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GRAEME JONES

Good afternoon and welcome to Kenilworth Road for this Boxing Day Sky Bet Championship fixture against Fulham.

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas Day – buoyed by the fantastic news that the legal threat to Newlands Park and Power Court has all-but-gone, subject to appeal – and that you're desperate to get out of the house and let off some steam this afternoon.

We certainly need all 9,000 Lutonians in the stadium in good voice as we take on another side who were in the Premier League last season. I extend the welcome to Scott Parker, his staff, players and all those who have travelled in support of Fulham today.

When we went down to Craven Cottage in mid-October, we saw how just how potent a threat they are. But we also showed in the second half how capable we are of living with those kind of teams, pushing them all the way.

On Saturday against another side packed with top-flight experience, we came close to pulling off a result against Swansea. Games turn on big moments and for the second game running, we spurn a huge chance at one end, then see a couple of fortunate breaks in our own penalty area lead to the ball being in the back of our net.

That is what happens in the Championship, and we have now played all 23 teams, so we know full well what threat every opposition presents. There are no surprises for the players. They know what is coming, and I have seen signs in both of the last two games – even though they've been defeats – that they are learning and improving with every week.

As manager, my job is to get every area of the football club giving everything they've got, and I can assure you that everyone is doing exactly that to keep this club in the position we are currently in, as I write these notes ahead of Wigan's Monday night game at Blackburn. If we are fourth from bottom after 46 matches it will be job done. The players and staff are working tirelessly every single day to make it happen.

I have to say thank you to you, the supporters, for the backing we received on Saturday. I quickly came to realise that we have a fanbase here who understand the game, and your support for Simon Sluga on his return to the team was fantastic from the moment he walked out.

I think you recognised that the performance overall merited more than it got. We'll need the same this afternoon, and again and again as we head into 2020 knowing full well the job in hand.

Please enjoy the game today and travel safely in your great numbers, as always, to Bristol City as we close a memorable year for Luton Town Football Club.

Then it's Millwall and hopefully a very happy and prosperous new year for all Hatters!

COYH!




GARY SWEET



So, here we are, back at our ragged and rickety home for the final time this decade and approaching a new one within which we will be relocating to Power Court and bidding our fond farewells to this beautiful old girl of ours.

We stand at a very poignant epoch – almost bridging two decades – when we owe it to ourselves to dwell on this continuous roller-coaster ride of ours.

Our Kenilworth Road decade of the 10's began with a 3-2 (Hatch, Craddock) Conference defeat to Ebbsfleet United after the closest corresponding game in the noughties was a 4-1 (Barnes-Homer, Gallen 2, Jarvis) victory against an Eastbourne Borough side whose coach of 27 had been held up on the M25 until half-time.

We leave this decade as a competitive Championship Club having witnessed four unsuccessful play-offs; three promotions, two successful planning applications and a training ground relocation.

From Eastbourne to Fulham looking back; and from Kenilworth Road to Power Court looking forward. Perhaps this is where my notes should end today.

Naturally, I can't leave a big white space without wishing you all a very Merry Christmas to one and all and I hope you had a wonderful Christmas Day with your

families yesterday. Of course, a very warm welcome is extended to everyone from Craven Cottage who have made a conveniently short trip north from West London for this magical Boxing Day fixture.

It would also be remiss of me to ignore the encouraging news from Luton Council received last Friday that The Queen's High Court refused permission to Capital & Regional's subsidiary companies to have a Judicial Review of the Council's decision to grant permission for our Newlands Park mixed use development.

For those who are not aware, Luton Council were accused by C&R to have fallen foul of its planning protocols to grant consent on three arguments, all of which were considered by law to be "not arguable" and, thus, their accusations have been royally booted out. Indeed, in her reasoning, Mrs Justice Elisabeth Laing stated that the Council's Officer's Report had been thorough and careful as opposed to the Claimant's reliance upon a few paragraphs amongst a 100+ page report in support of its challenge.

Fantastic news indeed to bring in the New Year of 2020? Almost!

The process from here is that C&R now have the right to ask for a 'reconsideration of the permission application' through the High Courts which they must decide to do before we all start singing Auld Lang Syne. Should they decide to do so, then Luton Council together with us (as 2020 Developments) do battle with C&R at a 'renewal hearing' at some point in the first few weeks of the new year when it will be decided whether permission can be granted for the Claimant to proceed to a judicial review of the grant of planning permission.

From a personal point of view, I believe they would be utterly foolish to commit to do so given the facts in front of them and given their rapidly diminishing popularity amongst their future customer base, notwithstanding the complete waste of significant money required to attack and defend the arguments.

If this was a betting market only a serial gambling addict would keep backing the wrong horse.



That said, their track record in putting a jockey on a donkey tells us we should expect another, hopefully final, challenge and so, we prepare ourselves to hold firm.

Meanwhile, the world continues to spin just as we continue to work on both Power Court and Newlands Park schemes by improving their designs by making them more fit for purpose for the modern day. Given that they now approach their fourth year in their conception and given that much has gone on in the markets we're addressing both locally and nationally, we deserve it to ourselves and the town to take a detailed review of what we build, what we sell and ultimately how we deliver the end result.

Naturally, this all takes a lot of time so when we finally see off our challengers please don't think bricks start getting laid for a stadium the week after. With our economy in a state of some volatility, markets will need to improve before we will be in a position to attract investment which will then trigger those key infrastructure works at Power Court prior to stadium construction.

We have no time-travelling fiscal economists on our board unfortunately, but we don't see this being a long-term hurdle and we remain so excited to get over this next phase, so we get some orange hard hats made.

So, as we enter this profound year of 2020 you would be very surprised to hear that my New Year's wish isn't to ride out the JR challenge or to get our projects moving (mainly because through sheer dogged determination, this will happen anyway).

My New Year's wish, and indeed resolution with a view to encourage change, is for the authorities of our beautiful game

to realise the monster it has become and take action to protect its structure and heritage.

Such is the severe financial incongruity that currently exists, and that is deepening, our fear is that we are rapidly losing the sporting spirit which should be at the core of its structural DNA. Despite existing Profit & Sustainability rules (which should be named Loss & Sustainability) under a UEFA Financial Fair Play directive, more than ever before, our national game has become such an unhealthily diverse playing field from top-to-bottom whereby club owners are permitted (or rather not stopped from) injecting cash into their playing budgets on a game or risk.

This is simply not sport. Such contemptible habits breed competition between club owners on the primary basis that success is achieved according to who has the greatest amount of money to gamble in any one season. It is unsporting, unfair and, most importantly, unsustainable. My fear is that such is the delta between the haves and have nots that it is the biggest threat to the traditional sound structure of our game. More clubs will die if this is not fixed and clubs will cap the limit of their ambitions because, unless they sell to an international billionaire gambler, they simply cannot compete.

We operate in a League where clubs are accused of creative accounting, selling their foundation assets to avoid points deductions and alarmingly pandering to agents' demands whilst still making eye-watering losses to chase the dream of promotion to the Premier League. We operate in a league where the delta between top and bottom is greater than tenfold in budgetary terms and those at the bottom are expected to compete.

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The same is now happening at every level in the game purely because the balance of wealth is so stark.

I do not raise this issue now because we're languishing towards the bottom of the Championship. I raise it because we are experiencing the chasm in real time between the leagues and because matters are worsening.

We, as a board, will not compromise on our own principles of sustainability. This may be the first decade in Luton Town's post-war history which has seen the Club avoid financial catastrophe at some point having left a decade which very nearly saw our club die twice because our then owners whimsically overspent. As we know only too well, owners can all too easily lose a gamble and flee a sinking ship leaving supporters to pick up the pieces, if indeed there are any left.

So, my wish is to shift the current culture of football away from a world where owners/custodians are expected to plough in multi-millions to remain competitive, to a more reasonable and prudent world where rules are imposed to protect the longer-term sustainability of clubs and their supporters and communities, and for managers and players to battle on a more even playing surface.

With a new Chairman in place and a new CEO soon entering the building, the time for the EFL to act is now. Many clubs throughout the pyramid want the same whilst some want to spend as much as they like. Meanwhile, I ask for your support in protecting the sustainability of Luton Town Football Club,

whatever the result, and have the faith and patience in backing us to run the club the way we have over the last decade.

A massive thank you to those who are already pleading with us not to compromise our principles (even if we could afford to).

Finally, at this time of year, we always remember those we have lost and at Luton Town, we work with local charities we can help with both fundraising and, sometimes more importantly, profile. The recent Signposts sleep-over and shirt auction are just two examples of the great ways our staff and players can aid those who are less fortunate, not just at Christmas but all-year round. While supporters' charities of the year past and present have come to the fore, with work ongoing in partnership with CLIC Sargent, as well as our friends at Keech Hospice, who were fans' charity of 2017-18.

Seeing James Collins and Martin Cranie there talking to an eight-year-old whose family's life has been turned upside down by the awful disease that is cancer, made me proud of our club, its badge and our players. Who wasn't touched by that video of James presenting Ethan with his signed shirt, or the group of our lads wearing protective gloves and aprons to make a young leukaemia sufferer's day at the L&D?

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and COYH!

Gary





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WASP BELL BUZZES INTO TOWN

Following the announcement on Thursday from Wasps Rugby club regarding his upcoming departure, we are delighted to confirm that Chris Bell will be joining the Hatters in January as our new Head of Commercial.

Since being forced to retire through injury at Wasps in 2015, former England U21 centre Chris has spent the past four and a half years working for the club, initially as Head of Off-field Development at Wasps Rugby.

For the last two years, he has been Head of Partnership Delivery for the Rugby Club, Wasps Netball and the Ricoh Arena.



The 36-year-old is now looking forward to bringing a wealth of sporting experience, knowledge and business contacts to his local professional club, living nearby in Bedford, and we look forward to working with him in the new year.

HATTERS MEMORY WALL

The Town have launched a special Memory Wall so that supporters can leave messages to those Hatters who are sadly no longer with us.

Situated in the Kenilworth Road end, a number of wooden decorations will be available each home matchday, with messages being tied to the gates around the stadium and displayed all year round.

While the decorations are free, any donation to our Club Charity of the year, Signposts, would be much appreciated. A donation tin will be available at the gazebo outside the Kenilworth Road end.



We hope this wall becomes a fitting tribute to all those supporters who have followed us over the years.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY STANLEY!



The family of loyal Hatter Stanley Harrington would like to wish him a happy 85th birthday for New Year's Eve.

"Stanley has been watching Luton for over 80 years," wrote daughter Teresa and son-in-law Adam Dickerson. "He never misses a home game and goes to a lot of away games. Apart from his family, Luton Town is his life. He goes to the Bobbers Club with us all before and after every home game. The stories he tells us about games years ago that he has never forgotten are amazing."

Happy 85th for Tuesday, Stanley!

WELCOME TO HATTERS WORLD, LUCA!



Grant and Emily Chaney are pleased to announce the birth of baby boy and new Hatter Luca Theodore to the Hatters family. He was born on 11th December and will hopefully a future Luton star and season ticket holder!

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REND DAVID KESTERTON

In a famous episode of the BBC sitcom *The Vicar of Dibley*, local vicar Geraldine Grainger is invited to four Christmas lunches.

Desperate to keep everyone happy, she accepts them all and so begins a gut busting marathon of over-indulgence. At the second enormous meal she is challenged to a sprout eating contest with her hosts. Determined to win she pushes the last sprout into her mouth with her fingers. By the end of the day she is so full that she has to be taken home in the bucket of the local farmers tractor.

By the time you read this on Boxing Day there will no doubt have been a bit seasonal over indulgence – but not course amongst the players, who will be scheduling their Christmas celebrations around the fixture list and training schedule. I sometimes wonder how players' families cope with adjusting family celebrations to fit around the demands of Christmas and New year fixtures.

