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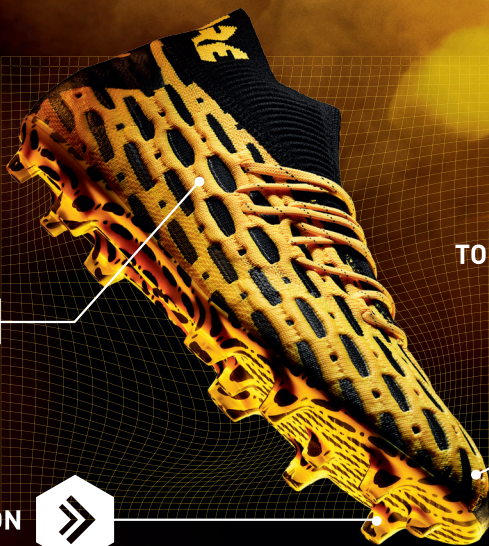
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# GRAEME JONES

**Good evening and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for this slightly delayed Sky Bet Championship fixture with Derby County.**

I extend that welcome to the Derby supporters who have made the journey down the M1, head coach Philip Cocu, his staff and their players.

We felt we played well up at Pride Park earlier in the season and deserved to take something from the game, so we'll be determined to put that right tonight against a club that has added the lasting quality of this country's all-time leading goalscorer to their team since that day.

After the disappointment of the defeat to Birmingham here a fortnight ago, I came away from the City Ground last Sunday buoyed by the huge improvement in the boys' display - especially in the first half - against a Nottingham Forest side with their eyes on automatic promotion to the Premier League.

We were the better team in that opening 45 minutes and created chances that could have seen us more than just the solitary goal in front when we conceded the equaliser shortly before half-time.

We were in control of the game, but a key decision didn't go in our favour as

we were on the attack and once again we were punished by the ball being in our net within seconds.

Overall we saw an improvement in our work both on and off the ball and we have players coming back to fitness now at such a key stage of the season, so it's important for all of us to show the belief and positivity that we can get positive results and start to accumulate points once again.

I'd like to welcome young Peter Kioso to the club. Peter's career path is one that is familiar to me, having been in the pro game as an apprentice, being released at 18 and going to play Non-League week in, week out against grown men, then coming back into the full-time game.

He's played 70 times at Hartlepool and impressed a lot of clubs up there. We really believe that we've signed a young, hungry and talented full-back, which we have been looking for since losing Jack Stacey last summer.

Peter is definitely one for the future, but back to the present, we really need your help this evening in ensuring this is as difficult a place as ever for a visiting team to come to. We must do everything we can together to get a positive result to gain some momentum, then anything is possible in this game and this league.

We have three of our next four matches here at Kenilworth Road and together we know we can turn this around.

Enjoy the game. COYH!




# STEPHEN BROWNE



**Good evening everyone and welcome to this rearranged Championship game due to Derby County getting through to the next round of the Cup last Saturday.**

We welcome our guests today

- Phillip Cocu and his staff and players, and the Derby County fans who will no doubt make their voices heard. I know you will too, to welcome home one of our own, Curtis Davies, whose top level career we have followed with pride since he came through our academy before being sold to West Brom in 2005.



**CURTIS DAVIES**

And of course, Jack Marriott, who flourished here as a young striker after being let go by Ipswich. Both players served us so well and deserve the respect I know you'll show them tonight. As ever, we have so much anticipation about a huge game under floodlights and we just know the atmosphere will be electric - remember the corresponding fixture last year was Portsmouth!

We also offer a huge welcome to Peter Kioso (Pelly's cousin!) who joined us

last week from Hartlepool United. He's a young, hungry, and versatile defender, previously at Dunstable Town, and a really exciting prospect that will not only play his part this season, but will also go on to get better and better. We wish Peter all the best.

It was the four-year anniversary for our Club Captain Alan Sheehan last week. Alan has played a huge role, especially in our promotion seasons. On the pitch he has given us moments to savour, but also off the pitch he has been an enormous influence on new arrivals and younger lads feeling their way. Thank you Alan for all you have done for us.

It's that time of the season when a variety of clubs lose track of their senses and we enter the wild west that is the transfer window. However you look at it - anecdotally, statistically or disruption-wise - it's simply not a window that yields rewards for most. For a number of reasons - panic buys where objectives are compromised; the time it can take for players to settle and contribute; rushed and unplanned recruiting focussed on the short term rather than the long term.

As a Board, we want to develop and encourage talent from a young age. Players like Pelly, JJ and Andre are obvious examples, but we also have the academy group that came through just after we got the academy on an even keel, and they are just one or two years away from breaking through. And below that age group in the academy we have some really exciting prospects.

As is well known, we control our budgets very tightly and we will not make knee-jerk reactions. We prefer to 'buy rather than rent' because we want to develop our talent for Luton's reward, not another club. There has been some worry that if we end up in League One next season, we will struggle, financially. The simple fact is that by the way we operate, despite a fall in broadcast income, it is not the case at all. Financially, we will remain stable so there is nothing to worry about wherever we are plying our trade (and it also makes zilch difference to our stadium progress).

Transfer fees are being talked about that makes the eyes water. Some of this is bravado - indeed some clubs need to sell



assets in order to meet the Financial Fair Play rules, that you'll read about in the news at the moment. This unjustly increases the cost of all players down the ladder.

However, it is highly unlikely that those clubs that are comfortable with huge debts and wages that exceed their income season after season will curb their habits without some sort of action.

No one at Luton Town thinks that there should be any sort of 'level playing field'. The simple fact is that some clubs get higher attendances, can do better commercial deals, or have an appeal that can generate income. Those clubs - which hopefully will include us in the not too distant future - should be able to spend those extra funds on footballing ambition. That means that some clubs will always have more income, and thereby greater spending power, than others.

In fact, as a club where the heart of our culture is winning against the odds, punching above our weight, the underdog that succeeds, we have no problem with a degree of disparity in spending levels according to a club's natural size. We're confident we can punch above our weight under these circumstances.

What we think breaks the integrity of the game is when values are inflated by clubs spending beyond their regular means, taking it away from being a sporting endeavour towards a competition of brute financial muscle.

We acknowledge that there are clubs in this league and even below who are naturally able to pay double what we would consider sustainably prudent. That is fine and we are happy to compete by doing it the 'Luton Way'. Sadly, we cannot compete against wage bills that are ten or 15 times bigger than ours and much bigger squads or multi-million

pound benches - values that are simply unsustainable for the club's natural resting position.

If this skewed situation the game finds itself in continues it will kill football as we know it.

Indeed we are already witnessing it as certain clubs self-combust under impudence - à la Bury or Bolton - but what about those that are following the rules? A senior director of a fellow Championship club remarked recently that a club that disrespects the rules or integrity of the game causes innocent clubs massive issues because supporters become naturally concerned, which will then affect attendances as they become falsely uncompetitive and create false expectations. As it stands innocent clubs that adhere to the rules and integrity are being punished.

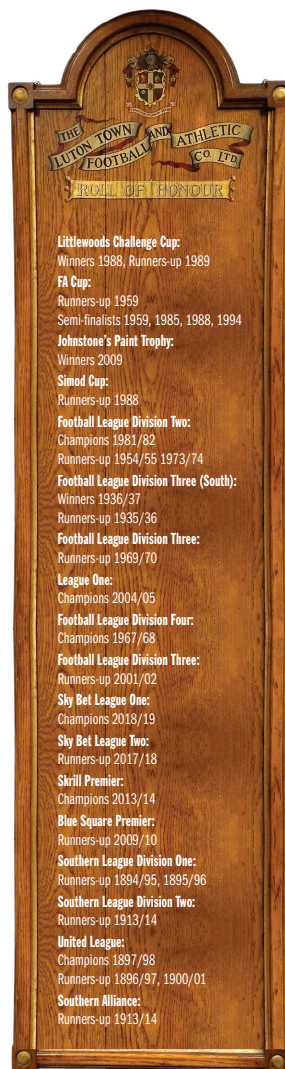
More and more clubs are on the brink, bending the rules, or completely reliant on one person for its financial clout. In some cases fans are literally losing their clubs as facilities are sold off in questionable fashion in a final attempt to chase a mythical dream.

Owners like this are seen in the short term as ambitious and wonderful, but how often have we seen it go sour?

Ask Saracens supporters! The Football League has a Golden Share in every member club, so it's time for them to step up to the plate, use the rules to stop this madness, and protect the integrity of the game. Support supporters.

Enjoy the game! Come on, give that extra ten per cent as you always do and sing up for the BOYS!

*Stephen*



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# KIOSO BECOMES A HATTER!



**The Hatters made their first signing of the transfer window and the new decade with the arrival of versatile defender Peter Kioso from Hartlepool United for an undisclosed fee last week.**

The move marks a return to the area for the 20-year-old right-back, who joined the National League side in the summer of 2018 from our Southern League neighbours Dunstable Town.

Dublin-born Kioso had fallen out of the professional game, but rebuilt his career during a season under former Town youth coach Tony McCool at Creasey Park before impressing on trial at Pools.

He arrives back in Bedfordshire having made 70 appearances and scored four goals for the Victoria Park club, the most recent being his third of this season in his final game for Pools – a 2-2 draw away at promotion-chasing Yeovil.

After signing his contract at Kenilworth Road, Kioso said: “I’m delighted to sign. With all the history that Luton has as a club, I’m just buzzing to get going.

“As a player I take my defending quite seriously – I am a defender first and an attacker after. I am a right-back but I can play along the whole back four, I try to get forward and help the

strikers. But most importantly it’s about defending, helping the back four and helping my keeper.

“It’s always been an ambition for me to get back into the Football League and I wouldn’t be one to lie – the two years that I have been at Hartlepool, I’ve been seeing how well Luton have been doing.

“Everyone talks about Luton and they are definitely going to get to the highest stage possible. I want to be there to help. That’s the reason why I came here.

“I’ve seen that they are going to get a big new stadium, the new training ground, everything – the way they produce players is amazing here.”

Two current players Peter knows well are Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu and Brendan Galloway, adding: “Brendan is a close friend and Pelly is my mum’s nephew. I think his story is amazing and it’s a lot for me to look forward to. He’s a person I look up to, as well as a footballer.

“I saw the stat that he’s scored in every league that he’s played in – Conference, League Two, League One and Champ – and that’s amazing. He’s a great player and I’m just looking forward to playing with the likes of Pelly and everybody else in the team.”



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# THE LUTON LOANEES

**Young Hatters out on loan continue to impress – with Harry Isted, Josh Neufville and Corey Panter gaining valuable experience in Non-League.**



Goalkeeper Isted has featured twice for the Hatters first team since joining in 2017 – both of those appearances coming in the Checkatrade Trophy – and has certainly hit the ground running at top of the table Wealdstone, who extended his initial one month loan until the end of the weekend just gone, having joined in November.

The 22-year-old kept an excellent five clean sheets in nine games for the Stones ahead of the weekend's match against Bath City – the last of his current loan spell.

Neufville returned to the Hatters over Christmas after spending the first half of the campaign out at National League Solihull Moors.

He then impressed Woking boss Alan Dowson at the recent Beds FA Senior

Cup match against AFC Dunstable, with the 18-year-old making his debut for the Cards as a sub at Wrexham last week.

Sadly for Josh that one ended in a 3-0 defeat, but the forward played the full 90 minutes in Saturday's 1-0 home win over Yeovil.

Finally, Corey Panter had his time at Southern League Premier Division Central side Biggleswade Town extended by another month after an impressive initial stint for Chris Nunn's team.

