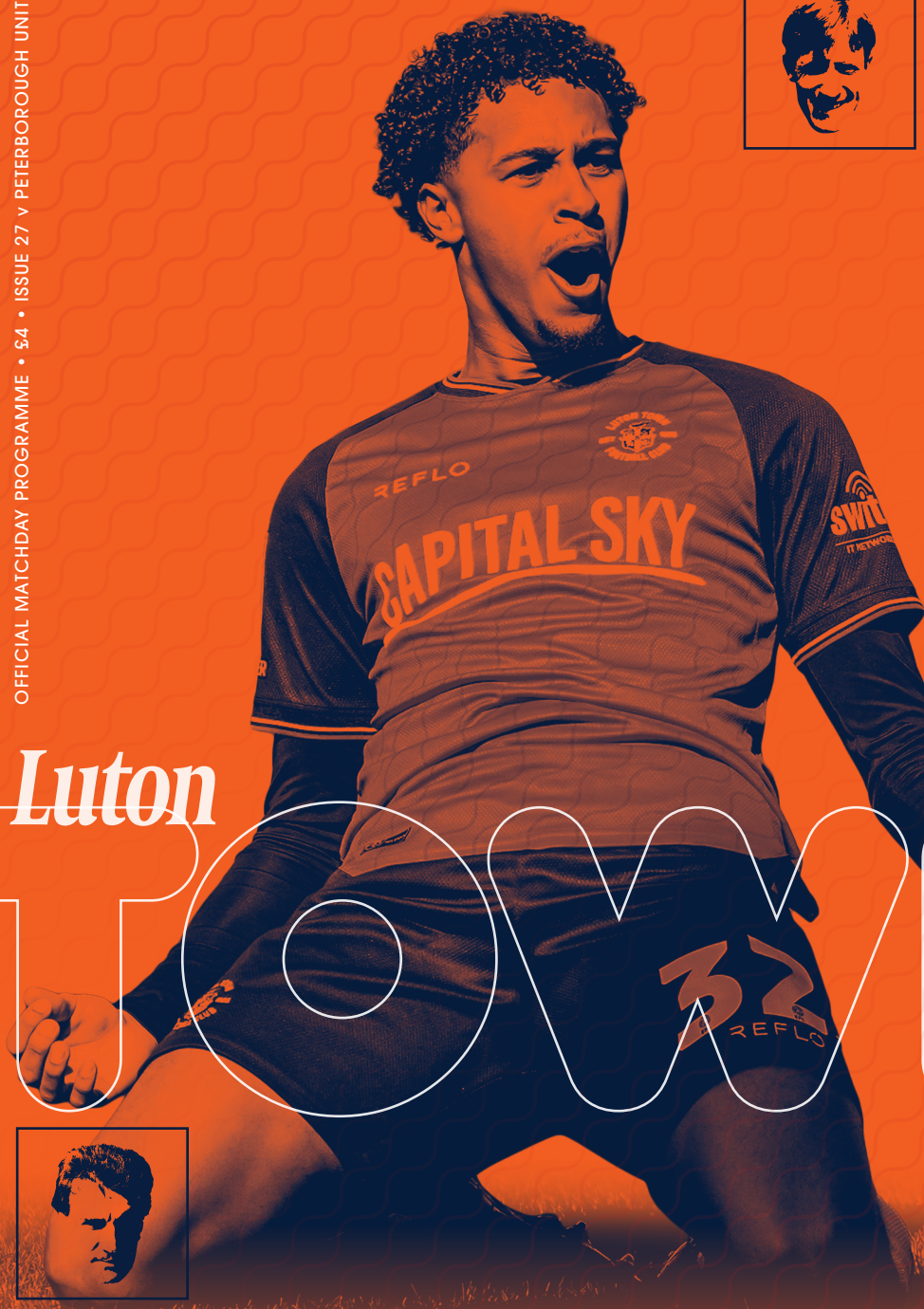
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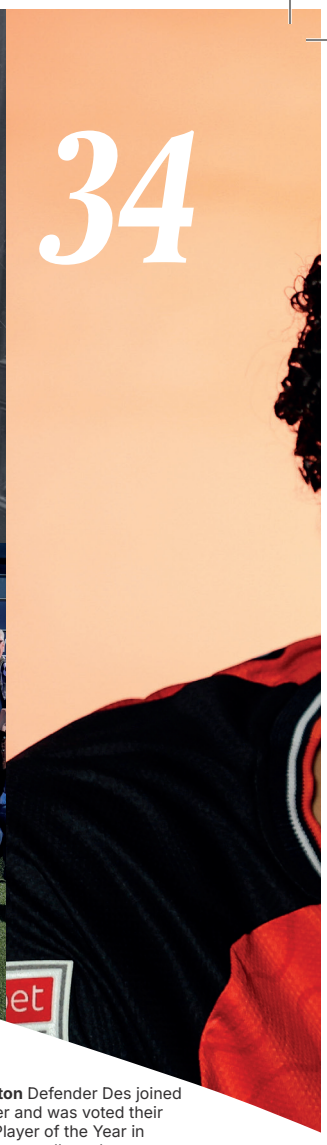
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Lil Fuccillo Midfielder Lil came through the ranks before making his debut in 1974/75. He became a permanent feature in the side a year later but after a badly broken leg, he returned to re-establish himself and helped the Town to promotion from Division Two in 1982. After a spell in the States, Lil turned out for Southend, Peterborough and Cambridge before taking up various management positions including a short spell at Kenilworth Road.

David Oldfield Born in Australia, David moved to England as a youngster and turned professional in May 1986. He moved to Manchester City in March 1989 but only stayed a year at Maine Road before meeting up with David Pleat at Leicester where he enjoyed five good years. A £150,000 bid brought him back to Kenilworth Road in 1995 but after three seasons he left for Stoke before spells at Peterborough and Oxford.

Tony Adcock Striker Tony was an experienced goalscorer who was signed in the summer of 1994 from Peterborough. A series of injuries meant that he was restricted to just two league appearances as a substitute and he left the following summer, returning to Colchester. After being released by the U's in 1999, Tony wound down his career at Heybridge Swifts.

Ian Feuer American goalkeeper Ian was playing for West Ham reserves when he arrived at Kenilworth Road on loan in 1995. Quickly becoming a fan favourite, Ian signed permanently and was virtually ever present for two seasons. At the start of the 1997/98 campaign he badly injured a shoulder and struggled to regain his form leading to him leaving the club and returning to the States where he went on to become a goalkeeper coach.

Des Linton Defender Des joined Leicester and was voted their Young Player of the Year in 1990 but was allowed to move on as part of the deal that took Steve Thompson to Filbert Street. Des was injured almost as soon as he started his Luton career and it was not until the 1992/93 season that he won a regular place in the Hatters side mainly at right-back. After he lost his place, Des moved on to Peterborough in 1997 and after a short spell with Swindon, finished his career with Cambridge City.

Mark Tyler A legend for both clubs, goalkeeper Mark came through the ranks at London Road and went on to play almost 500 times in Posh colours. After falling out of favour, he joined the Town in the Conference and was a regular for seven seasons, helping us to win the title and promotion back to the Football League in 2013/14 with a club record 23 clean sheets.

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Welcome

Welcome back home and a Happy Easter to those celebrating – we hope our younger supporters found plenty of chocolate eggs during our activation on the Kenilworth Road forecourt!

Since our last home game here against Stockport County we have been busy behind the scenes preparing for next weekend's trip to Wembley against the same opposition.

With over 32,000 tickets sold it promises to be another memorable trip to the capital. Please check out our range of Wembley merchandise at the club shop today or online before next Sunday!

In the past week we've announced details of how you can play your part and help us improve what we do by joining our Fan Advisory Board. Details of how to put your name forward can be found on page 30.

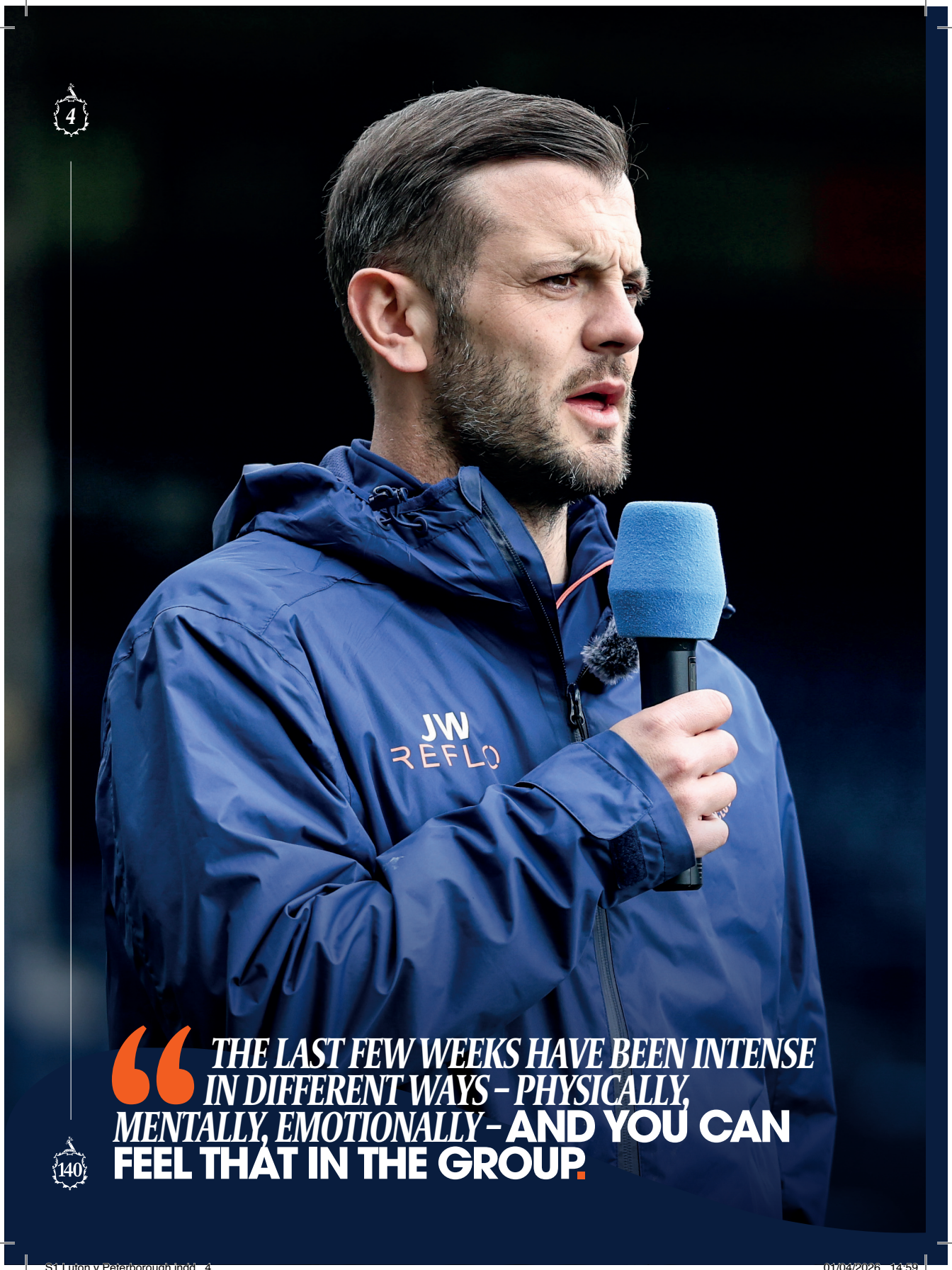
However, you can support us in the most traditional way this afternoon by getting behind the players against Peterborough.

