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**NATHAN JONES**

The boss welcomes his old club Charlton to the Kenny



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# THE MANAGER



## NATHAN JONES

**Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for today's Sky Bet League One fixture with Charlton Athletic.**

I'd like to start by welcoming to the friends I, and a few of the staff here, have at The Valley following our time working together at one of English football's most traditional clubs, at that time in the Championship.

Myself, Jared Roberts-Smith and Chris Clark were all at Charlton at the same time, along with Paul Hart, who I'll always be grateful to for employing me as Under-21 manager at a time when I wanted to experience a different aspect of coaching after being player-assistant manager at Yeovil.

I extend that welcome to the supporters and club officials who have travelled up from south-east London, and of course manager Lee Bowyer, his staff and their players, and wish them a safe journey home tonight.

On the pitch, Charlton represent a yardstick for where we aspire to be. They've been in the Premier League in the not-too-distant past, have spent several years in the second tier and last season reached the play-offs at this level, which is where they currently find themselves again.

Along with the likes of Portsmouth and Sunderland, who we have already faced and competed with this season, they are a big club in League One and with the form they have been in, they represent as tough a test as we have had since coming up.

For our part, I'm delighted with how we've performed here at Kenilworth Road. Three wins and a draw from four home matches so far is impressive, and we know that we need to transfer those results into our away fixtures.

We certainly haven't been playing badly on the road.

At Doncaster we were excellent and should have taken something from the game. Last week we felt we turned a huge corner at Blackpool, keeping that first clean sheet away from home. Our first half performance was wonderful, and with a bit more of a clinical edge in their box, we'd have brought all three points back with us.

With the injuries we had leading into the game, I have to be pleased with a point against a team near the top of the form table. We must have had the youngest bench in the EFL last Saturday, bar Alan Sheehan, who had been ill in the week and at one stage didn't look like travelling.

Since our last outing here, we have lost Eunan O'Kane to an horrific leg break. Eunan was first class in his short time with us. We were building him up to playing more minutes, but even in his brief appearances his quality and class were evident. We thank him for what he contributed in that fortnight and wish him well in his rehab back at Leeds.

We have boosted the squad this week with the signing of Kazenga LuaLua, a player I've known for a long time, an attacking force with real pace and potency. Kaz offers something different to what we already have and I'm sure you'll enjoy watching him.

Finally, thank you for travelling in such fantastic numbers last week. The atmosphere should be electric here again, with the home sections bound to be near capacity and the away end sold out. Let's keep this home momentum going.

Enjoy the game.



# FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH FINANCE DIRECTOR **SIMON GIBB**

**Hello and welcome to our fifth home league game of the Sky Bet League One season. Today we welcome Charlton Athletic, who have made a really good start to the campaign and are the form team at the moment having won four and drawn one of their last five league starts.**

**They sit sixth in the league at kick-off today and Karlan Grant and Lyle Taylor are banging in goals up front and will need to be watched carefully by our ever reliable, defensive unit who have kept clean sheets in successive matches!**

Much like ourselves, Charlton are a club on the up having been through tough times. In head-to-head we have played them 71 times, winning 33 and losing 24.

The last time we played them was back in December 2010 in an FA Cup second round replay here after Andy Drury had scored twice in a 2-2 draw back at the Valley, when the Hatters were in the Conference and Charlton at the same level we're at now.

We also have several club links with Charlton with Nathan Jones, our head of sports science Jared Roberts-Smith and club secretary Chris Clark all having been part of their set up at one time together.

It was good to see so many of you at Blackpool on Saturday and the team again put in a good performance in securing a point against a very useful outfit. After as difficult a start as any club could have been given by the fixture computer, we are now finding our feet in this division and I am sure it won't be long before we start turning good performances into additional points away from home. In the meantime we need to keep converting points at home, as we have been doing so far.

At the moment we are suffering a few injuries in the squad which is always frustrating when you are trying to get consistency, but it is a testament to our squad depth that we are still performing well on the pitch.

On the injury front it was very sad to lose Eunan O'Kane to such an horrendous injury at the last home game, and I am sure you will join the club in wishing him a speedy and successful recovery.

Our other long-term injury Luke Berry also had a set-back with a separate knee issue just when he was preparing to play a full 90 competitive minutes again after his lay-off. We will have to wait a few weeks more again now to enjoy Luke's talents back in a Luton shirt.

## Recovery

Finally, club legend Mick Harford has been on the operating table for his knee replacement, so we also wish him well for a speedy recovery and it's been good for the team to see him back at the training ground this week. Plenty of work ahead then for our physio team headed up by Simon Parsell!

At the time of writing we are still in the process of recruiting a new assistant manager to replace the excellent Paul Hart. I am really pleased he has secured his new, much deserved, role at Notts County. I know Nathan and the club have benefited from all his experience over the past couple of years and he will be much missed. We hope to announce a replacement shortly.



They would welcome any feedback, positive or negative, on the catering as they seek gradually to improve the offering to you all.

There are a number of interesting initiatives being discussed within the game at the moment for which we as a Club are able to have a say on future strategy.

Areas currently being discussed are safe standing, transfer window timings, match streaming and its impact on stadium attendance, whether programmes should be a requirement or optional for Clubs to sell and the need for greater funding shares of TV monies to flow to out of the Premier League.

We continue to spend a lot of time at the Club working with local charities. The players have been supporting the Luton & Dunstable Hospital's Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit – the supporters' charity of the year – with their Keepy-Uppy challenge, and you will see crates around the ground today for donations to be made to the Luton Foodbank, which is our main club charity partner this season.

## Generously

These guys do a fantastic job for our local community and we as a Club are very proud to support them as well as we can, so please give generously if you can.

You will have seen that we have introduced new faster tills with card payment options now at virtually all the bars and kiosks around the ground to help to speed up service times for you, so please use them if you can.

Our catering manager Cristhiano and his team have been trying to improve the consistency and availability of products this season for you as well.

All very important areas for the future of our game as we know it and we as a club are very proactive in putting forward our views. Your views on any of these issues are always welcomed, of course, as well!

## Noise

For now though, let's concentrate on today's game. Your support has been great so far and we are expecting a large crowd again this afternoon, with the away end sold out a couple of weeks ago.

So let's make sure the home parts of the ground generate plenty of noise as you get behind the boys and hopefully cheer them on to a fourth victory of the season here at Kenilworth Road.

COYH!

# THE SKIPPER

## Alan Sheehan

Welcome back to Kenilworth Road for the visit of Charlton Athletic, one of League One's biggest clubs and current home to one of my old Bradford team-mates, Billy Clarke.

Billy's currently on the long road back to fitness after suffering a serious knee injury midway through last season, but I know he's getting closer to a return. He is just one of many good players they have, and with their current form in mind, we know it'll be a tough game today. Nobody likes coming to Kenilworth Road though, and they know they'll be in for a tough one too with us being unbeaten here so far this season.

On the subject of injuries, we were all gutted for Eunan O'Kane after the horrible leg break he suffered last time we were here against Bristol Rovers. He was a great lad and although we'd

only seen him fleetingly in games, he was a class act and would have been a great player for us this season, no doubt.

I went out to see him in the ambulance after the game and he was in a bad way, but he was well looked after by the medical staff here and at the Luton & Dunstable Hospital, and please God, he gets a good recovery back at Leeds.

We've welcomed Kazenga LuaLua to the group over the past couple of

weeks. He knew a couple of people here, which helps, but I only knew him from being a good player for Brighton for a number of years. He was always dangerous whenever I came up against them, and I'm sure he'll be an excellent addition to the squad.

We have been light on numbers with various injuries in the past couple of weeks which led to us having a very young bench at Blackpool last week.

On a personal note, it's the first run of games that I've been left out of the team since coming to Luton, but as captain of the club I know that I've got a bigger responsibility now – and that's to make sure that everything runs smoothly on and off the pitch.

We've had two clean sheets in two matches so we are doing well, and hopefully that can continue. I got a game in for the development side last week and we've got a lot of matches coming up, so I'll be ready to play when needed.

Watching the last two away games at Doncaster and Blackpool, we've done enough to win both and the positive sign is that nobody is outplaying us. We've controlled large parts and if we keep doing that and creating chances, we'll go on a run and get into a good place in the table.

We were excellent here against Bristol Rovers, as you were in the stands, so please keep that level of support up today and hopefully we'll have another three points to add to the Kenilworth Road collection.



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## KAZ KEEN ON KENNY CLIMB!

**Kazenga LuaLua says he wants to get back to the Championship with Luton Town after signing a contract this week with the Hatters until the end of the season.**

The 27-year-old winger has been training with Nathan Jones' squad for a fortnight and was at Kenilworth Road when the Town beat Bristol Rovers 1-0 in our last home game.

Speaking to iFollow Hatters after putting pen to paper, he said: "It's good to sign until the end of the season, to get some game time and enjoy my football. From the first day I came the boys were really nice to me, and it's been really good. I've settled in very well.

"When I came to watch the boys against Bristol they were very good in the way that they play. I think in the first half, the game should have been over – they should have been three or four nil up. They looked really good. I've come here to enjoy my football and learn from the boys, and hopefully we can have a good season."

LuaLua already knows Jones, coach Joaquin Gomez and vice-captain Glen Rea after working with them in their time at Brighton. The former Newcastle youngster left the Seagulls in January after making 183 appearances and scoring 22 goals on the south coast.

Having initially joined them on loan in 2010 when they were in League One, his permanent seven-year stay at the Amex was spent in the Championship,



with a second loan spell at QPR immediately following Albion's promotion to the Premier League in 2017.

He left for Sunderland last January when the Black Cats were battling relegation from the second tier, and he is keen to get back to the higher levels of English football.

"I'm sure the club, the fans and the players here, they want to be at a higher level because as a footballer you want to be at the highest levels, but it takes time," said LuaLua.

"It seems the club is in the right place. They have a very good manager who knows what he is doing, so I don't see why not.

"They've had a good start to the season as well. When you get promoted from League Two to League One, you have to start to compete with the other teams, and I don't think there will be any reason why we can't get promoted to the Championship."

As for what Town fans can expect from the wide forward, LuaLua added: "I'm a winger who likes to dribble – get on the ball and get past the full-back. I like to think I'm quick, but I don't like to say things.

"The fans are the people who will judge you on the pitch, but I'm a winger who likes to beat players and try to make things for the team."

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# EUNAN'S THANK YOU MESSAGE

**Midfielder Eunan O'Kane has thanked everyone who has helped him after he broke both his tibia and fibula in the game against Bristol Rovers.**

The 28-year-old has now returned to his parent club Leeds United to begin his recovery, after having an operation at the Luton & Dunstable hospital the day after the match.

In a post on his Instagram account, Eunan wrote: "During Saturday's game I went through what can only be described as the worst experience of my life. I broke both my tibia and fibula in an open fracture during the game.

"I have had a rod put in my tibia and a few screws to hold it in place. Thank you to the Luton Town medical team and paramedics at Kenilworth Road, the staff at Luton and Dunstable hospital and the LUFC medical team for how everything has been handled.

"Finally, I wanted to say thank you to everyone who reached out with messages of support and encouragement. I appreciate each and every one.



"I am aware I have a long road ahead of me to get back to full fitness but one that will undoubtedly make me stronger and more appreciative of how lucky I am. Thank you again to everyone who reached out."

Eunan made a big impression in his four appearances during his fortnight at Kenilworth Road, and everyone at LTFC wishes him well in his rehabilitation and future career.

## MEET THE MANAGER NEXT THURSDAY

Luton Town Supporters' Trust will be holding their annual Meet the Manager Evening with Nathan Jones on Thursday 4th October in the Eric Morecambe Lounge.

Tickets for the event are now on sale from the LTFC Ticket Office, which you can purchase in person and over the phone on 01582 416976.

Priced at just £5 for LTST members, and free of charge for Diamond season ticket holders when obtained in advance, this is an evening not to miss!

The evening gives supporters a fantastic opportunity to ask Nathan Jones a range of questions, but make sure you get your tickets now, as it is always a popular event!





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# ELLIOT LEE'S ALL-TIME XI 4-3-3

**Town striker Elliot Lee picks the best XI players he has ever played alongside, but like a few of his team mates, has opted not to pick any Luton Town players, so none of them give him any trouble!**



**Darren Randolph**



**Played with at: West Ham United**

Daz was the best keeper I have played alongside. He's got nice hands.



**Carl Jenkinson**



**Played with at: West Ham United**

Up and down, crosses a great ball and is a really nice guy.



**Alfie Mawson**



**Played with at: Barnsley**

A very, very good player on the ball, off the ball. A passing centre back. A great guy. Very good. I am not surprised to see him in the Prem.



**James Tomkins**



**Played with at: West Ham United**

Very underrated centre-half, I'd say. He was very good to play with.



**Nicky Shorey**



**Played with at: Colchester United**

Was at the end of his career, but was so good it was a joke! Left foot was an absolute wand.



**Conor Hourihane**



**Played with at: Barnsley**

Another with a wand of a left foot, a great set piece taker. A goalscoring midfielder.



**Ravel Morrison**



**Played with at: West Ham United**

Ravel was another so good, it was a joke. He just glides past players. Should be in the England team.



Adam Armstrong



**Manuel Lanzini**



**Played with at: West Ham United**

A magic man. Very, very good. An Argentina international. He played alongside me...and now he has played alongside Lionel Messi!



**Ryan Kent**



**Played with at: Barnsley**

Sharpest player I have ever played with, quickest player ever. Both footed, talented.