Boxing Day matches always have an extra sense of being a special occasion. Growing up I can remember Boxing Day morning football matches at one of the local youth clubs. These were more a of a kickabout really as everybody was welcome to join in, and we often ended up with 20-a-side – youngsters and adults together having a real scrap. We lost track of the score but it didn't really matter – it was the love of the game and the sense of togetherness that drove us on.

The cold, wet and mud was strangely welcome after the day of eating, festive TV watching and polite conversation with

relatives who we didn't always want to see. Some years we'd get the chance to go on to an afternoon fixture at Wolves, who were the team local to where I lived.

At that first Christmas, Jesus was born completely vulnerable, into the muddle and the mess, into a situation of poverty and danger. It was a group of unremarkable shepherds who were the first to hear the news. The baby swiftly became a refugee, fleeing from a jealous and murderous king.

Down the years we have sentimentalised the Christmas message but at its heart it is a marvellous message of hope that God chose to enter our world under the form of a vulnerable baby not protected from hardship but choosing to be with us right where we are. It's a message that continues to inspire people of all faiths and none.

If you ever visit the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem which is built over the place where the birth may have taken place, you'll find that the entrance is by a low door and all those who enter have to stoop down to step inside. It's a powerful reminder that the Christmas message is a great leveller but is particularly good news for those who feel shut out or disadvantaged in our world. Whether or not we practice a faith, Christmas is a time for giving and receiving gifts while remembering those less fortunate than ourselves, especially those without a secure home and the many for whom Christmas is a very difficult time.

I wish you all a peaceful Christmas season and a happy new year!

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JACOB BUTTERFIELD

FAVOURITE THINGS



Nickname: Butts

Position: Midfielder

Born: 10.06.90



▲ GOAL?

I scored one for Middlesbrough against Birmingham City, I let the ball run across my body and I volleyed it into the top corner.



▲ GAME THAT YOU'VE PLAYED IN

Manchester United in the Cup for Derby. To have a game against some of the best in the world, was a good experience.



TEAM AS A KID:

Manchester United.

MEAL

I like Asian food – Japanese and Thai.



◀ MOVIE

The Joker – that's the best one I have seen recently.



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► **BEST MATE?**

I am close with Hylts, Bez and Pelly.

► **ROOM MATE?**

Bez

► **CAR SCHOOL?**

Harry Cornick.

► **BEST DRESSED?**

James Bree.

► **WORST DRESSED?**

Glen Rea. Tunnicliffe and Bez are a close second.

► **LAST TO BUY A DRINK?**

Danny Hylton.

► **BEST AT FIFA?**

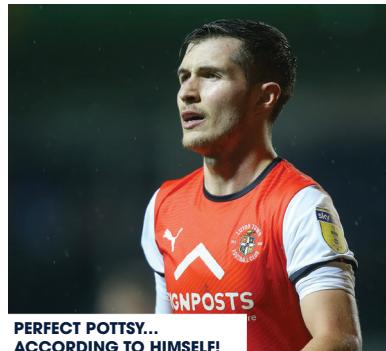
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► **POOL CHAMPION?**

Sonny.

► **MOST DISGUSTING EATER?**

Bezza.

► **FUNNIEST?**

Martin Cranie.

► **LOUDEST?**

Pelly.

► **MOST SENSIBLE?**

Sonny Bradley.

► **HAVING HIMSELF?**

Dan Potts, 100 per cent!

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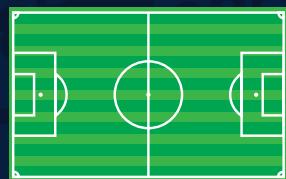


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NICKNAME:
THE COTTAGEERS



FOUNDED:
1879



GROUND:
CRAVEN COTTAGE

MANAGER:
SCOTT PARKER



LAST MET:
OCT 2019



**MILES FROM
KENILWORTH
ROAD:** 37.5



**SEASONS IN
CHAMP:**
ONE



**AVR. HOME
ATT. 18/19:**
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**ALEKSANDAR
MITROVIC**

The Serbian international is the Championship's top scorer and has been on top form this season.

His career started with Partizan in 2011, before moving to Anderlecht in 2013, where he made 90 appearances and scored 44 goals for the top Belgian outfit.

Mitrovic then left for Newcastle in 2015 but after failing to get sufficient game-time in the 2017/18 season, he joined Fulham on loan, where he scored 12 times in 17 matches.

His incredible form prompted the Cottagers to sign him permanently and he has continued his fine contribution in front of goal ever since, netting 17 already this term.

Compiled by Dan Briard



THE MANAGER

SCOTT PARKER

Scott Parker took the hot-seat at Fulham after the dismissal of Claudio Ranieri in January 2019.

At the time his role was caretaker manager, but he impressed sufficiently to be named permanent head coach prior to the final game of last season.

Parker was well known to Fulham fans before taking the managerial job, as he spent four years from 2013 playing for the Cottagers, going on to make 128 appearances.

His playing days also saw him turn out for the likes of Charlton Athletic, Chelsea, Newcastle United, West Ham United and Tottenham.

PLAYERS



GOALKEEPERS

#	NAME	AGE	NATIONALITY
01	MARCUS BETTINELLI	27	ENGLAND
12	MAREK RODAK	22	SLOVAKIA
32	MAGNUS NORMAN	22	ENGLAND

DEFENDERS

#	NAME	AGE	NATIONALITY
04	DENIS ODOI	31	BELGIUM
05	ALFIE MAWSON	25	ENGLAND
13	TIM REAM	32	USA
20	MAXIME LE MARCHAND	30	FRANCE
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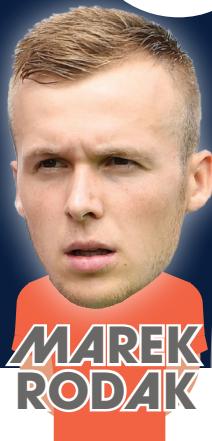
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FULHAM

ON THE



**MAREK
RODAK**



**ALFIE
MAWSON**

Position: GOALKEEPER

Nationality: Slovakia

DOB: 13/12/96

Height: 6ft 4in

Previous Club: MFK Kosice

2019/20 League Appearances: 10

2019/20 League Clean Sheets: 3

Position: DEFENDER

Nationality: England

DOB: 19/01/94

Height: 6ft 2in

Previous Club: Swansea City

2019/20 League Appearances: 23

2019/20 League Goals: 0

Marek Rodak made his first league start for Fulham against the Hatters when the two sides met at Craven Cottage earlier on in the season.

He joined the Cottagers in 2013 but spent his time out on loan with the likes of Farnborough, Welling United, Accrington Stanley and Rotherham United, before being a part of the first team squad this season.

Rodak has been capped for Slovakia's U21s four times and even scored for them when coming up for a corner against Iceland U21s, a 94th-minute winner in a European Championship Under-21 qualifying match.

Mawson started his senior career with Brentford but didn't make an appearance for them in a three-year stay, instead going on-loan to Maidenhead, the Hatters, Welling and Wycombe.

In 2015 he joined Barnsley and enjoyed a very successful season - making 58 appearances and scoring seven goals.

He impressed Swansea enough that they brought him the season after, and he remained there for two seasons.

Fulham splashed the cash on the centre-back in August 2018 but he endured an injury-hit campaign in the Premier League, only making 15 appearances, but is ever-present this term.

RADAR



**TOM
CAIRNEY**



**IVAN
CANALEIRO**

Position: MIDFIELDER

Nationality: Scotland

DOB: 20/01/91

Height: 5ft 7in

Previous Club: Blackburn Rovers

2019/20 League Appearances: 21

2019/20 League Goals: 6

Position: STRIKER

Nationality: Portugal

DOB: 18/10/93

Height: 5ft 8in

Previous Club: On loan from Wolves

2019/20 League Appearances: 22

2019/20 League Goals: 4

Club captain Tom Cairney is partway through his fifth season at the club after he joined from Blackburn Rovers in 2015.

The twice-capped Scotland international started his career with Leeds United, before he moved to Hull City in 2007.

From the Tigers he went to Blackburn in 2014 and after scoring three goals and providing seven assists, Fulham snapped the Nottingham-born midfielder up.

This season Cairney has already been involved in scoring six goals and three assists, but his best season to date is 2016/17 – when he scored 13 goals and provided 12 assists.

Ivan Cavaleiro began his career in 2009 with Benfica in his native Portugal, where he spent six years – bar one year in Spain on loan to Deportivo La Coruna – until he got a move to Monaco.

After just a season in France, Cavaleiro moved to Wolverhampton Wanderers in 2016. His nine goals and 13 assists helped Wolves to promotion in 2018, before he scored three goals in the Premier League the season after.

Currently on-loan at Fulham, the 26-year-old has made a good start to life at Craven Cottage and is utilised across the forward-line in any position required.

FULHAM

CLASSIC CLASH

CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH
DELVES INTO HIS ARCHIVES...

03.10.1998 | FULHAM 1 LUTON TOWN 3
FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION TWO (NOW LEAGUE ONE)

After a promising start to the season, when the young Hatters side had moved up as high as second spot in Division Two by early September, the exertions of performing to the highest levels in the league each week, interspersed with a fine run in the Worthington Cup, meant that individual performances were beginning to falter.

After a narrow defeat at Blackpool the Town entertained Ipswich in a rip-roaring Worthington Cup tie, and after straining every sinew, managed to win through by the odd goal on aggregate after extra time.

A tired performance against Walsall at Kenilworth Road followed, together with another narrow defeat, so a trip to money-bags Fulham in the next game was seen as a keen test of the mental strength of the squad.

The millions that Fulham owner Mohammed Al Fayed had poured into the club had just begun to bear fruit

and the West London side were set fair to walk away with the division. But that is not to say that they would have it completely their own way over the long campaign!

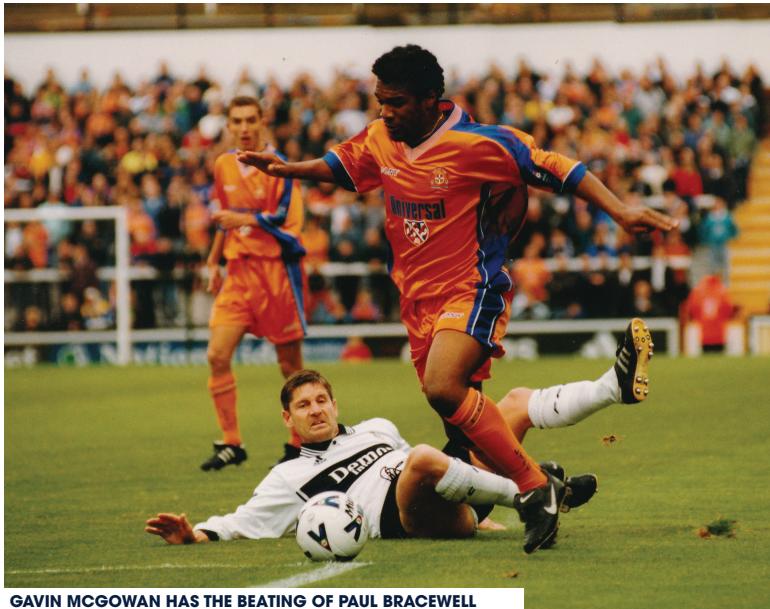
Al Fayed and his gang of minders sauntered around the pitch before the start, no doubt assuming that three points were in the bag, but even in the pre-match warm up there seemed to be a spring in the step of the Luton players and a show of bubbly confidence that was absent the previous week. The Luton squad was fully up for the occasion.

