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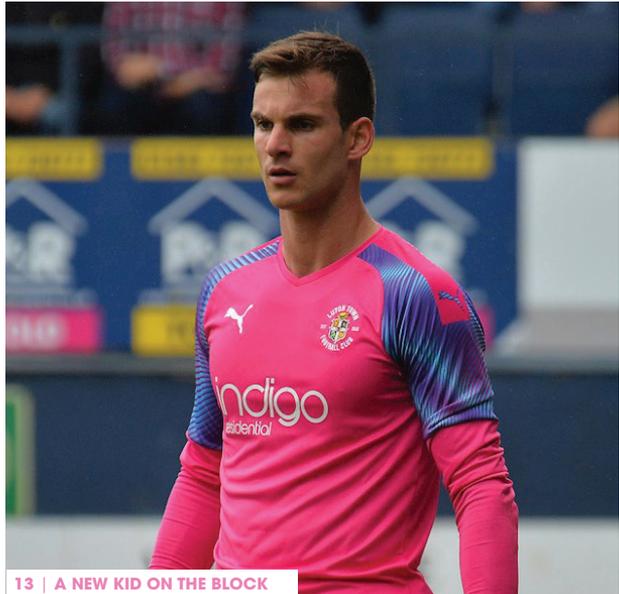
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A portrait of Graeme Jones, a man with short brown hair and a slight smile, wearing a black t-shirt with a white Puma logo and the letters 'GJ'. The background is a textured blue wall.

**THE MANAGER**

# GRAEME JONES

The Hatters manager on life at The Brache, pre-season preparations and looking ahead to the Sky Bet Championship season >>>

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## THE MANAGER

**Good evening and welcome to Kenilworth Road for what promises to be a fantastic challenge for us all as we kick off a new English football season, in a new division with new faces both on the pitch and off it.**

I'm a new manager, of course, but I feel as if I've been here for six months already, despite being in the building physically for just a couple. I have been made to feel part of the Luton Town family and local community straight away, and I'd like to thank everyone responsible for that, from supporters I've met at the local friendlies, to the board, players and all the staff working behind the scenes.

It seems so long ago that I actually agreed to take the job, and it's one that has filled me with excitement ever since. I can only praise Mick Harford and the team for the way they went about completing the job and winning promotion as League One champions to present us with this wonderful opportunity in the Sky Bet Championship, which is really a Premier League 2.

I'd like to extend my welcome everyone who has travelled down from Middlesbrough and in particular my fellow debutant manager, Jonathan Woodgate, as he embarks on a new challenge in his fantastic career in football.

As soon as the fixtures came out on June 20th it was one that sparked huge interest in my family, with my wife Debbie and all of my in-laws being Boro fans!

It is a match that really whets the appetite with one club newly-promoted, the other firmly established in the top levels, which is why Sky are here to broadcast it live as the domestic season's curtain raiser.

We've been able to strengthen the squad with vital amounts of Championship experience with the signings of Callum McManaman, Martin Cranie, Ryan Tunnicliffe, Brendan Galloway and Jacob Butterfield, and the board have backed us brilliantly with the club record signing of goalkeeper Simon Sluga. As a Croatian international, Simon's acquisition shows the kind of ambition we have, allied with the responsibility of keep the club on a level in a very tough market.

The players and staff, both the newcomers and those who have already done such a fantastic job here during such a successful period in Luton Town's history, have worked tirelessly in a pre-season that has taken in tough, but valuable training camps in Slovenia and Portugal.

Now the real stuff begins and like yourselves, I can't wait for that first whistle to blow. I experienced a full house here for the final game of last season and so many people have told me how electric it is under the floodlights.

Please get behind the team so we can all experience it first-hand tonight and look forward to an exciting new era for us all at Kenilworth Road, as we look to continue the brilliant journey this club has been on over the 11 years of 2020's custodianship.

Enjoy the game and COYH!





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# ALAN SHEEHAN



**Here we go again! It barely seems five minutes since the end of last season, but the new campaign is upon us and what a way to kick-off the club's first in the second tier of English football for a dozen years, live on Sky with Middlesbrough in town.**

We know that this season is going to be a big challenge. There are a lot of big teams in this division and we are going up a level. Like last year when we went up a league, we are going to have to respect it but we'll be ready to give it a good go.

Our visitors tonight are one of those very big clubs, with a high-profile new manager who has done most things in the game. They have been in the Premier League in the not-too-distant past, they have a lot of very good players and a lot of high expectations, but I'm sure that when the fixtures came out, one of the last places they'd have wanted to come on the first night of the season would have been Kenilworth Road.

We have been used to challenging at the top of divisions and we have to try and continue our momentum that has been built over the past couple of years and use that to our advantage, along with the fact that the players will be wanting to impress our own new manager.

Personally, I haven't been able to that as much as I'd have liked in pre-season,

**■ We've got a very good bunch of lads again, and that team spirit has been massive for us. ■**

having had an operation on my achilles soon after the end of the season. I've been struggling with tendonitis in it for the last three years, then I tore it in the win up at Accrington over Easter.

I was back out training on the grass just before last weeks trip to Portugal, and came back a few weeks ahead of schedule with 45 minutes at Biggleswade on Tuesday night, so I was happy to be back out there again.

It is frustrating not being involved in the opening game, but I'm looking forward to hopefully coming back and helping the team out again – and I can assure you the lads are in good shape.

They have trained very hard over the pre-season, including a week in Slovenia and the four days in Portugal, and we've brought in plenty of Championship experience over the summer.

Along with the lads who have been successful over the last few years, we are all looking forward to the season. We've got a very good bunch of lads again, and that team spirit has been massive for us.

So has your support from the stands. It has been amazing to see this stadium at capacity for so many games in the past two years, so make yourselves heard tonight and I know the boys will respond.

COYH!



# GARY SWEET



**Good evening and welcome back to a slightly refreshed Kenilworth Road for tonight's mouth-watering first game of the season – indeed, the opener for the domestic**

**league season as a whole – as we entertain Middlesbrough.**

It gives us great pleasure to welcome one of the English game's most famous names to the old place, especially as we move closer to our departure. The last time we met in league action was during Boro's final campaign at their traditional home of Ayresome Park. They won the league that year and have spent 14 of the 24 seasons since moving to the Riverside in the Premier League, which is naturally where we'd ideally want to be when we're playing at Power Court.

The welcome is especially warm to the Boro supporters who have made the 440-mile round trip for an evening game. A warm welcome also to their new manager Jonathan Woodgate. A great player who had a stellar career with Leeds, Newcastle, Real Madrid, Tottenham, Middlesbrough and England will hopefully set him up for a fine career in management, along with so many of his peers in the England squad who are making their moves into coaching of late. We wish him, and the club's directors and fans, the very best.

Perhaps we also offer a warm welcome back to the Championship to ourselves too, in this case? After a very turbulent roller-coaster ride since the start of our custodianship – 11 years ago this week – after two relegations, it is 13 years since we last left the second tier of English football. There will be young supporters who will have never witnessed us play at this level before but most of us will see us, expectantly, competing as a Championship club, as the history books will testify.

However, whilst we re-enter the same league as our historical expectations would perhaps justify, we certainly do enter a very different, more difficult, competitive arena to the one we left in 2006/07.

We enter a world where as many as a third of our competitors will be in receipt of dozens of millions of pounds of parachute revenue from the Premier League that is creating a staggering divergence ratio in wealth between clubs.

We enter a world where, according to the Financial Fair Play laws laid down by the authorities, a financial loss of a pound less than £35 million is considered to be a successful benchmark! We, on the other hand, remain insistent that it is sheer madness to target our success baseline on anything other than a break-even profit and loss account.

And due to these financial malfunctions, we enter a world whereby at least three clubs have sold significant assets to themselves in order to disguise their breach of Financial Fair Play regularity. In other words, losing a mere £12m per year isn't enough to gamble on the dream of the apparent utopian paradise of the treasure chest provided by Premier League membership.

However, as a newcomer entering this new world as a rising star after winning our league below, we have needed to spend over £1m on stadium facilities – to include goal-line technology, new television camera positions, new press areas, new dugouts, not including the numerous commercial and safety enhancements we've made – all in order to be compliant to provide armchair viewers a comfortable platform to watch tonight's game.

Such financial competitiveness in the Championship is leading to clubs, who may not be gifted with complimentary windfalls as a reward for failure, or immensely wealthy (and usually temporary) benefactors who seem to be on a personal ego trip, or on a fantasy journey to find that pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, experiencing difficulties.

In this mayhem, of which we are now a member, it is the traditional, loyal supporter that is far too easily forgotten.

Well, ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, whilst we have no choice but to join this mayhem, competing in this way is not who we are and not who we will ever be. We (2020) are not in this game intent on utilising the beautiful game for our own self-gratification or self-publication. Neither are we foolish enough to think that football is a platform where easy profit is made.

We, perhaps along with our visitors today, remain as one of the last bastions of Club custodians who are lifelong fans of our Club and who will put our supporters, our community and our town first – an unwavering stance which defines who we are and which has firmly established the culture we will live and die by.

Therefore, if we want to avoid becoming another Bolton Wanderers [insert the name of any other club of the many in current turmoil], to compete at this level, we need to operate creatively, intelligently, boldly and bonded together, all singing from the same hymn-sheet! We must establish different methods of creating our unique competitive edge, that do not necessarily rely on brute financial muscle. We firmly believe there is a better, less irrational, less egotistical way to climb this pyramid and one we've been practising and refining since we returned to the Football League.

Lutopia – The Luton Way – is something we've been brewing for some considerable time. A method of sustainability and progression which slowly brews the ingredients of our culture (indeed, cultures as a

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harmonious plural) in the pot with our ambition and principled position whereby we need to feed into our environment more than we take from it.

To accomplish this, our most difficult season in the Championship will be this one and then every season while we remain at Kenilworth Road. Unity and patience will be required from everybody now and beyond, certainly until we make our move to Power Court, which will provide a more financially sustainable and competitive football club than Lutonians have ever witnessed.

We will experience teething problems and growing pains, but this is progress.

Talking of progress, officially, on behalf of the board, it is my duty to welcome Graeme Jones as our new manager to help us fulfil our ambitions. Graeme is arguably the best and most experienced coach never to have managed a football club at the top level and we see it as a true privilege that he has selected Luton Town to be the Club to embark a managerial career upon, one that I believe will be a very successful one at the very top level of the game.

Alongside and to support Graeme, we have jointly appointed a number of new footballing staff who are doyens in their specialist field.

We're truly delighted we were able to retain the services of Inigo Idiakex as first team coach. In January, when called upon, Ini stepped up enthusiastically from coaching our under 18s to coaching our first teamers.





**KIDS IN ACTION: At least week's friendly with Norwich, James Shea, Harry Cornick and new signing Callum McManaman presented our guests from Kids In Action with a cheque for the funds raised during their year as Players' Charity of the Season**

He now takes this role on permanently bringing a very technical capability to training sessions.

