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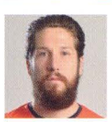
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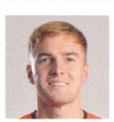
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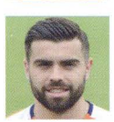
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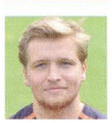












George Moncur Midfielder George came through the West Ham academy but burst onto the scene at Colchester. Moved to Barnsley in 2016, spending three seasons before joining the Hatters in 2019. Scored 10 goals in 52 league games, scoring a number of important goals including a memorable winner against Portsmouth.

Jacob Butterfield Midfielder Jacob came through the ranks at Oakwell before making moves to Norwich, Middlesbrough, Huddersfield and Derby. He then signed for the Town in 2019/20 and was part of the team that helped the Hatters stay in the Championship. Left for Australia but is now player/assistant manager at Gateshead.

James Bree Barnsley academy graduate, defender James made 50 league appearances for the Tykes before moving to Aston Villa in 2017. He signed for the Hatters on loan in 2019/20 before making the move permanent in 2020. Signed for Southampton in January 2023 where he is now a regular for the Saints.

Nathan Doyle Defensive midfielder Nathan began his career at Derby. Arrived at Oakwell in 2010, enjoying two seasons before signing for Bradford. Two years at Valley Parade followed before he signed for the Hatters in 2014 and was named player of the year in his first season. Injuries curtailed his career at Kenilworth Road before he dropped into non-league.

Elliot Lee Striker Elliot first joined the Hatters on loan from the Hammers in 2015 before he moved to Barnsley permanently in 2016. Arrived back at Kenilworth Road in 2017 and helped us win back-to-back promotions. Moved to Wrexham in 2022, playing a part in three straight promotions for the Red Dragons. Now on loan at Doncaster.

Luke Berry Midfielder Luke began his career with Cambridge where he returned after one season with Barnsley in 2014/15. He arrived at Kenilworth Road in 2017 and was a regular in the side for seven seasons, winning promotion three times and scoring in all top four divisions. After 26 goals in 184 games, he signed for Charlton in 2024, helping the Addicks to promotion last term.

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Welcome

Welcome back to Kenilworth Road for what we hope is not the final time this season as the campaign reaches its climax.

The race for a place in the play-offs continues as we welcome Barnsley to Kenilworth Road this afternoon knowing nothing less than a victory will do if we are to take our push for the top six to the final day of the campaign.

If this is to be our final home match of the season, a huge thank you to you all for your superb support here at Kenilworth Road.

The backing is not lost on us all – whether that's the board, management, players or those behind-the-scenes. So thank you!

We will need one last push this afternoon so please bring the noise and get behind Jack and the boys.

Who knows, we might be back here for one more game in May, but if we're not, we look forward to seeing you back here in the summer.

Come on Luton!



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THE BOSS

Jack WILSHERE

Welcome back to you all to Kenilworth Road for the final home league game of the season.

A warm welcome to Barnsley and Conor Hourihane and his staff and players. Conor has a talented squad, as we found out to our detriment earlier in the season, and they will be aiming to finish their season on a high.

We have come a long way since that defeat at Oakwell and, while it will be a tough game again this afternoon, it's one we're ready for.

Looking back at the last couple of results away from Kenilworth Road, there were lessons in both.

At Mansfield, we showed good character to come back from 2-0 down, and there were parts of the performance we were pleased with when we reviewed it. But ultimately, we didn't defend our box well enough in key moments. When two situations and two goals give the opposition a foothold in the game it is always hard to recover. However, we showed we can respond – and respond well – but we cannot afford to keep putting ourselves in that position.

At Rotherham on Tuesday night, though, I felt we took another step forward. The context of the game was clear – we had to go there and win – and the players delivered. There was a real demand from each other in the dressing room, which I love, because that's how you improve and how you keep pushing standards.

We spoke about starting fast, and the players executed that too. Scoring early made a difference, and we were able to control large parts of the game. The only frustration was that we probably should have scored more. In those periods where we were on top, we had the threat and the intent but just lacked that final pass or final cross to really put the game out of reach.

Defensively, there was a lot to be pleased with because as a team we defended properly and clean sheets matter. If you keep one, you're always in the game – especially when you've got the quality we have going forward.

We talk a lot about defending as a team and that's not just the back line. If we want to press high, we have to be aggressive in our duels further up the pitch. And when teams go long, we have to compete, win first contacts and second balls. At Rotherham, we did that really well.

Now it's about building on that. We've got to focus on ourselves, game by game, and give ourselves the best possible chance. The lads have worked ever so hard in recent weeks given the schedule, so it's been important they've had a bit of time to recover, spend time with their families, reset, and come back ready to go again this afternoon.

Today is about finishing our home campaign the right way. Your support this season has been unbelievable. Week in, week out, you've been there for us, and we want to give you something back. We want to keep this going. We want one more game here this season – and we can only do that if we win today.

It's a sell-out Kenilworth Road which will be my first experience of that here, and I'm looking forward to it. When this place is loud and together, it gives us a real edge.

So please get behind the lads, raise the roof, and let's give it everything.

Enjoy the game.



BOARDROOM

GARY SWEET



These are a particularly peculiar set of notes to write today.

Customarily, I, or a colleague, would be signing off the season with a little review. But, whilst this could prove to be the final home programme of the season, the focus and determination across the club are centred on the delivery of the target over these next two games: to give the team a genuine opportunity to extend the campaign into May and earn a place in the play-offs. The hope is that these notes introduce another chapter rather than bring this season to a close.

However, it would be remiss of me not to dwell, to some extent, on our challenges and ultimate progress this term.

Firstly, however, let me begin by welcoming everyone associated with our friends from Barnsley to Kenilworth Road. We have not only enjoyed working closely with those at Oakwell following several player exchanges in recent years, but also the battles on the pitch, whether going head-to-head for promotion or fighting against relegation. Who can forget both of our great escapes in 2020 following promotion the previous season?

Their visit here certainly acts as a reminder of how tough this season has been for us and where we are today. Back in November we were soundly and deservedly beaten on a day we would prefer to forget.

In many ways, the result and performance summed up that first half of this campaign. In typical Luton fashion, 2025/26 has undoubtedly been another rollercoaster season, but one which I firmly believe has now suffered its dip as we once again head in an upward trajectory. For much of this season, our standards fell well below those expected at Luton Town and below the levels supporters quite rightly demand.

There's no dressing that up, we felt we were still carrying a lot from the previous campaign – mentally, physically, structurally – and it took time to battle through that frustration. The momentum we had built previously had stalled, and we once again found ourselves searching for the right balance through adaptation and restructuring.

Prior to that game at Barnsley, we were required to make a second managerial change in a single year, which was not something that sat comfortably with us, purely because the firm belief and our central aim is always to provide a foundation of stability from top to bottom. Stability, time and trust in people are at the core of our operational ideology, just as is the recognition that swift action sometimes needs to be taken for the best interests of all concerned.

Since Jack was introduced, along with Chris and his new team of staff, time has naturally been needed for them to find their feet and turn a corner.

The challenge for Jack, in his first managerial job, was to find the optimal balance between his own footballing principles and the realities of League One football, which he is now achieving with great aplomb by yielding results that should, yet again, keep us competing at least until the last minute of the regular season.

For Jack and co. to achieve this has required faith and patience, not just from the board, but from everyone, including our faithful supporters, who all deserve great credit and appreciation. Living through the pain has been a bitter pill to swallow at times – we know – but we hope you will all get the rewards you deserve for staying with us. Thank you.

If we now take care of what's in front of us, we give ourselves a magical chance. And if we do that – if we get there – we won't be a team just happy to be involved, we'll be the team in form, a team with momentum and one others will take seriously and want to avoid.

Whatever the outcome this season, we are excitedly preparing to attack next season head on. There is a real belief in the nucleus of the current squad, the majority of whom, with the right support and the right additions, should realistically either challenge strongly in League One or be equipped to compete steadily in the Championship. There is likely to be significant churn across all squads across the leagues, particularly as tighter financial controls begin to bite, which will create valuable recruitment opportunities for us to attract more players who fit the culture of the club and the demands of our emerging football identity.

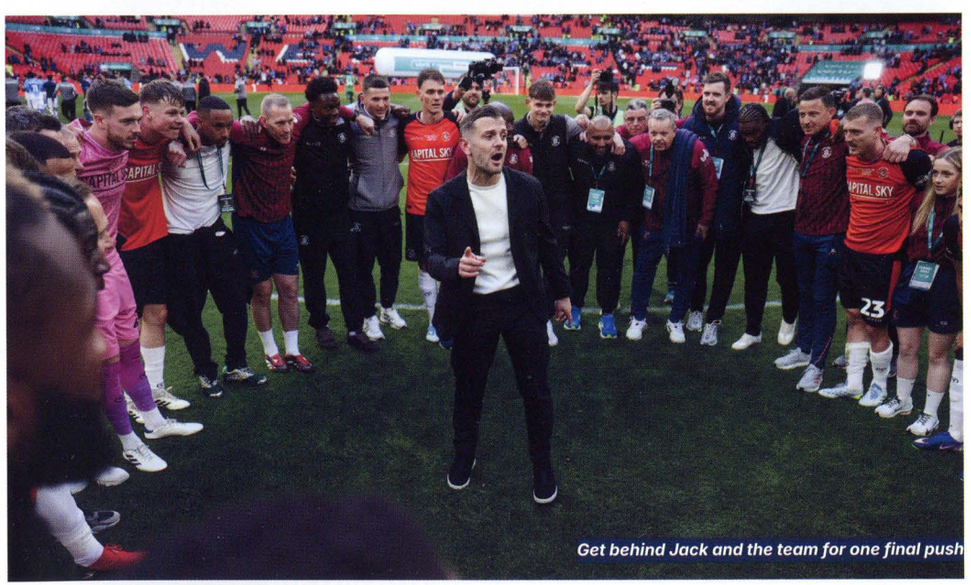
Looking beyond even next season, the wider game is moving into a period of major change. The proposed framework around the Independent Football Regulator with new licensing requirements is set to reshape the way clubs will be required to operate in pursuit of community protection and sustainability – a direction we very much welcome.

There's no avoiding the conversation around struggling finances in football. Across League One and beyond the numbers are becoming increasingly difficult to ignore. Losses are growing, wage levels are rising and there's a clear sense that the current model is being pushed to its limits.

For the first time, we're now seeing club owners across the game aggressively beginning to challenge the game's financial structure. For a long time, we've sat slightly on the edge of that debate. Not because we disagree – quite the opposite – but because our financial position, supported by parachute funding in recent years, has naturally changed our financial landscape, helping us deliver our priority objective – to take this club to a heightened level by building our new home.

Clearly, Power Court is a central part of that wider identity and future ambition. Tower cranes are up, the project is on programme and on budget, and the design is continuing to move forward as work progresses on design evolution and interiors. Many more colleagues across the organisation are now closely involved as the project moves deeper into operational delivery. It is no longer just a vision to talk about; it is a live development that is steadily taking shape. Supporters can expect further updates during the summer as we begin to share more content about how the project is evolving. Shortly after the season begins, the whole town will witness daily progress as the structure rises. >>

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>> Such planning on and off the pitch also explains why there will be some carefully considered changes within the organisation over the coming weeks. With two years left at Kenilworth Road and the move to Power Court on the horizon, the club is preparing for a different scale of operation whereby the future will demand new levels of diversified income, new levels of professionalism and new levels of operational excellence across all departments.

The foundations of the club remain as strong as ever. Internal stability has never been a major concern despite some inconsistency on the pitch. The structure, the processes and the people are all united – and that's allowed us to work through a difficult period without losing sight of where we're heading. That alignment will become even more important as the game of football in this country continues to evolve.

The structures being put in place are designed to make sure that transition is handled properly, professionally and in a timely manner. More on those developments will be shared during the summer, but the objective is simple: to ensure the club is ready for the next chapter in every sense.

The final word, as always, should go to the supporters. Seeing 34,000 Luton fans at Wembley was a source of pride and a reminder of what this club means to so many people. The same applies to those who have travelled throughout the season, often through difficult moments and frustrating periods, but who have continued to back the team with unwavering commitment. In recent weeks, it has been particularly pleasing to see that commitment rewarded by stronger away performances and by the sense of a squad growing into itself. There is enjoyment in the result, of course, but there is also a special kind of pride in watching the journey – in seeing improvement, development and togetherness return over time, knowing you were a part of it.

So, join me in getting behind the players and staff for what we hope will NOT be the final time here this season – and then see you at Bolton!

COYH!

Gary

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Winners 1988, Runners-up 1989
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SECOND DIVISION/CHAMPIONSHIP
Champions 1981/82, Runners-up 1954/55, 1973/74, Play-Off Winners 2022/23
THIRD DIVISION/LEAGUE ONE
Champions 1936/37, 2004/05, 2018/19
Runners-up 1935/36, 1969/70
FOURTH DIVISION/LEAGUE TWO
Champions 1967/68
Runners-up 2001/02, 2017/18
CONFERENCE PREMIER
Champions 2013/14

