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THE MANAGER



GRAEME JONES

Good evening and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for tonight's Sky Bet Championship fixture against Brentford.

I'll start by welcoming Thomas Frank, his staff, their squad and all the officials and supporters who have made the short journey up from west London with Brentford.

We had won three of our five matches before travelling to Charlton on Saturday, and everyone who had watched those performances could see that we have turned a corner in terms of belief and ability to compete in the second tier.

I believe that started at Nottingham Forest, despite the final score, and we have carried it through to a couple of memorable nights here under the lights against Derby and Sheffield Wednesday.

I have to take my hat off to the 800 supporters who made the trek up to Middlesbrough, braving the elements and dangerous travelling conditions. I hope the three points there were reward for such an effort, it really did inspire the boys to bring that unwanted away run to an end.

The Great Escape tune was stuck in our heads after that one - we all certainly believe it is on - and although we

couldn't record back-to-back away wins at The Valley, we once again were more than in with a fighter's chance of bringing something back when a crucial decision went against us. The replays clearly show James Collins was inside when he scored a perfectly good goal at 1-1 just after the hour.

I came away from south-east London on Saturday night though with added belief in the character, commitment and ability of our players.

Again, we had injury and illness go against us with four players missing out. Again we had a key decision go against us, but the lads gave it absolutely everything they've got. As for the travelling support, it was amazing to have the best part of 3,000 Luton Town fans at an away game.

The noise coming from behind the goal was phenomenal, and I felt the tribute to young Ethan Matthews in the eighth minute was outstanding. I hope his family, who I know are here tonight, watched it with pride.

We met Ethan at the Wigan game before Christmas and what struck me was that smile, despite everything he was going through. What a fighter he proved to be. He certainly inspired me and I know that if we continue to show half the spirit he did, we'll be fine.

Enjoy tonight's game and please get behind your team as you always do. That support is vital in helping us close that gap.

COYH!





DIRECTOR

MIKE HERRICK



Before I welcome Brentford here this evening, can I just start by congratulating Charlton Athletic, both club and fans, for the excellent gesture they

paid to young Ethan Matthews who sadly passed away last week.

It was moving in the extreme and they fully played their part. For this we thank you. They may not have known him like we did, but clearly they understood what he meant to us all.

The messages of condolence from our own fans have been very respectful and heartfelt. Indeed, our own players had, over many months, been privileged to embrace him into our midst. Ethan lived for the Hatters.

We're glad that he was able to share our delight in winning the League One title last year, but it is at moments like this that we reflect on the fact that his life and his passing transcends football. It helps us to put things into perspective.

Our hearts go out to members of his family and his friends, who I know will be here tonight. He showed immense courage in adversity and we are proud to have known him for as long as we could.

We welcome our friends from Brentford to Kenilworth Road this evening. I'm sure their excitement is building as they move

towards the opening of their new stadium – something we shall also look forward to ourselves in the near future.

Regarding our own Power Court, the two recent storms have broadly demolished the graffiti artwork which had received so much acclaim. Repairs are under way and we've also opened up another car parking area.

Some of you have also noticed a number of diggers on site. Before you all get too excited, though, this is not a sign that we are starting the construction. Nor have we yet ordered the new goalposts.

We're still at the stage of clearing the site for further groundworks investigations as we go into greater detail in our redesigns. At present, we have to focus on the detailed logistics of moving the electricity sub-station and the culverted river, and then zoning certain areas to sell or build. We hope to have the first residential block and the supermarket available to market to investors in a short while.

It's all very exciting and something we've dreamt about for many, many years. We're not daunted by the task, but even though there may not be too many visible signs above ground just yet, be assured that work is progressing at pace.

Back to tonight's match: We won't forget the drubbing we received at the hands of Brentford at the end of November. It was all rather reminiscent of what we frequently meted out to our opponents on many occasions during our journey back from the Conference. Hopefully they will find us a sterner proposition this evening.

■ **He showed immense courage in adversity and we are proud to have known him for as long as we could.**■



THE 2,785 TRAVELLING HATTERS PACKED INTO THE AWAY END AT CHARLTON ON SATURDAY

Recent results have certainly given us reason to be optimistic. Two comfortable wins, albeit with narrow scorelines, came to an unfortunate end on Saturday at The Valley. Despite losing three key players a day before the match, we played well and certainly deserved more than we got.

What you also need, though, is for key decisions to go your way as well. We have to hope that, over a season, these things even themselves out and by and large they probably do (though it doesn't always seem like it!).

What is more difficult to accept, however, is the uneven playing field on which our competitions take place. Unimaginable wealth comes from a place in the Premier League.

This has tempted some clubs to reach for the promised land by paying scant regard to the rules designed to achieve a modicum of fairness. The recent controversy surrounding Manchester City shows that it can also happen at a higher level still. At least they are being awarded the courtesy of an appeal, which hints at a more judicial process than may have been the case several years ago.

But if nothing is done about it, where will it end?

Championship clubs overspend to try to get into the Premier League. Premier League clubs overspend to strive to get into European competition.

It may not be long before the top Premier League clubs set up their own European Super League which insulates them from ever having to rejoin their respective domestic competitions.

The final step would then be for the top European Super League clubs to break away and form a World League, probably run by that champion of fair play – football's world governing body.

In a future age, maybe an Inter-Planetary League will be on the horizon for the top World League clubs. Hopefully we can stop this madness by not only putting the right controls in place but also policing them effectively.

Rant over.

Now let's concentrate on supporting the team to three points tonight. We have a lot to play for and let's hope that the rather special atmosphere that you have always created under the lights at Kenilworth Road will help us in that quest.

Enjoy the game.

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Mike



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HARRY: 'WE GO AGAIN AT FORTRESS KENNY'

Harry Cornick was happy to score his eighth goal of the season but was ultimately disappointed as the Hatters suffered a 3-1 defeat to Charlton Athletic on Saturday.

His goal in the 36th minute came two minutes after Lyle Taylor had opened the scoring, but two second half goals from the hosts condemned Town to a first defeat in three matches.

Reflecting on the events at The Valley, Cornick said: "The boys are gutted. I thought we really gave our all today. We had chances maybe at 1-1 to go into the lead and take the game to them, but we've been punished and it's just unfortunate.

"We feel a little bit unlucky but that is the way it goes sometimes in the Championship and we've got to dust ourselves down and go onto Tuesday night because that is a massive game."

Elaborating on the team's performance, the forward continued: "I think as a team we are getting better but it's coming to the end of the season now and we need to improve quicker because we haven't got many games left to get the points we need to stay up.

"That is the main thing. We need to go onto Tuesday night and get three points at home."

Despite already equalling his goal tally from last season, the former Bournemouth man was keen to turn attention to future games, insisting that Kenilworth Road in particular will play a massive part in Town's bid for survival.

"With the run-in that we've got, we need to make Kenilworth Road a fortress," Cornick expressed. "We really need the fans to get behind us at home and spur us on because if we can win our home games then I think we can stay up."

With almost 3,000 Hatters packed into the Valley at the weekend, the 24-year-old continued to praise their impact, adding: "The fans have been brilliant this season to be fair to them. They travel in their numbers and they've been really good.

"I think I saw something the other day as well about Kenilworth Road being 98 per cent full, which is the most in the Championship.

"The fans have always been brilliant, we need them to keep going really, keep coming to the away games and keep making Kenilworth Road a fortress."



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ETHAN MATTHEWS

Last Wednesday afternoon we were all saddened to learn of the passing of junior Hatter Ethan Matthews, who tragically lost his long battle with cancer at the age of eight.

Ethan was first mascot at Kenilworth Road when we played Wycombe in January 2018, soon after he had undergone his first bout of treatment.

The Stotfold lad fought so bravely against the odds, but in November his family was dealt the devastating blow that his brain tumour had returned and he had just four weeks to live.

He returned to the Kenny to be mascot against Wigan, where he walked out with his favourite player James Collins who, together with Martin Cranie, visited Ethan in Keech Hospice just before Christmas – which doctors had predicted he wouldn't live to see.

Ethan summoned the amazing strength to fight on for a further two months, and even came to visit us when we played Derby County at the end of January.

Although he couldn't stay to watch the game on such a cold night, he saw James at the top of the tunnel to wish him good luck before the warm-up, and got to meet Wayne Rooney, who stopped without prompting to talk to Ethan and made his Rams team-mates wait while he had a picture taken.

It is one of so many memories Ethan got to make with his family, and the thank you gift he took the time to make and bring to us sits proudly in our Trophy Room.



We would like to thank Ethan for acting as inspiration to us all at the football club – and send our love and condolences to his family, friends and the wonderful people at Keech Hospice Care who looked after him in the final weeks of his life.

Rest in peace, little Hatter.



GLEN & PELLY SIGN FOR HATTERS!

Boys put pen to paper and pose for pics at Park Street store

Glen Rea and Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu were the centre of attention at the club shop in Park Street last week as supporters of all generations turned out to meet the Hatters midfielders.

Record numbers for a club shop signing were in attendance, with the queue stretching past neighbouring stores as youngsters on half-term dragged their parents and grandparents along to meet the fans' favourites.

Pelly was even trusted to hold one of our youngest Junior Hatters as the boys' signing session lasted for twice the amount of time scheduled.

Thank you to everyone who came along.

Don't forget that the new town centre store, which opened in September, can be found at 12-14 Park Street, LU1 3EP and anyone who parks in the RCP car park at Power Court will be able to get a refund of up to £2 with purchases over £20.

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LES IS A GOLDEN HATTER!