A special warm welcome back to Gary Brabin as Graeme's assistant. Upon considering Gary's appointment we fully reviewed his previous service with us and, in particular, some supporters' perspective of his re-introduction. However you personally measure his past connection with us, the truth is that Brabs is an excellent, well-respected coach who is highly trusted by Graeme and who has, despite the circumstances of his previous closure, always had a warm affection for our Club, always offered a helping hand to assist our progress to whomever has been manager. Bar none, in his time, Gary's popularity in the dressing room and offices at Kenilworth Road has been second to none and his energy, drive and personality – not to mention his coaching skills – will be a valuable addition to the team.

In addition to Brabs and Ini, we also welcome a number of skilled specialists. Oscar Brau and Imanol Etxeberria arrive with huge experience at the top levels of European football as a senior (or señor) therapist and as technical goalkeeping coach, respectively. Oscar will now be guiding Darren Cook, who has stepped up to become assistant therapist, and Imanol working under Kevin Dearden after his promotion to head of goalkeeping. We will have a new head of sports science arriving

next week when notice has been served with his current club, Tottenham, while the ever-dependable Simon Parsell has taken on greater responsibility as head of medical with Chris Phillips stepping up from his role in the academy as first team physiotherapist having impressed us all since joining from Barnet just under two years ago.

As you will see, there is no attention to detail spared when it comes to player support, player care and development. We will, naturally, exhibit our ambitiousness as far as we will be able, exemplified by our breaking of the Club's transfer fee by signing Simon Sluga from Croatian club, Rijeka. We're more than delighted Simon chose Luton as his entry into English football – welcome Simon!

Along with Simon, we also welcome Callum McManaman, Martin Cranie, Ryan Tunnicliffe, Brendan Galloway and Jacob Butterfield to the Club, and wish all of our new boys successful careers with us. That includes four of our own, with Corey Panter, Jake Peck, Josh Neufville and Tiernan Parker having signed their new development contracts after progressing from the academy.

We will always try to be shrewd in the transfer market, as opposed to competitive on a head-to-head scenario, which will apply to both buying and selling players.

Not only have we set a new record for a transfer fee paid but we have also sold two players for higher fees than our previous record. Whilst non-disclosure of specific values is observed in these cases for good reason – competitive advantage, deal structure and complexity and at the request of the buying club – I can disclose that, such is the structure of many a transfer, we will only realise the full value of these deals after three years of service at their new Clubs.

However, I'm more than pleased to give you an insight as to how those funds will be distributed within the business. Broadly speaking, over the next couple of years, around one third will be invested into business sustainability, one third into facilities and up to one third into our football budget, either for fees or salaries. No amount will be paid out as shareholder dividends and every penny is re-invested back into the long-term development of our Club.

As one specific example, if our youth academy is to be competitive in future, we need to be able to compete in an under 23s games programme, in order for our development group to be exposed to a more senior game. In order to achieve this, we need to build an indoor football facility (at a cost of over £2m), otherwise we can't elevate our academy status. Without this, at this level, we can't expect to generate our own talent in the way we have done in the past.

We all want the next James Justin to be coming along the production line very soon, which leads me

nically into wishing all the boys who have departed since the end of last season the very best with their new clubs. JJ and Jack Stacey have moved up to the Premier League in the headline moves, but we will also follow the likes of Alan McCormack, Luke Gambin, Jack Senior, Aaron Jarvis, Jack James and Arthur Read's progress with interest and warmth, after their valuable contributions to our success over recent seasons. Good luck to all and a huge thank you for your contributions!

Our position in the Championship is clearly justifiable and deserved but stabilising our position here is the next challenge. Since returning to the Football League, we have come a long, long way, very quickly, both on and off the pitch and we have only accomplished this because of our togetherness, positivity and the belief in our identity from within the Club and from the supporter base. None of us want to revisit the dark days of the past so please continue to have the faith that, as the caring custodians of your Club, we will always make the right decisions for its long-term ambition and sustainability.

With so much to look forward to, please enjoy the ride this season and enjoy tonight! COYH!

*Gary*



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# TRANSFER ROUND-UP



**The summer transfer window is still open for another six days, but the Hatters have already introduced that same number of new faces – and a very familiar one after the briefest of spells away – as we kick-off the Sky Bet Championship season.**

We offer a warm Kenilworth Road welcome to Graeme Jones' first half-a-dozen recruits as he starts his reign as Town manager.

Some are well-known to Jones having worked with Callum McManaman and Brendan Galloway at Wigan and Everton respectively, and the additions of Martin Cranie, Ryan Tunnicliffe and Jacob Butterfield add vast Premier League and Championship experience too.

Goalkeeper Simon Sluga joined for a club record transfer fee of more than €1.5m from Croatian top-flight outfit HNK Rijeka, and the 26-year-old brings international pedigree having made his debut for World Cup runners-up Croatia this summer.

And of course, that ever-popular face belonging to Kazenga LuaLua returned to the fold ahead of the pre-season trip to Portugal after agreeing a new contract with the Hatters, while Harry Isted and Harry Cornick both extended their deals too.

In the aftermath of a second successive promotion, we said goodbye to Alan McCormack, Luke Gambin, Jack James, Aaron Jarvis and Jack Senior, then James Justin was sold for a club record fee to Leicester City, before Jack Stacey joined him in the Premier League with AFC Bournemouth. Arthur Read also left to join Brentford, and we wish all of our former players well with their new clubs and thank them for their service to the Hatters.



## CALLUM MCMANAMAN

**POSITION: FORWARD | AGE: 28  
STATUS: FREE AGENT AFTER LEAVING  
WIGAN ATHLETIC**



**HE SAID:** "I worked with Graeme Jones for a few years at Wigan. I really enjoyed working with him and he got the best out of me, so hopefully he can do that again. I have played in the Championship for a while now and played in the Premier League a few years ago under Graeme and Roberto Martinez, so hopefully I can show what I can do again."

## MARTIN CRANIE

**POSITION: DEFENDER | AGE: 32**  
**STATUS: FREE AGENT AFTER LEAVING SHEFFIELD UNITED**

**HE SAID:** "I've spoken to the manager a few times over the summer and I'm glad we finally got it over the line. I think we share quite similar views on football. He's a lot into his tactics and how he wants to play, and the way I like to play is very similar to what he wants to do. As soon as we started talking about football, I thought that it would be a good fit for both of us."



## RYAN TUNNICLIFFE

**POSITION: MIDFIELDER | AGE: 26**  
**STATUS: FREE AGENT AFTER LEAVING MILLWALL**

**HE SAID:** "I met the gaffer after the season finished and he wanted to get to know me face to face and see my personality. That's when I knew that something could happen here. Knowing his resume, and where he's worked and people he's worked with is impressive. But sitting and talking to him - listening to how he likes to play the game, how this year he's planning on playing - just really excited me."



## BRENDAN GALLOWAY

**POSITION: DEFENDER**  
**AGE: 23**  
**STATUS: SIGNED ON A FREE FROM EVERTON**

**HE SAID:** "I really enjoyed working under the boss at Everton. The sessions were very exciting and very challenging for the players, and I think that he got the best out of a lot of us. He always wants to do the right thing and he wants to continue to win with this football club, like they have experienced in the past two seasons. I was really excited for the new project."





## SIMON SLUGA

**POSITION: GOALKEEPER | AGE: 26**  
**STATUS: CLUB RECORD SIGNING FROM HNK RIJEKA**

**HE SAID:** "I'm glad and very happy for this opportunity. I spoke with Lovre Kalinic, from Aston Villa, who played half a season here. He told me everything. I spoke with my coach in Rijeka, Igor Bišćan, who played for Liverpool, and with other guys. Everyone told me 'Come, it's a great league, a great opportunity, go and show what you know'. I think I made the right decision for me."



## JACOB BUTTERFIELD

**POSITION: MIDFIELDER | AGE: 29**  
**STATUS: SIGNED ON A FREE FROM DERBY COUNTY**

**HE SAID:** "I'm really excited to get going. I think it's a big season for the club, a really exciting time for the club and I'm delighted to be here. They are great lads. I settled in straight away. They are a welcoming bunch and I've been really impressed so far. The manager is good and the way he wants to play this year is really exciting. I feel good."

# SIGNING NEW CONTRACTS...



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# AND WELCOME TO THE NEW STAFF!

**It's not just on the pitch where we've introduced newcomers to the Kenilworth Road set-up, it's behind the scenes as well - although three aren't strangers at all!**

For the return to pre-season training we welcomed back to the Hatters fold former manager Gary Brabin, who has returned to the club seven years after leaving as assistant to new boss Graeme Jones, whom he worked under as a coach at Premier League Everton before managing Tranmere Rovers and assisting in the same division as the Hatters at Port Vale and Blackpool.

Returning to the club to work with the next generation in the academy are former winger Adrian Forbes, who is now the head of academy coaching and professional player development, while Conference-winning striker Paul Benson has become assistant to professional development phase lead coach Dan Walder, who takes on his role on a permanent basis with Inigo Idiakez



stepping up to continue the first team coaching role he took on so successfully last January.

Goalie coach Kevin Dearden has been promoted to head of goalkeeping with former Athletic Bilbao keeper and coach Imanol Etxeberria working under him as technical goalkeeper coach.

Away from the training pitch, our League One title-winning manager Mick Harford has returned to his preferred chief recruitment officer role with a new chief scout, former England striker Kevin Reeves, joining the club to work with the Hatters legend.

The Spanish influence continues with renowned masseur Oscar Brau installed as first team therapist, having worked with Jones at Wigan, Swansea and Everton, and masseur/kitman Darren Cook promoted to assistant therapist, while supervising a new yet-to-be confirmed kitman.

Elsewhere in the treatment room, long-serving physio Simon Parsell has taken on a new role as head of medical, with Chris Phillips progressing from his post as academy physiotherapist.

There will be further announcements on backroom staff as vacancies are filled in the coming days and weeks, but in the meantime, please offer a very warm welcome to all new - and returning - staff!

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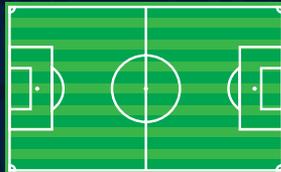
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# MIDDLESBROUGH

**NICKNAME:**  
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**MANAGER:**  
**JONATHAN  
WOODGATE**



**FOUNDED:**  
**1876**

**GROUND:**  
**RIVERSIDE  
STADIUM**

**LAST MET:**  
**APRIL 1995**



**MILES FROM  
KENILNORTH  
ROAD: 219**

**SEASONS IN  
CHAMP:  
THIRD**

**AVR. HOME  
ATT. 18/19:  
23,217**

v ROTHERHAM 05.05.19

**68.2%**  
COMPLETED PASSES

**12**  
TOTAL SHOTS

**42.1%**  
AERIAL DUALS WON

**11**  
YELLOW  
CARDS  
RECEIVED



**KEEP AN EYE ON...**

## BRITT

Worth noting before going over his career, the fact that it all could have been over a couple of years ago for Assombalonga. A serious knee injury ruled the striker out for 14 months back at the beginning of 2015, but after essentially missing the 2015/16 season, he returned the following year in the kind of form everyone had become accustomed to. Started at Watford before joining Peterborough in what was then a record deal for Posh, before heading to Nottingham Forest in a big-money move. Signed for Boro in 2017 for a reported club record fee of around £15million. Over 125 goals in just under 300 appearances.