Manager Lennie Lawrence had done his homework and used Gavin McGowan and Sean Evers to keep the Fulham wing-backs Gus Uhlenbeck and Rufus Brevett quiet. Evers not only kept Brevett under control, but had the game of his life with his indefatigable energy allowing him to control the midfield and set up chances for the forwards.

Evers started his masterclass in the third minute when, after receiving a clever pass from Steve Davis, played in an inch

■ Luton were strong at the back, inventive and full of running in midfield and had a field day up front as well. ■





GAVIN MCGOWAN HAS THE BEATING OF PAUL BRACEWELL

perfect cross for Phil Gray to head past a stranded Maik Taylor in the Fulham goal.

Fulham rarely troubled the Luton defence and it was no surprise when the Hatters doubled their lead just after the interval with Stuart Douglas heading in McGowan's cross.

Ray McKinnon went close with an effort soon after, before putting in a free-kick for skipper Davis to grab his side's third with yet another header.

Gray and Douglas both then fired in shots in an attempt to completely humiliate their hosts, but it was Fulham who scored the game's final goal when future Hatter Alan Neilson headed in Peter Beardsley's 86th minute corner. This was the Cottagers' first attempt on target!

After the game a shell-shocked Fulham manager Kevin Keegan handed out praise to the Hatters.

"That's certainly the best display I have seen against us since I've been at Fulham," said the Fulham boss.

"Luton were strong at the back, inventive and full of running in midfield and had a field day up front as well.

"In fact, they could have scored one or two more. I was surprised by how good they were and told Lennie afterwards that he should be proud. They certainly looked more like promotion contenders than we did."

Hatters manager Lennie Lawrence was understandably happy. "We're obviously delighted. There's no doubt Fulham will be there at the end and I'll be surprised if they are not in the top two.

"We approached it like the cup games because we regard Fulham as a first division team. We prepared for it and the players were up for it mentally and physically. We performed well individually and collectively.

"That's the best League performance since I've been here when you measure the nature of the opposition and how comprehensive the victory was."



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MCLAREN, TAYLOR

FULHAM

TAYLOR, FINNAN, BREVETT, MELVILLE
(TROLLOPE), MORGAN, SYMONS,
COLLINS, CLARK, HORSFIELD,
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GARY DOHERTY RISES HIGHEST AMONG THE FULHAM DEFENDERS

The Town finished the 1998/99 campaign in administration but made a good fist of it early in the following season using a rich conveyor belt of youngsters out of necessity.

Gradually, inconsistent form began to tell and as autumn turned to winter a mid-table position was all that could be hoped for.

Cash strapped, the Town needed a good run in the FA Cup to replenish the coffers especially as defeat had been suffered at the first stage in both the Worthington and AWS cups.

Kingstonian were seen off at Kenilworth Road in the first round before Lincoln

took the Hatters to a replay at Sincil Bank which was won by a single Stuart Douglas strike. The reward was a third round tie at upwardly mobile Fulham.

Fulham had walked Division Two (now League One) the previous season and looked set fair for back-to-back promotions buoyed by the wealth of Mohamed Al Fayed.

The Fulham squad had cost £16.5 million to put together, while the Town's cost nothing, so it was a great surprise when Liam George put the Hatters ahead after six minutes.

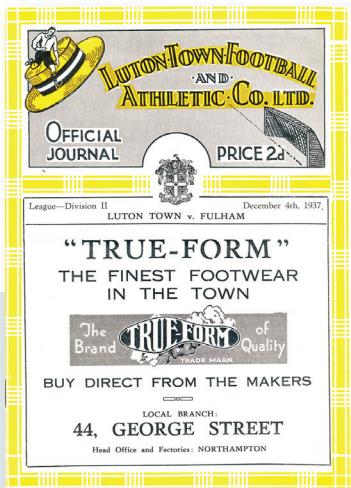
The Cottagers fought back to lead through Geoff Horsfield and Sean Davis before a rocket shot from Matthew Spring with seven minutes left took the tie back to Kenilworth Road.

The replay ten days later saw a crowd of 8,170 turn out to witness the Cottagers have the better of the first half without scoring, but after the break they hit the Town with a devastating three goal salvo in only six minutes.

Defensive errors by Stuart Fraser and Paul McLaren gifted the Town's old nemesis Barry Hayles with two goals, before Steve Hayward netted direct from a free-kick which he won after being fouled on the edge of the area.

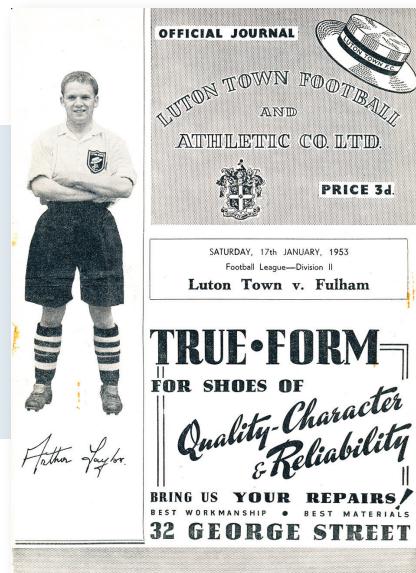
Club Historian **ROGER WASH** picks out eight programme covers from past games with our opponents

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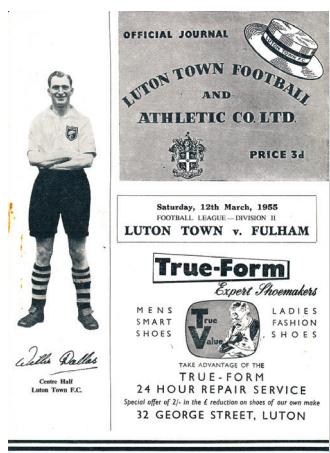
DECEMBER 1937

The Town, in their first season in Division Two (now the Championship), are finding their feet at the new level. A 4-0 home win over Fulham, with Joe Payne scoring two, is proof of this.



JANUARY 1953

The Hatters are now chasing the leading pair in the table following a 2-0 home win over Fulham. Les Jones and Bernard Moore score the goals in front of a crowd of 21,409.



MARCH 1955

A 3-0 home victory over Fulham cements a top two spot on the road to eventual promotion. Gordon Turner nets two of the goals.



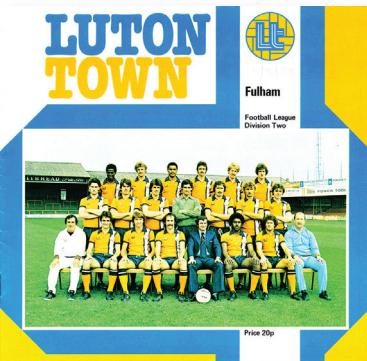
JANUARY 1960

Basement battlers
Luton pull of a shock
by beating high flyers
Fulham 4-1 at Kenilworth
Road to record only their
sixth win of the season.



OCTOBER 1975

Alan Slough, Viv Busby
and manager Alec Stock
return to Kenilworth
Road but are beaten by
a single Brian Chambers
strike.



MAY 1979

For the fourth successive game the Town benefit from an opponents' own goal. This time Fulham's John Beck sets the Town up to an eventual 2-0 victory and safety from relegation.

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APRIL 1970

Old boy Malcolm Macdonald returns to his old club and scores the only goal of the game in this Division Three (now League One) promotion clash watched by 18,987.



FEBRUARY 1980

David Moss nets a first half hat trick leading to a 4-0 victory and with it top spot in Division Two (now the Championship).



THE BOYS ARE BACK IN TOWN

FOOTBALL HISTORIAN LEIGH EDWARDS PROFILES TEN PLAYERS
WHO HAD MORE THAN ONE SPELL AT FULHAM

BILL DODGIN

England U-23 centre-half Bill Dodgin was a player and manager at Fulham. Following his father of the same name from Southampton to Fulham in September 1949, he joined Arsenal in December 1952 but returned to Fulham in March 1961 and made 104 League appearances overall. He coached Millwall, then QPR and rejoined Fulham as manager from December 1968 until May 1972, taking them to promotion in 1970-71. After coaching Leicester, he became Northampton's boss in June 1973 and plotted promotion in 1975-76, then repeated the feat with Brentford in 1977-78. Later managing Northampton again and Woking, he died in Chertsey in June 2000.

BOBBY ROBSON

England international inside-right Bobby Robson had two spells as a player with Fulham. Signing professional at Craven Cottage in May 1950, he formed a brilliant inside-forward trio with Bedford Jezzard and Johnny Haynes before moving to West Brom in March 1956. He switched to wing-half and was capped 20 times while at The Hawthorns prior to rejoining Fulham in August 1962, scoring 77 goals in 344 League games overall for the Cottagers before hanging up his boots in May 1967. Later Sir Bobby, he managed Fulham, Ipswich Town, England, PSV Eindhoven, Sporting Lisbon, Porto, Barcelona and Newcastle United. He died in July 2009.

ALAN MULLERY

England international midfielder Alan Mullery was voted Footballer of the Year and awarded the MBE after captaining Fulham to the 1975 FA Cup final. Signing professional at Craven Cottage in December 1958, he helped Fulham clinch promotion that season and was an FA Cup semi-finalist in 1962. He moved to Tottenham Hotspur for £72,500 in March 1964 and starred as they won the FA Cup in 1967, the League Cup in 1971 and UEFA Cup in 1972 before rejoining Fulham in August 1972. Scoring 37 times in 364 League games overall for Fulham, he then managed Brighton, Charlton, Crystal Palace, QPR and Barnet, becoming a football pundit.

RODNEY MARSH

England international striker Rodney Marsh had two spells at Fulham. Signing professional at Craven Cottage in October 1962, he was Fulham's top scorer in 1964-65 and moved to QPR in March 1966. He was leading marksman five times, scoring a club record 44 goals in their 1966-67 Third Division title and League Cup 'double' success. Sold to Manchester City for £200,000 in March 1972, he was a League Cup finalist again in 1974 and moved via Tampa Bay Rowdies back to Fulham in August 1976, netting 27 goals in 79 League games overall. He became a successful coach in the United States, then returned to work in the media, notably Sky TV.

GORDON DAVIES

Welsh international striker Gordon Davies holds Fulham's all-time goalscoring record. He impressed with Merthyr Tydfil before moving to Craven Cottage in March 1978 and was Fulham's leading marksman in five successive seasons. Starring in their 1981-82 promotion campaign, he also featured prominently as Fulham nearly clinched top-flight status in 1982-83 and moved to Chelsea in November 1984. He rejoined Fulham from Manchester City in October 1986 and netted 159 goals in 394 League games overall before joining Wrexham in August 1991. Briefly player-manager of Norwegian side Tornado, he then appeared for Northwich Victoria.



BOBBY ROBSON



RAY LEWINGTON



LEROY ROSENIOR

ROBERT WILSON

Republic of Ireland U-21 midfielder Robert Wilson was a key figure in Fulham's 1981-82 promotion success. He turned professional at Craven Cottage in June 1979 and also starred in Fulham's 1982-83 promotion near-miss. Sold to Millwall for £57,500 in August 1985, he joined Luton Town in August 1986 and returned to Fulham for £40,000 in September 1987. He helped them reach the Third Division play-offs in 1988-89 and netted 37 goals in 222 League games overall for the Cottagers before moving to Huddersfield Town in July 1989. Later with Rotherham United and Farnborough Town, he then coached and sold industrial clothing.

RAY LEWINGTON

Midfielder Ray Lewington starred in Fulham's 1981-82 promotion success. Initially with Chelsea, he was ever-present as they regained top-flight status in 1976-77 and had spells with Vancouver Whitecaps and Wimbledon before joining Fulham for £50,000 in March 1980. Ever-present in their 1982-83 promotion near-miss, he moved to Sheffield United in July 1985 but rejoined Fulham as player-manager in July 1986. Scoring 21 goals in 234 League games overall, he was demoted to chief coach in June 1990 and had spells as caretaker-boss. He coached Crystal Palace, Brentford and Watford before assisting Roy Hodgson at Fulham, England and Palace.

