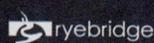




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## THE MANAGER

**Welcome back to Kenilworth Road for our second home Sky Bet Championship game of the season against my former club West Bromwich Albion.**

I'd like to welcome everyone who has journeyed from the Hawthorns. I was there for only eight months of last season, but I made many good friends and wish the Baggies well. Their manager Slaven Bilic is someone whose team I've come up against when he was at West Ham and we know that we'll be in for a tough test against his side, who are naturally among the favourites for promotion back to the Premier League.

This is the third time we've come up against such an opponent having faced Middlesbrough and Cardiff City so far, so it's been a real eye-opening start to life at a higher level for the club and I've been impressed with how the players have adapted.

We've been competitive in every game but we need to translate those good footballing performances into points, of course, and having spent hours going through every detail of the defeat at Cardiff, the boys know where we need to improve.

We get the opportunity to do that against the same opposition sooner than we expected with the Carabao Cup second round draw presenting us with another visit to south Wales in just over a week's time, following our victory over Ipswich here on Tuesday night.

I was really pleased with the display that gave us our first win of the season, especially in the first half. Izzy Brown, James Bree, Luke Bolton and Brendan Galloway all had good debuts, along with Kazenga LuaLua getting his 45 minutes at Kenilworth Road as he plays pre-season catch-up.

We had to make a couple of changes in personnel at half-time and we weren't as fluent afterwards, but it was a huge positive to get up and running with a win using a completely different eleven to the team that played at Cardiff.

With Josh Neufville coming on at right-back, it gave me the opportunity to have seen 23 players in two matches over four days, so I now know a lot more about the vast majority of the lads at my disposal.

I said when coming here that everyone would have an opportunity to prove themselves and that football would make decisions for me, so we are further along that process and I've been thoroughly impressed by what I've seen.

The relentless nature of Saturday-Tuesday life in the Championship continues after today's game with the midweek trip to Sheffield Wednesday, and having experienced the wonderful travelling support last week, I know you'll be there in your numbers despite the long journey.

From supporters I've been lucky to meet personally and the collective backing we've had at every game, despite the situation or scoreline that we may find ourselves at within those 90 minutes, I've quickly come to appreciate your passion for your club and influence you have on our team.

Please keep it up and roar the lads on again today.

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## THE MANAGER

# GRAEME JONES

The Hatters manager reflects on the midweek win over Ipswich and looks ahead to today's game against his old club >>>

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# ROB STRINGER



**It's a real privilege to be writing these notes as a newly appointed Luton Town director at the start of such an exciting season ahead.**

The last few seasons have been so positive at the club both on and off the pitch that when Gary, David and the board formally approached me about being involved again, it was not hard to make my mind up. I think all of us find that as you get older you get more passionate about the club, not less, so the time felt right for many reasons.

The camaraderie and clear direction in the boardroom is the best I've known it in my many years' association with the club, so there is so much to look forward to for all us Town supporters as we plan the future.

The friendships I have made at the club in recent seasons are for life, not just one season – although sitting next to Bob Curson at the annual Directors/ Vice Presidents Christmas lunch is a dangerous mission for a person of a slightly weaker transatlantic constitution like me. The board works hard but can play hard too, which is the whole point in sport, isn't it?

I have tried to help the club in as many ways as asked in recent years, and the warmth and care I have received in return always made me excited to be in

the orbit of the club. Nothing is ever too much trouble for all the staff here and it's an infectious special environment to be part of as a Hatters disciple.

On a strategic note I am already constantly staggered by the sheer amount of detailed planning that goes into determining where we are heading, and I know you are aware that 2020 has all our best interests at heart. I am particularly impressed with the values and principles employed at both micro and macro levels that weren't always at the heart of this club in my 46 years as a supporter.

Everyone has to row in the same direction at every level of the club and that wasn't always the case in recent chapters before 2020 took over. We all want a club that is successful long term, not fleetingly, and our difficult times in Non-League proved to me how committed 2020 are to that process.

## Challenges

Looking at the current tragic plight of Bury, who got promoted but clearly over stretched themselves beyond repair, is not a model we want to repeat at this club, and we have been close to it in previous eras when the money wasn't there, nor perhaps more importantly the correct spirit or empathy to all be realistic about the complicated challenges of running a football club.

Despite the geographical challenges of living most of the year 6,000 miles away in New York for the past 13 years, I try to get back here on a very regular basis so I have been at Kenilworth Road for many exciting fixtures in recent seasons. Although as David and Gary frequently remind me, I did fly back once for a FA Trophy game at Staines (very handy for Heathrow) on a chilly November Saturday. It was 0-0, but the match did mark the debut of Pelly and we still had a fun afternoon.

As an overseas exile fan I am indebted to iFollow for allowing me to watch every single game when I am not back home in the UK. There is no meeting too important in my office that I won't block out the two hours on a Tuesday afternoon with the game starting five hours ahead here. I am trying to convert the



entire North American continent one by one to the Hatters cause, and there are now several fans in my office who watch with me, although I suspect they may not have a choice! Even our company head of Latin America is an iFollow subscriber, and Buenos Aires is a long way from Luton.

I also fondly remember Mick, when he was on holiday in New York, watching a midweek game at my apartment in our League Two promotion season and nervously kicking every ball from my sofa! Fortunately, we won 4-1. Who knew then what was in his destiny as he steered us to even greater heights so mightily the following season?

As a cultural exchange I have also converted fellow director Mike Herrick to baseball, as I have season tickets to the New York Yankees. Their stadium is very impressive but still not quite the same allure as Kenilworth Road!

Viewing the games so far on TV I believe that we are tactically astute enough to prosper in the Championship and we have a new manager in Graeme who is clearly articulate and smart about the challenges ahead. The squad has been shaped correctly and appropriately to our means and more importantly the way we all like to see us play football. Eleven changes in the Carabao Cup team didn't alter this philosophy, which was very heartening to see this early in a season. We will have ups and downs as the 95th minute at Cardiff reminded us, but we have so much to be optimistic about.

See you all soon!



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# DEADLINE DAY DEALS!

The Hatters made three new signings on transfer deadline day, all arriving on loan from Premier League clubs for the season. Over the next three pages, we introduce them...

## JAMES BREE

**Parent Club: Aston Villa**

**Age: 21**

**Position: Defender**

**The Hatters completed the signing of defender James Bree on loan from Premier League side Aston Villa.**

The 21-year-old became Graeme Jones' eighth signing of the summer transfer window, including the returning Kazenga LuaLua, with the defender joining for the rest of the 2019/20 season.

Bree arrives having made over 100 career appearances, the majority of which have come in the Championship. He started out at Barnsley and became the club's second youngest debutant when he played in the Tykes' 3-2 defeat against QPR in 2014, aged just 16.

He signed for Villa in the 2016/17 January transfer window on a four-and-a-half year deal, going onto play 28 times for the Midlands outfit, before spending the second half of last season on loan at Ipswich Town.

Wakefield-born Bree played alongside Martin Cranie, Luke Berry, Elliot Lee and George Moncur at Barnsley, so there will be plenty of familiar faces in the Hatters dressing room.

"There's a good strong connection between the players who have played at

Luton and at Barnsley, so I definitely know a few of them and they know what they are getting from me," he added.

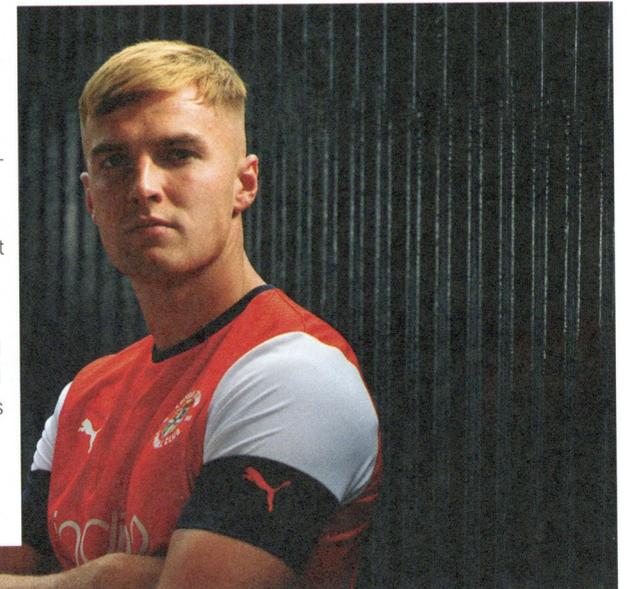
"I've played in the Championship now for two or three seasons and I know what it's all about. It's hard work every week and a battle, but with a bit of quality in the team you can go far.

"It was an obvious choice for me to come and play Championship football. I spoke to Graeme on the phone and he was really welcoming, made me feel at home and that he

wanted me, so it was an obvious decision as soon as I spoke to him."

After seeing a sun-baked Kenilworth Road in all its glory as the clock ticked towards 5pm, he added: "It's the first time I've been here. I've never played here, so it was a nice surprise because I haven't seen many grounds like this one recently. I've heard there's a great atmosphere here so I can't wait to get out there and play."

James got his first opportunity to do that in the Carabao Cup on Tuesday night!





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# IZZY BROWN

**Parent Club: Chelsea**  
**Age: 22**  
**Position: Midfield/Forward**

**Izzy Brown was the second signing on transfer deadline day, joining the Hatters on a loan deal from Premier League club Chelsea.**

The 22-year-old, who has 36 caps for England between Under-16 and U20 level, will spend the rest of the season with the Town and brings more Championship and Premier League experience to Graeme Jones' squad.

Peterborough-born Brown came through the youth ranks at West Bromwich Albion and became the second youngest player in Premier League history when he appeared as a substitute against Arsenal in May 2013, aged 16 years and 117 days.

He moved to Stamford Bridge that summer, with Jose Mourinho handing him his only senior appearance for the Blues to date, putting him on against his boyhood club in the final game of the 2014-15 season.

Since then, Brown has spent his time out on loan, first with Vitesse Arnhem in the Dutch top-flight during 2015-16, before splitting the following campaign in the Championship between Rotherham United and Huddersfield Town, making 41 appearances in all competitions for the two Yorkshire clubs.

Having helped the Terriers win promotion through the play-offs, he joined Brighton & Hove Albion for the 2017-18 Premier League season, making 15 appearances

for the Seagulls before suffering a serious knee injury in January 2018.

He joined Leeds United on loan for last season while continuing his rehabilitation, making just two substitute appearances.