**ASSOMBALONGA**



## THE MANAGER

# JONATHAN WOODGATE

Manager of his hometown club – having had two spells there as a player – Middlesbrough are Jonathan Woodgate’s first club as a boss. A coach under Tony Pulis until the Welshman’s departure at the start of the summer, former England international Woodgate has been entrusted by the Boro hierarchy of instilling a new philosophy, as they plot their route back into the Premier League, where they last played in 2017. A centre-half for Leeds United, Newcastle, Tottenham Hotspur and Real Madrid during his playing career, a lot of intrigue surrounds the 39-year-old as to how he will get on in the managerial hot-seat at the Riverside.

## PLAYERS...



### GOALKEEPERS

#	NAME	NATIONALITY	AGE
01	TOMAS MEJIAS	SPANISH	30
23	DARREN RANDOLPH	IRISH	32
38	BRADLEY JAMES	ENGLISH	20
40	ZACHARY HEMMINGS	ENGLISH	19
42	AVNSLEY PEARS	ENGLISH	21

### DEFENDERS

#	NAME	NATIONALITY	AGE
03	GEORGE FRIEND	ENGLISH	31
04	DANIEL AYALA	SPANISH	28
05	RYAN SHOTTON	ENGLISH	30
06	DAEL FRY	ENGLISH	21
25	NATHAN WOOD	ENGLISH	17
27	MARC BOLA	ENGLISH	21
28	SAM STUBBS	ENGLISH	20
29	DJED SPENCE	ENGLISH	18
31	PATRICK READING	SCOTTISH	20
33	HAYDEN COULSON	ENGLISH	21

### MIDFIELDERS

#	NAME	NATIONALITY	AGE
07	MARCUS TAVERNIER	ENGLISH	20
08	ADAM CLAYTON	ENGLISH	30
10	MARCUS BROWNE	ENGLISH	21
16	JONNY HOWSON	ENGLISH	31
17	PADDY MCNAIR	NORTHERN IRISH	24
19	TOM TRYBULL	GERMAN	26
21	MARVIN JOHNSON	ENGLISH	28
22	GEORGE SAVILLE	NORTHERN IRISH	26
26	LEWIS WING	ENGLISH	24
32	STEPHEN WEARNE	ENGLISH	18
34	CONNOR MALLEY	ENGLISH	19
37	BEN LIDDLE	ENGLISH	20

### FORWARDS

#	NAME	NATIONALITY	AGE
09	BRITT ASSOMBALONGA	CONGOLESE	26
11	ASHLEY FLETCHER	ENGLISH	23
39	RUDY GESTEDE	BENINESE	30
35	TYRONE O'NEILL	ENGLISH	19
36	STEPHEN WALKER	ENGLISH	18
41	RUMARN BURRELL	ENGLISH	18

MIDDLESBROUGH

# ON THE



**Position: GOALKEEPER**

**Nationality: Irish**

**Height: 6ft 2in**

**Previous club: West Ham United**

**2018/19 league appearances: 46**

**Clean sheets: 19**

**Position: DEFENDER**

**Nationality: Spanish**

**DOB: 07/11/90**

**Height: 6ft 3in**

**Previous club: Norwich City**

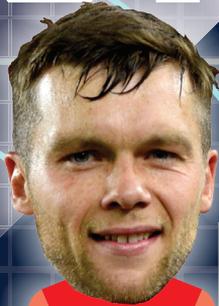
**2018/19 league appearances: 33**

**Goals: 1**

A £5million signing from West Ham United in 2017, Randolph has been an ever-present since putting pen to paper on a four-year deal at the Riverside Stadium. After coming through the ranks with Ardmore Rovers in his homeland, the 32-year-old was signed by Charlton, where he was shipped out on loan five times, before moving north of the border to Motherwell. An impressive three years landed him a move to Birmingham City, before the Hammers came calling in 2015. With over 400 career appearances, the keeper has represented his country on 35 occasions.

Left the youth academy at Sevilla in September 2007 to sign for Liverpool. Made his first team debut for the Reds in August 2009 in the Premier League, going on to make five appearances that season before having his contract extended until 2012. The Spaniard spent time on loan at Hull City and Derby County before signing permanently for Norwich City in 2011 in a near-million-pound move to Carrow Road. Failed to break into the team though and was sent out on loan again, this time to Nottingham Forest and Boro, before signing for them permanently in January 2014 to become Aitor Karanka's first signing at the Riverside Stadium. Made over 200 appearances for Boro.

# RADAR



**JONNY  
HOWSON**



**ASHLEY  
FLETCHER**

**Position: MIDFIELDER**

**Nationality: English**

**DOB: 21/05/88**

**Height: 5ft 11in**

**Previous club: Norwich City**

**2018/19 league appearances: 46**

**Goals: 1**

An incredibly experienced midfielder having started 400 league games, Howson has spent a majority of his career in the top two tiers. A regular in the Championship and the Premier League for Leeds United, Norwich City and now Boro, the 31-year-old has captained both of his previous teams, winning two promotions in his career – one with his boyhood club Leeds from League One to the Championship, and one from that level with the Canaries to the top tier. With over 50 career goals, he offers a lot going forward, but was utilised at right-back on occasion by Tony Pulis last season.

**Position: STRIKER**

**Nationality: English**

**DOB: 02/10/95**

**Height: 6ft 1in**

**Previous club: West Ham United**

**2018/19 league appearances: 21**

**Goals: 5**

Signed for £5m from West Ham United in July 2017, the former England Under-20 was a regular in the second half of last season, playing up top alongside Britt Assombalonga. A Manchester United academy graduate, the 23-year-old failed to make an appearance for the Red Devils, spending time out on loan to Barnsley, before joining West Ham United. After a single season at the London Stadium where he made 16 Premier League appearances, he joined Boro, before heading out on loan to Sunderland during their last Championship season.

MIDDLESBROUGH

# CLASSIC CLASH

CLUB HISTORIAN **ROGER WASH**  
DELVES INTO HIS ARCHIVES...

18TH FEBRUARY 1989 | LUTON TOWN 1 MIDDLESBROUGH 0

**Despite being virtually certain of a second trip to Wembley in the Littlewoods Cup final the Town were struggling at the wrong end of the League and desperate for points when Middlesbrough visited for what was to turn out to be our only top-flight clash at Kenilworth Road.**

On the previous Sunday the Hatters had won 3-0 at West Ham in in the first leg of the Littlewoods Cup semi-final in a dominant display which was certainly not flattering.

It was difficult to say whether the Hammers were poor or the Town played above themselves, but the performance was a vast improvement on most of the displays that campaign.

Dave Beaumont, signed from Dundee United, made his debut at Upton Park to form the sort of defensive partnership with skipper Steve Foster that had been missing since the early season sale of Mal Donaghy to Manchester United, and with Roy Wegerle back to his unpredictable best alongside the ever-dangerous Mick Harford, it was hoped that sort of performance would be repeated in the quest for League points.

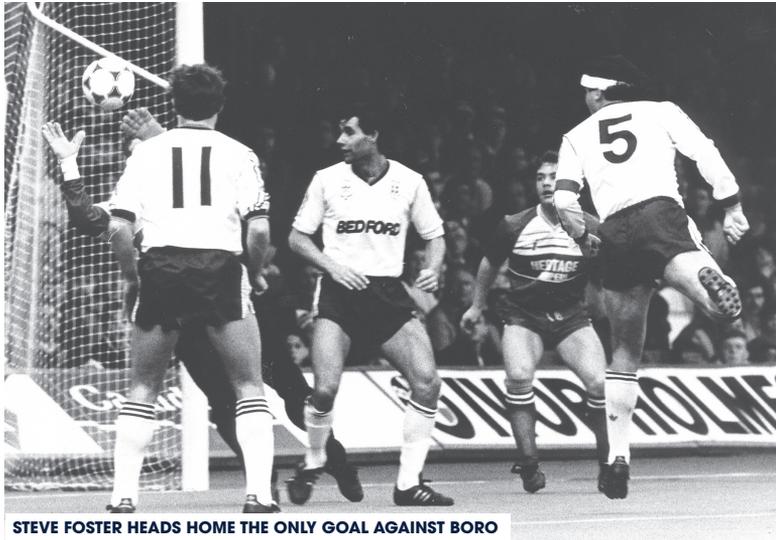
The Town's erratic form was reflected in the League games played since Christmas when defeats of 3-0 and 4-0 had been suffered at Charlton and Wimbledon, countered by a 6-1 thrashing of Southampton at Kenilworth Road. It was certainly never dull and boring being a Luton supporter at that time!

Boro were enjoying their first season back in Division One (now the Premier League) since 1982 and were paying their first visit to Kenilworth Road for almost 15 years. Managed by former Luton favourite of the 1960s, Bruce Rioch, they were comfortably placed in mid-table and were unbeaten in their previous five games.

A disappointing crowd of only 8,167, the lowest since the opening game of the season, gathered at Kenilworth Road to greet the players who had performed so well the previous week. Beaumont retained his place for his home debut, while little midfielder David Preece celebrated his 250th career appearance and Harford his 450th.

The Town started by adopting a 4-4-2 system and with Boro sacrificing a forward for another midfielder, the game quickly became bogged down, which suited the away side but did not go down very well with the home fans.

■ **He bravely threw himself at every Luton effort and used every part of his anatomy to prevent the Hatters scoring more**■



**STEVE FOSTER HEADS HOME THE ONLY GOAL AGAINST BORO**

Wegerle was tightly marked by two players at all times, and the Town were limited to snatched half chances as the first half ended in stalemate.

Luton manager Ray Harford needed to do something to break the deadlock and pushed Kingsley Black further forward in the second period, which had the effect of opening up the game.

### Breakthrough

The change of tactics bore fruit in the 55th minute when the Hatters finally achieved the breakthrough. Harford robbed Gary Parkinson and sent Black away down the wing. He cut across the edge of the penalty area and sent in a shot which was brilliantly tipped around the post by rookie Boro goalkeeper Kevin Poole.

He was, though, left exposed from the resulting corner. Preece hit it towards the near post, where Ricky Hill tried and failed to get a flick-on, effectively selling a dummy to everyone apart from Foster, who headed firmly into the net.

From then on the game became far more open as Middlesbrough needed to come out of their shell, and but for a storming display by Poole, the Town could have racked up more goals.

He bravely threw himself at every Luton effort and used every part of his anatomy to prevent the Hatters scoring more. At the other end the new combination of Beaumont and Foster buttoned up the Hatters defence, but had a quiet afternoon as Boro had no spark up front.

Manager Harford said afterwards: "Middlesbrough passed the ball very nicely at times, without really producing the end product. They were a bit punchless. This was our most important match of the season as we needed to get a result to drag Middlesbrough back down and put a bit of daylight between us and the danger area.

"I was pleased with our performance as well as the result. Middlesbrough never got behind us and but for their goalkeeper, we could have had more goals. Mick Harford might have got a hat-trick."

Boro boss Rioch, despite being warmly applauded to the dug-out before the game, was in no mood to meet old friends afterwards and refused to speak to the press. He ushered his players straight onto the coach, denying them the opportunity to be interviewed and it was only much later that he said: "We didn't create any chances so the result speaks for itself."