There's still all to play for with seven league games left so please raise the noise levels and back the boys.

Enjoy the game.

Come on Luton!

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THE BOSS

Jack WILSHERE

Welcome back to Kenilworth Road for the first of two important games over the Easter period, starting today against Peterborough United.

A warm welcome to Luke Williams and his players and staff. Luke has got his team playing with a lot of confidence and freedom and will be tough opponents this afternoon.

Today is the start of a busy and significant week in our season, and we're all aware of what's building around it as well, with over 32,000 of you making the trip to Wembley next Sunday. That's something special for us, but the message is clear: right now, our focus is on league points.

Looking back on our last game here against Stockport, there was frustration in the dressing room afterwards because we felt we should have got more out of the game than we took. That's football sometimes. You don't always get exactly what you feel you deserve. However, there were also parts of the performance that were encouraging. At this stage of the season, it's about staying level, not getting too emotional either way and making sure we keep moving forward together.

My message to the players, as it always is, is that the next game is the most important one. Cliché, sure, but that doesn't change. The next one is today, and we'll be doing everything we can to take maximum points before we reset and go again at AFC Wimbledon on Monday.

This past international week came at a good time for us. The last few weeks have been intense in different ways – physically, mentally, emotionally – and you can feel that in the group. Therefore it's been important that the players have had a bit of time at the start of the week to step away, see their families, and properly reset. I'm a big believer in that. You can't just keep going without that release.

It's also given us a chance to do some proper work at The Brache, which we haven't always had given the busy schedule. Most of the season has been about recovery, preparation, recovery again, then the next game. This has allowed us to actually step back and look at things in more detail as we continue to improve.

A lot of that work has been with the ball. There have been moments where we haven't quite been as clean or as decisive as we need to be, and we've tried to address that. At the same time, we've also gone back over defensive detail, because in this division you're always tested – set pieces, second balls, concentration in key moments. Those things matter just as much as anything else.

We all know what Kenilworth Road can bring when we're on the same page. When the players feel the positive energy of the crowd, it gives them something extra. We've felt it here before, and we need it again today. There will be times where the game is tight and it's during those moments when staying together becomes really important.

We've got a big week but it's an exciting one. Enjoy today, get behind us on Monday and safe travels to Wembley.



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BOARDROOM

Tom SCHOFIELD



Welcome back to Kenilworth Road and happy Easter to you all. It's felt like a long wait, due to the international break, so much like the rest of you, I can't wait for the game to kick off.

Clearly this is a critical stage in the season, with games starting to run out quickly. With seven points from the last three games and two more to come in quick succession, this would be the ideal time to put a run of results together, that could still see us make the play-offs.

Today we welcome Peterborough United, who we defeated 2-0 in the reverse fixture way back in August, when goals from Mads Andersen and Jordan Clark proved enough to secure victory. With the clocks now back on British Summer Time and the sun finally threatening to show its face again, let's hope for a repeat performance today!

As many of you will have seen or read, the club's accounts for 2024/25 have now been published, showing a profit of £14.3m for our season in the Championship. The club will, as always, hold an annual review with the Supporters' Trust to discuss these in detail, as it is not always straightforward to interpret financial statements accurately without industry and professional expertise.

The club received its first of two parachute payments from the Premier League and consequently recorded a turnover of £66.8m. As a club committed to financial sustainability, we have relegation clauses as standard in all of our player contracts, so we were able to reduce costs significantly from the start of the season. This, coupled with the sale of a number of players from our Premier League squad, most notably Ross Barkley and Chiedozie Ogbene, contributed to an overall profit of £14.3m.

The club reinvested these profits in both the Power Court project and the playing squad. During the course of both the summer 2024 and January 2025 transfer windows, the club invested £27.6m in the playing squad, including the addition of players such as Mark McGuinness, Thelo Aasgaard and Isaiah Jones. In accounting terms, all of the acquisition costs need to be included in this figure, so it is not simply upfront transfer fees but also contingent fees, agents fees and transfer levies. Following these periods of intense activity and player turnover, the value of the club's squad ('intangible assets' in the accounts) increased by around £7m compared to the Premier League year. In cash terms, the club's trading activity continues to generate a net surplus, meaning it contributes to the operational costs and avoids the need to call on external funding, something which most other clubs remain reliant on. It is important we maintain this model if we are to try to stay both competitive and sustainable.

The Power Court project also required significant investment in the year which is evidenced in the published accounts of 2020 Developments (Luton) Limited, where tangible assets increased by £23m during 2024/25 to £68.8m. A further £7m was still held in the bank at the year end, earmarked for the stadium project. All of this investment has been funded by the group's own profits or by its shareholders,



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and its value cannot be underestimated. Many of these costs were incurred to de-risk the entire scheme and enable construction, which should allow for an efficient and hopefully trouble-free construction.

On promotion to the Premier League the club had to invest significant amounts to make Kenilworth Road compliant. However, even after this expenditure, the capacity was still only around 12,000, with demand for tickets far out stripping this. It therefore wasn't possible to reap the full rewards of participation in the top tier in terms of matchday revenue. Even in the Championship, average attendances exceed 20,000, so there is only one way to grow and improve as a club and that is to build Power Court.

Despite this huge investment in our new home, external debt will be required to complete the project, which is in no way unusual for a project of this scale, indeed the proportion of debt to equity would ordinarily be higher. Debt is often viewed negatively but it can provide opportunities that might never be realised without it. Much like taking out a mortgage to buy a new house, the benefit of owning your own home needs to be weighed up against the cost of servicing the debt in the future. The club has undertaken meticulous business planning and cost benefit analysis to ensure that the debt is affordable, all verified by independent consultants. Given the enormous upside afforded by Power Court, we will be in a materially stronger position than we are today, even during the period when the debt is being repaid. This is not just our view, but the view of potential lenders, keen to fund this project without exposing themselves to undue risk.

Once operational, Power Court will secure the >>

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>> long-term future of the club for generations to come, so while we absolutely must do better on the pitch in the short term, we cannot take our eye off the future, as shareholders, as employees and as supporters. We all share the common goal of making this great club better and we should continually challenge ourselves, and each other, to ensure that what we are doing is helping to achieve that.

Away from investment and back to the football though, as it's the reason we're all here today, it was great to see Ali Al-Hamadi score for Iraq and secure his country's place in this summer's World Cup – and we hope Ali can break his duck in Luton colours between now and the end of the season!

I hope today we can build on the recent run of positive results and maintain momentum as we enter the business end of the season.

Join me in getting behind the lads this afternoon.

COYH!

Tom

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Ali celebrates his goal against Bolivia earlier this week

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THE CAPTAIN

Kal NAISMITH

Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road.

It was a really positive week leading up to the Stockport game last time out and one that showed the direction we're moving in as a group.

To go three games unbeaten is something to build on, and while the result was a sore one, I thought there was a lot to like in the performance. We were solid throughout, we competed well and showed the kind of resilience and organisation we've been working towards.

In the end, it felt like one where we perhaps needed to find a way to turn a point into three, but the effort and application were there for everyone to see.

Your support was, once again, brilliant. The backing you've given the team, not just this past month but all season, has been incredible. We don't take that for granted. I think there's a real connection building between the players and the fans, and you could feel that again in the last few games. The effort the players are putting in is being recognised, and in return the support you're giving is lifting the group. That relationship is so important, especially at this stage of the season.

We now head into an important run of games, starting with Peterborough this afternoon. It's an exciting period for everyone connected with the club and, over this Easter period, there are two games for us to try and keep momentum going. We know Posh are a very good side and we know, in terms of the bigger picture, certain things are no longer in our hands. We're aware of that.

But one thing we will not do – and cannot do in football or in life – is give up. That's not who we are. That's not what this club is about. We'll keep pushing, we'll keep fighting and we'll keep going into every game with the intention of winning. That starts again today. We want the three points and we'll be doing everything we can to get them.

Then we go again on Monday at AFC Wimbledon and after that we head to Wembley next weekend.

To have sold 32,000 over tickets sold is incredible and says everything about this football club and its supporters. It's a special occasion, one we're all looking forward to, and one that everyone has played a part in reaching. Your support throughout the season has been outstanding, and we're incredibly grateful for that.

It feels like we've turned a corner in recent weeks. The performances, the energy, the connection – it's all moving in the right direction. Now it's about maintaining that, building on it and finishing the season as strongly as we possibly can.

Let's keep it going today. Please stay with us, get behind the lads and help us push for another big result.

Enjoy the game.



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Sheila Davies, who passed away aged 85 on 29th January, was a lifelong Hatter who came from a football loving family. Her love for the club and Kenilworth Road was passed on to her daughter Caroline, and in turn, on to her granddaughters Lianne and Vicky – so much so that Vicky is now a season ticket holder in the Oak Road end. She will be sorely missed by her family and friends. Sheila is pictured (left) with daughter Caroline.

Our thoughts go to the family and friends of Peterborough supporter **Jack Lloyd**, who passed away on 3rd April last year. His family miss him every single day, holding onto memories that continue to bring both comfort and tears. Though he is no longer here, his spirit lives on in those memories, in the love he gave, and in the lasting impact he made on everyone around him.



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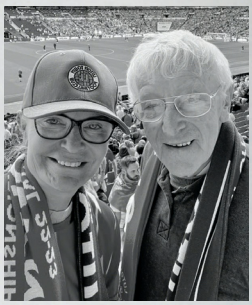


We were devastated to learn last year that life-long Town supporter Kim Oakhill was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer – despite being a non-smoker.

After years spent helping others through her work in the NHS, Kim is now bravely undergoing treatment. Sadly, with standard options proving unsuccessful, her family are now seeking to access a targeted treatment that is only available privately.

An incredible fundraising effort has already seen nearly £40,000 raised, a testament to the generosity and unity of the Hatters community. However, the overall target of £150,000 is needed to give Kim the best possible chance to continue her fight and prolong her life.

If you're able to contribute, it would mean the world to a family whose passion for Luton Town runs deep. For further information please visit their Just Giving page at here.



HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY PAUL!

A very special welcome to life-long Town supporter Paul Denton who is at Kenilworth Road this afternoon to celebrate his 90th birthday.

Paul's journey began in 1941 at Denbigh Road Primary, where he played as a young goalkeeper alongside Dave Pacey, the only Hatters player to score in an FA Cup final. After his first visit to Kenilworth Road in 1948, a lifelong passion was born.

Over nearly eight decades, Paul has followed the Town home and away, even travelling as far as Hong Kong, while attending Wembley finals and holding a long-standing season ticket. His passion subsequently rubbed off on his two daughters who have gone on to be loyal Hatters, too.

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Emilio Lawrence celebrates his first goal in senior football



Kasey Palmer sends a dangerous cross into the box

The Hatters' hopes of gatecrashing the play-offs were dealt a blow as they were held to a draw with Stockport in our last game here at Kenilworth Road. Emilio Lawrence's fine first senior goal gave the Town a deserved half-time advantage, but it was a lead that lasted until 12 minutes from time when Ollie Norwood's free-kick crept past Josh Keeley. The point kept the Hatters in 11th place in League One with seven games to go but there was a palpable air of frustration as the Town left the field knowing that may be two points dropped in the race for a place in the top six.