**Rob Hall**



**Played with at: West Ham United**

Best finisher ever. Whipsville for days! Been unfortunate with injuries, but if he wasn't, he'd be playing at a lot higher level.



**Adam Armstrong**



**Played with at: Barnsley**

On his own, can stretch the line, can do anything a striker needs to do and again, the best finisher ever!

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### ELLIE VAUGHAN

**Age:** 9  
**School:** Ursula Taylor Primary School  
**Hobbies:** Ellie loves playing and watching football, she plays for Bedford Girls U10 and recently joined a Luton Town Player Development Centre

**Favourite Player:** Elliot Lee

**Who do you attend games with:** Dad and best friend Chloe



### HARRY WHITE

**Age:** 8  
**School:** Greenfield Academy  
**Hobbies:** Football and rugby  
**Favourite Player:** Danny Hylton

**Who do you attend games with:** Mum, dad and grandad



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# MEET THE SQUAD

## WELCOME CHARLTON ATHLETIC



**The Hatters would like to extend a warm welcome to today's visiting staff, players and supporters of Charlton.**

The Addicks have got off to a strong start, amassing 17 points after nine games which sees them sit in the play-off places. Their home form has been excellent, matching the Hatters' tally of ten points, whilst away from home they've been fairly strong as well. Aside from their opening day defeat at Sunderland, the are in superb form heading into today's game, winning all of their last four Sky Bet League One outings.

Now managed by Lee Bowyer, the former Leeds United and Newcastle United midfielder was caretaker boss for six months following the departure of Karl Robinson, only getting the job on a permanent basis at the beginning of this month. He guided Charlton to the play-offs last season, but the south-east Londoners were knocked out at the semi-final stage by Shrewsbury Town. Bowyer boasts a decent win record at the Valley, having been victorious in nearly 50 per cent of his 23 games in the Charlton dugout.

His side have gone under the radar slightly so far, having not been spectacular in front of goal and not pulling up trees in defence. But it's their consistency for both that sees them doing so well – having scored in all but one of their League One games so

far this season and having only conceded more than one goal on two occasions, it's easy to see why they are where they are.

Charlton have gone a long way to righting the wrongs of last season – the lack of a proper goalscorer has so far been filled by the signing of Lyle Taylor from AFC Wimbledon, whilst Karlan Ahearn-Grant has also been delivering after returning from a fruitful spell on loan at Crawley, where he scored nine times in 15 matches to the end of last season, including the consolation in the Red Devils' 4-1 defeat here at Kenilworth Road.

The return of Ben Reeves from a torn achilles couldn't be more welcome, having seen Jake Forster-Caskey ruled out for the rest of the campaign with a knee injury. The 24-year-old was a vital cog in the Addicks' midfield, and will no doubt be a big miss this season.

A Premier League side as recently as 2007, the Addicks have slowly filtered down the EFL pyramid, as this will be their third consecutive season in the third tier. They certainly have aspirations to be at least a level higher though, and it reflects in the history of the club, having spent more seasons in the Championship than any other tier (45).

### THE GAFFER

**Lee Bowyer | Age: 41**

The London-born midfielder actually started his playing career with Charlton before moving to Leeds United for £2.8 million, the record fee for a British teenager at the time, in 1996. Bowyer went on to make numerous appearances in England's top flight, eventually retiring after his release from Ipswich Town in 2012. The 41-year-old was appointed as Karl Robinson's assistant-manager at The Valley in July 2017, but ended up taking the reins as caretaker manager when Robinson left the club earlier this year. The ex-Leeds United man was appointed on a permanent basis at the beginning of the month and is looking to push Charlton back into the promotion reckoning after last season's play-off semi-final heartbreak.



### GOALKEEPER

**DILLON PHILLIPS  
AGE: 23**

A product of Charlton's youth academy, Phillips has finally been given the number one jersey at The Valley. He'll have his work cut out for the starting spot with the arrival of Jed Steer.



### DEFENDERS

**KRYSTIAN BIELIK  
AGE: 20**

The Polish defender joined the Addicks on a season-long loan from Arsenal in August and has made four starts. He also grabbed a late winner away at Southend at the beginning of September.

### THE STOPPER

**Jed Steer | Age: 26**

The highly-rated goalkeeper signed for Charlton on a season long loan from Aston Villa in August and has been a valuable asset to the team in their unbeaten run since. The shot-stopper played for Villa in their 3-1 Championship win at Hull on the opening weekend of the season, and kept his first clean sheet of the campaign in Charlton's win at Bradford a couple of weeks ago. The 26-year-old began his career at Norwich before moving in 2013 to Villa, where he has struggled to find match time. The keeper has had a few successful loan spells with the likes of Yeovil, Huddersfield Town and Doncaster Rovers, and has also made appearances for England at youth level.



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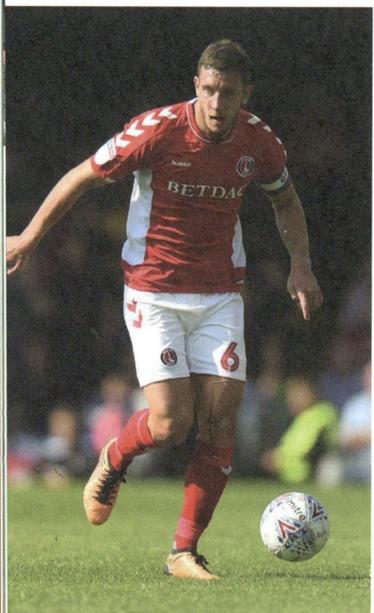
Charlton are one of only 13 English clubs to have had an average attendance of over 40,000 during a season – 40,216 in 1948-49 – although ten years earlier The Valley had hosted over 75,000 for an FA Cup tie against Aston Villa. Their lowest ever average gate for a season was 5,104 in 1984-85, just before they were forced out of their home amid financial difficulties and safety concerns, spending seven years sharing at Selhurst Park and then Upton Park. Since they returned to a remodelled, all-seater stadium in 1992, their record attendance is 27,111.

### HEAD-TO-HEAD

LUTON WINS:	33
DRAWS:	14
CHARLTON WINS:	24
LAST MEETING:	LUTON 1-3 CHARLTON - DECEMBER 2010

### FACTFILE:

NICKNAME:	THE ADDICKS
GROUND:	THE VALLEY
MANAGER:	LEE BOWYER
LAST SEASON:	6TH IN LEAGUE ONE



**THE WALL**

**Jason Pearce**

**Age: 30**

Experienced centre-half Pearce began his career with Portsmouth but never actually made an appearance for Pompey. The 30-year-old defender then moved along the south coast to Bournemouth, where he gained promotion from League Two with the Cherries. Pearce was also captain of the Wigan Athletic side that won promotion to the Championship in 2016, before joining Charlton for an undisclosed fee in the summer of the same year. He has since become a fan favourite at The Valley, captaining the side for the first time this season, continuing his tradition of skipping every side he has ever made an appearance for.



**CHRIS SOLLY**  
**AGE 27**

The full-back has been playing for Charlton's first team for ten years now and has fully affirmed himself as an Addicks hero among the fans.

**LEWIS PAGE**  
**AGE 22**

An injury crisis has kept Page sidelined for the best part of a year. He'll be hoping to get a run in the side throughout this campaign.

**PATRICK BAUER**  
**AGE 25**

Often referred to as the BFG by Addicks fans, the German defender arrived at the Valley in 2015 from Portuguese side Marítimo.



**NABY SARR**  
**AGE 25**

The Frenchman began his career at Ligue 1 side Lyon. His father, Sarr Boubacar, made more than 400 appearances in France for the likes of Paris Saint Germain and Marseille.

**MIDFIELDERS**

**BEN REEVES**  
**AGE 26**

The Northern Irish international made a name for himself at MK Dons, and joined up with ex-boss Karl Robinson when the gaffer joined Charlton.

**JOSH CULLEN**  
**AGE 22**

The exceptional midfielder has a heap of experience despite only being 22. On loan from West Ham, Cullen was also a key part of Bradford City's play off campaign in 2016/17.

**IN THE MIDDLE**

**Jamie Ward**

**Age: 32**

Ward has had a whirlwind of a career so far, playing at all levels of the English Football League in his 13-year stint as a professional footballer. After a productive spell with Derby County, clocking up just under 150 appearances for the Rams, the midfielder moved east along the A52 to Nottingham Forest in 2015. He has

remained with Forest ever since, going out on loan several times including last season, when he made four appearances for Cardiff City, winning promotion to the Premier League with the Bluebirds.

This season, the experienced midfielder has linked up with Addicks until his loan expires on January 1st.



**DARREN PRATLEY**  
**AGE 33**

The midfielder was snapped up by Charlton when his contract expired with Bolton Wanderers in the summer. He was part of the Swansea side to reach the Premier League in 2011.



**MARK MARSHALL**  
**AGE 31**

The pacy winger was also a key part of the Bradford squad to face Millwall in the play-off final at Wembley. He signed for the Addicks last summer.



**KARLAN GRANT**  
**AGE 21**

Having been with Charlton since the age of 12, Grant received his first professional contract with the club in 2014. He's scored five in nine starts this season.



**JOE ARIBO**  
**AGE 22**

After making a name for himself at non-league level for Staines Town, the versatile midfielder linked up with Charlton in 2015. He's slowly progressed into a first team regular at The Valley.

**STRIKERS**  
**NICKY AJOSE**  
**AGE 26**

The former Manchester United youngster has netted eight times in 42 outings for the Addicks. He also spent time on loan with Bury.



**IGOR VETOKELE**  
**AGE 26**

The forward has spent a large amount of his time out on loan whilst at Charlton. Returning this summer from Belgian club St Truiden, Vetokele will be wanting more game time.

**BILLY CLARKE**  
**AGE 30**

A product of Ipswich Town's youth academy, the Irishman started his first match at 17 years old. He's gone on to play for multiple clubs across England, signing for Charlton in 2017.



**WATCH OUT**

**Lyle Taylor**

**Age: 28**

The former Bournemouth, Falkirk, Sheffield United and Scunthorpe forward has been prolific for Charlton so far this season, with five goals in nine games. After putting two past the Addicks in the second round of the FA Cup last December for AFC Wimbledon, the striker gained a lot of interest from Lee Bowyer, who snapped him up on a free deal when his contract expired with the Dons in the summer. In fact, Taylor scored 55 goals over three seasons with the Dons, helping them secure promotion from Sky Bet League Two in 2016. Has built a good reputation in lower league football having worked his way up from Non-League, where he started out at Concord Rangers.

**IN NUMBERS...**

<b>Stadium capacity:</b>	<b>27,111</b>
<b>Miles from Kenilworth Road:</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Year opened:</b>	<b>1919</b>
	<b>(closed 1985-92)</b>
<b>Average crowd last season:</b>	<b>11,846</b>
<b>Seasons in League One:</b>	<b>3</b>

# CLASSIC CLASH WITH THE ADDICKS

CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH DELVES INTO HIS ARCHIVES...

**3RD SEPTEMBER 1977 • LUTON TOWN 7 CHARLTON ATHLETIC 1**

**It was certainly a hectic close season for the Town players in the summer of 1977, with the squad embarking on a 33,000 mile round trip to tour the USA, New Caledonia, New Zealand and Fiji.**

The party travelled from Heathrow to Los Angeles and then to St Louis, where the local side was beaten 3-2. From the sunny States it was on to New Zealand, where it was the middle of winter, and three wins were recorded out of four games. On then to humid New Caledonia and Fiji, where three further games were played and won.

It was a tired party that eventually arrived back on these shores after what must have been one of the longest tours in football history, and after very little respite it was back to pre-season training ready for another determined tilt at the Division Two (now Championship) title.

### Hindered

Pre-season training was hindered by the absence of three first-team players, Paul Price, Alan West and Ron Futcher, who were all enjoying a summer playing in the USA and who were not due back until the English season had started.

Only Phil Boersma, a £35,000 signing from Middlesbrough, was added to the squad and it was a severely depleted team that entertained Arsenal in a prestige pre-season friendly at Kenilworth Road.

The game attracted a reasonable crowd of 6,300, many of whom had turned up to see the debut of Pat Jennings in the Arsenal goal, and they were pleasantly surprised by a fighting Town performance that earned the players a well deserved draw.

Orient were the visitors to Kenilworth Road for the first League game of the season, and with Futcher,

Price and West still absent, Graham Jones, Tim Smith and David Carr were drafted into the side.

A crowd of 8,061 turned up to see the makeshift line-up and although the record books show that the Town won 1-0 courtesy of a second half goal from full-back Steve Buckley, the scoreline was rather unfair on the O's, who had their chances to take both points.

With West and Price back in this country and included in the squad for the following week's trip to Oldham, the team had a more familiar look about it.

But if the Town were lucky against Orient, fortune evened itself out very quickly as the 1-0 defeat at Boundary Park was an injustice and, to add insult to injury, Paul Futcher was ordered off for a foul.

### Confident

Ron Futcher was next to return, and a full-strength Luton side went to First Division (now Premier League) Wolves for a League Cup tie and came back having secured a fine 3-1 win with goals from Jim Husband, Boersma and substitute Carr.

It was therefore a confident Luton side that was to welcome Charlton to Kenilworth Road in the next League game. Gary Heale was called up for his debut in place of the injured Boersma, and a crowd of 9,061 settled down to watch a first half that gave no real hint of the fireworks to come.