JIM STANNARD

Big goalkeeper Jim Stannard was ever-present for Fulham on three occasions. Starting with Ford United, he joined Fulham in June 1980 and understudied Republic of Ireland international Gerry Peyton during their 1981-82 promotion campaign. He moved to Southend United in March 1985 and was ever-

present in their 1986-87 promotion success, rejoining Fulham in August 1987. Helping qualify for the Third Division play-offs in 1988-89, he made 389 League appearances overall for the Cottagers before joining Gillingham in August 1995. He starred in their 1995-96 promotion success and has been goalkeeping coach at various clubs, currently Bromley.

PAUL PARKER

England international defender Paul Parker had two spells at Fulham. Signing professional at Craven Cottage in April 1982, he featured in Fulham's 1981-82 promotion success and 1982-83 promotion near-miss. He joined QPR with Dean Coney in June 1987 and was ever-present in 1987-88. Sold to Manchester United for £2,000,000 in August 1991, he helped win all three major domestic honours and moved to Derby County in August 1996. He had a spell with Sheffield United before briefly rejoining Fulham in January 1997, scoring twice in 156 League games overall. Later with Chelsea, he held management posts at Ashford and Chelmsford.

LEROY ROSENIOR

Ex-England Youth striker Leroy Rosenior had three spells at Fulham. Signing professional at Craven Cottage in August 1982, he was sold to QPR for £100,000 in September 1985 and rejoined Fulham for a similar fee in May 1987. He was leading marksman in 1987-88 and joined West Ham for £275,000 in March 1988. Loaned back to Fulham in September 1990, he netted 38 goals in 99 League games overall for the Cottagers. He joined Bristol City in March 1992, then was Gloucester's player-boss and managed Merthyr Tydfil, Torquay United, Brentford and Sierra Leone. Later a football pundit and anti-racism campaigner, his son Liam also played for Fulham.



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HAPPY CHRISTMAS HATTERS!

The Hatters squad have been getting into the festive spirit in recent days, enjoying their traditional Christmas lunch at The Brache before going out in the community to visit children in the local hospitals and Keech Hospice.

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A little more than a fortnight ago, eight-year-old mascot Ethan Matthews helped inspire James Collins and the Hatters to victory over Wigan, boldly predicting the 2-1 winning scoreline before the game.

Last Tuesday afternoon, brave Stotfold lad Ethan received a surprise visit at Keech Hospice from the man he walked out onto the Kenilworth Road pitch alongside, with Collo and Martin Cranie delivering some Christmas gifts.

In among those presents was James' signed No.19 shirt from the game, on which he'd written: 'To Ethan, thank you for helping us beat Wigan. You're a superstar!'





At the same time as James and Martin were visiting Ethan, the rest of the Hatters squad were out visiting the children's wards at the Luton and Dunstable Hospital and Bedford Hospital, bringing Christmas cheer to poorly youngsters in the area.

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A photograph of three men from the chest up, all wearing identical blue long-sleeved shirts. The shirts have a white V-neck collar and a small 'sky bet' logo on the left chest. On the right chest, there is a white shield-shaped logo with the word 'TOOLS' at the top and three white icons: a wrench, a screwdriver, and a spanner. The men are standing close together, with their arms partially visible on the sides. The background is a plain, light blue.

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By Dan Briard

LUKE KEEPS LEAPING OVER LIFE'S HURDLES

We sat down with Manchester City loanee and England under-20 star Luke Bolton to find out how he reflects on his Hatters loan spell so far...

Football mad since the age of four, Luke Bolton was always going to be a professional footballer no matter the setbacks he faced along the way.

After being released from both Manchester City's and Manchester United's academy at the age of eight, the now 20-year-old reflects on his journey from that point right up until now.

"From a young age I got released and it didn't really hit me that hard. I've always been someone who gets on with it, if they don't want me, they don't want me. Then I come back from it but even at City, they've always expected me to stumble at the next hurdle. A few of the lads when we were 12 got four-year contracts and I think I got a one-year.

"The next year they reviewed it and said we will give you another. I was always the one they weren't expecting to not be able to keep up what I was doing and also, I've had a lot of hamstring injuries.

"I'd say over the last three years, I've not had a full season due to injuries, so it's about staying mentally at it when all you can think about is going in just to sit in the gym or sit in the physio room, whilst the boys are out playing.

"I think I've had set-backs but I deal with them well, you've just got to stay positive and look at the end goal."

Dealt with them he has. The Stockport-born wideman re-joined Man City at under-12s and has been a part of the furniture ever since, though Bolton isn't the type for getting carried away or having an ego.

"I'd say I have high standards of myself and I'm my worst critic," he said. "If I feel like I've had a poor game, my agent, my mum, my dad and my brother will all know about it. They will be getting a phone call saying I was awful today and



they might say 'Were you though?' It might be one thing but because I've got high standards, that stays in my head because I'm very critical of myself.

"When you're on the pitch, you are just another player. Especially when I'm here, you are representing Luton, trying to do the best you can for Luton, and it's not about who you are or where you are from. I don't think many people will think about it, I think there will be the odd few that will be saying, 'Who does this guy think he is' but I'm not like that anyway."

Having signed on loan for the Hatters on deadline day along with James Bree and Izzy Brown, Bolton discussed the changing room and how the players are a 'great' bunch.

"I'd say from the experience I've had, despite some people telling me that some dressing rooms are evil and you can't trust everyone in football, once you come in here, they are all great lads."

Bolton made ten appearances for Wycombe Wanderers in League One last season but since moving up a division, he described the Championship as an 'unbelievably tough league'.

"I feel like in the Championship, all it takes is for the opposition is to have a striker that will finish the first shot he has, and they will win the game one-nil," he says.

"It is high quality but from the games I have watched before, there are some players in some teams that just have that good quality where you can see they might have played in the Premier League for a few years, they get a chance and stick

it away, or if it needs to be blocked, they will block it. On the whole I'm very impressed with the standard."

Ever wondered what the boys get up to when relaxing after training and matches? Well Bolton revealed that he and a group of fellow team-mates in the squad enjoy playing PlayStation, something the Man City loanee insists he is the best at.

"Me and James Bree, Izzy Brown, Pelly-Ruddock - there's like a younger group and we are all on PlayStation together and all of that, so we all get along well."

"We play Call of Duty, all the lads say I'm the best and I produce, so it's not just me saying that!"

Having played for his boyhood club, represented England at youth level - helping to win the Toulon tournament in 2017 - and now playing regularly in the Championship, Bolton's humble and hard-working approach to life has got him very far in a short space of time.





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Dan Briard caught up with Luton Town fan and actor Sam Gittins, who spoke about his affiliation with the club and what he's been up to in the acting world...

A professional actor since the age of 18, Sam Gittins has been a proud Luton Town supporter from the age of ten.

The Hatters were always bound to be the team he supported due to his family connections with the club, as the 26-year-old explained: "I was born in Luton and then moved to south London. We weren't actually living in Luton when I was born there, but my Dad wanted me to be born there because he was, all of his family was and my brother was, so that's how I became stuck with the football team!"

Despite his dad thinking that Sam may not have been a Town supporter at one point, due to his early obsession with the Premier League and specifically Michael Owen - who played for Liverpool at the time - Sam loves how the Hatters are a 'real family club.'

"I think the thing is with Luton, despite some of the reputations we may have had in the past, it's a real family place now and I'd always see an uncle or a cousin walk past," he says. "In South London I don't have any roots so that was a nice thing, that you felt localised in the ground."

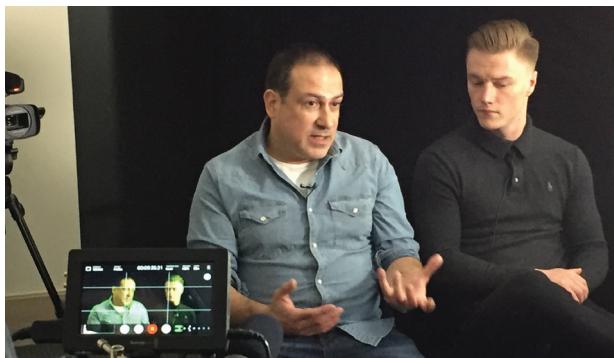
The man who played Wayne 'Moose' Parker in EastEnders recalls the day he went to his first Hatters game, away at Crystal Palace, which Town won 2-1 in the first game of the 2005/06 Championship season.

There have been plenty of ups and downs since that day, but Sam's best Luton memory remains the unforgettable trip to Wembley.

"My best Luton memory is probably the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final," the 26-year-old continues.

"Just because of the situation Luton were in and what I felt it meant at that point. We were playing a team in Scunthorpe that were technically still in the Championship, and we had technically just gone non-league.

"It was really a chance to say you've done this to us, but we are still a strong team. We turned up with 42,000 at Wembley



and we went 2-1 down and won 3-2, so that's probably my favourite memory in my lifetime."

His career in acting has been fast-paced, much like Town's climb through the divisions, having been extremely busy with a number of films and series this year.

After struggling in school, Sam joined the BRIT school, where he learned his trade as an actor and has since starred in Sky

series 'The Smoke', prior to roles working on Holby City, Call the Midwife and in Albert Square.

As well as several other previous roles, Sam spoke about what he's been up to recently and where you could expect to see him next. "I've been filming a couple of films that are coming out next year," he says. "One of them is a film called 'To Be Someone', which is from the book that was based on Quadrophenia.



"There's a snooker film as well that has a really good sports following, as it's got some of the top players doing cameos in. It is called Break - a rags to riches snooker story and I'm incredibly excited about it!"

Sam finished by saying a special thank you to his dad Dennis for buying him all the Hatters programmes over the years.

Enjoy being in this edition of Our Town, Sam!

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STORY OF THE MATCH

The Hatters will feel their performance warranted a whole lot more as they were defeated 1-0 by Swansea City on Saturday.

With both sides not creating too many chances, the Hatters should have done better when Harry Cornick took the ball past Freddie Woodman, teed up substitute George Moncur, but his effort was blocked by a Swansea defender in the six-yard box.

Ghana international Andre Ayew would punish the Town for not taking the opportunity, as he chested the ball over the line after getting on the end of Jay Fulton's deflected cross with just eight minutes to go.



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KEY: H: HOME | A: AWAY

COREY PANTER
30


JOSH NEUFVILLE
35


TIERNAN PARKER
42


JAKE PECK
48


YOUTH TEAM

SAM BECKWITH

H: David Boswell A: Frank and Diane Woodward

JOSH BOORN

H: Available A: Available

JOSEPH HALSEY

H: Available A: Available

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DAN WALDER

H: Available A: Available

PAUL BENSON

H: Available A: Available

2019-20 EFL YOUTH ALLIANCE SOUTH EAST

DATE	KO	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE
03.08.19	11.00am	H	Southend United	W 4-2
10.08.19	11.00am	A	Northampton Town	D 4-4
24.08.19	10.30am	A	Gillingham	L 3-4
27.08.19	1.00pm	H	Cheltenham Town (League Cup R1)	W 2-0
31.08.19	11.00am	H	Cambridge United	D 2-2
07.09.19	10.30am	A	Barnet	L 1-2
14.09.19	11.00am	A	AFC Wimbledon	W 2-1
17.09.09	1.00pm	A	Gillingham (League Cup R2)	W 4-1
21.09.19	11.00am	A	Stevenage	L 1-3
28.09.19	11.00am	H	Leyton Orient	L 1-2
05.10.19	10.30am	A	Milton Keynes Dons	W 5-3
12.10.19	11.00am	H	Peterborough United	L 1-2

DATE	KO	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE
19.10.19	11.00am	H	Gillingham	L 1-2
26.10.19	11.00am	A	Cambridge United	D 1-1
02.11.19	11.00am	H	Barnet	W 2-1
09.11.19	10.30am	H	AFC Wimbledon	D 3-3
16.11.19	10.30am	A	Leyton Orient	D 2-2
23.11.19	11.00am	H	Stevenage	L 5-7
30.11.19	11.00am	H	Milton Keynes Dons	W 7-1
03.12.19	7.00pm	H	Oxford United (League Cup R3)	L 1-5
11.12.19	7.00pm	H	Sheff Wed (FA Youth Cup R3)	L 2-3
14.12.19	11.00am	A	Peterborough United	L 0-1
21.12.19	11.00am	A	Southend United	P-P
04.01.20	10.30am	H	Northampton Town	



ACADEMY UPDATE

WITH ANDY AWFORD



Good afternoon everyone and welcome to today's game against Fulham

With the Christmas Break giving the Academy games programme a little bit of a breather, we took the opportunity recently to continue our partnership with motivational speaker Luke Staton.