Izzy Jones tests the Stockport defence



Stockport get to grips with Jordan Clark





TRAINING DAY

A big thank you to all supporters who came down to watch the open training session at Kenilworth Road on Monday.









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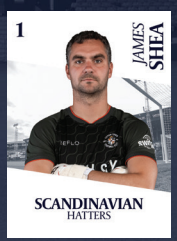




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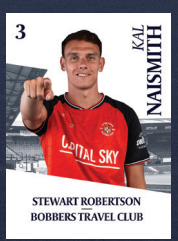
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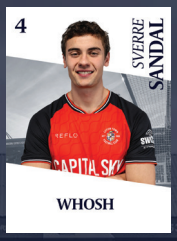




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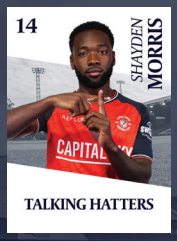
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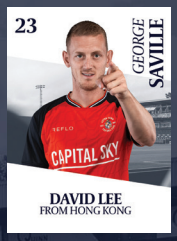


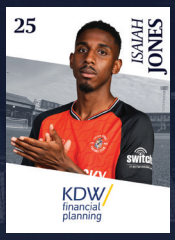








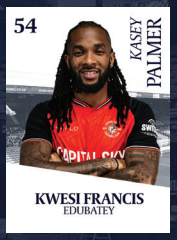






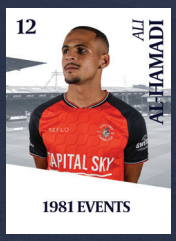


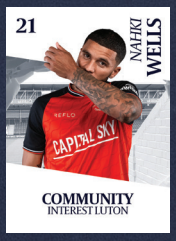


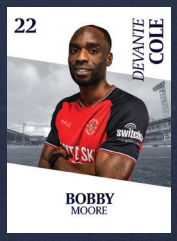


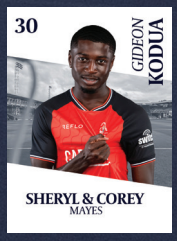
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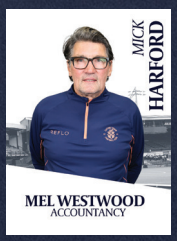




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At our last home game with Stockport we had the pleasure of our welcoming match and matchball sponsors who were members of the Luton Town Supporters' Club of Scandinavia.

They selected Kasey Palmer as their man-of-the-match and our guests in the Eric Morecambe Lounge had the pleasure of meeting Kasey post-match and heard from manager Jack Wilshere and goalkeeper James Shea.

The trio were able to meet and greet guests, sign autographs, pose for photos and answer supporters' questions – just one of the many benefits to matchday hospitality at Kenilworth Road.

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 two home league games this season and we're already preparing our offerings for next season, too. 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 available for the Vertu Trophy final against Stockport. If you are interested in finding out more about these, please do get in touch before it's too late!

Finally, a big hello to our guests from match sponsors David Lloyd and our matchball sponsors who are Ben and Katy Bowler. We hope you have a great afternoon with us.

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PETERBOROUGH UNITED

The Posh are in town as they make the journey down to Kenilworth Road for this big fixture.

After a difficult start to the season, Luke Williams' side pulled things together and now sit 12th in the table, one place and five points behind the Hatters.

Back in August when the two sides last faced each other, it was the Hatters who took all three points. Second half goals from Mads Andersen and Jordan Clark secured the first away win of the season for the Town.

Posh endured a tough beginning start to the campaign under Darren Ferguson and looked in deep trouble for a while. However, after the appointment of Williams, things soon turned and Posh started flying up the league table.

Despite this, Peterborough have been on a poor run away from home recently and are winless in their last five on the road, their last away victory coming against Mansfield in February.

For some Posh fans in the Oak Road end this afternoon, their recent memories of trips to Bedfordshire will not be good ones.

In fact Peterborough have only won twice in 15 visits to Kenilworth Road – actually winning on their first ever visit in Division Three (now League One) back in 1964. Therefore, it's been one win in the next 14 – the only other victory coming on the opening day of the 2002/03 campaign.

The Hatters have won the last two meetings on home soil to an aggregate score of 7-0. In January 2019, a hat-trick from James Collins paved the way for a 4-0 victory in a season that would end with the Town winning the title. Following Posh's promotion two seasons later, the Hatters secured a 3-0 win on the opening day of the 2021/22 campaign with Elijah Adebayo, Harry Cornick and Fred Onyedinma on target.

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

PETERBOROUGH UNITED AT-A-GLANCE

FOUNDED: 1934

NICKNAME: The Posh

GROUND: London Road

RIVALS: Cambridge, Northampton

MAJOR HONOURS: Fourth tier champions 1960/61, 1973/74; EFL Trophy winners 2014, 2024, 2025

LAST TIME AT THE KENNY: Town 3-0 Peterborough 7/8/21

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PETERBOROUGH UNITED

THE AWAY END

The Boss

LUKE WILLIAMS
Appointed Posh boss in October 2025 and has taken them from the relegation zone to mid-table security in this time.

Goalkeeper

ALEX BASS Started his career with Portsmouth but properly earned his name at AFC Wimbledon and Notts County. Has been Posh first choice since September.

Defenders

JAMES DORNELLY An academy product who first broke through in the 2023/24 season. Has racked up over 70 appearances for the club at just 20 years old.

PETER KIOSO Former Hatter back in Town who makes his return to Kenilworth Road. In his second spell at Peterborough, this time on loan from Oxford United.

DAVID OKAGBUE Came through the ranks at Stoke and gained experience at the likes of Chester, Oldham and Walsall before signing for Posh last summer.

HARLEY MILLS Young left-back and Posh academy product who has properly broken through this season. Has featured 22 times this season in all competitions.

GEORGE NEVETT
Made the move from Rochdale to Posh in 2024. Featured for the Wales Under-21 squad last month, playing a full game against Belarus.

Midfielder

BRANDON KHELA
Started his career with Birmingham and had brief loan spells at Ross County and Bradford before making the permanent move to Posh last year.

ARCHIE COLLINS One of the more experienced players in this young squad despite being just 26 years old, he has featured over 150 times for Posh in less than three years.

CIAN HAYES Started his career at Fleetwood and Rochdale before being picked up by Peterborough in 2024. Has scored three goals so far this term.

PATRYK SYKUT Young Ukrainian midfielder who joined the club in January. Has made seven appearances so far and scored in the 3-3 draw with Exeter.

Forwards

JIMMY-JAY MORGAN
Chelsea loanee who has had a top season with Posh, scoring 11 goals in 30 League One games so far. Has scored in the last four games he has featured.

KYRELL LISBIE Young winger who has risen through the ranks of English football and now finds himself flying in the professional game. Has scored 11 goals in his first season in League One.

DAVID KAMARA Spent most of this season on loan in non-league sides King's Lynn and Harborough Town. However, he scored twice for Peterborough in a 5-0 win over Rotherham recently.

PEMI ADEROJU Young forward who has also spent much of his career in non-league so far. Scored his first professional goal in a 6-1 victory against Wigan in February.

DECLAN FRITH Has had a unique career to date spending time with Valencia B and Thun before signing for Peterborough in 2025. Scored his first Posh goal in December, a last-minute winner against Leyton Orient.

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HATTERS *versus* POSH

Historic meetings between the clubs down the years

APRIL 1994

WEMBLEY WARM UP ▼

It's a week before the FA Cup semi-final against Chelsea at Wembley and Kerry Dixon hits the headlines as his double downs Peterborough at Kenilworth Road. A header from John Hartson hits a post and Dixon follows up to score with a tap in. Struggling Posh fight back but a rocket shot on the volley by Dixon midway through the second half settles the issue, and the Hatters are able to record their first win in over a month in Division One (now Championship).

AUGUST 2002

OPENING DAY DEFEAT

Having won promotion at a canter from the fourth tier the season before, hopes are high of another successful season under Joe Kinnear as they kick-off their campaign in the Second Division (now League One) at home to Posh. However, outplayed in midfield, virtually non-existent as an attacking force and struggling against pace in defence, the Town lose for the first time since February. Things are marginally better in the second half, as goals from Dean Crowe and Ahmet Brkovic reduce the deficit, but by then it's too late and the damage is already done.

FEBRUARY 2004

SENIOR BOYS STEP UP

Top of League One, the Town chalk up their third consecutive draw in a hard-fought encounter at London Road. After a goalless first half, Kevin Nicholls curls in a wonderful free-kick to put them



John Hartson strikes at goal in 1994



James Collins completes his hat-trick against Posh in 2019

ahead only for Calum Willock to turn the game for Posh with two headed goals in the space of nine minutes, netting powerfully from close-range before stooping to meet a long throw from Andy Legg. However, the Hatters are made of stern stuff and Steve Howard thumps an emphatic header firmly past Mark Tyler to grab a point five minutes from time to the delight of the travelling Hatters fans.

JANUARY 2019

HAT-TRICK HERO ▲

James Collins was the man of the moment as he netted his second hat-trick of the season as the Hatters saw off promotion rivals Posh 4-0 at Kenilworth Road. Luke Berry netted his first goal since his return from injury to help see off a Posh side that played with 10 men for three-quarters of the game following Ryan Tafazolli's 25th-minute sending off. Mick Harford's side were already a goal to the good before the red card and victory made it 15 games without defeat for the Hatters.

AUGUST 2021

OPENING DAY DELIGHT

The Hatters made a perfect start to the Championship campaign as a capacity crowd returned to Kenilworth Road for the first time in almost 18 months following Covid with goals from Elijah Adebayo, Harry Cornick and Fred Onyedinma sealing a 3-0 win over newly-promoted Posh. The Kenny rocked to the long yearned for sound of 10,000 fans singing Mick Harford's name, before a minute's applause in tribute to the supporters who had passed away since the start of the pandemic.

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Join our Fan Advisory Board

COME AND HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF SUPPORTING LUTON TOWN

The process is now open for supporters to apply for a place on our Fan Advisory Board (FAB).

This is an initiative started by the Premier League to bridge the gap between the club and its supporters.

Many EFL clubs are now following suit, and, with the construction of Power Court, the time feels right for us to do the same.

The Club's operational board will hold the ultimate responsibility for the FAB, with working groups established to engage in topics determined by the FAB.

Topics include fan experience – ticketing, matchday, events, community engagement, digital content, retail and EDI, plus overall ways to strengthen the connection between the club and the supporters.

FAB members will support or chair working groups as required, and summaries of their work will be published on club channels.

To find out more about the FAB and the application process, please read the following FAQs:

WHAT IS A FAN ADVISORY BOARD?

A Fan Advisory Board is a group of elected supporters who meet regularly with representatives of the club to provide feedback, share ideas and discuss initiatives that affect the fan community.

Why does the club have a Fan Advisory Board?

A FAB gives supporters a direct voice in shaping experiences, events and policies. It helps the organisation better understand fan perspectives and ensures decisions reflect the diverse needs of the community.

Who can apply to be on the Fan Advisory Board?

Eligibility criteria vary by club but typically any dedicated fan over a certain age (e.g. 18+) can apply. Some groups also aim for diversity in age, location, background and level of fan involvement.