After dominating the opening period, the Town took the lead after 20 minutes when Husband scored



Gary Heale, after netting on his debut

	
ALEKSIC	WOOD
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BUCKLEY	WARMAN
FUCCILLO	CAMPBELL
FAULKNER	BERRY
PAUL FUTCHER	TYDEMAN
HUSBAND,	BURMAN
HILL	PEACOCK
RON FUTCHER	POWELL
WEST	FLANAGAN
HEALE	MCAULEY

following a well worked free-kick routine and, ten minutes later, Buckley, who was fast earning a goalscoring reputation, was on hand to fire home an unstoppable shot to put the Town two-up.

### Unstoppable

From the way the first half had gone the Luton supporters were obviously hoping for another couple of goals to secure a sound victory, but the second period saw the Town attack in unstoppable form, leaving Charlton goalkeeper Jeff Wood shell shocked and the Valiants' defence all over the place.

Ricky Hill put the Hatters three goals to the good on the hour with a long shot, then Husband scored

a fourth soon after working his way through the Charlton defence.

Heale made it a debut to remember by heading home number five, before Husband made it a personal tally of four when scoring from a penalty that trickled over the line, and then heading in a John Faulkner cross.

Charlton scored a consolation in the final minute when Mike Flanagan beat Luton goalkeeper Milija Aleksic from the spot.

Husband was given the match ball as, in the words of manager Harry Haslam, "he has had it all afternoon, so he might as well keep it."

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Zdenek Kroca hammers the Town into the lead

## THE LAST TIME CHARLTON CAME TO TOWN

CLUB HISTORIAN **ROGER WASH** REPORTS ON THE ADDICKS' LAST VISIT TO KENILWORTH ROAD

**8TH DECEMBER 2010 • LUTON TOWN 1 CHARLTON ATHLETIC 3**  
**(FA CUP ROUND 2 REPLAY)**

Now in their second season in Non-League, the Town received a plum draw in the FA Cup second round when being pitched against League One high-flyers Charlton at the Valley.

A 2,870-strong Hatters contingent made the trip to see the Town come away with a draw in a pulsating contest with Andy Drury's leveller to make it 2-2 worthy of a much bigger stage.

The replay, which was put back to a Thursday evening to satisfy the TV cameras, was all Luton from the start, with Keith Keane seeing a free-kick superbly tipped over the bar by Rob Elliott in the Addicks' goal, before Danny Crow rattled the bar with a fantastic shot from 12 yards.

The Hatters continued to press and deservedly took the lead on 38 minutes when big centre-half Zdenek Kroca smashed home a shot from close range after a Drury corner caused mass confusion in the box.

The night then started to turn sour when, just as half-time approached, Scott Wagstaff was left with too much room when heading home a cross from Simon Francis.

Undeterred, the Hatters started the second half on the attack and came close again when George Pilkington's header was acrobatically clawed over by Elliott. Amari Morgan-Smith then grazed the post with a shot, before a game-changing substitution was made by Charlton with Pawel Abbott replacing the out-of-sorts Paul Benson.

His introduction seemed to galvanise the away side who took the lead on 66 minutes when Joe Anyinsah touched home a low drive from Matt Fry, before the sucker punch arrived with ten minutes left when Johnnie Jackson's free-kick took a huge deflection on its way into the net.

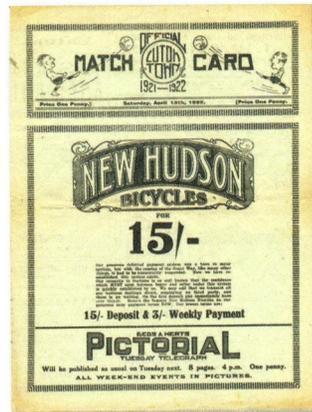
Luton manager Richard Money said afterwards: "A League game at Bath is far more important than an FA Cup trip to Spurs!"

**Luton Town:** Tyler, Gleeson, Howells, Kroca, Pilkington, Keane, Drury, Gnakpa, Morgan-Smith (Poku), Barnes-Homer, Crow (Atieno).

**Charlton Athletic:** Elliott, Francis, Jackson, Semedo, Wagstaff, Racon (McCormack), Doherty, Benson (Abbott), Fry, Anyinsah (Sodje), Fortune.

# COVERED!

CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH PICKS OUT EIGHT PROGRAMME COVERS FROM PAST GAMES WITH OUR OPPONENTS



## April 1922

The first League clash between the two sides at Kenilworth Road ends in a 2-0 victory for the Town. Allan Mathieson and George Butcher are on target in front of a crowd of 6,524.

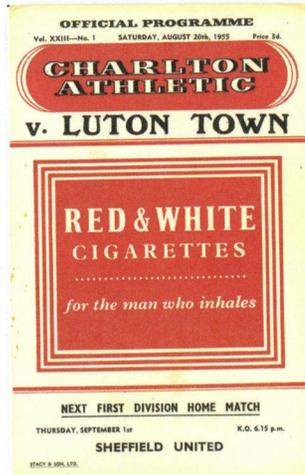
## August 1955

The Hatters make their debut in the top flight in a 2-2 draw at the Valley. A crowd of 28,460 watch Gordon Turner bag the Town's first goal at this level.



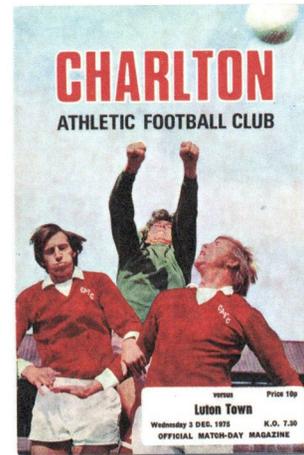
## April 1961

Fortunately, nothing is riding on the result in this end of season game as the Town win 4-1 in a deluge with standing water on the pitch. Alec Ashworth and Roland Legate each score twice.



## December 1956

After only one victory in nine the Town bounce back to win 4-2 in a pre-Christmas game watched by only 9,922. Record scorer Gordon Turner nets a hat-trick.



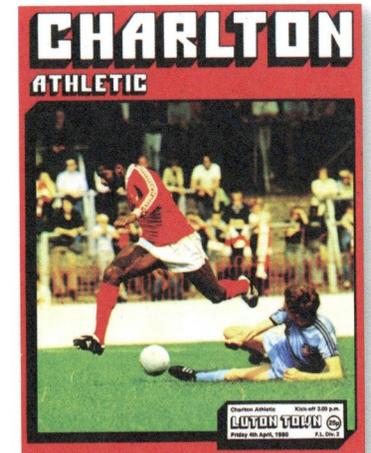
## December 1975

The Town are in dire financial straits but the players are galvanised and win 5-1 at the Valley. Peter Anderson, in his last game before his 'fire sale', has a hand in all five goals.



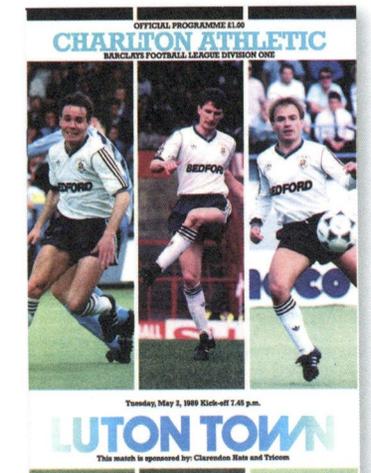
## August 1981

Back after only one year away, Charlton return to Kenilworth Road on the opening day but go down 3-0. Mal Donaghy opens the scoring with a rare goal as the Hatters embark on their ultimately successful championship winning campaign.



## April 1980

A Good Friday clash at the Valley sees all but relegated Charlton go down 4-1. The Town, still clinging to thoughts of promotion from Division Two (now the Championship), could and should have doubled the scoreline.



## May 1989

Both sides are struggling at the wrong end of the Division One (now Premier League) table, but the Town put in their best performance of the season, winning 5-2. Mick Harford is unplayable and Charlton manager Lennie Lawrence tries three different players at centre-half to stop him!

# DEADLY DUOS

**FOOTBALL HISTORIAN LEIGH EDWARDS PROFILES FOUR NOTABLE POST-WAR CHARLTON ATHLETIC GOALSCORING PARTNERSHIPS**

## STUART LEARY & EDDIE FIRMANI

England U23 forward Stuart Leary holds Charlton Athletic's all-time goalscoring record. He played for Clyde in his native South Africa before moving to The Valley with Eddie Firmani in February 1950 and was an influential figure as Charlton finished fifth in the top-flight in 1952-53

Leading marksman in 1953-54 and 1955-56, he netted 153 times in 376 League outings prior to joining QPR in December 1962. He played 370 times for Kent as a middle-order batsman and helped them win the County Championship in 1970. Returning to Cape Town in 1971, he coached cricket and football until his death in August 1988.

Italian international favourite Eddie Firmani had three spells at The Valley. Initially with South African side Clyde, he joined Charlton in February 1950 and starred as they finished fifth in the top-flight in 1952-53. He moved to Sampdoria in June 1955, then played for Inter Milan and Genoa before rejoining Charlton in October 1963.

After a spell with Southend United, he returned to Charlton as player-manager between September 1967 and March 1970, netting 88 goals in 165 League games overall for the Addicks.

He had success as a coach in the NASL with Tampa Bay Rowdies, New York Cosmos and Philadelphia Fury.

## JOHNNY SUMMERS & SAM LAWRIE

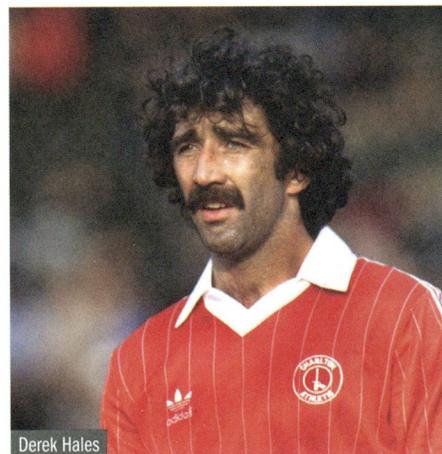
Inside-forward Johnny Summers was Charlton Athletic's leading marksman in four successive seasons. Signing professional for Fulham in February 1947, he joined Norwich City for £5,000 in June 1950, playing alongside their record goalscorer Johnny Gavin.

He moved to Millwall in May 1954 and was twice top scorer, joining Charlton in November 1956. Netting five times in their epic 7-6 win over Huddersfield in December 1957, he repeated the feat in their 7-4 victory over Portsmouth in October 1960 and scored 100 goals in 171 League games overall for the Addicks before his tragic death from cancer in June 1962.

Scottish winger Sam Lawrie was Charlton Athletic's top scorer in 1959-60. Initially with Bedlay Juniors, he joined Middlesbrough and was their youngest-ever League debutant against Arsenal three months before turning professional in February 1952.

He moved to Charlton in November 1956 and was ever-present in 1959-60. Scoring 70 goals in 193 League games while at The Valley, he joined Bradford Park Avenue in October 1962, two days after he had played against them in a League Cup replay.

He was later licensee of the 'Red Lion' pub in Plumstead, then a bakery worker until his untimely death at 44 in August 1979.



Derek Hales

## MIKE FLANAGAN & DEREK HALES

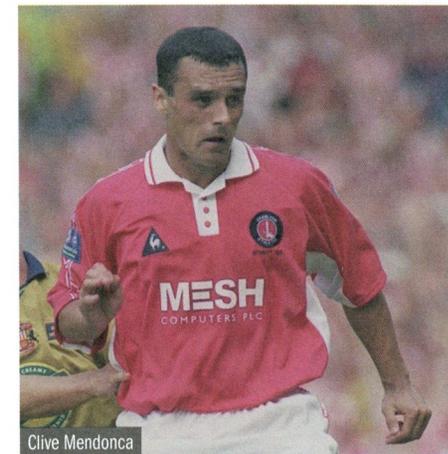
Ex-England Youth striker Mike Flanagan was an influential figure as Charlton won promotion to the top-flight in 1985-86. A former Spurs junior, he turned professional at The Valley in August 1971 and starred alongside Derek Hales in Charlton's 1974-75 promotion success.

He was twice top scorer prior to joining Crystal Palace in August 1979, and followed Terry Venables to QPR in December 1980, featuring in the 1982 FA Cup final. Rejoining Charlton in January 1984, he netted 109 goals in 347 League games overall before moving to Cambridge United in September 1986. He has held coaching and managerial posts.

Striker Derek Hales was leading marksman in Charlton Athletic's 1974-75 and 1980-81 promotion successes.

A former Gillingham junior, he had spells with Faversham and Dartford prior to joining Luton Town in March 1972, and moved to Charlton in July 1973.

He starred alongside Mike Flanagan and joined Derby County for a record £333,333 in December 1976, also playing in the top-flight for West Ham before returning to Charlton in July 1978. Netting 148 goals in 320 League games overall for the Addicks, he reunited with Keith Peacock at Gillingham in March 1985 and became a publican in Lower Halstow.



Clive Mendonca

## CLIVE MENDONCA & ANDY HUNT

Striker Clive Mendonca starred in Charlton Athletic's 1997-98 First Division play-off final success and 1999-00 First Division title triumph.

Signing professional for Sheffield United in September 1986, he moved to Rotherham United in March 1988 and helped them win the Fourth Division title in 1988-89.

He rejoined Sheffield United in August 1991 and moved to Grimsby Town in August 1992 after a loan spell. Twice leading marksman, he moved to Charlton for £700,000 in May 1997 and topped their goalscoring charts in two consecutive seasons, netting 40 goals in 86 League outings until injury ended his career.