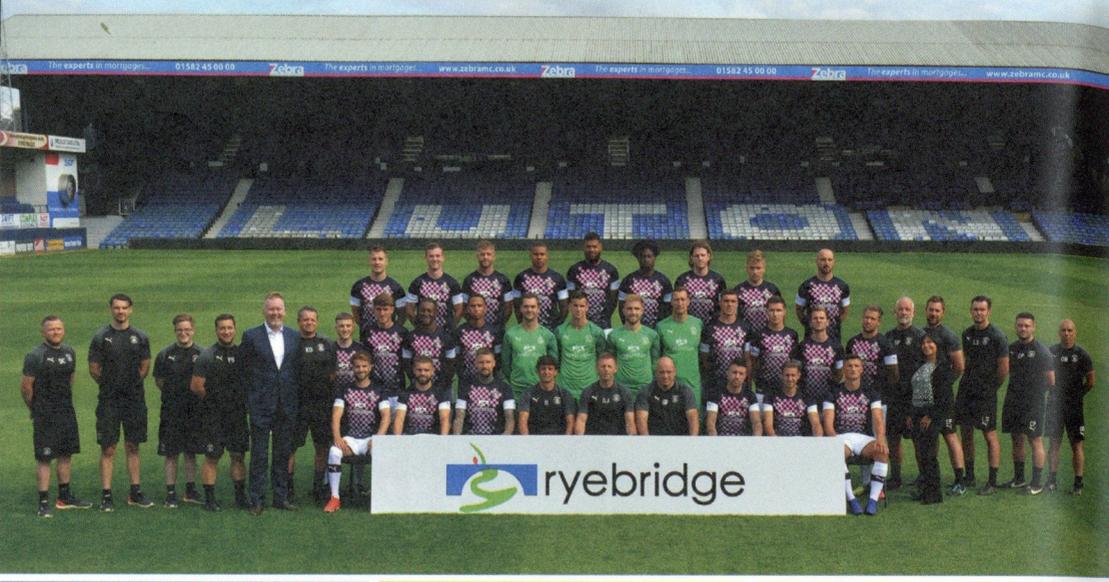
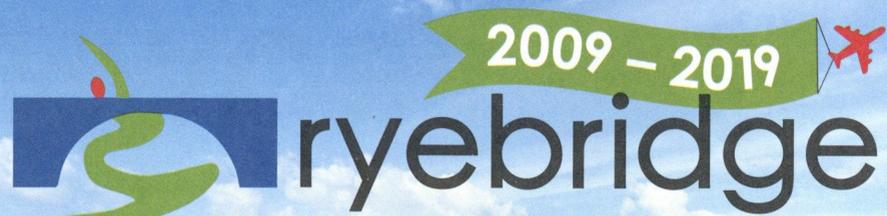
"I am over the moon that the move finally happened, I am very excited to be here," Brown told iFollow Hatters. "The manager seems like he's going to get the best out of me and that's what I need at this moment in my career, to be playing football, and I think that Luton is the best place for me.

"I think with the team that Luton have and the way they play football, it's the way it should be played! So I think Luton is the best suit for me, I can't wait to get on the pitch and play for this club.

"My girlfriend is from Lewsey Farm, just around the corner from here and her family still live here, so I think that helped my decision quite a bit. My family are happy here and hopefully they'll be happy seeing me on the pitch playing. I have already tried to get some more tickets than what the club said they could give me for them!"

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# LUKE BOLTON

**Parent Club:**  
**Manchester City**  
**Age:** 19  
**Position:** Winger

**Town completed a hat-trick of loan signings on deadline day with England Under-20 winger Luke Bolton arriving from Premier League champions Manchester City for the rest of the season.**

A part of the England team that won the Toulon Tournament in 2017, the 19-year-old is highly regarded at the Etihad Stadium and last season was sent out to gain more senior experience.

He enjoyed a loan spell in the second half of the campaign at the Town's then-League One rivals Wycombe Wanderers, making ten appearances for Gareth Ainsworth's team as they avoided the drop back to the basement – including one here at Kenilworth Road.

After signing on at the Kenny, Bolton recalled the Chairboys' 3-0 defeat, saying:

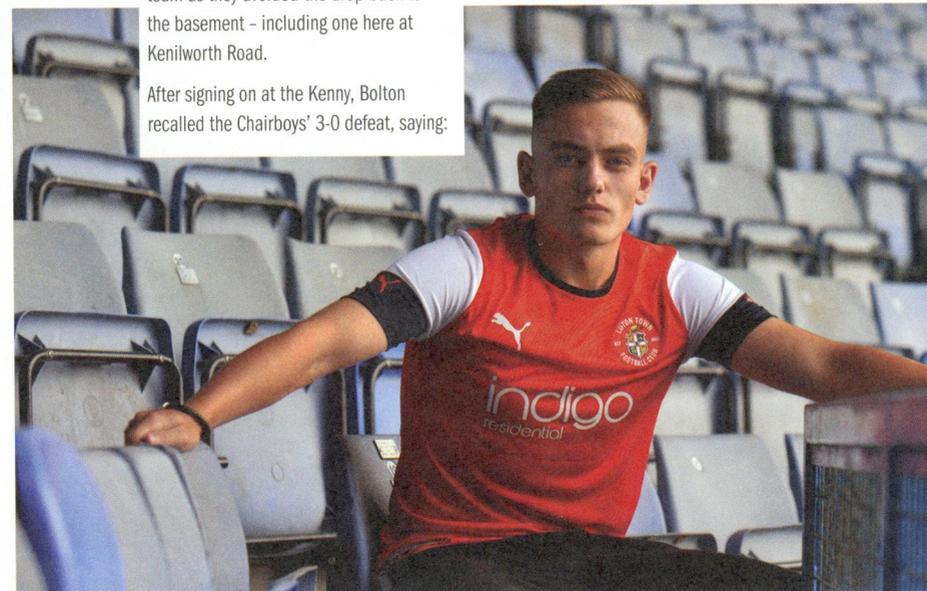
"It was a tough game and obviously Luton played very well, so I know of the quality here from that game and I knew how rocking the stadium was, so I can't wait to get out there and play.

"I've been here and seen what the fans are like. I know how the players play, and I watched the Middlesbrough game and the lads looked like they want to play football. That's what I want to do, so the manager didn't really have to persuade me that much.

"The back to back promotions, the full houses – it's a club that's on the up. They've got big ambitions and so have I, so I think it goes hand-in-hand. I'm buzzing to be here. Luton is a huge club with a massive fanbase and I can't wait to get started."

Bolton added: "City have said to get out and get some experience, just play men's football and playing it in the Championship is not going to do me any harm. It's a top, top level and for a 19-year-old to be playing in the Championship is going to be a good experience."

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# JAMES REDDEN

<b>Previous Club:</b>
<b>Tottenham Hotspur</b>
<b>Age: 30</b>
<b>Position:</b>
<b>Head of Sports Science</b>

**Before we announced any new player arrivals on deadline day, we were delighted to confirm the first of four new faces direct from the Premier League as James Redden joined Graeme Jones' staff as head of sports science, bringing his eight-year association with Tottenham Hotspur to an end.**

The 30-year-old joined Spurs in 2011 on an internship after gaining a first class degree in Sports Science and Maths, followed by a Masters in Exercise Physiology at Loughborough University, renowned as the finest in the country for sporting education.

Two years later Redden became assistant first team sports scientist at White Hart Lane, before stepping up to the main job in 2014 and playing a major role in the north London club's emergence as Premier League title challengers and Champions League finalists.

After starting his role with the Town, Redden – who earlier this year completed a PhD in Applied Physiology at the University of Bath – told lutontown.co.uk: "I'm very excited to get started. From the start of pre-season when it was all agreed, I've been desperate to come in and get to work.

"I met Graeme and Gary Sweet a few weeks ago and immediately got a good

feel for the club. Obviously the back-to-back promotions have created a terrific atmosphere for everyone, but meeting those two, you get a real feeling that it's a good honest club, doing things the right way in every respect.

"It is clear there is a very strong bond among the squad and they are a hard-working group. As a sports scientist, that hard work is something you need if you're going to be effective."

Elliott Plant and Luke Sanders continue in their roles as strength and conditioning coach and sports scientist respectively for a third season.

"One big question for me was what was the group going to be like, and what is already in place?" continued Redden. "Coming into a three-man department is great for a Championship club because being a one-man band in sports science is very difficult.

"Luke and Elliott have done brilliantly. The experiences that they've had over the past two seasons will have been massive for them, and I'm looking forward to working with them immensely."

Jones added: "James impressed me in the interview, but also Richard Evans – who I worked closely with for 11 years at Swansea, Wigan, Everton and Belgium – used to deal with him over Toby Alderweireld, Moussa Dembele and Jan Vertonghen from our Belgium time.

"He always spoke really well about him, so there was a little insight, but it was a fair process and we went for a guy who is very modern in his thinking, but also who's got excellent experience, so we are delighted to have him on board."

Welcome to Kenilworth Road, James!





## GET IN! GET IN THERE!!!

This was the moment seconds after George Moncur bent his free kick around the Portsmouth wall, helping the Hatters to a famous 3-2 win at Kenilworth Road under the lights, in the snow.

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# TEAMMATES



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#### ROOM MATE?

Sonny.

#### CAR SCHOOL?

Frankie Musonda or George Moncur, depending on the day.

#### BEST DRESSED?

Shinnie.

#### WORST DRESSED?

Moncs.

#### ALWAYS ON THE PHONE?

Callum McManaman.

#### LAST TO BUY A DRINK?

Sheasy.

#### BEST AT FIFA?

(Asks Dan Potts) I'm told it's Pelly!

#### POOL CHAMPION?

Me.

#### MOST DISGUSTING EATER?

Glen Rea.

#### FUNNIEST?

George Moncur...sometimes!

#### LOUDEST?

Pelly.

#### MOST SENSIBLE?

Sonny.

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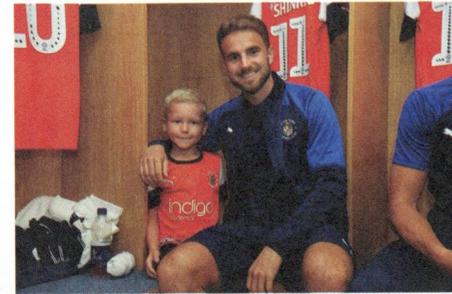
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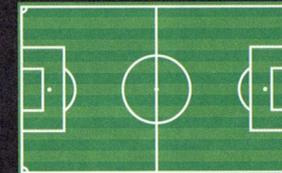
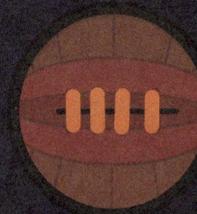
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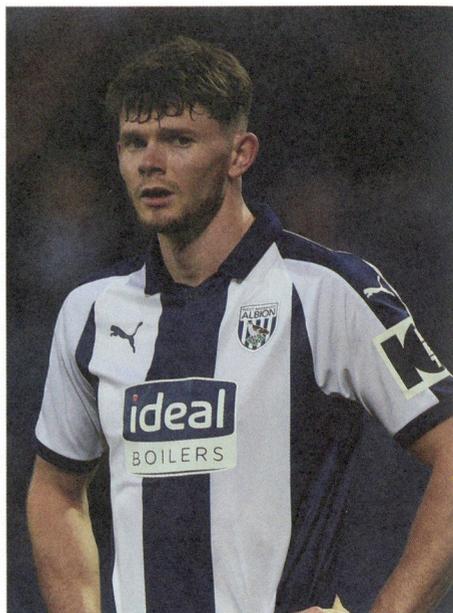
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## OLIVER BURKE

Burke's short loan spell at Celtic in January got off to a very positive start under Brendan Rodgers as starting striker, Odsonne Edouard, was sidelined for most of that month and the Scot was therefore utilised as a No.9 - a position where he came into his own.

His pace and power in a central role was tough for Scottish Premier League defenders to deal with, and he also scored three times in six games.