How are members selected?

Applications are reviewed by the organisation and members chosen based on their passion, unique perspectives and ability to represent a broad cross-section of the fanbase.

What is the time commitment?

Our FAB will meet three times a year, either in-person or virtually. Members may also be asked to participate in surveys, focus groups or special projects between meetings.

Are Fan Advisory Board Members paid?

Participation is voluntary. However, some organisations provide perks such as exclusive experiences or early access to information as a thank you for members' time.

What kind of topics does the FAB discuss?

Topics include fan experience – ticketing, matchday, events, community engagement, digital content, retail, EDI and overall ways to strengthen the connection between the club and the supporters.

How long is the term for members?

Terms usually last one or two years to allow fresh perspectives while keeping some continuity.

Can I apply again if I'm not selected?

Yes, we encourage reapplying for future seats on the Board if you're not chosen the first time.

How can fans who aren't on the Board share their ideas?

Even if you're not on the FAB, there are surveys, fan focus group and our contact channels where we welcome feedback that will be reviewed by the FAB and the club.

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LAWRENCE LOVING LIFE AT LUTON

Winger thrilled with first senior goal against Stockport

Emilio Lawrence is continuing to relish his opportunity at Kenilworth Road after his first senior goal helped the Hatters to a 1-1 draw with Stockport in our last game here in League One.

The on-loan Manchester City winger struck a superb opener but, while the visitors equalised in the second half to earn a point, Lawrence was still delighted to open his account against County.

"It's something new with all the games, but there's nothing better than being in front of the crowd and playing games, so I'm enjoying that," said the 20-year-old.

"It's another thing to learn, a new experience, but I think I'm handling it okay.

"There are still areas to improve, but I'm glad I can just help the team. We're frustrated with the result. We definitely think we could have come away with three points, but looking at the bigger picture, it's seven points out of nine from the week.

"We've got a little bit of a break now for internationals, so I'm sure when we get back we'll just keep the form running again and get back at it."

On the goal itself, Lawrence said: "Kal just started dribbling upfield, so I came up the pitch with him to try and get on it.

"Thankfully it fell to me and as soon as I got it I knew I had to take it and just swung it to that far post. The keeper's a big guy, I saw his arm stretch out, but I'm just glad it went in."

Lawrence, who was on duty for Scotland Under-21s this past week, earned praise from manager Jack Wilshere who had restored the winger to the Town line-up at Port Vale having been left out of the team for five games.

"Goals like that are why we wanted him to come here," said the boss. "We wanted him for his final third quality, his assists, his goals, his ability to sometimes beat a man, cross the ball, sometimes cut in and cause the defender a problem. He's got the quality off his right to do that. I'm happy for him because when he first came and he was thrown in, he probably had a little bit of a rude awakening about what League One was.

"When he wasn't in the team, on his days off he would come in and work on those types of finishes and his challenge was to earn the trust of his team-mates, of his coaches, of me. When you look at it, a young player coming into League One, that's probably what they have to do and what I mean by that is running, tracking your runners, defending. The last four or five games, defensively he's been excellent.

"It's a good message; it's a good message for everyone. We want people, characters like Emilio, at this football club, who get a little setback, get taken out of the team, but get back into it by staying focused, having a good attitude, trying to improve and he's definitely done that."

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Luton Town Disabled Supporters Association AGM 2026

Disabled supporters are an integral part of Luton Town – they may experience matchdays differently, but the role they play and the passion they bring are the same as any other fan.

Luton Town Disabled Supporters Association (LTDSA) works to make sure those voices are heard, and the upcoming Annual General Meeting is a chance for disabled supporters and allies to help shape what comes next at Luton Town FC.

LTDSA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- **Date:** Thursday 30th April 2026
- **Time:** 6.30pm – 9.00pm
- **Venue:** John Moore Lounge, Kenilworth Road Stadium
- **RSVP by 23rd April:** Email rsvp@ltdsa.co.uk to book your place - spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis (let us know about any access requirements)
- **Online option:** Livestream available – let us know if you would prefer to join online

Across the evening, we will look back at the past year, share our achievements, talk about improvements we would like to make, and set out our priorities for the year ahead - all with input from the people who matter most: you.

Following our AGM formalities, a big part of the night will be "Ask The Club" – a Q&A with key club staff, hosted by LTDSA committee member Steve Moore. You are encouraged to let us know in advance if you have any questions you would like answered on the night, and we will do our best to include as many as possible.

There will also be time during the break for informal conversations – whether that's meeting other disabled supporters or getting to know current committee members.

If you would like to learn more about the LTDSA, how to become a member, or find out how to get involved, you can now visit our new website at www.ltdsa.co.uk, where you can find further information and contact details. (Insert QR code)

We'd love to see you at the AGM and to have you involved as we work together to make Luton Town one of the most welcoming and inclusive clubs in the country.

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THE VIEW FROM THE PRESS BOX

BBC Three Counties Radio's ***Simon Oxley*** *looks forward to Easter and Wembley*

Ah those heady summer days of August… winning at London Road in the warmth of the midday sun… heading back down the A1 with six points from the opening two games, no goals conceded, and, albeit with some things to be ironed out, the season set fair. Plenty of water under the bridge since then.

We enter this Easter period still candidates for a play-off place, but in the category marked "not impossible, but unlikely". Bolton and Bradford are doing enough; Stockport have rediscovered some form; and then it's one from six.

It's shaping up to possibly go to the wire for several of our 3CR teams. Stevenage and Wycombe are currently better placed than Luton, and Wycombe's goal difference is only bettered by the top two. In the Championship, Watford have too much to do; and despite losing their last two games in League Two, Milton Keynes should still get automatic promotion. A first Luton visit to Stadium MK beckons.

Incidentally, if you selected a pre-season accumulator of Arsenal, Coventry, Lincoln and Bromley… enjoy the Maldives! Lincoln and Bromley are every manager/head coach's worst nightmare. How many owners in Leagues One and Two have pointed to those two and look at those in charge of their own teams with an inquiring face?

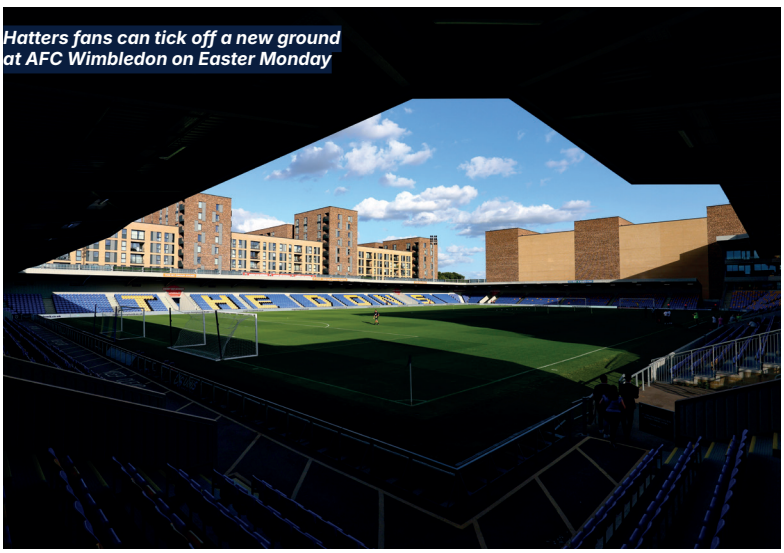
Anyway, here's hoping we keep hope alive today, before a chance to tick off another ground at Wimbledon on Monday.

I saw the Hatters win 2-1 at the old Plough Lane back in February 1990, with goals from Kurt Nogan and Iain Dowie, and am looking forward to a first visit to the new version, even if it means relying on the Bank Holiday trains.

And then it's Wembley. I re-acquainted myself with the facilities last Friday as England took on Uruguay. We – my daughter and I – were at the 'Luton end'. She's going next Sunday as well, and she's got a t-shirt. She follows Liverpool, but drip feeding Luton to her over the years is starting to work!

One more thing about Wembley. Unlike every league ground in England, the scoreboard clock stops at 45 and 90 minutes, and doesn't show added time. I know, don't judge me, but to be fair it wasn't the most riveting of games. I just feel Wembley should set the standard.

See you there.



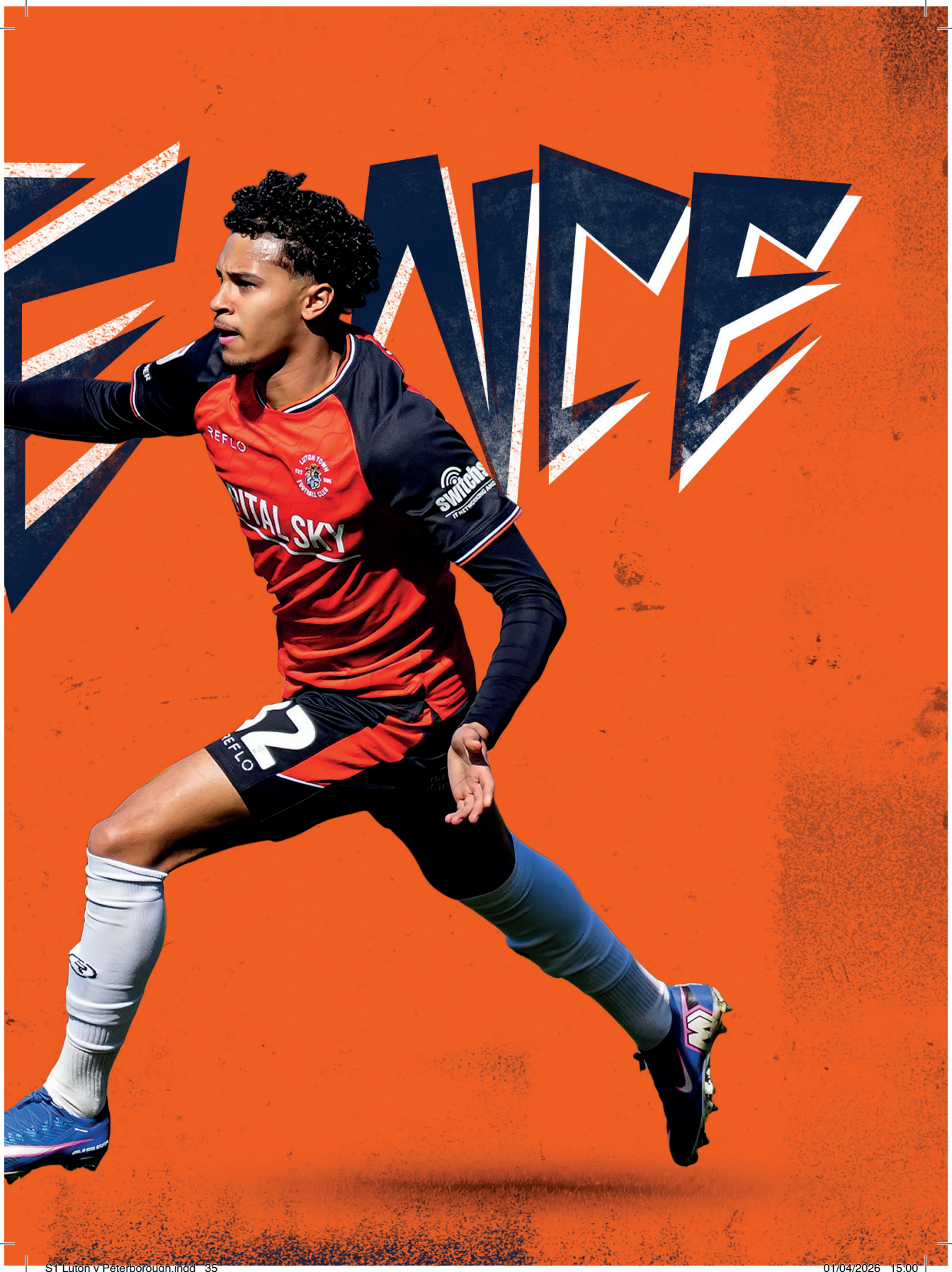
Hatters fans can tick off a new ground at AFC Wimbledon on Easter Monday

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LUTON TOWN SUPPORTERS' TRUST

Trust members received an email last week with a summary of our meetings, online and face to face, with the club over questions they've been asking about various aspects including Power Court, 2020's strategy and structure, performance and communications.