Luke came in to speak with players, parents and staff for the second of six sessions aimed at inspiring individuals to become the best person that they can be.

Ex-England Youth international Luke spent the afternoon at The Brache working with the U18s players and full-time Academy staff before moving onto the stadium to speak to the U9-U16s players, parents and staff.

The session evolved around how each individual saw themselves and the image that they would like to portray of themselves on their Academy journey.

Players, parents and staff were tasked with identifying key areas within their lives that they believe can positively impact their performance both on and off the pitch.

One parent of an academy player said: "I thought it was incredibly uplifting, not only for the boys, but parents too."

The sessions will continue throughout this season with Luke working on a variety of areas such as leading by example, being consistent and exploring an individual's 'why'.

Our Head of Education & Life Skills Programme, Dale Brunton, enthused: "The holistic development of our players, parents and staff is of paramount importance to our club and academy, which is why getting Luke to come in and work with us over the course of the season has been very beneficial.

"The feedback we have received so far has been fantastic and hopefully the sessions will add to the Life Skills programme that we already offer."

For more information on Luke's work visit his Instagram page [@lukestaton1](https://www.instagram.com/lukestaton1)

Enjoy today's game... COYH!!

Andy

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LUTON TOWN IN THE COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY TRUST ANNUAL REVIEW 2019

2019 was a year of contrast for the Trust with big highs and lows. The Trust celebrated its 10th anniversary as a charity in the summer, swiftly followed by the loss of our community hub at Ely Way in a catastrophic fire in September, but ended the year being nominated as a finalist at the British Sports Awards in the 'sport for social change' category.

Our anniversary event was a way to thank partners and celebrate the achievements of many of our participants who see the Trust as an organisation which helps improve their lives, and while the fire at Ely Way will continue to be a hindrance for the next six months, our outreach work continues and the recognition from the Sports Journalist Associations British Sports Awards was a great boost – and one we needed in in all honesty – in recognising our work to make a real difference to peoples lives through sport.



It was a great end to the year and the fourth year in a row the Trust's work has been recognised by an awarding body.

As a registered charity our role is to represent the Club in the wider community using the power of football to be at the heart of our community. We rely on raising our own funds through both our coaching activities and grant funding from the EFL Trust, Premier League and PFA with support from the Club, first team players and our main sponsor easyJet. Additional partnerships with the Home Office, Heritage



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Lottery Fund, Bedfordshire Police Crime Commissioner's Office and Wembley National Stadium Trust enabled the Trust to continue expanding our existing activities and begin lots of new and exciting projects and collaborations locally.

We now provide over 70 free PE lessons every week to over 2,000 local school children as part of our flagship project, the Premier League Primary Stars Project. Lessons include both reading and numeracy modules in the classroom as well as PE lessons, and of course we offer mentoring support to school staff who deliver PE in an attempt to raise the quality of delivery in local schools for all children.

Our involvement in Disability Football continues to prove hugely rewarding for both staff and participants, and as well as our two adult teams, the Hatters and Boaters, who had a successful season winning one of their leagues this year.

Our Skills Performance and Development Centres also continue to perform well with over 600 recruited boys in the system attending 16 weekly centres across Bedfordshire, and three of the recently signed scholars this season are graduates of this system, demonstrating continued success.

We also increased our football tournaments this year with the Hatters Cup involving 1,200 youngsters playing at Kenilworth Road in May, as well as also involving over 50 local packs of Beavers and Cubs in their own Hatters Cup this year in what we hope will also become an annual event. Our Girls U13 and Kids U11 Cups tournaments also attracted entries from over 70 local

schools across Bedfordshire. That's almost 2,500 participants taking part in our football tournaments this year alone.

We also held our Luton Street League Integration Cup at the stadium for over 300 participants as part of our Community Led Local Development project with the Council, which forms an important part of our integration sport, training and employment project with the help of the European Social Fund.

Luton Street League, along with Premier League KICKS projects, forms a very important foundation to our cohesion and sport offering to the young people of Luton and now Bedford, where we have two new centres supported by the Harpur Trust. These projects cover hundreds of participants each week, mainly in the evening facilitating access to local facilities that would otherwise be denied, while during the school curriculum our new My Choice project looks at issues around early intervention for primary school children – our relationship with Bedfordshire Police Cohesion Unit is key here.

We look forward to keeping everyone updated through these pages during 2019 on all of our existing and new projects as we look to both promote Luton Town Football Club to new supporters and also use the power of football to effect and improve the lives of as many members of our community as we can.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone. COYH!





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LEE ARCHER SHARES HIS TOWN TEAM TO TAKE ON THE BEST!

MANAGER: JOHN STILL

What that man did for this club can never be underestimated. We were struggling in the Conference and divided as a club. He got the fans back on side and managed to do what several other managers had failed to do before him - win promotion and make us all Luton Town again.

GK: LES SEALEY

Les was absolutely nuts but a great keeper. Always gave the fans plenty of entertainment whether it be acting the fool or making great stops.

RB: EMMERSON BOYCE

He showed skill and commitment week in, week out even when the side was struggling. Equally adept at right back or centre half it was no surprise that Emmerson went on to have a wonderful career.

LB: SOL DAVIS

Sol gets in my side for THAT tackle on Mamady Sidibe at Stoke. If you've seen the video you know it sums up Sol in a nutshell. His commitment to the cause was unbelievable.



CB: MAL DONAGHY

Mal was the ball-playing centre-half that teams are crying out for in today's game but 40 years ahead of time. A brilliant footballer and reader of the game, Mal could still win a header and, to me was the complete defender.

CB: MARVIN JOHNSON

There was nothing elegant about Marvin's defending but it was effective and always entertaining. Not knowing which way the ball was going to fly off his head at any one time was a particular highlight. Oh, and that goal against Ipswich.

MID: RICKY HILL

As the banner, near where I stood, at the League Cup final said, Ricky had 'Brillzillian' skills. Ricky was a pleasure to watch and as a kid he was the sort of player I could only dream of being like.

MID: DAVID PREECE

'Mini' was one of the most naturally skilful players I have ever had the pleasure to see play the game. His range of passing was sublime and he would always keep me on the edge of my seat waiting for a game winning bit of skill.

MID: KEVIN NICHOLLS

His passion for our club was undeniable. His ferocious tackling and coolness when taking a penalty stood out, and standing near him and watching him go as mad as any other fan on the terrace at Shrewsbury once we'd been promoted will live with me for a long time.

ST: MICK HARFORD

Mick is in not just for his brutal forward play as a player but for his stints as manager or assistant, head of recruitment or just his general God-like status in and around the pubs of Luton. If there isn't a statue of this man at Power Court then there could well be World War 3.

ST: STEVE HOWARD

As with the previous members in my XI there was passion, commitment and a skill that ran through the entire group with Steve Howard one of the main instigators.

ST: BRIAN STEIN

Who put the ball in the Arsenal net...twice, Brian Stein! Full of skill and goalscoring talent of his own, Brian became a cult hero along with Micky Harford due to several spells as a player and time spent behind the scenes and in the dugout, helping Luton to many of their greatest achievements.

JUNIOR HATTERS



TODAY'S MASCOTS



NAME: MADISON BORINO
AGE: 13
HOBBIES: PLAYING WITH MY DOGS LOUIE AND BANDIT, WATCHING YOUTUBE
FAVOURITE PLAYER: JAMES SHEA



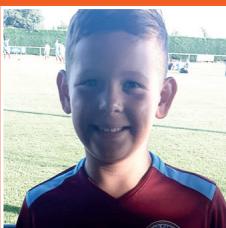
NAME: ALBIE GARDINER
AGE: 6
HOBBIES: PLAYS FOR HITCHIN TOWN U7S
FAVOURITE PLAYER: PELLY-RUDDOCK MPANZU



NAME: MARLEY WATTS
AGE: 11
HOBBIES: PLAYS FOR LUTON TOWN U11
FAVOURITE PLAYER: PELLY-RUDDOCK MPANZU



NAME: THOMAS MUSSON
AGE: 9
HOBBIES: PLAYS FOR SUTTON UNITED U9S
FAVOURITE PLAYER: PELLY-RUDDOCK MPANZU



NAME: LUCAS NEMETH
AGE: 9
HOBBIES: PLAYING FOOTBALL AND WATCHING LUTON TOWN
FAVOURITE PLAYER: MATTY PEARSON



NAME: JENSON TATTERSALL
AGE: 9
HOBBIES: JENSON JOINED STOPSLEY SHARKS MID SEASON THIS YEAR. HE ALSO PLAYS FOR CRAWLEY UNDER 10'S BOTH IN GOAL AND PITCH.
FAVOURITE PLAYER: ANDREW SHINNIE



NAME: RUBY TATTERSALL
AGE: 10
HOBBIES: RUBY IS SPORTS CAPTAIN AT HER SCHOOL AND IS CURRENTLY KEEPER FOR HER SCHOOL. SHE ENJOYS SPORTS ON ALL LEVELS PLAYING ON THE NETBALL, RUGBY, BASKETBALL TEAMS AS WELL AS FOOTBALL.
FAVOURITE PLAYER: ANDREW SHINNIE



NAME: FELIX VARLEY
AGE: 11
HOBBIES: PLAYS RUGBY FOR OLNEY. ENJOYS CROSS COUNTRY, PLAYING COMPUTER GAMES, AND TRYING TO CONVINCE HIS MATES TO SUPPORT LUTON
FAVOURITE PLAYER: PELLY-RUDDOCK MPANZU



NAME: HARRISON BULL
AGE: 12
HOBBIES: PLAYING FOOTBALL FOR CRAWLEY GREEN RAMS AND CUBS U12S, FIFA ON PLAYSTATION AND CYCLING
FAVOURITE PLAYER: KAZENGA LUALUA



NAME: ARABELLA QUORENTON
AGE: 12
HOBBIES: FOOTBALL / DANCE / TAEKWONDO
FAVOURITE PLAYER: SONNY BRADLEY



NAME: GRAYSON BULL
AGE: 8
HOBBIES: PLAYING FOOTBALL FOR CRAWLEY GREEN COMETS AND THINK SPORT THUNDER MADRID, SWIMMING, BIKE RIDING AND PLAYING ON THE PLAYSTATION
FAVOURITE PLAYER: GEORGE MONCUR

FULHAM TINSTATS

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Capacity: 19,500
Last season: 19th (PL)
Head to head with Luton:
Luton wins - 25
Draws - 12
Fulham wins - 33
Manager: Scott Parker