However, with Edouard's recovery and Rodgers departing to Leicester City, Burke fell out of favour with new manager Neil Lennon and found game time limited.

Slaven Bilic has been using the winger from the bench this season and he's impressed in those opportunities.

Compiled by Dominic Scott-Bone



THE MANAGER

## SLAVEN BILIC

Bilic took over as Baggies boss this summer as the club look to bounce back to the Premier League after missing out in the play-offs.

The Croatian has taken on some high-profile jobs during his managerial career, most notably with his own national team and West Ham United.

With Croatia he showed his eye for talent as he promoted the likes of Luka Modric, Eduardo and Vedran Corluka to the first team.

The 50-year-old served the Hammers for over two years and broke several records for the club in the Premier League era, including the highest number of points with 62 and the highest number of goals in a season with 65.

## PLAYERS...



### GOALKEEPERS

#	NAME	NATIONALITY	AGE
01	SAM JOHNSTONE	ENGLAND	26
23	JONATHAN BOND	ENGLAND	26

### DEFENDERS

#	NAME	NATIONALITY	AGE
02	DARNELL FURLONG	ENGLAND	23
03	KIERAN GIBBS	ENGLAND	29
05	KYLE BARTLEY	ENGLAND	28
06	SEMI AJAYI	NIGERIA	25
14	CONOR TOWNSEND	ENGLAND	26
26	AHMED EL-SAYED HEGAZI	EGYPT	28
27	DARA O'SHEA	REPUBLIC OF IRELAND	20
30	MAX MELBOURNE	ENGLAND	20
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33	KANE WILSON	ENGLAND	19
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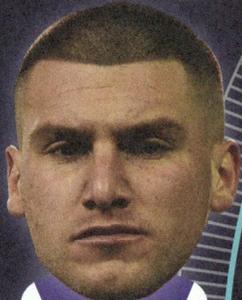
### MIDFIELDERS

#	NAME	NATIONALITY	AGE
07	FILIP KROVINOVIC	CROATIA	23
08	JAKE LIVERMORE	ENGLAND	29
10	MATT PHILLIPS	SCOTLAND	28
11	CHRIS BRUNT	NORTHERN IRELAND	34
12	MATHEUS PERIERA	BRAZIL	23
16	REKEEM HARPER	ENGLAND	19
17	OLIVER BURKE	SCOTLAND	22
18	ROMAINE SAWYERS	ST. KITTS AND NEVIS	27
22	CHRIS WILLOCK	ENGLAND	21
29	GRADY DIANGANA	ENGLAND	21

### FORWARDS

#	NAME	NATIONALITY	AGE
04	HAL ROBSON-KANU	WALES	30
09	KENNETH ZOHORE	DENMARK	25
15	CHARLIE AUSTIN	ENGLAND	30
21	KYLE EDWARDS	ENGLAND	21
31	RAYHAAN TULLOCH	ENGLAND	18

# ON THE RADAR



**SAM  
JOHNSTONE**

<b>Position:</b> GOALKEEPER
<b>Nationality:</b> England
<b>DOB:</b> 25/03/1993
<b>Height:</b> 6ft 4in
<b>Previous Club:</b> Manchester United
<b>2019/20 League Appearances:</b> 2
<b>2019/20 Clean Sheets:</b> 0

In his debut season for West Brom where the club finished fourth, Johnstone featured in every league game.

The shot-stopper made a number of world class saves in the play-off semi-finals against his previous club Aston Villa to take the game to extra-time, however they were beaten on penalties.

Before joining the Baggies in 2018, the 26-year-old came through the academy ranks at Premier League giants Manchester United. He was promoted to the first team as a reserve goalkeeper in 2011, but consequently plied his trade during various loan spells.

He also spent time at Oldham Athletic, Scunthorpe, Walsall, Yeovil, Doncaster, Preston North End and Villa most recently.



**KIERAN  
GIBBS**

<b>Position:</b> DEFENDER
<b>Nationality:</b> England
<b>DOB:</b> 26/09/1989
<b>Height:</b> 5ft 10in
<b>Previous Club:</b> Arsenal
<b>2019/20 League Appearances:</b> 2
<b>2019/20 Goals:</b> 0

Londoner Gibbs' career began with Arsenal in 2007, after joining from the original Wimbledon academy which disbanded in 2004.

The 29-year-old's Gunners tenure spanned ten years in which he won two consecutive FA Cups in 2013/14 and 2014/15, as well as two Community Shields in 2014 and 2015.

Injuries have blighted the full-back's career to date, and he was brought to West Brom in August 2017 for £7m after losing his place at the Emirates to Nacho Monreal.

He has become a regular at the Hawthorns and has made the left-back spot his own. With 10 England caps to his name, Gibbs' experience and know-how will be a great help for Bilic's push for promotion.



**JAKE  
LIVERMORE**

<b>Position:</b> MIDFIELDER
<b>Nationality:</b> England
<b>DOB:</b> 14/01/1989
<b>Height:</b> 5ft 11in
<b>Previous Club:</b> Hull City
<b>2019/20 League Appearances:</b> 2
<b>2019/20 Goals:</b> 0

England international Livermore joined the Baggies in January 2017 and has formed a crucial part of the West Brom spine since, despite relegation later that year.

Whilst beginning his career at Tottenham, the central midfielder spent most of his time out on loan. He gained experience at MK Dons, Crewe Alexandra, Derby County, Peterborough United, Ipswich Town, Leeds United and Hull City.

After impressing with the Tigers on a temporary basis, the club made his move permanent in 2014. He amassed 144 appearances in orange and black across all competitions, playing in the Premier League until they were relegated in 2015. Like Gibbs, his Premier League nous will be important as West Brom look to bounce back.



**CHARLIE  
AUSTIN**

<b>Position:</b> STRIKER
<b>Nationality:</b> England
<b>DOB:</b> 05/07/1989
<b>Height:</b> 6ft 2in
<b>Previous Club:</b> Southampton
<b>2019/20 League Appearances:</b> 0
<b>2019/20 Goals:</b> 0

Another player with vast amounts of Premier League experience having started in Non-League with Poole Town, Austin will be hugely influential if the club are going to push for promotion this season.

The Baggies' new frontman is a proven goalscorer and although he only scored two league goals last term for Southampton, he previously enjoyed prolific spells with Burnley and QPR in the Championship.

He scored 17 league goals in the 2013/14 season and also went on to score 18 the campaign after in the Premier League to become the fourth top scorer that season in the top division, earning him an England call-up, although he didn't win a cap.

# CLASSIC CLASH

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

03.05.1994 | LUTON TOWN 3 WEST BROMWICH ALBION 2 | DIVISION ONE

It had been a long hard season, the Town's second back in Division One (now the Championship) following relegation in 1992, and was full of highs and lows as the team put the supporters through all the emotions.

The Hatters had not got off to the best of starts with only one win (on the opening day) in the first seven games. A 5-0 home win over ten man Barnsley halted the slide but two games and two defeats later the Town were second bottom in the table.

Gradually results improved but we were always looking over our shoulders at the teams below after failing to put together a consistent run of form.

The FA Cup was an altogether different proposition though and a remarkable run saw the Town go through to the last four. Southend were narrowly seen off in round three, followed by a magical 2-0 win over Newcastle after a replay, then a 2-1 victory at Cardiff before West Ham

were seen off in another brilliant Kenilworth Road night under the lights in the quarter-finals. Sadly it all ended in tears in the semi-final at Wembley where Chelsea were deserving 2-0 victors.

The weight of the Chelsea defeat hung heavily over Kenilworth Road for weeks to come and the Hatters lost four games in a row without scoring a goal as they were hauled back towards the relegation positions they thought they had left the previous autumn.

Home draws with Millwall and Southend then helped a little before a genuine 'six pointer' against West Brom at Kenilworth Road, with both sides needing to win to avoid the drop, sent the pulses racing.

A best of the season league home crowd of 10,053 were greeted to a very heavily watered pitch, by order of manager David Pleat, which had standing puddles on it as the game kicked-off. The supporters behind the Kenilworth Road goal were in sombre mood as the last remaining standing section in the ground was to be converted to seating over the summer at a cost of £211,000.

■ **He was led off with a broken cheekbone after a clash with big Welshman John Hartson.** ■



THE WEST BROM GAME MARKED THE LAST DAY OF STANDING AT THE GROUND WITH THE UPPER TIER OF THE KENILWORTH ROAD END BEING CONVERTED TO SEATING OVER THE SUMMER. THE SUPPORTERS PAY THEIR LAST RESPECTS.

It was all Luton in the first half as the Town put on their best attacking display for some time, but they had only one goal to show for it, a 20 yard effort from David Preece. The corner count was 11-0 in the Town's favour at the interval and it was hoped that they would not rue missing their chances.

## Colliding

As to be expected West Brom levelled shortly after the break when Bob Taylor surged past both John Dreyer and Trevor Peake before firing home.

On the hour, Baggies defender Daryl Burgess was stretchered off with concussion after colliding with Luton goalkeeper Juergen Sommer, who also had to depart soon after. It was then West Brom goalkeeper Stuart Naylor who was in the wars when he was led off with a broken cheekbone after a clash with big Welshman John Hartson.

Substitute goalkeeper Tony Lange's first duty was to pick the ball out of the net after Julian James put it there with a header from a corner by Ceri Hughes.

A sweet first-timer by Hartson in the 76th minute made it 3-1 to the Town but the defence caved in again with Kevin Donovan running at it and hitting a shot which smacked against the post for Lee Ashcroft to hammer in the rebound.

With the Baggies throwing everyone forward the game exploded in the sixth minute of injury time when the Town's Mitchell Thomas and West Brom's Gary Strodder were dismissed for fighting.

This was the last meaningful action of the game and on the final whistle it was a relieved David Pleat who faced the wrath of West Brom chairman Trevor Summers, who was threatening to report the Town to the Football League for overwatering the pitch. "We did it to improve the entertainment," said Pleat who knew full well that the Town preferred to play a slick attacking style.

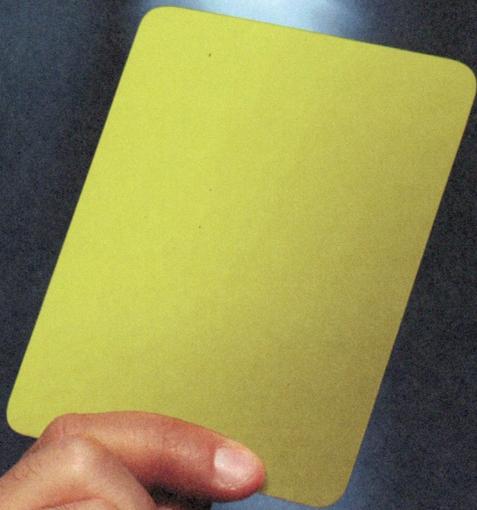
As it turned out he did not carry out his threat as West Brom won at Portsmouth on the final day to save themselves from relegation.