The 19-year-old has also had a brief spell at Hendon this season, where he netted a long-range strike.

For weekly updates on how all the Town players who are out on loan are getting on, head to the Luton Town official website.

## WELL DONE LUTON LAKEVIEW!

**Lakeview School from Wixams have won the opportunity out of 100 schools in Bedfordshire to represent Luton Town in the Kids EFL Under 11s Cup.**

The eight boys from one class are through to the regional final in Bristol in March and are one tournament win from Wembley, where the overall final will be played before the Championship play-off final in May.

The boys, pictured with Frankie Musonda and Corey Panter after winning the EFL Trust Utilita Kids Cup Bedfordshire final on January 9th, now need to get past the likes of QPR, Reading, Bristol City and Cardiff.

They are (from L to R) Josh Broom-Alexander, Jack Brady (GK), Sonny Finch, Jordan Fridkin, Tyler Vincent-Jones, James Zinonos, Kyle Hill and Reece Kenyon (captain) and they would like to thank Mr Poulson and Mrs Tilley for taking them!



# FAREWELL NIGEL – OUR SANTA!

Photograph by Marco Magielse

**All at Luton Town are devastated to have learned that one of our most recognised supporters, Nigel Martin, passed away earlier this month at the age of 63.**

A retired maths teacher, 'Santa' as he was popularly known among the Hatters fan base was a regular at Kenilworth Road, holding a season ticket in the Kenilworth Road end, and at away games, having supported the club for well over 50 years.

Nigel was a warm, kind and caring man who gave everyone a lift whenever you were in his company, with his positive attitude never failing to put a smile on the face of the many who knew him.

He was a strong charity man, who raised lots of funds for great causes. He became the club's very own 'Santa', often appearing as Father Christmas at Kenilworth Road, bringing joy to all supporters in attendance at our December matches.

That extended to the local hospitals where he often accompanied Town players to visit the children of Luton & Dunstable Hospital and Bedford Hospital at Christmas time, posing as Santa and giving up his time to make others happy, something which was very important to him.

Nigel was recognised for his contribution to the community and the Hatters support in 2015, when the Luton Town Supporters' Trust awarded him their 'Outstanding Contribution Award' for all his charity work.

Their chairman Tony Murray has paid tribute to a man he deeply respected.

"I was absolutely gutted to hear the news that Nigel had passed away," said Tony. "I got to know Nigel well and he was the kindest, warmest, most wonderful man you could ever

wish to meet. He never had a bad word to say about anyone and was always positive.

"He was a very popular winner of our award, which was given to him for all the brilliant work he did with a number of charities and in particular the time he gave up to put a smile on the faces of so many children who faced being in hospital at Christmas time. It was a real honour to present him with it.

"He was a true diamond, one in a million and we have lost a fantastic supporter of the club as well as a truly special person."

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Nigel's two sons Sam and Ben and to all of his friends, family and those who knew him.

RIP Santa.







## ELEANOR BOSTOCK

**Long-time supporter Eleanor Bostock sadly passed away on 3rd January 2020, aged 96.**

Eleanor saw her first Luton match away at Fulham in 1946, but having moved to Luton from her beloved Kingston-upon-Thames in 1948, she became an avid Hatter and was a season ticket holder in the Kenilworth Upper with her youngest grandson Steve for many years.

She was also a regular at away games, travelling on Town on Tour, most often accompanied by her son Pete and grandsons Dave and Steve.

Known by many as 'Nanny', Eleanor saw her final Luton match in 2017 when Ipswich visited in the League Cup. She will be sorely missed by many.

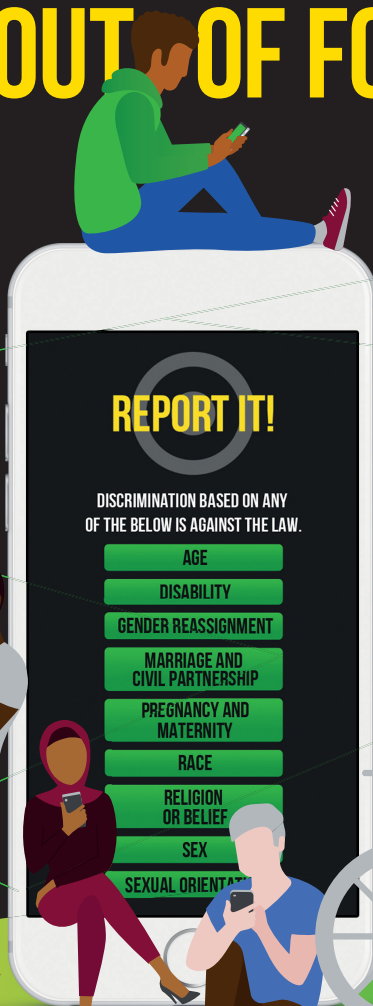




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## ◀ GOAL?

I scored at Wembley for Luton but we lost. I scored my first goal for Lincoln city on New Year's Eve at Chester city in 1978, it was a header from about the penalty spot in a 2-2 draw.

## ▲ GAME THAT YOU'VE PLAYED IN

My full debut for England against Denmark. I should have scored, I missed a good chance. We won 1-0.



## TEAM AS A KID:

Sunderland.



## MEAL

Shepherd's Pie. Get Maggie [chef at the training ground] sorting it out!

## ◀ MOVIE

Road to Perdition is good. I like Back To The Future. I will go with Gladiator though, followed closely by Forest Gump.



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► **ROOM MATE?**

Normally Bezza.

► **CAR SCHOOL?**

Me, on my own.

► **BEST DRESSED?**

Pottsy always looks good.

► **WORST DRESSED?**

Lloyd Jones.

► **LAST TO BUY A DRINK?**

Pottsy.

► **BEST AT FIFA?**

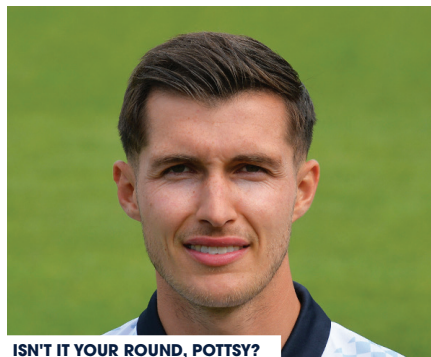
I don't play it. I think it's somebody like Pelly.



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► **POOL CHAMPION?**

Me.

► **MOST DISGUSTING EATER?**

Berry.

► **FUNNIEST?**

Pelly is quite funny.

► **LOUDEST?**

Pelly.

► **MOST SENSIBLE?**

Sonny Bradley.

► **HAVING HIMSELF?**

Lloyd Jones and Dan Potts.

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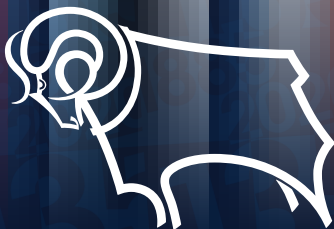
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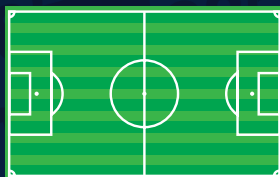




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**KEEP AN EYE ON...**

## WAYNE ROONEY

After a hugely successful career playing for Everton, Manchester United and England, Wayne Rooney returned to his homeland following a campaign with DC United in the MLS.

Rooney, 34, is United's all-time top goalscorer with 253 goals, and the former England captain leads the way for his country too, with 53 goals in 120 international appearances.

Having started his football career at Goodison Park, Rooney is widely regarded as one of the best players of his generation, making him someone the Hatters will have to pay extra close attention to throughout the 90 minutes.



Compiled by Dan Briard



## MANAGER:

# PHILLIP COCU

Derby announced the appointment of Phillip Cocu as Frank Lampard's replacement in July 2019.

Cocu enjoyed a long, successful career as a player, turning out for the likes of AZ Alkmaar, Vitesse Arnhem, PSV Eindhoven and Spanish giants Barcelona.

The 48-year-old also amassed 101 international appearances for the Netherlands, before retiring from playing and moving into coaching and management.

He guided PSV Eindhoven to three Eredivisie titles during five full seasons in charge between 2013 and 2018, before a brief spell in Turkey with Fenerbahce last season.

## PLAYERS



### GOALKEEPERS

#	NAME	AGE	NATIONALITY
12	BEN HAMER	32	ENGLAND
21	KELLE ROOS	27	NETHERLANDS

### DEFENDERS

#	NAME	AGE	NATIONALITY
02	ANDRE WISDOM	26	ENGLAND
03	CRAIG FORSYTH	30	SCOTLAND
05	KRYSYIAN BIELIK	22	POLAND
16	MATTHEW CLARKE	23	ENGLAND
25	MAX LOWE	22	ENGLAND
33	CURTIS DAVIES	34	ENGLAND
37	JAYDEN BOGLE	19	ENGLAND
46	SCOTT MALONE	28	ENGLAND

### MIDFIELDERS

#	NAME	AGE	NATIONALITY
04	GRAEME SHINNIE	28	SCOTLAND
10	TOM LAWRENCE	26	WALES
17	GEORGE EVANS	25	ENGLAND
23	DUANE HOLMES	25	USA
30	IKECHI ANYA	32	SCOTLAND
38	JASON KNIGHT	18	IRELAND
40	LOUIE SIBLEY	18	ENGLAND
41	MAX BIRD	19	ENGLAND
44	TOM HUDDLESTONE	33	ENGLAND

### FORWARDS

#	NAME	AGE	NATIONALITY
09	MARTYN WAGHORN	29	ENGLAND
11	FLORIAN JOZEFZON	28	NETHERLANDS
14	JACK MARRIOTT	25	ENGLAND
19	CHRIS MARTIN	31	SCOTLAND
20	MASON BENNETT	23	ENGLAND
32	WAYNE ROONEY	34	ENGLAND
49	MORGAN WHITTAKER	19	ENGLAND

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# ON THE



**Position: GOALKEEPER**

**Nationality: England**

**DOB: 20/11/87**

**Height: 6ft 4in**

**Previous Club: Loan from Huddersfield**

**2019/20 League Appearances: 10**

**2019/20 League Clean Sheets: 1**

**Position: DEFENDER**

**Nationality: England**

**DOB: 22/09/96**

**Height: 6ft 1in**

**Previous Club: On loan from Brighton**

**2019/20 League Appearances: 17**

**2019/20 League Goals: 1**

Hamer has enjoyed spells with a number of clubs during a career which started with Reading. Though he didn't make a first-team appearance for the Royals, he was getting games for the likes of Crawley, Brentford and Exeter on loan.

He moved permanently to Charlton in 2011 where he made over 100 appearances in three years and helped them achieve promotion into the Championship.

He then moved to Leicester City where he was part of their title-winning squad and Champions League campaign. He left for Huddersfield in 2018, then joined Derby at the start of this campaign.

Clarke began his football career with Ipswich Town in 2002 as an Under-7 and made his debut for the club 12 years later against Crawley Town in the League Cup.

He went on loan to Portsmouth in 2015 originally and impressed with his 29 appearances that season, prompting them to sign him permanently the following summer.

With well over 100 appearances to his name at Pompey, Clarke earned himself a move to Brighton & Hove Albion this summer.

Less than two months later, he agreed to join Derby on a season-long loan and made his debut in the opening game of the season against Huddersfield Town.