Striker Andy Hunt was leading marksman in Charlton Athletic's 1999-2000 First Division title triumph. Initially with King's Lynn, he moved via Kettering Town to Newcastle United for £210,000 in January 1991.

He joined West Brom for £100,000 in March 1993 and grabbed a hat-trick on his home debut, then scored in that season's Second Division play-off final success. Top scorer in 1994-95, he moved to Charlton in July 1998 and helped reach the FA Cup sixth round in 1999-2000.

He netted 35 goals in 86 League games until retiring on medical grounds in March 2002, since running adventure travel holidays in Belize.

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[JARED ROBERTS-SMITH]

## THE SCIENCE OF EVERYTHING LUTON

HEAD OF SPORTS SCIENCE: JARED ROBERTS-SMITH

**Welcome back to the Kenny for what I see as a top of the table clash. Two good teams who like to play attractive football, so hopefully today will be very entertaining for what I'm sure will be another bumper attendance and another three points at home!**

**I'm going to getting hammered by the lads as they batter me for always going on about it, but I must start today's column with Charlton. CAFC will always have a special part in my heart and I will always appreciate the club.**

I worked there for five years and the club gave me my start in the professional game. I met my long-term girlfriend there and still have some great mates at The Valley, particularly sports science duo Josh Hornby and Ben Talbot, as well as assistant-manager Johnnie Jackson.

I also met NJ there, so technically wouldn't be at Luton if I hadn't worked alongside the gaffer in a very successful period in south-east London.

I wish them all the best for today and the rest of the season...alliances aside I'm hoping we earn six points from our fixtures against them and finish above them in the league, culminating in promotion!

The last three weeks have been very enjoyable on the pitch and very frustrating off of it. I had my popcorn out on the bench at Blackpool, as the first half has to be one of the most entertaining halves I've seen since working in football. Credit must go to both the coaching staff and the lads for the way we train and how things cross over from training sessions to a match day.

We have stepped up a gear in the way we are training over the last month, the lads have been different class and I believe we are going from strength to strength and am sure this has, and will continue to materialise on a Saturday/Tuesday.

Frustratingly we have seen a few injuries. I feel I should have even less hair than Danny Hylton the way I have been pulling it out through frustration. However, we are through the worst of it and the lads are bouncing back nicely, working hard and should return soon!

I must give a quick shout out to Andrew Shins in this column. I was buzzing for him with his first goal in a while last time out at home against Bristol Rovers, as he's been working extra hard behind the scenes.

However, I feel I must take some credit for this as he has had the added incentive of a 'mates bet' behind him. In the hotel prior to the Donny game, we had a friendly bet for a set of extra runs of my choice during the following training week...0-0 in the Scotland game and I shouted out that Belgium would win 4-0.

The proud Scotsman took great offence and we shook on the above deal, with me having to do the runs if it wasn't the 4-0 scoreline. Four goals to nil later (with an appearance from former Hatter Stephen O'Donnell) the bet was won.

I've given him the extra lifeline of three goals before Christmas before he has to do my runs. One down, two to go... keep working hard Shins or I'll put you through your paces!

Until next time COYH!





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# ON THE **Andrew Shinnie** CENTRE SPOT

**We asked for your questions on our social media channels to put to Andrew Shinnie - scorer of the winning goal last time out at Kenilworth Road - ahead of today's clash with Charlton Athletic. Here the 29-year-old midfielder is the latest Hatter to be put On The Centre Spot!**



**Twitter** Emma Orchard: What's the best thing about playing for Luton and why?

I think the best thing is the way we play. That was a big reason for me joining the club really, the way the gaffer wants us to play football. We play the right way, playing out from the back, passing and moving, trying to keep it on the deck as much as we can, break through teams. That's the way I love playing and that was a big reason in my joining – and I'm glad I did because even though some games can be tough, we always try and stick to the way we play, the structure we have, and I really enjoy playing in that.

**Instagram** scottsmileyltfc: Why did you decide to move to Luton permanently over the other clubs you went on loan to?

I'd already spoken about signing permanently when I came on loan, and that was one of the reasons why I looked to come, because me and the gaffer wanted to progress through the leagues and we both felt that I could play as we went through the leagues at the levels we get to. I've played in the Championship, so having got out of League Two I'm now playing in League One, and I wanted a crack at it. It was already in mind that I'd be staying, and when we got promoted I just wanted to get signed.

**Twitter** Scott Wilson: What do you think are your strengths and weaknesses?

Strengths I'd say, composure on the ball, I try and make things happen, try to be brave on the ball, work hard for the team and give 100 per cent every week and in training every day. Weaknesses I'd probably say, goals – that's been my weakness for a while. I know I can add more goals, and that's what I'm working on now.





Celebrating his recent winner against Bristol Rovers

**Edwin Vass: Favourite Luton goal?**

The one against Bristol Rovers a couple of weeks ago. The Carlisle one was good, but the most recent one was great because we won the game 1-0 and we really wanted to get three points. I had no idea that the goalkeeper was the same one in both games. I wish I could play against him every week!

**Mark Nicolson: What advice would you give to the current Luton academy players on how to progress in the game?**

Dedicate yourself to football at a young age. There are a lot of temptations to do other things away from football, but throughout the first few years of your life, dedicate yourself to football by living right off the pitch and when you get a chance to go up to the first team, do something that makes an impact and gets you noticed. Ian Durrant was one of my youth coaches at Rangers and he did a lot for me. Player-wise, Davie Weir was captain when I was there, and he was brilliant with the young boys – he always gave you good advice and kept you on the straight line in the first team, so those two helped me. You had to earn getting into the first team to train, and when you got there, you had to really give your all to stay there. It's the same here. When the young boys come up, they work hard and we've got a lot of good young players coming through, so when they get the chance to come up and train, they have to make an impact.

**Alfie Mee: Is there anything you're looking to add to your game for this season, and what are your aims for the season?**

Obviously goals, because I know I can do it, and game time as well. I feel that if I play more games, and more minutes – if I can stay on for full games – I'll get goals. I also play in a different position this year as one of the wide midfielders in the diamond, it suits me a bit as well because I'm seeing more of the pitch and I'm making late runs into the box.

**Connor Leach: Lionel Messi or Cristiano Ronaldo?**

You always get asked this, but I like them both. I think Messi is better technically than anyone I've ever seen play. He can do everything – dribble, his passing range, everything. But Ronaldo is unbelievable as well, the amount of goals he scores, wins games, I just enjoy watching them both.

**Louis Kay: If you could play with anyone, who would it be and why?**

I've got to say either Messi or Ronaldo again – either with or against – just to see what it would be like on a pitch because I've only seen them on TV, and just to see what they are doing live, it'd be even better than watching them on the telly.

**TIOT: Who's the best player you've played with?**

Steven Davis at Rangers. He wasn't a big lad, quite a little fella in stature, but never gave the ball away, was always two steps ahead of anyone else and read the game so well. When I trained with him and saw him in games, that's what I aspired to be really. He was in midfield with Pedro Mendes, who was unbelievable as well. I trained with those boys and just from watching them, I learned a lot.



Bending a beauty past favourite opposition keeper Jack Bonham, then of Carlisle!



Shins learned a lot from Steven Davis at Rangers

**Callum LTFC: Is there much difference between the Scottish League and the Football League?**

It's hard for me to say that because I've been away from the SPL for six years now. I was in the Scottish Championship on loan at Hibs. People down here have a laugh about the Scottish game, but it's better than people say. There are a lot of good players up there who come down to England and play in the Championship and League One, so I think it's a good league, but obviously there are a lot of good players and good teams down here. There's maybe a bit more athleticism down here, maybe bigger lads, stronger and a little bit quicker. As you go up, maybe the Championship's a better level and the Premier League is miles better – but overall the Scottish League is better than people make out. I'd say most of the Scottish

Championship teams would struggle in League One down here though, because there are a few part-time teams and there's not the money in Scotland as there is even in League One down here. League One is much better than the Scottish Championship.

**Callum LTFC: Do you have a rivalry with your brother?**

No, we haven't got a rivalry at all. We support each other. My brother is a great player and we are really close off the pitch, best pals really, and I always check for his result straight after a game – it's the first one I check – and I'm sure he's the same. He texted me buzzing a couple of Saturdays ago, so there's no rivalry, we just support each other and I want him to do as well as he can in his career. We played for two years together at Inverness and lived together before I moved on to Birmingham. The second year we were second or third for most of the season in the SPL, beat Celtic at Parkhead, beat Rangers a couple of times – including at Ibrox, 3-0, when me and Graham both scored. It'd be a dream to play together for Scotland, but he's doing really well and I'm running out of time...getting too old!

**Josh Beevor: What's been the best moment of your career?**

Winning my only Scotland cap because nobody can take that away from me, the fact that I played for my country. Probably winning the league at Hibs as well, that was the first trophy that I'd won and they hadn't done it in the two years they'd been

# ON THE CENTRE SPOT



**@benstorey: Do you ever play against your brother on FIFA to see which player can score more goals with themselves?**

When we lived together, we used to play to see who would do the dishes! It caused so much trouble. He used to get annoyed because when I scored I'd celebrate slyly – pump my fist or something close to my chest, and he'd go 'What are you doing? Why are you celebrating?' And if he'd lost, he'd storm out of the room into the kitchen, shut the door and do the dishes.

**@jpratley03: Was football your dream job from when you started?**

Yeah, it was my only job in mind really and it'll be a weird feeling when I stop playing. It was my dream job and it's probably the best job in the world. It can be hard at times, but I love it. I think about what I'm going to do after football a lot – every week really – and I've got a few ideas in mind. Everybody just thinks 'Oh, I'll be a coach or I'll be a manager', and that's fair enough, but I'd maybe like to try something different away from football. I've thought about being a barber, having my own barber's shop. My brother is learning to be a barber up in Scotland – he's been training – so maybe we could have a chain of Shinnie Barbers shops nationwide.

**[ON THE CENTRE SPOT]**

at that level before, so it wasn't a foregone conclusion really. I went up there and it was tough with the expectation, so it was a good year.

**Twitter LutonTownExile: Xavi, Iniesta and Modric – who is the best midfielder and why?**

At this time, Modric is unbelievable – probably the best midfielder in the world. But probably all-time, my favourite is Iniesta. He was unbelievable to watch. He makes football look easy. When you watch him you think 'Right, the next game I'm going to do what he does, that's easy'. Just gliding past players, never gives the ball away. It's so difficult to do that.



**Twitter TheMadHatter: Which felt sweeter – promotion with Hibs or with the Town?**



Scoring in Hibs' Edinburgh derby win over Hearts

They were both great. The Luton one was brilliant as well, because that was one of the reasons I came here. It's always a long season and when you are expected to get promoted, it's hard. We had a few tough spells, but for most of the season we were one of the best teams if not the best in the league, and we deserved it. Obviously, the Hibs one was brilliant because we won the league, and that was the first trophy that I'd won, but the Luton one was just as special because it meant I'd done two promotions in two seasons.

**Twitter CallumLTCF: Have you bought your dog an LTFC lead or collar yet?**



Another Instagram selfie with best buddy Nero!

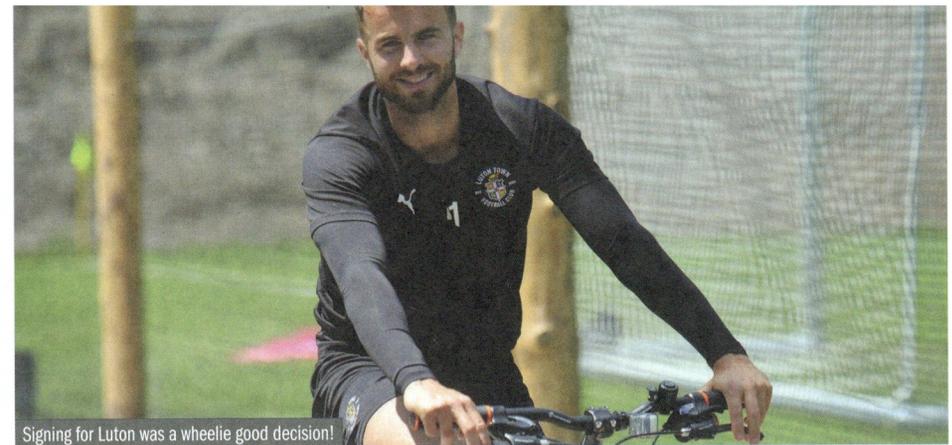
No, I haven't yet, but he's got some cool leads and harnesses. I'll get a bit of stick for this one because the boys are always on me for talking about my dog. He's a one-year-old Hungarian Vizsla – a mad man, but he's a great dog and my best buddy! You can follow him on Instagram @nerothevizsla

**Instagram callumpovey12: What's your favourite way to spend your day off?**

I'm still up early because I've got the dog, so I get up, take him out for an hour, come back and get some food in, then I'll usually go out with my missus for a few hours. Then we'll chill out for a bit, rest up because it's a day off, and then watch the football if it's on, or a box-set or a film or something. To be honest, I don't love watching football. I love watching the big games, but if it's just a normal run-of-the-mill game, I'm not that bothered. A lot of people are like that, start watching it and then after ten minutes, you're on your phone or something. I'd rather watch a good movie or a box-set – I'm watching the Bodyguard at the minute on iPlayer. It's so good.