At the last home game against Sheffield Wednesday, we were very happy to present a Golden Hatter award to someone who will be familiar to many here at Kenilworth Road, but especially to those of you who travel away to watch The Hatters with Bobbers Travel Club – LES MILLER!

Les is an accountant by trade, but perhaps known better around the Club as the treasurer of Luton Town Supporters' Trust and long-term organiser of Bobbers Travel Club.

He's a keen marathon runner, and in 2016 he took part in Jeff Stelling's 'March of Men' – walking 27 miles from Luton to Watford, helping to raise thousands of pounds for Prostate Cancer UK.

Described by his friends as a 'born organiser' and 'available and friendly' towards Luton Town supporters, he's been a fan for over 50 years, together with his wife Sue.

His first away game was in 1975 - and in the intervening years he's only missed eight matches on the road, an incredible



record! As well as a loyal follower of the first team home and away, he's a regular at youth team and reserve matches too.

Congratulations Les, thank you for your support over the years.

CASEY'S CRACKER UP FOR GOAL AWARD!

For the second time this season we had a Hatters youth team player feature in the LFE's Goal of the Month competition for January.

Midfielder Casey Pettit was nominated for his stunning volley against Northampton Town at The Brache, following in the golden boot-steps of team-mate Corey Wilson, who was nominated in August for his goal in the reverse fixture.

Unfortunately Casey (top of the pile of the boys pictured celebrating at Potton last week) missed out on being included in the 2019-20 Goal of the Season shortlist, as Portsmouth's Harry Anderson took 50.3 per cent of the online vote.

Casey can take great pride in coming runner-up, however, with 22.8 per cent.

Keep up the good form, Casey!





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Everyone.

► **ROOM MATE?**

Bolts or Butts.

► **CAR SCHOOL?**

I've been taking Brendan in.

► **BEST DRESSED?**

Myself or Izzy Brown.

► **WORST DRESSED?**

Tunni.

► **ALWAYS ON THE PHONE**

Me.

► **LAST TO BUY A DRINK?**

Lloyd Jones.

► **BEST AT FIFA?**

Me or Pell.



BEST AND WORST DRESSED TOGETHER



DANNY'S NO HAIR-O TO JAMES!



HATS OFF TO MATTY PEARSON, THE POOL CHAMPION

► **POOL CHAMPION?**

Matty.

► **FUNNIEST?**

Pell.

► **LOUDEST?**

Pell.

► **MOST SENSIBLE?**

Butts.

► **HAVING HIMSELF?**

Lloyd.

► **WORST HAIR?**

Hylts.

► **WORST TRAINER?**

Matty Pearson.

► **BEST TRAINER?**

Elliot Lee.

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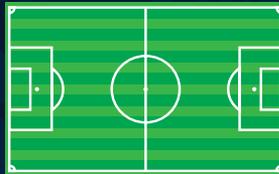
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THE BEES**

**MANAGER:
THOMAS FRANK**



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NOV 2019**



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KEEP AN EYE ON...

SAÏD BENRAHMA

After scoring one himself and setting up two goals the last time the two sides met, Saïd Benrahma is without doubt one to keep an eye on.

His youth career began with NRB Bethioua in Algeria, before he moved to France and eventually Nice in 2013. In his five years with the club he endured four different loan spells before signing for Brentford in 2018.

The Algerian international made a huge statement in his first season with the club, providing 11 goals and 17 assists, and this season he has been equally as impressive, netting ten times in 31 appearances.

Compiled by Dan Briard



MANAGER:

THOMAS FRANK

Thomas Frank joined Brentford in December 2016, taking up the role of assistant head coach.

The Danish coach spent nearly two decades in youth football before progressing into senior football when becoming manager of Brøndby IF in the Superliga.

After finishing in the top four in successive seasons, Frank made the switch to England two years later and was appointed Head Coach of the Bees shortly after Dean Smith left to join Aston Villa.

Last season the Bees finished 11th in the table but this term, the 46-year-old is hoping to guide his side to promotion to the Premier League.

PLAYERS



GOALKEEPERS

#	NAME	AGE	NATIONALITY
01	DAVID RAYA	24	SPAIN
28	LUKE DANIELS	32	ENGLAND

DEFENDERS

#	NAME	AGE	NATIONALITY
02	DOMINIC THOMPSON	19	ENGLAND
03	RICO HENRY	22	ENGLAND
05	ETHAN PINNOCK	26	ENGLAND
18	PONTUS JANSSON	29	SWEDEN
20	JOSH CLARKE	24	ENGLAND
22	HENRIK DALSGAARD	30	DENMARK
23	JULIAN JEANVIER	27	GUINEA
32	LUCA RACIC	20	DENMARK
35	MADS ROERSLEV	20	DENMARK

MIDFIELDERS

#	NAME	AGE	NATIONALITY
04	DRU YEARWOOD	19	ENGLAND
06	CHRISTIAN NORGAARD	25	DENMARK
08	MATHIAS JENSEN	24	DENMARK
12	KAMOHELO MOKOTJO	28	SOUTH AFRICA
14	JOSH DA SILVA	21	ENGLAND
17	EMILIANO MARCONDES	24	DENMARK
19	BRYAN MBEUMO	20	FRANCE
24	TARIQE FOSU-HENRY	24	ENGLAND
26	SHANDON BAPTISTE	21	GRENADA
31	JAN ZAMBUREK	19	CZECH REPUBLIC
33	FREDRIK HAMMAR	18	SWEDEN
34	JAAKKO OKSANEN	19	FINLAND

FORWARDS

#	NAME	AGE	NATIONALITY
07	SERGI CANOS	23	SPAIN
09	NIKOLAOS KARELIS	27	GREECE
10	SAID BENRAHMA	24	ALGERIA
11	OLLIE WATKINS	24	ENGLAND
16	JOEL VALENCIA	25	ECUADOR
21	HALIL DERVISOGLU	20	TURKEY

BRENTFORD

ON THE



Position: GOALKEEPER	Position: DEFENDER
Nationality: Spain	Nationality: England
DOB: 15/09/95	DOB: 08/07/97
Height: 6ft	Height: 5ft 9in
Previous Club: Blackburn Rovers	Previous Club: Walsall
2019/20 League Appearances: 33	2019/20 League Appearances: 33
2019/20 League Clean Sheets: 10	2019/20 League Goals: 0

The 24-year-old goalkeeper started his career with UE Cornellà in his native Spain before he moved to England when joining Blackburn Rovers in 2012.

Raya progressed through the club's academy and signed a professional contract two years later, going on to make just under 100 appearances.

He did spend a spell on loan with Southport in 2014-15, but then returned to Ewood Park and remained an important part of the first team set-up.

That was until he joined Brentford at the start of this season, where he has since played every game in the Championship.

Rico Henry joined Walsall at the age of 11 and quickly progressed his way through the youth ranks at the Banks's Stadium.

He grew a good reputation almost immediately after featuring for the first team in 2014, but it wasn't until after he broke into the starting line-up on a more regular basis the following season when clubs really took notice.

Henry played 44 times and was also capped for England U19s, and in August 2016, earned himself a move to Brentford.

The left-back has played in every Championship fixture so far this season, but has yet to register his first goal of the campaign.

RADAR



**JOSH
DASILVA**



**OLLIE
WATKINS**

Position: MIDFIELDER
Nationality: England
DOB: 23/10/98
Height: 6ft 1in
Previous Club: Arsenal
2019/20 League Appearances: 29
2019/20 League Goals: 6

Position: STRIKER
Nationality: England
DOB: 30/12/95
Height: 5ft 11in
Previous Club: Exeter City
2019/20 League Appearances: 33
2019/20 League Goals: 21

Josh Dasilva is a product of the Arsenal youth academy and was rated highly right up until he left in 2018.

He made three appearances for the Gunners in 2017, all of them in the EFL Cup in ties against Doncaster Rovers, Norwich City and West Ham United.

The 21-year-old turned down a new contract at the Emirates in the summer of 2018, before being snapped up by Brentford on a four-year deal.

Dasilva was in the team on a rotation basis upon first arriving at Griffin Park, but this season, the central-midfielder has featured in 29 games, scoring six times and providing three assists.

Having started his career with Exeter City back in 2004 – a club with whom he spent 13 years – Ollie Watkins earned himself a move to Brentford in 2017 on the back of scoring 16 goals and providing 13 assists in League Two.

He scored his first competitive goal for the club in their 3-1 EFL Cup first round win over AFC Wimbledon in August 2017, and went on to score 11 goals that season.

The season that followed he continued scoring from the left-hand-side but since his move inside to central striker this campaign, Watkins has hit new heights in-front of goal, registering 21 goals in 33 appearances, with the latest coming in Saturday's 2-2 draw with Blackburn.

BRENTFORD

CLASSIC CLASH

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

21.03.1997 | LUTON TOWN 1 BRENTFORD 0 | DIVISION TWO (NOW LEAGUE ONE)

Luton Town manager Lennie Lawrence was fully aware that major surgery was needed on a Hatters side that suffered relegation to Division Two in 1996.

Pruning of the wage bill was the first step and out went previous season imports Johnny Vilstrup and Vidar Riseth, as well as former crowd favourite Scott Oakes.

The pre-season pundits made the Town one of the favourites to win a division they had last left in 1970, but the opening day defeat at home to Burnley meant hasty revisions in their forecasts.

To rub salt in the wound, the Burnley scorers in their 2-1 victory were ex-Hatters Steve Thompson and Kurt Nogan, both of whom had been discarded by the Town when the depth of talent at Kenilworth Road was decidedly rosier.

A penalty miss from Bontcho Guentchev did not help matters though, in a thoroughly disappointing start to the campaign.