JUNIOR STATISTICIAN

GOALS

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YOUR MAN OF THE MATCH

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HOME												
Barnsley	-	11.02.20	21.03.20	29.09.19 1-3	01.11.19 2-2	07.03.20	17.08.19 2-2	02.10.19 2-2	03.08.19 1-0	11.01.20	30.11.19 3-1	
Birmingham City	20.08.19 2-0	-	22.10.19 1-0	15.02.20	10.08.19 1-1	18.01.20	18.04.20	02.05.20	09.11.19 0-1	21.03.20	18.03.20	
Blackburn Rovers	23.11.19 3-2	26.12.19	-	27.11.19 1-0	14.03.20	24.08.19 0-0	03.08.19 1-2	07.12.19 1-0	08.02.20	19.10.19 2-2	11.02.20	
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Fulham	15.02.20	04.04.20	10.08.19 2-0	14.03.20	07.12.19 1-2	13.04.20	05.10.19 2-2	26.11.19 3-0	-	01.02.20	02.11.19 0-3	
Huddersfield Town	26.10.19 2-1	23.11.19 1-1	29.12.19	18.01.20	25.02.20	12.02.20	29.02.20	05.08.19 1-2	16.08.19 1-2	-	05.10.19 3-0	
Hull City	26.02.20	21.12.19 3-0	20.08.19 0-1	01.02.20	24.08.19 1-3	28.09.19 2-2	14.03.20	26.10.19 2-0	11.01.20	25.01.20	-	
Leeds United	18.04.20	19.10.19 1-0	09.11.19 2-1	21.08.19 1-0	15.02.20	14.12.19 3-3	02.05.20	21.09.19 1-1	18.03.20	07.03.20	10.12.19 2-0	
LUTON TOWN	10.04.20	11.01.20	02.05.20	25.02.20	19.10.19 3-0	08.02.20	26.11.19 2-1	25.01.20	26.12.19	31.08.19 2-1	21.09.19 0-3	
Middlesbrough	27.11.19 1-0	25.01.20	01.02.20	10.08.19 0-1	13.04.20	25.04.20	07.12.19 1-0	11.01.20	26.10.19 0-0	26.12.19	24.11.19 2-2	
Millwall	21.12.19 1-2	26.02.20	18.04.20	29.12.19	29.02.20	22.10.19 2-2	09.11.19 2-1	14.03.20	12.02.20	02.05.20	31.08.19 1-1	
Nottingham Forest	21.09.19 1-0	17.08.19 3-0	01.01.20	05.10.19 1-0	21.03.20	30.11.19 0-1	11.02.20	09.11.19 1-0	10.04.20	18.03.20	23.10.19 1-2	
Preston North End	05.10.19 5-1	25.04.20	26.10.19 3-2	14.09.19 2-0	28.09.19 3-3	17.03.20	18.01.20	21.03.20	10.12.19 2-1	09.11.19 3-1	22.02.20	
Queens Park Rangers	14.03.20	29.02.20	05.10.19 4-2	28.10.19 1-3	01.02.20	01.01.20	21.12.19 2-2	25.02.20	21.03.20	10.08.19 1-1	29.12.19	
Reading	29.02.20	07.12.19 2-3	21.09.19 1-2	21.03.20	25.01.20	18.08.19 3-0	31.08.19 0-2	21.12.19 3-0	01.10.19 1-4	10.04.20	08.02.20	
Sheffield Wednesday	10.08.19 2-0	27.11.19 1-1	18.01.20	07.12.19 2-1	22.12.19 1-0	29.12.19	26.02.20	29.02.20	21.09.19 1-1	18.04.20	01.01.20	
Stoke City	04.04.20	13.04.20	30.11.19 1-2	25.04.20	14.09.19 1-2	22.02.20	08.02.20	17.08.19 2-2	19.10.19 2-0	01.10.19 0-1	07.03.20	
Swansea City	29.12.19	24.08.19 3-0	11.12.19 1-1	22.10.19 0-3	25.04.20	27.10.19 1-0	01.01.20	08.02.20	29.11.19 1-2	22.02.20	03.08.19 2-1	
West Bromwich Albion	22.10.19 2-2	14.03.20	31.08.19 3-2	21.12.19 1-1	27.11.19 4-1	05.10.19 4-2	26.10.19 2-2	10.04.20	18.04.20	22.09.19 4-2	04.04.20	
Wigan Athletic	31.08.19 0-0	01.10.19 1-0	18.03.20	09.11.19 0-3	11.01.20	03.08.19 3-2	21.09.19 2-0	26.12.19	02.05.20	14.12.19 1-1	18.04.20	

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



	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
	15.09.19 0-2	24.08.19 1-3	22.02.20	17.03.20	25.04.20	25.01.20	14.12.19 5-3	11.12.19 1-1	08.02.20	09.11.19 2-4	19.10.19 1-1	26.12.19	13.04.20
	29.12.19	26.10.19 2-1	04.10.19 2-1	30.11.19 1-1	01.02.20	21.09.19 0-1	11.12.19 0-2	07.03.20	22.02.20	31.08.19 2-1	10.04.20	14.12.19 2-3	01.01.20
	04.04.20	28.09.19 1-2	17.08.19 1-0	14.09.19 2-0	01.10.19 1-1	11.01.20	25.01.20	25.04.20	02.11.19 2-1	26.02.20	29.02.20	13.04.20	23.12.19
	11.02.20	30.11.19 7-0	08.02.20	19.10.19 3-2	25.01.20	18.04.20	11.01.20	23.11.19 1-0	07.03.20	21.09.19 0-0	26.12.19	17.03.20	04.04.20
	04.08.19 1-3	29.12.19 2-2	31.08.19 1-2	10.12.19 0-0	23.11.19 0-0	02.05.20	17.08.19 2-0	05.10.19 1-0	17.03.20	18.04.20	21.09.19 0-0	22.02.20	27.10.19 2-2
	14.03.20	10.08.19 2-1	21.09.19 1-0	26.12.19	25.02.20	21.12.19 0-0	02.10.19 3-0	01.02.20	18.10.19 1-1	26.11.19 1-0	11.01.20	25.01.20	15.02.20
	28.09.19 1-0	22.02.20	07.03.20	04.04.20	21.08.19 1-1	03.11.19 0-1	17.03.20	13.04.20	30.11.19 1-3	10.08.19 3-1	02.10.19 1-2	11.01.20	25.04.20
	25.04.20	05.10.19 2-0	02.11.19 2-0	14.12.19 0-1	04.04.20	23.11.19 1-0	30.11.19 1-1	17.03.20	11.12.19 1-1	01.02.20	10.08.19 0-0	24.08.19 1-1	23.10.19 1-0
	21.12.19 2-1	23.10.19 3-2	18.01.20	21.08.19 4-0	24.08.19 1-2	29.02.20	22.11.19 2-1	01.01.20	25.04.20	29.12.19	25.02.20	14.09.19 1-1	27.09.19 2-0
	07.12.19 0-2	13.04.20	23.10.19 0-0	28.09.19 1-1	21.12.19 2-1	04.04.20	08.02.20	24.08.19 0-2	15.09.19 0-2	01.01.20	26.11.19 1-1	25.04.20	14.03.20
	29.02.20	25.04.20	21.03.20	13.04.20	26.12.19	27.11.19 4-0	19.10.19 2-3	10.08.19 2-1	01.10.19 1-0	07.12.19 2-1	15.02.20	09.11.19 0-1	14.09.19 2-2
	-	21.03.20	30.11.19 4-0	25.01.20	10.08.19 1-1	26.12.19	02.11.19 2-0	22.02.20	11.01.20	10.04.20	31.08.19 0-1	01.10.19 1-0	01.02.20
	23.11.19 1-2	-	02.08.19 3-3	02.10.19 1-1	02.11.19 1-2	14.03.20	18.04.20	04.04.20	12.02.20	29.02.20	21.12.19 0-1	17.08.19 1-2	07.12.19 2-1
	26.02.20	15.02.20	-	24.08.19 1-1	29.02.20	01.10.19 1-1	04.04.20	14.09.19 1-0	28.09.19 1-4	20.12.19 2-1	14.03.20	19.10.19 0-1	20.08.19 1-0
	05.10.19 2-1	01.01.20	10.04.20	-	06.12.19 2-2	03.08.19 1-0	21.09.19 1-2	18.01.20	17.08.19 1-0	26.10.19 2-0	21.03.20	08.02.20	26.11.19 2-2
	08.02.20	19.01.20	10.12.19 1-1	07.03.20	-	31.08.19 1-1	22.02.20	26.10.19	14.12.19 0-4	02.05.20	18.04.20	03.08.19 1-2	29.12.19
	22.10.19 1-1	14.12.19 2-1	01.01.20	15.02.20	13.04.20	-	07.03.20	29.12.19	24.08.19 2-1	21.08.19 3-1	01.02.20	02.12.19 0-1	10.08.19 3-0
	18.01.20	14.09.19 3-2	09.11.19 2-2	25.04.20	27.11.19	07.12.19	-	22.10.19 2-2	13.04.20	15.02.20	21.08.19 1-3	28.09.19 0-2	24.08.19 3-1
	26.11.19 0-1	09.11.19 3-0	18.04.20	02.11.19 2-1	11.01.20	19.10.19 1-0	26.12.19	-	03.08.19 1-3	14.03.20	02.05.20	12.02.20	26.02.20
	26.10.19 0-0	20.08.19 1-0	02.05.20	01.02.20	14.03.20	10.04.20	31.08.19 1-2	15.02.20	-	22.10.19 1-0	09.11.19 2-2	21.03.20	05.10.19 1-0
	24.08.19 0-3	10.12.19 3-0	18.03.20	11.01.20	27.09.19 2-3	12.02.20	03.08.19 1-2	14.12.19 0-0	26.12.19	-	25.01.20	04.11.19 0-2	23.11.19 2-1
	13.04.20	18.03.20	14.12.19 3-1	23.11.19 0-1	14.09.19 0-1	17.08.19 3-2	11.02.20	28.09.19 1-1	04.04.20	05.10.19 1-2	-	07.03.20	18.01.20
	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 1-1	23.11.19 2-1	18.01.20	08.12.19 5-1	-	29.02.20
	17.08.19 0-2	07.03.20	11.02.20	22.02.20	20.10.19 1-0	08.02.20	10.04.20	30.11.19 1-3	25.01.20	21.03.20	02.11.19 1-2	11.12.19 1-1	-