# RADAR



**TOM  
LAWRENCE**



**MARTYN  
WAGHORN**

<b>Position: MIDFIELDER</b>	<b>Position: STRIKER</b>
<b>Nationality: Wales</b>	<b>Nationality: England</b>
<b>DOB: 13/01/94</b>	<b>DOB: 23/01/90</b>
<b>Height: 5ft 9in</b>	<b>Height: 5ft 10in</b>
<b>Previous Club: Leicester City</b>	<b>Previous Club: Ipswich Town</b>
<b>2019/20 League Appearances: 24</b>	<b>2019/20 League Appearances: 28</b>
<b>2019/20 League Goals: 5</b>	<b>2019/20 League Goals: 8</b>

The Welsh international was highly-rated from a young age and started his career with Manchester United at the age of eight. After making his way up the age groups, he was unable to become a first-team regular, so he spent time on loan with Carlisle United and Yeovil Town, before signing for Leicester City in 2014.

Once again, his hopes of being involved in the first-team were short-lived and he spent the majority of his time on-loan with Rotherham, Blackburn, Cardiff and Ipswich, before Derby snapped him up in 2017.

In between his success at Pride Park he became a regular in the Welsh national team, and he currently has 20 caps.

Derby's top scorer this season Martyn Waghorn has been on quite the journey in his football career to this date, considering it all started at Sunderland in 1998. He stayed at the Stadium of Light until 2010 in which time he has loan spells with Charlton and Leicester, the latter of which Waghorn signed for permanently.

After more loan spells and a permanent move to Wigan, the now 29-year-old signed for Rangers in 2015 in what was his most successful goalscoring spell to date.

His 44 goals across two seasons made Ipswich bring him back to England where he scored 16 goals in one campaign for them, before moving to Derby in 2018.

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# CLASSIC CLASH

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

**11.05.1991 | LUTON TOWN 2 DERBY COUNTY 0**  
**DIVISION ONE (NOW PREMIER LEAGUE)**

**On March 9th 1991, the Town won away at Aston Villa to record their third victory in four games and, with ten games to go, were in a comfortable 13th position in the top-flight.**

As supporters came away from Villa Park, a fight against relegation was far from their minds and thoughts of a possible top ten position were a realistic objective. Unfortunately, the remainder of the season turned into a nightmare.

From the next seven games only two points were salvaged as the Hatters slipped nearer and nearer to the relegation zone with a young side lacking any real striking power - record signing Lars Elstrup with his mind now set on a return to Denmark, and Iain Dowie having been sold to West Ham meant that goals were hard to come by.

Only two teams were to go down that season as the division was restructured, and immediately below the Hatters were Derby and Sunderland, who had both suffered equally poor runs, and as the fixture list had panned out our last two home games were against these sides.

With three games to go, Sunderland were the visitors to Kenilworth Road and a Luton victory would have gone a long way to easing the fears of a return to Division Two.

Sunderland had won only once away from home that season but they seemed to have more of a will to win that day, and took the lead through Gordon Armstrong after 22 minutes, only for the Town's best attacker, centre-half Graham Rodger, to level the score ten minutes later.

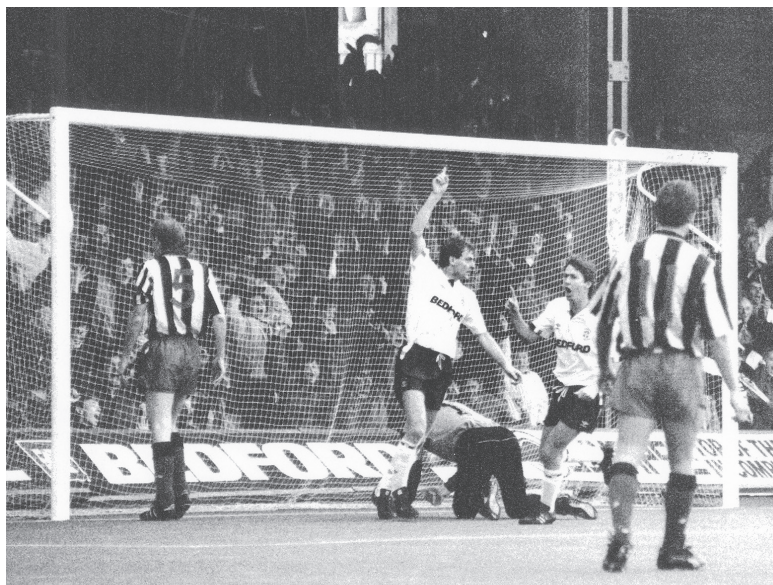
In the second half there was likely only to be one winner and Colin Pascoe duly obliged for the visitors on the hour, catching the Luton defence on the break.

Manager Jim Ryan kept the players locked in the changing room for 80 minutes after the game and emerged a bitterly disappointed man due to the fact that the Town had blown their chances of avoiding a last match of the season showdown once again.

The penultimate game of the campaign was away at Everton, and the Hatters put on an ultra-defensive performance but still lost out to a second-half strike from Tony Cottee.

Injury problems and suspensions had meant that no recognised central attacker was included in the line-up, while Ryan was forced to call up and use the previously untried Paul Telfer as substitute.

Since beating the Town, Sunderland had drawn two home games and were now level on points, with the same goal difference, although the Hatters had scored more goals.



**LARS ELSTRUP CELEBRATES AFTER SCORING THE TOWN'S SECOND GOAL**

The situation was now simple. The Town had to beat already relegated Derby at Kenilworth Road and hope that Sunderland did not run up a cricket score in their final game at Manchester City.

All very well, but the team had got out of the habit of winning and it was over two months since they had last picked up three points.

Also, although Derby were already relegated, no-one could expect them to roll over, especially with the likes of Peter Shilton, Mark Wright, Dean Saunders and old Town favourite Mick Harford in their side.

A best of the season crowd of 12,889 turned up to see if another 'great escape' could be engineered, and they were delighted to see that nerves were not a part of the Town's make-up that afternoon as good football flowed.

A great roar went up when it was learned that Sunderland had gone behind, then the euphoria died when news came through that the Wearsiders were now 2-1 ahead.

A win was now vital and the breakthrough came just before half-time when a perfectly flighted free-kick

from Jason Rees skimmed off the top of Mick Harford's head into the net.

What turned out to be the deciding goal came almost immediately after the start of the second half when a clever passing movement ended with a corner which was taken by David Preece.

His accurate cross found John Dreyer, who headed the ball across the box to Kingsley Black, who headed it back the opposite way to Elstrup, who scored with Shilton wrong-footed.

Derby had a couple of chances after this but the clearer opportunities came the way of the Town and a 2-0 win was sufficient to ensure top-flight football for another season.

Sunderland, incidentally, ended up losing 3-2!

All in all, a good day for the Town which also marked the end of an era as this was to be the final game on the artificial pitch, the final game where away supporters were not officially allowed in and the final game where supporters could watch from the Maple Road 'triangle' with the New (now David Preece) Stand to be erected.



CHAMBERLAIN  
BEAUMONT  
HARVEY  
REES (JAMES)  
MCDONOUGH  
DREYER  
ELSTRUP  
PREECE  
FARRELL  
(NOGAN)  
PEMBRIDGE  
BLACK



SHILTON  
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WRIGHT  
PATTERSON  
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ROGER WASH

# THE LAST TIME THE RAMS CAME TO TOWN

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## TOWN

BERESFORD, FOLEY, BARNETT,  
HEIKKINEN, PERRETT, EMANUEL,  
EDWARDS, ROBINSON (MORGAN),  
BRKOVIC (FEENEY), BOYD, VINE  
(BELL)

## DERBY COUNTY

BYWATER, LEACOCK, MOORE,  
BOERTIEN, EDWORTHY, JOHNSON  
(JONES), BISGAARD (SMITH),  
OAKLEY, BARNES, STEAD (LUPOLI),  
HOWARD



RUSS PERRETT TAKES ON THE DERBY DEFENCE

**After reaching the heady heights of fifth spot in the Championship following a 5-1 home thumping of Leeds in October 2006, the wheels came off and four straight defeats later (plus a 4-0 hammering at Everton in the League Cup) the Town were plummeting down the Championship table.**

Heavy defeats at Ipswich and Preston were bad enough, but home losses to Burnley and QPR set the alarm bells ringing.

The games did not get any easier as next up were promotion-chasing Derby, and the first return to Kenilworth Road of

popular striker Steve Howard who had been top scorer at the club every season since joining the Hatters in 2001.

The Hatters welcomed back Marlon Beresford in goal following a suspension, while centre-back Russ Perrett made his first start of the season leaving Marcus Heikkinen to play in midfield replacing David Bell. Midfield was Heikkinen's position for the Finland international side.

The Rams had most of the play in the first half but were wasteful in front of goal with Morten Bisgaard spurning the best opportunity when blazing over the bar from ten yards. They were almost made to pay at the other end when Leon Barnett's header forced a great save from Derby goalkeeper Stephen Bywater.

In the second period Derby kept up the pressure with Jonathan Stead hitting a post before netting a brilliant solo effort to give the away side a deserved lead. The game was made safe on 76 minutes when a clever free-kick routine between Seth Johnson and Marc Edworthy saw a shot from the latter cannon off a post into the path of ace poacher Howard, who volleyed in the rebound.

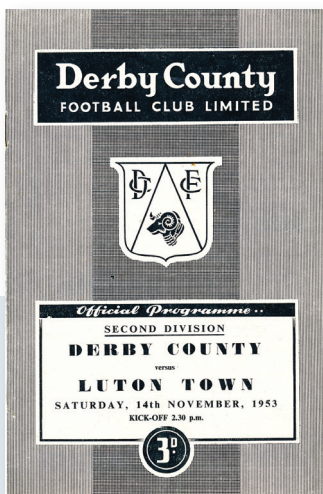
At least his celebration was muted!

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

# COVERED!



## NOVEMBER 1953

The first visit to the Baseball Ground for a League clash sees the Town maintain a six game unbeaten run in Division Two (now the Championship) when winning 2-1. Winger Bert Mitchell nets both Luton goals.



## OCTOBER 1954

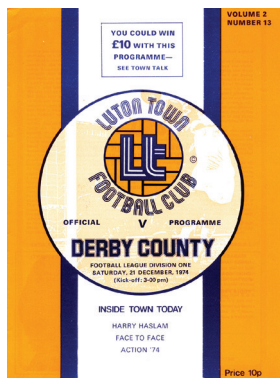
On their way to the top flight for the first time, the Hatters keep up their 100 per cent home record with a 2-0 victory over Derby. Gordon Turner and, soon to be a Ram, Jesse Pye score the goals.



## AUGUST 1961

The Town start the season with three wins out of four including a 4-2 home victory over the Rams. The Hatters score three in the first 20 minutes.





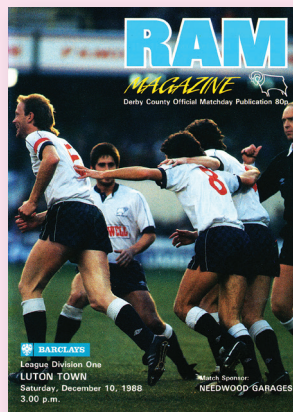
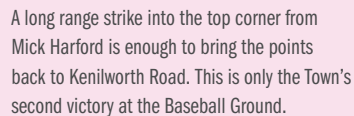
Future champions Derby are seen off 1-0 against a side that sits rock bottom with only one win all season. Jim Ryan's penalty separates the sides.



Against all the odds, the Town win 3-2 at the Baseball Ground to secure top flight status. The Town need to win away for only the second time that season and hope that Sheffield Wednesday lose at home to Nottingham Forest. Both happened!



With the score locked at 1-1 and the Town down to ten men, Scott Oakes beats seven men in a mazy run from his own half before slamming the ball past Martin Taylor in the Rams' goal.



