport	35	16	8	11	2	56
Reading	37	14	13	10	6	55
Wycombe	37	14	11	12	12	53
Plymouth	37	16	5	16	3	53
Luton	**37**	**14**	**9**	**14**	**2**	**51**
Barnsley	35	13	10	12	0	49
Wimbledon	36	14	7	15	-4	49
Peterborough	36	14	4	18	0	46
Mansfield	35	11	12	12	3	45
Burton A	37	11	10	16	-10	43
Doncaster	36	12	7	17	-19	43
Exeter	**37**	**11**	**9**	**17**	**-7**	**42**
Leyton Orient	36	12	6	18	-11	42
Wigan	36	10	11	15	-12	41
Blackpool	37	10	8	19	-18	38
Rotherham	36	9	9	18	-15	36
Northampton	37	9	8	20	-19	35
Port Vale	34	6	10	18	-20	28

TONIGHT'S Fixtures

7.45PM KO

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

8PM KO

Barnsley v Wigan

TOWN Totals

	W	D	L	F	A
HOME	1577	697	637	5813	3275
AWAY	751	721	1424	3330	4989
NEUTRAL	6	4	13	29	43
TOTAL	2334	1422	2074	9172	8307
At KR	1447	669	583	5274	3029

5,830 games played

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SEASONS TO REMEMBER *1972/73*



After over three years with the club, manager Alec Stock resigned at the end of the 1971/72 season and was replaced by Harry Haslam, who had initially joined the club three years before as Entertainments Manager.

Haslam soon got to work and persuaded European Cup winner John Aston to move from Manchester United and former England full-back Bobby Thomson to come in from Birmingham.

Adopting a system that allowed a 'floating' five in midfield with just one player up front, Haslam soon saw his team successfully attack on the break in away games, but the plan proved flawed at home where sides defended in depth.

At one stage the Town went four months without a win at home so they were never able to challenge at the top of the table despite the signing of striker Barry Butlin from Derby to get around the phobia of playing at Kenilworth Road.

The season was therefore looking to fizzle out but a run in the FA Cup suddenly lifted the campaign out of the mundane.

Crewe were easily seen off in the third round before the Town earned a superb win at Newcastle at St James' Park followed with Aston netting twice before the interval leaving the defence to stand firm in the second half.

Division Three leaders Bolton were the next opponent at Burnden Park where a single header from Alan Garner secured another famous victory. The Town were now in the quarter-finals for the first time since 1959 where Sunderland stood in their way.

Sadly, an injury hit Luton side went out limply 2-0 in front of 53,151 at Roker to the eventual Cup winners.

SECOND DIVISION		PLD	W	D	L	GAv	PTS
1	Burnley (C, P)	42	24	14	4	2.057	62
2	Queens Park Rangers (P)	42	24	13	5	2.189	61
3	Aston Villa	42	18	14	10	1.085	50
4	Middlesbrough	42	17	13	12	1.07	47
5	Bristol City	42	17	12	13	1.235	46
6	Sunderland	42	17	12	13	1.204	46
7	Blackpool	42	18	10	14	1.098	46
8	Oxford United	42	19	7	16	1.209	45
9	Fulham	42	16	12	14	1.184	44
10	Sheffield Wednesday	42	17	10	15	1.073	44
11	Millwall	42	16	10	16	1.17	42
12	**Luton Town**	**42**	**15**	**11**	**16**	**0.83**	**41**
13	Hull City	42	14	12	16	1.085	40
14	Nottingham Forest	42	14	12	16	0.904	40
15	Orient	42	12	12	18	0.925	36
16	Swindon Town	42	10	16	16	0.767	36
17	Portsmouth	42	12	11	19	0.712	35
18	Carlisle United	42	11	12	19	0.962	34
19	Preston North End	42	11	12	19	0.578	34
20	Cardiff City	42	11	11	20	0.741	33
21	Huddersfield Town (R)	42	8	17	17	0.643	33
22	Brighton & Hove Albion (R)	42	8	13	21	0.554	29

Player focus

A free transfer signing from Birmingham, **Bobby Thomson** showed all his ex-England class at full-back and remained ever present throughout the campaign.



Season standout

One of the best signings in the club's history, **John Aston** was a pure joy to watch on the left wing for the Town taking and creating chances in equal measure.



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54	KASEY **PALMER**

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