FIXTURES & RESULTS

DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS	PENALTY (F)	PENALTY (A)	OWN GOALS	SENT OFF	OPP. SENT OFF	STECH	CRANIE	POTTS	TUNNICLIFFE	BRADLEY	PEARSON	MCMANAMAN	BERRY	HYLTON	LEE	...
													1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
AUGUST																							
Fri 2	7.45pm	H	Middlesbrough	D 3-3	10,053	960	1	-	*	-	-	-	1			1	c	*	a				
Sat 10	3.00pm	A	Cardiff City	L 1-2	24,724	2,064	17	-	-	-	-	-	b	y		1	c	*					
Tue 13	7.45pm	H	Ipswich (Carabao Cup R1)	W 3-1	5,433	1,064	-	1	-	-	-	-	a				c		1py				
Sat 17	3.00pm	H	West Bromwich Albion	L 1-2	10,059	1,033	23	-	-	-	-	-		y			b		*				
Tue 20	7.45pm	A	Sheffield Wednesday	L 0-1	23,353	790	22	-	-	-	-	-	a		y				*				
Sat 24	3.00pm	A	Barnsley	W 3-1	13,250	1,175	18	-	-	-	-	-						b					
Tue 28	7.45pm	A	Cardiff (Carabao Cup R2)	W 3-0	4,111	232	-	-	1	-	-	*		*		b							
Sat 31	3.00pm	H	Huddersfield Town	W 2-1	10,062	1,038	15	1	-	-	-	-							*				
SEPTEMBER																							
Sat 14	3.00pm	A	Queens Park Rangers	L 2-3	16,186	2,943	16	-	-	-	-	-						c					
Sat 21	3.00pm	H	Hull City	L 0-3	10,066	1,033	21	-	-	-	-	-	c					*					
Tue 24	7.45pm	H	Leicester (Carabao Cup R3)	L 0-4	8,216	1,500	-	-	-	-	-	-		*	*	c		b					
Sat 28	3.00pm	A	Blackburn Rovers	W 2-1	15,319	1,326	17	-	-	-	-	-	y		1	a	b		*				
OCTOBER																							
Wed 2	7.45pm	H	Millwall	D 1-1	10,049	1,032	17	-	-	-	-	-					b1						
Sat 5	3.00pm	A	Derby County	L 0-2	27,944	2,606	18	-	-	1	-	-					a		*				
Sat 19	3.00pm	H	Bristol City	W 3-0	10,064	1,032	16	-	-	1	-	-				b							
Wed 23	7.45pm	A	Fulham	L 2-3	18,082	1,970	18	-	-	-	-	-		1	y		c						
Sat 26	3.00pm	A	Birmingham City	L 2-1	21,799	2,676	19	-	-	-	-	-	y	b		a							
NOVEMBER																							
Sat 2	3.00pm	H	Nottingham Forest	L 1-2	10,053	1,017	21	-	-	-	-	-					b1			*			
Sat 9	3.00pm	A	Reading	L 0-3	15,251	2,097	21	-	-	-	-	-								*			
Sat 23	3.00pm	H	Leeds United	L 1-2	10,068	1,035	21	-	-	-	-	-				b							
Tue 26	7.45pm	H	Charlton Athletic	W 2-1	10,004	1,032	20	-	-	-	-	-		y	a		*						
Sat 30	3.00pm	A	Brentford	L 0-7	11,287	1,630	21	-	2	-	-	-											
DECEMBER																							
Sat 7	3.00pm	H	Wigan Athletic	W 2-1	10,011	667	20	-	-	-	-	1	a			1c	c						
Tue 10	8.00pm	A	Stoke City	L 0-3	20,216	769	21	-	-	-	-	-				*	b						
Sat 14	3.00pm	A	Preston North End	L 1-2	12,063	865	21	1	-	-	-	-			a	y	c	by					
Sat 21	3.00pm	H	Swansea City	L 0-1	10,062	1,032	21	-	-	-	-	-	*	b		c	b						
Thu 26	3.00pm	H	Fulham																				
Sun 29	3.00pm	A	Bristol City																				
JANUARY																							
Wed 1	12.45pm	A	Millwall																				
Sat 4	5.31pm	A	AFC B'ham (FA Cup R3)																				
Sat 11	3.00pm	H	Birmingham City																				
Sun 18	12.00pm	A	Nottingham Forest																				
Sat 25	3.00pm	H	Derby County																				
FEBRUARY																							
Sat 1	3.00pm	A	West Bromwich Albion																				
Sat 8	3.00pm	H	Cardiff City																				
Wed 12	7.45pm	H	Sheffield Wednesday																				
Sat 15	3.00pm	A	Middlesbrough																				
Sat 22	3.00pm	A	Charlton Athletic																				
Tue 25	7.45pm	H	Brentford																				
Sat 29	3.00pm	H	Stoke City																				
MARCH																							
Sat 7	3.00pm	A	Wigan Athletic																				
Sat 14	3.00pm	H	Preston North End																				
Wed 18	7.45pm	A	Swansea City																				
Sat 21	3.00pm	A	Leeds United																				
APRIL																							
Sat 4	3.00pm	H	Reading																				
Fri 10	3.00pm	H	Barnsley																				
Mon 13	3.00pm	A	Huddersfield Town																				
Sat 18	3.00pm	H	Queens Park Rangers																				
Sat 25	3.00pm	A	Hull City																				
MAY																							
Sat 2	12.30pm	H	Blackburn Rovers																				

KEY: Starting XI Substitute Unused sub Not available/suspended y: yellow card r: red card p: penalty scorer *: penalty missed

KEY: Out on loan | Team name colour: Carabao Cup Match | Team name colour: FA Cup Match

WHO, WHEN AND WHERE THE HATTERS ARE PLAYING THIS SEASON

D	SHINNIE	SLUGA	CORNICK	JERVIS	REA	MPANZU	COLLINS	MONCUR	BOLTON	GALLOWAY	BROWN	LUJALIA	BREE	JONES	BUTTERFIELD	NEUVILLE	SHEA	MUSONDA	ISTED	SHEEHAN	SUB TIMES			SENT OFF		GOAL TIMES	
																					a	b	c	L#	O#	a	b
	b	b		y	1y	c	*				*	a	*							60	69	74	-	-	7,17,24,37,68,85		
	*	a		y	a		*				b	c	*							55	74	84	-	-	52,86,95		
y	1					b	c	a	1		b									46	46	66	-	-	8,18,55,74		
cy	1a		c	*		a	b	*												53	53	75	-	-	15,48,51		
			c	*		a	b	b		*	c		*						59	69	74	-	-	54			
			1b	a	1	*	c	*	ay	c	*	1							81	85	93	-	-	2,4,31,72			
	*		1b			a	*			a	*		*						1	46	82	-	-	43,63,69			
1	b		b	b	1y	*	*	ay	c	c	a	*							52	87	93	-	-	47,57,66			
																			58	66	79	-	-	3,20,28,36,48			
																			65	65	76	-	-	63,87,90			
																			60	60	72	-	-	34,44,79,86			
																			71	83	86	-	-	17,37,57			
																			65	65	85	-	-	60,86			
	c	b					c	c	a			a							63	74	81	-	-	11,70			
*	*	1c		1		a	b	c	a			*	*						45	76	88	-	-	56,62,94			
*	*	b				a													70	78	78	-	-	16,53,60,67,90			
*	*	1b				ay	c												60	66	87	-	-	45+3,67,82			
*	*	b					c	a	c	*	*								33	59	70	-	-	39,58,87			
b	*	b				*		ay	c	*	c	*							a	45	58	69	-	-	22,30,79		
c	*	b				1	c	*	a	a	*	*							75	75	90	-	-	51,54,90			
y	*					1	a		1y	*	*	*							79	-	-	-	-	7,19,53			
a	a	b					b	a	c										46	46	53	-	-	6,30,33,40,45+3,87,71			
b	*					1by	a				*	*							20	60	71	-	91	35,87,93			
a	*					ay	y	b			*	*							c	46	46	88	-	-	35,45,50		
*	*	c				1	b		y		*	a							•	61	67	86	-	-	5,43,84		
	c					y	a			*	*	a							•	61	61	74	-	-	82		

LEAGUE TABLE 2019/20

PLAYER STATS 2019/20

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	THIS SEASON						LTFC								
									LEAGUE APPS	LEAGUE GLS	CUP APPS	CUP GLS	TOTAL APPS	TOTAL GLS	DISP Y	DISP R	APPSC	GLS	CAREER TOT APPS	CAREER TOT GLS			
1	West Bromwich Albion	23	14	8	1	46	24	22	50	4	(2)	0	3	(0)	0	7	(2)	0	1	0	72	11	
2	Leeds United	23	14	5	4	36	15	21	47	8	(10)	0	2	(1)	0	10	(11)	0	1	0	21	0	
3	Sheffield Wednesday	23	11	6	6	34	20	14	39	22	(0)	1	0	(0)	0	22	(0)	1	1	0	72	1	
4	Fulham	23	11	5	7	35	25	10	38	18	(1)	0	2	(0)	0	20	(1)	0	0	0	21	0	
5	Preston North End	23	11	5	7	35	27	8	38	10	(4)	1	2	(1)	0	13	(5)	1	2	0	18	1	
6	Brentford	23	11	4	8	34	18	16	37	10	(4)	1	0	(0)	0	11	(4)	1	1	0	15	1	
7	Swansea City	23	10	7	6	30	27	3	37	11	(4)	1	0	(0)	0	20	(5)	5	0	0	103	18	
8	Bristol City	23	9	8	6	34	33	1	35	19	(4)	5	1	(1)	0	20	(5)	5	0	0	103	18	
9	Nottingham Forest	22	9	7	6	28	23	5	34	9	(1)	0	1	(0)	0	9	(1)	1	1	0	10	1	
10	Blackburn Rovers	22	10	4	8	30	28	2	34	Brendan Galloway	(3)	0	2	(0)	0	3	(3)	0	0	0	5	0	
11	Hull City	23	9	6	8	37	31	6	33	Danny Hylton	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	118	58	
12	Cardiff City	23	8	9	6	34	32	2	33	Harry Isted	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	2	0	
13	Millwall	23	8	9	6	29	30	1	33	Jake Jervis	(0)	0	1	(0)	1	1	(0)	1	0	0	14	1	
14	Queens Park Rangers	23	9	5	9	37	44	-7	32	Lloyd Jones	(2)	0	3	(0)	1	4	(2)	1	0	0	12	1	
15	Birmingham City	23	8	4	11	24	34	-10	28	Elliot Lee	(2)	0	3	(0)	1	4	(2)	1	1	0	98	28	
16	Reading	22	7	5	10	28	27	1	26	Kaeron Luula	(8)	1	1	(1)	0	8	(9)	1	3	0	45	4	
17	Derby County	23	6	8	9	21	31	-10	26	Callum McManaman	(8)	3	1	(2)	0	8	(10)	3	0	0	18	3	
18	Charlton Athletic	23	6	7	10	30	32	-2	25	George Moncur	(7)	1	2	(0)	0	3	(7)	1	1	0	24	7	
19	Huddersfield Town	23	6	7	10	26	35	-9	25	Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	(4)	2	2	(0)	0	19	(4)	2	2	0	229	16	
20	Middlesbrough	23	5	9	9	21	32	-11	24	Frankie Musonda	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	14	1	
21	LUTON TOWN	23	6	2	15	28	47	-19	20	Josh Neufville	0	(0)	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	4	0	
22	Barnsley	23	4	7	12	31	46	-15	19	Matty Pearson	23	(0)	2	0	(0)	0	23	(0)	2	1	0	75	8
23	Stoke City	23	5	3	15	25	37	-12	18	Jake Peck	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	1	0	
24	Wigan Athletic	22	4	6	12	20	35	-15	18	Dan Potts	15	(1)	1	(0)	0	16	(1)	1	4	0	133	10	
										Gen Rea	0	(1)	0	0	0	0	(1)	0	1	0	137	5	
										James Shea	11	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	14	(0)	0	0	0	73	0
										Alan Sheehan	1	(1)	0	2	(0)	1	3	(1)	1	0	0	132	9
										Andrew Shinnie	13	(2)	1	1	(0)	1	14	(2)	2	3	0	97	10
										Simon Sluga	12	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	12	(0)	0	0	0	12	0
										Marek Stech	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	49	0
										Ryan Tunnicliffe	21	(2)	0	0	(0)	0	21	(2)	0	1	0	23	0

OUR NEXT OPPONITION

BRISTOL CITY | 29.12.19 | KO 3PM

UP NEXT

FORMED: 1894 | NICKNAME: THE ROBINS | LAST SEASON: 8TH IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP
FOLLOW THEM ON TWITTER: @BRISTOL CITY | COLOURS: RED & WHITE
GROUND: ASHTON GATE | MANAGER: LEE JOHNSON



WHO?

Founded 125 years ago in 1894, Bristol City have had their fair share of success over the years. While they were FA Cup runners-up in 1909, the Robins have won the second tier title once and the third tier title four times. They have also won the Football League Trophy a record three times.