The Hatters end a three game losing streak when beating relegation threatened Derby 1-0. Future Ram Steve Howard slides in the only goal.



# THE BOYS ARE BACK IN TOWN

FOOTBALL HISTORIAN **LEIGH EDWARDS** PROFILES TEN PLAYERS  
WHO HAD MORE THAN ONE SPELL AT DERBY COUNTY

## FRANK UPTON

Powerful wing-half Frank Upton had two spells at Derby County. Initially with Nuneaton, he moved via Northampton to Derby in June 1954 and featured in their 1956-57 Third Division (North) title campaign. 'The Tank' joined Chelsea in August 1961, helping to regain top-flight status in 1962-63 and win the League Cup in 1965. Returning to Derby in September 1965, he netted 17 goals in 259 League games overall prior to joining Notts County in September 1966. He became Workington's player-boss, then held various coaching and managerial posts. Later running a sports injury clinic in Derby, he died in May 2011.

## KEVIN HECTOR

England international striker Kevin Hector holds Derby County's appearance record. Signing professional for Bradford PA in July 1962, he was top scorer on four occasions before moving to Derby for £40,000 in September 1966. Starring as they won the Second Division title in 1968-69, then the League Championship in 1971-72 and 1974-75, he was leading marksman five times. He returned from Vancouver Whitecaps in October 1980 and netted 155 goals in 486 League games overall for the Rams, joining Gresley Rovers in September 1982. He later played for Burton Albion, Gresley again, Belper, Eastwood Town and Heanor.

## ROY MCFARLAND

England international central defender Roy McFarland captained Derby's 1971-72 League Championship success. Initially at Tranmere Rovers, he starred in their 1966-67 promotion success and moved to Derby in August 1967. He was ever-present in their 1968-69 Second Division title win and formed a fine partnership with Colin Todd. Skipping Derby to the European Cup semi-finals in 1972-73, he became Bradford City's player-boss in June 1981. He rejoined Derby as player-coach in November 1982, netting 44 goals in 442 League games overall, then managed the Rams, Bolton, Cambridge United, Torquay and Chesterfield.

## ARCHIE GEMMILL

Scotland international midfielder Archie Gemmill skippered Derby's 1974-75 League Championship success in the absence of injured Roy McFarland. Initially with St Mirren, he moved via Preston to Derby in September 1970 and featured in their 1971-72 League Championship triumph. Reuniting with Brian Clough at Nottingham Forest in September 1977, he helped win the League Championship in 1977-78. He moved to Birmingham in August 1979, then Jacksonville Teamen and Wigan Athletic. Rejoining Derby in November 1982, netting 25 goals in 324 League games overall for the Rams, he then held coaching posts.

## ROGER DAVIES

England U-23 striker Roger Davies helped Derby County to win the League Championship in 1974-75. Starting with Bridgnorth Town, he was briefly with Worcester City before a then non-League record £12,000 transfer to Derby in September 1971. He was a European Cup semi-finalist in 1972-73 and joined Brugge for £135,000 in July 1976. Moving to Leicester City in December 1977, he had a spell with Tulsa Roughnecks before rejoining Derby in September 1979. He netted 32 goals in 124 League games overall, then appeared for Seattle Sounders, Fort Lauderdale Strikers, Darlington and was Gresley's player-boss.



**BRUCE RIOCH**

### BRUCE RIOCH

Scotland international midfielder Bruce Rioch had two spells at Derby County. Initially with the Hatters, he was a promotion winner in 1967-68, then with Aston Villa in 1971-72, moving to Derby in February 1974. He starred in their 1974-75 League Championship success and joined Everton in December 1976. Returning to Derby in November 1977, he netted 38 goals in 195 League games overall and captained Scotland in the 1978 World Cup. He had a spell with Seattle Sounders and became Torquay United's player-boss, then managed Middlesbrough, Millwall, Bolton, Arsenal, Norwich and Wigan Athletic.

### CHARLIE GEORGE

England international striker Charlie George was top scorer as Derby County were FA Cup semi-finalists in 1975-76. Starting with Arsenal, he helped win the Fairs Cup in 1970 and scored their winner in the 1971 FA Cup final to clinch the 'double'. He joined Derby for £100,000 in July 1975 and made his debut in the Charity Shield. Sold to Southampton for £400,000 in December 1978, he had spells at Nottingham Forest, Bulova and AFC Bournemouth before rejoining Derby in March 1982. He netted 36 goals in 117 League games overall for the Rams. Later a publican in New Milton, he has become a matchday host at Arsenal.

### BOBBY DAVISON

Striker Bobby Davison topped Derby County's goalscoring charts in six successive seasons. Starting with Huddersfield Town, he moved via Halifax Town to Derby for £80,000 in November 1982. He starred in two consecutive promotion



**JASON SHACKELL**

campaigns and was sold to Leeds United for £350,000 in November 1987. Featuring in their 1989-90 Second Division title campaign, he was loaned back to Derby in September 1991 and netted 91 goals in 216 League games overall for the Rams. He joined Leicester City in August 1992, then Sheffield United and Rotherham United, since coaching at Guiseley and Bradford City.

### SETH JOHNSON

England international midfielder Seth Johnson had two spells at Derby County. Initially with Crewe Alexandra, he featured in their 1996-97 Second Division play-off final triumph and joined Derby for £3m in May 1999. He made his international debut against Italy in November 2000 and was sold to Leeds United for £7m in October 2001 but suffered injury problems. Returning to Derby in August 2005, he successfully revived his career and featured in their 2007 Championship play-off final triumph. He netted six goals in 130 League games overall for the Rams before a knee injury curtailed his career.

### JASON SHACKELL

Central defender Jason Shackell had two spells at Derby County. Starting with Norwich City, he joined Wolves in September 2008 and helped win the Championship title in 2008-09. He moved to Barnsley in May 2010 and was 'Player of the Year' in 2010-11. Sold to Derby for £1m in July 2011, he was ever-present in 2011-12 and joined Burnley in July 2012. He skippered them back to the top-flight in 2013-14, rejoining Derby for £3m in July 2015. Ever-present in 2015-16, he scored twice in 100 League games overall. He joined Lincoln in August 2018 and captained their 2018-19 League Two title triumph.





JAMES COLLINS

# CENTRE SPOT

Last week we asked on social media for fans' questions for the reigning League One player of the year and Golden Boot winner.

It's fair to say there were many more than the 25 goals he managed last season, so we popped down to The Brache after training on Wednesday to put the Hatters' nine-goal top scorer James Collins on The Centre Spot...

**@emmaorch** What game did you feel most proud to wear a Luton shirt in?

Sunderland away last season. Nathan Jones had just left and it was Mick's first game. We had Sunderland away and everyone thought we'd cave and go under. There were over 3,000 fans there and we decided as a group that after the warm-up, we'd go all the way over to the other end of the pitch and clap them. The hairs stand on the back of your neck just thinking about it – it was quite a tear-jerking moment, because it was some reaction from the fans and we went into the game determined to get a good result. We played well and I scored, so it was a brilliant day.

**@a1.realist3k** What was your favourite goal you have scored at Luton Town?

I enjoyed the Boxing Day goal at Swindon in League Two when we won 5-0 – that

was a good day going back to my old club – or my two goals away at Coventry. None of them have been worldies, have they, so it's hard to pick. I'd probably say the two scoring in successive years at the Ricoh against my home team.

**@snaptucker** Favourite goal in a Luton shirt, that was not scored by yourself?

Last year I'd say Moncs' free-kick against Portsmouth, because it was such a big game, and in my first season I've got to include Olly Lee's goal up at Carlisle – the League Two promotion clincher.

**@ZarBeck26** If you could choose the ideal strike partner, from any era, who would it be and why?

My idol growing up was Alan Shearer. I used to love watching him and loved the way he played. I tried to be like him when I was younger. He probably wouldn't suit me the best, because – and I'm not trying to say I'm anywhere near as good as him – we play like each other. But I'd say he would be my favourite strike partner.

**@LutonTownExile** How much verbals goes on between you and a set of defenders in a game and what's the best put down you've had? Second. What's the hardest finish for a striker? One on one, header, volley, sidefoot, other?



CELEBRATING HIS EQUALISER AT THE STADIUM OF LIGHT  
LAST SEASON, THE PROUDEST COLLO'S BEEN IN A LUTON SHIRT

Loads! I have verbals with probably every defender I play against. Me and Hylts used to have a bad reputation in League Two. We'd get hated – Hylts used to bring me down to be fair, because I used to see him do it and think 'I want a bit of that!' It's usually just putting each other down, nothing specific, but I do have verbals with a lot of defenders. As for the second part of the question, I've always found the hardest finish is the one where you've got too much time to think about it. You've got a one-on-one, say, because you're running at goal and you've got time to think about it, or a ball gets squared to you and you've got loads of time to put it in, they're the hardest ones. The ones that are more instinctive are the easiest because you just do it without thinking.

**@liamrowlands94** Do you have any superstitions before games?

Not really. I try to keep my routine quite similar. I always try and have a nap on a Friday afternoon and eat well. I have my porridge before I go to bed on a Friday night, and I always have a coffee on the way to the game – on the bus or in the car on the way over to the ground, but I wouldn't say it's a superstition. Just a habit.

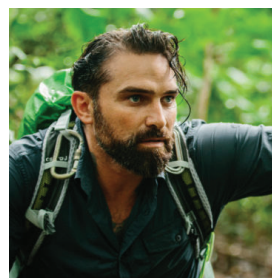
**@ppglobalmedia** What advice would you give your 16-year-old self?

I tell you what, I'd love to be 16 again knowing what I know now! I'd just say work hard, keep your head down. I was always told as a kid to make sure you're seen but not heard, so make sure people notice you for what you are doing on the pitch and not talking rubbish off the pitch about how good you are. I'd also say to enjoy it, because you never know if it's going to last very long, but you've got to get lucky as well. If you keep working hard you'll make your own luck in the game.

**@flipperprawn** Favourite TV show and character?

I watch a bit of everything. I like reality TV – Love Island and things like that – and at the minute I really like the SAS: Who Dares Wins, so I'll say Ant Middleton because I've read his book. I like him.

I always say to my missus that I think I'd have a go at it and I could complete that. I think I'd be all right at it. It's just the sleep that would do me, getting you up at all hours, but I'd have a go.



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**🐦 @gompstomp78** If you could replay any game again, which one would it be and why?

I didn't play in this game, but I'll go with the match against Denmark for Ireland because if we could replay it again and win, we'd have qualified for the Euros. But we drew 1-1 and now we've got to do it the hard way with the play-offs.

**🐦 @DarraghMc7** How does it feel to represent your country? And what Irish roots do you have in your family?

My Irish roots come from my mum, Rose, who was born in Mullingar but moved over here with her family when she was four years old. Representing my country is amazing, especially at first team. I'd done it at U19s and then 21s, so to do it at senior level now is probably the biggest achievement of my career.

**🐦 @1CoryDavison** What is your biggest achievement/proudest moment in your football career so far?

Probably making my Ireland debut. I've been really lucky to have some good achievements in my career. I've had five promotions and last year getting promoted to the Championship comes a close second, but making my Ireland debut has been the highlight of my career so far.

**🐦 @dicreamio** Who do you get on best with when you're away with the Ireland team?

I'd played with a lot of them in the Under-21s, so I knew a lot of faces, but my best mate is Ciaran Clark, who I came

through with at Villa. I've known him since I was 11, so I'd probably say Ciaran. When he's in the squad, me and him room together and I still see him all the time, but there are a load of lads over there that I mix with because we've known each other since we were kids in the age groups.