SOMMER  
(PETTERSON)  
JAMES  
PEAKE  
DREYER  
THOMAS  
TELFER  
HARPER  
PREECE  
HUGHES  
OAKES  
(THORPE)  
HARTSON



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ROGER WASH

# THE LAST TIME THE BAGGIES CAME TO TOWN

04.10.2016 | LUTON TOWN 2 WEST BROMWICH ALBION 0  
CHECKATRADE TROPHY ROUND ONE - GROUP GAME

## TOWN

KING, O'DONNELL, SENIOR,  
FAMEWO, MUSONDA,  
BAKINSON, SMITH, GRAY,  
GILLIEAD (SNELUS), MCQUOID  
(VASSELL), BANTON (HINDS)

## WEST BROM

MYHILL, OLSSON, GARDNER,  
MCMANAMAN, HARPER,  
SMITH (WALKER), SWEENEY  
(BARBIER), MCCOURT  
(T MORRISON), DONNELLAN,  
FITZWATER, TULLOCH



ALEX GILLIEAD NETS THE TOWN'S FIRST GOAL AGAINST THE BAGGIES

**In this, the first season of the Checkatrade Trophy, the format rules stated that each team should include a minimum of five 'first team' players in the starting eleven.**

The Town had completely changed their team from the previous League game when overcoming Gillingham at Priestfield in the opening group game so as to give some of their promising youth players a chance on the big stage. This is, we said, what the tournament set out to achieve.

The same decision on team selection was taken for the next group game when West Brom Under-21 were the

visitors to Kenilworth Road, with eleven changes made to the team which drew 1-1 at Cheltenham the previous weekend.

The Baggies fielded a team which included four 'over age' players in Boaz Myhill, Jonas Olsson, Craig Gardner and Callum McManaman and they went closest in the opening minutes when Gardner scuffed a volley wide from reasonable range.

Albion were awarded a penalty on 16 minutes when Frankie Musonda's perfectly executed tackle on Rakeem Harper was judged a foul. Justice was done when McManaman's spot-kick was saved by the legs of Luton goalkeeper Craig King.

Alex Gilliead and Jack Senior stung the hands of Myhill as the first half drew to a close but in the second period the young Hatters pushed on with a wonderful display of fast attacking football.

A deserved first goal came just after Zane Banton had struck a post when it looked easier to score. He did not let the miss affect him though and played a perfect through ball to Gilliead who slotted home.

The second goal came two minutes later when Jonathan Smith dummied Gilliead's corner leaving Jake Gray with a clear opportunity which he finished with a crisp shot.

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

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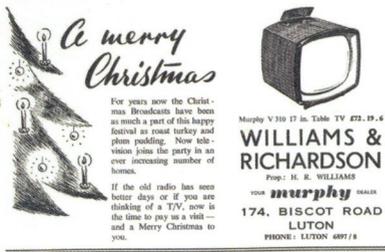
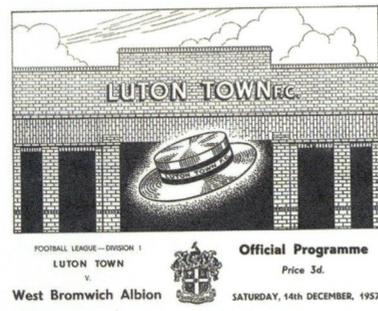
## DECEMBER 1938

The first Football League clash between the sides at Kenilworth Road finishes 3-1 to the Town. Promotion chasing Albion are shocked by two goals from Bill Redfern and a solo effort from George Stephenson.



## DECEMBER 1946

The Hatters' first ever victory at the Hawthorns as the Division Two (now Championship) clash ends 2-1 to the Town with Dally Duncan and Hugh Billington on the scoresheet.



## DECEMBER 1957

Following a 5-0 thumping at Portsmouth the Town bounce back with a 5-1 win over second placed Albion, who have only been beaten once at that stage in the campaign. Gordon Turner leads the way with two goals.

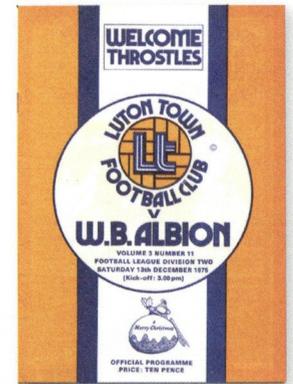


## APRIL 1974

The Town need a point to win promotion to the top flight. Barry Butlin's early goal settles the nerves but a Tony Brown penalty for the home side ensures a hectic final few minutes before the celebrations start.

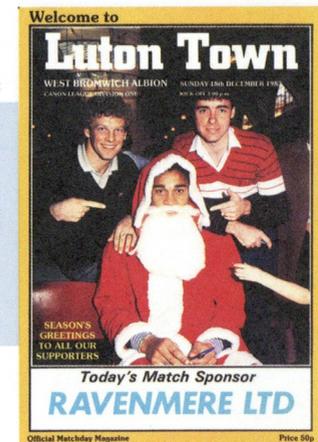
## DECEMBER 1975

The Hatters are in a deep financial mess but the players show resolve when beating Albion 2-1. Andy King and John Aston score the goals against their promotion chasing opponents.



## DECEMBER 1983

Brian Horton and Trevor Aylott put the Town into a comfortable lead before matters are made even easier when Albion's Martin Jol is dismissed. This Sunday game sees 400 spectators demand free admission!

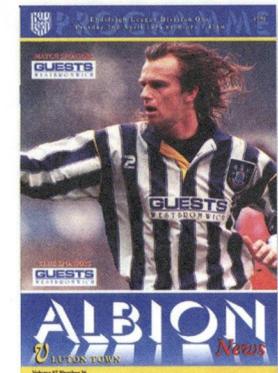
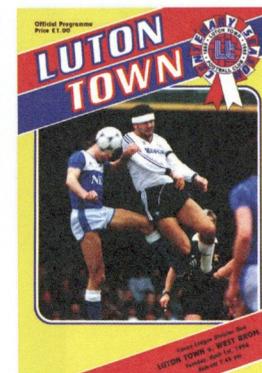


## APRIL 1986

All but relegated Albion are seen off 3-0 with goals from Mike Newell, Mick Harford and Ricky Hill. The Town sit in eighth spot and are not facing a relegation fight for once.

## APRIL 1996

The Town score two goals in an away game for the first time in over a year when winning 2-0 at the Hawthorns. The result drags Albion back into the relegation positions to join a Hatters side who are destined for the drop.



# TRICK OR TREATMENT

A HUMOROUS INSIGHT TO SIMON PARSELL'S WORK



**It's been a hectic start to the season. Sky TV for Middlesbrough, a trip to Cardiff and a cup game against Ipswich. Add into that a transfer window and yes, it's been busy.**

So I was asked the question what happens when you read: "A deal's been done subject to a medical. The fee's been agreed and personal terms have been sorted." The final hurdle is a medical, but as with all things one man's fail is another man's pass. Medicine is wonderfully about opinions.

Our job is to provide as much information as we can concerning the player in order that the manager and club can make a decision on whether they sign him or not. It's a risk assessment. We look at all aspects social, physical and mental.

The player will undergo a series of scans at One Stop Healthcare and a consultant will give us his opinion on those scans. The MRI scanner is a good test to find out if they are claustrophobic. An hour-and-a-half in there is enough for anyone.

We then combine that with physical tests, heart scans, a doctor's examination (those Latex gloves can be a scary thought) and information from previous clubs. Add to that a comprehensive look at their game availability and a good picture can be presented. An additional factor this time

was learning Croatian when we signed Simon Sluga! A new experience, but it shows where the club is now casting its net.

Back to injuries and we are entering the home run for Glen Rea. We are hopeful that the next eight weeks will see him back involved in competitive football. One of the final hurdles is getting Glen involved in being tackled and tackling others. Should we really have worried as he unleashed what only can



be described as an orange card rated tackle on Luke Sanders as they went through some 1 v 1 drills! The look on Glen's face showed how much he enjoyed it. I am not so sure Luke's shin enjoyed the experience so much.

Finally, we had an interesting conversation with Danny Hylton as he told us his family was going to visit relations for a period. So how was he going to look after himself? The answer from Danny was simple prepared meals and paper plates to save on washing up. Simple is always genius. Hopefully Hylts is on the way back now. The injury has been complicated.

Enjoy the game. COYH

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THE BIG INTERVIEW

# GRAEME JONES

By Chris Dunlavy (Chief Writer, The Football League Paper)



**JULY 10, 2018. It is World Cup semi-final day and the coach ferrying Belgium's players to the Gazprom Arena has just cruised onto St Petersburg's Betancourt Bridge.**

Only then does the enormity of the occasion strike Graeme Jones, the former postman and one-time plumber sitting up front alongside Thierry Henry.

"I sat there on that bus and thought 'Bloody hell, Graeme, this is a World Cup semi-final,'" says the Geordie. "And you're part of it."

So how did a bloke from Gateshead who was dumped by Millwall at 18 end up barking orders at Eden Hazard and Kevin De Bruyne?

To answer that, we must go back to 1996, and the windswept day at Wroughtington when Jones met Roberto Martinez.

"I'd just joined Wigan and Rob had already been there a year," recalls the 49-year-old, who had forged his way to Springfield Park from North Shields, Bridlington and a spell in the local sorting office.

"John Deehan was manager. I remember one day he said 'Right, get yourselves a partner'. Me and Rob grabbed each other to stretch out our calves, and we just hit it off immediately.

"Morally, we were really similar people. Then, as his language got better, we became really good friends.

"I had two kids, born 20 months apart. We'd moved back to Scotch Corner to be closer to my wife's family and I used to travel to Wigan every day.

"Rob said to me 'Why don't you stay at mine every Tuesday and Thursday to break up the travel?'"

"I did, and it was then that I realised how intense he was about football. How much he wanted to be a manager. I was exactly the same and we'd talk for hours about what we'd do if we were in charge. It all grew from there."

When Martinez was offered a job managing Swansea at 33, he asked Jones to be his right-hand man.

Eleven years later, via promotion with Swansea, an FA Cup at Wigan and a challenging three years at Everton, the pair were side by side at football's pinnacle. Did it feel surreal?

"A bit," says Jones. "But we'd earned it. We went from Swansea in the lower leagues to Wigan in the Premier League. Then it was Everton, a big club in the Premier League.

"That moment on the bus was the only time I ever felt like that. And maybe standing there with a bronze medal after we won the third-place play-off against England.

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"Looking back, that was huge. I am the only medalist from England since 1966, which I'm incredibly proud of. But like I say, it was earned."

For Jones, though, it was also a full stop. Two weeks after that evening in St Petersburg, he left his old friend to join West Brom as No.2 to Darren Moore.

A year on, he is the manager of a vibrant Luton Town team freshly promoted from League One and gunning for a return to the top flight for the first time in 27 years.

"Management was always the aim," explains Jones. "Even when I was a player. I was at Millwall at 16. Went out at 18. I was lucky enough to get back in at 23 and from that moment I told myself 'I am never leaving this game again'."

"I wanted to be a coach. I wanted to be a manager. I wanted to be anything that kept me in football."

"And I had lots of offers when I was working with Rob. Huddersfield. England Under-21s. Three at Swansea, one of them in the Premier League. All in the last ten years."

"What changed was my kids growing up. I saw the impact management had on Rob's life. The 24/7 nature of the job."

"By the time you start training, you've already been at work for two hours. There's no such thing as a day off. And nobody ever talks about the non-stop phone calls, which are so antisocial."

"Rob was lucky in a way. He was married to Beth when he started out but he didn't have his daughter until he was 40."