As shareholders in the club, and the official 'voice of the fans', several members of the Trust board took our members' concerns to the club – as we had promised we would, and will continue to do – and asked them some direct and challenging questions.

We spoke to Gary Sweet, CEO, James Mooney, Operations Director, Jenn Smith, Human Resources Director and members of the Board, and we were reassured by how open the club was, with their promise that this is a turning point in better communications, as they cover in these replies. We – and the club – want to be fully transparent, so we're now sharing their replies as provided to us, in their entirety and verbatim, for the wider fanbase.

Here are the club's responses in full.

Power Court

Power Court is more than a stadium project. For Luton Town supporters, it represents the biggest opportunity in generations to secure the long-term future of the club.

There has never been a better chance of a new stadium. After years of tireless and meticulous work, Power Court is on the cusp of rising. Planning consents won, site de-risked, major infrastructure works completed, commercial arrangements ready, and local and national authority support in-place; all needed to make Power Court possible. They were achieved, with the help of our extensive technical consultancy team, through professional, thorough and exact processes which have been checked, reviewed, audited and monitored by numerous professional authorities, regulators and institutions.

To get this far without doing it all properly would have been impossible.

If we do not take this opportunity now, the club risks falling behind – not just competitively, but structurally and commercially. To be clear, this is a once-in-a-generation opportunity for a major regeneration project which allows us to elevate the club's profile, strengthen stakeholder trust and build long-term excitement for the future of our football club for generations to come.

On the ground, construction is now underway, and the project is progressing well. Piling work is ahead of schedule and the broader construction programme remains sound. Delivering this project properly really matters to us. That means combining local employment opportunities with world-class engineering and construction expertise to ensure the stadium is built safely, responsibly and to the highest standards.

Supporters are right to ask about the cost and the funding. It's not unusual for cost plans to move but, as we write, the cost plan is on target and deliverable with over a fair proportion of the cost already procured. Like most major stadium developments, it requires the club to take on debt during the process. We want to be open about that.

However, the significant commercial opportunity in delivering matchday and, in particular, non-matchday revenue will place the club in a materially stronger, more sustainable position than today. Any debt has been prudently planned, servicing it will be affordable and is budgeted and its balance eroded as contributions from further phases of development are realised as time passes. This financial model has been stress-tested and independently reviewed, and we, and they, are confident in its robustness.

For clarity, no one involved in this project is seeking undue personal gain from the stadium. The aim has always been clear: for Luton Town to own Power Court outright in the long term, unencumbered. Every major decision has been taken with that goal in mind. This stadium is being built for the club and for the town.

Power Court is the foundation upon which this club will build for generations – the platform that will allow Luton Town to continue to compete sustainably, grow its revenues, and invest properly in its team, its academy and its

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community. We owe it to every supporter – past, present and future – to see it through, and that is exactly what we intend to do.

Club Strategy

Our guiding principle as a Board has always been and remains the long-term stability of Luton Town. Safeguarding the club's future requires us to think beyond the immediate and plan prudently for the years ahead, ensuring the club continues to grow for generations of supporters.

A key part of that responsibility is succession planning. We are committed to maintaining continuity of leadership and strong governance so that Luton Town remains stable and well managed over time.

Equally important is maintaining a strong and sustainable business off the pitch. Financial discipline, a clear commercial strategy and responsible decision-making are the foundation for the club's ambitions.

Of course, respect needs to be given to confidentiality in this instance, but the club has already developed its executive team, has grown its development team, added senior positions to oversee governance and compliance and is reviewing how the organisation is run once Power Court is a reality.

Acting with integrity and in the best long-term interests of the club and its supporters guides every decision we make.

Club Structure

We understand concerns expressed about the scale of the project and concerns over the burden of responsibility upon any one individual. The reality is that delivering something as complex as Power Court requires an over-arching, strong and experienced team. It is a collective responsibility.



The CEO's role is to provide overall leadership and senior direction for that team and across the club. He is supported by a capable and dedicated executive team who are responsible for running the day-to-day operations of the business – which will naturally evolve as the stadium project progresses over the coming months.

There are many disciplines that must be executed across both football and stadium development that needs aligning and is the regular function of the CEO to unite this direction and process across all infrastructure projects, as happens at all other clubs.

Alongside this, the development company overseeing Power Court has its own leadership structure, including a Chief Operating Officer and specialist professionals responsible for delivering the stadium project. That team will continue to grow as Power Court progresses through its construction phases.

The governance structure is designed to ensure proper oversight, accountability and decision-making at every level. There is no stone being left unturned in ensuring this project is a success for Luton Town Football Club and the wider community.

On-Pitch Performance

We also want to address the issue that matters most to supporters, week in, week out: results on the pitch.

We acknowledge that for a period results on the pitch have been well below both the standards we expect, and the standards our supporters deserve. We understand the frustration, and we share it.

Dark clouds have hung over us for too long. Turning things around in football is rarely immediate, but we are determined to put things right. The same determination, discipline and clear thinking that underpin the work off the pitch are being applied to improving performance on it.

We have been pleased to see a change in this over the past months of fixtures as we know it is something Jack, his staff and the players are determined to put right – and we are all looking forward to a date of destiny at Wembley in the Vertu Trophy next week. Days like the one that's coming up on 12th April should be celebrated, and we're excited about heading to the home of English football.

We all care deeply about this club. We are honest about the challenges and the scale of what lies ahead. We are determined to get this right, on the pitch and off it.

Improvement and the rebuilding can be an exciting process. >>

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Standing Together

Supporters are the heart of Luton Town Football Club. That will never change. We are supporters ourselves – and, it goes without saying, we only want what's best for this club.

We know we haven't always communicated as clearly or as regularly as supporters would like, and that is something we are working to improve. There is never any intention to keep things from fans, but some matters, naturally – particularly when contracts or negotiations are involved – cannot be discussed until they are agreed.

Power Court represents a defining moment in the club's history. By approaching it with integrity, responsibility and a clear long-term vision, we believe we can build a stronger, sustainable future for Luton Town.

We ask you to trust in the process, to hold us to account, and to stand with us as we build the future of Luton Town Football Club – but we also need to ask for your faith and patience as our exciting future rises.

Thank you to the club for these replies. The Trust are in the process of reviewing their formal communications processes, plans and strategies with the club to ensure that members' questions are answered.

If you're not already a member, please think about joining now so we can represent your voice and your concerns. Simply visit www.lutontownsupporterstrust.com and click on Membership.

Paul Stephens, Chair of the Trust, said: "I was pleased to get some of those key questions answered, and please keep them coming. We're looking forward to future interactions with the club so we can bring you more information and more answers, more often."

Meet the Heroes of 2014

A few weeks ago, we hosted The Heroes of 2014 with stars of our Conference-winning team including Alex Lawless, Paul Benson, Ronnie Henry and Jake Howells meeting up with us for a fascinating and entertaining event at the club, in support of SoLYD. It was filmed live and you can catch up on the chat with Part 1 of the event on our You Tube channel.

If you missed it on the night, it's well worth a watch!

Player of the Season Presentation Evening

Tickets are available now for the Trust's annual Presentation Evening on Tuesday 28th April – a chance to be there for the awards along with club players, directors and management. It's always a great night, and following positive reviews, we're back at the Paddock Marquee at The Cross Keys in Pulloxhill.

Doors (and the bar!) open at 5.30, with photo and autograph opportunities with the players from six, a splendid hot dinner at seven and the awards starting at 7.45. After they're completed and the players have gone to rest up for the next match, we'll hear from Jack Wilshere and Gary Sweet.

This is an event that's not to be missed – and tickets are available to all. It's a members-only event, but if you're a non-member you can buy a ticket and a membership at the same time. Simply email events@lutontownsupporterstrust.com for more information, or book online at https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GFCN, where all the details can be found.

In Memoriam

We are also now respectfully collecting submissions to honour Luton Town fans we have sadly lost over the past 12 months, to feature in our 'In Memoriam' video that will feature at the LTST Presentation Evening.

If you would like to include someone, please send the following details to events@lutontownsupporterstrust.com by 5pm on Friday 17th April so we can ensure everything is included in time. Please include their full name, any specific dates and up to three photographs, preferably in high-quality.

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

Wearing HISTORY

2017/18 THIRD

Today we feature a shirt from our 'purple phase' – the few seasons when we introduced purple into our kit colour pallet.

The previous season we had a full on purple third kit but for the 2017/18 we went a bit more subtle.

It was our second season with Puma as the kit manufacturer, and a campaign where we actually kept the home shirt from the previous season. However, for us kit collectors, we still had new away and third shirts.

The third shirt, which we are featuring today, is an interesting combination of white, purple and grey. The core white of the shirt is interrupted by dotted grey horizontal stripes that go across the shirt from top to bottom.

The purple then presents itself in the Puma badge, SsangYong sponsor and lovely sleeve trim. The Puma logo on the sleeve is then in white, which gives it that pop factor. An interesting shirt, and one that I actually believe has improved with age. We haven't seen anything like it since!

I'm sure we all remember the 2017/18 season, our second place finish in League Two promoting us back into League One. It was a fantastic campaign, and one that showed the skills of the talented squad that Nathan Jones had built.