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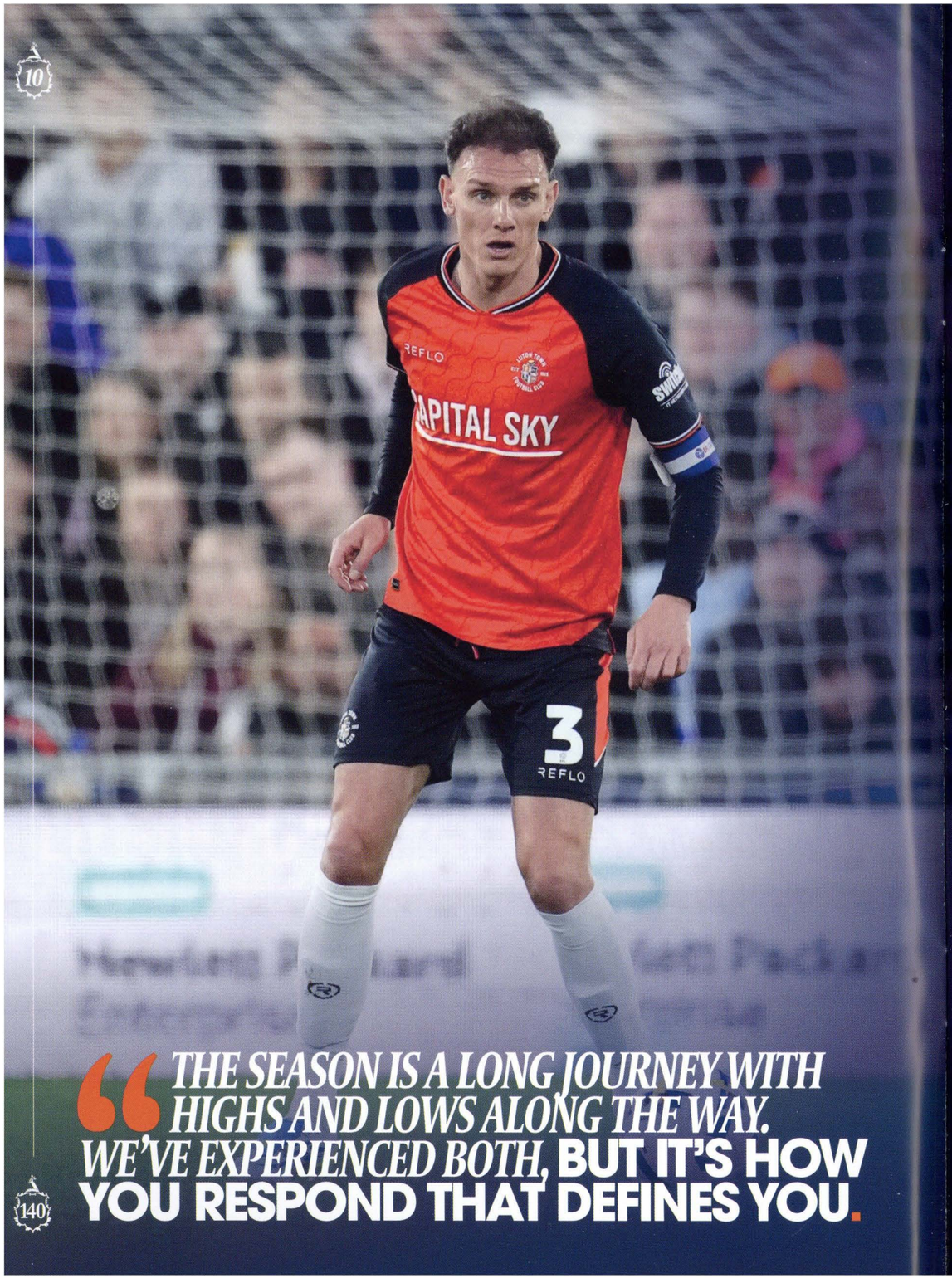
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Assistant Manager: Chris Powell
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Head of Physiotherapy: Chris Philips
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Head of Recruitment Analysis: Jay Socik
Player Recruitment Manager: Yousuf Sajjad
Chief Scout: Marc Tracy

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"THE SEASON IS A LONG JOURNEY WITH HIGHS AND LOWS ALONG THE WAY. WE'VE EXPERIENCED BOTH, **BUT IT'S HOW YOU RESPOND THAT DEFINES YOU.**

THE CAPTAIN

Kal NAISMITH

Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for what we hope is not the final game here this season.

The last time we were here was a special one for us as a group. To get the win in the way we did against Northampton meant a lot. Personally, to score a winner in front of you all is something I'll always remember, but more importantly it was a moment that brought everyone together – players, staff and supporters.

Since then, we've had two tough away games that have tested us in different ways. At Mansfield, we found ourselves 2-0 down and we knew that was not good enough.

We can't keep giving teams that kind of start. But the response was important. We showed real character, stayed in the game and fought back to take something from it. That resilience says a lot about this group.

Then on Tuesday at Rotherham we knew what was required and we delivered.

We started well, got ourselves ahead and controlled large parts of the game. Defensively, we were strong, disciplined and worked for each other. To come away with a 2-0 win and a clean sheet was a big result for us to maintain our excellent recent form.

When you look at the past month, you can see the progress we are making. There have been difficult moments this season – there's no getting away from that – but there's also been growth. We've had to stick together through it all and that's been key.

You think back to the last time we played Barnsley, and it was a tough day for us. Losing like that hurt and it showed where we were at that time. Since then, there's been a real transformation. A lot of credit must go to the manager and the staff for the work they've put in, the standards they've set and the belief they've shown in us.

The season is a long journey with highs and lows along the way. We've experienced both, but it's how you respond that defines you. We've had the lows like that afternoon at Oakwell and moments to enjoy, like at Wembley, which showed what this club is capable of. That's the level we want to be at, and it's something we're striving to get back to again.

It hasn't been easy, but as a group, we've stayed united. That togetherness between the players, the staff and you in the stands has carried us through difficult periods and helped us build momentum again.

Today is the final home league game of the season, and we want to finish it the right way. When this place is full, when the energy is there and everyone is behind us, it gives us something extra. You can feel it on the pitch and it drives you on.

There's still a lot to play for in the final two games and we'll keep pushing right until the last minute of the last game next weekend.

So the message is simple – stay with us. Bring the energy, get behind us and let's finish strong together.



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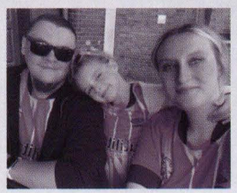
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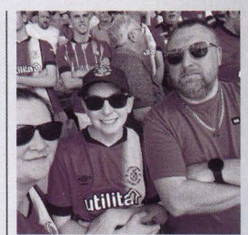


Following in his grandad and dad's footsteps, **Joe Yates** was a lifelong Hatters supporter and regularly attended matches with his dad Steve. It was after the Burton match on 21st February this year, just two days after his 30th birthday, that Joe lost his life. A much-loved father to Ayla and Ella, husband to Leanne and son of Steve and Mandy, Joe will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Forever loved and missed... Forever Luton.

Anne Margaret Wallis was a Town supporter for many decades and began selling programmes in the mid-1950s when she was a teenager. Anne grew up living at Hampton Road – just a few minutes' walk to the ground where she held fond memories of a time seeing some of the greatest players of the era. Even though she suffered from Alzheimer's for the last 10 years of her life, the fortunes of the Hatters were always a topic of conversation with family and her friends at her care home. Anne was a wonderful wife to Brian, a mother, grandma and great-grandma. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. With much love from sons Kevin, Chris, Martin and all the family xxx

Once a Hatter, always a Hatter.

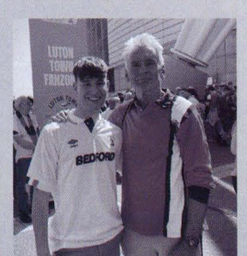




HAPPY BIRTHDAY, RYAN!

A massive happy birthday to huge Hatters fan **Ryan Macbeth** who turns 18 on 8th May. Love from Mum and Dad and all your friends in Kenny Lower block E.

GOOD LUCK, LUKE!



In attendance at today's game are Mike and Luke Simpson from Rickmansworth with Luke having last week returned to the UK from Australia where he currently lives.

In addition to coming to see the Hatters this afternoon, Luke will also be running the London Marathon tomorrow to raise funds for the Cure Parkinson's charity, for which he has already raised more than £3,800.

Mike, a Town supporter since going to his first game in October 1967, was diagnosed with Parkinson's 10 years ago and his health is now such that he cannot get to Kenilworth Road as much as he would like. He did, however, manage to make the very enjoyable trip to Wembley two weeks ago along with Luke's mum Judy, who became a de facto Luton fan when she married Mike 28 years ago.

Anyone who knows someone who is living with Parkinson's, and has seen the impact on their life and those closest to them, is invited to help Luke's fundraising effort by using the QR code opposite.

Any donation, regardless of the amount, would be much appreciated and used towards trying to find a cure for this degenerative condition.

Everyone at Luton Town wishes you all the very best in the run, Luke. Go smash it.

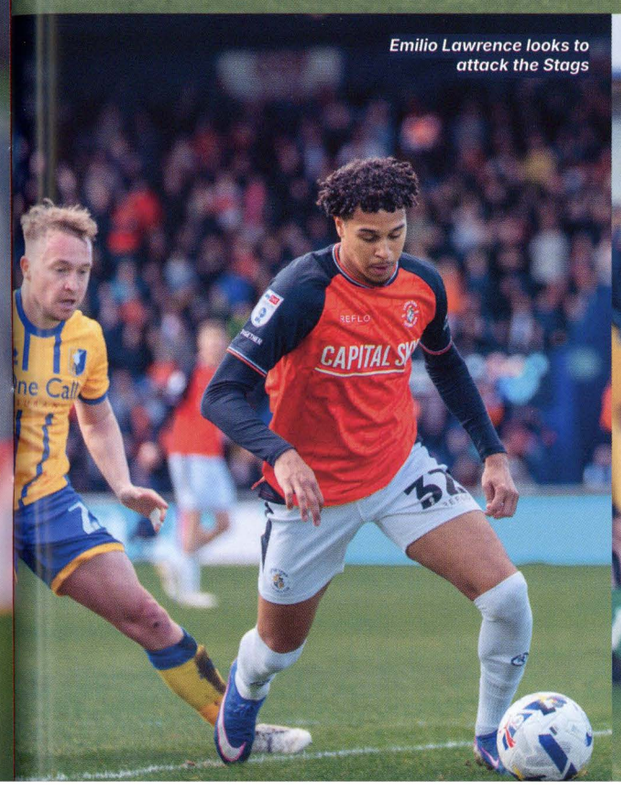
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Shayden Morris celebrates pulling the Town level at Field Mill

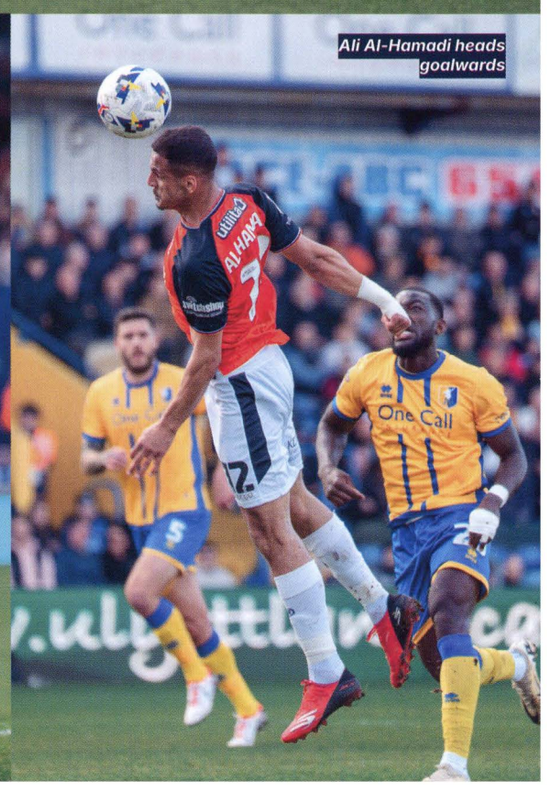
The Town recovered from two goals down to earn a point at Mansfield to stay in the hunt for a place in the play-offs. A two-goal burst from Stags midfielder Jon Russell had Jack Wilshere's side playing catch up but goals either side of half-time, firstly from Kasey Palmer and then from Shayden Morris, hauled the Hatters level. But despite dominating for long spells in the second half, the Town could not force a winner, finding home goalkeeper Liam Roberts in inspired form.



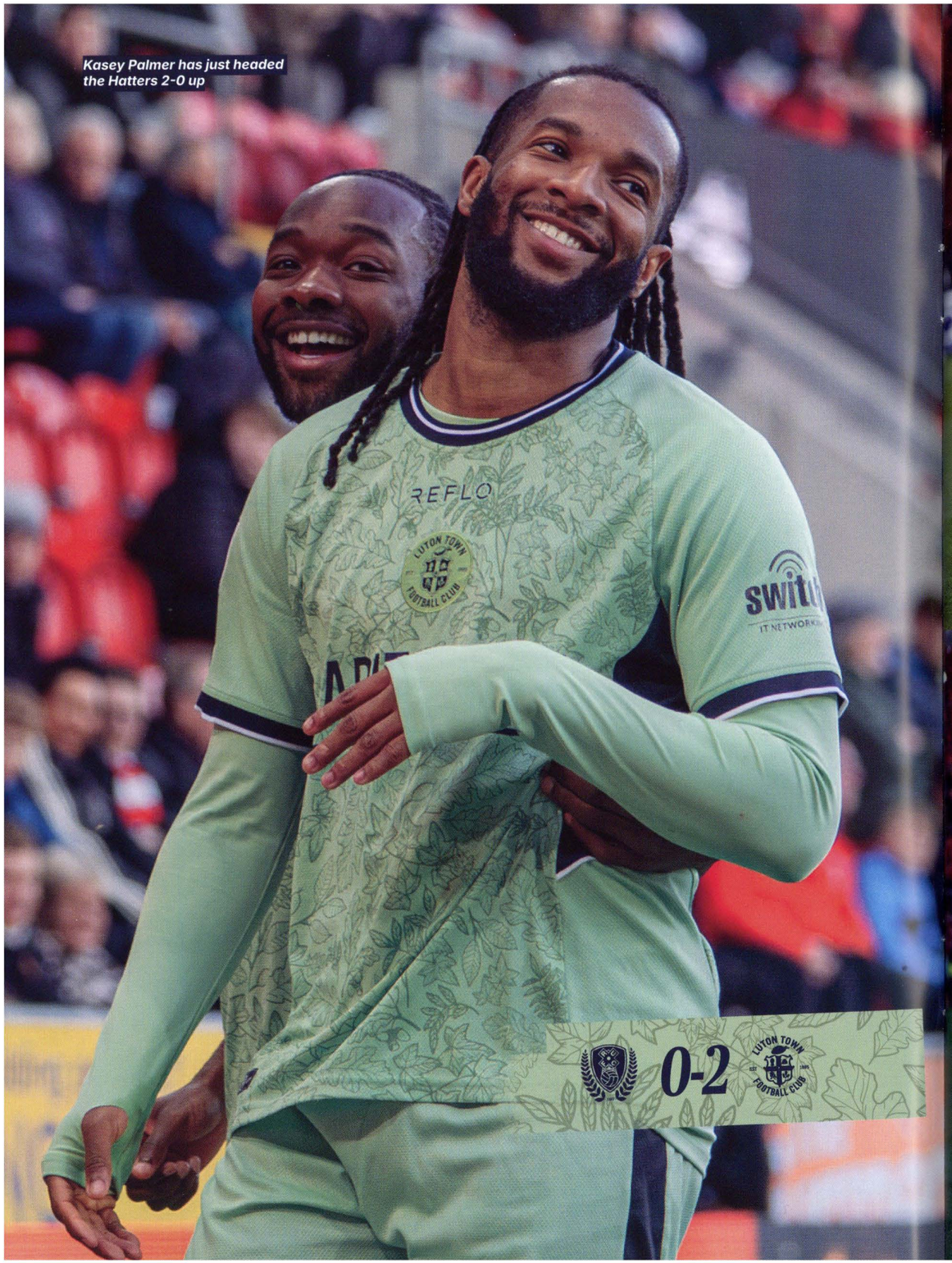
Kasey Palmer has just halved the deficit at Mansfield