**Facebook Jamie Mann: Do you know the Proclaimers?**

I don't know them, but I listen to them a lot because I'm a proud Scotsman. They are Hibs fans and if you win a big game at Easter Road, they play Sunshine On Leith because the stadium's in Leith. We played Hearts in the derby a couple of seasons ago, a cup replay after drawing 0-0, and I scored in a 3-1 win. They played Sunshine On Leith around the stadium and all the fans stood with their scarves above their head. It's one of the best things I've ever experienced in football.



Signing for Luton was a wheelie good decision!

**Instagram madhatterhammer: Do you treat yourself after winning a big match?**

Yes, I like to treat myself after a game on a Saturday night, and Sunday, by just eating what I want. All week I eat well and dedicate myself, so Saturday night – especially if I've played a good percentage of the match or a full game – I have a good meal, a good dessert and eat what I want really, and Sunday as well. A couple of weeks ago it was bad, because I was going to a Kevin Bridges concert, so had to drive back from Luton to get my missus, then over to Hammersmith and I'd had nothing to eat. I thought there'd be stalls there with different food, but there was nothing, so I just had a bag of crisps and then on the way home I got a McDonald's, but it was a terrible decision. I went for one of those Signature Quarter Pounder meals, and it was rubbish. I'm always a Chicken Legend, but I thought I'd go for something different because the picture looked worldly – but it's just a squashed crap burger!

**Instagram danscott: Who was your idol?**

I've always loved David Beckham. He was always my idol growing up, and he's still my idol – just everything about him is class, isn't it? The way he styles himself, he's a cool guy, ambitious guy, great footballer.



**Instagram hattersitfc27: Do you and your brother go and watch each other play?**

Yes, I've been a few times and it's quite tough, obviously, with games on Saturdays, but when I was at Hibs he had quite a few Sunday games with Aberdeen and a few cup finals, and any time I get a chance – or if he gets a chance to come down here – we do watch each other. He came to the Barnet game here at Kenilworth Road last season when it was an international break.

**Instagram oliv3rh: Who's your best friend in the squad?**

Well, I travel in with Potts and El, they are good pals of mine, but I get on with everyone. I don't want to name names, because I'll be leaving people out, but I love all the boys – especially my car school!

**Twitter Elliott Plant (Hatters Strength & Conditioning Coach): Pound for pound, who is the strongest in the gym?**

I think Elliott's asking that because he knows it's me! I'm quite good in the gym to be fair. I try and work as hard as I can in the gym with the boys because that's something that I have to work on. I wasn't born like a Pelly-Ruddock, with absolute powerhouse strength, so I have to work on it as much as I can and give my all. I've come on quite a bit since I've been here with the boys down in the gym – Elliott, Jared and Luke. They call me pound for pound number one now, so I'll take that.

**Twitter Harry Cornick: Who keeps stealing my shower gel?**

Well, he should know that because I send him video footage of the guy taking it out of his bag. There are a few culprits, but Dan Potts takes his shower gel... and his brush!

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# Harry Isted's HAT'S LIFE



**Apple or Android?**

Apple.

**Last person you called?**

My Mum.

**Most famous person in your phone?**

Kelvin Davies

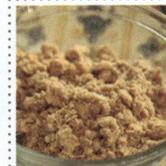


**Favourite food?**

Wagamama.

**Apple or rhubarb crumble?**

I only like the crumble itself!



**Food you can't stand?**

Mushrooms.

**Pet hate?**

Untidy people.

**Cat or dog?**

Dog.



**Xbox or PlayStation?**

PlayStation.

**Karaoke song?**

Islands in the Stream.

**Favourite artist?**

Elvis.

**Top of your playlist?**

Luther Vandross - Never Too Much

**Last holiday?**

Dubai



**Can't miss on TV?**

Game Of Thrones.

**Love Island or Peaky Blinders?**

Love Island.

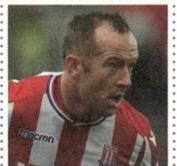


**Club you support?**

Leeds United.

**Favourite away ground?**

The London Stadium.

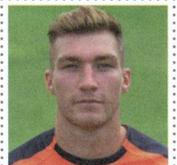


**Best moment in football?**

Senior debut for Stoke in the Checkatrade Trophy.

**Best player played with?**

Charlie Adam.



**Room-mate?**

Jack Stacey.

**Instagram or Twitter?**

Instagram.

Harry's favourite away ground



# LUTON TOWN 1 BRISTOL ROVERS 0

TOWN GOAL: SHINNIE 62



SHEA  
STACEY  
PEARSON  
BRADLEY  
POTTS  
REA  
MPANZU  
SHINNIE (SHEEHAN 90+8)  
GRANT (O'KANE 75,  
JUSTIN 88)  
LEE  
COLLINS  
SUBS NOT USED:  
MCCORMACK  
CORNICK  
JARVIS  
ISTED  
YELLOW CARD:  
SHINNIE

BONHAM  
LOCKYER  
CRAI  
UPSON  
O CLARKE  
PAYNE (REILLY 54)  
LINES  
J CLARKE  
BENNETT  
MATTHEWS (NICHOLS 28)  
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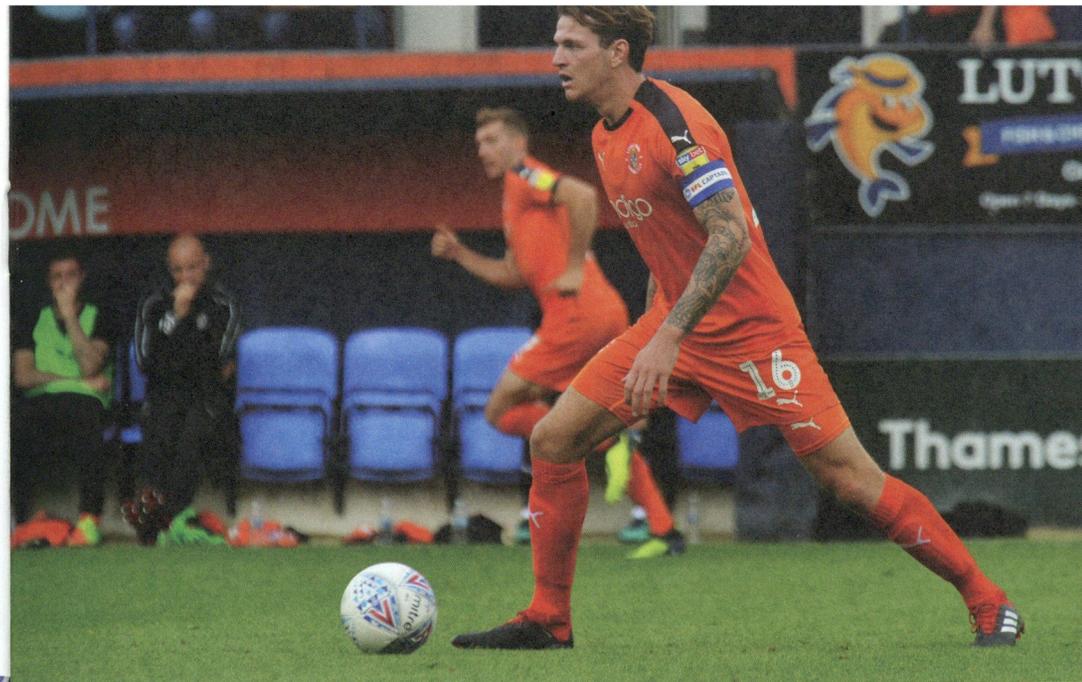
## JONES:

“Result and performance wise I thought we were excellent. I thought first half was – I wouldn’t say perfection because we didn’t score – but how we went about our business was magnificent and it’s the environment we have.

“I look back on that and I am so proud of the group, how they played, how they went about it, they were excellent.

“It’s clear the injury is a bad one and we are gutted for Eunan. He is a great, great pro and he has been brilliant since he came here. He has shown real class. I really feel for him. Our thoughts are with him and God willing there are no complications with it.”

Andrew Shinnie celebrates after netting the Town’s winner



## STORY OF THE MATCH

The Hatters ran out comfortable winners against the Pirates as Andrew Shinnie netted the only goal of the game, but the victory was marred by the double leg break suffered by Eunan O’Kane.

The stats reflect how one-sided it really was, as the Hatters mustered ten shots on target, whilst the Gas were unable to notch one.

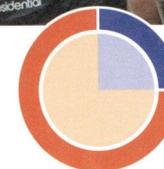
Shinnie broke the deadlock with a well taken half-volley that beat Jack Bonham at his near post just after the hour mark, before O’Kane collided with James Clarke as the Town countered – leading to an eight-minute stoppage as he was stretchered off with a fractured tibia and fibula.



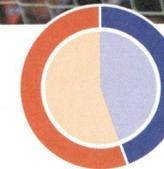
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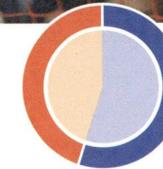
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MPANZU	THOMPSON
GRANT (CORNICK 74)	TIPT
SHINNIE (JUSTIN 90+3)	O'SULLIVAN
LEE	TURTON
COLLINS	FEENEY
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SENIOR	BONEY
JARVIS	O'CONNOR
READ	DODDO
SHEEHAN	MCLAUGHLIN
	GUY
	YELLOW CARDS:
	HENEGHAN



## STORY OF THE MATCH

The Hatters turned in an excellent away performance but were forced to settle for a point at Bloomfield Road last Saturday as a spirited show from Pool keeper Mark Howard ensured the game ended as a goalless draw.

Jorge Grant, Elliot Lee and James Collins all went close for Nathan Jones' side, but Howard made a number of saves to stop the Hatters taking all three points.

Town's best chance of the game came in a first half in which they were outstanding, when Lee was put through on goal by Grant, but the striker's curling effort was palmed away by the Seasiders' stopper.

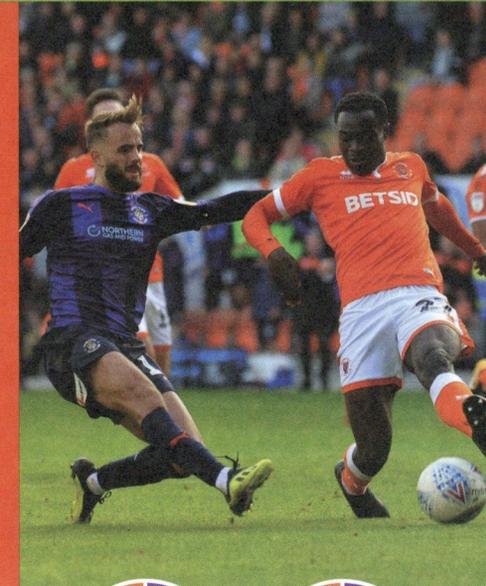
After the break Howard thwarted Grant and Lee again, with Dan Potts and Collins also finding themselves in good positions inside the six-yard box without taking full advantage as the Hatters recorded a second successive clean sheet, and first on the road this term.



### JONES:

"I thought we were sublime at times in the first half. We were outstanding in the way we moved the ball. Let's not forget, these are the form team in the league as well, they're a good side and cause you problems. But I thought we were outstanding first half, and we're not far from being an outstanding side from start to finish.

"If we'd got a little bit of cutting edge first half and got the goal, who knows what would have happened? Second half we were not quite as dominant, but we still had chances to have won the game. The first half performance was wonderful though, I was very, very proud of them and we're just missing that little bit of killer edge at times. If we get that, we'll be some side."



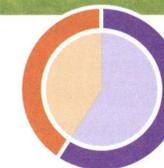
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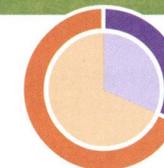
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**SHOTS OFF TARGET**  
4 | 4



**CORNERS**  
3 | 5



**FOULS**  
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[REACTION]

BY HARRY ROGERS

# GLEN'S GOAL FOR HIS TEAM!

Get one and they'll start flying in, says stand-in skipper

**Vice-captain Glen Rea has been in exceptional form so far this season, including another fine performance away at Blackpool last week.**

After squeezing his way into the starting XI after being on the bench for the opening three matches, Rea, who is one of the Hatters' most experienced players despite only being 24 years old, is hoping that the goals will fall into place as he extends an enjoyable run in the side that he loves playing for.

He said: "I've played a few games now for the club and I love it here. On the pitch, I feel like I'm getting better on the ball and hopefully I can just keep moving forward and help the team.

"To be fair we're doing well at the minute, we're on a good run of form. We're due a big win because we're getting the chances and when one starts going in, we're going to get a couple, so we'll just keep pushing, take the point against Blackpool and go again.

"I thought first half without getting the goal, we were very good again like we were against Bristol Rovers, it's just the goal. We need a goal.

"Obviously, the clean sheets are coming now so a bit more clinical and we would have won the game today. On another day we would have won it. They did quite well, defended quite well and the keeper did well, so we'll take the point away from home."

The ex-Brighton midfielder insists that he is simply keeping the armband warm as Alan Sheehan remains the club captain, although he is satisfied with his side's ability to compete in the division, especially sharing the middle of the park with Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu.



Rea added: "Pelly has had a real good start to the season and hopefully he can continue, he's a massive player for us and he's doing really well at the moment.

"Everyone is though. We're on a good run of form. I don't think we deserved to lose the Doncaster game, as I say, we're due a win on the road so hopefully we get it soon."

## TOWN TWITTER



**Glen's old house-mate Christian Walton was in the crowd at Blackpool last week...**

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BY HARRY ROGERS

# SONNY'S ALL SMILES AT THE SEASIDE!

**After an excellent performance away from home at Bloomfield Road, Sonny Bradley was pleased with a second clean sheet in as many matches, despite not making the breakthrough at the other end.**

Goals will come, according to the ex-Plymouth defender, who said the gaffer had a few positive words about the Hatters' effort at full-time.