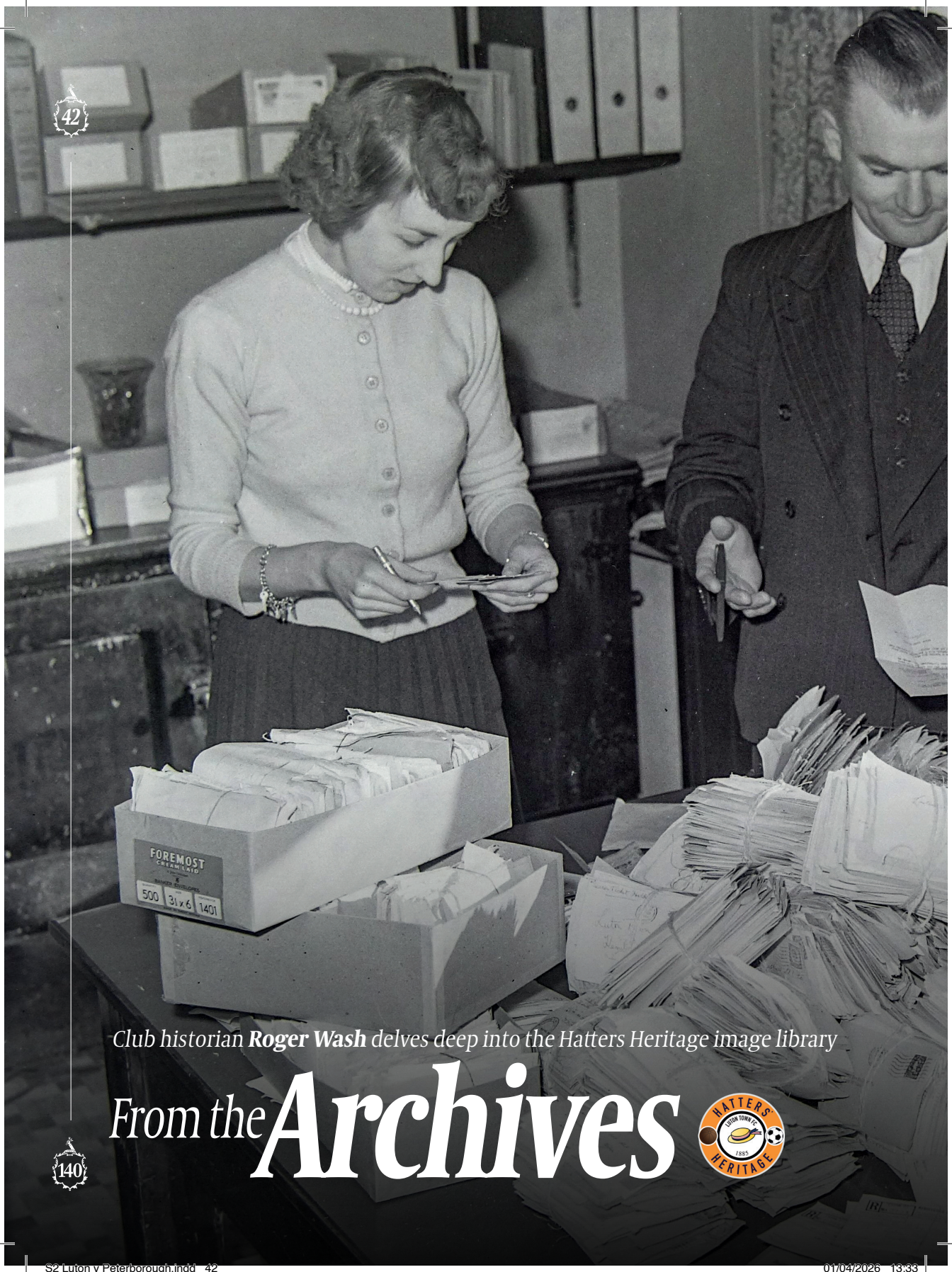
This shirt didn't need to wait too long to make its debut, but it didn't get off to a great start as it began with a 1-0 defeat at Barnet and was followed with a 2-2 draw away at Mansfield Town with the deadly duo of James Collins and Danny Hylton on the score sheet.

We earned our first win a few away games later in a 2-1 victory at Wycombe Wanderers, thanks to goals from Scott Cuthbert and Collins.

This shirt was only used a few times after that, including a Football League Trophy game away at AFC Wimbledon in which we also won 2-1 thanks to two Andrew Shinnie goals.

This is a really interesting shirt, with a unique design and one from a really successful period in our rise up the leagues!





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

From the Archives

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In the days before Ticketmaster, club secretary Phil Coley looks at the first batch of postal applications for tickets for the forthcoming FA Cup fifth round tie against Manchester City in 1955.



Meanwhile (inset), housewives queue up along Beech Hill Path to buy tickets from an office set up in the Bobbers Club.

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

ON THIS DAY

3rd April



2024 – The injury-hit Hatters are defeated on our first ever visit to the Emirates Stadium as Arsenal record a 2-0 win in the Premier League.



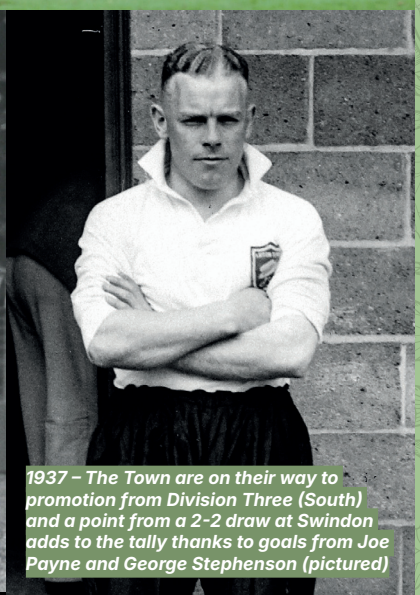
1971 – Over 25,000 squeeze into Kenilworth Road to witness Viv Busby score twice as the Hatters beat Birmingham 3-2 in a thrilling Division Two (now Championship) clash.



2010 – Substitute Matthew Barnes-Homer scores a second-half winner as the Town win 1-0 at Stevenage in the Conference.



1982 – Goals from Brian Stein and Steve White earn the Town a 2-0 home win over Blackburn as David Pleat's side close in on promotion to the top-flight.



1937 – The Town are on their way to promotion from Division Three (South) and a point from a 2-2 draw at Swindon adds to the tally thanks to goals from Joe Payne and George Stephenson (pictured)



1993 – The Hatters and Watford play out a dull derby draw at Vicarage Road in the second tier in a game played in high winds on a bumpy pitch.

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Discussing tactics with David Pleat

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

The Man from Montevideo – Danny Bergara

Alberto Daniel 'Danny' Bergara was born on 24th July 1942 in Montevideo, Uruguay, into a family known locally for being well cultured and educated.

His earliest years were spent on the family ranch where he enjoyed shooting partridge and bareback horse riding along with his six siblings, as well as a good schooling. There was sadness among this idyllic upbringing however as his father, Mario, passed away at just 36 years old in 1949.

Danny was a good student and artistic – he could play the piano by ear – but it was football at which he really excelled and his talents were noted by Racing Club of Montevideo, for whom he signed at 14. An elegant and skilful inside-forward, he had made his debut for the first team by 16 and coped well with the hurly burly of the First Division, quickly becoming known as a future star of Uruguayan football.

Such potential was always going to draw attention from Europe and it was Real Mallorca's coach Jose Luis Saso who showed the greatest interest after spotting Danny during one of his regular scouting missions. Danny's mother, Maria Elena, thought her son, still only 19, was too young to travel such a distance alone however, so the deal was expanded to include his older brother Nacho, who played alongside him for Montevideo.

The brothers moved to Spain in 1963 and Danny settled well in his new surroundings, becoming a popular figure at Mallorca, finishing as top scorer in four of his five seasons at the club. It was while in Mallorca that he met his future wife Jan, a London girl working in Spain for the summer. The pair were married in 1966 in England, and as part of the trip home attended the opening game of the World Cup, as their respective countries played out a 0-0 draw at Wembley.

> *"DANNY WAS A GOOD STUDENT AND ARTISTIC – HE COULD PLAY THE PIANO BY EAR – BUT IT WAS FOOTBALL AT WHICH HE REALLY EXCELLED SUCH A DISTANCE ALONE HOWEVER, SO THE DEAL WAS EXPANDED TO INCLUDE HIS OLDER BROTHER NACHO, WHO PLAYED ALONGSIDE HIM FOR MONTEVIDEO.*

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By the early 1970s Danny was playing for Tenerife, whom he'd joined after a successful spell at Sevilla. He enjoyed his time there and was popular with the fans, but a calf injury would eventually lead to his premature retirement at just 30. Now with a young family to support, in the summer of 1973 Danny and Jan made the decision to move to England, and specifically to St Albans, where they intended to open a travel agency.

By chance, Luton chief scout Paddy Sowden was a family friend of Jan's, and Danny spoke to him about training with the club in an effort to stay fit. He also shared his scrapbooks on playing philosophy with Sowden, who was impressed enough with what he saw to pass them onto Town boss Harry Haslam.

Haslam, always ready to test the accepted wisdom of the footballing world, was also intrigued by what he read and wanted to find a way of getting Bergara more involved at Kenilworth Road. This was difficult in the days where strict rules still surrounded the employment of foreign nationals as players or coaches. Harry had a solution, of course. He employed Bergara as a driver's assistant for one of the directors, thus allowing him to obtain a National Insurance number and therefore get himself accepted on an FA accredited coaching course. Then, once he could, Haslam gave the Uruguayan responsibility for looking after the youth players.



Bergara with Andy King (left). Credit – Simon Bergara

It was some group of youth players too. Andy King, Alan Biley, Godfrey Ingram, Lil Fuccillo, as well as a young midfielder from London by the name of Ricky Hill. Given the financial turmoil surrounding the club, the promotion of younger players was of paramount importance, and Haslam could hardly have found a better man for the job than Bergara, who brought his own way of thinking to the role.

In his notes on coaching, Bergara would write, "The three main points over which we base ourselves to train the Town players are technical and tactical aspects, physical fitness and mental fitness". Bergara further broke this down in simple terms. To want, to know and to be able. Attitude, ability and motivation.

It certainly brought results. His youth sides barely lost a game and Bergara began to draw attention from other clubs, with offers to take over the youth sides at Sheffield United and Sevilla put forward. He was also offered the role of Director of Coaching at the Uruguayan FA, a high honour, but Bergara, feeling a sense of loyalty to Harry Haslam, stayed put.



Danny Bergara with Harry Haslam (left) and club doctor Peter Burrows (right)

That was until 1978 when Haslam, annoyed at not being offered a new contract and tired of the ongoing financial constraints he was working under, accepted an offer to become Sheffield United manager. Offers were made to both Bergara and David Pleat to join him at Bramall Lane. Pleat, of course, stayed and took the manager's position. Attempts were made to keep Bergara with him as a coach but in the end the chance to become Haslam's assistant in Sheffield, and the loyalty he felt to the man who had given him a window into English football, proved too great and Bergara's time at Kenilworth Road came to an end.

In many ways this was only the start of Bergara's time in England. Though he'd fall out with Haslam not long after the move, he would go onto a long and successful career in management himself, most notably at Stockport County, who he took from Fourth Division strugglers to the cusp of the second tier in six years. His reputation with the 'other' Hatters is such that he has a stand named after him at Edgeley Park.

Sadly, Danny Bergara passed away in 2007 at the age of just 65. When Ricky Hill was about to strike his famous debut goal against Bristol Rovers it was the Uruguayan's philosophies he had in his mind. "Danny could have been sent just for me... he loved and encouraged skill. He was my youth team coach, my friend, and my mentor."

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LTFC academy

With Jayden Hay
Senior Academy Physiotherapist





As the season draws to a close, we begin to reflect on the current campaign while simultaneously preparing for the demands of the next.

Throughout any season, periods of fluctuation are inevitable, particularly with regard to injuries. In recent weeks, there have been several positive developments.

Jayden Luker has returned to Notts County and marked his comeback with minutes against Harrogate Town following an almost six-month rehabilitation period for a meniscus injury – an important milestone in his recovery. Taylan Harris is also progressing well in his return from a hamstring injury, while Claude Kayibanda continues to make encouraging strides in his ACL rehabilitation.