Emilio Lawrence looks to attack the Stags

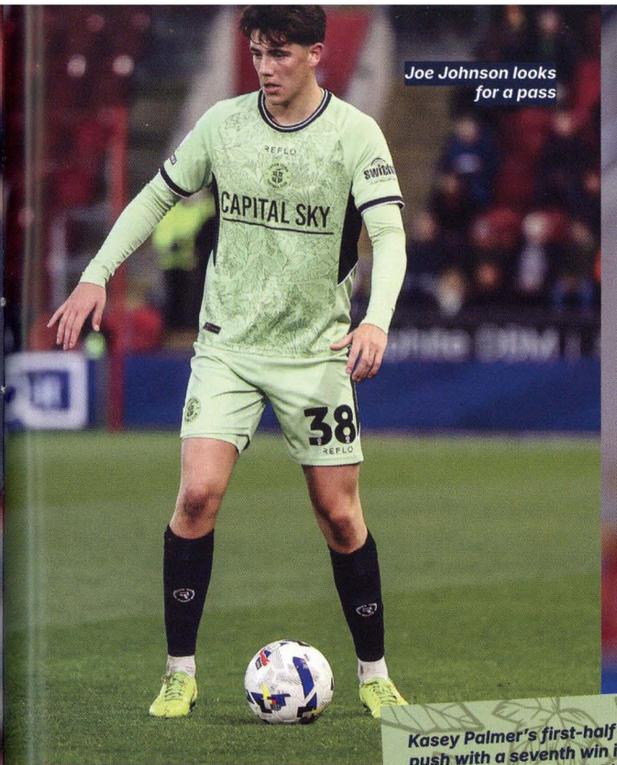


Ali Al-Hamadi heads goalwards

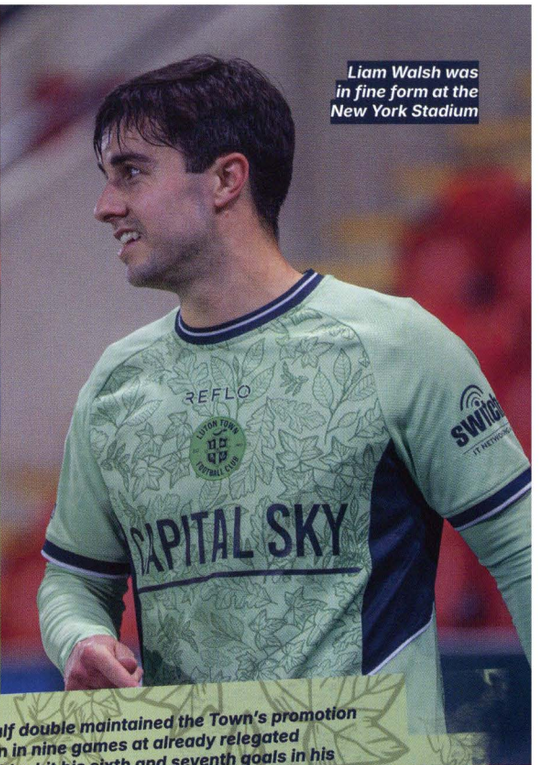


Kasey Palmer has just headed the Hatters 2-0 up

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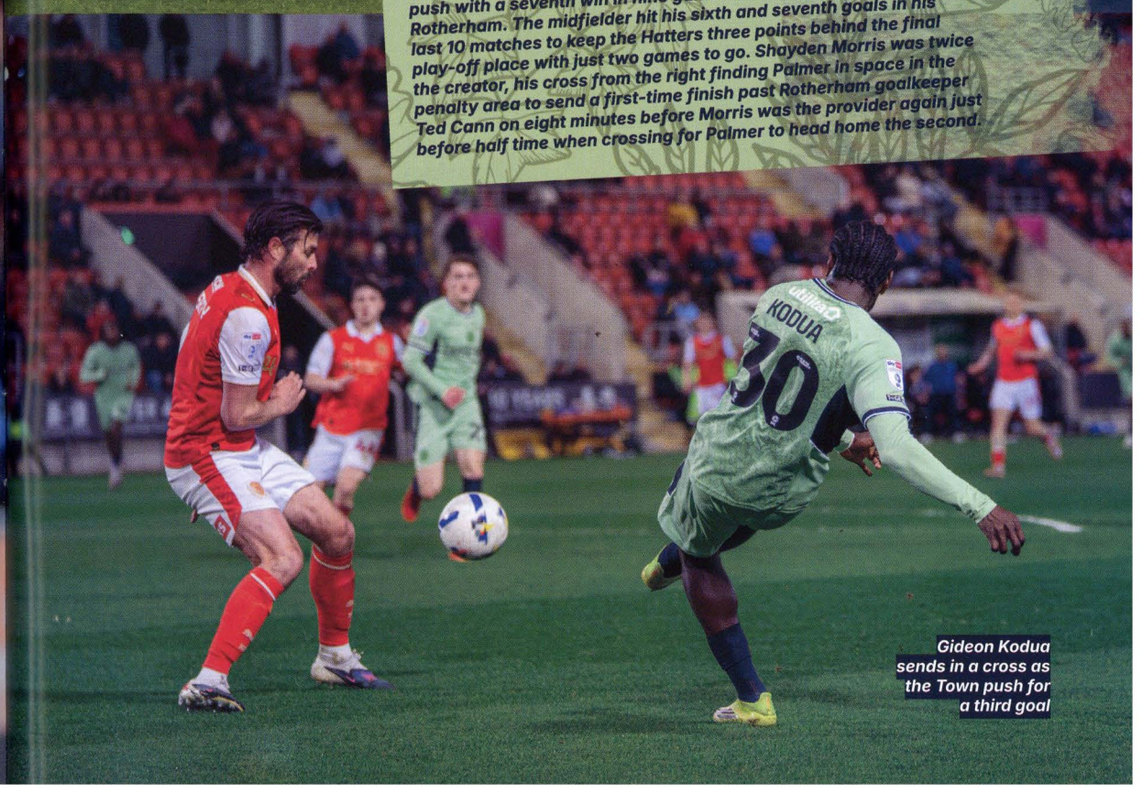


Joe Johnson looks for a pass



Liam Walsh was in fine form at the New York Stadium

Kasey Palmer's first-half double maintained the Town's promotion push with a seventh win in nine games at already relegated Rotherham. The midfielder hit his sixth and seventh goals in his last 10 matches to keep the Hatters three points behind the final play-off place with just two games to go. Shayden Morris was twice the creator, his cross from the right finding Palmer in space in the penalty area to send a first-time finish past Rotherham goalkeeper Ted Cann on eight minutes before Morris was the provider again just before half time when crossing for Palmer to head home the second.



Gideon Kodua sends in a cross as the Town push for a third goal

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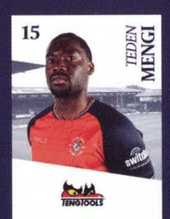

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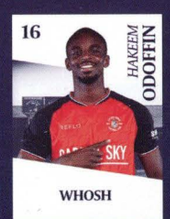

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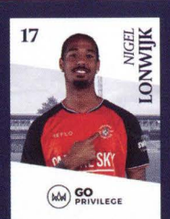
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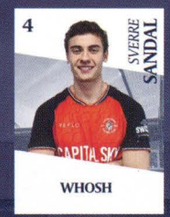

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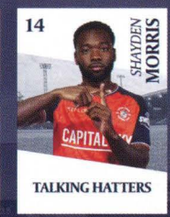
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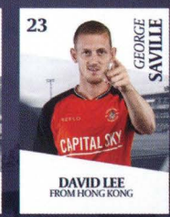

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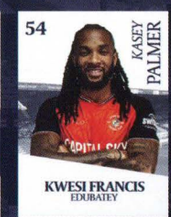

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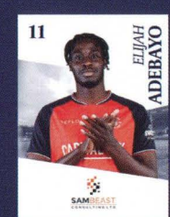

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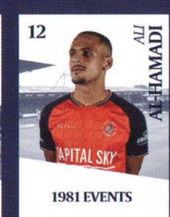

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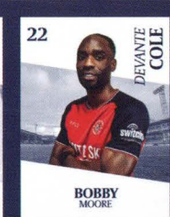

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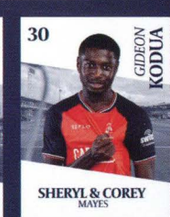
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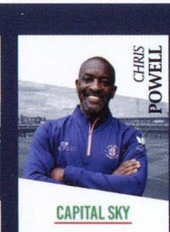

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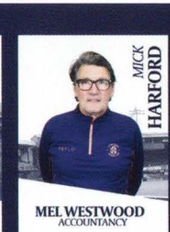

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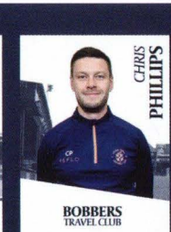

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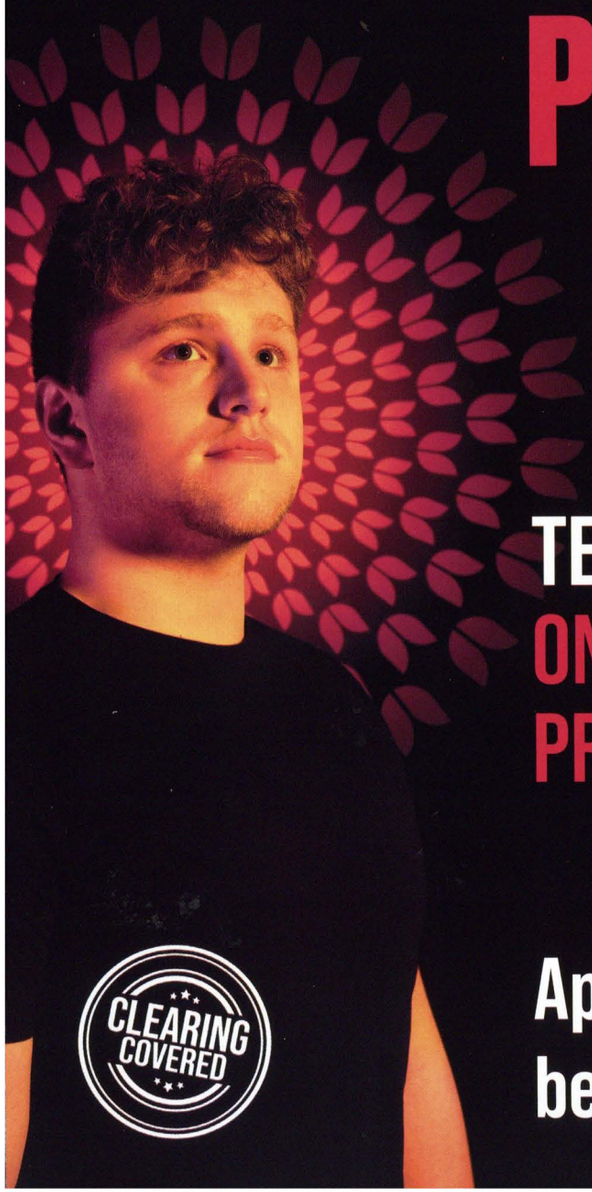

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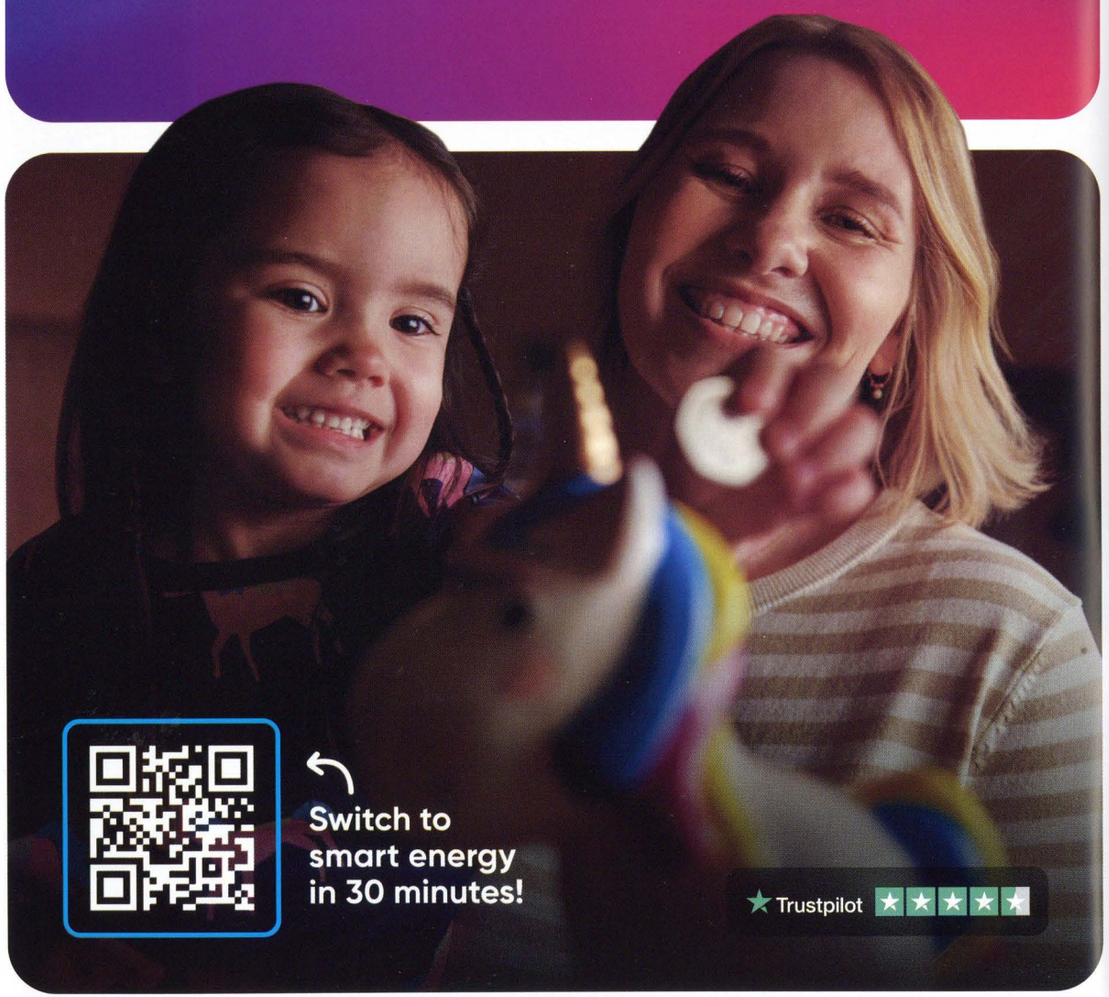
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Match-winner Kal Naismith was named man-of-the-match and our guests in the Eric Morecambe Lounge had the opportunity to meet members of the Town squad and get their photograph taken with the Vertu Trophy.