STADIUM - ASHTON GATE

Bristol City have played their home games at Ashton Gate since 1904. The ground's record attendance dates right back to 1935, when 43,335 witnessed the game between Bristol City and Preston North End. Redevelopment of Ashton Gate commenced in 2014 and finished before the start of the 2016/17 campaign. This increased the capacity to 27,000.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

The Hatters hosted the Robins earlier on this campaign, enjoying a big home win with a 3-0 victory. Goals from Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu and Harry Cornick, as well as an own goal from Ashley Williams, secured the result for the Town. Of our 62 meetings, Town have won the last five, enjoying 20 victories in total. The Robins have beaten us 24 times, and there have been 18 draws.

KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU

A trio of Hatters academy graduates have pulled on a shirt for both sides in recent years, with Freddie Hinds and Tyreeq Bakinson still with the Robins. Cauley Woodrow was signed by Fulham in 2011 from Town and went out on loan to Bristol City in 2017, going onto make 15 appearances, scoring twice.

TICKETS

THE STADIUM | PARK STREET | 01582 416976 | WWW.ETICKETING.CO.UK/LUTONTOWN

BRISTOL CITY A

SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP | 3PM | 29.12.19

The Hatters have received an initial allocation of 1,536 tickets for their Sky Bet Championship fixture at Bristol City on Sunday 29th December. Any remaining tickets are on general sale until 3pm on Boxing Day – Thursday 26th December. **PRICES:** Adult: £32, Senior (65+): £29, Under-25: £29, Under-22: £26, Under-19: £15, Under-12: £10. Wheelchair and ambulant tickets will be priced at the appropriate age category with a carer free of charge if you receive Middle/Higher rate DLA or PIP.

MILLWALL A

SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP | 12.45PM | 01.01.20

The Hatters have received an allocation of 2,176 tickets for their Sky Bet Championship fixture at Millwall on New Year's Day. Any remaining tickets are now available on general sale online, by phone and in person. They will remain on sale, subject to availability until 5pm on Monday 30th December. **PRICES:** Adult: £29, Senior (over 61): £20, Armed Forces: £20, Under-18: £16, Under-16: £14, Under-12: £9. Disabled wheelchair tickets are priced as below with a free carer: Adult: £28, Senior (over 61): £19, Armed Forces: £19, Under-18: £15, Under-16: £14, Under-12: £9.

AFC BOURNEMOUTH A

EMIRATES FA CUP (R3) | 5.31PM | 04.01.20

The Hatters have received a full allocation of 2,260 tickets for their FA Cup third round fixture at Bournemouth on Saturday 4th January. Any remaining tickets are now available on general sale online, by phone and in person. They will remain on sale, subject to availability until 1pm on Friday 3rd January. **PRICES:** Adult: £10, Under-21s: £7, Senior (65+): £7, Full-Time Student: £7 (photo and valid exp. date proof needed at turnstile), Wheelchair: £2 (Carer free of charge).

BIRMINGHAM CITY H

SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP | 3PM | 11.01.20

Tickets for this category B game are currently on sale.

DERBY COUNTY H

SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP | 3PM | 25.01.20

Tickets for our fixture against Derby County are now on sale. Tickets will be on sale from the Ticket Office in person or by phone on 01582 416976. They will also be available online. Prices for this fixture have been set at category A prices. Please note this fixture will be subject to a change of date if either side is involved in the Emirates FA Cup 4th round.

BOBBERS TRAVEL CLUB TIMETABLE

Date	Opposition	Adult	Conc.*	Depart	Date	Opposition	Adult	Conc.*	Depart
29.12.19	Bristol City	£26	£23	10.00	22.02.20	Charlton Athletic	£20	£18	11.30
01.01.20	Millwall	£20	£18	10.00	07.03.20	Wigan Athletic	£32	£29	09.00
19.01.20	Nottingham Forest	£25	£22	08.30	18.03.20	Swansea City	£38	£35	13.00
04.01.20	AFC Bournemouth	£26	£23	12.30	21.03.20	Leeds United	£28	£25	09.30
01.02.20	West Bromwich Albion	£25	£22	11.30	13.04.20	Huddersfield Town	£28	£25	09.30
15.02.20	Middlesbrough	£38	£35	08.30	25.04.20	Hull City	£30	£27	09.00

BOOKINGS: 01234 856542

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

THE LAST WORD

BY **SIMON PITTS** – **IFOLLOW HATTERS** COMMENTATOR



Boxing Day is always a special fixture and all football fans obviously hope that their team can give them the Christmas present of three points today.

I hope all supporters here at Kenilworth Road

have enjoyed the festivities so far, and let's hope the majority watching today are celebrating a victory at the full-time whistle.

It is 26 years since Fulham were the visitors here for a Boxing Day fixture, a match that ended in a 1-1 draw. This afternoon will also see the biggest Boxing Day attendance at Kenilworth Road since 1991 when Arsenal were beaten courtesy of a goal from Mick Harford in front of a crowd of 12,665.

Today also marks the last home game of the decade. It will be the 558th match since the start of 2010 and the 1-0 defeat at Southampton in the FA Cup 3rd Round.

The highs and lows of the last ten years have been well documented but in attendance terms, this goes from a crowd of 47,069 watching an FA Cup third round tie at St James' Park, Newcastle nearly two years ago, to a total of just 382 watching the Conference Premier match Gateshead v Luton, played at Carlisle United in April 2013.

It will come as no surprise to most of you reading this that an early game in 2010 features highly in my personal picks for the last ten years – yes, that night against Oxford United when

Keith Keane scored directly from a corner to win the match in injury time.

A trip to Wembley is usually classed as a special day out and to be able to commentate there in 2012 was a real honour, however the disappointment of that play-off final defeat was hard to swallow. Fast forward eight months and the incredible scenes at Carrow Road when non-League Luton beat Premier League Norwich City gave a whole different range of emotions.

Just over a year later and we were celebrating a return to the Football League, the post-match scenes at Welling will live long in the memory.

After settling in to life in League Two for a few years, the start of the 2017/18 season saw a record opening day win with an 8-2 victory over Yeovil. A 7-1 win v Stevenage and 7-0 v Cambridge both followed within a few months here at Kenilworth Road.

Olly Lee's goal from a different postcode is remembered from the Cambridge game, but his finish from much closer range at Carlisle in April 2018 was the trigger for celebrations as Luton's promotion to League One was secured.

Life in League One was much shorter and, despite a tough start, the Hatters set a club record 28-match unbeaten league run. Although the title was only secured on the final day they had been top of the table since January, a place nailed down by a victory against Southend and then that epic encounter against Portsmouth!

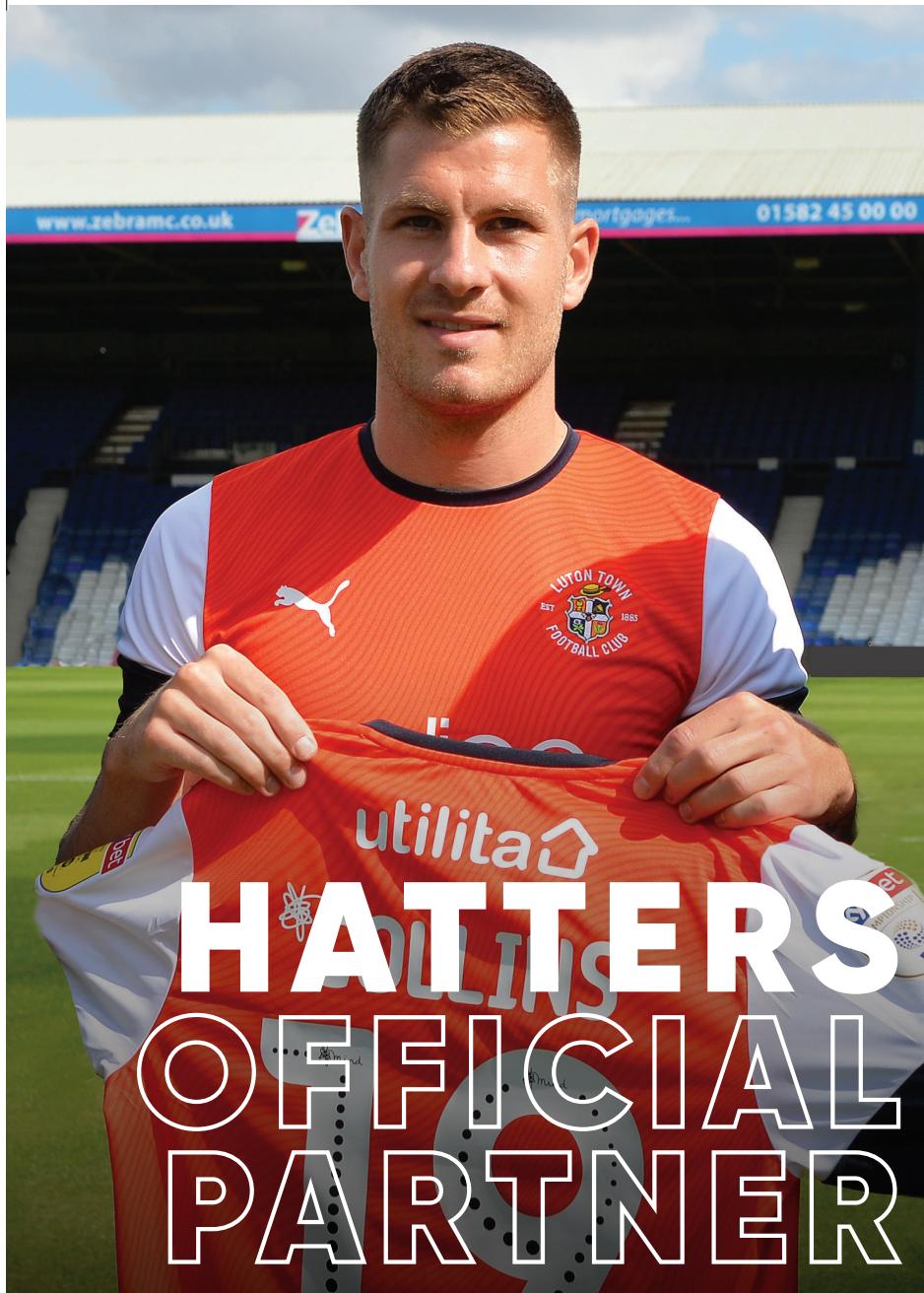
In total the Hatters have played against 127 different sides in all competitions in the last ten years.

Enjoy the match!



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MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE - DEAN WHITESTONE | ASSISTANT REFEREE 1 - ADRIAN WATERS
ASSISTANT REFEREE 2 - NIGEL LUGG | FOURTH OFFICIAL - DECLAN BOURNE



MANAGER: GRAEME JONES

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



MANAGER: SCOTT PARKER

01	MARCUS BETTINELLI	13	TIM REAM	25	JOSH ONOMAH
04	DENIS ODOI	14	BOBBY DECORDOVA-REID	32	MAGNUS NORMAN
05	ALFIE MAWSON	18	HARRY ARTER	38	BENJAMIN DAVIS
06	KEVIN McDONALD	19	IVAN CAVALEIRO	39	MARTELL TAYLOR-CROSSDALE
07	NEESKENS KEBANO	20	MAXIME LE MARCHAND	43	STEVEN SESSEGNON
08	STEFAN JOHANSEN	21	HARRISON REED	44	IBRAHIMA CISSE
09	ALEKSANDAR MITROVIC	22	CYRUS CHRISTIE	47	ABOUBAKAR KAMARA
10	TOM CAIRNEY	23	JOE BRYAN		
12	MAREK RODAK	24	ANTHONY KNOCKAERT		

NEXT HOME MATCH

BIRMINGHAM CITY | SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP | 11.01.20 | KO: 3PM