Speaking to iFollow Hatters after last week's match, Bradley said: "Obviously we wanted to win today. We were slightly disappointed at full-time that we hadn't got the win, especially in the first half the way we dominated the game and dominated the ball. We had a couple of good chances, but we haven't scored.

## Improve

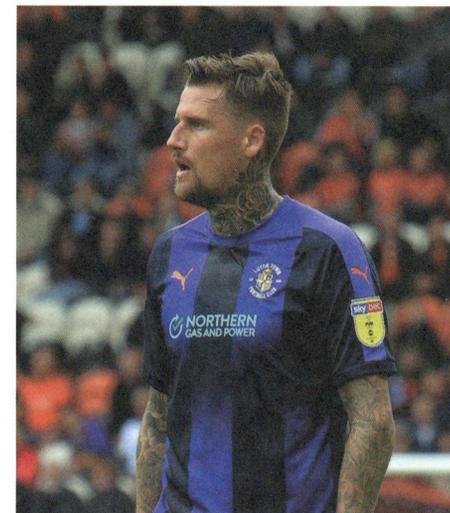
"The gaffer said to us, if we're not going to score today, let's just keep the back door shut and get the clean sheet – and that's our bare minimum today. That's what we've done.

"So, we're going to go back to Luton and look at the game again and see where can improve. It's two games now without a defeat, it might not sound like much but it's something to build on.

"Once we score the first goal, that's when the game opens up a bit. I think at 0-0, sides have something to hold on to, they make it difficult, they get ten men behind the ball and that's what happened today.

"If we start getting those first goals, it'll start clicking and we'll score a lot more. But to come here against a form team, who are clearly very strong, looking back on it, we should be happy with a clean sheet."

The 27-year-old has now racked up eight matches with fellow summer signing Matty Pearson alongside him at the heart of the Hatters' defence. The partnership seems to be blossoming according to Bradley, who feels as if progress between the pair has been made in recent games.



He added: "I think each game, we're starting to improve. We're looking strong and I think we're only going to get better as the season goes on. Matty has been solid and I think I've definitely improved over the last three or four weeks, because I'm playing more games so we've just got to keep it up now."

## Calm

As for his rare foray forward on the left wing, winning a late corner with some nifty footwork, Bradley smiled: "I don't know what I was thinking, to be honest! I stepped in and gave the ball to Pottsy and my momentum kept me going.

"I ran down the line and I'm not sure if I wanted the ball back from Pottsy, but he put me in anyway and I managed to win us a corner, which I was happy with, but at the time I was thinking 'Calm yourself down, get back!'"



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## TRAVELLER'S TALES

LUTON TOWN SUPPORTERS' TRUST MEDIA OFFICER KEVIN HARPER'S TRIP TO BLOOMFIELD ROAD

### THE JOURNEY

The longest journey of the season so far started at the crack of dawn, but after briefly being stalled by the traffic and a stop at the services, we made it to Blackpool in pretty good time, which meant there was the opportunity for a trip to the seafront for some fish and chips ahead of the game!

**RATING: (OUT OF 5)** ⚽⚽⚽

### THE GROUND

Bloomfield Road still holds painful memories after the play-off defeat two seasons ago, but nothing has changed when you get inside it. The view from the away end has always been pretty decent, so other than a dead atmosphere in the home ends there is nothing to criticise the ground for.

**RATING:** ⚽⚽⚽⚽

### THE FOOD

Having arrived early and made my way to the seafront for fish and chips I didn't get anything inside the ground, however I did notice a wide choice of options as I walked past the refreshment kiosk on the way to the seats, and it seemed suitably priced which isn't always the case!

**RATING:** ⚽⚽⚽

### THE PROGRAMME

Blackpool produced a programme for this match although it was comfortably the worst of the season. It cost £2 and even that felt like too much for what it was. A couple of the 32 pages were about the Town and the rest was of little interest.

**RATING:** ⚽

### THE MATCH

This game followed the trend of a number of our away matches thus far, in that we dominated the match pretty much from start to finish, but a combination of poor decisions in the final third and a goalkeeper having a great day out meant that we were unable to find the back of the net.

Our best chances fell mostly to Elliot Lee but Mark Howard in the Blackpool goal seemed to make it his mission to deny him. The keeper also made good saves from Jorge Grant in the second half and from his own defender in the first half as we had to settle for a stalemate.

**RATING:** ⚽⚽

### MAN OF THE MATCH

I thought this was Sonny Bradley's best match in a Luton shirt. Mark Cullen has given us problems in the past but he restricted him to scraps, and as it turned out, Cullen was taken off midway through the second half. Bradley was dominant in the tackle and assured on the ball. A really good performance.

### SUMMARY

The various detours on the way home didn't delay things too much. I'd have taken a point before the game and although it felt like two points dropped, it was a solid result and sets us up nicely for the matches to come over the next week.

**OVERALL RATING: 10**

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[ACADEMY UPDATE]



# ACADEMY UPDATE

LEAD UNDER-16S COACH DAN WALDER

## U15s/16s Update

This season we have looked to develop the U15s/16s programme further than ever before. With two full-time coaches working with the group and the implementation of a Psychology Programme, more detailed Position Specific Physical Programme, a greater access to video analysis and a wider variety of challenges in the Games Programme, the young players have been exposed to an intense range of learning tools and challenges throughout the season.

## Psychology Programme

Jack Hicks-Flynn has joined us this season to liaise with the group and individuals on psychological aspects that can impact the players' performance. The boys have been encouraged to be comfortable to talk about this essential area of their individual development which is something that has only been lightly broached in the past.

## Position Specific Physical Programme

This year the U15s/16s have access to three Sports Scientists who are working hard on their physical programmes. Pre-habilitation, strength and conditioning, speed, agility, quickness and sprint endurance are all areas that the players are being exposed to. The boys have had a great attitude towards this side of their work, and look forward to going into the gym to improve themselves physically! Embracing this kind of work is again, an essential component for the players if they are going to have what it takes to become professional footballers and grace the pitch here at Kenilworth Road!

## Video Analysis

This season the boys not only have access to all match footage and their individual clips from every game, but they also receive video feedback during their player development reviews, which they get three times across the season. This is in addition

to biweekly analysis sessions which run once at a midweek training session, and once pre-game on a Saturday. The boys are constantly working to address their areas of improvement, as well as their strengths during these sessions and get the opportunity to compare their skills with Luton first team players.

## Games Programme

The Games Programme has been excellent so far this season. Playing a variety of clubs from Premier League academies such as Arsenal and Liverpool, to U18s teams such as Hayes & Yeading and some college programmes has given the boys a brilliant exposure to different styles of football. The boys have also had league games in their regular programme and have qualified for the Premier League U15 Floodlit Cup, which pits the team against Walsall, Reading and Wolves in a group of four. The players will also travel to Italy this October to compete in the U16s Ferretti Cup in Rimini.

Hopefully the future is bright for these young players and we look forward to seeing them play on the pitch here at Kenilworth Road! #COYH!

## EFL YOUTH ALLIANCE SOUTH EAST FIXTURES 2018/19

### AUGUST

Sat 4	Gillingham	A	L 0-4
Sat 11	Barnet	H	W 2-0
Sat 18	AFC Wimbledon	A	W 3-0
Sat 25	Cambridge Utd	A	D 1-1
Tue 28	Cambridge Utd (EFL Cup)	H	L 1-4

### SEPTEMBER

Sat 1	Peterborough Utd	H	W 4-2
Sat 15	N'hampton Town	H	L 0-2
Sat 22	MK Dons	A	W 3-1
Sat 29	Stevenage	H	11am

### OCTOBER

Sat 6	Leyton Orient	A	10:30am
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## EFL TRUST U13 GIRLS AND U11 KIDS CUP

Your chance to play at Wembley Stadium and Kenilworth Road in the biggest school tournaments in England

It's competition time again for all of our footy mad youngsters and today we are launching our fantastic soccer competitions for boys and girls in Luton and Bedfordshire with the chance to play here at Kenilworth Road and Wembley Stadium!

Last season over 70 local schools took part in our EFL national cup competitions for junior footballers from schools across the country, with the finals being played in the build-up to some of the biggest matches of the domestic season. This season the EFL are running the U11 Kids Cup for boys and girls in Year 6, and the U13 Girls Cup for year 8 pupils.

Every EFL club is involved in organising their local competitions and in each of the last three years, nearly 2,500 schools and 20,000 children have participated in these competitions, giving them an

incredible experience with the winning school from our local competitions going on to represent Luton Town FC at the regional and national finals should they progress.

### EFL TRUST U13 GIRLS SIX-A-SIDE CUP

The EFL Trust Girls Cup is a six-a-side competition for U13 girls that culminates in a grand final prior to the EFL Trophy Final at Wembley in March.

In addition to offering girls the chance to play at the national stadium, we are also offering finalists of our local tournament the chance to play at Luton Town FC!

Last season we held our final at half-time during our



home fixture with Notts County with Westfield Middle School from Bedford progressing to the regionals.

This year's tournament is open to all Luton and Bedfordshire schools to take part in the year 8 girls' six-a-side football tournament, and our official Luton Town FC tournament will again feature the two winning semi-finalists once playing out the Bedfordshire final on the pitch.

The winners of the final will then proceed to an area final in Cambridge to play the winning schools from Colchester, Ipswich, Norwich, Stevenage, Peterborough, Wycombe and the hosts, Cambridge.

We only have a limited number of places available for the tournament which will take place at two venues across the county, so if you would like to enter please either email for an application form to [girlsfootball@lutontown.co.uk](mailto:girlsfootball@lutontown.co.uk) or call the community office direct on **01582 561622** to register a place in the tournament, which will take place during October.

### EFL TRUST U11 KIDS SIX-A-SIDE CUP

The Kids U11 Cup culminates in three finals across the EFL Play-Off weekends in May.

All 72 Football League clubs are first split into three divisions, and in line with our divisional status we

will compete in the League Division One, before being again split into two groups, north and south.

So our local winners will progress as Luton Town FC into the Division Two South play-offs at Oxford United this year against teams including today's visitors Charlton Athletic, and relative near-neighbours Peterborough and Wycombe.

The winners of the Division Two North and Division Two South finals will then qualify for the chance to play before the EFL League One play-off final at Wembley in May.

Last season we held our regional final here at Kenilworth Road during the half-time break at our fixture with Morecambe, with Pirton Hill Junior from Luton ending up winners.

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# HATTERS LADIES

BY DANIEL TAGG

## Luton Town Ladies 7-0 AFC Dunstable Ladies Town find form to eliminate Dunstable from FA Cup

It has been a tough start to the season for the Hatters' ladies after a string of defeats, but a much improved performance last week against league leaders Billericay Town kick-started the season.

Town were looking to progress in the Women's FA Cup and match last season's impressive run. It didn't take long for the Hatters to go 1-0 up when Aurora Ryan scored her first goal for the club from close range from an Erica Byron cross.

Jess McKay then doubled the lead when she won the ball back and cleverly arrowed her shot into the bottom corner from range. Soon after, Zara Carroll added a third when she smashed a shot past the Dunstable keeper from distance. A good save from the visitors' stopper then prevented McKay from scoring her second.

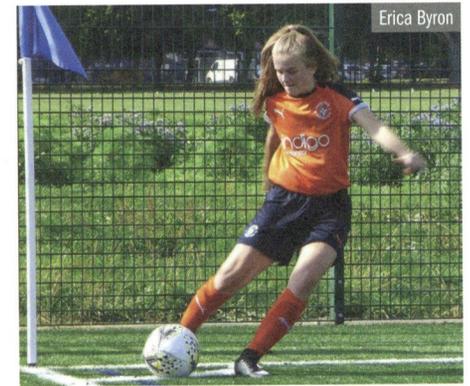
The hosts were playing well and had a well-deserved lead going into the break, but Town manager Nikki Baker demanded more from her side in the second half. Just after half-time, Byron again played provider from a corner, and Nicola Henman towered above her marker and headed into the roof of the net to make it 4-0. Byron then went on a mazy run down the left-hand side and finished well into the top corner to make it five.

Town were dominating and on the hunt for more goals, when Dionne Manning found Jess McKay with a clever through ball and she scored her second of the game with a neat finish.

Byron added her second and her side's seventh with another good finish, and

was unlucky not to get her hat-trick when her dipping shot was just a little too high.

Baker was pleased with the result and performance, saying: "I am happy to be in the hat for the next round. We can't complain at 7-0, although I do feel we could have been more clinical in the final third. We have been working hard in training to put things right and I hope we can now take this into the league."