Next up were old friends and rivals Brentford, and a surprisingly large number of Town supporters made their way to Griffin Park attempting to avoid torrential downpours along the way.

The Bees had the better of the first half as the Hatters seemed strangely hesitant, and it was only a flying save by Ian Feuer from a Paul Abrahams shot that prevented the home side from taking the lead.

The Hatters were, however, offered a lifeline just before half-time when David Oldfield cut in from the left and was brought down in the area by Jamie Bates.

Tony Thorpe stepped up to take the penalty and netted his second goal of the campaign with little fuss.

Early in the second period Oldfield was put through by Gary Waddock and seemed certain to score, only for Brentford goalkeeper Kevin Dearden to produce an amazing stop by tipping the ball around a post.

From this narrow let-off Brentford stormed back and levelled on 65 minutes. Ceri Hughes gave the ball away in midfield and with the Luton defence backtracking, too much room was given to Carl Asaba, who made no mistake.

Three minutes later the Hatters' lead was restored when Thorpe saw a shot charged down and Hughes, first to the ball, fired in via a huge deflection.

It was now time to shut up shop to preserve the first three points of the season, but crazy defending in the closing minutes left the Luton supporters shell-shocked.

Firstly, with ten minutes remaining, the defence got itself in a terrible tangle following a cross from Lee Harvey, leaving Bates with a free header.

Worse was to follow as, with the seconds ticking away, a centre from Gus Hurdle let in Robert Taylor for another simple header, and with it an improbable victory for the Bees.

By the time of the return, in the following March, the poor start to the season had long been forgotten as the Town had forced





TONY THORPE FIRES IN DURING THE CLASH WITH BRENTFORD AT KENILWORTH ROAD IN MARCH 1997

their way up the table and had actually hit top spot for a short period just before Christmas.

Poor weather in January and an extended FA Cup run had meant that the Hatters fell behind on number of games played, and too many draws with only two wins in 11 since the turn of the year, indicated a freefall down the table but they still, amazingly, remained in second position.

Brentford had been remarkably consistent until the end of February but had begun to wobble, having gone four games without a win leading up to the Kenilworth Road clash, including back to back defeats against Preston and Burnley. Despite this, however, they were still top of the table.

A win for the Town would see the two clubs change positions, and such was the interest in the game that it was switched to a Friday night for live coverage by Sky TV.

A crowd of 8,164 was present to see at first hand why Brentford boasted the best away record in the division, with nine wins to their credit, as they totally dominated the opening 15 minutes leading up to a shot from Marcus Bent that rebounded off the bar.

Gradually the Town found their feet, and from then on the game ebbed and flowed with chances going begging at both ends.

It was to take something or someone special to settle the game, and Tony Thorpe, already with 20 league goals to his name, was the man to send the Luton fans home happy.

With the game about to enter its final quarter, Thorpe took a short pass from Paul Showler and for the first time in the match, managed to turn his close marker, Jamie Bates, before firing in a low shot past Luton-born Dearden in the Bees' goal.

Apart from a glaring miss by Brentford's Joe Omigie to add to his two in the first half, the Town managed to hang on to their slender lead and move back to the top of the table.

A relieved Lawrence said afterwards: "We were under the cosh early on but got to grips and pushed them back in the second half. Tony Thorpe got us a goal out of nothing and then we battled away to the end. Give credit to Brentford because they showed why they had the best away record in the league."



- FEUER
- JAMES
- DAVIS
- JOHNSON
- THOMAS
- ALEXANDER
- HUGHES
- WADDOCK
- SHOWLER
- (MCLAREN)
- THORPE
- (GRANT)
- OLDFIELD



- DEARDEN
- HUTCHINGS
- ASHBY
- BATES
- ANDERSON
- BENT
- (DENNIS)
- SMITH
- MCGHEE
- ASABA
- TAYLOR
- OMIGIE



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ROGER WASH

THE LAST TIME THE BEES CAME TO TOWN

25.11.2008 | LUTON TOWN 0 BRENTFORD 1 | LEAGUE TWO

TOWN

LOGAN, GNAKPA, HOWELLS, DAVIS
(ANDREWS), SPILLANE, ROPER, KEANE, HALL,
MCVEIGH, GALLEN, TALBOT (JARVIS).

BRENTFORD

HAMER, BENNETT, OSBORNE, BEAN, PHILLIPS,
O'CONNOR, WOOD, DICKSON, MACDONALD,
BOWDITCH, ELDER.

Thankfully this will be the only time this season that our opponents last visited Kenilworth Road during the fateful 2008/09 season where the Hatters were deducted 30 points, and with it no realistic chance of avoiding the drop out of the Football League.

By the time of the visit of promotion-chasing Brentford at the end of November, the Town were still on minus 11 points.

With opposing teams knowing that the Town needed to win, tactics were adjusted accordingly especially at Kenilworth Road. There was also added pressure, of course, on the Town players to take three points from every game.

The Hatters made three changes to the side that had lost 2-0 at Rochdale the previous Saturday.

Left-sided duo Sol Davis and Jake Howells returned in place of the benched Rossi Jarvis and Garreth O'Connor, while striker Chris Martin's



PAUL MCVEIGH ATTEMPTS TO GO THROUGH WITH THE BALL AGAINST THE BEES

suspension meant that Drew Talbot was handed his first start for eight months.

The Town started brightly and created several half-chances, but were aware that the counter-attacking Bees were always likely to be a threat. Not aware enough though, as on 22 minutes Charlie MacDonald was left totally unmarked, but saw his shot shave a post.

A few minutes later more sleepy defending led to the opener when Brentford winger Dean Bowditch cut down the right, with his cross able to pick out Nathan Elder, who was able to head home with ease.

The Hatters pushed further forward in the second period, and for a time an equaliser looked likely, but the Brentford defence held firm despite some scares when they needed to hack the ball off the line on two occasions.

With all the play pushed up one end, the counters by Brentford became more frequent and it was only the heroics of over-exposed Luton goalkeeper Conrad Logan that prevented the Bees doubling their lead.

With three minutes to go, Keith Keane was shown a straight red card for a cynical challenge on MacDonald who was through on goal with the dismissal signalling the end of another frustrating evening.

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

COVERED!



FEBRUARY 1933

A mid-week afternoon game at Kenilworth Road in front of only 3,044 sees the Town 4-1 up at half-time, but have to settle for a point in an eventual 5-5 draw. Tom Tait scores a hat-trick for the Hatters, but Jack Holliday tops that by netting all five for the Bees.

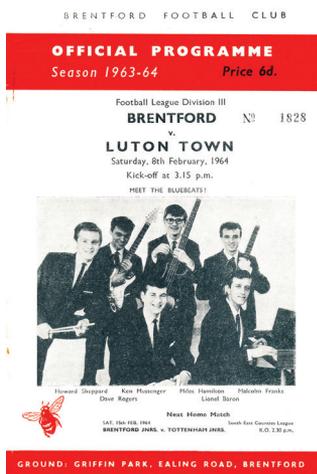


SEPTEMBER 1947

Hugh Billington scores all three as the Town see off the Bees 3-0 at Kenilworth Road a week after doing exactly the same in a 3-0 victory at Griffin Park.

FEBRUARY 1964

After 16 months without an away win, the Town go goal crazy when winning 6-2 at Griffin Park. New scoring sensation John O'Rourke weighs in with four goals.



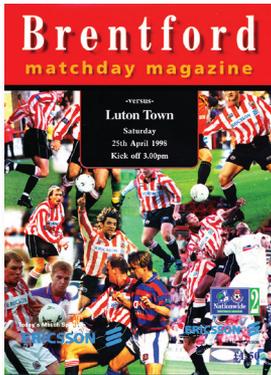
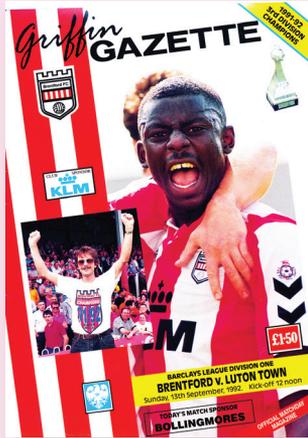


MAY 1968

The team is presented with the Division Four (now League Two) championship trophy before a less than sparkling 2-1 win over the Bees in front of the television cameras.

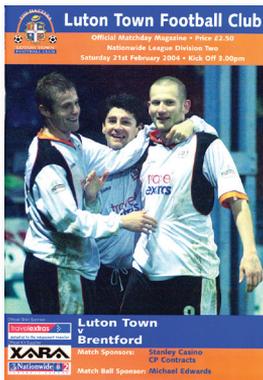
SEPTEMBER 1992

Another long away game winless run comes to an end at Griffin Park, with this time 18 months passing before Julian James and Phil Gray net the goals in a 2-1 victory.



APRIL 1998

The Hatters secure the point they need to avoid relegation from Division 2 (now League One). Sensational loanee Rory Allen scores one of the Town goals in a 2-2 draw.



FEBRUARY 2004

Enoch Showunmi bags a hat-trick in a 4-1 home win over the Bees. The victory pushes the Town up into the play-off positions.



APRIL 2005

Another celebration day at Kenilworth Road, with Brentford again the visitors. This time the League One championship trophy is presented after the Bees are beaten 4-2, with three of the Town goals coming in the final six minutes.



THE BOYS ARE BACK IN TOWN

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

BILL SLATER

England international right-half Bill Slater had two spells at Brentford. The last amateur to appear in an FA Cup final, for Blackpool in 1951, he joined Brentford in December 1951 and moved to Wolves in August 1952. He helped win the League Championship three times and captained their 1960 FA Cup final success when 'Footballer of the Year'. Rejoining Brentford in July 1963, he scored three times in 12 League games overall. Later director of PE at Liverpool and Birmingham Universities, also an OBE and CBE, he became director of National Services, then president of British Gymnastics Association. He died in December 2018.