Our guests got to hear from manager Jack Wilshere before the game and midfielders Sverre Sandal and Diamond Player of the Month Kasey Palmer after the 2-1 win over the Cobblers.

The players 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.

With this being our final home game of the season, we would like to thank all of our sponsors, partners and guests for their support throughout the campaign.

Our offerings for next season will be communicated over the course of the summer, so those interested in sponsorship and hospitality for 2026/27 will find all the information enclosed in our brochure which will be published over the coming weeks.

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BARNSLEY

The Tykes are in town as they make the journey from South Yorkshire to Kenilworth Road for this huge League One match-up.

Conor Hourihane's side look set for a comfortable mid table finish, however they would have hoped for more out of this season.

Barnsley had a topsy turvy start to the campaign as they won five out of their first seven games. However, after this run things took a turn for the worse as defeats against Port Vale and Blackpool were to follow, as well as a 6-0 home defeat against Brighton in the League Cup.

The Reds did still have some good outings after this, one of a which a 5-0 victory over the Town back in November. It was a miserable day at Oakwell for the Hatters who were well beaten on the day.

Since then, Barnsley have just kept one clean sheet in the league – a 0-0 draw with Port Vale at the start of the month. The defence has been a key issue for Barnsley this campaign, shipping 68 league goals.

Earlier in the week Barnsley were beaten by Stevenage at the Lamex Stadium with Dan Kemp scoring the only goal as Stevenage strengthened their play-off push.

Today, though the Tykes' penultimate away game of the campaign takes them to Kenilworth Road, which has been a happy hunting ground in recent years.

The Hatters were victorious when the two sides last met in Bedfordshire back in February 2022 when goals from Allan Campbell and Elijah Adebayo earned a 2-1 win. That was the Town's first home win over the Tykes since 1998 – a run spanning seven games (D2, L5) and which included a sequence when Barnsley won on four successive visits between 2002 and 2007.

That's in stark contrast to the Hatters' earlier success on home soil against today's visitors when they won eight in a row from 1899 to 1950. The Hatters will be hoping for more of the same this afternoon as they aim to move into the play-off places.

A warm welcome to Kenilworth Road to all those associated with Barnsley.

BARNSLEY AT-A-GLANCE

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GROUND: Oakwell

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The Boss

CONOR HOURIHANE
Former Plymouth, Barnsley and Aston Villa midfielder was given the job in 2025 after rejoining the club as a player. Has taken charge of 63 matches, winning 21.

Goalkeeper

OWEN GOODMAN Helped guide Wimbledon to promotion from League Two last campaign. Joined the Tykes on loan in January after a brief spell at Huddersfield Town.

Defenders

JACK SHEPHERD A regular at the back all season for the Tykes, making 47 appearances in all competitions. Also won promotion from League Two last season but with Bradford.

EOGHAN O'CONNELL Experienced EFL defender who started his career with Celtic before going on to play for Rochdale, Bury, Walsall, Charlton and Wrexham.

MARC ROBERTS In his second spell at Oakwell after spending time away with Birmingham City. One scored for the Blues in their 5-0 win at Kenilworth Road.

MAËL DE GEVIGNEY French full-back with over 100 appearances for the Tykes after signing from Nimes in 2023.

COREY O'KEEFFE Another to feature over 100 times for Barnsley, but spent the first half of this season on loan at fellow League One side Stockport.

Midfielders

LUCA CONNELL Irish midfielder who has been key in the Tykes' midfield since 2022. Scored a free-kick in Barnsley's win over the Hatters earlier in the season.

JONATHAN BLAND A Barnsley academy graduate who has had a breakthrough season and has made 50 appearances in all competitions so far.

PATRICK KELLY Young Northern Irish playmaker who was promoted from League Two with Doncaster last season. Spent time in West Ham's academy before making the move to Oakwell.

ADAM PHILLIPS Reliable midfielder for the Tykes who has played over 150 times for Barnsley, scoring an impressive 41 in this period.

KELECHI NWAKALI Nigerian midfielder who has experience in Spain, Netherlands and Portugal before moving to Oakwell.

Forwards

TOM BRADSHAW Oxford loanee who scored a brace in Barnsley's last away win against Rotherham. Also in his second spell at the club, having left Oakwell back in 2019.

REYES CLEARY A standout performer for the Tykes so far this term, scoring six and assisting 15 so far. Laid on two assists and scored in their 5-0 win over the Hatters earlier in the season.

SCOTT BANKS Scottish winger on loan from St Pauli. Has also played for Clyde, Dundee United and Bradford.

BARNSLEY

THE AWAY END

HATTERS *versus* TYKES

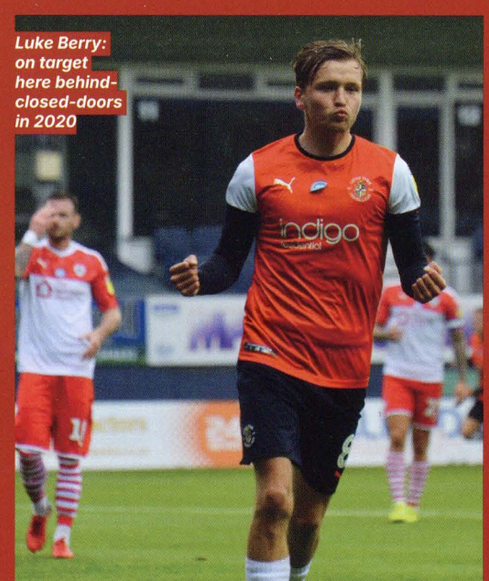
Historic meetings between the clubs down the years

AUGUST 1965
NINE-GOAL THILLER

Having just beaten Doncaster 4-3, the Town raced into a four-goal lead against the Tykes thanks to goals from Billy Stark, Tony Read (a goalkeeper, who also played as a striker), Ray Whittaker and John O'Rourke. However, after putting themselves into a seemingly impregnable position, Barnsley pulled two goals back before the break. After the restart Read scored a glorious fifth but the Tykes made a game of it once more, scoring twice to make it 5-4.

OCTOBER 1993
FIVE-STAR HATTERS ▶

Barnsley are reduced to 10 men after just three minutes when Gerry Taggart is sent off for an awful tackle on Julian James. The Town made the extra man count and, using space, notch up their biggest win for four years. A scorcher, hit by James from the edge of the box, is the pick of the bunch as two goals from Scott Oakes and further efforts from John Hartson and Scott Houghton earn a 5-0 victory.



Luke Berry: on target here behind-closed-doors in 2020



A young John Hartson nets against the Tykes in 1993

AUGUST 2004
THE SIGN OF CHAMPIONS

In a frantic opening four minutes, Michael Boulding nets for Barnsley and Steve Howard equalises two minutes later. The Town took command with a classy goal by Rowan Vine and a header from Ahmet Brkovic just before half time. Steve Robinson netted the fourth for the Hatters and secured the three points, before a late rally saw Stephen McPhail score from a free-kick and Boulding grab his second goal in the final minute – but the Town ran out winners to continue their perfect start to the season.

JULY 2020
A POINT'S A POINT! ◀

The Town and Barnsley's hopes of avoiding relegation from the Championship looked over after a 1-1 draw at Kenilworth Road. Luke Berry's superb finish had the Hatters in front in the first half but the Tykes snatched a late point when Aapo Halme scored with just six minutes left. It left the Hatters four points from safety with four games to go and Barnsley three – and come the end of the campaign both teams would survive.

SEPTEMBER 2020
1-0 TO THE LUTON TOWN

After both sides survived on the final day of the season two months earlier, the Hatters started the new campaign on a winning note by beating the Tykes at Oakwell. The Hatters had striker James Collins to thank for a wonderful effort from the edge of the area midway through the second half after good work from Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu.



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A CHANGE IN MENTALITY

Winger says Town are different beast after point earned at Mansfield

Shayden Morris says the Hatters' resilience is paying dividends now as they fought back to draw at Mansfield last weekend.

The Town were 2-0 inside the first half an hour at Field Mill before goals from Kasey Palmer and Morris earned a share of the spoils to keep Jack Wilshere's side in contention for a play-off place.

"Earlier in the season we would know mentally that's the game done for us, but we believed, we kept going and then Kasey's goal gave us that belief we needed to push on," said the former Aberdeen winger, who rifled home the equaliser early in the second half last weekend.

"We're proud to come back and get a point from the game, but we're just disappointed to go 2-0 down.

"I don't think we started too well so we're chasing the game. At the end of the game it just felt like we showed our quality, but we should never be starting the game like that.

"We don't want to make excuses, but that feeling of coming away from home, it isn't always the easiest. It's important to start really fast away from home, sometimes it just doesn't go to plan, but then it's a good thing that we've got quality to come back into the game."

The 24-year-old drew the Town level with his sixth goal of the campaign having arrived from north of the border at the end of the summer transfer window.

Morris also had a chance to level shortly before half-time saved by the Mansfield goalkeeper but on that opportunity and his equaliser, Morris said: "I think Kasey's goal gave us the belief that we needed.

"It got us on to the front foot and then I had my chance. Of course I wanted to do better with that, but it just gave us that belief for the second half.

"Then we got the early second goal and we did feel we could go on and get the win. I think we were the only team in that game trying to get the win, but unfortunately couldn't get the job done.

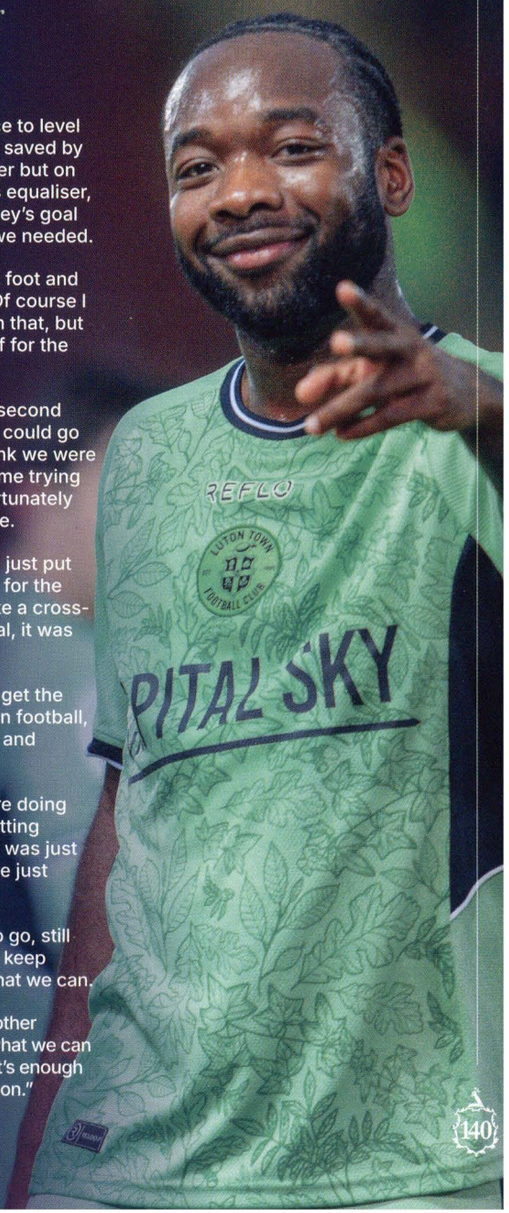
"It was a tight angle so I just put it in there, I kind of tried for the bottom corner. It was like a cross-shot, but I'll take the goal, it was definitely mine.

"We couldn't go on and get the win but that's the thing in football, sometimes it's your day and sometimes it's not.

"We just felt like we were doing the right things, kept putting pressure on them, but it was just that final quality we were just missing at times.

"We've still got games to go, still got a chance, so we just keep believing, keep doing what we can.

"We've got to watch the other teams, but we'll control what we can control and hopefully that's enough come the end of the season."



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Trust the process

Hakeem Odoffin says there's a growing sense of belief in the dressing room

Hakeem Odoffin believes the Town can still achieve what they want to with two games left – if they take one game at a time.

The 28-year-old produced another solid performance from centre-half on Tuesday night as he helped the Hatters to victory at former club Rotherham.

And the defender, who has only been on the losing side once in 19 appearances for the Hatters – at today's visitors Barnsley back in November – says Tuesday's result shows exactly the kind of determination needed if they are to break into the top six.

"We saw they won at the weekend and speaking about it after the Mansfield game, we said we have to go there and respect them," said Odoffin.

"We started really well and in the first half we were on top. I wouldn't say it was necessarily shaky, but at the end of the day you have to defend and we did it as a team.

"But it was a whole team effort, and you could feel it all across the pitch with every player. You could look into each other's eyes and there's a sense of belief and a sense we can do something.

"There's two more games and with every game that comes, we feel like if we put our best foot forward and trust the process, we're going to put ourselves in good stead to get a result. And we did that.

"We just need to stay calm. The games are coming up thick and fast, so we just have to keep trusting what we're doing, stay relaxed and enjoy the process.

"We want to be able to go and celebrate with the fans and, of course, you that feeling at the end, but we want to keep that going.

"However, in order to do that we have to keep doing what we're doing, not get ahead of ourselves, not look too far forward and just focus on the next game."

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THE VIEW FROM
THE PRESS BOX

The Luton News' sports editor on the influence of one man in the Town's midfield

They say never fall in love with a loan player, well I'm sorry, it's a little bit too late for that now thanks to a certain Kasey Palmer.

A season that looked like it could meander to a rather depressing conclusion at one point has been turned on its head, and one of the main reasons for that has been the addition of the Hull City midfielder on a temporary basis.

Having not played a great deal of football for the Tigers during the first half of the campaign, it's fair to say the January transfer window addition didn't quite set the pulses racing when first announced, but that has all changed since, with the heart beginning to flutter whenever his name is on the teamsheet.

A quietish start at Plymouth saw one fierce shot over the bar, but it was the next two games against Huddersfield and Blackpool that you really began to see just why the Town had been so keen to get him to Bedfordshire.

He opened his account in stunning style at Doncaster Rovers, as moments after the net rippled, he was teasing those who had made the lengthy trip up to the Keepmoat Stadium on a Tuesday night with a signing-on celebration that hinted the feelings between the pair might actually be mutual after all.

He found the net against Wycombe as well, making it three in three with a first strike on home soil when Exeter City were in town, before another wonderful strike all of his own making in the 3-0 triumph at AFC Wimbledon over Easter.