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ROGER WASH

# THE LAST TIME BORO CAME TO TOWN

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## TOWN

SOMMER, JAMES, JOHNSON,  
WADDOCK, THOMAS, PEAKE,  
TELFER, HUGHES, HARTSON,  
PREECE (OAKES), MARSHALL

## BORO

PEARS, COX, VICKERS, WHYTE,  
FLEMING, HIGNETT, POLLOCK,  
BLACKMORE, WRIGHT  
(KAVANAGH), WILKINSON,  
HENDRIE



PAUL WILKINSON (CENTRE IN GREEN) IS ABOUT TO HEAD INTO HIS OWN NET FOR THE TOWN'S OPENING GOAL

**In this, the Town's third season back in Division One (now the Championship), patchy form meant the team was hovering around in mid-table by the time of the visit of high-flying Middlesbrough, who were managed by ex-England captain Bryan Robson.**

Lack of goals was the Hatters' main problem, especially at home, where the away side would often defend in depth and catch the Town on the break.

Boro were different, however, and came to attack, which gave the Town the opportunity to counter as they did so successfully in away games.

Tiny midfielder David Preece was a revelation and controlled the midfield, spraying passes to the fleet-footed Dwight Marshall and the young, but tough, John Hartson.

It came as no surprise when the Town opened the scoring on 22 minutes when future Hatter, Paul Wilkinson, headed a Ceri Hughes cross into his own net. Two more goals followed before the interval courtesy of a drive from Marshall and an 18-yard volley from Preece.

Using the full width of the pitch, the Hatters continued to stroke the ball around in the second period against a by-now demoralised Boro. Further goals from Marshall and a scorching angled drive from Hartson made it a day to remember against the eventual champions.

Derek Whyte netted a late consolation for Boro before the crowd gave the Town players a standing ovation at the end.

Robson admitted: "We were well beaten by the better team on the day. Luton beat us in every area of the pitch and my lads are now sitting in silence in the dressing room."

Luton manager David Pleat merely contented himself with the announcement that he was delighted with the day!

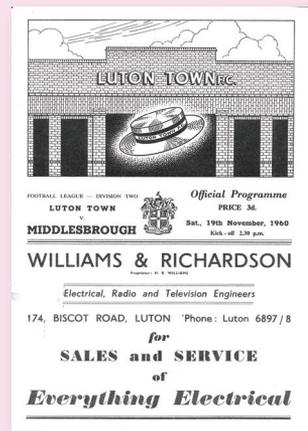
Club Historian **ROGER WASH** picks out eight programme covers from past games with our opponents

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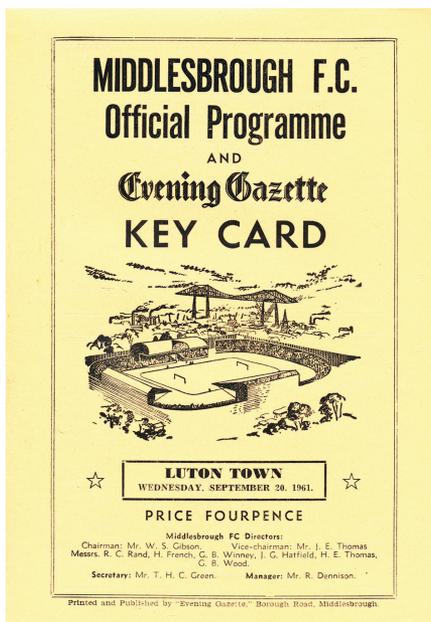
## JANUARY 1955

The Town go top of Division Two (now the Championship) following a 2-0 home win over Boro. Gordon Turner and Roy Davies score the goals to make it eight games unbeaten for the Hatters.



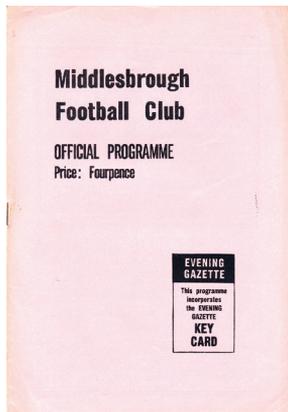
## NOVEMBER 1960

After five years in the top-flight the Town are back in Division Two and struggling. The 6-1 win over strongly fancied Boro is a welcome shock as is the return to goalscoring form of Allan Brown who nets twice.



## SEPTEMBER 1961

Following a 4-1 home defeat to Southampton the previous week the Town bounce back with a 4-2 victory at Ayresome Park. Tom McKechnie and Gordon Turner each score twice.

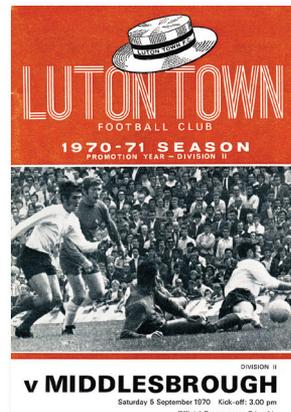


### OCTOBER 1962

The Town's 2-0 win at Ayresome Park is to be the last victory away from home for 16 months as the team plummets through the divisions.

### SEPTEMBER 1970

Back in Division Two, the Town are now made of much stronger stuff and a single strike by Don Givens settles a game where new 'superstar' Malcolm Macdonald could, and should, have bagged a hat-trick.



### SEPTEMBER 1971

A slow start to the season sparks to life with a 3-2 win over Boro at Kenilworth Road. New signing Vic Halom and local boy Robin Wainwright score their first goals for the club.

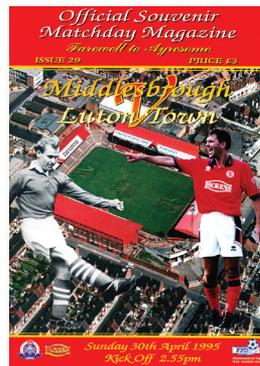


### DECEMBER 1972

The Town can do little wrong away from home and record their seventh win on their travels with a hard fought 1-0 victory at Ayresome Park. Shame about the home form!

### APRIL 1995

The Hatters are privileged to become Boro's final opponents at Ayresome Park prior to the move to the Riverside. The Town shock promoted Boro with a John Taylor equaliser but only threaten to spoil the party for a short time before John Hendrie nets a deserved winner for the home side.





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## MAREK STECH

POSITION: GOALKEEPER

AGE: 29

He's very loud. You can hear his voice from far away, even if he's whispering - a great trait. Very famous for wanting to know what the traffic is like on the M25.



## JAMES SHEA

POSITION: GOALKEEPER

AGE: 28

One of the tightest men alive moneywise. He's also a cheat when it comes to card games, which is annoying as he tries to swindle us out of our money. Going grey.



## SIMON SLUGA

POSITION: GOALKEEPER

AGE: 26

Had one of the best first training sessions I have ever seen. Slugs came in after one of my favourite characters of all time, Michael Sleggs from This Country, passed away. A day later Simon signs for Luton. If that's not a sign, I don't know what is.



# HARRY'S HATTERS...HARRY'S HATTER



## HARRY ISTD

**POSITION: GOALKEEPER**

**AGE: 22**

Housemate of mine. Strange, strange guy, but that complements me because I am quite strange. We are strange together. He always has a TV or film quote for every moment in life. A top chef as well.



■ **He's the sly one, when there's mischief, he's never at the front, he's hiding at the back.** ■



## MARTIN CRANIE

**POSITION: DEFENDER**

**AGE: 32**

He's slotted straight into the senior player pack. A fellow card player. He seems like a really nice guy. Very welcoming. His experience will help us.



## SONNY BRADLEY

**POSITION: DEFENDER**

**AGE: 27**

When he first came in he was really quiet, you wouldn't expect it. He looks quite scary but he is a big teddy bear. What you see on the pitch is not at all what he's like off it.



## DAN POTTS

**POSITION: DEFENDER**

**AGE: 25**

A member of my card table and we both enjoy horse racing. Part of the Essex car-school. We get on really well, we see eye-to-eye. He's the sly one, when there's mischief, he's never at the front, he's hiding at the back. Python Potts, slithering in the shadows.



## ALAN SHEEHAN

**POSITION: DEFENDER**

**AGE: 32**

He's the dad of the team. He tells you what's right and what's wrong. With his Irish accent, he can get scary at times, and then he's joking, but because he's scary you have to go along with it. Good for advice and helps the young lads out. Got a wand of a left foot.



## MATTY PEARSON

**POSITION: DEFENDER**

**AGE: 25**

The header of bricks. Not the sharpest cookie. Or tool in the shed. He's probably a cookie in a shed. He makes up for it though in the amount he eats. He is the human dustbin.

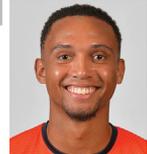


## BRENDAN GALLOWAY

**POSITION: DEFENDER**

**AGE: 23**

First impressions are he is fast. Very fast. We haven't had a race yet. From Milton Keynes which is where I live, so maybe he can show me some decent unknown spots. Another one who has slotted straight in.



# IRS...HARRY'S HATTERS...HARRY'S

## COREY PANTER

**POSITION: DEFENDER**

**AGE: 18**

The black panther. Jason Cummings gave him that title and it's stuck ever since. Corey trained with us a lot last year and did really well. There's a brilliant picture somewhere of him painting a railway station fence.



## JOSH NEUFVILLE

**POSITION: DEFENDER/FORWARD**

**AGE: 18**

Quiet. Very quiet. Hasn't come out of his shell yet. He's very fast though, which is a great trait.



## LLOYD JONES

**POSITION: DEFENDER**

**AGE: 23**

Aka Pudsy. Famous for having two puddings at lunch sometimes. Loves Maggie's crumble. Always in amongst the banter, if it's flying about he's in there somewhere.



## LUKE BERRY

**POSITION: MIDFIELDER**

**AGE: 27**

A very shaggy man - his hair is a bit shaggy, his body is not in the best of nick. He goes for the rough look most days. Some of his clobber is atrocious. Built a nice house for himself though. Shows a great determination to bounce back from adversity.



## FRANKIE MUSONDA

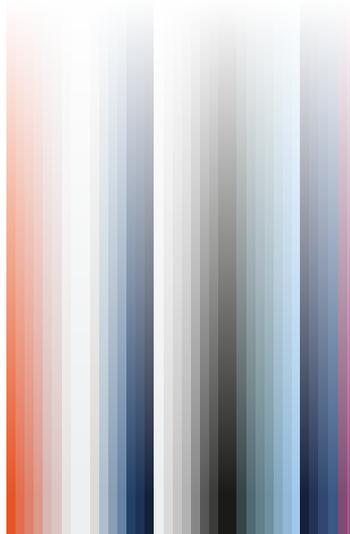
**POSITION: DEFENDER**

**AGE: 21**

Frank the tank. He's an absolute machine, has the best endurance at the club and always wins the 1,500m in pre-season. Very rarely seen outside of the gym. Known as 'X' from Las Vegas.



With his Irish accent, he can get scary at times, and then he's joking.