JIMMY BLOOMFIELD

England U-23 inside-forward Jimmy Bloomfield had two spells at Brentford. Signing professional at Griffin Park in October 1952, he quickly impressed and joined Arsenal in July 1954. He represented the Football League and moved to Birmingham City in November 1960. Scoring in their 1963 League Cup final triumph, he rejoined Brentford in June 1964 and netted nine goals in 86 League games overall for the Bees. He joined West Ham in October 1965, then had a spell with Plymouth Argyle. Appointed Orient's player-boss in March 1968, he later managed Leicester City and Orient again until his death in April 1983.

GEORGE FRANCIS

Bustling centre-forward George Francis formed a lethal 'Terrible Twins' partnership with Jim Towers at Brentford. Turning professional at Griffin Park in January 1953, he was leading marksman three times and starred as Brentford narrowly missed promotion in two consecutive seasons. He moved to QPR in May 1961 but rejoined the Bees five months later and scored 124 goals in 260 League games overall prior to joining Gillingham in August 1962. Briefly reunited with Towers, he later played for Hastings United, Hillingdon Borough and Stevenage. He worked as a taxi-driver and died in Slough in October 2014.

JOHN DOCHERTY

Winger John Docherty was both a player and manager at Brentford. Initially with St Roch's, he joined Brentford in July 1959 and was sold to Sheffield United for £17,000 in March 1961. He rejoined Brentford in December 1965 and was 'Player of the Year' in 1966-67. Moving to Reading in February 1968, he returned to Brentford in March 1970 and helped win promotion in 1971-72. He netted 67 goals in 255 League games overall prior to joining QPR as player-coach in July 1974. Rejoining Brentford as manager from January 1975 until September 1976, he later managed Cambridge United, Millwall and Bradford City.

ROGER CROSS

Striker Roger Cross was twice Brentford's leading marksman. Signing professional for West Ham in July 1964, he was top scorer for their reserves prior to joining Brentford for £10,000 in March 1970. He was ever-present as they reached the FA Cup fifth round in 1970-71 and featured in their 1971-72 promotion campaign before sold to Fulham for £30,000 in September 1971. Rejoining Brentford for £12,000 in December 1972, he netted 73 goals in 207 League games overall for the Bees before joining Millwall in January 1977. He joined their coaching staff, then was a youth coach at QPR and Tottenham Hotspur.



GEORGE FRANCIS

GORDON SWEETZER

Canadian international striker Gordon Sweetzer was Brentford's top scorer and 'Player of the Year' in 1976-77. A former QPR junior, he followed John Docherty to Brentford in July 1975 and featured in their 1977-78 promotion success. He reunited with Docherty again at Cambridge United for a then club record £30,000 in April 1978 and helped them to clinch promotion. Following injury, he had a spell with Toronto Blizzard before rejoining Brentford in January 1982. He netted 41 goals in 81 League games overall for the Bees, then returned to Canada with Edmonton Drillers in May 1982 and later managed Staines Town.

BOB BOOKER

Utility player Bob Booker was Brentford's 'Player of the Year' in 1982-83. Initially with Bedmond Social, he joined Brentford in October 1978 and was a Freight Rover Trophy finalist in 1985. He moved to Sheffield United in November 1988 and starred as they won promotion in two consecutive seasons.

Rejoining Brentford in November 1991, he helped them win the Third Division title in 1991-92 and netted 44 goals in 270 League games overall for the Bees before injury ended his career. He became Brentford's youth coach, then joined Brighton as Micky Adams' assistant-boss and has since been a driving instructor.

MARCUS GAYLE

Jamaica international striker Marcus Gayle had two spells at Brentford. Signing professional at Griffin Park in July 1989, he starred as Brentford won the Third Division title in 1991-92 and joined Wimbledon for £250,000 in March 1994. He was a semi-finalist in both FA Cup and League Cup in 1996-97,



MARCUS GAYLE

then top scorer in 1998-99. Sold to Glasgow Rangers for £1m in March 2001, he joined Watford in August 2001 and scored in the 2003 FA Cup semi-final. He rejoined Brentford in March 2005, netting 24 goals in 186 League games overall, then played for Aldershot and AFC Wimbledon, becoming reserve team boss.

NICKY FORSTER

England U-21 striker Nicky Forster was top scorer as Brentford finished Second Division runners-up in 1994-95. Starting with Horley, he joined Gillingham in May 1992 and was leading marksman in 1993-94. He moved to Brentford for £100,000 in June 1994, starring in their 1996-97 promotion near-miss. Sold to Birmingham City for £700,000 in January 1997, he joined Reading in June 1999 and was top scorer in their 2002-03 promotion success. Later with Ipswich, Hull City and Brighton, he rejoined Brentford in July 2010 and became player-boss, netting 40 goals in 127 League games overall, then managed Dover and Staines.

LLOYD OWUSU

Ghana international striker Lloyd Owusu was Brentford's leading marksman on four occasions. Initially with hometown Slough, he moved to Brentford in July 1998 and starred in their 1998-99 Third Division title triumph. He also starred as the Bees reached the LDV Vans Trophy final in 2001 and Second Division play-off final the following season. Joining Sheffield Wednesday in July 2002, he had a spell with Reading, returning to Brentford in July 2005. He netted 76 goals in 213 League games overall prior to joining Yeovil Town in August 2007, then played for Cheltenham Town, Brighton and several Australian clubs.

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PLAYED FOR BOTH: RAISE THE ROOF FOR LLOYD OWUSU!

By Tom Caldron

Footballers often face overwhelming pressure ahead of a debut appearance for a new club, especially after a long injury lay-off, but Lloyd Owusu rose to the occasion on 18th January 2011 when he scored just hours after signing for Luton.

The forward netted Town's third goal in a 5-0 rout of York City, thrilling the crowd with his trademark 'Raise the Roof' celebration and capping off a whirlwind 24 hours upon his return to England from Australia.

"I hadn't even been training with the club," Owusu told Our Town. "I got my contract paid up by Adelaide United because I'd had a knee operation. I was out for eight to ten months.

"The following year I knew I wasn't really going to be involved so thought I'd try to come to England before the January window closed. I had a few League One and League Two clubs interested, but Luton really appealed to me. They made me an offer and I signed practically as soon as the plane landed.

"I made my debut against York, we won and I scored a diving header. It was a very enjoyable moment. Luton were on the up in the Conference at the time. They were a team flying high and I just had a feeling that they would win promotion."

Andy Drury, Claude Gnakpa, Zdenek Kroca and Taiwo Atieno also found the net as the Hatters hammered the Minstermen, but it was a match made memorable by the Ghanaian's bullet header, invoking Kenilworth cries of 'Owuuuuuu' as he pumped his open palms towards the night sky.

"That celebration has followed me from day one, no matter where I've gone, from Brentford back in 1998," he says. "I actually thought I was getting booed when I first heard it. Any time I do score, it's more for me to engage with the fans because I truly believe that without fans, us players would be nowhere. So I've always wanted to give something back to them, give them some excitement in the stands. You always want them to be your 12th man."

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He raised the roof seven times in 15 Luton appearances, but played infrequently after manager Richard Money's departure, and he was not selected for the play-off final at the Etihad Stadium which culminated in an agonising penalty shoot-out defeat to AFC Wimbledon.

"I had scored one goal in every second game," Owusu added, "and that's a decent strike rate. I just had a feeling I wouldn't be involved at Man City. We were all gutted that day but my overall experience at Luton was positive, playing with a great group of lads."

It wasn't the first time Owusu had suffered play-off final heartache. He led the line during Brentford's 2-0 defeat to Stoke at the Millennium Stadium in 2002. However, he was already well on his way to becoming a Bees legend despite failing to fire them into the second tier.

"Getting that first ever professional contract in '98 was special. To go into that first season playing in some big games was amazing, even in the cup we played Tottenham twice. We lost 3-2 both times but I managed to score at White Hart Lane.

"Not even six months prior I was playing in front of 500 people for Slough Town and then suddenly I was scoring in front of 30,000 at White Hart Lane. It was surreal.

"For me it was special for us to win the league in our first attempt to get back to Division Three (now League One) and to score the winning goal on the final day at Cambridge to take the club up.

"It was Roy of the Rovers stuff, not to mention my three hat-tricks and 25 goals that season.



OWUSI SHOWS THE ALL-ACTION STYLE THAT MADE HIM A CROWD FAVOURITE IN HIS SHORT SPELL AT KENILWORTH ROAD

“Brentford, very much like Luton, is a very family oriented club. The fans are on top of you so you feel like they’re with you because they’re so close to the action.

“Because it’s a small club in a big footballing world, especially in west London where you’ve got Fulham, Chelsea and even QPR to an extent, Brentford have true fans who understand the essence of supporting a club in their area; they embrace the Brentford culture. I think that’s what makes it such a great club.”

Owusi’s image adorns the Wall of Fame behind the Braemar Road stand at Griffin Park; honouring his fine record of 87 goals in 250 appearances over two spells (1998-2002 and 2006-07). Only three men have scored more for the Bees since the Second World War.

It’s an outstanding achievement, especially in a career which meandered from Slough to Sydney via Sheffield and Cyprus, and included a season at Yeovil during which he completed his coaching badges with ‘meticulous’ future Luton boss Nathan Jones.