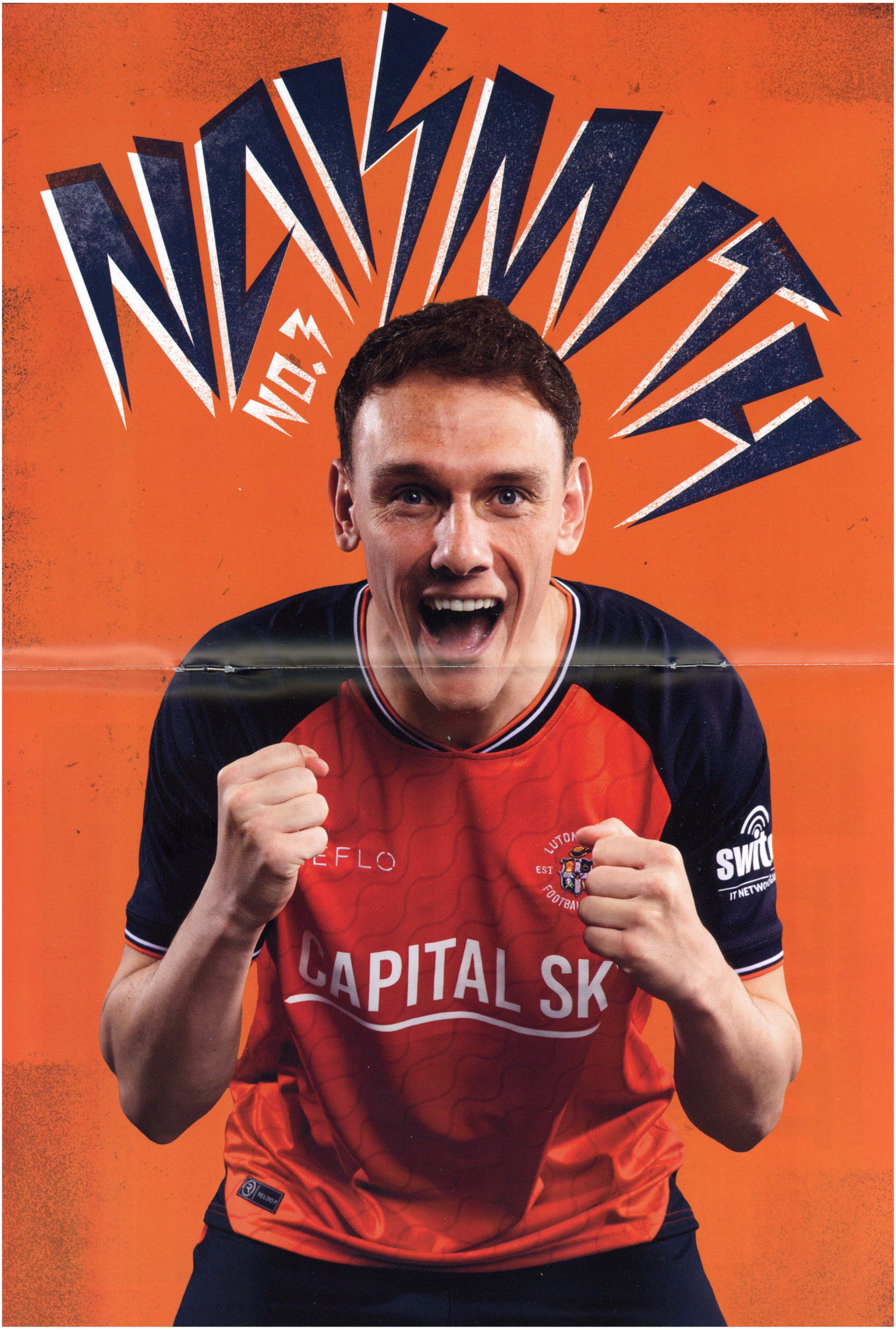
Palmer has been demonstrating his knack of arriving on cue in the box too, doing so with aplomb when scoring at Mansfield on Saturday and then again on Tuesday night, twice in fact, to convert two pinpoint Shayden Morris deliveries.

Taking his tally up to seven from 18 league appearances, it has already become his most prolific season to date, as he also became just the ninth Luton player in history to score in five successive away games when on target in Yorkshire.

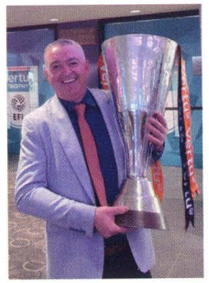
With Jordan Clark stating his team-mate was "too good" for League One and boss Jack Wilshere proclaiming he wouldn't be out of place in the Premier League, it wouldn't be surprising if there were other suitors in for the midfielder over the summer.

However, if Luton could bring in one player during the upcoming window, no matter what league they are in next term, Palmer would surely be at the very top of any list made by fans and you have just have to hope there is enough tugging at the heart-strings to cement the relationship once and for all.


Kasey Palmer has become the first Town player since Steve White in 1981 to score in five consecutive away league games


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The Trust Interviews...

Tom Moroney

Knockmoy Consultancy, Power Court Project Management, Stadium & Site Wide

With two giant cranes now up at Power Court and a hive of activity on the site, these are exciting times for us all, for the club and for the town! We spoke to Tom Moroney, Power Court Project Manager, about what we can expect to see over the coming months – and about his role as he co-ordinates the project for the club, working with a whole host of expert teams.

Hi Tom – could you start by explaining what your role is, please?

I'm responsible for the project management of the stadium and site-wide development, acting on behalf of – and with – Luton Town and 2020 Developments. This includes overseeing design, programme management, cost control and coordination among all stakeholders. It's a huge project, with 45 consultant teams and around 200 professionals working on it behind the scenes in addition to on-site contractors and trades. And my role – with my team – is to make sure it all works together smoothly and efficiently.

What is your background?

I'm a civil engineer and have run my own consultancy business since 2018. I was born and raised in County Galway, Ireland, and grew up in a big family – five boys and two girls. Our family life was always full of sport. We were brought up with the Irish Gaelic games and football, and our evenings after school were spent kicking a ball around the field. There were enough of us for two mini teams! It was a happy childhood, with the freedom to do what we wanted and run around playing in the fresh air, something you remember all your life. I was educated in Galway, studying Civil Engineering with Project Management and I came over to the UK in 2003, young and eager to put roots down and get settled into a new community. Sport is a great thing for that, when you're involved and playing football and hurling in my case, it opens up so many avenues for you. I always encourage my kids with that and they're fanatically into sport. My son, he's a good Luton fan, and I'm a convert too through my involvement with the club – I was an Aston Villa fan growing up, as they had such a strong contingent of Irish players, and I knew that Tony 'Paddy' Grealish, one of my heroes, had played for Luton too.

So how did you become involved with the club?

I'd worked with Martin Maloney, who runs Capital Sky, for around 15 years before we set up our own companies. Martin was involved in works at Kenilworth Road for some time leading up to that 2023 Premier League promotion – as well as plans for the new stadium. A great thing to work on! He'd told me about those plans and that he might need some help. That play-off final weekend, I was back to my family in Ireland, and we were sitting watching the final on TV. The game was hardly over with that penalty shoot-out when Martin texted me and said, "I need you up here Monday morning." I'd been on site the week before but that morning we walked in, Gary Sweet and Michael Moran were there and basically said, 'get to work!' So that was the start of my company's serious involvement with Luton, project managing and coordinating the Bobbers rebuild, helping with the delivery of the programme and the technical aspects. It was a mad summer, an intense few months, very demanding, bringing all the pieces together – but it was fun too because there was no leeway, with Gary and Michael leading it. Failure wasn't an option! It had to be done and done on time. But that's the way we work, the way we were brought up: to make things happen. So that first game against West Ham, we were all there, right up until kick-off working on last-minute details but it was one of the most exciting and fulfilling projects we've been involved in – and that ethos has been carried on into Power Court. Gary and Michael are very focussed on delivery right down to the last detail. One of the things they're committed to is retaining the character and the legacy of Kenilworth Road with its special atmosphere and unique design. Power Court will be a unique stadium, too. It's not got the tall roofs pointing upwards you find in many modern stadiums, ours are different – they point downwards to retain the atmosphere. I don't think anywhere else has that. The roof geometry is one of my favourite parts of the stadium, how it all sits together and locks in the different stands. And the corner pods which separate them, they're another unique feature. At some other grounds everything looks the same all round but not at Power Court, and the aim is also for fans to feel closer to the pitch and the game, like they are at Kenilworth Road. There's the halo, as well, which is going to be a big part of the identity of the ground that people will identify with for generations to come – Luton Town, the ground with the halo, unique and very 'Hatters'.

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The location is brilliant too. Right in the centre of the town. You couldn't be more central. It'll bring so much regeneration; it's the uplift the town needs, it'll create a vibe of its own and be a focal point for so much. Once regeneration starts, it spreads, it attracts more regeneration. New businesses, new jobs, new entertainment and retail. Things people want to be part of, for the people of Luton – football fans or not – to be proud of and identify with, so they'll go to town and spend their money there, not travelling elsewhere. The aesthetics will be superb too: the landscaping, the opening up of the river – that's already looking fantastic; then there's the music venue, the retail and restaurants, the hotel, the bars and pub within the ground, the residential with 1,200 new homes creating a whole new community. And it's not just for match days – the stadium is configured for concerts and other events, with technology future proofed for all sorts of events. So much thinking and work has gone into every aspect of design. As I said before, there are 45 teams of consultants working on it now, with hundreds of specialists from every area including aspects like acoustics and artwork, alongside the technical and construction teams, all creating the whole experience of the new ground. People can't see that right now, but they'll see the results as the build progresses.



Two giant cranes are in place now – what else can we expect to see over the coming months?



Everything is on target and in some areas we're ahead of it. So, in the next couple of months, you'll be seeing real visible progress above ground. The first tower crane is to serve the West Stand, where we're progressing the foundations. There's piling, those are 25-metre-long deep foundations, drainage, the West Stand substructure. And in May or early June – so very soon – you'll see the superstructure appearing out of the ground, the columns coming up, and then that begins on the South Stand too, and so on around the ground. That's the RC – reinforced concrete – frame rising up, then the precast terraces which are transported to the site and lifted in with cranes. Towards the end of this year, you'll start to see the structural steel frame and roof being erected and installed with the roof coverings and on up to that distinctive halo. That work will continue into spring 2027, so around this time next year the whole thing will have taken shape – and then we move to the cladding and glazing and the whole picture of what our new home will be like will become clearer. It's fantastic. Meanwhile, there's a whole host of works inside, with mechanical and electrical, plant and equipment, the tech, the speakers, big screens, all the elements of the matchday experience. So much goes into a modern stadium. Take the wi-fi for instance, with 25,000 people connecting on their phones at the same time – so that has to be top class!

Security is a massive consideration these days, too, and the design is so clever with anti-terrorism elements that are there but not obvious – I believe our Head of Security Barney talked about that in a previous interview.

So, my role is co-ordinating all the teams working on this and liaising with our construction partners. We've assembled such a strong and experienced team to make sure it all happens smoothly and on budget. We have AECOM as lead designers, they set industry standards worldwide and have vast experience and expertise, as have our structural engineers AKT II. Capital Sky, who are delivering the groundworks and the superstructure, and then there's Limak International, whose role is to bring in and manage the trade contractors, covering everything from the pitch to seating, electrics and so on. We sit alongside them all and make sure it all happens and that there are no weak links. We monitor the programme and its progression to works, and the quality as well to ensure that it's all in place and conforms with all the planning and building regulations with Luton Council, Building Control and all the legislation you have with stadiums like SGSA – Sports Ground Safety Authority – and so on for planning and operational requirements. There's a lot! Stadiums are unique because you have so many interfaces and so many regulatory bodies that you have to coordinate with to allow you to get your permits for opening in place. We'll be running test events in early summer 2028, ready for opening for the start of the 2028/29 season and everything is on track. It takes a lot of hard work, discipline, problem solving, and the ability to answer challenges but that's what the people we've brought together do. Gary and Michael have ensured that they're very hands on and totally focused and have brought together such a strong development and design team. On the residential side, you'll have four plots – A, B, C and D – with a combined total of 1,200 units. Plot A will be released within a year of the stadium opening and then a year after Plot B, and the next year Plot C and then Plot D. So, all done within a few years of the stadium opening, along with the hotel and the music venue, which is another exciting new development for the town.

It's fantastic seeing and hearing your enthusiasm Tom – and to get some insight into the incredible amount of work and detail that's going into every aspect of delivering Power Court. And so brilliant that we're about to see things taking shape above ground in the next few weeks and months!

Yes, well, it's a privilege to be involved in something that's going to bring new life and huge social and economic benefits to the town. Luton took something of a battering with Vauxhall closing but this is the start of a fantastic new era, with Power Court at the heart of all the regeneration that'll transform the town – you can see it happening now. Luton is so well positioned, with huge potential, a great location near London, perfect to create new prospects and prosperity, fantastic communities and spirit and brilliant connectivity with two stations on the stadium's doorstep, the transport interchange and the airport expansion. Power Court is for now and for many future generations too – it'll be something for everyone to be proud of, and a worthy successor to our wonderful Kenilworth Road with its long and eventful history. Back when the new Bobbers opened, I took my then six-year-old son along to his first Premier League game, and Gary spotted us outside. He took my son into the club shop, asked him which shirt he would like and presented him with it. I had to tell him that he was the man who ran the club: you wouldn't get that elsewhere! He became a Luton fan that day. That's something I love; it's a family club with that closeness and sense that we're in this together and it's something very special.

Finally, have you got a message for us supporters, Tom?

In construction as in football, I've learned that you have to be patient, to work hard – and when you do things properly, you've got good management and a vision, you'll get through the challenges, the ups and the downs. We've seen plenty of those of course, even in my short time here. Put in the hard graft and you'll get the rewards. Sport teaches us that, doesn't it? And we're seeing it now. Jack and his team and the squad are all working so hard to get things right. And they will. And we have such great support too – who will soon be filling our new home, as they did for that brilliant day at Wembley just a couple of weeks ago. There will be lots more days like that are coming our way!

Thank you, Tom – we're still dreaming of being back at Wembley very soon, so let's do our bit and roar the boys on today and see what comes next! We'll all be keenly following progress at Power Court, too, of course. These are such exciting times – COYH!

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STREET CHILD UNITED WORLD CUP UPDATE

The Street Child United World Cup kicks off in Mexico City in a couple of weeks' time, with matches running from 9th -14th May. And with the backing of Luton Town fans who responded generously to the fundraising appeal, the Brazil team will be there! 'Boa Sorte Brasil' and thanks Hatters fans!

Thank you, on their behalf to all who donated, and for the support the club have shown for SCU, hosting the Pakistan Street Child team, along with the Community Trust, at The Brache. Look out for news about the event on social media with a full report and photographs to follow. Good luck from Luton to all the SCU teams!



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Wearing HISTORY

2003-2005 HOME

Kevin Nicholls, Ahmet Brkovic, Steve Howard and Curtis Davies. Names that instantly take you back to one of the most exciting periods at Kenilworth Road in the early to mid-2000s, and when you think of those names, you might be thinking of this home shirt too.