In addition, a couple of our Under-18s are currently rehabilitating hip and groin injuries and are making positive progressions, representing further encouraging developments within the group.

As the season concludes, it is important that players are afforded a well-earned period of rest. However, continued support remains essential for those currently rehabilitating, ensuring they are in the best possible position ahead of pre-season. Our objective is to maximise player availability when pre-season begins.

Looking ahead, preparations for next season are already underway. This includes the organisation of musculoskeletal, cardiac and concussion screenings. These assessments enable us to establish comprehensive baseline data for each player, supporting both injury prevention strategies and effective return-to-play protocols.

At the start of next season, we also welcome the new group of scholars into a full-time schedule. The transition from Under-16 to Under-18 football presents its own challenges, particularly due to the increased physical load and intensity, which can elevate injury risk.

We aim to mitigate this through close collaboration with the sports science department, equipping players with the knowledge and tools required to maintain performance and availability. This includes education around recovery, nutrition, and overall physical preparation.

Despite the season nearing its end, there remain significant fixtures within the academy programme.

The Under-18s, for example, are preparing for a PDL Cup Final against Wimbledon later this month. From a medical perspective, we maintain clear and consistent communication with coaching and sports science staff to manage player availability for such key matches. In addition, the academy continues to support the club's preparations for the upcoming trip to Wembley on 12th April.

While the First Team and PDP programmes conclude, the YDP and Foundation Phase age groups continue with their training

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schedules and fixtures. This requires ongoing coordination to ensure all sessions and matches are appropriately supported with medical provision.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the academy medical team for their continued dedication and professionalism. Their tireless efforts ensure that players across all age groups receive the highest standard of care.

Looking ahead, we are excited to build on the progress made this season and continue supporting the development of players across the academy.

We also look forward to working closely with the First Team as they pursue their ambitions, ensuring that we provide the highest level of medical and performance support to help the club achieve its goals in the season ahead.

GAWEL BRACE BEATS BORO

Dawid Gawel's second half brace helped Town on to a 3-1 win over Stevenage at the Sports Hub.

A first half own-goal and a lack of cutting edge in the final third saw the Hatters behind at the interval, with two strikes from Gawel and another own-goal in the second half turning the tide to wrap up the three points.

It was Stevenage who took the lead inside 20 minutes as a long ball over the top of the defence caused confusion between Riley Flynn and his defenders, with the final touch coming off a Town player to give the hosts the lead.

The Hatters fought hard in the remainder of the half, primarily through the wide areas with wingbacks Kyrese Richards and Benny Benagr providing outlets for the midfield.

Gawel spurned a chance deep into the first half when he worked his way into the box but could only rifle his effort wide.

While the Town did have to weather some Stevenage attacks, the second half proved to be a much better 45 minutes of attacking quality. Just past the hour mark, a mix-up at the back from the hosts presented Gawel the opportunity to strike from range with the Stevenage goalkeeper only able to get a touch in tipping the ball into the back of the net.

Gawel's second was less speculative but by no means lacked quality, with substitute Kyron Roberts-Edema managing to get beyond his full-back before curling a delightful cross into the path of the striker who finished expertly on the half volley to put the Town in front.

The third goal came in the closing stages courtesy of some lovely work by Archie Shepherd who surged into the box before firing a low driven cross across the edge of the area for a Stevenage defender to tap home under the threat of Roberts-Edema waiting to pounce.

Dawid Gawel



Town: Flynn, Evans, Norford, Barnes, Benagr, Knote-Reed (sub Sharp 63), Passley-James (sub El Gourja 75), Richards (sub Roberts-Edema 56), Shepherd, Lesser (sub Isufi 56), Gawel

Match Report: Liam Wilmot

U18 FIXTURES

AUGUST
Sat 8 Plymouth Argyle W 5-1
Tue 12 Leyton Orient W 6-4
Sat 16 PDLC Oxford Utd W 3-0
Sat 23 Cheltenham W 4-2
Sat 30 Forest Green L 0-3

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

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

NOVEMBER
Sat 8 Bristol Rovers W 6-1
Sat 15 Wycombe L 1-2
Sat 22 PDLC Watford W 4-1

DECEMBER
Sat 6 Milton Keynes W 4-0
Sat 13 Cambridge Utd L 3-6
Sat 20 Northampton 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 W 3-1
Sat 28 Gillingham L 0-1

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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youth PROFILE

Henry Blackledge

YOUR NAME? Henry Blackledge

WHERE ARE YOU FROM? Brisbane, Australia

WHAT POSITIONS DO YOU PLAY? Goalkeeper

WHEN DID YOU JOIN THE ACADEMY? January 2024

WHO WAS YOUR FOOTBALL HERO GROWING UP? Jamie Young

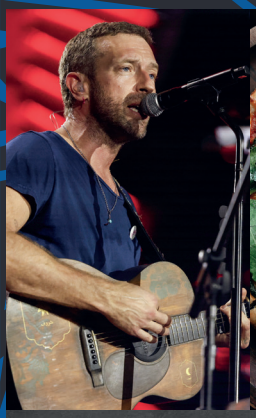
GO-TO BOOTS RIGHT NOW? Adidas Predator Accuracy

FIRST TIME YOU KICKED A BALL? Six years old

BIGGEST LESSON FOOTBALL'S TAUGHT YOU? Hard work beats talent

TEAMMATE MOST LIKELY TO BE A MANAGER? Zach Ioannides or Claude Kayibanda









FUNNIEST TEAMMATE? Joshua Phillips

BIGGEST INSPIRATION OUTSIDE OF FOOTBALL? My dad

MOMENT YOU'LL NEVER FORGET? Being involved in the warm-up for the first team before the Manchester City FA Cup tie

BEST BIT ABOUT BEING AT LUTON? The togetherness

ONE THING YOU'RE WORKING ON? Decision making and game awareness

FAVOURITE MUSIC/ ARTIST? Coldplay

FAVOURITE GAME? Five Crowns

PRE-MATCH ROUTINE OR SUPERSTITIONS? A good night's sleep

GO-TO CHEAT MEAL... Pizza

IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER? Financial advisor or wealth management

PERSON YOU'D SWAP PLACES WITH FOR A DAY? Donald Trump

THREE WORDS TO DESCRIBE YOURSELF. Brave, reflective, resilient

ONE THING PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT ME. My bachelor is in economics

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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.

With more than 1,200 schools and 9,000 players taking part in the qualifiers, only 20 schools progressed to the national final – making this an incredible achievement. The girls will have the incredible opportunity to experience a day in the life of a Premier League footballer – playing at a Premier League stadium under the watchful eyes of Premier League and Women's Super League officials.

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 playout goalless draw

Leah Robinson keeps clean sheet on her return to the squad as Hatters held by QPR

With Myles Maddix suspended, first-team coach Francis Edubatey was the man in the dugout, and his side saw five changes from the team that was defeated 5-1 by London Bees last weekend.

Leah Robinson, who spent the season on loan at Cambridge City in the sixth tier, was recalled following the injuries to Nicole Melling and Sarah Hudson to make her first appearance since the final day of last season. Courtnay Ward-Chambers, Tasha Fensome, Amber Leighton and Elizabeth Mulvaney stepped in for Natalia Makowska, Leyah Maddix, Jànaye Beaufort and Andie Dickens.

The Ladies started brightly and almost took the lead five minutes in. A well-worked move began with Tanya Blacksley, who spread it out wide to Fiona Buttigieg and the full-back whipped in a pinpoint delivery into Fensome who powered a header over the bar.

Robinson was tested for the first time with 10 minutes played when a long-distance effort was well held by the young keeper. At the other end, the Town came close again. Fensome drove through the Hoops' midfield and laid the ball into Ward-Chambers but the forward saw her effort immediately blocked.

With 20 minutes on the clock, QPR spurned a fantastic chance to open the scoring. A chaotic goalmouth scramble resulted in multiple blocks on the line from the Town, who eventually cleared.

The pace of the opening half-an-hour had slowed drastically in the final 15 minutes of the first half, with neither side creating any real goalscoring opportunities. The best chance fell the Hatters' way when Leighton's flicked header picked out Fensome, who slipped Emily Wilson through on goal, but the forward was instantly thwarted by the onrushing goalkeeper.

The Hatters were the superior side in the opening exchanges of the second half, although Leighton's effort from the edge of the area which was blocked by a Hoops defender, was the best opportunity the Town could create, while Robinson was tested again from distance and she got down low to deny the visitors at her near post.

Maddix replaced Wilson as the game entered stoppage time, and the skipper almost made an instant impact. She collected the ball on the right and chopped inside onto her left foot, rolling the ball to Elizabeth Mulvaney, however, but her effort was held by the Rangers keeper.

The Ladies are back in action on Sunday when they take on Cambridge United in their penultimate home game of the season. Kick-off at Barton Rovers is at 2pm.

Town: Robinson, Blacksley, Swarres, Tambula, Fensome, Mulvaney, Wilson (sub Maddix 89), Buttigieg (sub Dickens 72), Milliken, Ward-Chambers, Leighton (sub Beaufort 79).

Unused subs: Rance, Brooks, Chellenbron, Bowman.

Report: Owen Williams
Photos: Duncan Jack

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 L 1-5
29 QPR D 0-0

APRIL
5 Cambridge United
12 Fulham
26 Chatham Town



Action from the goalless draw with QPR last week

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A big shoutout to our mascots at the Stockport game!

JUNIOR HATTERS



Jayden O'Brien

Age: 7
Hobbies: Football, reading and math
Favourite Player: Nahki Wells



Sophie Mead

Age: 9
Hobbies: Playing football, dancing and reading
Favourite Player: Jordan Clark



Harrison Mead

Age: 8
Hobbies: Playing football and Lego
Favourite Player: Jordan Clark



Edward Mead

Age: 11
Hobbies: Loves watching Luton Town, playing football and playing EAFC 26
Favourite Player: Gideon Kodua



Margot Mead

Age: 9
Hobbies: Playing football, ballet, gymnastics, singing
Favourite Player: Elijah Adebayo



Ronnie Welch

Age: 10
Hobbies: All things football. He enjoys playing for Hitchin Town and playing football in the garden with his brothers.
Favourite Player: Elijah Adebayo



Jacob Gooch

Age: 9
Hobbies: Football & gaming
Favourite Player: Josh Keeley



Joseph Evans

Age: 12
Hobbies: Playing football, gaming, riding his bike and darts
Favourite Player: Isaiah Jones



Charlie Briggs

Age: 11
Hobbies: Playing football, cricket and watching Luton Town
Favourite Player: Elijah Adebayo



Toby Mason

Age: 10
Hobbies: Playing football for Dundle Town
Favourite Player: Archie Collins

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£21 Under 19	£18 Under 19
£13 Under 17	£10 Under 17
£10 Under 14	£8 Under 14

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Wednesday 15th April, 7.45pm
Category B

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Category B

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

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

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LEAGUE LOOK

The Town's task of reaching the top six of League One took a hit last weekend without kicking a ball as a number of sides above us in the table secured valuable victories.

As it stands the Hatters lie six points adrift of the top six, with Reading currently occupying the final play-off place in the third tier.

The Royals, who have played a game more, leapt into the play-off picture with a commanding 3-0 home win over Wigan at the Madejski Stadium. Kelvin Ehibhatiomhan, who scored a hat-trick here in their win last month, scored twice as Leam Richardson's side continued their charge towards a top-six finish.