# LUTON TOWN 2019-20



**BACK ROW (FROM LEFT TO RIGHT):**

James Collins, Ryan Tunnicliffe, Martin Cranie, Frankie Musonda, Jake Jervis, Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu, Glen Rea, Luke Berry, Danny Hylton

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**GLEN REA****POSITION: MIDFIELDER****AGE: 24**

He has changed since he has grown his hair, which has thrown me. A sort of vice-captain, he's just a good leader. He's gone on this spiritual vibe which he might not come back from. Will probably turn vegan and travel the world. He was like the glue that held the team together before he got injured.

**RYAN TUNNICLIFFE****POSITION: MIDFIELDER****AGE: 26**

He's got a kind of hardman approach from the exterior, he looks quite scary. From United so he's pretty good technically as well. A good acquisition to the squad and he has moulded well.

**ANDREW SHINNIE****POSITION: MIDFIELDER****AGE: 30**

Shinniesta. Probably the best trainer, every day. Very hard to get the ball off and very good in rondos. He probably had the best record for assist-for-assists last season, Shinnie-to-Stacey-to-Collins. He doesn't get the recognition he deserves. Loves his dog Nero.

**ELLIOT LEE****POSITION: MIDFIELDER****AGE: 24**

Nice guy. We click. Day one he didn't actually like me that much, but we grew together when he found out that I am quite weird. A friend for life hopefully. I also got on really well with his brother Olly. And his Dad Rob. Part of the family!

**DANNY HYLTON****POSITION: STRIKER****AGE: 30**

The iceman, he is always icing something. Since Johnny Mullins left he's not as much trouble. He's a goalscorer, always scores goals. Portrayed as the villain but he's actually a nice guy.

**PELLY-RUDDOCK MPANZU****POSITION: MIDFIELDER****AGE: 26**

It's hard to describe him. The man, the myth, the legend. He's a funny guy, the centre of attention at all times. It's not because he wants to be, it's just because everyone wants to be around him. Biggest hamstrings in the world. Great clothes as well.

**JAMES COLLINS****POSITION: STRIKER****AGE: 28**

Part of the other card-school. Quite a switched on guy, quite clever. Almost like a father figure at times, which is nice. Collo has been good with advice.

**GEORGE MONCUR****POSITION: MIDFIELDER****AGE: 25**

Aka the troublemaker. He is at the centre of all mischief. He is such a good liar, you could see him do something and he would tell you straight to your face he didn't do it. But you can catch him out because he is a man of God and he won't swear to God.



**KAZENGA LUALUA****POSITION: STRIKER/WINGER****AGE: 28**

He loves tennis, he knows everything about it, he is Mr Tennis. I am glad he has signed again. It's good to have him back, he can put the champagne on ice. He can do backflips as well.

**CALLUM MCMANAMAN****POSITION: STRIKER/WINGER****AGE: 28**

Sharp, very sharp. Has nutmegged me already, you just don't want to get tight to him because he is sharp. We haven't really spoken much yet.

**JAKE JERVIS****POSITION: STRIKER****AGE: 27**

He is very fast, nearly as fast as me. He has a great beard which I am certain he applies ointments to - to increase thickness and growth.

**HARRY CORNICK****POSITION: STRIKER****AGE: 24**

Cracking lad. Bit of a cannon. A nice guy. Can be a sheep sometimes and follow the crowd, but just likes to have fun. Tries to smile as much as he can.



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GLEN REA'S

# TOWN team-mates

▶ **BEST MATE?**

Gambo. He's gone, but he's still by best mate.

▶ **ROOM MATE?**

Sheez.

▶ **CAR SCHOOL?**

No one now. Was Gambo.

▶ **BEST DRESSED?**

Shinnie.

▶ **WORST DRESSED?**

Luke Berry.

▶ **ALWAYS ON THE PHONE?**

Elliot Lee.

▶ **LAST TO BUY A DRINK?**

Hylts.

▶ **BEST AT FIFA?**

I am not a part of that school!

▶ **POOL CHAMPION?**

Sonny and Sheez are good.

▶ **MOST DISGUSTING EATER?**

I don't know! I don't watch people eat.

▶ **FUNNIEST?**

Pelly.

▶ **LOUDEST?**

Pelly.

▶ **MOST SENSIBLE?**

Sheazy.

▶ **HAVING HIMSELF?**

Harry Isted.

▶ **WORST HAIR?**

Definitely not me. Hylts.

▶ **WORST TRAINER?**

I cant even remember!

▶ **BEST TRAINER?**

Elliot and Shinnie.





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GEORGE MONCUR'S

# FAVOURITE THINGS



Nickname: Moncs  
Position: Midfield  
Born: 18.08.93



### ▶ GOAL

Got to be the one for Colchester against Preston that kept them in League One. It's been played into me a little bit hard, but I hit it first time and it caught the keeper out. We won 1-0.



### ▲ GAME THAT YOU'VE PLAYED IN

The game against Oxford to win the League One title. Never had a gold medal around my neck and that was the game that got us it.



### TEAM AS A KID

West Ham United, because my dad played for them.

### MEAL

Pizza.

### ◀ MOVIE

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A HUMOROUS INSIGHT TO SIMON PARSELL'S WORK



**Here we go then! When I joined the club the Championship seemed a long way off, but so much hard work has gone into this moment.**

It's going to be a tough season, but what a journey it's going

to be and hopefully no matter what happens we will all enjoy the ride.

That enjoyment is vital as this summer we lost Justin Edinburgh. I have to mention him as I had the pleasure of working with him and can only say what a man he was. Players would run through brick walls for him and his management skills were unreal. On a personal note he was there for me when I lost my mum, and that shows the quality of the man. RIP Justin - please support his charity @JE3Foundation on Twitter.

Pre-season has been tough and so far so good from a medical point of view as we have not picked up any serious injuries.

We have also added to our staff, bringing in Oscar as our Sports Therapist. His experience of working at the top level can only benefit us. It's just the casual way he drops in that he worked with Lukaku and others! Obviously, our Spanish has to get better.

Danny and Alan are back training with the main group after summer surgeries. Kaz has rejoined the group but needs to catch up on some of the pre-season work.

Glen has made great progress and is now doing some work with the squad, but realistically we are still looking at a November return. Glen has been tremendous to work with and still comes out with his little gems. For example, he said: "You know those new laceless Copas, well they are laceless!" But he topped that by saying if someone asked his age he would respond "6 foot 2". This boy is on a different planet.



Finally, when it comes to name-dropping I have to highlight Paul Watson on the Portugal trip when he approached Chris (Physio) and said 'Have I introduced you to two of my friends, Al and Rob?'. It was only Alan Shearer and Rob Lee (see picture above). Paul then went into great detail about Newcastle United and when we woke up the game had started!

Enjoy tonight's game and get ready for a great journey.

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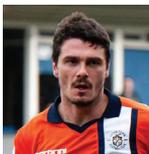
Great manager who led us to the top division and our longest period of success. Masterful tactician who blended youth with experience to make fantastic teams again and again.

## GK: IAN FEUER

We've had plenty of fantastic goalkeepers over the years, but I'll go for a personal favourite here. Simply a superb shot-stopper.

## RB: RONNIE HENRY

Although not the quickest or most skilful right-back we've had, I would have him for his leadership skills. Brought the fans and players together in our lowest time and galvanised us back into the League.



## CB: MARVIN JOHNSON

Although we've had more skilful centre-backs, I have to find a place for Mr Luton. Marvin loved Luton and we loved him. Totally loyal and it showed. It was always more fun to watch Luton when Marvin played.

## CB: STEVE DAVIS

There have been lots of great centre-back partnerships for Luton (our current pairing included) but I'll go individualism here. There were times when he could achieve what the other partnerships could do on his own. A great defender. Could also score goals too.

## LB: MATT TAYLOR

A swash-buckling left back with an unbelievable engine for getting up and down the wing. Could also score goals for fun. A match winner.

## DM: KEVIN NICHOLLS

A leader. Always gave 100% and always demanded 100% from the other players in his side. In amongst the desire and aggression, he was a very useful midfielder too.

## RM: DAVID PREECEY

The first name on my teamsheet. Had the ability to completely control a game. Had an unbelievable array of passing. When Preecey had a good game, Luton had a good game.

## CM: KINGSLEY BLACK

A natural talent. Made playing the game look easy. Pace, attack, passing, goals. A joy to watch.

## LM: JEAN LOUIS VALOIS

Flair, unnaturally talented, breath-taking skills. Passed the ball into forwards, rather than just crossed the ball. Capable of goals from range that defied belief.

## ST: MICK HARFORD

A Luton legend. A powerhouse up front. As a centre-forward could outmuscle defenders at ease to score. Defenders used to hate playing against him and it was obvious why.



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21.09.19	A	Stevenage	30.11.19	H	Milton Keynes Dons
28.09.19	H	Leyton Orient	14.12.19	A	Peterborough United
05.10.19	A	Milton Keynes Dons	21.12.19	A	Southend United
12.10.19	H	Peterborough United	04.01.20	H	Northampton Town

**ANDY AWFORD**

# ACADEMY UPDATE



Good evening everyone, it never ceases to amaze me how quickly the start of the new season comes around again, but I'm sure you'll all agree that we're glad it has this year.

So buckle in, enjoy the ride and as you always do, support the players to the absolute hilt...

## APPRENTICES

We welcomed eight new apprentices to the club at the beginning of July: Callum Nicolson, Matthew Moloney, Casey Pettit (pictured), Ben Stevens, Joseph Halsey, Corey Wilson, Jameson Horlick and Tra Lucas.

Good luck to them all as they start their quest to set foot on the hallowed turf in future years.

## U18S PRE-SEASON

As is the same with the first team, it's been a hectic period, but one which the players have been working very hard in primarily achieving their fitness goals, whilst also improving their technical and tactical knowledge.

The youth team enjoyed a great week away in Portugal and we are all very grateful to SoLYD who once again assisted us financially for the trip. The facility was first class and allowed the players to bond and the staff to fact find even more details about the boys.

Either side of the Portugal tour we experienced a variety of fixtures



which have seen us prepare for tomorrow's opening league game at home to Southend United. Decent displays against Lewisham Borough FC, Kempston Rovers, Charlton Athletic and Biggleswade Town were rounded off nicely with an eye-catching 2-1 victory over Premier League side Southampton last Saturday.

## THE SEASON AHEAD

All of us at the Academy wish the new gaffer, first team players and staff the very best of luck for the season ahead. We will again support, aid and assist them in any way possible. Following the last two fantastic promotions and seeing their work first-hand at The Brache, we are all confident of another successful season.

## WHO'S THE NEXT ONE?

As one of our own departed for his next venture, the challenge is now set for us all to produce the next 'JJ'.

Whilst we obviously wish him well, we all now try to unearth the next Academy gem and will be working tirelessly to do so.

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# HATTERS WIN BEDS FA PREMIER CUP!



**A Luton Town XI lifted the Beds FA Premier Cup on Tuesday night after a 2-2 draw at Biggleswade Town was followed by a penalty shoot-out win.**

Fielding a mix of senior and youth team players, the Hatters took an early lead over the Southern League Premier Division Central side when first-year scholar Casey Pettit raced onto a Josh Boorn through ball and lobbed onrushing Biggleswade keeper Sam Donkin.