Manufactured by Xara, this shirt featured a smart collar, with orange and black detailing running down the sides and under the arms, giving it that sharp, modern feel for the time.

New sponsor, Travel Extras, colour matched the shirt to make their logo pop, which is something more sponsors should do. It's something that we have started to do again now.

This shirt was used over two seasons with one of those being most enjoyable. Let us start with the 2003/04 season that saw us start in administration, and use youngsters like Kevin Foley, Keith Keane, Davies and Leon Barnett. Under Mike Newell, our young team finished a difficult off the pitch season in a particularly good 10th in the old Division Two.

It felt like something was brewing. Players like Nicholls were running the midfield, Brkovic was adding flair and quality, and the introduction of the youngsters coming through the academy felt like the following season could be a good one...

And then came 2004/05.

What a season.

Champions of League One, and in some style too. Howard was leading the line brilliantly, Davies was emerging as a top defender, and Nicholls was at the heart of everything in midfield.

If my memory serves, it was a side that could mix it physically with crunching tackles (usually from Nicholls or Sol Davis!) but also play some good football with the likes of Rowan Vine, Steve Robinson and Enoch Showunmi.

This shirt saw us lift a league title, and that alone, by default, makes it memorable.

But beyond the success, it is a shirt that represents a team on the rise – a group of players who gave everything and a season that many Hatters fans still look back on fondly.

A clean, classic design... and a title-winning shirt to go with it.



Sol Davis is congratulated after scoring for the Hatters in the 5-0 win over Bristol City in 2005

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

From the Archives

Malcolm Macdonald nets the Town's goal during the 1-1 draw at Kenilworth Road in November 1969. Supermac was to net 25 times that season as the Hatters surged to promotion to what is now the Championship.

Inset: Happy Town fans in the Bobbers Stand are pictured before kick-off.



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

ON THIS DAY

25th April



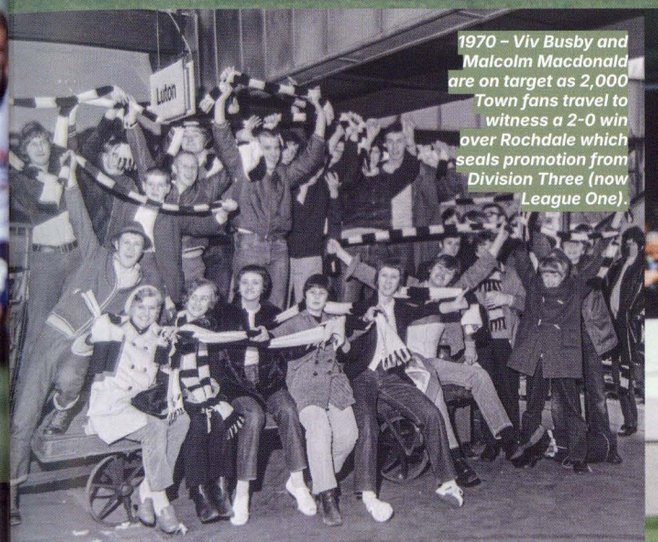
2021 – The Hatters fight back from 2-0 down to earn a 3-2 win at Bristol City thanks to goals from James Collins, Elijah Adebayo and Harry Cornick.



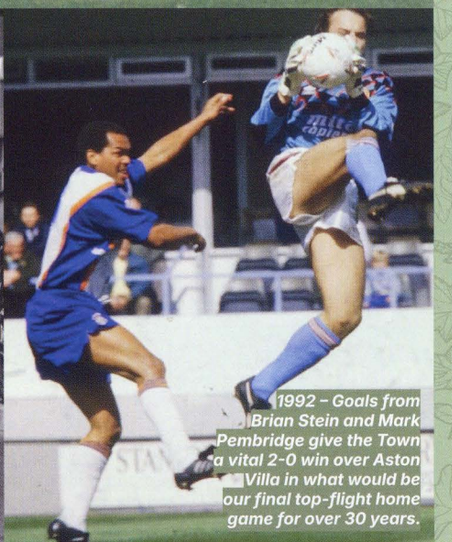
2011 – The Town are on their way to the play-offs in the Conference as they cruise past Histon. Matthew Barnes-Homer scored twice and goals from Amari Morgan-Smith and Claude Gnakpa secured a 4-0 win.



1998 – The Hatters are battling against relegation from Division Two (now League One) and twice lead at Brentford thanks to goals from Dwight Marshall and loan star Rory Allen before settling for a point.



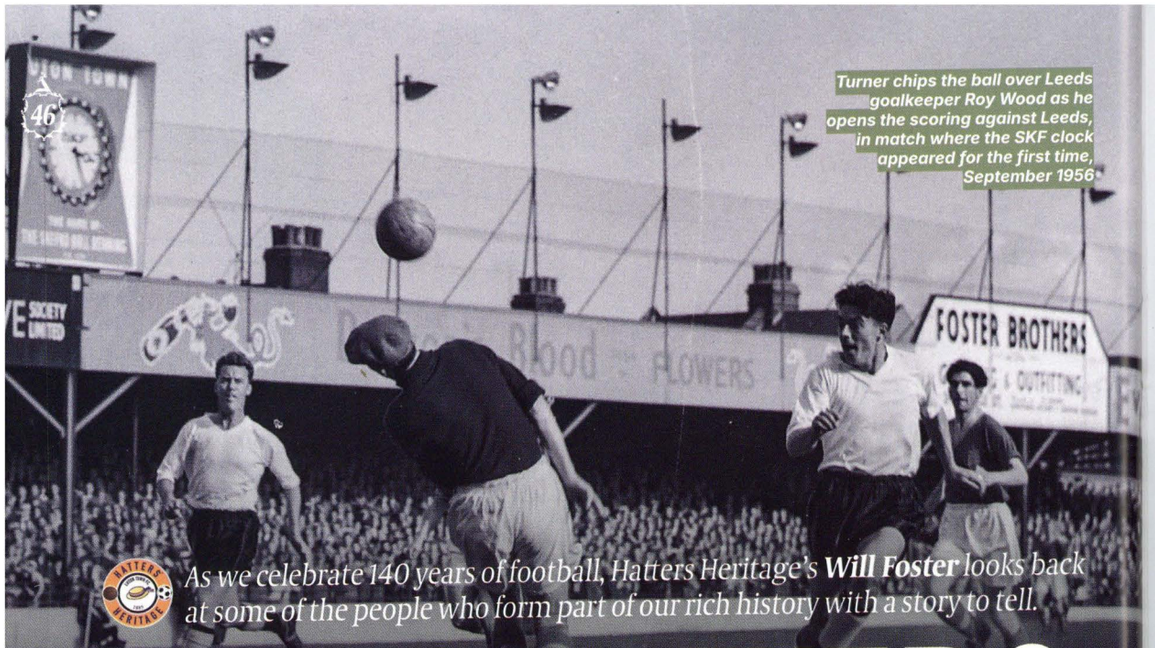
1970 – Viv Busby and Malcolm Macdonald are on target as 2,000 Town fans travel to witness a 2-0 win over Rochdale which seals promotion from Division Three (now League One).



1992 – Goals from Brian Stein and Mark Pembridge give the Town a vital 2-0 win over Aston Villa in what would be our final top-flight home game for over 30 years.

2015 – A mistake from goalkeeper Elliott Justham leaves the Town needing a miracle to make the League Two play-offs after a 1-0 defeat at Southend.





Turner chips the ball over Leeds goalkeeper Roy Wood as he opens the scoring against Leeds, in match where the SKF clock appeared for the first time, September 1956

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

Gordon Turner

The SKF clock made its debut on 29th September 1956. It was perched above the Bobbers Stand, looking imperiously over the halfway line as the two captains for the game, Syd Owen and Leeds United's John Charles, shook hands before kick-off.

Both teams had a star in their midst. The SKF clock couldn't have asked for a better opening as it stood and watched, as it would for near-on the next 70 years through a multitude of highs and lows, while the two goalscoring legends on show, Gordon Turner and the aforementioned Charles, widely regarded as the world's best player, went head to head in a battle for the day's top player.

"Give it to Gordon" was the usual cry from the crowd whenever the Town defence won the ball and set up an attack. For good reason too. Turner, after all, knew where the goal was. In the end both men scored twice in an entertaining 2-2 draw. If the football world hadn't known the talents of Gordon already, it surely did now.

Gordon Reginald Turner was born on 7th June 1930. His father, Bert Turner, had played as a winger for Hull City and Doncaster Rovers amongst others, helping the latter to win promotion to the second tier during a phenomenal season in which he scored 29 times in 36 games.

The footballing bug was easily passed from father to son. It was while on National Service that the twist of fate occurred that would eventually lead Gordon to Bedfordshire. "I was in the navy and crackers on football. Luckily for me that two of my chief petty officers lived in Luton and put the word in. It then emerged that Town manager Dally Duncan had played in the same Hull City side with my father and, at 19 years of age, I became a professional with the club."

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Success was not immediate. He had to wait two years to break into the senior side and even then was employed as a right-half. "I had two early games that term and I will always remember them. The first time I marked, or tried to, Coventry's Ken Chisholm and the second time I came face to face with Don Revie."

When moved to inside-right the goals soon followed. Turner, ever humble, would maintain throughout his life that he owed much to veteran forward Jesse Pye, who had arrived at Kenilworth Road in 1952. Even at the age of 32 Pye still had superb ball control and a fine football brain and top-scored in his first season at Luton. It had a huge impact on Turner, who absorbed all he could from his fellow Yorkshireman.

"Pye seemed to be telepathic. He could read my next move almost before I could. I have played with them all, Finney, Lofthouse etc, but he was the finest. I will never be out of Jesse's debt."

Turner would build his own reputation as a player of the highest quality over the next few seasons. He scored 32 league goals as the Hatters were promoted in 1955 and followed that up with 19 in his first top-flight season. By the time 1956/57 rolled around, in which Charles and Leeds would visit early on and the SKF clock revealed, Turner would begin an incredible two-year spell in which he netted 63 league goals in just 74 games.



A proud Dad – Gordon with baby son Steve and wife Margaret

Such prowess convinced many he should be a certainty for England's 1958 World Cup squad. Alas, the call never came. Nor would it throughout his career. He was a travelling reserve for England's B team against West Germany but never received full international honours, a fact which surprised people at the time as much as it does now. Despite competing with many famous names for an inside-forward place, many felt Turner's goalscoring record should have seen him called up.

It would prove to be one of the two major disappointments in Turner's otherwise stellar career. He was to suffer perhaps the only downturn of form around 1959 and 1960, and it would result in the Town's selection committee leaving him out of the club's run to the FA Cup final.

"They felt they should stick to the side that had won its way to Wembley and I suppose they had a point," Turner would later say, though the decision has attracted great derision over the years and led to one of the great 'what-ifs' of Town's history, with 10-man Forest running out 2-1 winners and Luton still to return to the FA Cup's grandest stage.

After retiring in 1964, Turner would embark on a second stage of his life running a local sports shop with ex-teammate Wally Shanks in the shadow of Kenilworth Road in Bury Park. He had married Margaret in 1953 and their son Steven, who was on Town's books in the mid-1970s, would play at Wembley for Barton Rovers in the FA Vase final in 1978.

Sadly, Gordon wouldn't be there to see it. He was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease at the age of just 41 and the whole of football mourned when he succumbed to the terrible illness two days before Christmas in 1976, at the age of only 46.

The two goals scored by Turner against Leeds were the 107th and 108th of his Town career. He would finish with 271 in total, 243 of which came in the Football League. He holds many goal scoring records for Luton but perhaps the most poignant, as the end of the Town's current home grows ever nearer, is the 171 he managed here.

A litany of greats have graced Kenilworth Road. But, as the fans of the time knew, in a Luton shirt, there was no-one quite like Gordon.



On the ball against Nottingham Forest, August 1953

LTFC academy

With Paul Benson
Academy Manager





Good afternoon everyone and welcome to the final home league game for the 2025/26 season. These are my first notes since we won the Vertu Trophy, so I would just like to congratulate Jack and the whole team.

Having been a losing finalist in this competition myself as a player I fully understand how difficult finals can be, so to perform at the level we did is testament to Jack's staff and the players' mentality on the day. Let's hope that winning momentum we currently have continues, it's a good time of the season to be in form with the play-offs just around the corner, I'm certainly hoping we can make a late push and secure our place!

It's been a rewarding season also in the Academy, and it would be remiss of me not to mention some of the achievements and progress made throughout 2025/26.

First-Team Integration:

Six academy graduates have been involved in first team debuts this season. Notably, first year scholars Fin Evans (the club's youngest ever goalscorer, after scoring for the club in the Vertu Trophy against Brighton Under-21s) and Dawid Gawel, who has had a remarkable season across the under-18s and 21s football, scoring close to 50 goals in total.

The following Academy graduates either made a matchday squad or their debut so far this season:

- Zack Nelson
- Joe Johnson
- Christian Chigozie
- Fin Evans
- Joshua Phillips
- Zach Ioannides
- Harry Fox
- Jack Lorentzen-Jones
- Dawid Gawel
- Vlad Paternoster
- Lucas Thomas
- Josh Phillips
- Charlie Booth
- Oli Lynch

The Academy can be incredibly enthused that 14 players have experienced the feeling of being either around a matchday environment or have taken the next step and appeared in the first team starting XI. Although, as Academy Manager I'm very proud of those numbers and the work the staff are doing in the Academy, the perfectionist in me always wants more. We will keep striving to produce better footballers who can consistently affect games for our first team.

There have been a number of notable achievements made this year so far from teams across the Academy. In our Professional Development Phase the Under-18s have a cup final to look forward to at Kenilworth Road on the next Wednesday in the Professional Development League Cup, a format which pitches Category 2 and 3 academies against each other.

Moving into our Youth Development Phase, Our Under-16s have won their league, a fantastic effort from Jack Cartwright and the boys. The Under-13s have also made the final of the Professional Development League Cup, where they face Coventry City today at The Brache. Good luck, lads!

I would just like to place on record my thanks to the Professional Development Phase boys who will be leaving us following the expiration of their contracts – Vlad Paternoster, Kai Source, Henry Blackledge, Liam Coyne, Jordan Iwhiwhu, Claude Kayibanda, Josh Phillips, Lloyd Asamoah and Enoch Kwame Anson. I would like to wish all boys the very best of luck in their future journey and thank them all for the hard work and commitment they have shown in the time they have been with us.

Hard work and striving to be world class at the basics are the messages we continue to drill into the players daily. The achievements above give me pride from the work that gets put in daily by the staff and players, but also optimism moving forwards that we can achieve more season on season.

Enjoy the game today and come on you Hatters!

Benno

HINCAPIE-ALFONSO NETS WINNER IN 3-2 THRILLER

Super-sub Samuel Hincapie-Alfonso inspired an incredible second half comeback and scored the winning goal for Town to land an impressive 3-2 victory over Leyton Orient.