Wycombe improved their goal difference with a thumping 4-0 win over bottom club Port Vale at Adams Park. The Chairboys, who have also played a game more than the Town, sit on 59 points, two points outside the play-offs. Cauley Woodrow and Fred Onyedinma were once more on target but the task is looking tough for Port Vale who remain 14 points from safety with eight games left.

Having earned a point against us here, Stockport secured a big three points on home soil to strengthen their top-six chances with a comfortable 3-0 win over an AFC Wimbledon side who went into the game still harbouring outside hopes of the play-offs. County, who we meet at Wembley next Sunday, have a three-point buffer in fifth place and have eight to play.

In the games to watch out for this afternoon, all eyes will be on Reading's trip to Huddersfield, while Stockport host Wycombe. Plymouth entertain Bolton and Stevenage head to Rotherham.

PLAYER STATS *2025/26*

	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		LTFC CAREER	
	APP(S)	GLS	APP(S)	GLS	APP(S)	GLS	APPS	GLS
Elijah Adebayo	0 (2)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	184	47
Ali Al-Hamadi	1 (7)	0	0 (1)	0	1 (8)	0	9	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	29 (4)	10	3 (0)	1	32 (4)	11	215	29
Devante Cole	6 (3)	0	0 (1)	0	6 (4)	0	10	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	10 (3)	1	2(0)	1	12 (3)	2	33	4
Josh Keeley	38 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	39 (0)	0	39	0
Gideon Kodua	22 (10)	9	6 (3)	1	28 (13)	10	41	10
Emilio Lawrence	9 (1)	1	2 (1)	0	11 (2)	1	13	1
Nigel Lonwijk	30 (2)	2	3 (4)	0	33 (6)	2	39	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 (18)	3	3 (4)	2	10 (22)	5	32	5
Kal Naismith	28 (3)	2	5 (1)	0	33 (4)	2	115	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	6 (5)	1	2 (1)	0	8 (6)	1	14	1
Kasey Palmer	12 (1)	3	0 (2)	0	12 (3)	3	15	3
Josh Phillips	0 (0)	0	0 (2)	0	0 (2)	0	2	0
Jake Richards	12 (8)	3	5 (3)	0	17 (11)	3	28	3
Sverre Sandal	0 (2)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (2)	0	1	0
George Saville	26 (7)	2	4 (0)	0	30 (7)	2	37	2
James Shea	1 (0)	0	9 (0)	0	10 (0)	0	120	0
Davy van den Berg	1 (7)	0	2 (0)	0	3 (7)	0	9	0
Liam Walsh	22 (4)	0	5 (1)	1	27 (5)	1	60	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. Who is the new manager of Woking?

2. Scotland played Ivory Coast in a friendly at which stadium on Tuesday?

3. Which nation did Jamaica beat in their first World Cup play-off match?

4. Who scored on their Luton debut the last time we played Peterborough at Kenilworth Road?

5. Peterborough last won here in 2002 – which player made his debut in that game, came off at half-time and never played for us again?

6. How many seasons did goalkeeper Mark Tyler spend at Kenilworth Road?

7. We won 1-0 at Stevenage in the National League on this day in 2010 – who scored our winner?

8. France beat which two nations in friendlies in the past week?

9. From which club did we sign Peter Kioso?

10. The FA Trophy final will be contested between which two clubs?

1 Jermain Defoe 2 Everton's Hill Dickinson 3 New Caledonia 4 Fred Onyedinma 5 Robbie Winters 6 Seven 7 Matthew Barnes-Homer 8 Brazil and Colom-bia 9 Hartlepool 10 Southend and Wealdstone.

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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**	W	3-2	11	9,216	471	Keeley	Kodua	Lawrence	Lonwijk	**ODOFFIN 1**	Naismith	**CLARK 1**
SAT 21	**STOCKPORT COUNTY** TV	**12:30**	D	1-1	11	10,791	1,132	Keeley	Jones	Naismith	Lonwijk	Odoffin	Saville	Clark
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



TONY GODDEN. 2ND AUGUST 1955 - 30TH MARCH 2026

News has reached us of the death of Tony Godden, the goalkeeper who was in the side which secured top-flight safety at Manchester City in 1983.

				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	Wells	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		
Saville	Walsh	PALMER 1	Cole	Adebayo	Richards	van den Berg	Sandal	
Richards	LAWRENCE 1	Palmer	Cole	Kodua	van den Berg	Al-Hamadi	Sandal	Morris

Tony made a loan move to Kenilworth Road from West Brom in March 1983, replacing Jake Findlay, who had broken his thumb, and remained ever present until the end of that campaign starring in the 1-0 win at Maine Road.

Tony finished his league career at Peterborough at the age of 35 before going into coaching.

Our condolences go out to his family and friends.

TABLE 2025/26

Team	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Lincoln	39	25	9	5	40	84
Cardiff	39	23	8	8	32	77
Bolton	39	17	15	7	16	66
Bradford City	39	19	8	12	5	65
Stockport	38	18	9	11	6	63
Reading	40	16	13	11	9	61
Stevenage	38	17	9	12	3	60
Wycombe	40	16	11	13	16	59
Plymouth	39	18	5	16	6	59
Huddersfield	39	16	9	14	8	57
Luton	**39**	**15**	**10**	**14**	**3**	**55**
Peterborough	**38**	**15**	**5**	**18**	**5**	**50**
Barnsley	37	13	11	13	-1	50
Wimbledon	39	14	8	17	-9	50
Doncaster	39	14	8	17	-17	50
Mansfield	37	12	13	12	6	49
Leyton Orient	39	14	7	18	-7	49
Burton A	40	12	10	18	-11	46
Wigan	39	11	12	16	-13	45
Blackpool	40	12	9	19	-16	45
Exeter	40	11	10	19	-10	43
Rotherham	38	9	9	20	-23	36
Northampton	39	9	8	22	-23	35
Port Vale	38	7	10	21	-25	31

TODAY'S Fixtures

12.30PM KO

Doncaster v Mansfield

3PM KO

Blackpool v Exeter
Bradford v Northampton
Burton Albion v Barnsley
Huddersfield v Reading
Lincoln v Wimbledon
Plymouth v Bolton
Rotherham v Stevenage
Stockport v Wycombe

TOWN Totals

	W	D	L	F	A
HOME	1578	698	637	5817	3278
AWAY	751	721	1424	3330	4989
NEUTRAL	6	4	13	29	43
TOTAL	2335	1423	2074	9176	8310
At KR	1448	670	583	5278	3032

5,832 games played

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

SEASONS TO REMEMBER *1958/59*



Now into their fourth season in Division One the Town were looked upon as an established top-flight side.

They cemented this perception when signing top Ireland international winger Billy Bingham over the summer of 1958.

Bingham proved a sensation and by the end of September, following a 4-1 home win over league leaders and previous season's runners-up Preston, the Hatters replaced them at the top of the table.

Just as everything seemed to be going so well an approach came in from Blackburn for manager Dally Duncan. After 11 years at Kenilworth Road, Duncan felt that a change of scenery would do him good and, despite the offer of an increase in salary, he departed.

A delegation of three directors, captain Syd Owen and trainer Frank King became the team selection committee. After a poor home defeat to Birmingham, they dropped ace goalscorer Gordon Turner for a FA Cup tie against Leeds.

The Town won 5-1 and so the committee kept the same side in the next round and continued to do so as Wembley loomed even closer.

Leicester and Ipswich were seen off before Blackpool were taken to a replay in the quarter-final which saw a record Kenilworth Road crowd of 30,069 witnessed a solitary Allan Brown goal.

Most of the selection committee have been interviewed in the past and all have said that the decision to leave out Turner through the cup run was not their idea but, as Norwich were beaten in the semi-final and the Town won through to Wembley for the first time, was it the correct call?

The final against Nottingham Forest was the ultimate anti-climax with an ill-prepared Hatters going down 2-1. Would Turner have made a difference – the debate rages on.

SECOND DIVISION		PLD	W	D	L	GAv	PTS
1	Wolverhampton Wanderers (C)	42	28	5	9	2.245	61
2	Manchester United	42	24	7	11	1.561	55
3	Arsenal	42	21	8	13	1.294	50
4	Bolton Wanderers	42	20	10	12	1.197	50
5	West Bromwich Albion	42	18	13	11	1.294	49
6	West Ham United	42	21	6	15	1.214	48
7	Burnley	42	19	10	13	1.157	48
8	Blackpool	42	18	11	13	1.347	47
9	Birmingham City	42	20	6	16	1.235	46
10	Blackburn Rovers	42	17	10	15	1.086	44
11	Newcastle United	42	17	7	18	1	41
12	Preston North End	42	17	7	18	0.909	41
13	Nottingham Forest	42	17	6	19	0.959	40
14	Chelsea	42	18	4	20	0.786	40
15	Leeds United	42	15	9	18	0.77	39
16	Everton	42	17	4	21	0.816	38
17	**Luton Town**	**42**	**12**	**13**	**17**	**0.958**	**37**
18	Tottenham Hotspur	42	13	10	19	0.895	36
19	Leicester City	42	11	10	21	0.684	32
20	Manchester City	42	11	9	22	0.674	31
21	Aston Villa (R)	42	11	8	23	0.667	30
22	Portsmouth (R)	42	6	9	27	0.571	21

Player focus

Local boy **Dave Pacey** holds a unique record – the only Luton Town player to score in an FA Cup final. We're sure he would have swapped this record for a winners medal though.



Season standout

Signed for £15,000 from Sunderland, **Billy Bingham** was at the peak of his powers on Luton's right wing. Scored in every round in the Cup run apart from the final.



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6	DAVY **VAN DEN BERG**
8	LIAM **WALSH**
11	ELIJAH **ADEBAYO**
12	ALI **AL-HAMADI**
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16	HAKEEM **ODOFFIN**
17	NIGEL **LONWIJK**
18	JORDAN **CLARK**
21	NAHKI **WELLS**
22	DEVANTE **COLE**
23	GEORGE **SAVILLE**
24	JOSH **KEELEY**
25	ISAIAH **JONES**
26	SHANDON **BAPTISTE**
27	JAKE **RICHARDS**
30	GIDEON **KODUA**
32	EMILIO **LAWRENCE**
33	COHEN **BRAMALL**
38	JOE **JOHNSON**
54	KASEY **PALMER**

PETERBOROUGH UNITED

MANAGER **LUKE WILLIAMS**

1	ALEX **BASS**
2	CARL **JOHNSON**
3	RIO **ADEBISI**
4	ARCHIE **COLLINS**
6	SAM **HUGHES**
8	BRANDON **KHELA**
10	ABRAHAM **ODOH**
11	DECLAN **FRITH**
12	TOM **LEES**
15	GEORGE **NEVETT**
16	BEN **WOODS**
17	KYRELL **LISBIE**
18	CIAN **HAYES**
22	DONAY **O'BRIEN-BRADY**
23	HARLEY **MILLS**
24	JIMMY-JAY **MORGAN**
26	DAVID **OKAGBUE**
27	HARRY **LEONARD**
28	MATTHEW **GARBETT**
30	PETER **KIOSO**
31	BASTIAN **SMITH**
32	LUCCA **MENDONCA**
33	JAMES **DORNELLY**
34	DAVID **KAMARA**
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39	PEMI **ADEROJU**
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