The 43-year-old has lived in Sydney for the last seven years with his partner and two children, but remains inextricably attached to the Bees. He checks their results on Sunday mornings with childlike enthusiasm, never more so than on December 1 last year when he learned of the 7-0 victory over the Hatters; Town’s worst league defeat since 1966.

“It was a little surprising and unfortunate for Luton, but with the quality of player Brentford have got - Ollie Watkins and Said Benrahma especially - when they’re on fire they will score goals against anybody.

“A lot of time has passed. I can’t see this game turning out like the last unless Luton get a couple of players sent off. Their players will be thinking ‘this can’t happen again’, so I see it being a much closer game. Hopefully Brentford can go up and Luton can stay up.

“I’m head coach at Cranbrook School now, one of the top private schools in the country, and I’m an overseas scout for Brentford; trying to provide a pathway for talented Australian guys. I’m at a stage where I feel like I’m settled. It’s about stability and enjoying life. I’m certainly enjoying it at the moment.”



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GK: MARLON BERESFORD

Quite often our keepers flit between the sublime and the extreme – capable of brilliant saves and huge howlers. Marlon was calmness personified. He played a huge role in the success of the 2005 team, it was just a shame he didn't come to us a few years earlier.

RB: TIM BREACKER

The original flying full-back. One of my big memories as a kid was seeing Breacker bomb down the right flank – and that is not forgetting THE goal at Derby in 1990.

LB: MATTHEW TAYLOR

He had a wand of a left peg, was quick and had a superb engine. I still can't believe Pompey stole him away for just £400k. He would've played 50 times for England but for the achilles injury that robbed him of a yard of pace.

CB: MAL DONAGHY

The classiest defender I've seen. I don't think he broke sweat. One of the club's best ever players.

CB: CHRIS COYNE

The Aussie Bully. Hard as nails, brave as a lion and a very good passer of the ball. Part one of the spine of the Kinnear/Newell team.

RM: LUKE GUTTRIDGE

A little genius who should never have been playing at Conference level. One of the main reasons we won the title in 2014. Gets in for his celebration against Northampton alone!



CM: KEVIN NICHOLLS

Captain, leader, legend. Brilliant footballer and the best captain I've seen. Had a never say die attitude. Part two of the spine of the Kinnear/Newell team.

CM: DAVID PREECE

'Mini' was an unbelievable player with the sweetest left foot. Wasn't afraid to mix it either – as Hessesenthaler found out at Vicarage Road. Sadly missed.

LM: JEAN-LOUIS VALOIS

One of the laziest players I've ever known but he had magic in his boots. Scored worldies for fun and I doubt his debut will ever be bettered.

CF: STEVE HOWARD

By his own admission he couldn't play football until Mick Harford got hold of him. Five years, two promotions and over 100 goals says everything. Was a decent centre-back as well. He completes the spine, with Coyne and Nico, of the Kinnear/Newell sides.

CF: BRIAN STEIN

Brilliant finisher who always seemed to pass the ball into the goal. Scored more winners in cup finals than Watford Football Club as a whole!



MANAGER: MICK HARFORD

Mick should be in the team really but wanted him as manager for the League One success last term. The last five months of that season are the most enjoyable time I've had following Luton. An absolute legend who deserves a statue at Power Court.

LUTON TOWN 1

SHEFF WEDS 0

TOWN GOAL: COLLINS (23)



SLUGA
BREE
PEARSON
BRADLEY
POTTS
TUNNICLIFFE
REA
MPANZU
BROWN
(SHINNIE 90)
CORNICK
(HYLTON 68)
COLLINS

SUBS NOT USED

SHEA
MCMANAMAN
CARTER-VICKERS
MONCUR
LUALUA

YELLOW CARDS

BROWN
BREE
REA



DAWSON
IORFA
LEES
BORNER
PALMER
(MURPHY 71)
LEE
BANNAN
DA CRUZ
WINDASS
(NUHIU 61)
FORESTIERI
(HARRIS 45)
WICKHAM

SUBS NOT USED

WILDSMITH
PELUPESSY
HUNT
URHOGHIDE

YELLOW CARD

WICKHAM



STORY OF THE MATCH

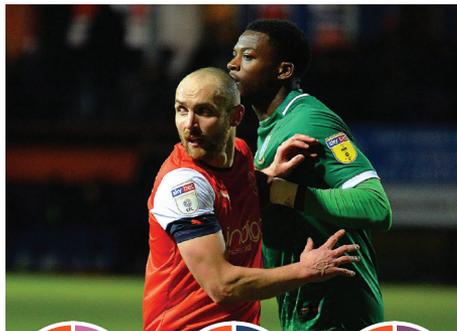
The Hatters climbed off the bottom of the Championship table with a massive win over Sheffield Wednesday earlier on this month.

James Collins hammered a penalty against the crossbar in the opening two minutes after Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu was pulled to the ground, before Izzy Brown was guilty of missing a glorious opportunity as he fired wide from seven yards out.

Town finally got a deserved breakthrough when Harry Cornick pounced on Dominic Iorfa's poor back pass, taking it around goalkeeper Cameron Dawson and picking out Collins, who slid home after 23 minutes.

Julian Borner should have equalised in the second half as he rose to meet Kadeem Harris' cross from the left, but somehow nodded wide when he looked certain to score.

Wednesday were unable to really test the Hatters from that point on, with a return to action for striker Danny Hylton after 11 months out the cherry on top of a solid performance from the Town.



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SHOTS OFF TARGET
5 | 5



CORNERS
5 | 3



FOULS
14 | 16



SAVES
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TOWN GOAL: TUNNICLIFFE 17



SLUGA
PEARSON
CARTER-VICKERS
BRADLEY
POTTS
(BREE 71)
CRANIE
(REA 76)
TUNNICLIFFE
MPANZU
BERRY
COLLINS
LUALUA
(BROWN 83)

SUBS NOT USED

SHEA
MCMANAMAN
HYLTON
SHINNIE

YELLOW CARDS

CRANIE
BERRY
MPANZU
BROWN



PEARS
FRIEND
FLETCHER
HOWSON
MCNAIR
MOUKOUDI
NMECHA
SAVILLE
(ASSOMBALONGA 59)
WING
SPENCE
(GESTEDE 69)
COULSON

SUBS NOT USED

MEJAS
SHOTTON
TAVERNIER
MORRISON
JOHNSON

YELLOW CARD

WING



STORY OF THE MATCH

Town recorded back-to-back wins for only the second time this season as Ryan Tunnicliffe's first-half strike brought the run of 11 consecutive away league defeats to an end at the Riverside.

Tunnicliffe grabbed his first goal in a Luton shirt as he curled in on the volley from Dan Potts' left-wing cross with 17 minutes gone, as Graeme Jones' side moved to within four points of safety.

The Town were the better side for a majority of the 90 minutes, with Jonathan Woodgate's hosts failing to register an attempt on target and the home fans becoming restless as the Hatters saw out the victory with relative ease.

Chances were few and far between, but a resolute defensive performance - with Matty Pearson starting his 80th

consecutive league game in an unaccustomed right-back role, alongside the returning Cameron Carter-Vickers and captain Sonny Bradley at centre-half - helped the Town through.

Martin Cranie came into the defensive midfield role and Luke Berry at the tip of the diamond, with Glen Rea and Izzy Brown spared a third start of the week, but it was a fourth change - Kazenga LuaLua - who carried the fight to the home defence alongside James Collins, their work-rate phenomenal.

Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu might have sealed it with a couple of shots in the second half, one that flew high over the bar and the other that provoked a penalty shout with the ball striking Djed Spence's elbow, but Australian ref Jarred Gillett remained unmoved.



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BORO BOOST FOR TUNNI

Midfielder Ryan gets off the mark at Middlesbrough

By Dan Briard

Hatters midfielder Ryan Tunnicliffe believes the players gained a "massive boost" after beating Middlesbrough 1-0 in the Sky Bet Championship last Saturday.

The former Manchester United man's goal in the 17th minute was the difference between the two sides as he swept home Dan Potts' cross to move the Town to within four points of safety.

Despite it being his first in a Luton shirt, the goal wasn't Tunnicliffe's main priority, saying: "It was the three points that is the most important. It's a bonus that I can score the goal which obviously wins the game for us, but the three points are all that matters."

Three points at the Riverside Stadium ended a run of 11 league games without a win on the road and the 27-year-old credited the team's belief to earn back-to-back wins in the Championship for the first time since August.

"I think we've got a great squad, a great group of lads who have never wavered," he said. "We all believe that every away game we can come and pick up points. Obviously the win midweek has given us momentum and we've carried it on here today."

The Hatters have now picked up nine points in their last five matches and Tunnicliffe believes that the team have been performing a lot better recently.

"I think we have picked up performance wise, we've been playing a lot better and we've been competitive, especially away from home," he added.

"It has been coming, but you can say that every week. If you don't win, then it still keeps coming. But to come here today and win at a place like this is a massive boost for everyone."

The former Manchester United youngster was proud of the levels the team have shown during the three-game week, adding: "I think that the result speaks for itself. It's a tough league, it's three very good teams that we've played and obviously we played Wednesday which is not a big turnaround.

"But everyone dug in, like I said the belief is there. We believe that we can physically compete in a three-game week and it has been proven today."

With 13 games left to play in the Championship this season, Tunnicliffe is certainly motivated to continue working hard for the team, insisting: "I will keep grinding, as long as the gaffer keeps believing in me that's the main thing. I will try my hardest to keep us in the league."