A brace from Dawid Gawel and a late tap-in from Hincapie-Alfonso ensured the Hatters would bring three points back to The Brache.

It was an open game from both sides in the first half, with Nassim El Gourja testing the O's goalkeeper from the edge of the box, before Gawel raced through on goal to put his effort just over the crossbar. The Town would rue those missed opportunities when Jacob Lowe scored the opening goal for the hosts just past the half hour mark.

Turning to the bench at half time would prove inspired from manager Joe Deeney as substitute Hincapie-Alfonso immediately made the difference just a minute after the restart; aggressively winning the ball back high up the pitch for midfielder Ty Lesser, whose composed through ball found Gawel in the box before the striker lashed home an excellent finish to draw the Town level.

Just minutes later, Hincapie-Alfonso proved effective yet again, charging down Orient to win the ball back in the home side's penalty area before finding Gawel who slotted an excellent low finish into the back of the net.

As time ticked on the game sprung into life, Lowe scoring the equaliser after Town were unable to clear their lines effectively enough, allowing the striker to score his second goal of the game.

However, with just 20 minutes remaining they would find their winner.



A neat ball through to Gawel from Archie Shepherd would allow the striker to get round the defence and power a low cross into the area, with the O's goalkeeper unable to stop the ball from reaching Hincapie-Alfonso who bundled home from just a few yards out.

Town: Booth, Trialist, Trialist, Kwame Anson, Roberts-Edema, Passley-James, El Gourja (sub Hincapie-Alfonso 45), Fox, Lesser, Shepherd, 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 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 W 3-1
Sat 18 AFC Wimbledon W 2-0
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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Applications open for club Charity of the Year



Fan engagement officer Lisa McEvoy hands over a cheque to Stepping Stones at our game with Huddersfield earlier in the season

We are pleased to announce that applications are now open for our club Charity of the Year for the 2026/27 season.

Over the past decade we have a proud history of working closely with carefully selected charity partners, helping to raise awareness and vital funds for important causes across the local community.

In recent years we have partnered with organisations including The Level Trust, Signposts, Luton Foodbank, Kids in Action and Luton and Dunstable Hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, working with them to support and shine a light on the terrific work they do in the local communities.

During the 2023/24 season, we worked alongside NOAH Enterprise, supporting the Luton-based charity in its efforts to tackle homelessness and severe poverty across Bedfordshire.

More recently, our partnership with Stepping Stones has seen incredible work delivered in support of women and children across Luton.

As this season draws to a close, our formal partnership with Stepping Stones will come to an end, however, we will be proud to continue supporting them and its vital work moving forward.

Now is the time we are inviting applications from charities of all sizes and sectors for the next club Charity of the Year.

We particularly welcome organisations with a strong presence in Luton and Bedfordshire, especially those addressing the immediate challenges facing our community.

The successful charity will work closely with us to plan and deliver a range of activities and initiatives throughout the season.

Applications are now open and will remain open for two weeks. To apply, please complete the application form via the QR code below.

A WORD FROM STEPPING STONES

Stepping Stones Luton is proud to recognise and thank Luton Town for 16 months of partnership in support of women and children affected by domestic abuse.

Since the beginning of this collaboration, the club has gone above and beyond to raise vital funds for our service and the impact has been both meaningful and far-reaching. Thanks to Luton Town and its supporters, over 450 vulnerable women and children last year received one-to-one support and benefitted from group therapy, trauma counselling or specialised parenting support.

This final home game marks not only the end of a season, but a moment to reflect on the difference that can be made when a community comes together. Every donation, every message shared and every act of support has helped women and children to rebuild their lives in safety and with dignity.

While this chapter ends, the legacy of this partnership will continue to be felt in the lives changed and the conversations started.

Thank you for standing with us.

LUTON TOWN FC

COMMUNITY TRUST



Welcoming over 100 pupils from schools across Luton and Bedfordshire, the Community Trust, Luton Town's Academy and Luton School Games joined forces to host a Year 2 football tournament at The Brache.

Many young people were stepping onto the pitches at the training ground for the first time. Experiencing the same facilities used by first-team and academy players, especially at such an early age, helped to inspire ambition and imagination, showcasing the football pathways available at the Community Trust and the club.

We were also delighted to host Premier League staff at the tournament, who came to observe participants from our South Asian Player Engagement project, delivered in partnership with local schools, mosques and grassroots clubs.

These regular weekly training sessions, based in the heart of our South Asian communities, continue to develop young people's passion for football and bring them closer to the club. The Trust continues to play a pivotal role in the Premier League's South Asian Action Plan, and participants will soon have the opportunity to take part in an Emerging Talent Festival at Loughborough University, where they will compete in Luton Town colours against Premier League and other EFL Clubs. The Community Trust's South Asian Player Engagement project is supported by the Premier League and the Professional Footballers' Association.

Alongside the tournament this week, the Community Trust and the Club have been hosting seven work placement students from Putteridge High School. This forms part of our commitment to connecting local people with the variety of employment opportunities available at the club.

The students have been spending time with various departments, including the Community Trust, media, commercial, operations, retail, and the Academy throughout the week, gaining valuable experience and seeing behind the scenes. The students also supported the tournament at The Brache by refereeing matches and contributing to media coverage of the day.

Keeley, one of the work placement students, said: "It has been a brilliant week seeing the work that goes on at the club.

"My highlight was attending the matchday planning meeting, where I heard from each department about what is involved in delivering a successful matchday and ensuring fans have the best possible experience.

"I did not realise how much goes on behind the scenes in each department and it has been a very valuable experience for me and other students at my school."

This season we have supported over 500 students through targeted employability and youth work interventions.





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Ladies set for season finale

We caught up with Ladies' manager Myles Maddix and first-team coach Francis Edubatey, who reflected on some of this campaign's biggest moments.

It is well-known that the Town perform to a high level at Barton, making it a difficult place for any team to visit. Title-chasing Norwich City found this out during the sides' 1-1 draw earlier in the year. Other notable results in previous seasons include a 3-0 victory over Real Bedford and a 1-0 victory over 2024/25 title rivals Royston Town.

However, the Town have excelled on the road, something that Maddix alluded to.

"Our away form has been really good," said Maddix. "There's obviously been a couple that we have struggled in, but that's only natural.

"The most important thing for us at away games is to get something, we've had some great experiences this season, playing at Carrow Road, Loftus Road and Craven Cottage, and there have been a lot of difficult places to play, with Chatham being one of them that sticks out. I'm so proud of the performances we've put in during those games. Points on the road are difficult to come by and we've managed to get a few."

One of the stories of the season was young goalkeeper, Leah Robinson, being recalled from her loan at Cambridge City after injuries to the Town's first-team goalkeepers, Sarah Hudson and Nicole Melling. Robinson kept back-to-back clean sheets upon her return and put in a fine display against league champions Fulham at Craven cottage.

Edubatey was full of praise for the goalkeeper: "As coaching staff and as a team, we have no doubt in Leah. She is a very good goalkeeper, you look at her performances, her ball handling, her starting position, her distribution, she oozes confidence.

"For her to stand in after the injuries and to command her area like she has, speaks volume of the player Leah is, and no doubt she is one for the future for us."

Maddix also revealed the moment of the season that he cherishes the most.

"I'd have to say QPR away," he said. "Being 2-0 down and bringing it back to 2-2, the goal at the end and we could have nicked a winner so that sticks out for me. But our most crucial moment, there are a few, but the one in particular is the Sudbury away game. Our aim for this season was to solidify ourselves into the league, but that Sudbury game, although I was very critical of how we played, it gave us the belief that the job is done in terms of staying up, and it allowed us to become slightly more relaxed, it was a great feeling."

With fourth tier status retained for next season, Maddix revealed his early plans ahead of the new campaign.

"Rest in the biggest point for now. It's great to get the club back where I believe it should have been for a very long time, back in the Women's National League. So the biggest thing for us now as coaches, players and the board is to rest and reflect, that is really important.

"But it would be silly to say we don't have an eye on next season, we're focusing on what direction we want to go in, how can we steer ourselves where we want to be and we have things up our sleeves that we're trying to go with, we're looking forward to it, but mostly the rest!"

You can catch the Hatters in action for one final time this season at Barton tomorrow, kick-off is at 2pm, with tickets available on the gate priced at £5 adults and £1 children (cash only).

Words: Owen Williams



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 W 1-0
12 Fulham L 0-3
26 Chatham Town

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A big shoutout to our mascots at the Northampton game!

JUNIOR HATTERS



Tyler Hannon

Age: 11
Hobbies: Football, watching Luton & Swimming
Favourite Player: Josh Keeley

WORD SEARCH

CAN YOU FIND THE TOP EIGHT LEAGUE ONE TEAMS?

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F	R	A	P	T	H	U	O	L	D
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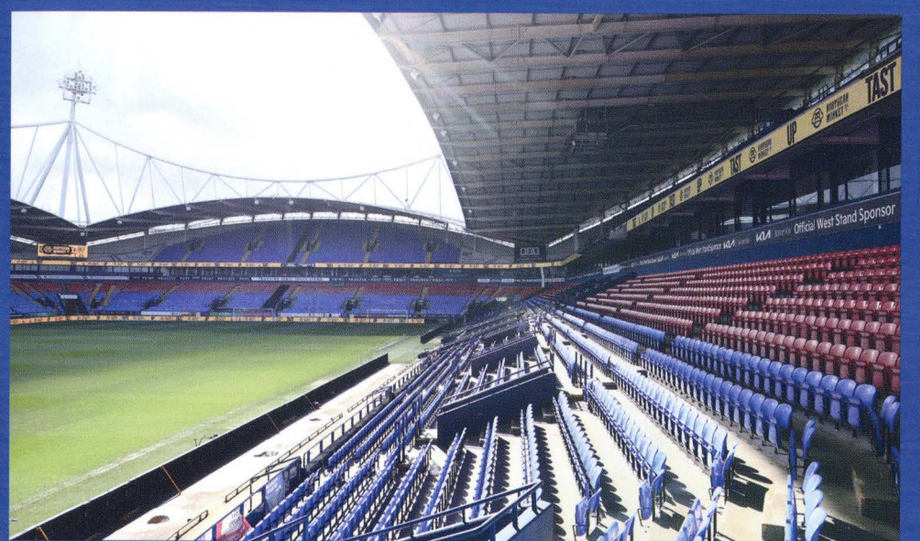
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TICKET news

JOIN US FOR THE FINALE AT BOLTON!



The Town end the season with a trip to Bolton next Saturday aiming for a victory to keep them in the hunt for a play-off place.

It will be the Hatters' second-ever visit to the Wanderers' new home and the first time for a league fixture.

In January 2024, goals from Tahith Chong and Chiedozie Ogbene gave the Town a 2-1 win in an FA Cup third round replay on a bitterly cold night in Lancashire.

The 28,723 all-seater arena has been the Trotters' home since 1997 after they moved from Burnden Park.

And you have to go back to September 1981 for the last time a Luton side won an away league fixture at Bolton, when goals from Brian Stein and Mark Aizelwood helped the Town to a 2-1 win in Division Two (now Championship).

Next Saturday's season finale will decide whether the Town make the top six – and a positive result may see two sides meet again in the play-offs depending on certain results with the Trotters needing a result this afternoon at Bradford this afternoon to rubber-stamp their place in the top six.

Ticket-wise we received an initial allocation of 1,600 tickets for the game with digital tickets in operation.

Subject to availability, tickets are now available on general sale at one ticket per person. Tickets can be purchased online, in person or via phone using your client reference numbers.

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LEAGUE LOOK

Two games to go and all to play for. The Hatters' chances of gatecrashing the League One play-offs comes down to two lots of 90 minutes, today against Barnsley and then at Bolton next weekend.

As it stands the Town need other results to go their way if they are to sneak into the top six, with nearest rivals Stevenage, who beat our visitors today on Tuesday, three points clear in sixth spot.

However, the form of those clubs above Boro have given the Hatters a marginally bigger chance with Stockport, Bradford and Bolton still all mathematically catchable in the final week of the campaign.

While the Hatters were beating Rotherham on Tuesday, Bradford drew 1-1 at home to Plymouth – a result that was enough for the Town to leapfrog the Pilgrims. Argyle face games against Port Vale and Northampton in their remaining fixtures and are the only other side outside the top six that can extend their season.

Before a ball is kicked here at Kenilworth Road this afternoon we will know more of what is required with both Stevenage and Stockport playing in early kick-offs. Boro go to Doncaster while County host Peterborough.

The Hatters lie five points behind Bradford in the standings and the Bantams take on rivals Bolton this afternoon in a crunch match at Valley Parade knowing a win will guarantee their place in the top six. A win for Graham Alexander's side potentially opens the door for the Town to catch Bolton on goal difference – should of course we win both of our games convincingly. If only it was that simple.

It really is the hope that kills you. Enjoy the ride!

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	2 (10)	1	0 (1)	0	2 (11)	1	13	1
Millenic Alli	12 (4)	1	3 (3)	0	15 (7)	1	38	5
Mads Andersen	28 (3)	2	7 (0)	1	35 (3)	3	57	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 (13)	2	5 (0)	1	22 (13)	3	35	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	32 (4)	11	4 (0)	1	36 (4)	12	219	30
Devante Cole	6 (5)	0	0 (2)	0	6 (7)	0	13	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	16 (2)	0	2 (1)	0	18 (3)	0	36	0
Isaiah Jones	12 (3)	1	3(0)	1	15 (3)	2	36	4
Josh Keeley	43 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	44 (0)	0	44	0
Gideon Kodua	22 (14)	9	6 (4)	1	28 (18)	10	46	10
Emilio Lawrence	14 (1)	1	3 (1)	1	17 (2)	2	19	2
Nigel Lonwijk	34 (2)	2	3 (5)	0	37 (7)	2	44	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	9 (20)	4	3 (5)	2	12 (25)	6	37	6
Kal Naismith	33 (3)	3	6 (1)	0	39 (4)	3	121	7
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	10 (5)	1	3 (1)	0	13 (6)	1	19	1
Kasey Palmer	16 (2)	7	1 (2)	0	17 (4)	7	21	7
Josh Phillips	0 (0)	0	0 (2)	0	0 (2)	0	2	0
Jake Richards	15 (10)	5	6 (3)	0	21 (13)	5	34	5
Sverre Sandal	0 (3)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (3)	0	1	0
George Saville	26 (11)	2	4 (1)	0	30 (12)	2	42	2
James Shea	1 (0)	0	10 (0)	0	11 (0)	0	121	0
Davy van den Berg	4 (9)	0	2 (0)	0	6 (9)	0	9	0
Liam Walsh	27 (4)	1	6 (1)	1	33 (5)	2	66	2
Reuell Walters	3 (1)	0	3 (0)	0	6 (1)	0	23	0
Nahki Wells	26 (11)	4	4 (0)	5	30 (11)	9	41	9
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 scored a hat-trick for Nottingham Forest in their 4-1 win over Burnley?