A host of chances went begging as the first half progressed, but Lloyd Jones – by this time wearing the captain's armband after Alan Sheehan went off at half-time

– doubled the advantage with just under 20 minutes to go with a thumping header from a Jake Jervis corner.

Biggleswade staged a comeback, however, with two goals in as many minutes from Kieran Forbes (75) and Calum Stead (76) bringing them level.

In the penalty shoot-out that followed, Jones, Brendan Galloway, Avan Jones and Jervis all netted for the Town, with James Shea saving two successive penalties – including one from his opposite number Donkin – to secure a 4-2 victory.

**TOWN XI:** Shea, Neufville, Jones, Sheehan (Panter 46), Galloway, Beckwith, Pettit (A Jones 69), Nicolson, Boorn (Wilson 81), Jervis, Trialist. Subs: Stevens, Halsey, Moloney, Parker. | **GOALS:** Pettit 4, L Jones 2

# LUTON TOWN IN THE COMMUNITY

## HATTERS COMMUNITY TRUST CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY



**What a great evening our trustees, staff, participants and guests enjoyed last month as the Community Trust celebrated its 10th Anniversary with a wonderful evening at Kenilworth Road.**

Chair of the Trustee Board, Bob Curson, opened the evening with a warm welcome for fellow 2020 main club board member Stephen Browne along with the club chairman, David Wilkinson.

Several other invited guests of note also received a warm welcome including Councillor Aslam Khan from Luton Borough Council, accompanied by members of his social cohesion team, Alan Young, Chief Executive of the

Bedfordshire Football Association, and Chief Inspector Hob Huque, from Bedfordshire Police, who attended with members of his social cohesion unit.

A short film charting the Trust's journey over the last ten years followed Bob Curson's introductory welcome and illustrated the almost uncanny way the charity's journey had tracked the enormous success of the 2020 board in taking the club from non-league indebtedness to the EFL Championship.

Similarly, the charity has grown over the last ten years from delivering simple children's pay and play soccer activities to interacting with over 3,500 community members every week from kids to OAPs covering many social, sports and educational projects across the County in the name of Luton Town Football Club.

As a charity, income has grown to almost £1m annually with over 50 employees, with the help of many national grant awarding bodies as well as local benefactors.





Sponsors of the celebration event were also thanked on the night including Foxley Kingham, easyjet, Lenwell Letting Services and Bedfordshire Freemasons.

There were also several awards on the night which covered both recent achievements as well as recognising long standing relationships with individuals and organisations who have been involved in the Trust's journey.

Our school engagement award went to St Joseph's Primary Catholic School, with whom we have worked for well over ten years, while head teacher Jamie Kelly was recognised for both his schools' community involvement over at Chantry Academy and Whitefields Primary.

Two young academy products were also recognised, as U15 Adam Wedd is a product of the Trusts youth development system, as well as Tra Lucas, who has recently signed a scholarship and emerged from our PL KICKS project on the Marsh Farm estate.

Our Community Support award went to Bedfordshire Police Cohesion Unit for their strategic partnership work with our cohesion team that is so valuable to the Trust.

And two volunteers were recognised in Arthur Mason and David Williams for their fantastic contribution to our walking football project and our over 50s



weekly social club down the Kenny - both projects bringing together lots of people to relive and enjoy memories of bygone hatters events in very different ways.

Outstanding award on the night was presented to Ashleigh Campbell from our adult disability football project, to recognise Ashleigh's progress from footballer to holding down a regular job and celebrating the simple but undoubted power of football to change lives.

Overall a real celebration of the staff's hard work over the last ten years as well as an opportunity to showcase the breadth of projects and areas of work the trust is now

involved in. Head of Trust, Kevin Thoburn, highlighted 'the importance of volunteers to the charity, and their value hugely exceeding any monetary value along with strategic partnerships with both Bedfordshire Police and Luton Borough Council's cohesion teams and their importance to the Trust'.

Looking forward the Trust were recognising areas such as social isolation and physical inactivity in the adult population, and Kevin highlighted 'some exciting projects that were coming onstream in 2020 that would tackle these issues and use the power of the badge to improve people's lives.'

Here's to the next ten years!





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# JUNIOR HATTERS



## TODAY'S MASCOTS



**NAME:** Tyler Cremin  
**AGE:** 7  
**HOBBIES:** PLAYING FOOTBALL FOR HOUGHTON ATHLETIC U8s  
**FAVOURITE PLAYER:** ANDREW SHINNIE



**NAME:** Lewis Cremin  
**AGE:** 5  
**HOBBIES:** PLAYING FOOTBALL FOR HOUGHTON ATHLETIC U6s  
**FAVOURITE PLAYER:** SONNY BRADLEY

## JUNIOR STATISTICIAN

### GOALS


### SCORE

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# HATTERS ON TOUR

Here are some photos from the Town's pre-season trip to Portugal!



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## HATTERS ART

Some wonderful artwork created by our Junior Hatters!



**Aiden Millard**  
Aged 7



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# FIXTURES 2019-20

AWAY	Barnsley	Birmingham City	Blackburn Rovers	Brentford	Bristol City	Cardiff City	Charlton Athletic	Derby County	Fulham	Huddersfield Town	Hull City
HOME	Barnsley	Birmingham City	Blackburn Rovers	Brentford	Bristol City	Cardiff City	Charlton Athletic	Derby County	Fulham	Huddersfield Town	Hull City
Barnsley	-	11.02.20	21.03.20	28.09.19	02.11.19	07.03.20	17.08.19	02.10.19	03.08.19	11.01.20	30.11.19
Birmingham City	20.08.19	-	22.10.19	15.02.20	10.08.19	18.01.20	18.04.20	02.05.20	09.11.19	21.03.20	18.03.20
Blackburn Rovers	23.11.19	26.12.19	-	27.11.19	14.03.20	24.08.19	03.08.19	07.12.19	08.02.20	19.10.19	11.02.20
Brentford	02.05.20	03.08.19	22.02.20	-	02.10.19	11.12.19	10.04.20	31.08.19	14.12.19	02.11.19	17.08.19
Bristol City	18.01.20	08.02.20	14.12.19	01.01.20	-	04.04.20	23.10.19	12.02.20	07.03.20	30.11.19	10.04.20
Cardiff City	07.12.19	02.11.19	10.04.20	29.02.20	09.11.19	-	21.03.20	18.04.20	31.08.19	21.08.19	02.05.20
Charlton Athletic	01.02.20	14.09.19	15.02.20	24.08.19	26.12.19	23.11.19	-	19.10.19	25.01.20	10.12.19	14.12.19
Derby County	01.01.20	28.09.19	07.03.20	13.04.20	20.08.19	14.09.19	29.12.19	-	22.02.20	15.02.20	18.01.20
Fulham	15.02.20	04.04.20	10.08.19	14.03.20	07.12.19	13.04.20	05.10.19	26.11.19	-	01.02.20	02.11.19
Huddersfield Town	26.10.19	23.11.19	29.12.19	18.01.20	25.02.20	12.02.20	29.02.20	05.08.19	17.08.19	-	05.10.19
Hull City	26.02.20	21.12.19	20.08.19	01.02.20	24.08.19	28.09.19	14.03.20	26.10.19	11.01.20	25.01.20	-
Leeds United	18.04.20	19.10.19	09.11.19	21.08.19	15.02.20	14.12.19	02.05.20	21.09.19	18.03.20	07.03.20	10.12.19
<b>LUTON TOWN</b>	<b>10.04.20</b>	<b>11.01.20</b>	<b>02.05.20</b>	<b>25.02.20</b>	<b>19.10.19</b>	<b>08.02.20</b>	<b>26.11.19</b>	<b>25.01.20</b>	<b>26.12.19</b>	<b>31.08.19</b>	<b>21.09.19</b>
Middlesbrough	27.11.19	25.01.20	01.02.20	10.08.19	13.04.20	25.04.20	07.12.19	11.01.20	26.10.19	26.12.19	23.11.19
Millwall	21.12.19	26.02.20	18.04.20	29.12.19	29.02.20	22.10.19	09.11.19	14.03.20	12.02.20	02.05.20	31.08.19
Nottingham Forest	21.09.19	17.08.19	01.01.20	05.10.19	21.03.20	30.11.19	11.02.20	09.11.19	10.04.20	18.03.20	23.10.19
Preston North End	05.10.19	25.04.20	26.10.19	14.09.19	28.09.19	17.03.20	18.01.20	21.03.20	10.12.19	09.11.19	22.02.20
Queens Park Rangers	14.03.20	29.02.20	05.10.19	26.10.19	01.02.20	01.01.20	21.12.19	25.02.20	21.03.20	10.08.19	29.12.19
Reading	29.02.20	07.12.19	21.09.19	21.03.20	25.01.20	17.08.19	31.08.19	21.12.19	01.10.19	10.04.20	08.02.20
Sheffield Wednesday	10.08.19	27.11.19	18.01.20	07.12.19	21.12.19	29.12.19	26.02.20	29.02.20	21.09.19	18.04.20	01.01.20
Stoke City	04.04.20	13.04.20	30.11.19	25.04.20	14.09.19	22.02.20	08.02.20	17.08.19	19.10.19	01.10.19	07.03.20
Swansea City	29.12.19	24.08.19	11.12.19	22.10.19	25.04.20	26.10.19	01.01.20	08.02.20	30.11.19	22.02.20	03.08.19
West Bromwich Albion	22.10.19	14.03.20	31.08.19	21.12.19	27.11.19	05.10.19	26.10.19	10.04.20	18.04.20	21.09.19	04.04.20
Wigan Athletic	31.08.19	01.10.19	18.03.20	09.11.19	11.01.20	03.08.19	21.09.19	26.12.19	02.05.20	14.12.19	18.04.20