"I was different. It meant a lot to me and Deb being together every night. To have time with our kids."



GRAEME IN ACTION FOR WIGAN AGAINST LUTON



WITH ROBERTO MARTINEZ AT WIGAN

"But they're 20 and 22 now. One's a qualified physio. The other one's in the last year of a business degree."

"I don't have to take them to football training. I don't have to get back home because we're going out. They've got their own lives now, and I don't have to worry about impacting them. So timing was one aspect."

"The other one was the club. I had a couple of offers after the World Cup, which I didn't feel were right. That's why I took the job with Darren at West Brom. But Luton... it just seemed ideal."



Ideal, but potentially daunting. Predecessor Nathan Jones, poached by Stoke in January, had propelled the Hatters from League Two to the Championship, imbuing his players with gung-ho fearlessness along the way. Slight in stature he may be, but the Welshman's shoes will take some filling.

"I never thought about what Nathan did," insists Jones. "Or anybody else, for that matter. It's a completely different challenge."

"This is Luton Town, playing in the Championship with the lowest budget in the league. It's not about what's gone on previously. We've got a new set of targets. A different agenda."

"Everybody talks about the diamond system that Nathan played. Well me and Rob won the FA Cup with Wigan playing a diamond in 2013. It's something I've used for a long, long time."

"It wasn't daunting. I felt ready. I was a very hands on assistant who was used to managing players. It's bridged 95 percent of the gap."

Jones has worked with some of the world's best players, like Kevin de Bruyne but he insists his principles have not changed.

"There's no escaping that the elite players have great talent," he says.

"They also tend to have great intelligence - literally and emotionally. They can pick up information very quickly."

"In Kevin's case, he also had total dedication to the life of a footballer. No alcohol. Clean living. He loved it."

"Their standards are high because they are used to elite coaching. They need to feel they are improving. They need stimulation. They need pushing."

"But if you think about now at Luton, those things are the same. My players still want to be pushed and improved."

"And the beautiful thing about both teams is the lack of ego. The modern game has turned very individual, sadly. For players, it can be all about them. What I found at Belgium, and what I found here is a real real strength in unity. It's been very refreshing."

"Where will that take us? The truth is nobody knows. I just need to max out the team and that's my job done."

"Put it this way - I hope we get 61 points and finish as top goalscorers in the division this season. I'd be happy with that."

*\*This article appeared in The Football League Paper on Sunday 11th August*

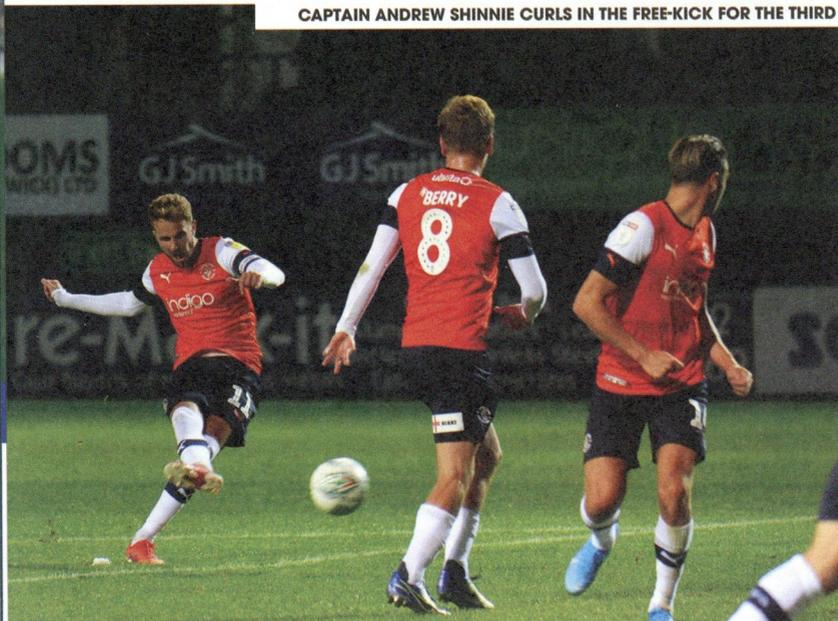
# LUTON TOWN 3

# IPSWICH TOWN 1

**TOWN GOALS:** JONES 8, LEE (PEN) 18, SHINNIE 55  
**IPSWICH GOAL:** DOBRA 74



LLOYD JONES MEETS IZZY BROWN'S CROSS TO HEAD HOME THE OPENER



CAPTAIN ANDREW SHINNIE CURLS IN THE FREE-KICK FOR THE THIRD



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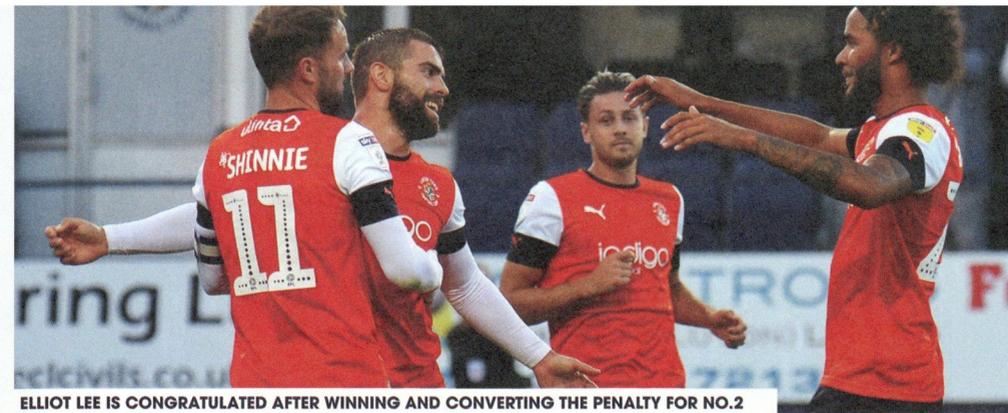
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ELLIOT LEE IS CONGRATULATED AFTER WINNING AND CONVERTING THE PENALTY FOR NO.2

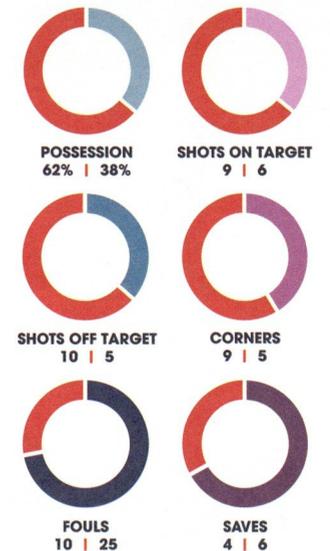
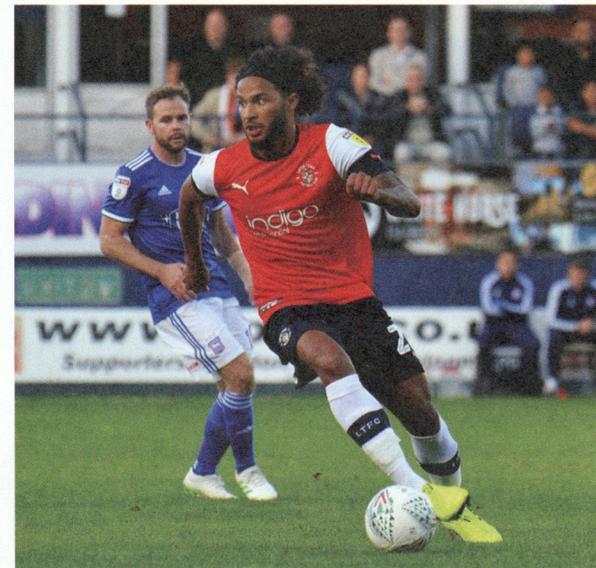
**STORY OF THE MATCH**

The Hatters booked a rapid return to Cardiff in the second round of the Carabao Cup with a comprehensive win over League One side Ipswich – boss Graeme Jones' first victory in charge.

On a night when deadline day loan signings Luke Bolton, James Bree and Izzy Brown all made impressive full debuts, as well as left-back Brendan Galloway, there was a first for Lloyd Jones too as the centre-half opened his Luton goal account with an eighth-minute header.

Elliott Lee doubled the advantage from the penalty spot ten minutes later, then Andrew Shinnie – wearing the captain's armband for the first time – made it three with a second-half free-kick.

Ipswich pulled one back with just over 15 minutes to play through Armando Dobra, but the Hatters were dominant and might have won even more convincingly.



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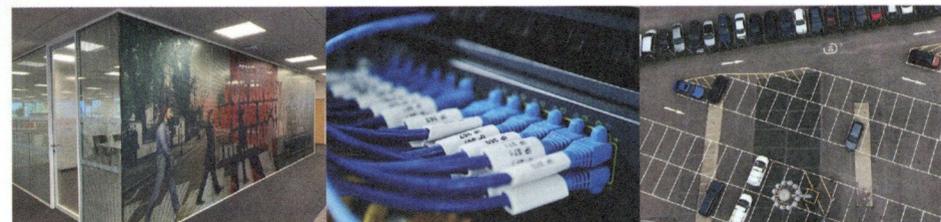
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# LUTON TOWN SUPPORTERS' TRUST



## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Hello again. I hope you had a good summer after those amazing scenes at the end of last season, as we built towards one of the most anticipated campaigns in recent history. After so long away Luton Town are back in the second tier where we belong and isn't it great to be here with the club in such a stable place on and off the pitch?

If the first two matches of the season are anything to go by this is going to be quite some ride. Already we have shown we can be more than competitive on the pitch, despite the huge financial disparity we might be competing with off it.

I completely agree with Gary Sweet when he prioritises thinking of the future of our club, rather than breaking our limits and overspending.

We've seen where that got us before and none of us want to go down that road again. I applaud the stance taken by 2020, although none of us would have expected anything less.

It has been a busy summer for us at the Trust. We have appointed two new members to our board, which you can read about deeper into this column.

I am really looking forward to working with both Nikki and Maryan, who I feel both have the ability to take LTST to the next level and help us achieve our aims.

Just on that, those of you who were season ticket holders last season will have received a leaflet regarding joining the Trust. The response has been amazing and our membership is getting stronger all the time. I urge anyone who isn't a member to consider joining, as the stronger our voice can be, the bigger the impact we can have.

We have a dedicated team working hard behind the scenes to increase the benefits of being a member to ensure you get even more value for your £10 annual fee. My thanks go to Prestige Design & Workwear Ltd for sponsoring the cost of the leaflets.

Finally your support during the Middlesbrough game was amazing. Kenilworth Road was as noisy as I can remember it that night and even when we went behind twice, the strength of will from the stands visibly spurred the players on to get back into the game and get a result. That will be needed again today and all season so please keep up that fantastic backing.

Enjoy the afternoon and the season. COYH!

Tony.



## NEW FACES

The LTST committee are delighted to welcome Nikki Middleton and Maryan Broadbent onto the board. Nikki will serve in the role of secretary while Maryan will take on a role designed around marketing the Trust better, allowing us to make use of her expertise in that field.

Nikki came through a strong interview process, with her administrative background and confidence appealing to the committee. We look forward to Nikki and her skills taking the Trust to another level. Nikki began her new role last month while Maryan joined the board earlier this week. She will assist us with our marketing plans, again providing a massive improvement to the skillset of the committee.