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LUTON TOWN

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CHARLTON GOALS: TAYLOR 34, 61, LAPSLIE 88

TOWN GOAL: CORNICK 36



SLUGA
BREE
(BOLTON 82)
PEARSON
CARTER-VICKERS
POTTS
REA
(MONCUR 70)
TUNNICLIFFE
MPANZU
BERRY
CORNICK
(MCMANAMAN 70)
COLLINS

SUBS NOT USED

SHEA
CRANIE
SHINNIE
HYLTON

YELLOW CARDS

TUNNICLIFFE
REA
PEARSON



PHILLIPS
MATTHEWS
LOCKYER
SARR
OSHILAJA
(LAPSLIE 56)
DOUGHTY
DAVIS
CULLEN
OZTUMER
(BONNE 79)
GREEN
(PEARCE 88)
TAYLOR

SUBS NOT USED

AMOS
MCGEADY
SMITH
HEMED

YELLOW CARD

OSHILAJA
TAYLOR





STORY OF THE MATCH

The Hatters will feel aggrieved they didn't take more from Saturday's encounter as they were defeated 3-1 at The Valley in front of a magnificent 2,785 away supporters.

Lyle Taylor gave the hosts the lead just after the half hour mark as he swivelled smartly inside the box and found the bottom left corner with a driven effort.

Harry Cornick equalised two minutes later after Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu's cross was deflected into the former Bournemouth man's path, and he made no mistake as he dispatched the ball into the bottom left corner.

The main talking point of the game came shortly after the restart - with the Town in the ascendancy, James Collins converted from Cornick's drilled effort, but the linesman had his flag up for offside. Replays appear to show Collins at least in-line with the last defender.

Taylor would go onto double his side's lead from the penalty spot after Collins handled in the box, before George Lapslie finished off the scoring with a close-range effort.





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YOUTH TEAM

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UNDER 18S				
DATE	KO	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE
15.02.20	10.30am	H	Leyton Orient	P-P
21.02.20	1.00pm	A	Plymouth Argyle	W 4-3
29.02.20	10.30am	H	Barnet	
07.03.20	12.00pm	A	Bristol Rovers	
14.03.20	10.30am	H	MK Dons	
21.03.20	11.00am	H	Gillingham	
04.04.20	12.00pm	H	Newport County	
11.04.20	12.00pm	A	Forest Green Rovers	
18.04.20	TBC	TBC	TBC	
25.04.20	12.00pm	H	Cheltenham Town	
02.05.20	12.00pm	A	Bournemouth	

PLYMOUTH TOWN U18s 3 4

The U18s kicked off their Merit League 2 campaign by edging a seven-goal thriller down at Plymouth Argyle on Friday afternoon.

Tra Lucas netted a brilliant 92nd-minute winner at Harpers Park to make the nine-hour round-trip to Devon worthwhile, after earlier goals from Callum Nicolson, Coree Wilson and Tyrelle Newton had seen the Town twice take the lead before being pegged back by the Pilgrims.

YOUNG HATTERS SEAL SENIOR CUP SEMI WIN

Neufville stunner sees off Spartan South Midlands side Potton



A young Luton Town side pulled off a terrific 1-0 win at Potton United in the Beds FA Senior Cup semi-final at the Hutchinson Hollow last Tuesday night.

Josh Neufville's 77th-minute goal proved decisive as the Hatters, featuring five young professionals and the rest Under-18s, ground out a semi-final win over the Spartan South Midlands Premier Division hosts.

January signing from Hartlepool, Peter Kioso, made an impressive debut in an orange shirt, playing at right-back in the first half and on the left after the break, while Harry Isted, Corey Panter and Neufville showed their experience of loan spells in Non-League football had proved beneficial to help see Dan Walder and Paul Benson's side over the line.

The fifth pro, Jake Peck, lasted another hugely impressive 90 minutes in the centre of midfield as he continues his comeback from a broken ankle.

Neufville had proved the early threat for the Hatters, before Coree Wilson and Tra Lucas spurned good chances while Isted was alert to keep the scoreline blank at the other end. Isted made two crucial tip overs in as many minutes midway through the opening period, the first from a Rafe Goodman drive and then from an Ibara Camara header from the resulting corner.

Wilson had fired over in the tenth minute after Panter had picked out Neufville with a diagonal ball out to the right, before the winger - currently on loan at National League Woking - took a pinpoint pass from Peck in his stride in the 21st minute, cutting inside only to fire straight at keeper Sam Irish.

Lucas spurned a great chance just before the half-hour after Under-16 midfielder Tyrelle Newton, who enjoyed a terrific performance in the middle of the park, had charged down a defender's clearance.

Lucas, discovered last season playing in the Luton Street League by the Community Trust, was soon racing down the right and leaving a trio of defenders in his wake, but his whipped cross evaded everyone in the six-yard box.

Wilson would see another chance gathered safely by Irish, before Potton centre-half James Smith fired over the bar in stoppage time of a blistering first half.

The second half was a more scrappy affair, with the Town youngsters digging in to match their more experienced opponents on the physical side.

The one true moment of class came via Neufville's left boot, as he cut in from the right flank with 13 minutes remaining and let fly with a 25-yard rocket of a shot that flew into the top corner, giving Irish no chance.



ISTED
KIOSO
MOLONEY
PANTER
HALSEY
PECK
NEWTON
(NICOLSON)
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LUTON TOWN IN THE COMMUNITY

Despite the stormy weather, February half-term week turned out again to be the Trust's busiest week of the year with lots of player visits on our soccer camps and over 40 development fixtures for our young recruited players, as well as Sports Leader courses for our PL KICKS girls and PL KICKS tournaments in Luton and Bedford.

SOCCER CAMP PLAYER VISITS



Every season the Community Trust receives central funding from both the EFL and PFA as part of their commitment to see Community Player Engagement at the heart of all professional clubs' social responsibilities work.

Last season our player visits over the whole Club totalled more than 400 with over 150 of them on specific Community Trust projects and events, and in the last two week the first team were out in force

at our soccer camps handing out medals and coaching tips to over 300 soccer crazy youngsters all over Luton, Beds and North Herts.

The visits make such a difference to all our young fans and with tickets at a premium this season, it's only through this 'real' contact with the club that we can show our next generation of mini Hatter fans that we are their 'real' local club and worth supporting.

Thanks to Kazenga LuaLua, Simon Sluga, Brendan Galloway, Izzy Brown, Danny Hylton and Donervon Daniels for doing the honours.





PL KICKS U16 BOYS HOST ARSENAL AND ASTON VILLA

Our Kicks projects aims to use football as a hook to engage and target young people and attempt to divert them away from crime and ant-social behaviour by providing training, employment and volunteering opportunities.

Last week our two new Bedford centres supported by the Harpur Trust, linked up to host Aston Villa an U16 game, while our U16 KICKS boys and girls teams from Luton hosted the

mighty Gunners. The Luton teams comprised teams made up of boys and girls from right across the Town, uniting under the club badge.

Hatters Trust Community Operations Officer Daniel Douglas commented: "Kicks is a fantastic project that encourages young people of all ages and abilities to come together and enjoy football. We are using the games as rewards for the boys and girls who regularly attend and behave at our weekly centres."

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Like many other EFL Clubs, our fully integrated youth player development structure at the club is run by the Community Trust.

It starts with players as young as four years old who simply 'pay and play' each week through to our Skills Performance Centres Talent Identification Coaching Programme for boys up to 12 years of age who train on our 10-week coaching programme.

In total over 20 of these centres run all year around through our development programme. All of the boys, together with

recruited boys, then continue their journey for an academy place at our Centre of Excellence Centres which have over 400 boys with a further 140 boys signed at our top Luton Pre-Academy level.

An important part of the process is the games programme and during half-term we hosted, Cambridge United, Stevenage and Wycombe Wanderers, while also visiting tonight's visitors Brentford at their new centre in Gunnersbury Park.

PL KICKS/CLLD – GIRLS SPORTS LEADER TRAINING

Community Led Local Development seeks to use the power of sport to engage with young people in Luton and to give them skills for the future.

Jointly funded by the European Social Fund and matched through our PL KICKS funding, the girls from Luton Celtic FC U16s joined our recent girls-only Sports Leaders course held at Kenilworth Road.

The L1 qualification teaches basic leadership skills including organisation, planning, communication and teamwork through

sport, and as well as gaining some new coaching skills and understanding more about the role of a coach, the course also included basic First Aid course and Safeguarding workshops, allowing our new coaches to put their new skills to good use straight away with their own grass root club.

Lots of the girls attend our PL GIRLS KICKS session at Lea Manor Recreation Centre on a Friday evening, which is one of our local centres in Luton also looking to engage with girls who are not playing regular football.

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CHAMPIONSHIP TOP FIVES

GOALS

1	MITROVIC	21
2	WATKINS	20
3	BOWEN	16
4	GRABBAN	16
5	WELLS	14

SHOTS ON TARGET

1	MITROVIC	42
2	BAMFORD	41
3	BENRAHMA	39
4	BOWEN	39
5	WATKINS	39

% OF GOALS INVOLVED IN

1	BOWEN	49
2	JED WALLACE	48
3	MITROVIC	47
4	GRANT	45
5	WATKINS	43

FOULS

1	COLLINS	69
2	JUTKIEWICZ	63
3	TOM EAVES	60
4	HUGILL	59
5	LIVERMORE	59

CHAMPIONSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Leeds midfielder Pablo Hernández has been directly involved in three goals in three Championship games against Middlesbrough (one goal and two assists).