# WHO IS PLAYING WHO, AND WHEN... RESULTS UPDATED THROUGHOUT THE SEASON



	Leeds United	<b>LUTON TOWN</b>	Middlesbrough	Millwall	Nottingham Forest	Preston North End	Queens Park Rangers	Reading	Sheffield Wednesday	Stoke City	Swansea City	West Bromwich Albion	Wigan Athletic
	14.09.19	<b>24.08.19</b>	22.02.20	17.03.20	25.04.20	25.01.20	14.12.19	11.12.19	08.02.20	09.11.19	19.10.19	26.12.19	13.04.20
	29.12.19	<b>26.10.19</b>	05.10.19	30.11.19	01.02.20	21.09.19	11.12.19	07.03.20	22.02.20	31.08.19	10.04.20	14.12.19	01.01.20
	04.04.20	<b>28.09.19</b>	17.08.19	14.09.19	01.10.19	11.01.20	25.01.20	25.04.20	02.11.19	26.02.20	29.02.20	13.04.20	21.12.19
	11.02.20	<b>30.11.19</b>	08.02.20	19.10.19	25.01.20	18.04.20	11.01.20	23.11.19	07.03.20	21.09.19	26.12.19	17.03.20	04.04.20
	04.08.19	<b>29.12.19</b>	31.08.19	10.12.19	23.11.19	02.05.20	17.08.19	05.10.19	17.03.20	18.04.20	21.09.19	22.02.20	26.10.19
	14.03.20	<b>10.08.19</b>	21.09.19	26.12.19	25.02.20	21.12.19	02.10.19	01.02.20	19.10.19	26.11.19	11.01.20	25.01.20	15.02.20
	28.09.19	<b>22.02.20</b>	07.03.20	04.04.20	21.08.19	02.11.19	17.03.20	13.04.20	30.11.19	10.08.19	02.10.19	11.01.20	25.04.20
	25.04.20	<b>05.10.19</b>	02.11.19	14.12.19	04.04.20	23.11.19	30.11.19	17.03.20	11.12.19	01.02.20	10.08.19	24.08.19	23.10.19
	21.12.19	<b>23.10.19</b>	18.01.20	21.08.19	24.08.19	29.02.20	23.11.19	01.01.20	25.04.20	29.12.19	25.02.20	14.09.19	28.09.19
	07.12.19	<b>13.04.20</b>	23.10.19	28.09.19	21.12.19	04.04.20	08.02.20	24.08.19	14.09.19	01.01.20	26.11.19	25.04.20	14.03.20
	29.02.20	<b>25.04.20</b>	21.03.20	13.04.20	26.12.19	27.11.19	19.10.19	10.08.19	01.10.19	07.12.19	15.02.20	09.11.19	14.09.19
	-	<b>21.03.20</b>	30.11.19	25.01.20	10.08.19	26.12.19	02.11.19	22.02.20	11.01.20	10.04.20	31.08.19	01.10.19	01.02.20
	<b>23.11.19</b>	-	<b>02.08.19</b>	<b>02.10.19</b>	<b>02.11.19</b>	<b>14.03.20</b>	<b>18.04.20</b>	<b>04.04.20</b>	<b>12.02.20</b>	<b>29.02.20</b>	<b>21.12.19</b>	<b>17.08.19</b>	<b>07.12.19</b>
	26.02.20	<b>15.02.20</b>	-	24.08.19	29.02.20	01.10.19	04.04.20	14.09.19	28.09.19	21.12.19	14.03.20	19.10.19	20.08.19
	05.10.19	<b>01.01.20</b>	10.04.20	-	07.12.19	<b>03.08.19</b>	21.09.19	18.01.20	17.08.19	26.10.19	21.03.20	08.02.20	26.11.19
	08.02.20	<b>18.01.20</b>	10.12.19	07.03.20	-	31.08.19	22.02.20	26.10.19	14.12.19	02.05.20	18.04.20	03.08.19	29.12.19
	23.10.19	<b>14.12.19</b>	01.01.20	15.02.20	13.04.20	-	07.03.20	29.12.19	24.08.19	21.08.19	01.02.20	30.11.19	10.08.19
	18.01.20	<b>14.09.19</b>	09.11.19	25.04.20	27.11.19	07.12.19	-	22.10.19	13.04.20	15.02.20	21.08.19	28.09.19	24.08.19
	26.11.19	<b>09.11.19</b>	18.04.20	02.11.19	11.01.20	19.10.19	26.12.19	-	<b>03.08.19</b>	14.03.20	02.05.20	12.02.20	26.02.20
	26.10.19	<b>20.08.19</b>	02.05.20	01.02.20	14.03.20	10.04.20	31.08.19	15.02.20	-	22.10.19	09.11.19	21.03.20	05.10.19
	24.08.19	<b>10.12.19</b>	18.03.20	11.01.20	28.09.19	12.02.20	<b>03.08.19</b>	14.12.19	26.12.19	-	25.01.20	02.11.19	23.11.19
	13.04.20	<b>18.03.20</b>	14.12.19	23.11.19	14.09.19	17.08.19	11.02.20	28.09.19	04.04.20	05.10.19	-	07.03.20	18.01.20
	01.01.20	<b>01.02.20</b>	29.12.19	10.08.19	15.02.20	25.02.20	02.05.20	21.08.19	23.11.19	18.01.20	07.12.19	-	29.02.20
	17.08.19	<b>07.03.20</b>	11.02.20	22.02.20	19.10.19	08.02.20	10.04.20	30.11.19	25.01.20	21.03.20	02.11.19	11.12.19	-

# FIXTURES & RESULTS

DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS	PENALTY (F)	PENALTY (F)	OWN GOALS	SENT OFF	OPP. SENT OFF	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>AUGUST</b>																				
<b>Fri 2</b>	<b>7.45pm</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>Middlesbrough</b>																	
Sat 10	3.00pm	A	Cardiff City																	
<b>Tue 13</b>	<b>7.45pm</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>Ipswich Town (Cup)</b>																	
<b>Sat 17</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>West Bromwich Albion</b>																	
Tue 20	7.45pm	A	Sheffield Wednesday																	
Sat 24	3.00pm	A	Barnsley																	
<b>Sat 31</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>Huddersfield Town</b>																	
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>																				
Sat 14	3.00pm	A	Luton Town																	
<b>Sat 21</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>Hull City</b>																	
Sat 28	3.00pm	A	Blackburn Rovers																	
<b>OCTOBER</b>																				
<b>Wed 2</b>	<b>7.45pm</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>Millwall</b>																	
Sat 5	3.00pm	A	Derby County																	
<b>Sat 19</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>Bristol City</b>																	
Wed 23	7.45pm	A	Fulham																	
Sat 26	3.00pm	A	Birmingham City																	
<b>NOVEMBER</b>																				
<b>Sat 2</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>Nottingham Forest</b>																	
Sat 9	3.00pm	A	Reading																	
<b>Sat 23</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>Leeds United</b>																	
<b>Tue 26</b>	<b>7.45pm</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>Charlton Athletic</b>																	
Sat 30	3.00pm	A	Brentford																	
<b>DECEMBER</b>																				
<b>Sat 7</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>Wigan Athletic</b>																	
Tue 10	8.00pm	A	Stoke City																	
Sat 14	3.00pm	A	Preston North End																	
<b>Sat 21</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>Swansea City</b>																	
<b>Thu 26</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>Fulham</b>																	
Sun 29	3.00pm	A	Bristol City																	
<b>JANUARY</b>																				
Wed 1	1.00pm	A	Millwall																	
<b>Sat 11</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>Birmingham City</b>																	
Sat 18	3.00pm	A	Nottingham Forest																	
<b>Sat 25</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>Derby County</b>																	
<b>FEBRUARY</b>																				
Sat 1	3.00pm	A	West Bromwich Albion																	
<b>Sat 8</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>Cardiff City</b>																	
<b>Wed 12</b>	<b>7.45pm</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>Sheffield Wednesday</b>																	
Sat 15	3.00pm	A	Middlesbrough																	
Sat 22	3.00pm	A	Charlton Athletic																	
<b>Tue 25</b>	<b>7.45pm</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>Brentford</b>																	
<b>Sat 29</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>Stoke City</b>																	
<b>MARCH</b>																				
Sat 7	3.00pm	A	Wigan Athletic																	
<b>Sat 14</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>Preston North End</b>																	
Wed 18	7.45pm	A	Swansea City																	
Sat 21	3.00pm	A	Leeds United																	
<b>APRIL</b>																				
<b>Sat 4</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>Reading</b>																	
<b>Fri 10</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>Barnsley</b>																	
Mon 13	3.00pm	A	Huddersfield Town																	
<b>Sat 18</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>Queens Park Rangers</b>																	
Sat 25	3.00pm	A	Hull City																	
<b>MAY</b>																				
<b>Sat 2</b>	<b>12.30pm</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>Blackburn Rovers</b>																	

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

9	10	11	12	14	15	16	17	19	20	23	25	28	29	36	37	40	44	SUB TIMES			SENT OFF		GOAL TIMES
Danny Hylton	Elliott Lee	Andrew Shinnie	Simon Sluga	Harry Cornick	Jake Jennis	Glen Rea	Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	James Collins	George Monour	Brendan Galloway	Kazenga LuaLua	Lloyd Jones	Jacob Butterfield	James Shea	Frankie Musonda	Harry Isted	Alan Sheehan	a	b	c	L#	A#	

# IN MEMORIAM

We are sorry to report the passing of three Hatters supporters and offer condolences to all their family and friends.



## PAUL KING

Paul King passed away, aged 32, on July 7th this year having supported the club for over 20 years. His father, Paul Snr, wrote: "Before his two girls arrived, Paul attended as many games as he could travelling up from Brighton, and for five years had a season ticket over the period when we last got promoted to the Championship. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him."



## GEOFFREY MCKNIGHT

Season ticket holder Geoffrey McKnight sadly died late last year, on December 16th, after a battle with oesophageal cancer. Son Eddy contacted Our Town to say: "Unfortunately due to his health issues he had been unable to get to a match last season but he would have been so happy to see Luton's success in getting promoted! He would always listen to and watch the games on his tablet while in hospital."



## MICHAEL LOUGHLIN

Michael 'Locky' Loughlin passed away on June 18th, aged 52. His friend Neil Boustred wrote: "Mick was a life long Hatters fan, originally from Houghton Regis, and for the past few years he had a season ticket in the Kenilworth Road stand. He was a beloved partner, father, granddad, brother and uncle, a committed family man. He lived his life to its fullest, never missing an opportunity to try new things. His smile, laughter and personality will be sadly missed by all who knew him."

KEY: **Team name colour:** Carabao Cup Match | **Team name colour:** FA Cup Match | **y:** yellow card | **r:** red card

## OUR NEXT OPPOSITION

CARDIFF CITY | 10.08.19 | KO 3PM

# UP NEXT

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### WHO?

Celebrating 120 years since their formation in 1899, the Bluebirds have made a surprise return to the Premier League under Neil Warnock in the 2017/18 campaign, before immediately heading back down to the Championship. Having played in the second tier for 14 out of the last 16 seasons prior to this campaign, Cardiff will be hoping to find their way back into the top tier at the first attempt, having also previously played there in the 2013/14 season. A club with a fantastic history, they are the only club outside of England to lift the FA Cup, as well as more recently reaching the final of that competition in 2008 and the League Cup final in 2012.

### STADIUM - CARDIFF CITY STADIUM

Built at a cost of £48 million between 2007-09, the ground has been home to not only the Bluebirds but the Wales national team. Averaged crowds of 31,413 last season in the Premier League, the highest the ground has seen since it was built. Cardiff boast a good win record there as well, winning over 50% of their 200 league games.

### HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

Town last took on the Bluebirds back in January 2007, drawing 0-0 at Kenilworth Road in the Championship. In total, the two have faced each other 67 times, with the Hatters winning on 26 occasions, drawing 18 and losing 23.

### KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU

Steve White joined the Hatters in 1979, before departing three years later for Charlton Athletic – he would go onto play for the Cardiff late on in his career. Ceri Hughes (pictured) also joined the Bluebirds at the end of his playing career, whilst Adrian Alston played for Cardiff the season after he left Kenilworth Road. Richard Langley and Mark Walton also represented both.