**👤 Stuart Phillips** Who has been the biggest influence on your career, particularly as your parents travel to a lot of your games?

I would say my dad, Steve. Ever since I started playing Sunday League football he's come to every game, wherever I've been playing, whether it's in this country or abroad. He's been everywhere. He used to come up to Scotland, he's been to my Ireland games. I was on trial at Bolton when I was 11 and he used to drive me up there to train with them. He's done everything for me. My mum has started coming more with him now since I moved out and it's close, but definitely my dad – he's not missed many games at all over the years.

**📷 ebbsy08** Closest team-mate at Luton ?

Sheez and Cranes. I drive in with Cranes every day and I've been really close with Sheez ever since I signed here. I was close to Alan McCormack as well when he was here, but I get on with all the lads.

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**IRISH EYES ARE SMILING AS JAMES NETS ON HIS INTERNATIONAL DEBUT AGAINST BULGARIA**

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**@thicc\_chungles** How does it feel to be with this squad from League Two to Championship in such a short period of time?

It's great. That was the aim when I signed. When I first spoke to Nathan and Gary Sweet, the aim was to be a Championship team and to do it within two seasons is surreal, I suppose, but that's why I signed for this club – because I knew it had ambitions to go higher and they matched mine. We achieved it really quick and I just want it to last now. That's the aim of the season. I just want it to last.

**@mk\_luca08** How did you feel when you won the League One Golden Boot last season?

It was fantastic because in my career, I've always been there or thereabouts – I've got double figures but I've never quite won it. Always been pipped by a few goals. But to actually get it last year and win it by a good distance was a great moment for me, but we did create some chances last year as a team, didn't we, so it was just lucky for me that I was the one on the end of them.

**@rugfoot** Do you have a focus word in your head when you take a penalty?

I don't have a word, but I always practise the day before a game. I always do three or four penalties and I pick a way that I'm going to go the following day, then just keep practising hitting the same spot.





**DANNY HYLTON HELPS COLLO AND JAMES SHEA CELEBRATE THEIR LEAGUE ONE AWARDS IN STYLE**

#### **@\_Lewis\_b Emotions when you score?**

Apart from seeing your kids being born, there is no better feeling in the world! But in football terms, scoring goals is the best feeling in the game, so to be able to do it a lot of the time is really good for me. I always remember someone saying to me when I was younger, 'If you can score 200 goals in your career, it's 20 goals a season for ten years – then you've had a good career'. That's always stuck in my head so if I can get anywhere near that, I'll be proud. I think I'm on 163 now, so not too far away. I love scoring goals and getting that feeling when I see the ball hit the back of the net.

#### **@james.senior31 At what time did you think of getting a career in football and what was your favourite year at school?**

Ever since I was a young kid I wanted to play football, because I never any good at school really. I wasn't naughty, I was just never academically great. I used to only go to school three times a week because I was in at Villa twice a week, so I suppose it started to get realistic when I was about 14, in Year 9. I started missing school to go into training. I'd see the scholars and the youth team and wanted to be in with them. So I'd say that was probably my favourite year in school – because I never used to go in a lot after that!

#### **Our Town What is your most vivid football memory of your childhood?**

Michael Owen scoring against Argentina in France '98, because I would have been eight-years-old. I was born in 1990 so I missed Italia '90 and the '94 World Cup. I had a video of Michael Owen doing a soccer camp at Stoke's ground with Neville Southall, and used to watch it all the time – but I'll always remember him scoring THAT goal!

#### **f David Bradford Do you have a roast dinner on a Sunday?**

Sometimes, when I go around my mum and dad's or my in-laws'. We'll take the kids over to either one on a Sunday and have a roast there, but we never really cook them at home.

#### **🐦 @Pete\_LTFC Bacon roll or sausage sandwich?**

Bacon roll.

#### **f Duane Anstey Wotsits or skips?**

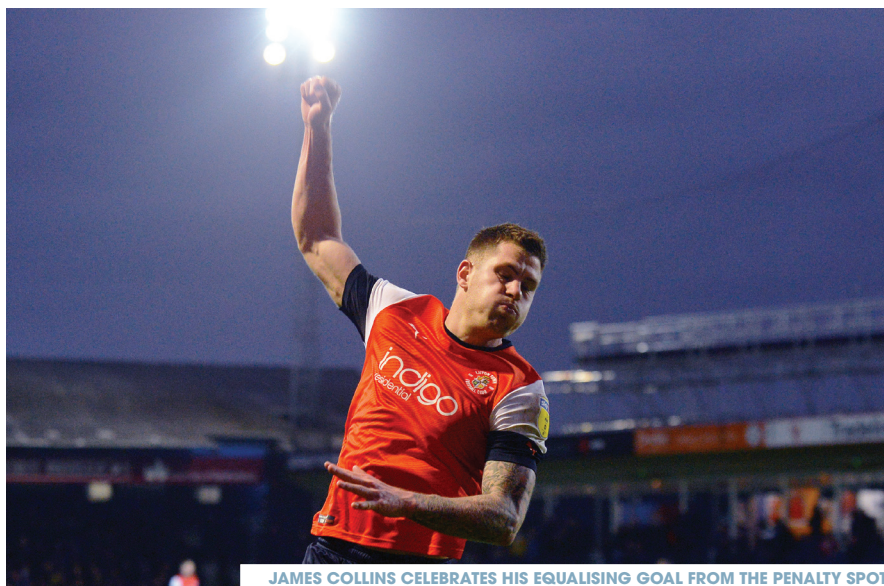
Neither really. My missus eats Wotsits all the time and I used to as a kid, so I'll go with Wotsits. Skips are pointless!



# LUTON TOWN 1 BIRMINGHAM 2

**TOWN GOAL:** COLLINS (PEN 62)

**BIRMINGHAM GOALS:** JUTKIEWICZ (4), GARDNER (69)



JAMES COLLINS CELEBRATES HIS EQUALISING GOAL FROM THE PENALTY SPOT



DANIELS  
BRADLEY  
PEARSON  
BREE  
(POTTS 45)  
MPANZU  
SHINNIE  
(MONCUR 56)  
BERRY  
(TUNNICLIFFE 81)  
CORNICK  
LUALUA  
COLLINS

#### SUBS NOT USED

SHEA  
LEE  
REA  
JONES

#### YELLOW CARD

BREE



CAMP  
COLIN  
CLARKE-SALTER  
DEAN  
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MAGHOMA  
DAVIS  
GARDNER  
(HARDING 88)  
BELA  
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MRABTI  
(BELLINGHAM 78)  
JUTKIEWICZ

#### SUBS NOT USED

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MONTERO  
GIMENEZ

#### YELLOW CARDS

MRABTI  
DEAN  
GARDNER  
DAVIS

#### RED CARD

BREE



## STORY OF THE MATCH

Town were left frustrated as they were defeated 2-1 by Birmingham City at Kenilworth Road.

Lukas Jutkiewicz nodded in after just four minutes when he met Jeremie Bela's left-wing cross to give the visitors the lead.

Town pulled one back from the penalty spot midway through the second half after Harlee Dean dragged Matty Pearson to the ground - James Collins notched his ninth of the campaign from 12 yards as he sent Lee Camp the wrong way.

The Blues immediately responded though as Gary Gardner pinched the ball in midfield, before playing a one-two with Jacques Maghoma and finding the bottom left corner from inside the box.

Dean would go onto receive a red card late on - two yellow cards, the latter of which for a foul on Collins - but it wouldn't influence the score-line in the end as a late effort from Sonny Bradley was kept out by Camp and Birmingham took all three points.



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# FOREST LUTON TOWN

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**NOTTINGHAM GOALS:** LOLLEY (36, 57) GRABBAN (90)

**TOWN GOAL:** CORNICK (23)



SLUGA  
BREE  
PEARSON  
BRADLEY  
POTTS  
REA  
(LEE 72)  
TUNNICLIFFE  
MPANZU  
CORNICK  
(MONCUR 50)  
LUALUA  
COLLINS

#### SUBS NOT USED

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BOLTON  
DANIELS

#### YELLOW CARDS

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HARRY CORNICK IS ALL SMILES AFTER HIS GOAL PUT THE TOWN IN FRONT AT THE CITY GROUND

## STORY OF THE MATCH

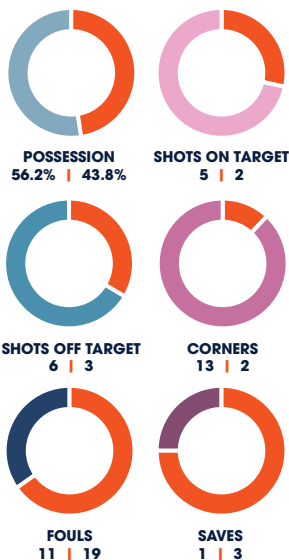
The Town fell to another away defeat as they let a one-goal lead slip at Nottingham Forest in their last Sky Bet Championship outing.

Graeme Jones' side started brightly at the City Ground and should have taken the lead when Dan Potts got on the end of his own knock-down in the Forest box, but blazed over from six yards.

Harry Cornick would make amends though as he converted from the left-back's low ball, after the attack started with Simon Sluga in what was a fantastic team goal from the Hatters.

The hosts responded though as Joe Lolley fired past Sluga to bring the score level, before notching his second 12 minutes after the restart with a tremendous effort into the top right corner.

Lewis Grabban wrapped up the scoring with a last-minute penalty after Sonny Bradley was penalised for a handball.



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# A REA OF LIGHT!

**GLEN IS BACK AFTER 13 MONTHS OF INJURY HELL**

**Glen Rea returned to the starting line-up in a league game for the first time since suffering his serious knee injury 13 months ago at Nottingham Forest last week – and the Town midfielder is adamant that a winning run is just around the corner for the Hatters.**

The 25-year-old appeared as a substitute at Stoke in December before starting the Emirates FA Cup third round tie at Bournemouth three weeks ago.

He played the first hour of last Sunday's 3-1 loss at the City Ground and was part of an impressive first-half display that saw Graeme Jones' side lead 1-0 shortly before the interval.

"On a personal note it was good to be back, but we are all gutted in there," said Rea. "It was never a three goals against game. I don't think anyone here could say they deserved to score three goals.

"They are a very good team, don't get me wrong, but we've come here and felt like we've given it everything. First half I felt we were right in the game and there were two bits of magic from their lad, but it's never a three-goals against game."

Town remain at the foot of the Championship table, four points behind 21st-placed Stoke City, who travel to West Brom tonight.

"There's a run coming, I'm telling you," Glen continued. "There is a positive run coming because everyone in there is on the same page and there is a positive



run coming. The fans have been excellent again, travelling every week, so if we all stay together as a club we'll be fine, I'm sure of it."

Asked whether the dressing room is still confident, Rea interrupted emphatically with: "One hundred per cent. I'm telling you there is a positive run coming. Bad times don't last, do they? We are going through a bad time and we've been through a bad time this season, but I'm sure there is a run coming, a positive run. We'll get out of this."

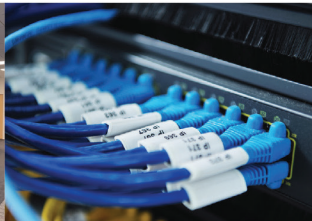
On his own return to action, the former Republic of Ireland Under-21 international – who spent a month on loan at National League side Woking in November to gain valuable game time – said: "It's been a very long time. It's been a journey, but it was excellent to be back out there.