### FA WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE SOUTH EAST DIVISION ONE FIXTURES 2018/19

Sun Aug 19	Leyton Orient	L 0-1	Sun Nov 18	Norwich City	A
Sun Aug 26	AFC Wimbledon	L 1-3	Sun Dec 16	Stevenage	H
Sun Sep 2	Cheltenham (Cup)	L 1-3	Sun Jan 13	Leyton Orient	A
Sun Sep 9	Actonians	L 0-3	Sun Jan 20	AFC Wimbledon	A
Sun Sep 16	Billericay Town	L 1-2	Sun Feb 3	Actonians	H
Sun Sep 23	Dunstable (Cup)	W 7-0	Sun Feb 13	Enfield Town	A
Sun Sep 30	Ipswich Town	H	Sun Feb 17	Billericay Town	H
Wed Oct 3	Denham United	A	Sun Mar 10	Ipswich Town	A
Sun Oct 21	Crawley Wasps	H	(Home games are played at Stockwood Park Athletics Stadium)		
Sun Nov 4	Cambridge Utd	A			

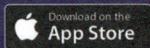
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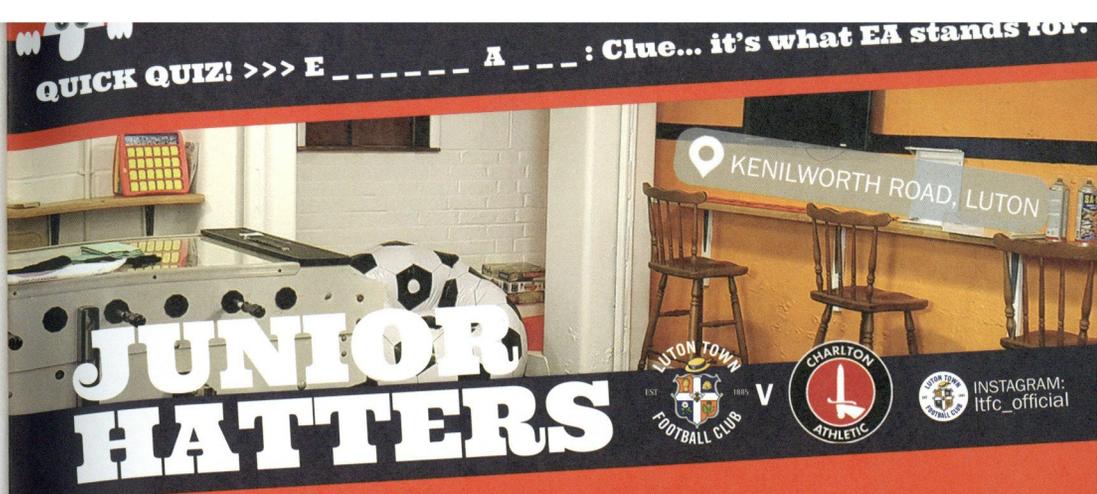
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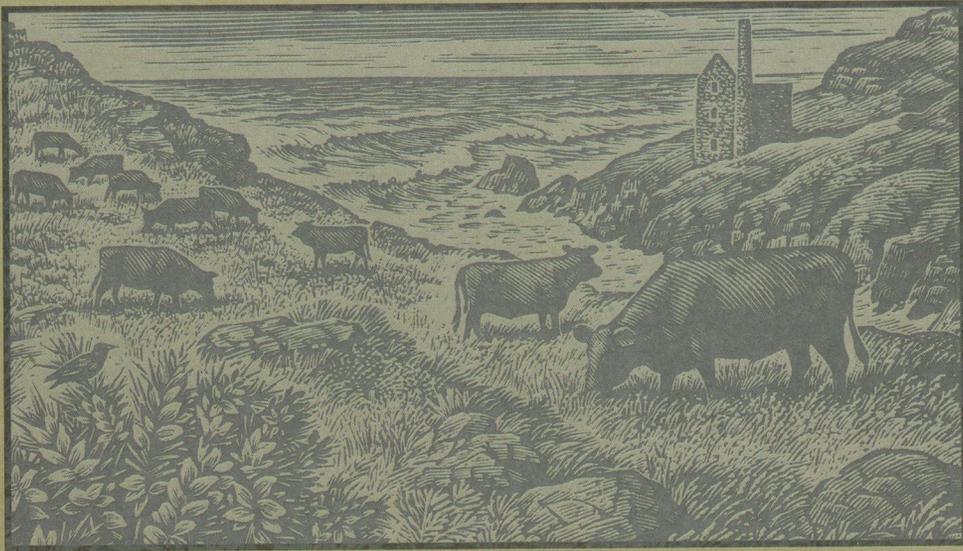
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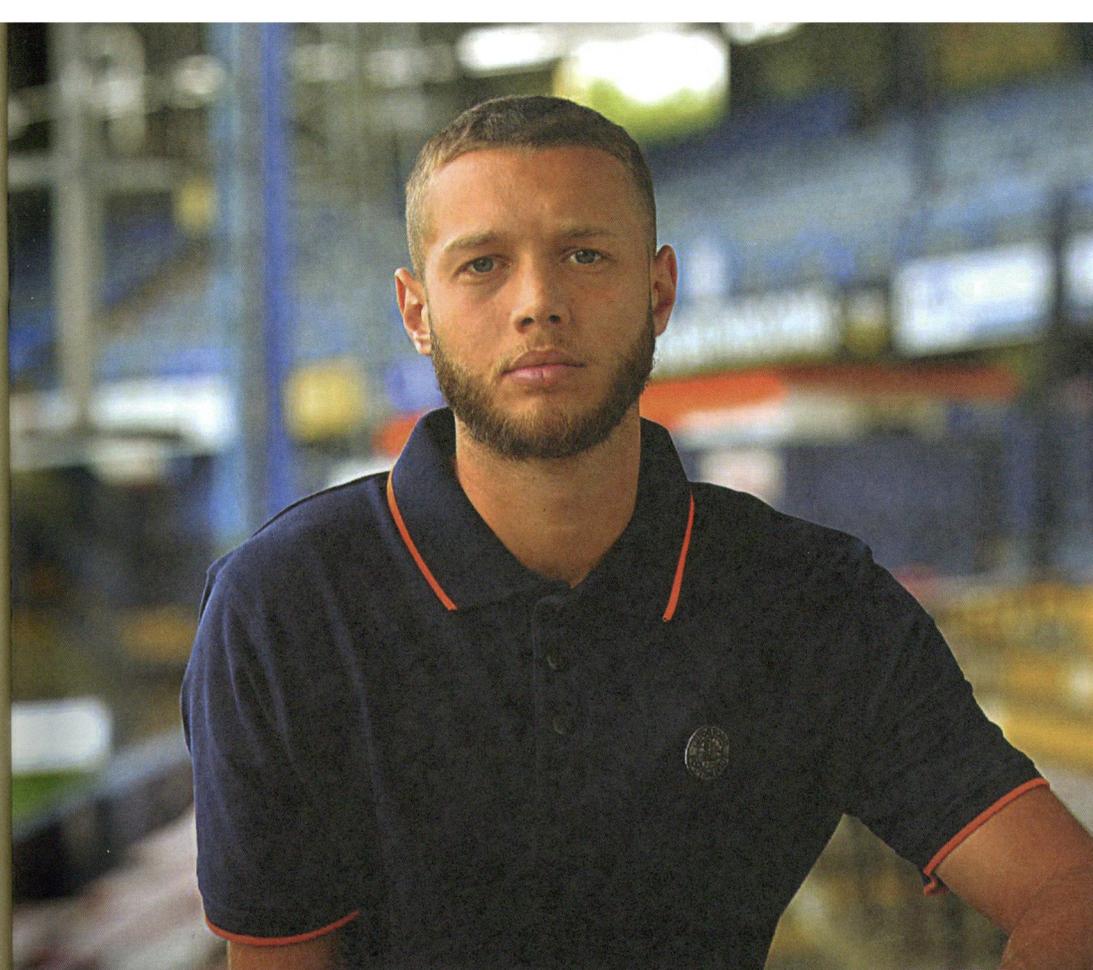
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# FIXTURES PILE-UP

## WHO, WHEN AND WHERE THE HATTERS ARE PLAYING THIS SEASON

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DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS	STARTING XI
<b>AUGUST</b>								
Sat 4	3.00pm	A	Portsmouth	L 0-1	19,018	2,392	21	Stech Justin Pearson Sheehan Potts McCormack ●
Sat 11	3.00pm	H	Sunderland	D 1-1	10,059	1,047	19	Stech Stacey Pearson 1 Sheehan Potts McCormack
Tue 14	8.00pm	A	West Bromwich Albion (CC R1)	L 0-1	10,404	1,175	-	Shea Stacey Pearson Bradley Justin Rea ●
Sat 18	3.00pm	A	Peterborough United	L 1-3	8,016	2,209	22	Stech Stacey Pearson ● Bradley Sheehan McCormack ●
Tue 21	7.45pm	H	Southend United	W 2-0	9,086	916	15	Shea Stacey Pearson Bradley Potts Rea
Sat 25	3.00pm	H	Shrewsbury Town	W 3-2	8,518	379	10	Shea Stacey 1 Pearson Bradley Potts Rea
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>								
Sat 1	3.00pm	A	Wycombe Wanderers	D 1-1	6,072	1,702	9	Shea Stacey Pearson 1 Bradley Potts Rea
Tue 4	7.45pm	H	Brighton & Hove Albion U21 (CT)	W 2-1	1,318	44	-	Isted Justin Jones Sheehan Senior McCormack ●
Sat 8	3.00pm	A	Doncaster Rovers	L 2-1	7,526	1,013	11	Shea Stacey Pearson Bradley Potts Rea
Sat 15	3.00pm	H	Bristol Rovers	W 1-0	8,912	519	11	Shea Stacey Pearson Bradley Potts Rea
Sat 22	3.00pm	A	Blackpool	D 0-0	4,124	1,382	12	Shea Stacey Pearson Bradley Potts Rea
Sat 29	3.00pm	H	Charlton Athletic					
<b>OCTOBER</b>								
Tue 2	7.45pm	A	Oxford United					
Tue 9	7.45pm	H	MK Dons (CT)					
Sat 6	3.00pm	H	Scunthorpe United					
Sat 13	12.00pm	A	Barnsley					
Sat 20	3.00pm	H	Walsall					
Tue 23	7.45pm	H	Accrington Stanley					
Sat 27	3.00pm	A	AFC Wimbledon					
<b>NOVEMBER</b>								
Sat 3	3.00pm	A	Rochdale					
Tue 13	7.45pm	A	Peterborough United (CT)					
Sat 17	3.00pm	H	Plymouth Argyle					
Sat 24	3.00pm	A	Gillingham					
Tue 27	7.45pm	H	Bradford City					
<b>DECEMBER</b>								
Sat 8	3.00pm	H	Fleetwood Town					
Sat 15	3.00pm	A	Coventry City					
Sat 22	3.00pm	H	Burton Albion					
Wed 26	3.00pm	A	Scunthorpe United					
Sat 29	3.00pm	A	Walsall					
<b>JANUARY</b>								
Tue 1	3.00pm	H	Barnsley					
Sat 5	3.00pm	H	Portsmouth					
Sat 12	3.00pm	A	Sunderland					
Sat 19	3.00pm	H	Peterborough United					
Sat 26	3.00pm	A	Southend United					
<b>FEBRUARY</b>								
Sat 2	3.00pm	A	Shrewsbury Town					
Sat 9	3.00pm	H	Wycombe Wanderers					
Sat 16	3.00pm	A	Fleetwood Town					
Sat 23	3.00pm	H	Coventry City					
<b>MARCH</b>								
Sat 2	3.00pm	H	Rochdale					
Sat 9	3.00pm	A	Plymouth Argyle					
Tue 12	7.45pm	A	Bradford City					
Sat 16	3.00pm	H	Gillingham					
Sat 23	3.00pm	H	Doncaster Rovers					
Sat 30	3.00pm	A	Bristol Rovers					
<b>APRIL</b>								
Sat 6	3.00pm	H	Blackpool					
Sat 13	3.00pm	A	Charlton Athletic					
Fri 19	3.00pm	A	Accrington Stanley					
Mon 22	3.00pm	H	AFC Wimbledon					
Sat 27	3.00pm	A	Burton Albion					
<b>MAY</b>								
Sat 4	5.30pm	H	Oxford United					

### SUBS

Mpanzu	Grant	Lee	Cornick ●	Collins	Shinnie ●	Jervis ●	Bradley	Stacey	Rea	Gambin	Shea
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Mpanzu	Gambin ●	Shinnie ●	Cornick	Jervis	Jones ●	Lee ●	Berry	Collins	Senior	Read	Stech
Mpanzu	Potts	Lee	Hylton 1	Collins ●	Rea ●	Shinnie ●	Grant ●	Justin	Cornick	Jervis	Shea
Mpanzu	Grant ●	Shinnie	Hylton 1 ●	Lee 1 ●	Justin ●	Cornick ●	Collins ●	Jervis	Gambin	Sheehan	Stech
Mpanzu	Grant 1 ●	Shinnie	Hylton ●	Lee 1	Collins ●	Cornick ●	Justin ●	Jervis	Gambin	Jones	Stech
Mpanzu	Justin ●	Shinnie ●	Collins	Lee	Cornick ●	O'Kane ●	McCormack	Grant	Jones	Sheehan	Stech
Grant 1 ●	Read	O'Kane ●	Cornick	Jarvis 1	Musonda ●	Neufville ●	James	Tomlinson	Richardson	Stech	
Mpanzu	Grant ●	Lee 1	Cornick	Collins ●	O'Kane ●	Jarvis ●	Justin	McCormack	Shinnie	Sheehan	Isted
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## TODAY'S FIXTURES:

AFC Wimbledon v Oxford United  
 Bradford City v Bristol Rovers  
 Burton Albion v Scunthorpe United  
 Coventry City v Sunderland  
 Fleetwood Town v Barnsley  
 Luton Town v Charlton Athletic

Peterborough United v Blackpool  
 Plymouth Argyle v Doncaster Rovers  
 Rochdale v Portsmouth  
 Shrewsbury Town v Gillingham  
 Walsall v Accrington Stanley  
 Wycombe Wanderers v Southend United