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## CARDIFF CITY A

SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP | 3PM | 10.08.19

The Hatters received an initial allocation of 2,762 tickets for this fixture. Any remaining tickets will remain on sale, subject to availability, until 2pm on Friday 9th August. There is a small specific area where no standing will be fully enforced for supporters who can't or don't want to stand. It is suggested family groups, the elderly and ambulant supporters book their tickets in this area. If you wish to book this area please book in the Family area online or request this from the Ticket Office when booking. **GENERAL AREA:** Adults: £17, Seniors (60+): £14, 16-21: £9, Junior (U16): £7, Personal Assistant if required: Free of charge. Wheelchair Access Area Prices: Adults: £16, Seniors (60+): £12, 16-21: £9, Junior (U16): £6, Personal Assistant if required: Free of charge. If Match day tickets are available, prices will increase by a maximum of £2 on the day.

## IPSWICH TOWN H

CARABAO CUP R1 | 7.45PM | 13.08.19

Any remaining tickets for this fixture are now on general sale at category C prices.

## WEST BROM ALBION H

SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP | 3PM | 17.08.19

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

## SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY A

SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP | 7.45PM | 20.08.19

The club had not received ticket information for this game prior to today's programme going to print.

## BOBBERS TRAVEL CLUB TIMETABLE

Date	Opposition	Adult	Conc.*	Depart	Date	Opposition	Adult	Conc.*	Depart
10.08.19	Cardiff City	£32	£29	09.00	29.12.19	Bristol City	£26	£23	10.00
20.08.19	Sheffield Wednesday	£26	£23	15.00	01.01.20	Millwall	£20	£18	10.00
24.08.19	Barnsley	£26	£23	10.00	18.01.20	Nottingham Forest	£25	£22	11.30
14.09.19	Queens Park Rangers	£20	£18	12.00	01.02.20	West Bromwich Albion	£25	£22	11.30
28.09.19	Blackburn Rovers	£32	£29	08.30	15.02.20	Middlesbrough	£38	£35	08.30
05.10.19	Derby County	£25	£22	11.30	22.02.20	Charlton Athletic	£20	£18	11.30
23.10.19	Fulham	£20	£18	16.30	07.03.20	Wigan Athletic	£32	£29	09.00
26.10.19	Birmingham City	£25	£22	11.30	18.03.20	Swansea City	£38	£35	13.00
09.11.19	Reading	£20	£18	11.30	21.03.20	Leeds United	£28	£25	09.30
30.11.19	Brentford	£20	£18	12.00	13.04.20	Huddersfield Town	£28	£25	09.30
10.12.19	Stoke City	£26	£23	15.30	25.04.20	Hull City	£30	£27	09.00
14.12.19	Preston North End	£32	£29	09.00					

Concession rate applies to those aged 15 and under or over 60

# THE LAST WORD

BY **SIMON PITTS** – IFOLLOW HATTERS COMMENTATOR



**So here we are, almost 13 years to the day since we last kicked off a season in the second tier of English Football and back in 2006 it was a Saturday lunchtime match against Leicester City, also live on SKY Sports, to start the new campaign.**

Let's hope history repeats itself as the Hatters won 2-0 that day courtesy of goals from Leon Barnett and Carlos Edwards.

Luton had also won their opening game of the Championship season 12 months earlier. After winning League One in 2004/05 the Hatters started their 2005/06 campaign at Crystal Palace, where they shocked a side who had been two Leagues above them just a few months earlier, as Steve Howard and Ahmet Brkovic scored in a 2-1 win.

We welcome Middlesbrough to Kenilworth Road for the first time in nearly 25 years for a competitive match.

Back in October 1994 the Hatters won 5-1 as Dwight Marshall (twice), David Preece and John Hartson all scored, after Paul Wilkinson had headed into his own net to give Luton the lead.

It turned out to be Middlesbrough's biggest defeat of the season, in a campaign that ended with them being crowned Champions and promoted to the Premier League, where they have played for 14 of the last 24 seasons.

In all competitions Luton have a home record of won eight, drawn two and lost four matches against tonight's visitors, scoring 27 goals and conceding 17.

Tonight's attendance will be the highest opening day crowd at Kenilworth Road since 1985 when 11,318 saw Brian Stein score in a 1-1 draw against Nottingham Forest, and it'll be the first time over 9,000 since the Hatters beat Watford 2-1 in 1993/94, courtesy of goals from Paul Telfer and Kerry Dixon.

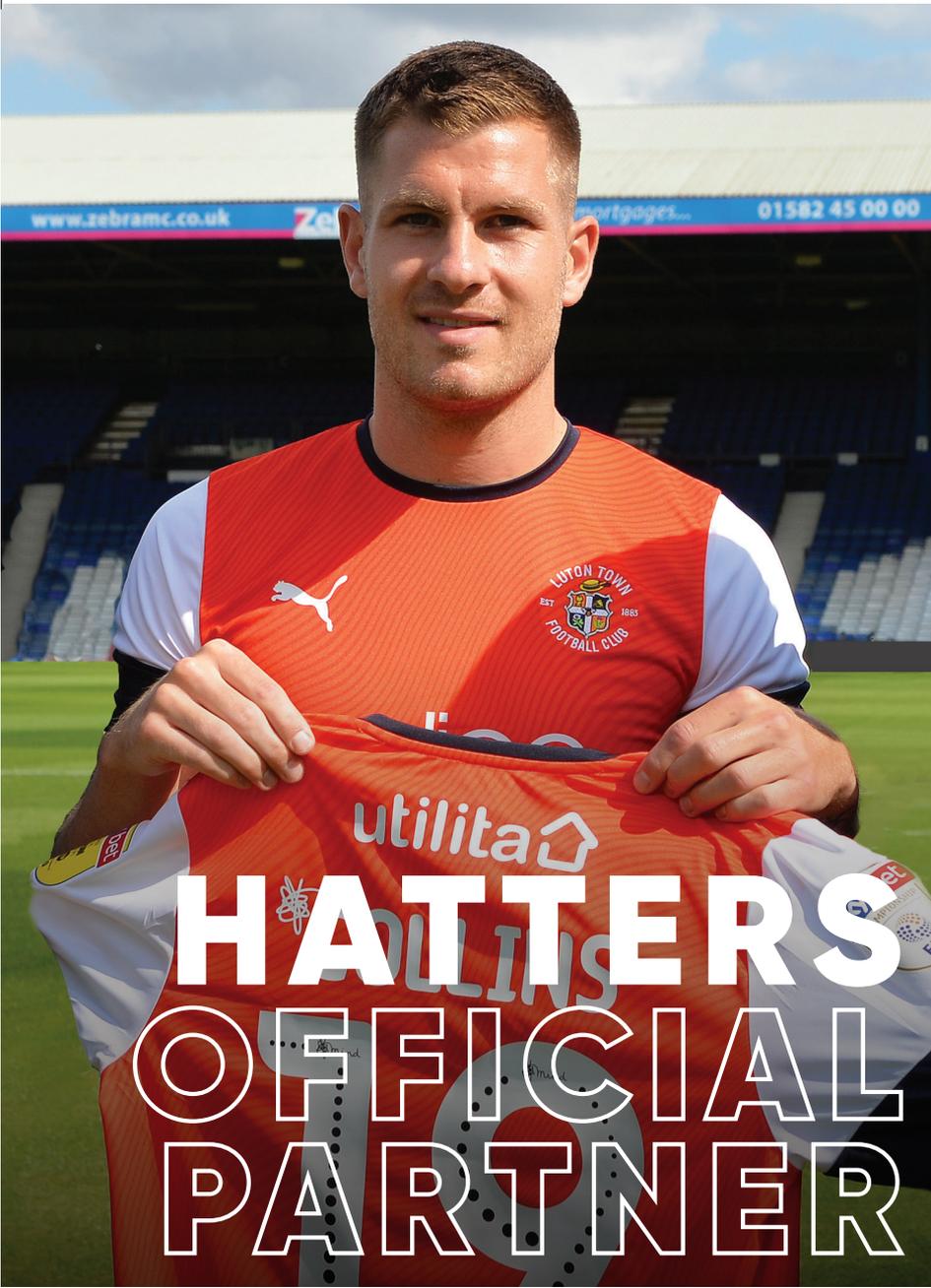
As for opening a season at Kenilworth Road Luton have won six of their last ten, drawn two and lost two, and on their last occasion in 2017 the Hatters recorded their highest ever opening day win with an 8-2 victory over Yeovil, as James Collins netted a debut hat-trick after joining from Crawley.

Talking of debuts, I'll take this opportunity to welcome our new signings to the Club and wish them every success during their time at Kenilworth Road..... and possibly even Power Court!

During the pre-season we've seen James Justin transferred to Leicester City, for a record fee received by Luton, and Jack Stacey depart to Bournemouth in another multi-million pound deal, so best wishes to both with their future careers in the Premier League.

Enjoy the match tonight and the exciting season, back in the Championship, that is ahead of us. #COYH

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# LINE-UP

## MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE - OLIVER LANGFORD | ASSISTANT REFEREE 1 - AKIL HOWSON  
ASSISTANT REFEREE 2 - PAUL HODGKINSON | FOURTH OFFICIAL - JAMES LININGTON



### MANAGER: GRAEME JONES

01	MAREK STECH	10	ELLIOT LEE	23	BRENDAN GALLOWAY
02	MARTIN CRANIE	11	ANDREW SHINNIE	25	KAZENGA LUALUA
03	DAN POTTS	12	SIMON SLUGA	28	LLOYD JONES
04	RYAN TUNNICLIFFE	14	HARRY CORNICK	29	JACOB BUTTERFIELD
05	SONNY BRADLEY	15	JAKE JERVIS	36	JAMES SHEA
06	MATTY PEARSON	16	GLEN REA	37	FRANKIE MUSONDA
07	CALLUM MCMANAMAN	17	PELLY-RUDDOCK MPANZU	40	HARRY ISTD
08	LUKE BERRY	19	JAMES COLLINS	44	ALAN SHEEHAN
09	DANNY HYLTON	20	GEORGE MONCUR		

\*Squad numbers are provisional at the time of going to print and subject to change



### MANAGER: JONATHAN WOODGATE

01	TOMAS MEJIAS	16	JONNY HOWSON	32	STEPHEN WEARNE
03	GEORGE FRIEND	17	PADDY MCNAIR	33	HAYDEN COULSON
04	DANIEL SANCHEZ AYALA	21	MARVIN JOHNSON	34	CONNOR MALLEY
05	RYAN SHOTTON	22	GEORGE SAVILLE	35	TYRONE O'NEILL
06	DAEL FRY	23	DARREN RANDOLPH	36	STEPHEN WALKER
07	MARCUS TAVERNIER	25	NATHAN WOOD	37	BEN LITTLE
08	ADAM CLAYTON	26	LEWIS WING	38	BRADLEY JAMES
09	BRITT ASSOMBALONGA	27	MARC BOLA	40	ZACHARY HEMMING
10	MARCUS BROWNE	28	SAM STUBBS	41	RUMARN BURRELL
11	ASHLEY FLETCHER	29	DJED SPENCE	42	AYNSLEY PEARS
14	RUDY GESTEDE	31	PATRICK READING		

## NEXT HOME MATCH

IPSWICH TOWN | CARABAO CUP FIRST ROUND | 13.08.19 | KO: 7.45PM