"I've been chomping at the bit to get back in, get my chance again. I got my chance today and hopefully it can continue. I feel fit. I'm ready to play and I felt I did all right. Hopefully it continues."





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DATE	KO	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	DATE	KO	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE
03.08.19	11.00am	H	Southend United	W 4-2	19.10.19	11.00am	H	Gillingham	L 1-2
10.08.19	11.00am	A	Northampton Town	D 4-4	26.10.19	11.00am	A	Cambridge United	D 1-1
24.08.19	10.30am	A	Gillingham	L 3-4	02.11.19	11.00am	H	Barnet	W 2-1
27.08.19	1.00pm	H	Cheltenham Town (League Cup R1)	W 2-0	09.11.19	10.30am	H	AFC Wimbledon	D 3-3
31.08.19	11.00am	H	Cambridge United	D 2-2	16.11.19	10.30am	A	Leyton Orient	D 2-2
07.09.19	10.30am	A	Barnet	L 1-2	23.11.19	11.00am	H	Stevenage	L 5-7
14.09.19	11.00am	A	AFC Wimbledon	W 2-1	30.11.19	11.00am	H	Milton Keynes Dons	W 7-1
17.09.09	1.00pm	A	Gillingham (League Cup R2)	W 4-1	03.12.19	7.00pm	H	Oxford United (League Cup R3)	L 1-5
21.09.19	11.00am	A	Stevenage	L 1-3	11.12.19	7.00pm	H	Sheff Wed (FA Youth Cup R3)	L 2-3
28.09.19	11.00am	H	Leyton Orient	L 1-2	14.12.19	11.00am	A	Peterborough United	L 0-1
05.10.19	10.30am	A	Milton Keynes Dons	W 5-3	04.01.20	10.30am	H	Northampton Town	W 4-3
12.10.19	11.00am	H	Peterborough United	L 1-2	18.01.20	11.00am	A	Southend United	L 1-2



# ACADEMY UPDATE

WITH ANDY AWFORD

Good evening everyone and welcome to tonight's game versus Derby County.

## U9s Tour to Germany

Huge congratulations to our U9 players, staff and parents as they returned home from their recent tour to Germany with the winners' medals.



Group victories over Hannover, Southend Utd, Borussia, Leverkusen and Rapid Vienna saw us progress to the final to face German giants Bayern Munich.

A hard-fought final saw us win deservedly 2-1 with both goals coming from Austen Ball. Another fantastic experience for the players, staff and parents - well done to all!

## U10s Victorious

The U10s followed the U9s in bringing a trophy back to base with a terrific performance in an indoor tournament hosted by Norwich City FC. After the group games v Southend, Norwich and Lincoln, we progressed to a tense final against Watford.

With the scores all level at the final whistle, the game went to penalties which I am delighted to say we won. A great day, some amazing skill on show and another valuable learning experience for all involved - well done everyone!



## U18s

The Youth Team have a period without league fixtures now as they head into the Merit League fixtures which start on Saturday February 15th.

We will be participating in Merit League 2 after narrowly missing out on League 1. A last game defeat at Southend United ensured that unfortunately we finished one place below the cut-off line, which was a tad harsh on the boys.

However, every negative presents the opportunity to be turned into a positive, and therefore we will reset new goals and challenges and look to finish the season off well.

## Bedfordshire Senior Cup

Following the recent 2-0 victory away at AFC Dunstable we have been drawn away at Pottun United in the semi-final. This game will take place on Tuesday February 18th (7.45pm kick off). Your support as always is greatly appreciated and will be worth its weight in gold as our young players attempt to reach the final.

Enjoy tonight's game...

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Andy



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**2020-21 trials on Saturday 8th February for Year 11 leavers**  
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We've already played over 20 games in the first season of this exciting partnership between The Shared Learning Trust and our Community Trust, allowing students to study in Luton for a BTEC Sport qualification which is the equivalent of three A-Levels, whilst having the opportunity to play for the Hatters in the EFL Education National League as well as the local Southern Counties Floodlit Youth League.

The Shared Learning Trust (TSLT) operate two Academy sites in Luton at Chalk Hills and Stockwood Park, and both opened brand new sixth form blocks and newly surfaced astro pitches last September following a multi-million pound investment programme.

Both sixth forms received Ofsted rated 'Good' post-16 provision across both sites, with excellent exam results.

The TSLT Football Academy boys' programme is designed for those Year 11 leavers who want to take a sports qualification whilst receiving a full-time football training programme. Additional GCSE support is available in Maths and English.





Football training will work around your study on a daily basis with two full-time Luton Town FC coaching staff from the club's Community Trust.

This gives players the opportunity to progress into the professional or semi-professional game, as well as preparing them to move onto university or USA Scholarships. The scheme is open to students who are Year 11 leavers from September 2020 at schools all around the region and beyond.

Head of Trust Kevin Thoburn said: "It's an exciting addition to post-16 education opportunities in Luton for local boys, and one we hope will lead to further opportunities for girls also in 2020-21.

"This season already we've played all over the south of England, from Bristol Rovers to Southend United, and narrowly missed out on a national cup quarter-final appearance following an away defeat at Newport County AFC.

"Our young team of first years have really done well facing older boys, which at times has been a challenge, but we're excited for next season and building on the solid platforms from this first season."

If you are a Year 11 leaver and wonder - Is this for me? - if you meet one of the following this course could be for you:

- I have played a good standard of competitive football
- I am keen to study sport and achieve a qualification
- I want to start a career in football, sport or leisure management
- I want to continue my education blending football and sport

**Our next trial will be on the morning of Saturday 8th February at Chalk Hills Academy, Leagrave High Street, Luton LU1 0NE. To register your interest in the trial email [BTEC@lutontown.co.uk](mailto:BTEC@lutontown.co.uk) or follow us via Instagram [@lutontownbtec](https://www.instagram.com/lutontownbtec) for regular updates.**





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# LUTON TOWN LADIES

## AFC DUNSTABLE 1-2 LUTON TOWN

**A superb goal from 16-year-old Ellie Sargeant and a clever finish from Jess McKay put Luton Town Ladies into the Beds County cup final once more.**

In recent years the Hatters have struggled to retain the cup but now have another chance to win it back after beating local side AFC Dunstable in the semi-final.

It was a scrappy game played on a heavy pitch, but Luton started well, moving the ball into good areas and carving out chances early on.

Funmi Babalola should have put her side 1-0 up but her shot from close range flew over the bar. McKay had a string of chances but the ball wouldn't fall for her.

At the break it was all even. In the second half the Hatters continued to dominate possession but couldn't find a way through.

Eventually youngster Sargeant found her herself a bit of space out wide and hit an arrowed shot goalwards. The keeper could do nothing but watch it fly past her into the top far corner.



ELLIE SARGEANT

Town had chances to double their lead but a McKay header was well saved, and Babalola saw another chance go wide.

A defensive mix-up then ended in a Dunstable corner and a back post scramble saw it poked into the net for the equaliser.

Soon after McKay put her side back ahead as she faced the oncoming keeper and slotted it into the bottom corner.

For the final ten minutes it was a hard-fought battle but the Hatters managed to see it out and win the tie.

Manager Nikki Baker was delighted to get into the final, saying: "We played some good football at times on a difficult pitch and battled well. We scored two good goals and dominated possession, but Dunstable made us work for it. We want to go on and win the cup now, as the last two seasons have been a disaster for us."

# JUNIOR HATTERS



## TODAY'S MASCOTS



**NAME:** Ewan Bell

**AGE:** 14

**HOBBIES:** PLAYING FOOTBALL FOR OLNEY TOWN  
**FAVOURITE PLAYER:** JAMES COLLINS



**NAME:** Matthew Bell

**AGE:** 12

**HOBBIES:** FOOTBALL, RUGBY, CRICKET, GAMING  
**FAVOURITE PLAYER:** PELLY-RUDDOCK MPANZU



**NAME:** Jessica Dear

**AGE:** 8

**HOBBIES:** LUTON TOWN FAN & PLAYS FOR  
STOPSLEY UNITED PINK SOX  
**FAVOURITE PLAYER:** CALLUM McMANAMAN



**NAME:** Brayden Brett

**AGE:** 7

**HOBBIES:** SCORING GOALS, GOALS & MORE GOALS!  
**FAVOURITE PLAYER:** JAMES COLLINS



**NAME:** Conor Brett

**AGE:** 7

**HOBBIES:** BEING GREAT IN DEFENCE,  
ANIMALS & DINOSAURS  
**FAVOURITE PLAYER:** JAMES COLLINS



**NAME:** Tommy Kerr

**AGE:** 8

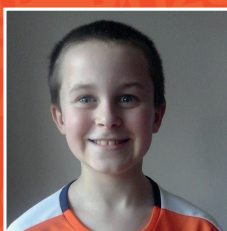
**HOBBIES:** BEING A FIRST CLASS FORWARD  
FOR HIS SCHOOL TEAM  
**FAVOURITE PLAYER:** JAMES COLLINS