## MEMBERS

We have already started to make a few changes to benefit our members. We will deliver a quarterly newsletter keeping you up to date with everything the Trust is involved with, as well as news and views from the wider footballing world. You should have received the August edition in your inbox prior to the start of the season. If you did not receive it then drop an email to [membership@lutontownsupporterstrust.com](mailto:membership@lutontownsupporterstrust.com) and we will update your details and provide you with a copy.

In addition to the newsletter, everyone who is currently a member for this season is entitled to one of our unique 2019-20 pin badges as part of their membership. We gave out a number of them ahead of the friendly against Norwich City and those who travelled on the Bobbers Travel coaches to Cardiff were handed theirs then. We will provide details of the next chance for members to get their badge in due course, with the aim of handing out as many as we can to reduce postage costs later in the season. Our thanks go to Zebra Mortgage Centre for helping us provide these badges.

## FSA

Two organisations important to Supporters' Trusts, the Football Supporters' Federation and Supporters' Direct have merged into a new combined body, the FSA (Football Supporters' Association). We were a member of both and as such are a member of the new set up and recently attended their inaugural AGM.

We will continue to provide updates from the FSA, via our website and newsletters, ensuring our members and Luton Town supporters get the best representation within this body.

## PODCAST

Our monthly podcast is gaining in popularity all the time and we will be running this for a third season. Our season preview went live on the various platforms ahead of the season starting and the second episode was made available for download earlier this week. We will keep regular content coming along via that medium throughout the campaign.

If you would like to join us for an episode of the podcast, get in touch with Kev at [media@lutontownsupporterstrust.com](mailto:media@lutontownsupporterstrust.com) and he will happily get you involved. Alternatively, for those who listen regularly, if you have any ideas of things you would like discussed or included, send your ideas through and they will be taken on board.

## CALENDAR

We are currently formulating our calendar of events for this season. The upcoming events and dates will be announced in due course. Keep an eye on our website and social media feeds for all the details on when they are and how you can get your tickets.

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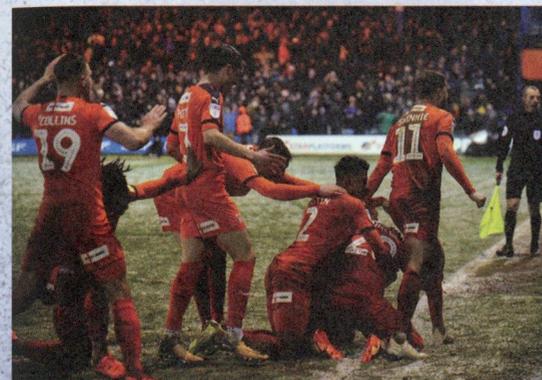


JAMES SHEA'S

# FAVOURITE THINGS

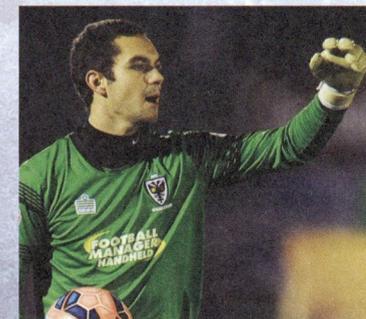


Nickname: Sheasy  
Position: Goalkeeper  
Born: 16.06.91



### ▲ GAME THAT YOU'VE PLAYED IN

Has to be the one against Portsmouth last January. It had everything - goals, rubbish weather, we'd just gone top of the league and we played some unbelievable football. It was great to be involved in.



### ▲ SAVE?

That one against Portsmouth at the Kenny end was decent, but I made a triple save for Wimbledon against York in the FA Cup that sticks in the memory. It helped us draw that game and we won the replay, so it was important.



### TEAM AS A KID

Arsenal - my local team.



### MEAL

Roast dinner - beef, but it's got to be cooked perfect, medium rare.

### ◀ MOVIE

Shawshank Redemption.



### FIVE-A-SIDE TEAM

GK - David Seaman

CB - Tony Adams

LW - Lionel Messi

RW - Cristiano Ronaldo

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### OBITUARY

# DAVID NOAKE

9.6.1940 - 18.6.2019 *By Roger Wash*

The news has reached Kenilworth Road of the passing of David Noake who made 21 appearances on the wing for the Town in the early 1960s.



Born in Yeovil, David came to the attention of the football world whilst starring for Western League side Dorchester during an epic FA Cup run in 1959. Luton manager Syd Owen made a personal visit to see the strong and speedy winger and agreed a small fee plus a friendly fixture for his services.

David was thrust in at the deep end as the Hatters were fighting a losing battle to stay in the top-flight and his lack of experience told as he fought against Division One defenders.

He fared little better in a struggling team the following season, and reluctantly accepted a move to Bristol City in June 1961. At Ashton Gate he had difficulty in ousting Jantzen Derrick and so began a tour of West Country clubs including Trowbridge, Frome and Glastonbury.

According to Alfie, his grandson, David maintained a strong affection for the Hatters and followed their results from afar. This led to the whole family wearing Luton Town ties at the funeral.

Our condolences go out to all his friends and family.



**FLYING THE FLAG!** MAIN BLOCK D SEASON TICKET HOLDERS BART HUGHES, RYAN CANNEY, ALEX REYLAND AND JACK REYLAND PROUDLY DISPLAYING LTFC SHIRTS AND FLAG WITH BOJNICE CASTLE, SLOVAKIA IN THE BACKGROUND, WHERE ALEX WAS MARRIED TO ANNA ON JUNE 1ST WITH RYAN AS BEST MAN.



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# MY TOWN

THIS SEASON WE ARE ASKING FOR A SUPPORTER'S ALL-TIME FAVOURITE XI FROM THE PLAYERS THEY HAVE SEEN PLAY IN THEIR TIME FOLLOWING THE HATTERS. **GRAHAM WINTERBONE** SHARES HIS TOWN TEAM TO TAKE ON THE BEST!

**MANAGER: DAVID PLEAT**

An absolute legend. He built his team bit by bit through the late 70s and early 80s, until we reached THAT season - 1981/82 when we won the old second division has to be my favourite ever, closely followed by the next season, our first back in the old first division. The sheer quantity of goals, the great and charismatic players, and then that finale at Man City! Let's remember the good times we had under our best ever manager...

**GK: JAKE FINDLAY**

He may not have been the best ever goalkeeper (although he was very good), but the cigarette smoking Scot was certainly a great character! Part of Pleat's championship team.

**FB: STEVE BUCKLEY**

Hard tackling with an even harder shot. Came from non-league and stepped up effortlessly. Part of the 1974/75 old First Division team.

**FB: JAMES JUSTIN**

From not being in the first XI at the start of last season, it was great fun seeing him blossom into potential England material by the end of the campaign. He's going to have a great career hopefully.

**CB: STEVE FOSTER**

Inspirational leader and a great warrior on the pitch. Charismatic off it too (shared a table with him at a LTFC Xmas party once). A bargain buy who led us to victory at Wembley in 1988.

**CB: MAL DONAGHY**

Foster's partner, Mr Dependable, but a great player in his own right. Scored a few goals too in the old second Division championship winning 1981/82 season.

**MID: RICKY HILL**

I remember his debut against Bristol Rovers like it was yesterday. Silky skills and should have had more caps for England.

**MID: DAVID MOSS**

My all-time favourite player. Not the quickest winger but he used his skill instead and the best crosser of the ball ever. Great shot on him and the best free-kick and penalty taker. This means I can't pick John Aston though...

**MID: TONY THORPE**

Forgive and forget. The goal scoring machine. Four spells at Luton including loans.

**MID: AHMET BRKOVIC**

Surely one of the most skilful players I've ever seen at Luton. Remembered for the overhead kick goals, but there was much more too.



**ST: MICK HARFORD**

Intimidating and brave but a great goalscorer as well. A Luton legend for sure. Great company off the pitch too.

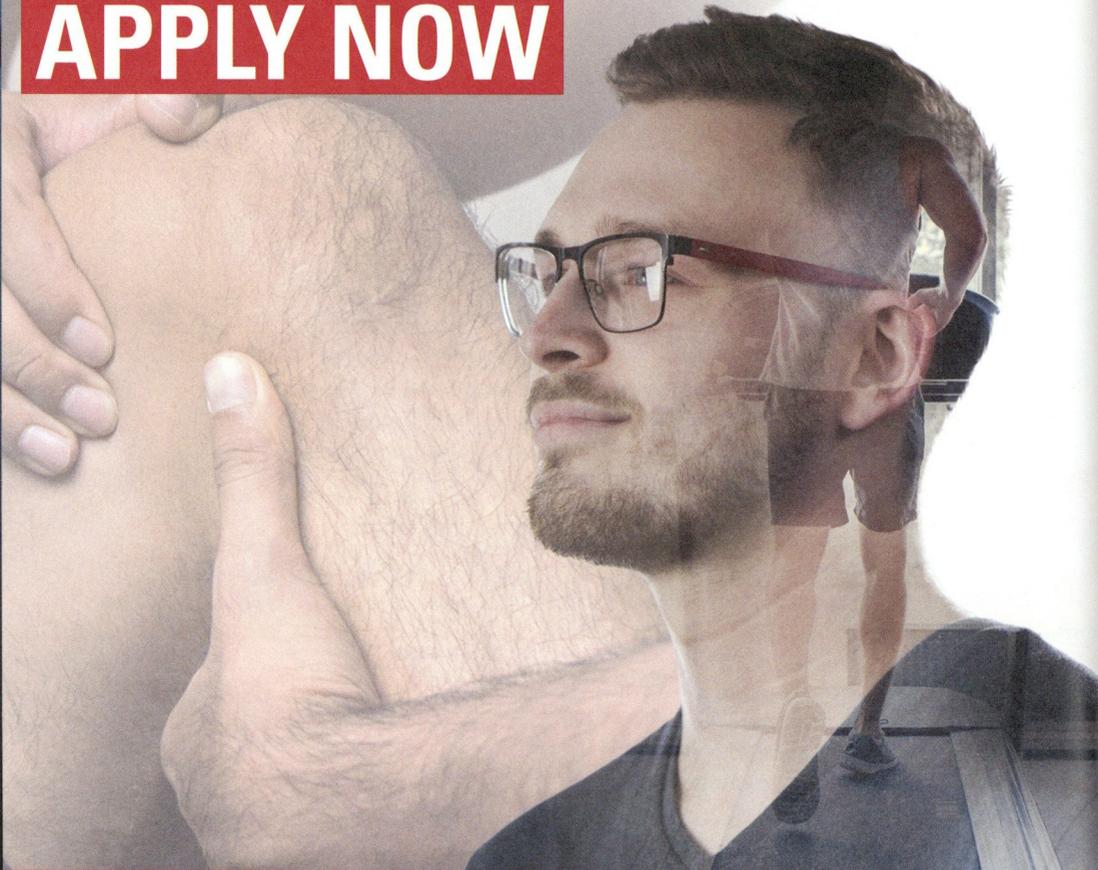
**ST: BRIAN STEIN**

The best out and out goalscorer I've seen for Luton. So quick in the box. I remember all of our throw-ins went to him in the attacking half as he kept the ball so well.