### LEAGUE TABLE 2018/19

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Peterborough United	9	7	1	1	24	11	13	22
2 Portsmouth	9	6	3	0	17	7	10	21
3 Sunderland	9	5	3	1	19	9	10	18
4 Doncaster Rovers	9	5	3	1	15	7	8	18
5 Walsall	9	5	3	1	14	11	3	18
6 Charlton Athletic	9	5	2	2	13	9	4	17
7 Barnsley	8	4	3	1	15	5	10	15
8 Blackpool	9	3	5	1	8	5	3	14
9 Accrington Stanley	9	3	5	1	12	11	1	14
10 Fleetwood Town	9	3	4	2	13	7	6	13
11 Scunthorpe United	9	3	4	2	13	18	-5	13
<b>12 Luton Town</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>
13 Coventry City	9	3	2	4	7	10	-3	11
14 Rochdale	9	3	2	4	14	20	-6	11
15 Burton Albion	8	3	1	4	10	11	-1	10
16 Southend United	9	3	1	5	10	13	-3	10
17 Bristol Rovers	9	2	2	5	9	11	-2	8
18 Wycombe Wanderers	9	1	5	3	9	13	-4	8
19 AFC Wimbledon	9	2	2	5	7	13	-6	8
20 Shrewsbury Town	9	1	4	4	7	9	-2	7
21 Gillingham	9	2	1	6	11	18	-7	7
22 Bradford City	9	2	0	7	7	15	-8	6
23 Oxford United	9	1	2	6	9	19	-10	5
24 Plymouth Argyle	9	0	3	6	5	16	-11	3

### PLAYER STATS 2018/19

	THIS SEASON										LIFEC	
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		DISIP		CAREER TOT			
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	Y	R	APPS	GLS		
Luke Berry	0	(0)	0	(1)	0	(1)	0	0	0	40	8	
Sonny Bradley	7	(1)	0	(0)	0	(1)	0	1	0	9	0	
James Collins	7	(2)	0	(0)	0	(7)	2	0	2	54	20	
Harry Cornick	2	(4)	0	(2)	0	(4)	0	0	0	49	5	
Luke Gambin	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	0	0	38	3	
Jorge Grant	7	(1)	1	(0)	1	(8)	2	1	0	9	2	
Danny Hylton	4	(0)	2	(0)	0	(4)	2	0	0	94	52	
Harry Isted	0	(0)	0	(1)	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0	
Jack James	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	0	0	1	0	
Aaron Jarvis	0	(1)	0	(1)	0	(1)	1	0	0	6	2	
Jake Jervis	0	(2)	0	(1)	0	(2)	0	0	0	13	0	
Lloyd Jones	0	(0)	0	(1)	0	(1)	0	0	0	3	0	
James Justin	2	(4)	0	(2)	0	(4)	0	1	0	70	3	
Elliot Lee	9	(0)	3	(1)	0	(9)	1	3	0	59	18	
Alan McCormack	3	(0)	0	(1)	0	(4)	0	2	0	20	1	
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	9	(0)	0	(1)	0	(10)	0	0	0	164	9	
Frankie Musonda	0	(0)	0	(1)	0	(1)	0	0	0	13	1	
Josh Neufville	0	(0)	0	(1)	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0	
Eunan O'Kane	0	(3)	0	(1)	0	(3)	0	0	0	4	0	
Matty Pearson	9	(0)	2	(1)	0	(10)	2	0	0	10	2	
Dan Potts	9	(0)	0	(0)	0	(9)	0	2	0	98	8	
Glen Rea	6	(2)	0	(1)	0	(7)	3	0	2	119	4	
Arthur Read	0	(0)	0	(1)	0	(1)	0	0	0	4	0	
Jack Senior	0	(0)	0	(1)	0	(1)	0	0	0	22	0	
James Shea	6	(0)	0	(1)	0	(7)	0	0	0	20	0	
Alan Sheehan	3	(1)	0	(1)	0	(4)	1	0	1	112	7	
Andrew Shinnie	5	(2)	1	(1)	0	(6)	2	1	1	42	4	
Jack Stacey	8	(0)	1	(1)	0	(9)	0	1	0	54	2	
Marek Stech	3	(0)	0	(0)	0	(3)	0	0	0	45	0	
Connor Tomlinson	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	0	0	1	0	

# TICKETS

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**OXFORD  
UNITED**

**TUESDAY 2ND OCTOBER | 7.45PM | SKY BET LEAGUE ONE**

Any tickets remaining for this fixture are now on general sale from the LTFC Ticket Office.

**PRICES:** Adult: £24, Senior (65+): £17, 18-21: £16, Under-18: £14, Under-13: £10, Under-7: £6. Wheelchair/ambulant disabled supporters will pay the relevant price class to their age with a helper free of charge with high, medium or enhanced payments.



**SCUNTHORPE  
UNITED**

**SATURDAY 6TH OCTOBER | 3PM | SKY BET LEAGUE ONE**

Tickets for this category C game are now on sale from the LTFC Ticket Office.



**BARN斯LEY**

**SATURDAY 13TH OCTOBER | 12PM | SKY BET LEAGUE ONE**

The Hatters have received an initial allocation of 700 seats for this fixture. A reminder to supporters that this game will kick-off at 12pm, as a result of it being televised live on Sky, and Barnsley have reduced advanced ticket prices to £10, £5 and £1. Please note the increased price of tickets on the day of the game – we strongly advise you buy your ticket in advance.

Tickets are now available for Diamond season ticket holders and executive members to purchase four-per-person until close of business today. These tickets will be on sale from the ticket office via phone or in person only. Season ticket holders will be able to purchase three tickets each from Monday 1st October. They will be available online using your individual client reference numbers and

also via phone or in person from the ticket office. These will remain on sale until kick-off on Saturday 6th October. Any remaining tickets will be available online, over the phone and in person after the game on Saturday 6th October and will remain on sale until 1pm on Friday 12th October. Supporters who have taken an away season ticket will automatically receive one ticket which will be processed on Friday 28th September. If you are a Diamond and require two tickets for this fixture, please advise to ticketoffice@lutontown.co.uk before this date.

**PLEASE NOTE THE INCREASE IN PRICE OF TICKETS PURCHASED ON THE DAY.**

**Advanced ticket prices:** Adult: £10, Senior (65+): £5, 19-21: £5, 12-18: £5, Under: 12: £1.

**Match day Ticket Prices:** Adult: £25, Senior (65+): £18, 19-21: £18, 12-18: n/a, Under-12: n/a.



**WALSALL**

**SATURDAY 20TH OCTOBER | 3PM | SKY BET LEAGUE ONE**

Tickets for this category B game are now on sale from the LTFC Ticket Office.

**TICKETS  
EXTRA!**

Ticket prices for the Hatters' development squad's Bedfordshire FA Senior Cup first round game against KEMPSTON ROVERS have now been confirmed. The game will take place at Hillgrounds Road (MK42 8SZ) on Tuesday 6th November, with full match details released in due course. **PRICES:** Adult: £8, Concession: £3, Under-16: £1

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**FORMED: 1893 | NICKNAME: THE U'S, YELLOWS | LAST SEASON: 16TH IN LEAGUE ONE | FOLLOW THEM ON TWITTER: @OUFCOFFICIAL | COLOURS: YELLOW AND BLUE | GROUND: GRENOBLE ROAD  
MANAGER: KARL ROBINSON**

### WHO?

The U's have been comfortable in League One since their promotion two seasons ago. The goals of Danny Hylton and Kemar Roofe helped fire them up, with both leaving that summer – Hylton coming here and Roofe getting a move to Championship side Leeds United. Oxford fell into Non-League football in 2006, but climbed out in 2010 under Chris Wilder. Michael Appleton took them up to League One, but he departed to be No.2 at Leicester and has been replaced first by Pep Clotet, and then Karl Robinson.

### STADIUM - GRENOBLE ROAD

Home to the U's since 2001, Grenoble Road (Oxford prefer not to use the official Kassam Stadium title) only has three stands, with a capacity of 12,573. The record attendance for the ground is 12,243, when Oxford played Leyton Orient in League Two in May 2006 – the day they were relegated.

### HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

From the last two league meetings, Town have taken four points from the six available as they drew with the U's at home, before beating them 3-2 away. It wasn't quite enough to help the Hatters into the play-off places and not sufficient to disrupt Appleton's side's promotion push, in what was their last defeat in League Two. Of the 39 meetings between the two, the Hatters have won 17 matches, drawn nine and lost 13.

The most recent meeting was the 3-2 defeat to Oxford in the Checkatrade Trophy semi-final in 2016/17.

### PUBS

Whilst there isn't a great selection of pubs around the ground, there are a selection of restaurants, as well as a Bowlplex which welcomes away supporters and is right next to the Kassam.

### TRAVEL

On a good run, the journey can be done in an hour and ten minutes, but given it's a Tuesday night we advise leaving as early as possible. Public transport to the ground isn't the easiest either, with there being no direct train or bus to Oxford.

### RESULTS SO FAR

Oxford currently sit in the relegation zone, second from bottom of League One with just one win so far this term, a 3-1 home victory over Burton Albion on August 25th. Their best form has been reserved for the Carabao Cup, with wins over Coventry and Newport County booking last Tuesday's third round tie with Manchester City, who won 3-0 at Grenoble Road.

### KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU

Danny Hylton was let go by Oxford in the summer prior to him joining the Hatters, when he signed for us at the same time as Johnny Mullins. Mullins made 149 appearances as well as captaining United, before playing 51 times for us. Hylton scored 30 times in 101 appearances for the U's.

[TOM CALDON]



# HOLD THE BACK PAGE

BY TOM CALDON SUPPORTER & JOURNALIST (CALDONSCORNER.BLOGSPOT.COM)

**Perspective can alter the way we think about the game and the clubs we support. From a unique vantage point the sight of a goal, save or tackle can make any game unforgettable. Personally, the most recent experience of this kind came at Wycombe earlier this month when the contest reached its end-to-end finale.**

With the score tied at one apiece, Elliot Lee tip-toed along the edge of the box before firing towards the bottom corner. The ball came hurtling towards me. I was certain. It was IN..! Until it wasn't. Ryan Allsop's contrary fingertips somehow turned it round the post. I had leapt in anticipation before returning to the concrete, head in hands. It was nothing special, but there's something visceral about being in the firing line.

More impressive is my abiding memory of Luton's last trip to Charlton almost eight years ago. One goal behind and with the clock ticking down, Claude Gnakpa galloped forward before poking infield to Andy Drury. From 25 yards out he struck, first time, into the top corner. The ball curling into the net gave the most satisfying rippling effect, like a pianist running their fingers across the keys. It was perfection.

I'm sure plenty of Luton supporters walked away feeling quite envious of The Valley; the embarked Jimmy Seed Stand and the two-tiered North Stand. A grand old stadium which had retained its atmosphere. The type of home we would like to be able to build.

Ironically, the ground has become something of a financial burden to Charlton in these times of austerity as their Belgian owner seeks to sell the club. Food, bottled water, electricity and WiFi are all reportedly being rationed at Floyd Road and their Sparrows Lane training ground in order to reduce operating costs.

Furthermore, the account of an employee who was allegedly refused permission to eat crisps at their desk, to cut down on cleaning, encouraged supporters to protest during the following home fixture against Fleetwood, bringing the game to a halt by throwing bags of crisps onto the field.

While the Addicks look impressive on the pitch, the supporters long for owners who will attend games and pay staff bonuses they say they have been promised. It's a despondency which Luton fans have felt under previous regimes, and a reason why we appreciate 2020 and their dedicated work over the last decade.

As football fans, we often want what we can't have; whether it's an expansive ground or committed board. In years to come, we'll look at things from a different angle and be glad we persevered.

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- 2 James JUSTIN
- 3 Dan POTTS
- 4 Alan McCORMACK
- 5 Sonny BRADLEY
- 6 Matty PEARSON
- 7 Jack STACEY
- 8 Luke BERRY
- 9 Danny HYLTON
- 10 Elliot LEE
- 11 Andrew SHINNIE
- 14 Harry CORNICK
- 16 Glen REA
- 17 Pelly-Ruddock MPANZU
- 18 Jorge GRANT
- 19 James COLLINS
- 21 Jack SENIOR
- 25 Kazenga LUALUA
- 27 Aaron JARVIS
- 28 Lloyd JONES
- 32 Eunan O'KANE
- 34 Jack JAMES
- 35 Arthur READ
- 36 James SHEA
- 37 Frankie MUSONDA
- 40 Harry ISTD
- 44 Alan SHEEHAN

Manager: LEE BOWYER

- 1 Dillon PHILLIPS
- 2 Anfernee DIJKSTEEL
- 3 Lewis PAGE
- 4 Krystian BIELIK
- 5 Patrick BAUER
- 6 Jason PEARCE
- 7 Mark MARSHALL
- 8 Jake FORSTER-CASKEY
- 9 Lyle TAYLOR
- 10 Billy CLARKE
- 11 Tariqe FOSU
- 12 Ben REEVES
- 14 Igor VETOKELE
- 15 Darren PRATLEY
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- 17 Joe ARIBO
- 18 Karlan GRANT
- 19 Albie MORGAN
- 20 Chris SOLLY
- 21 Jed STEER
- 23 Naby SARR
- 24 Josh CULLEN
- 25 Nicky AJOSE
- 31 Ashley MAYNARD-BREWER
- 32 George LAPSLIE
- 33 Mikhail KENNEDY
- 34 Jamie MASCOLL
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**(SKY BET LEAGUE ONE)**  
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