**NAME:** Dylan Lewis

**AGE:** 9

**HOBBIES:** FOOTBALL, SCIENCE &  
PLAYING PLAYSTATION  
**FAVOURITE PLAYER:** MATTY PEARSON



**NAME:** Rob Ginger

**AGE:** 12

**HOBBIES:** PLAYING & WATCHING FOOTBALL  
**FAVOURITE PLAYER:** JAMES COLLINS



**NAME:** James Ginger

**AGE:** 12

**HOBBIES:** PLAYING & WATCHING FOOTBALL  
**FAVOURITE PLAYER:** MATTY PEARSON



**NAME:** Max Lashley

**AGE:** 10

**HOBBIES:** FOOTBALL, SWIMMING & GOLF  
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# FIXTURES 2019-20

AWAY												
HOME	Barnsley	Birmingham City	Blackburn Rovers	Brentford	Bristol City	Cardiff City	Charlton Athletic	Derby County	Fulham	Huddersfield Town	Hull City	
Barnsley	-	11.02.20	21.03.20	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 2-1	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 1-1	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 1-1	-	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	
Brentford	02.05.20	03.08.19 0-1	22.02.20	-	02.10.19 1-1	11.12.19 2-1	10.04.20	31.08.19 3-0	14.12.19 1-0	02.11.19 0-1	17.08.19 1-1	
Bristol City	18.01.20 1-0	08.02.20	14.12.19 0-2	01.01.20 0-4	-	04.04.20	23.10.19 2-1	12.02.20	07.03.20	30.11.19 5-2	10.04.20	
Cardiff City	07.12.19 3-2	02.11.19 4-2	10.04.20	29.02.20	10.11.19 0-1	-	21.03.20	18.04.20	30.08.19 1-1	21.08.19 2-1	02.05.20	
Charlton Athletic	01.02.20	14.09.19 0-1	15.02.20	24.08.19 1-0	26.12.19 3-2	23.11.19 2-2	-	19.10.19 3-0	22.01.20 0-0	10.12.19 0-1	13.12.19 2-2	
Derby County	02.01.20 2-1	28.09.19 3-2	07.03.20	13.04.20	20.08.19 1-2	13.09.19 1-1	30.12.19 2-1	-	22.02.20	15.02.20	18.01.20 1-0	
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 2-1	18.01.20 0-0	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 0-1	28.01.20	-	
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	
<b>LUTON TOWN</b>	<b>10.04.20</b>	<b>11.01.20 1-2</b>	<b>02.05.20</b>	<b>25.02.20</b>	<b>19.10.19 3-0</b>	<b>08.02.20</b>	<b>26.11.19 2-1</b>	<b>28.01.20</b>	<b>26.12.19 3-3</b>	<b>31.08.19 2-1</b>	<b>21.09.19 0-3</b>	
Middlesbrough	27.11.19 1-0	21.01.20 1-1	01.02.20	10.08.19 0-1	13.04.20	25.04.20	07.12.19 1-0	11.01.20 2-2	26.10.19 0-0	26.12.19 1-0	24.11.19 2-2	
Millwall	21.12.19 1-2	26.02.20	18.04.20	29.12.19 1-0	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 3-2	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 2-1	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 6-1	21.12.19 2-2	25.02.20	21.03.20	10.08.19 1-1	29.12.19 1-2	
Reading	29.02.20	07.12.19 2-3	21.09.19 1-2	21.03.20	28.01.20	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 0-5	07.12.19 2-1	22.12.19 1-0	29.12.19 1-2	26.02.20	29.02.20	21.09.19 1-1	18.04.20	01.01.20 0-1	
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 0-0	24.08.19 3-0	11.12.19 1-1	22.10.19 0-3	25.04.20	27.10.19 1-0	02.01.20 1-0	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 0-2	03.08.19 3-2	21.09.19 2-0	26.12.19 1-1	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	21.01.20 0-3	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 1-1	13.04.20
	29.12.19 4-5	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 2-3
	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 1-1	28.01.20	25.04.20	02.11.19 2-1	26.02.20	29.02.20	13.04.20	23.12.19 0-0
	11.02.20	30.11.19 7-0	08.02.20	19.10.19 3-2	28.01.20	18.04.20	11.01.20 3-1	23.11.19 1-0	07.03.20	21.09.19 0-0	26.12.19 3-1	17.03.20	04.04.20
	04.08.19 1-3	29.12.19 3-0	31.08.19 2-2	10.12.19 1-2	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 1-1	25.02.20	21.12.19 0-0	02.10.19 3-0	31.01.20	18.10.19 1-1	26.11.19 1-0	12.01.20 0-0	28.01.20	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 2-2	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	31.01.20	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	17.01.20 1-0	21.08.19 4-0	24.08.19 1-2	29.02.20	22.11.19 2-1	01.01.20 1-2	25.04.20	29.12.19 1-0	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 2-5	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 0-2	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	28.01.20	10.08.19 1-1	26.12.19 1-1	02.11.19 2-0	22.02.20	11.01.20 0-2	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
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# 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	MCANAMAN	BERRY	HYLTON	LEE	POWELL
<b>AUGUST</b>																							
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	-	-	-	-										*	
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>																							
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	1,050	-	-	-	-	-	-				*		c				b	
Sat 28	3.00pm	A	Blackburn Rovers	W 2-1	15,319	1,326	17	-	-	-	-	-			y			1	a	b		*	
<b>OCTOBER</b>																							
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					
<b>NOVEMBER</b>																							
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	-	-	-											
<b>DECEMBER</b>																							
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	D 3-3	10,068	1,032	22	-	-	-	-	*						a					
Sun 29	3.00pm	A	Bristol City	L 0-3	22,216	1,109	23	-	-	-	-	*		a		b	y	y	*	y			
<b>JANUARY</b>																							
Wed 1	12.45pm	A	Millwall	L 1-3	12,134	945	24	-	-	-	-	*					1		a	a			
Sat 4	5.31pm	A	AFC B'mouth (FA Cup R3)	L 0-4	10,064	1,714	-	-	-	-	-	-				*							
Sat 11	3.00pm	H	Birmingham City	L 1-2	10,062	1,035	24	1	-	-	-	1		a	c				c		*		
Sun 19	12.00pm	A	Nottingham Forest	L 1-3	27,081	1,554	24	-	1	-	-	-		y	y				*			b	
Tue 28	7.45pm	H	Derby County																				
<b>FEBRUARY</b>																							
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																				
<b>MARCH</b>																							
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																				
<b>APRIL</b>																							
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																				
<b>MAY</b>																							
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

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

	SHINNIE	SLUGA	CORNICK	JERVIS	REA	IMPAZU	COLLINS	MONCUR	BOLTON	GALLOWAY	BROWN	LUALUA	BREE	JONES	BUTTERFIELD	DANIELS	NEUVILLE	SHEA	MUSONDA	ISTED	SHEEHAN	SUB TIMES			SENT OFF		GOAL TIMES	
	11	12	14	15	16	17	19	20	22	23	24	25	26	28	29	33	35	36	37	40	44	a	b	c	L#	O#		
	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					*			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	1y	*		*	ay	c		c	a			*				52	87	93	-	-	47,57,66	
			1c			*	1	b	a	a		b		*	*			*				58	66	79	-	-	3,20,28,36,48	
						a		b	c		a	b		*	*			*				65	65	76	-	-	63,87,90	
		*	b					a			a	c	*									60	60	72	-	-	34,44,79,86	
			c				1	*			a	*		c	by			*				71	83	86	-	-	17,37,57	
			b						c		c	a			a							65	65	85	-	-	60, 86	
	c		b						c		a	b		*	*			*				63	74	81	-	-	11,70	
	*	*	1c						a		b	c	a	*	*							45	76	88	-	-	56,62,94	
	*	*	b			y	c		a		1b	a	*	*								70	78	78	-	-	16,53,60,67,90	
	*	*	1b			ay			c		y	*	*	c								60	66	87	-	-	45+3, 67, 82	
	*	*	b						c		a	a	c	*	*							33	59	70	-	-	39,58,87	
	b	*	b			*		ay			c	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		b						b	a	c				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						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
	*		1a				1	*			1b		b	*								*	65	76	-	-	-	4,9,28,77,84,90+5
	*					y	b	a			c			*							c	46	60	80	-	-	4,44,66	
			b						c			b	*	*	*						c	62	75	82	-	-	41,69,78,81	
						*	*	b	b				c	y	a			*		c	68	68	77	-	-	-	8,67,79,82	
	b						1	b					ay	*				*			45	58	81	-	86	4,62,69		
	*		1a		by			a	*							*		*			50	72	-	-	-	-	23,36,57,90	

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



## OUR NEXT OPPOSITION



WEST BROMWICH ALBION | 01.02.20 | KO 3PM

# UP NEXT

FORMED: 1878 | NICKNAME: THE BAGGIES | LAST SEASON: 4TH IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP | FOLLOW THEM ON TWITTER: @WBA | COLOURS: BLUE & WHITE STRIPES | GROUND: THE HAWTHORNS | MANAGER: SLAVEN BILIC

### WHO?

Now in their second season back in the Championship after an eight year stay in the Premier League, the Baggies have appointed former Croatia and West Ham United manager Slaven Bilic as the man to get them back up to the top tier, replacing Jimmy Shan. Town boss Graeme Jones was assistant manager to Darren Moore at The Hawthorns last season, but parted ways with the Baggies in March. Now in the top two, the Baggies are very much one of the favourites for promotion.

### STADIUM - THE HAWTHORNS

One of the few stadiums that can claim to be older than ours - The Hawthorns has five years on Kenilworth Road - although you probably wouldn't be able to tell! Built in 1900, the ground's record attendance came in 1937, when 64,815 crammed in for an FA Cup sixth round tie against Arsenal. Since the introduction of all-seater stadiums, the ground can now fit just over 27,000 in.

### HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

Town took on the Albion earlier on this season, losing 2-1 at Kenilworth Road. Of our 46 meetings, Town have won 11 drawn nine and lost 25.

### KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU

Curtis Davies joined West Brom in a £3 million deal in August 2005 - which at the time was a club record fee received for the Town. Curtis made 62 appearances in a Hatters shirt and will be returning to Kenilworth Road with Derby County tonight. Davies' current team mate George Thorne has also played for Luton and the Baggies - the 26-year-old came through the academy at the Hawthorns, before joining Derby County in 2014. He signed on loan for the second half of last season, making three appearances.

### LEAGUE TABLE 2019/20

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	West Bromwich Albion	28	14	11	3	50	31	19	53
2	Leeds United	28	15	7	6	43	24	19	52
3	Fulham	29	14	7	8	42	30	12	49
4	Nottingham Forest	28	13	9	6	39	28	11	48
5	Brentford	28	14	5	9	44	21	23	47
6	Preston North End	29	13	7	9	42	34	8	46
7	Swansea City	29	12	9	8	34	33	1	45
8	Millwall	28	11	11	6	36	32	4	44
9	Bristol City	28	12	8	8	42	40	2	44
10	Sheffield Wednesday	28	12	6	10	39	31	8	42
11	Blackburn Rovers	28	11	7	10	40	35	5	40
12	Hull City	28	11	6	11	40	36	4	39
13	Cardiff City	28	9	12	7	39	41	-2	39
14	Queens Park Rangers	28	11	5	12	46	51	-5	38
15	Reading	28	10	7	11	35	32	3	37
16	Derby County	28	9	10	9	29	36	-7	37
17	Middlesbrough	29	8	11	10	29	36	-7	35
18	Birmingham City	29	9	7	13	35	46	-11	34
19	Stoke City	29	9	4	16	36	42	-6	31
20	Charlton Athletic	29	7	9	13	37	41	-4	30
21	Huddersfield Town	28	7	8	13	31	44	-13	29
22	Barnsley	29	5	9	15	35	54	-19	24
23	Wigan Athletic	28	5	8	15	25	43	-18	23
24	LUTON TOWN	28	6	3	19	34	61	-27	21

### PLAYER STATS 2019/20

	THIS SEASON										LTC		
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		DISIP		CAREER TOT				
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	Y	R	APPS	GLS			
Luke Berry	7	(3)	0	3	(1)	0	10	(4)	0	2	0	77	11
Luke Bolton	10	(11)	0	2	(2)	0	12	(13)	0	1	0	25	0
Sonny Bradley	27	(0)	2	0	(0)	0	27	(0)	2	2	0	77	0
James Bree	23	(1)	0	2	(1)	0	25	(2)	0	1	0	27	0
Izzy Brown	11	(4)	1	2	(1)	0	13	(5)	1	2	0	18	1
Jacob Butterfield	10	(4)	1	2	(0)	0	12	(4)	1	1	0	16	1
James Collins	27	(1)	9	0	(0)	0	27	(1)	9	7	0	121	54
Harry Cornick	22	(6)	7	2	(1)	0	24	(7)	7	0	0	109	20
Martin Cranie	10	(1)	1	0	(1)	0	10	(2)	1	1	0	12	1
Donervon Daniels	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	0	0	2	0
Brendan Galloway	0	(3)	0	2	(0)	0	2	(3)	0	0	0	5	0
Danny Hylton	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	118	58
Harry Isted	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	2	0
Jake Jervis	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	1	1	(0)	1	0	0	14	1
Lloyd Jones	1	(3)	0	4	(0)	1	5	(3)	1	1	0	14	1
Elliot Lee	1	(3)	0	4	(0)	1	5	(3)	1	1	0	100	28
Kazenga LuaLua	12	(8)	2	1	(1)	0	13	(9)	2	3	0	50	5
Callum McManaman	9	(8)	3	1	(2)	0	10	(10)	3	0	0	20	3
George Moncur	1	(10)	1	3	(0)	0	4	(10)	1	1	0	28	7
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	22	(4)	2	2	(0)	0	24	(4)	2	2	0	234	16
Frankie Musonda	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	14	1
Josh Neufville	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	4	0
Matty Pearson	28	(0)	2	1	(0)	0	29	(0)	2	2	0	81	8
Jake Peck	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	1	0
Dan Potts	16	(2)	1	1	(0)	0	17	(2)	1	5	0	135	10
Glen Rea	1	(1)	0	1	(0)	0	2	(1)	0	2	0	139	5
James Shea	13	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	16	(0)	0	0	0	75	0
Alan Sheehan	2	(2)	0	3	(0)	1	5	(2)	1	0	0	135	9
Andrew Shinnie	14	(2)	1	2	(0)	1	16	(2)	2	3	0	99	10
Simon Sluga	15	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	16	(0)	0	0	0	16	0
Marek Stech	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	49	0
Ryan Tunnicliffe	25	(3)	0	0	(0)	0	25	(3)	0	2	0	28	0

# TICKETS

## TICKET INFORMATION

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

### WEST BROM A

SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP | 3PM | 01.02.20

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 31st January. **PRICES:** Adult: £20, Senior (65+): £15, Under-23s: £15, Under 18s: £10, Under-11s: £5. Disabled tickets are priced at £10 with personal assistants free of charge.