2. When was the last time the Hatters won an away league game at Bolton?

3. The Hatters won 1-0 at Barnsley in August 2021 – who scored the winner?

4. Which club became the first to be relegated from League One this season?

5. What is the combined amount of points that York and Rochdale have in the National League?

6. Who is the top scorer in League Two?

7. Celtic will play which club in the Scottish Cup final?

8. The manager of that club is who?

9. How many promotions has Luke Berry won in his career?

10. Which club has the highest average attendance in the National League South?

1 Morgan Gibbs-White 2 1981 3 Amari'i Bell 4 Rotherham United 5 212 6 Aaron Drinan 7 Dunfermline Athletic 8 Neil Lennon 9 Five 10 Torquay United

FIXTURES & RESULTS 2025/26

		KO	RES	POS		ATT	AWAY							
AUGUST														
FRI 1	AFC WIMBLEDON	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**	**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	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**	**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	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**	**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)**	**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**	**12:30**	D	1-1	11	10,791	1,132	Keeley	Jones	Naismith	Lonwijk	Odoffin	Saville	Clark
APRIL														
FRI 3	**PETERBOROUGH UNITED**	**15:00**	W	2-1	11	11,429	1,338	Keeley	Jones	Naismith	Lonwijk	Odoffin	van den Berg	Walsh
MON 6	AFC WIMBLEDON	15:00	W	3-0	10	8,668	930	Keeley	Jones	Lawrence	Naismith	Andersen	Odoffin	Walsh
SUN 12	**STOCKPORT COUNTY (VT)**	**15:00**	W	3-1		49,517	33,412	Shea	Jones	LAWRENCE 1	Naismith	Andersen	Odoffin	Walsh
WED 15	**NORTHAMPTON TOWN**	**19:45**	W	2-1	7	9,636	370	Keeley	Lonwijk	Lawrence	NAISMITH 1	Andersen	Johnson	WALSH 1
SAT 18	MANSFIELD TOWN	15:00	D	2-2	8	8,871	1,350	Keeley	Lonwijk	Lawrence	Naismith	Andersen	Odoffin	van den Berg
TUE 21	ROTHERHAM UNITED	19:45	W	2-0	7	7,497	650	Keeley	Lonwijk	Lawrence	Naismith	Odoffin	Johnson	van den Berg
SAT 25	**BARNSLEY**	**15:00**												
MAY														
SAT 2	BOLTON WANDERERS	15:00												

*lost 4-2 on penalties

				SUB 1	SUB 2	SUB 3	SUB 4	SUB 5
Clark	Walsh	Alli	Wells	Nelson	Fanne	Baptiste	Woodrow	McGuinness
CLARK 1	Baptiste	Yates	Wells	Lonwijk	Walsh	Fanne	McGuinness	Nelson
Nelson	Fanne	Woodrow	Nordås	Lonwijk	Alli	Richards	Yates	Phillips
Clark	Baptiste	Fanne	Yates	KODUA 1	Bramall	Nordås	Nelson	Walsh
Clark	Walsh	Alli	Yates	Nordås	Nelson	Holmes		
Clark	Walsh	Wells	Nordås	Yates	Kodua	Nelson	Baptiste	Bramall
Clark	NELSON 1	Yates	NORDÅS 1	Wells	Walsh	Naismith	Bramall	
Walsh	Nelson	YATES 1	NORDÅS 1	MORRIS 1	Alli	Lonwijk	Fanne	Phillips
Clark	Nelson	YATES 1	Nordås	WELLS 1	Naismith	Morris	Bramall	Gbodé
CLARK 1	Nelson	Yates	Wells	Gbodé	Morris	Makosso	Bramall	Nordås
Morris	Nelson	Alli	Wells	Kodua	Gbodé	Nakamba	Bramall	Richards
Morris	Nelson	Alli	Wells	CLARK 1	Gbodé	KODUA 1	Richards	Nordås
Kodua	Richards	Bramall	Nordås	Gbodé	Alli	Clark	Morris	Wells
Clark	Morris	Alli	Nordås	Richards	Fanne	Yates	Kodua	Gbodé
Clark	Kodua	Alli	Wells	Yates	Nelson	Bramall	Nordås	
Clark	Kodua	Richards	Wells	Yates	Jones	Odoffin	Andersen	
Nelson	Kodua	Gbodé	YATES 2	Fox	Alli	Makosso	Nordå	Richards
Walsh	Richards	Jones	WELLS 2	Al-Hamadi	Nelson	Yates	KODUA 1	Odoffin
Walsh	RICHARDS 1	Fanne	Wells	Kodua	Odoffin	Yates	Al-Hamadi	
Fanne	Richards	Yates	Wells	Kodua	Nelson	Brown	Alli	
Walsh	Nelson	Kodua	Wells	Yates	Alli	Richards	Odoffin	Fanne
Walsh	RICHARDS 1	Fanne	YATES 1	Brown	Andersen	Morris		
Walsh	Brown	Fanne	Yates	KODUA 1	Morris	Alli		
MORRIS 1	Alli	Kodua	NORDÅS 2	Gbodé	Ioannides	Fox	L-Jones	
Richards	Fanne	Alli	Nordås	Walsh	Kodua	YATES 1	Brown	Morris Naismith
Fanne	Brown	KODUA 1	Yates	Andersen	Morris	Clark	Nordås	Nelson
Walsh	Alli	Kodua	Brown	Morris	Clark	Wells	Fanne	Nordås
Walsh	Fanne	Kodua	Wells	Morris	Yates	Brown	Nelson	Saville
KODUA 2	CLARK 1	Bramall	Wells	Yates	Saville	Odoffin	MORRIS 1	Nelson
KODUA 1	CLARK 1	MORRIS 1	Wells	Saville	Bramall	Nelson	Yates	Walters
Morris	Clark	Bramall	Yates	Wells	Brown	Fanne	Nelson	
KODUA 1	CLARK 1	Lawrence	Wells	Morris	Bramall	Yates	Saville	
Morris	Nelson	Lawrence	YATES 1	Nakamba	Archer	Gawel		
Clark	KODUA 1	Lawrence	WELLS 1	Morris	Richards	Yates		
Clark	Kodua	Lawrence	Wells	Morris	Bramall	Yates		
Richards	Kodua	Bramall	Clark	Morris	Wells	Al-Hamadi	Lawrence	Fanne
Morris	Kodua	Bramall	Wells	Richards	Jones	Al-Hamadi	Saville	Naismith
MORRIS 1	Kodua	RICHARDS 1	Cole	van den Berg	Jones	Wells	Saville	Al-Hamadi
Jones	Kodua	Richards	Cole	Al-Hamadi	Morris	Wells	van den Berg	
Jones	Richards	Al-Hamadi	Cole	Morris	Wells	Kodua	van den Berg	
Palmer	Kodua	Morris	WELLS 1	van den Berg	Cole	Richards	Lonwijk	
van den Berg	Kodua	Richards	Wells	Lonwijk	Johnson	Morris	Palmer	Lawrence
Clark	Lawrence	Richards	WELLS 1	Al-Hamadi	Palmer	van den Berg	Morris	Odoffin
van den Berg	Richards	Clark	WELLS 1	Morris	Palmer	Cole	Lonwijk	
Richards	Palmer	Lawrence	Cole	Walsh	Wells	Kodua	Bramall	Morris
Walsh	van den Berg	PALMER 1	Wells	Richards	Saville	Bramall	Cole	
Saville	Walsh	PALMER 1	Wells	Cole	Johnson	Adebayo		
Saville	Walsh	PALMER 1	Cole	Adebayo	Richards	van den Berg	Sandal	
Richards	LAWRENCE 1	Palmer	Cole	Kodua	van den Berg	Al-Hamadi	Sandal	Morris
RICHARDS 1	CLARK 1	Lawrence	Wells	Cole	Kodua	Saville	Palmer	
RICHARDS 1	Clark	PALMER 1	Wells	AL-HAMADI 1	Saville	Bramall	van den Berg	Morris
Richards	Clark	Palmer	WELLS 2	Kodua	Morris	Lonwijk	Saville	Cole
Richards	Clark	Palmer	Wells	Morris	Al-Hamadi	van den Berg	Kodua	Saville
Walsh	MORRIS 1	PALMER 1	Al-Hamadi	Johnson	Wells	Kodua	Richards	Cole
Walsh	Morris	PALMER 2	Wells	Richards	Kodua	Al-Hamadi	Saville	Sandal

TABLE 2025/26

Team	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Lincoln (P)	44	29	10	5	45	97
Cardiff (P)	44	26	10	8	37	88
Bolton	44	19	17	8	19	74
Bradford City	44	21	10	13	6	73
Stockport	43	20	11	12	10	71
Stevenage	44	20	11	13	2	71
Luton	**44**	**19**	**11**	**14**	**10**	**68**
Plymouth	44	20	7	17	10	67
Huddersfield	44	17	13	14	9	64
Reading	44	16	14	14	5	62
Wycombe	44	16	12	16	11	60
Mansfield	43	14	16	13	8	58
Barnsley	**43**	**14**	**14**	**15**	**-3**	**56**
Wigan	44	14	14	16	-7	56
Doncaster	44	16	8	20	-21	56
Blackpool	44	15	9	20	-13	54
Peterborough	43	15	7	21	0	52
Burton	44	13	13	18	-10	52
Leyton Orient	44	14	9	21	-11	51
Wimbledon	44	14	8	22	-18	50
Exeter	44	12	12	20	-8	48
Rotherham (R)	44	10	10	24	-29	40
Port Vale (R)	43	9	12	22	-23	39
Northampton (R)	43	9	8	26	-29	35

TODAY'S Fixtures

12.30PM KO

Doncaster v Stevenage
Stockport v Peterborough

3PM KO

Blackpool v Leyton Orient
Bradford v Bolton
Burton v Exeter
Cardiff v Northampton
Huddersfield v Mansfield
Lincoln v Wycombe
Plymouth v Port Vale
Rotherham v Reading
Wigan v Wimbledon

TOWN Totals

	W	D	L	F	A
HOME	1580	698	637	5821	3280
AWAY	753	722	1424	3337	4991
NEUTRAL	7	4	13	32	44
TOTAL	2340	1424	2074	9190	8315
At KR	1450	670	583	5282	3034

5,838 games played

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

SEASONS TO REMEMBER *1985/86*



The Town entered the club's centenary season in their best shape since promotion to the top flight three years before.

The opening of the purse strings by the board over Christmas 1984 had enabled manager David Pleat to strengthen the spine of the side bringing in the likes of Mick Harford, Peter Nicholas, David Preece and Steve Foster.

When you added the home-grown talents of Brian Stein and Ricky Hill, plus the cream of coach John Moore's 1983 FA Youth Cup squad, it was hoped that struggling against relegation would be a thing of the past.

The Hatters started the new season on their new £335,000 En-Tout-Cas artificial surface but initially struggled to become acquainted with the new pitch which nullified the advantage of playing at home.

This all changed in October when Manchester United visited Kenilworth Road. The Reds had won their first 10 games of the season but were very lucky to leave Luton with a point especially when you look back at Paul Elliott's late open goal miss.

The campaign was now up and running with Southampton, including England's Peter Shilton in goal, thumped 7-0 in the next home game and by Christmas the Town were in the top 10 and would never drop lower.

For once the FA Cup was not a distraction and after seeing off Crystal Palace and Bristol Rovers the Hatters were drawn against Arsenal in round five. With no penalty shoot outs in those days, the Town finally won through after a second replay before taking on Everton at home in the quarter-final only three days later.

Sadly, the Hatters went out to a single Gary Lineker goal in a replay at Goodison Park but had the later satisfaction of beating the Toffees at Kenilworth Road in the League which effectively cost them the title.

SECOND DIVISION	PLD	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1 Liverpool (C)	42	26	10	6	52	88
2 Everton	42	26	8	8	46	86
3 West Ham United	42	26	6	10	34	84
4 Manchester United	42	22	10	10	34	76
5 Sheffield Wednesday	42	21	10	11	9	73
6 Chelsea	42	20	11	11	1	71
7 Arsenal	42	20	9	13	2	69
8 Nottingham Forest	42	19	11	12	16	68
9 Luton Town	42	18	12	12	17	66
10 Tottenham Hotspur	42	19	8	15	22	65
11 Newcastle United	42	17	12	13	-5	63
12 Watford	42	16	11	15	7	59
13 Queens Park Rangers	42	15	7	20	-11	52
14 Southampton	42	12	10	20	-11	46
15 Manchester City	42	11	12	19	-14	45
16 Aston Villa	42	10	14	18	-16	44
17 Coventry City	42	11	10	21	-23	43
18 Oxford United	42	10	12	20	-18	42
19 Leicester City	42	10	12	20	-22	42
20 Ipswich Town (R)	42	11	8	23	-23	41
21 Birmingham City (R)	42	8	5	29	-43	29
22 West Bromwich Albion (R)	42	4	12	26	-54	24

Player focus

Smothering his legs with Vaseline so he could slide tackle on the Town's artificial surface **Peter Nicholas**, who missed only one game, was the fulcrum at the heart of the Luton midfield.



Season standout

Despite missing part of the season due to a knee operation, **Mick Harford** was at the peak of his powers and netted 22 league goals, thriving on the artificial surface.



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LUTON TOWN

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1	JAMES **SHEA**
3	KAL **NAISMITH**
4	SVERRE **SANDAL**
5	MADS **ANDERSEN**
6	DAVY **VAN DEN BERG**
8	LIAM **WALSH**
11	ELIJAH **ADEBAYO**
12	ALI **AL-HAMADI**
14	SHAYDEN **MORRIS**
15	TEDEN **MENGI**
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**

BARNSLEY

HEAD COACH **CONOR HOURIHANE**

1	OWEN **GOODMAN**
4	MARC **ROBERTS**
5	JACK **SHEPHERD**
6	MAËL **DE GEVIGNEY**
7	COREY **O'KEEFFE**
8	ADAM **PHILLIPS**
9	TOM **BRADSHAW**
10	DAVID **McGOLDRICK**
14	NATHANAEL **OGBETA**
15	EOGHAN **O'CONNELL**
17	GEORGIE **GENT**
18	SCOTT **BANKS**
19	REYES **CLEARY**
20	CHARLIE **LENNON**
22	PATRICK **KELLY**
23	TAWANDA **CHIREWA**
27	TANNAI **WATSON**
30	JONATHAN **BLAND**
32	JOSH **EARL**
45	VIMAL **YOGANATHAN**
48	LUCA **CONNELL**
50	KELECHI **NWAKALI**
51	KIEREN **FLAVELL**

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