ASSISTS

1	ELIASSON	12
2	MATHEUS PERE...	12
3	JED WALLACE	9
4	SWIFT	9
5	BROWN	8

MINUTES PER GOAL

1	MITROVIC	128
2	WELLS	132
3	TAYLOR	138
4	AUSTIN	140
5	WATKINS	148

MINUTES PER ASSIST

1	ELIASSON	145
2	MATHEUS PERE...	189
3	ISAIAH BROWN	192
4	BELA	245
5	SWIFT	259

MINUTES PER GOAL CONCEDED

1	SHEA	37
2	COLLINS	50
3	LUMLEY	51
4	KELLY	51
5	SAHIN-RADLIN...	52

CHAMPIONSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Millwall striker Tom Bradshaw has netted in each of his last two league starts against Birmingham (two goals).

*Data as of 20/02



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GOALS

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Draws - 25
Brentford wins - 34
Manager: Thomas Frank



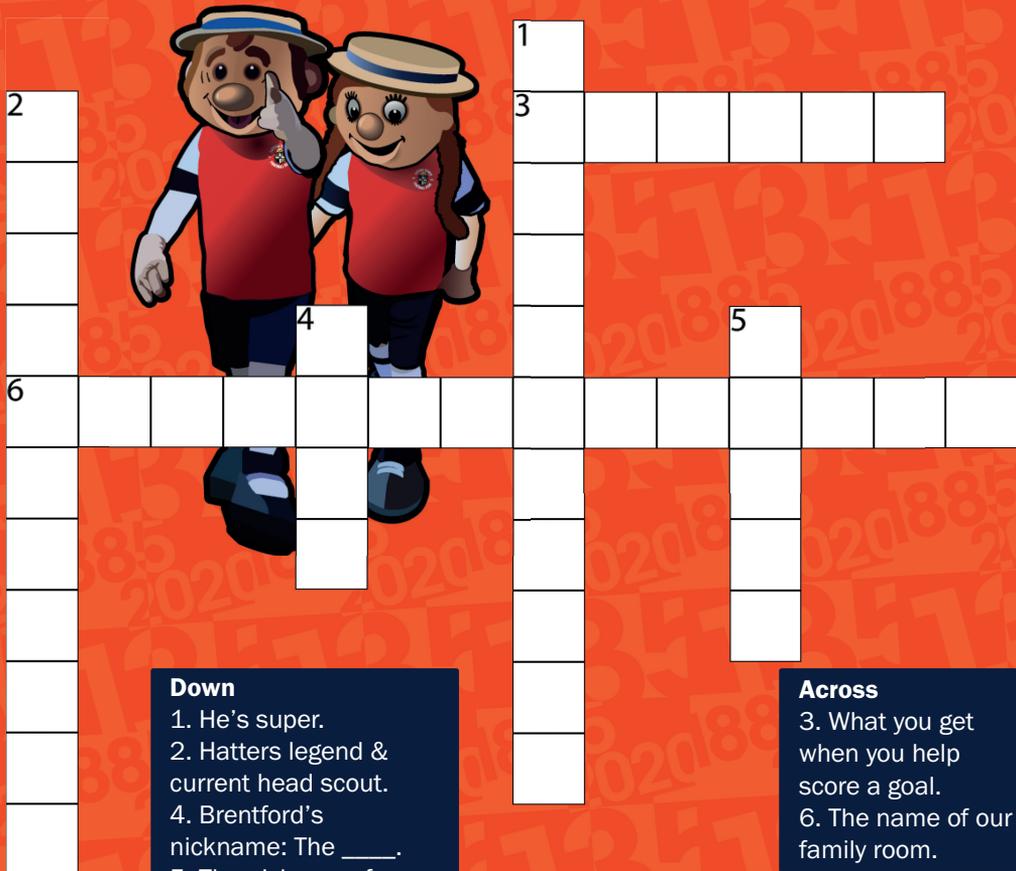
YOUR MAN OF THE MATCH

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CROSSWORD

Can you fill in all the words using the clues below!



- Down**
1. He's super.
 2. Hatters legend & current head scout.
 4. Brentford's nickname: The ____.
 5. The nickname for our stadium: The ____

- Across**
3. What you get when you help score a goal.
 6. The name of our family room.



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Glen Rea & Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu were the latest duo to take part in our club shop signings. Record numbers turned up to meet the fan favourites at our Park Street store with the queue stretching down the road. Thank you to everyone who came along!

Answers: Crossword: (Across) 3. Assist, 6. The name of our family room. (Down) 1. Danny Hylton, 2. Mick Harford, 4. Bees, 5. Kenny.



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HOME												
Barnsley	-	11.02.20 0-1	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 1-1	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	
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Brentford	02.05.20	03.08.19 0-1	22.02.20 2-2	-	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	07.02.20 1-3	14.12.19 0-2	01.01.20 0-4	-	04.04.20	23.10.19 2-1	12.02.20 0-3	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 2-1	14.09.19 0-1	15.02.20 0-2	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	-	21.02.20 1-1	15.02.20 1-1	18.01.20 1-0	
Fulham	15.02.20 0-3	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 3-2	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 0-3	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 1-5	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 1-2	-	
Leeds United	18.04.20	19.10.19 1-0	09.11.19 2-1	21.08.19 1-0	15.02.20 1-0	14.12.19 3-3	02.05.20	21.09.19 1-1	18.03.20	07.03.20	10.12.19 2-0	
LUTON TOWN	10.04.20	11.01.20 1-2	02.05.20	25.02.20	19.10.19 3-0	08.02.20 0-1	26.11.19 2-1	28.01.20 3-2	26.12.19 3-3	31.08.19 2-1	21.09.19 0-3	
Middlesbrough	27.11.19 1-0	21.01.20 1-1	01.02.20 1-1	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 1-1	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 0-1	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 2-1	
Queens Park Rangers	14.03.20	29.02.20	05.10.19 4-2	28.10.19 1-3	01.02.20 0-1	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 0-1	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 1-1	
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 2-0	08.02.20 3-1	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 2-3	29.11.19 1-2	22.02.20 3-1	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 1-0	17.03.20	25.04.20	21.01.20 0-3	14.12.19 5-3	11.12.19 1-1	08.02.20 1-1	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 2-1	21.09.19 0-1	11.12.19 0-2	07.03.20	22.02.20 3-3	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 2-1	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 1-1	30.11.19 7-0	08.02.20 3-2	19.10.19 3-2	28.01.20 0-1	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 0-3	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 1-1	18.10.19 1-1	26.11.19 1-0	12.01.20 0-0	28.01.20 2-1	15.02.20 2-2
	28.09.19 1-0	22.02.20 3-1	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 4-0	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	26.02.20	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 2-0	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	14.02.20 4-4	09.11.19 0-1	14.09.19 2-2
	-	21.03.20	30.11.19 4-0	28.01.20 3-2	10.08.19 1-1	26.12.19 1-1	02.11.19 2-0	22.02.20 1-0	11.01.20 0-2	10.04.20	31.08.19 0-1	01.10.19 1-0	01.02.20 0-1
	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 1-0	29.02.20	21.12.19 0-1	17.08.19 1-2	07.12.19 2-1
	26.02.20	15.02.20 0-1	-	24.08.19 1-1	29.02.20	01.10.19 1-1	04.04.20	14.09.19 1-0	28.09.19 1-4	20.12.19 2-1	14.03.20	19.10.19 0-1	20.08.19 1-0
	05.10.19 2-1	01.01.20 3-1	10.04.20	-	06.12.19 2-2	03.08.19 1-0	21.09.19 1-2	18.01.20 2-0	17.08.19 1-0	26.10.19 2-0	21.03.20	09.02.20 0-2	26.11.19 2-2
	08.02.20 2-0	19.01.20 3-1	10.12.19 1-1	07.03.20	-	31.08.19 1-1	22.02.20 0-0	22.01.20 1-1	14.12.19 0-4	02.05.20	18.04.20	03.08.19 1-2	29.12.19 1-0
	22.10.19 1-1	14.12.19 2-1	01.01.20 0-2	15.02.20 0-1	13.04.20	-	07.03.20	29.12.19 0-2	24.08.19 2-1	21.08.19 3-1	01.02.20 1-1	02.12.19 0-1	10.08.19 3-0
	18.01.20 1-0	14.09.19 3-2	09.11.19 2-2	25.04.20	27.11.19 0-4	07.12.19 2-0	-	22.10.19 2-2	13.04.20	15.02.20 4-2	21.08.19 1-3	28.09.19 0-2	24.08.19 3-1
	26.11.19 0-1	09.11.19 3-0	18.04.20	02.11.19 2-1	11.01.20 1-1	19.10.19 1-0	26.12.19 1-0	-	03.08.19 1-3	14.03.20	02.05.20	12.02.20 1-2	26.02.20
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	24.08.19 0-3	10.12.19 3-0	18.03.20	11.01.20 0-0	27.09.19 2-3	12.02.20 0-2	03.08.19 1-2	14.12.19 0-0	26.12.19 3-2	-	25.01.20 2-0	04.11.19 0-2	23.11.19 2-1
	13.04.20	18.03.20	14.12.19 3-1	23.11.19 0-1	14.09.19 0-1	17.08.19 3-2	11.02.20 0-0	28.09.19 1-1	04.04.20	05.10.19 1-2	-	07.03.20	18.01.20 2-1
	01.01.20 1-1	01.02.20 2-0	29.12.19 0-2	10.08.19 1-1	15.02.20 2-2	25.02.20	02.05.20	21.08.19 1-1	23.11.19 2-1	20.01.20 0-1	08.12.19 5-1	-	29.02.20
	17.08.19 0-2	07.03.20	11.02.20 2-2	22.02.20 1-0	20.10.19 1-0	08.02.20 1-2	10.04.20	30.11.19 1-3	28.01.20 2-1	21.03.20	02.11.19 1-2	11.12.19 1-1	-