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## YOUTH TEAM

<b>SAM BECKWITH</b> H: David Boswell A: Frank and Diane Woodward	<b>JOSH BOORN</b> H: Available A: Available	<b>JOSEPH HALSEY</b> H: Available A: Available	<b>JAMESON HORLICK</b> H: Available A: Available
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10.08.19	11.00am	A	Northampton Town	D 4-4
24.08.19	10.30am	A	Gillingham Gillingham Training Ground	
27.08.19	1.00pm	H	Cheltenham Town	
31.08.19	11.00am	H	Cambridge United	
07.09.19	10.30am	A	Barnet	
14.09.19	11.00am	H	AFC Wimbledon	
21.09.19	11.00am	A	Stevenage	
28.09.19	11.00am	H	Leyton Orient	
05.10.19	10.30am	A	Milton Keynes Dons	

DATE	KO	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE
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19.10.19	11.00am	H	Gillingham	
26.10.19	11.00am	A	Cambridge United	
02.11.19	11.00am	H	Barnet	
09.11.19	10.30am	A	AFC Wimbledon	
16.11.19	10.30am	A	Leyton Orient	
23.11.19	11.00am	H	Stevenage	
30.11.19	11.00am	H	Milton Keynes Dons	
14.12.19	11.00am	A	Peterborough United	
21.12.19	11.00am	A	Southend United	
04.01.20	11.00am	H	Northampton Town	



ANDY AWFORD

# ACADEMY UPDATE



U18S

The Youth Team remain unbeaten following a thrilling 4-4 draw away at last season's Youth Alliance champions Northampton Town.

A lightning quick start saw us 2-0 up after 15 minutes after two great strikes from Coree Wilson and Sam Beckwith. However, credit to Northampton for pegging us back and taking a 3-2 lead right on half-time.

We started the second half in the same vein as the first with two quick goals from

Avan Jones (penalty) and Coree striking his second of the game to fully deserve a 4-3 lead.

The boys controlled the game and should have extended their slender lead after creating multiple chances and we paid the price with Northampton equalising deep into injury-time.

A highly entertaining game with loads of positives and lots to learn from.

### ACADEMY IN THE COMMUNITY

Those who attended Tuesday's match with Ipswich will have read about the U18s' morning spent at Bedford train station, helping tidy up the platforms and surround areas. Here are a few pictures of the lads at work...



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# LUTON TOWN IN THE COMMUNITY

## PEACE TOURNAMENT SEES OVER 300 YOUNG PEOPLE IN LUTON SIGN OUR DIVERSITY PLEDGE WALL



We're still looking at our review of our close season activities and to round off our stadium community week in May, our cohesion team held a peace tournament that saw teams of young people in Luton from very diverse groups including mosques, housing associations and local football teams come together.

This year the tournament was the centre piece for our BSBT pledge wall project that will see over 1,000 young people

in Luton sign a pledge to 'promote our universal values of democracy and free speech; respecting different faiths and cultures while celebrating our Town's rich diversity'.

Councillor Aslam Khan kicked off the tournament and signed the pledge, which got the project off to a great start. He commented: "Sport has the power to bring different communities together and a simple signing of the pledge wall a reminder that we are also celebrating Luton's rich diversity at the tournament. The pledge wall will be taken around schools and colleges in Luton to reach the target of 1,000 signatures."

## #YOUTHVOICE PROJECT ON KNIFE CRIME

Another summer project involved five High Schools in the town situated in identified 'high risk' areas, with Year 9 and 10 pupils undertaking a 16-week period of workshops and tutorials around knife and gang crime, and the negative effect it is having on community cohesion.

With help and support from the Beds Police community cohesion team and our inclusion team, we turned the project into a competition and as part of the project began working on presentation skills as each High School would be invited to the stadium to present their views and opinions to each other and a panel of judges which include the Mayor Tahir Malik.

Schools presenting on the day included Chalk Hill Academy, Denbigh, Stockwood Park Academy, Icknield and Challney High Schools, with Ashcroft High, Waulads, William Austin and Whitefields Primary schools all present on the presentation day, which was also supported by Luton Youth Offending Services, NHS and Meaningful Education CIC.



All participating pupils on the day received certificates and the winners Chalk Hill Academy a special award was presented by PC Karanjit Sanghera and Mayor Tahir Khan. Mayor Khan added: "Projects like this are very good and not only teach our young people how to speak in public, but also allow decision makers in the Town to hear the very important views of young people which helps shape future policy."

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# LUTON TOWN LADIES

**Luton Town Ladies have had a shake-up of the squad this close season after a very disappointing campaign that ended in relegation.**

Nikki Baker's squad has seen several players added to it with a couple of departures.

The first arrival is 18-year old Kelsey Gibson, a Scottish youth international who has signed for the Hatters after playing for Chelsea and London Bees.

Tanya Blacksley and Ely Wade have signed from Dunstable and add experience and strength to the back line.

Proven goalscorer Bex Kane has also put pen to paper after having a couple of seasons away from the game, while Leah Tomlin signed from Bedwell.

The Town development side have also added to their depth with Shannon Pugh, Millie Coleman and promising goalkeeper Chinu Ayton.

Throughout pre season the Hatters have played several friendlies, the highlights coming with a 3-0 win over Brentford, before narrowly winning away at Sutton 3-2 and, finally, last week beating Lancing 6-1.

Town manager Baker feels prepared for the season and feels her squad have what it takes to push for promotion.

"I am really pleased with what we have added into the squad," said Baker. "We have signed a few ready-made first team players as well as brought in lots of potential for the future.

"If we can start well and be consistent then I think we have a great chance of bouncing back into the National league. I am excited for the season to start now and put last year's disaster behind us."



**NEW SIGNINGS ELLY WADE AND TANYA BLACKSLEY**



**NEW SIGNING KELSEY GIBSON**



# JUNIOR HATTERS



## TODAY'S MASCOT



A warm welcome to today's mascot, have a great day!

Age: 8

Hobbies: playing football for Dunstable Town, Fortnite and watching the mighty Hatters

Favourite player: James Collins

# JOSEPH HARDY



## JUNIOR STATISTICIAN

GOALS


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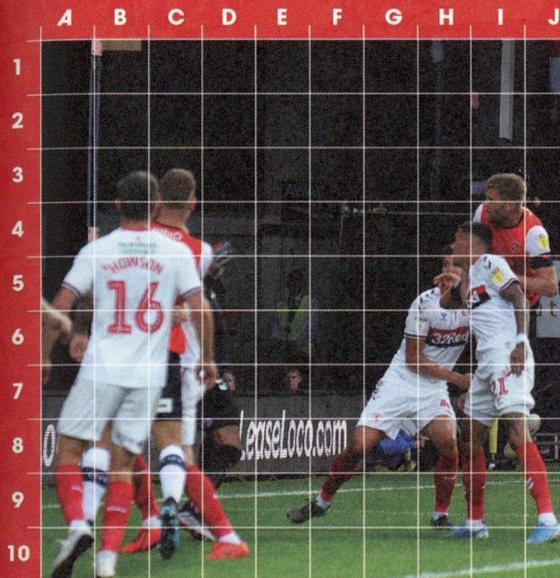

YOUR MAN OF THE MATCH

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# HATTERS BACK IN ACTION

Here are some photos from our first home league game back in the Championship!



## SPOT THE BALL

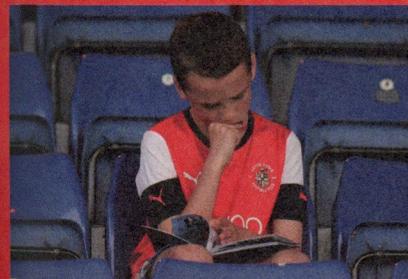
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 Manager: Slaven Bilic



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# FIXTURES 2019-20

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



AWAY	Barnsley	Birmingham City	Blackburn Rovers	Brentford	Bristol City	Cardiff City	Charlton Athletic	Derby County	Fulham	Huddersfield Town	Hull City	Leeds United	LUTON TOWN	Middlesbrough	Millwall	Nottingham Forest	Preston North End	Queens Park Rangers	Reading	Sheffield Wednesday	Stoke City	Swansea City	West Bromwich Albion	Wigan Athletic
HOME	Barnsley	Birmingham City	Blackburn Rovers	Brentford	Bristol City	Cardiff City	Charlton Athletic	Derby County	Fulham	Huddersfield Town	Hull City	Leeds United	LUTON TOWN	Middlesbrough	Millwall	Nottingham Forest	Preston North End	Queens Park Rangers	Reading	Sheffield Wednesday	Stoke City	Swansea City	West Bromwich Albion	Wigan Athletic
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 1-0	11.01.20	30.11.19	14.09.19	24.08.19	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
Birmingham City	20.08.19	-	22.10.19	15.02.20	10.08.19 1-1	18.01.20	18.04.20	02.05.20	09.11.19	21.03.20	18.03.20	29.12.19	26.10.19	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
Blackburn Rovers	23.11.19	26.12.19	-	27.11.19	14.03.20	24.08.19	03.08.19 1-2	07.12.19	08.02.20	19.10.19	11.02.20	04.04.20	28.09.19	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
Brentford	02.05.20	03.08.19 0-1	22.02.20	-	02.10.19	11.12.19	10.04.20	31.08.19	14.12.19	02.11.19	17.08.19	11.02.20	30.11.19	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
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	04.08.19 1-3	29.12.19	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
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	14.03.20	10.08.19 2-1	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
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	28.09.19	22.02.20	07.03.20	04.04.20	21.08.19	02.11.19	17.03.20	13.04.20	30.11.19	10.08.19 3-1	02.10.19	11.01.20	25.04.20
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	25.04.20	05.10.19	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 0-0	24.08.19	23.10.19
Fulham	15.02.20	04.04.20	10.08.19 2-0	14.03.20	07.12.19	13.04.20	05.10.19	26.11.19	-	01.02.20	02.11.19	21.12.19	23.10.19	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
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 1-2	16.08.19	-	05.10.19	07.12.19	13.04.20	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
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	-	29.02.20	25.04.20	21.03.20	13.04.20	26.12.19	27.11.19	19.10.19	10.08.19 2-1	01.10.19	07.12.19	15.02.20	09.11.19	14.09.19
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	-	21.03.20	30.11.19	25.01.20	10.08.19 1-1	26.12.19	02.11.19	22.02.20	11.01.20	10.04.20	31.08.19	01.10.19	01.02.20
LUTON TOWN	10.04.20	11.01.20	02.05.20	25.02.20	19.10.19	08.02.20	26.11.19	25.01.20	26.12.19	31.08.19	21.09.19	23.11.19	-	02.08.19 3-3	02.10.19	02.11.19	14.03.20	18.04.20	04.04.20	12.02.20	29.02.20	21.12.19	17.08.19	07.12.19
Middlesbrough	27.11.19	25.01.20	01.02.20	10.08.19 0-1	13.04.20	25.04.20	07.12.19	11.01.20	26.10.19	26.12.19	23.11.19	26.02.20	15.02.20	-	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
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	05.10.19	01.01.20	10.04.20	-	07.12.19	03.08.19 1-0	21.09.19	18.01.20	17.08.19	26.10.19	21.03.20	08.02.20	26.11.19
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	08.02.20	18.01.20	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 1-2	29.12.19
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	23.10.19	14.12.19	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 3-0
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 1-1	29.12.19	18.01.20	14.09.19	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
Reading	29.02.20	07.12.19	21.09.19	21.03.20	25.01.20	18.08.19	31.08.19	21.12.19	01.10.19	10.04.20	08.02.20	26.11.19	09.11.19	18.04.20	02.11.19	11.01.20	19.10.19	26.12.19	-	03.08.19 1-3	14.03.20	02.05.20	12.02.20	26.02.20
Sheffield Wednesday	10.08.19 2-0	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	26.10.19	20.08.19	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
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	24.08.19	10.12.19	18.03.20	11.01.20	28.09.19	12.02.20	03.08.19 1-2	14.12.19	26.12.19	-	25.01.20	02.11.19	23.11.19
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 2-1	13.04.20	18.03.20	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
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	01.01.20	01.02.20	29.12.19	10.08.19 1-1	15.02.20	25.02.20	02.05.20	21.08.19	23.11.19	18.01.20	07.12.19	-	29.02.20
Wigan Athletic	31.08.19	01.10.19	18.03.20	09.11.19	11.01.20	03.08.19 3-2	21.09.19	26.12.19	02.05.20	14.12.19	18.04.20	17.08.19	07.03.20	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	-