### CARDIFF CITY H

SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP | 3PM | 08.02.20

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

### SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY H

SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP | 7.45PM | 12.02.20

Tickets for this category B game are now available from the Ticket Office.

### MIDDLESBROUGH A

SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP | 3PM | 15.02.20

Tickets for this fixture are now available on general sale. **Prices:** Adult: £30, Senior (65+): £20, Under-18s: £17. Wheelchair and ambulant tickets will be priced at the appropriate age category with a carer free of charge.

### CHARLTON ATHLETIC A

SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP | 3PM | 22.02.20

Tickets are currently available to Diamond season ticket holders and executive members at two-per-person until close of business on Saturday 1st February. These will need to be ordered from the Ticket Office either in person or via phone on 01582 416976. Season ticket holders will be able to obtain two tickets per person from Monday 3rd February until close of business on Saturday 8th February – online using your individual client reference numbers and also via phone or in person from the Ticket Office. Any remaining tickets will be available on general sale from Friday 10th February by phone and in person. They will remain on sale, subject to availability until 1pm on Friday 21st February. **PRICES:** Adult: £24, Senior (65+): £19, Under-21: £19, Student: £15, Under-18: £12, Under 11: £5. Ambulant and Wheelchair Adult: £20, Ambulant Wheelchair Senior (65+): £17, Ambulant and Wheelchair Under 21: £17, Ambulant and Wheelchair Student: £15, Ambulant and Wheelchair Under-18: £12, Ambulant and Wheelchair Under 11: £5.

### BRENTFORD H

SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP | 7.45PM | 25.02.20

Tickets for this match are now on sale at category B prices.

### STOKE CITY H

SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP | 3PM | 29.02.20

Tickets for this match are now on sale at category B prices.

## BOBBERS TRAVEL CLUB TIMETABLE

Date	Opposition	Adult	Conc.*	Depart	Date	Opposition	Adult	Conc.*	Depart
01.02.20	West Bromwich Albion	£25	£22	11.30	18.03.20	Swansea City	£38	£35	13.00
15.02.20	Middlesbrough	£38	£35	08.30	21.03.20	Leeds United	£28	£25	09.30
22.02.20	Charlton Athletic	£20	£18	11.30	13.04.20	Huddersfield Town	£28	£25	09.30
07.03.20	Wigan Athletic	£32	£29	09.00	25.04.20	Hull City	£30	£27	09.00

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

**BOOKINGS: 01234 856542**

OUR TOWN | LUTON TOWN V DERBY COUNTY | 28.01.20

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# THE LAST WORD

BY **DYLAN BHUNDIA** - 18-YEAR-OLD HATTER WHO WRITES ABOUT ALL THINGS LUTON TOWN ON [LFTCANALYSIS.WORDPRESS.COM](https://lftcanalysis.wordpress.com)



**It's amazing how quickly football changes. Not long ago, we were fighting to survive as a club.**

The recent situations at Bury and Bolton brought back all too familiar dark memories for all of us. It reminded us of the madness that is football

finance. A madness that not long ago, we were a part of. But, unlike them, we were saved by our own fans.

We've been on an incredible journey over the last decade, and as we're in the midst of a relegation battle, it's a good time to reflect on our path, to remind ourselves of what we used to be. From freezing cold treks up to Hyde and Gateshead, to going toe to toe with fallen giants at the City Ground and Ewood Park, all in the space of seven short years, we really should appreciate just how incredible our rise has been.

When you compare it to the numerous clubs that stagnate in League One and League Two, to compete in the second tier of English football just six years after re-entering the Football League, is nothing short of remarkable.

I think we can look at our current difficult situation on the pitch in a similar way that we can think about life. Ever since our back-to-back relegations, the mantra around the club has always been about 'getting back to where we belong'. So, every one of us should ask ourselves the question: if we don't enjoy the result of the last ten years of long away trips in divisions that we don't want to be in, then what was the point of all those hours and hours of travelling and those long nights in damp motel rooms?

It's tough leaving almost every game with an empty feeling in the pit of our stomach; another missed opportunity, another what could have been, but we are in the promised land that we've dreamed of since the day we almost died away. We must relish it. Because what we have achieved as a club is amazing.

We all recognise that, right now, we have hit our financial ceiling in terms of being competitive. But the encouraging thing is, with our new home on the way, that will all change. I don't mean to say we shouldn't be giving our all to compete this season. Absolutely not. It's that we, as fans, have to view what has happened this season through the lens of how quickly we've risen up the football pyramid over the last few years.

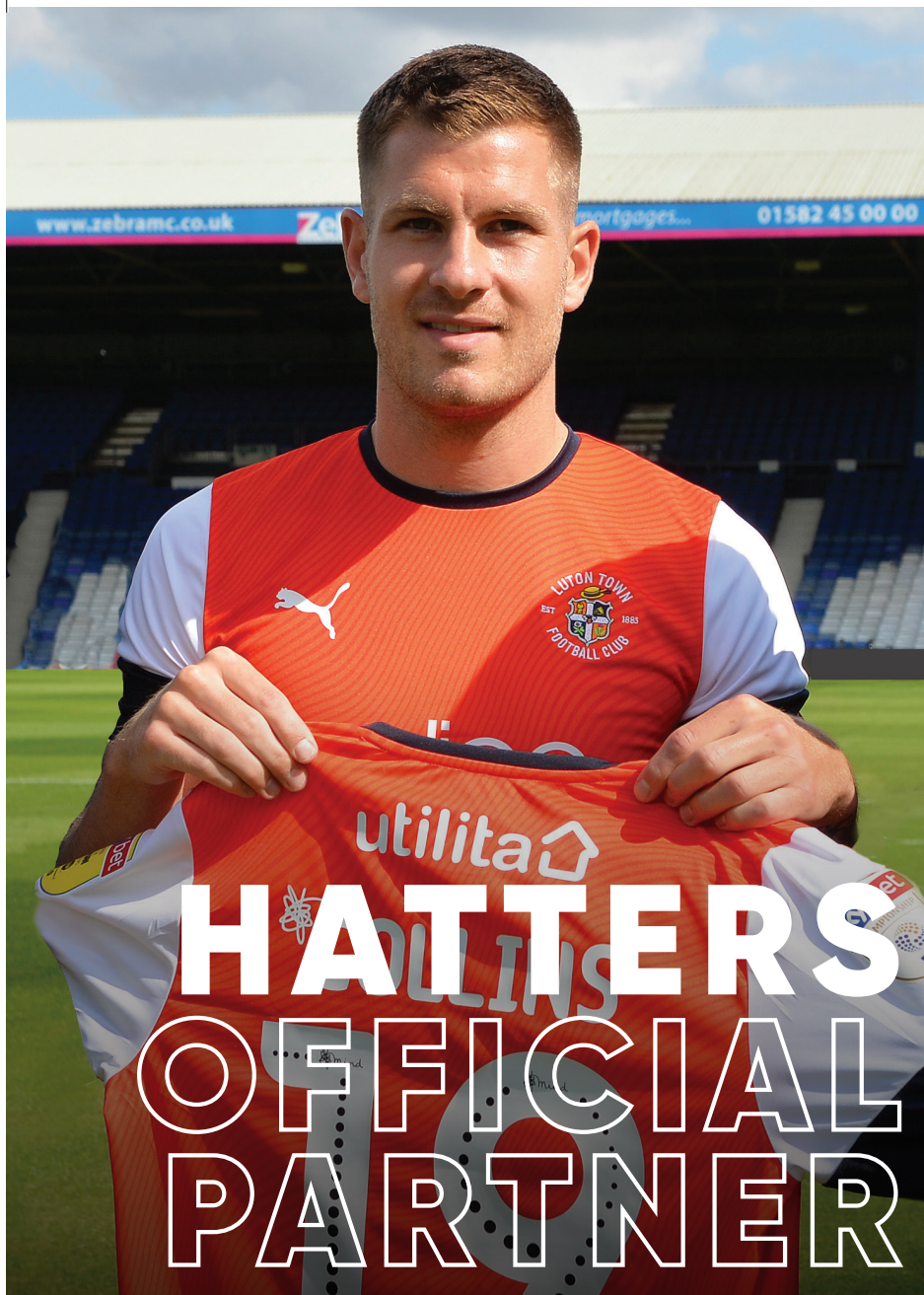
Football is about ups and downs. The highs of promotion and lows of relegation battles. That's what we sign up for, the bumpy road. We all right now must recognise how far we've come, and the scale of what we're up against, and stick with each other through these difficult times, because that is football.

As the great Sir John Still often said - 'never too high, never too low'.

Keep the faith, the future is bright.

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# LINE-UP

## MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE - ANDY DAVIES | ASSISTANT REFEREE 1 - LEE VENAMORE  
ASSISTANT REFEREE 2 - MICHAEL GEORGE | FOURTH OFFICIAL - GEOFFREY RUSSELL



### MANAGER: GRAEME JONES

01	MAREK STECH	11	ANDREW SHINNIE	25	KAZENGA LUALUA
02	MARTIN CRANIE	12	SIMON SLUGA	26	JAMES BREE
03	DAN POTTS	14	HARRY CORNICK	28	LLOYD JONES
04	RYAN TUNNICLIFFE	16	GLEN REA	29	JACOB BUTTERFIELD
05	SONNY BRADLEY	17	PELLE-RODDOCK MPANZU	33	DONERVON DANIELS
06	MATTY PEARSON	19	JAMES COLLINS	30	PETER KIOSO
07	CALLUM MCMANAMAN	20	GEORGE MONCUR	36	JAMES SHEA
08	LUKE BERRY	22	LUKE BOLTON	37	FRANKIE MUSONDA
09	DANNY HYLTON	23	BRENDAN GALLOWAY	44	ALAN SHEEHAN
10	ELLIOT LEE	24	IZZY BROWN		



### MANAGER PHILLIP COCU

02	ANDRE WISDOM	16	MATTHEW CLARKE	33	CURTIS DAVIES
03	CRAIG FORSYTH	17	GEORGE EVANS	37	JAYDEN BOGLE
04	GRAEME SHINNIE	19	CHRIS MARTIN	38	JASON KNIGHT
05	KRYSTIAN BIELIK	20	MASON BENNETT	40	LOUIE SIBLEY
09	MARTYN WAGHORN	21	KELLE ROOS	41	MAX BIRD
10	TOM LAWRENCE	23	DUANE HOLMES	44	TOM HUDDLESTONE
11	FLORIAN JOZEFZON	25	MAX LOWE	46	SCOTT MALONE
12	BEN HAMER	30	IKECHI ANYA	49	MORGAN WHITTAKER
14	JACK MARRIOTT	32	WAYNE ROONEY		

## NEXT HOME MATCH

CARDIFF CITY | SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP | 08.01.19 | KO: 3PM