## OUR NEXT OPPOSITION

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY | 20.08.19 | KO 7.45PM

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Any remaining tickets are now on general sale, which can be purchased by phone and in person. They will remain on sale, subject to availability, until close of business on Monday 19th August. **PRICES:** Adult: £30, 65 and over: £20, Under-21: £20, Under-17: £15, Under-11: £10, Under-5: £5. Wheelchair and ambulant supporters (with Higher rate DLA) should pay the normal age related price and are entitled to a carer ticket free of charge. There are a limited number of disabled parking spaces priced at £5 available on a first come first served basis. Please ring 03700 20 1867 to book.

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## HUDDERSFIELD TOWN H SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP | 3PM | 31.08.19

Any remaining tickets for this game are on sale at category B prices.

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

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### WHO?

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### STADIUM - HILLSBOROUGH

An old ground with plenty of character, Hillsborough can host up to nearly 40,000 supporters. Their record all-seater attendance came when they played Manchester United in 2000, when 39,640 fans filled the ground. Even when they were in the lower reaches of the EFL, they still averaged crowds of over 23,000 - their League One campaign in 2004/05. Built in 1899, it was originally known as the Owlerton Stadium, before it was renamed after ground improvements.

### HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

Town have taken on Wednesday on 59 occasions, our last was a 1-0 defeat against them in January this year in the FA Cup third round replay, following a goalless draw at Hillsborough. Of those 59 games, the Hatters have won 16 times, drawn 21 and lost on 22 occasions.

### KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU

Midfielder Peter Holmes left Sheffield Wednesday in 2000, signing for the Hatters, where he spent seven years, playing 127 times in total, netting 12 goals. He departed for Rotherham United, before going into Non-League football, turning out for the likes of Dunstable Town and Hemel Hempstead Town. Jon Shaw was another Owls academy graduate - the striker failed to really make the breakthrough at Hillsborough and made a name for himself as a Conference striker, signing for the Hatters in 2012, going onto make 51 appearances, scoring ten times. Our former manager David Pleat also had a spell in charge of the Owls.

# THE LAST WORD

BY FAYE CARRUTHERS - HATTERS FAN & SKY SPORTS REPORTER



**So we're off and running – after two close opening Championship matches, the first win of the season came after a clinical dispatch of Ipswich Town in Tuesday's Carabao Cup first round tie.**

Graeme Jones' three deadline day signings all impressed on debut and just in case anyone was in any doubt – Izzy good enough? Yes he is!

I'm sure that pun will be used on countless occasions after Izzy Brown ran the show, proving what an influential player he's capable of being in this campaign.

The reward is an immediate opportunity to avenge last Saturday's late defeat away to Cardiff. And the perfect chance to show we can learn from our mistakes and improve as the season progresses.

With 11 changes made in the cup, we also showed we have a squad more than capable of not just competing in the league, but also in the domestic cup competitions, too.

August has been a big test so far and we've stood up to it – the team have received plaudits across the punditry world for their style and swagger, and long may that continue, but with the points the performances deserve.

I'm sure there will be added incentive for Graeme Jones today as we welcome his former club West Brom to Kenilworth Road. January 2007 was the last time we faced the Baggies in the league.

Thankfully there's no Kevin Phillips to come and haunt us this time – but after scoring on his debut, it could be Charlie

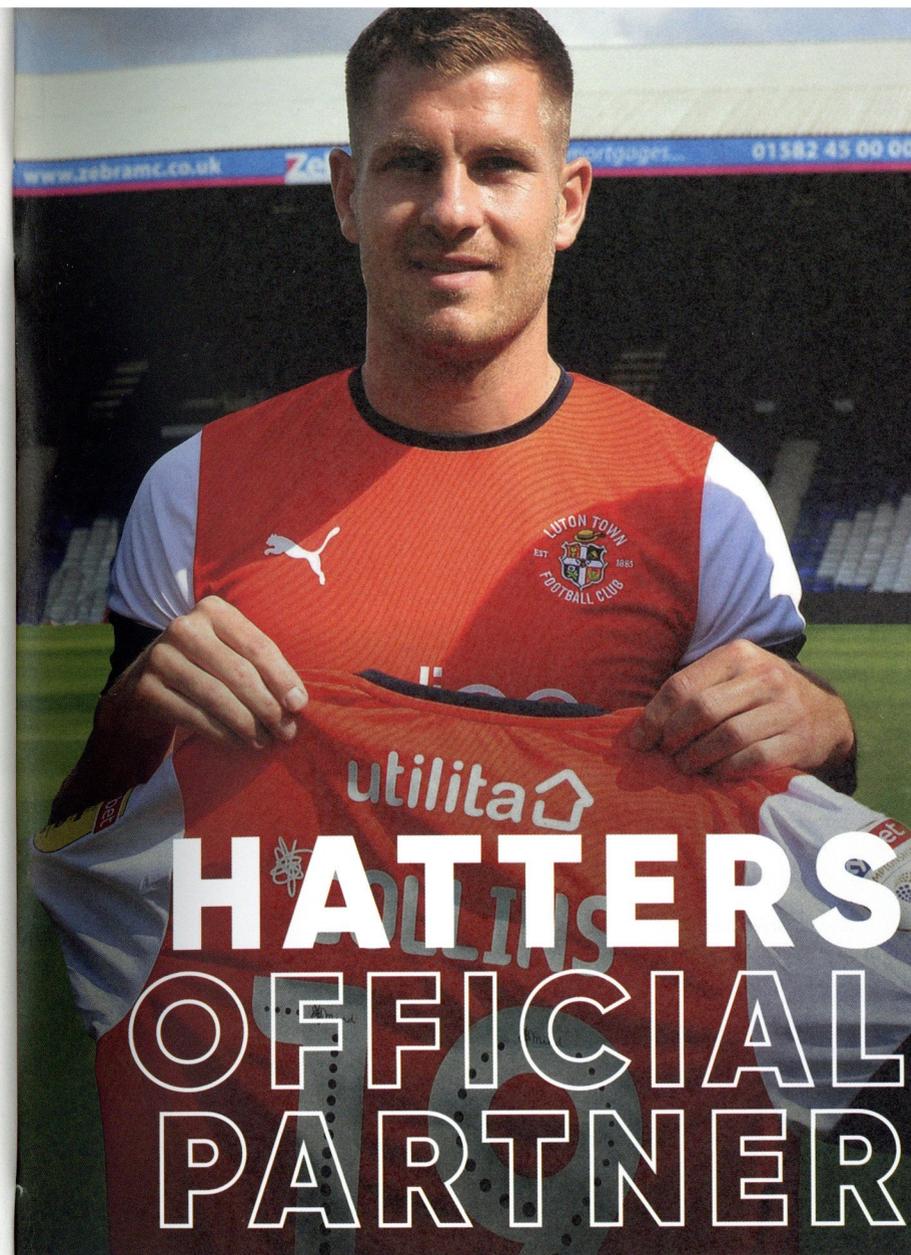
Austin that needs containing instead. I'm looking forward to seeing how our defence copes with a player who plied his trade in the Premier League last season.

I interviewed Slaven Bilic many times when he managed West Ham and was delighted to see him back in English football when he took over at the Hawthorns. Any affection I have for his style of management goes out of the window this afternoon of course and I'm looking forward to seeing us again go toe-to-toe with one of the favourites for promotion.

We've shown in our opening two Championship games that we can more than hold our own in this league and have deserved more than just the one point so far – but no-one I've spoken to is complaining – because the grit and determination and never say die attitude hasn't left us since promotion.

Coming from behind twice against Middlesbrough and then against Cardiff is testament to the players' belief that we belong here and that hard work will be rewarded – hopefully by taking all three points today.

If the atmosphere is anything like it was on the opening night of the season, you're in for a treat and I'm gutted not to be there. Enjoy the match! #COYH



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# LINE-UP

## MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE - ANDY WOOLMER | ASSISTANT REFEREE 1 - ADRIAN WATERS  
ASSISTANT REFEREE 2 - MICHAEL GEORGE | FOURTH OFFICIAL - STEPHEN MARTIN



### MANAGER: GRAEME JONES

01	MAREK STECH	11	ANDREW SHINNIE	24	IZZY BROWN
02	MARTIN CRANIE	12	SIMON SLUGA	25	KAZENGA LUALUA
03	DAN POTTS	14	HARRY CORNICK	26	JAMES BREE
04	RYAN TUNNICLIFFE	15	JAKE JERVIS	28	LLOYD JONES
05	SONNY BRADLEY	16	GLEN REA	29	JACOB BUTTERFIELD
06	MATTY PEARSON	17	PELLY-RUDDOCK MPANZU	36	JAMES SHEA
07	CALLUM MCMANAMAN	19	JAMES COLLINS	37	FRANKIE MUSONDA
08	LUKE BERRY	20	GEORGE MONCUR	40	HARRY ISTD
09	DANNY HYLTON	22	LUKE BOLTON	44	ALAN SHEEHAN
10	ELLIOT LEE	23	BRENDAN GALLOWAY		



### MANAGER: SLAVEN BILIC

01	SAM JOHNSTONE	11	CHRIS BRUNT	23	JONATHAN BOND
02	DARNELL FURLONG	12	MATHEUS PEREIRA	26	AHMED HEGAZI
03	KIERAN GIBBS	14	CONOR TOWNSEND	27	DARA O'SHEA
04	HAL ROBSON-KANU	15	CHARLIE AUSTIN	28	SAM FIELD
05	KYLE BARTLEY	16	REKEEM HARPER	29	GRADY DIANGANA
06	SEMI AJAYI	17	OLIVER BURKE	30	MAX MELBOURNE
07	FILIP KROVINOVIĆ	19	ROMAINE SAWYERS	31	RAYHAAN TULLOCH
08	JAKE LIVERMORE	20	JONATHAN LEKO	32	JACK FITZWATER
09	KENNETH ZOHORE	21	KYLE EDWARDS	33	KANE WILSON
10	MATT PHILLIPS	22	CHRIS WILLOCK		

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