OUR TOWN | **LUTON TOWN V BRENTFORD | 25.02.20**

FIXTURES & RESULTS

DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS	PENALTY (F)	PENALTY (A)	OWN GOALS	SENT OFF	OPP. SENT OFF	STECH	CRANE	POTTS	TUNNICLIFFE	BRADLEY	PEARSON	MCMANAMAN	BERRY	HYLTON	LEE	SHINNE	...
													1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	...
AUGUST																								
Fri 2	7.45pm	H	Middlesbrough	D 3-3	10,053	960	1	-	*	-	-	-		1			1		c	*		a	b	
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	1	
Sat 17	3.00pm	H	West Bromwich Albion	L 1-2	10,059	1,033	23	-	-	-	-	-			y					b			*	cy
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	-	-	-	-											*	1
SEPTEMBER																								
Sat 14	3.00pm	A	Queens Park Rangers	L 2-3	16,186	2,943	16	-	-	-	-	-											c	
Sat 21	3.00pm	H	Hull City	L 0-3	10,066	1,033	21	-	-	-	-	-				c							*	
Tue 24	7.45pm	H	Leicester (Carabao Cup R3)	L 0-4	8,216	1,500	-	-	-	-	-	-				*		*	c				b	
Sat 28	3.00pm	A	Blackburn Rovers	W 2-1	15,319	1,326	17	-	-	-	-	-			y			1	a	b		*		
OCTOBER																								
Wed 2	7.45pm	H	Millwall	D 1-1	10,049	1,032	17	-	-	-	-	-								b1				
Sat 5	3.00pm	A	Derby County	L 0-2	27,944	2,606	18	-	-	1	-	-								a		*	c	
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 1-2	21,799	2,676	19	-	-	-	-	-		y		b				a			*	
NOVEMBER																								
Sat 2	3.00pm	H	Nottingham Forest	L 1-2	10,053	1,017	21	-	-	-	-	-								b1			*	
Sat 9	3.00pm	A	Reading	L 0-3	15,251	2,097	21	-	-	-	-	-										*	b	
Sat 23	3.00pm	H	Leeds United	L 1-2	10,068	1,035	21	-	-	-	-	-								b				c
Tue 26	7.45pm	H	Charlton Athletic	W 2-1	10,004	1,032	20	-	-	-	-	-			y	a			*					y
Sat 30	3.00pm	A	Brentford	L 0-7	11,287	1,630	21	-	2	-	-	-												a
DECEMBER																								
Sat 7	3.00pm	H	Wigan Athletic	W 2-1	10,011	667	20	-	-	-	-	1			a					1c	c			b
Tue 10	8.00pm	A	Stoke City	L 0-3	20,216	769	21	-	-	-	-	-								*	b			a
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	-	-	-	-	*								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			*	
JANUARY																								
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	-	-	-	-	-	-				*					a			
Sat 11	3.00pm	H	Birmingham City	L 1-2	10,062	1,035	24	1	-	-	-	1			a	c				c		*	b	
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	W 3-2	10,057	1,033	24	-	-	1	-	1							a	*	c		*	*
FEBRUARY																								
Sat 1	3.00pm	A	West Bromwich Albion	L 0-2	25,141	1,534	24	-	-	1	-	-			y	a				c	*		*	
Sat 8	3.00pm	H	Cardiff City	L 0-1	10,049	1,000	24	-	-	-	-	-					b			*	a		*	
Wed 12	7.45pm	H	Sheffield Wednesday	W 1-0	10,001	1,018	23	-	-	-	-	-								*		a		b
Sat 15	3.00pm	A	Middlesbrough	W 1-0	19,734	800	23	-	-	-	-	-		by	a	1				*	y	*	*	*
Sat 22	3.00pm	A	Charlton Athletic	L 1-3	18,969	2,785	24	-	-	-	-	*	*		y			y	a		*	*	*	*
Tue 25	7.45pm	H	Brentford																					
Sat 29	3.00pm	H	Stoke City																					
MARCH																								
Sat 7	3.00pm	A	Wigan Athletic																					
Sat 14	3.00pm	H	Preston North End																					
Wed 18	7.45pm	A	Swansea City																					
Sat 21	3.00pm	A	Leeds United																					
APRIL																								
Sat 4	3.00pm	H	Reading																					
Fri 10	3.00pm	H	Barnsley																					
Mon 13	3.00pm	A	Huddersfield Town																					
Sat 18	3.00pm	H	Queens Park Rangers																					
Sat 25	3.00pm	A	Hull City																					
MAY																								
Sat 2	12.30pm	H	Blackburn Rovers																					

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

WHO, WHEN AND WHERE THE HATTERS ARE PLAYING THIS SEASON

Player	SLUGA	CORNICK	JERVIS	REA	MPANZU	CARTER-WICKERS	COLLINS	MONCOUR	BOLTON	GALLOWAY	BROWN	LUALUA	BREE	JONES	BUTTERFIELD	DANIELS	NEURVILLE	SHEA	MUSONDA	ISTED	SHEEHAN	SUB TIMES			SENT OFF		GOAL TIMES		
	12	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	22	23	24	25	26	28	29	33	35	36	37	40	44	a	b	c	L#	O#			
	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		
		1a			c		*		b		c	a		1			b					46	46	66	-	-	8,18,55,74		
					c		*	a		b	b		*	*	c							53	53	75	-	-	15,48,51		
		1b			a		1	*	a	c	*	ay	c	*	1							59	69	74	-	-	54		
			1b					*	a					a			*					81	85	93	-	-	2,4,31,72		
					b		1y	*	*	ay	c			a	c	a				1		46	82	-	-	-	43,63,69		
					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		
							1	*			a	*		c	by							71	83	86	-	-	17,37,57		
	b									c		c	a			a						65	65	85	-	-	60, 86		
		1c								c	a	a	b		*	*						63	74	81	-	-	11,70		
*	b				1			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			*				ay			c	*	*	c						a	45	58	69	-	-	22,30,79		
*		b					1		c	*	a	a	*	*	*	*						75	75	90	-	-	51,54,90		
*					1				a		1y	*		*	*	*						79	-	-	-	-	7,19,53		
*		b						b	a	c					c							46	46	53	-	-	6,30,33,40,45+3,87,71		
*								1by	a		*		*	*	*	*						20	60	71	-	-	91 35,87,93		
*					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		
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						b	*				a	c				b		*				61	73	73	-	-	14,70		
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	a				y	*	1	*			by	*	y									68	90	-	-	-	23		
					b	y					c	a										71	76	83	-	-	17		
	1a				by			b	c				c									70	70	82	-	-	34,36,61,88		

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KEY: []: Out on loan | []: Left club | Team name colour: Carabao Cup Match | Team name colour: FA Cup Match

TICKETS

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STOKE CITY H

SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP | 3PM | 29.02.20

Tickets for this fixture are on sale to supporters who were on the club database from before 1st January at category B prices.

in person. They will remain on sale, subject to availability until 1pm on Friday 6th March. **PRICES:** Adult: £23, Senior (65+): £15, Under-18: £10, Under-12: £5, Under-5: £2. Wheelchair and ambulant tickets will be priced at the appropriate age category with a carer free of charge.

WIGAN ATHLETIC A

SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP | 3PM | 07.03.20

The Hatters have received an initial allocation of 1,714 tickets for their Sky Bet Championship fixture at Wigan Athletic on Saturday 7th March. Any remaining tickets are now available on general sale from Monday 24th February online, by phone and

PRESTON NORTH END H

SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP | 3PM | 14.03.20

Tickets for our fixture against Preston North End are now on sale. Tickets will be on sale from the Ticket Office in person or by phone on 01582 416976. They will also be available online. Prices for this fixture have been set at Category B prices.



THE WIGAN MASCOT OUTSIDE THE DW STADIUM

BOBBERS TRAVEL CLUB TIMETABLE

Date	Opposition	Adult	Conc.*	Depart	Date	Opposition	Adult	Conc.*	Depart
07.03.20	Wigan Athletic	£32	£29	09.00	13.04.20	Huddersfield Town	£28	£25	09.30
18.03.20	Swansea City	£38	£35	13.00	25.04.20	Hull City	£30	£27	09.00
21.03.20	Leeds United	£28	£25	09.30					

BOOKINGS: 01234 856542 *Concession rate applies to those aged 15 and under or over 60*

OUR TOWN | LUTON TOWN V BRENTFORD | 25.02.20

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THE LAST WORD

BY JAMES CUNLIFF WWW.THELUTONIAN.COM



There's an old football cliché that suggests bad decisions even themselves out over the course of a season.

And the people who say this haven't even the most rudimentary understanding of Schrödinger's Cat, which is a famous thought experiment carried out in the 1935, that states that James Collins can simultaneously be both inside and outside – but either way, the result will be no goal.

I jest, of course, but it doesn't take a complicated mathematical experiment to work out how costly that incorrect call could be at The Valley on Saturday.

To VAR or not to VAR, that is the question.

Luton's only two experiences of it (at Bournemouth) have gone in their favour. But at the weekend, hours before Town kicked off, there was yet more evidence – across London at Stamford Bridge – to suggest that, far more often than it should be, VAR is an omnishambles.

Would its availability in the Championship have been third time's a charm for the Hatters? Who knows, but it doesn't take a video assistant referee to understand that Luton are up against it, in the battle to beat the drop.

They could still survive, of course, and the performances of the past month

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have given rise to that. I put a significant part of that down to the return of Glen Rea. Last season, before his injury, he was having a stormer, and he's got back into that groove almost immediately.

They'll need that guile and leadership tonight if they have any designs on stopping the Brentford's sensational strike-force.

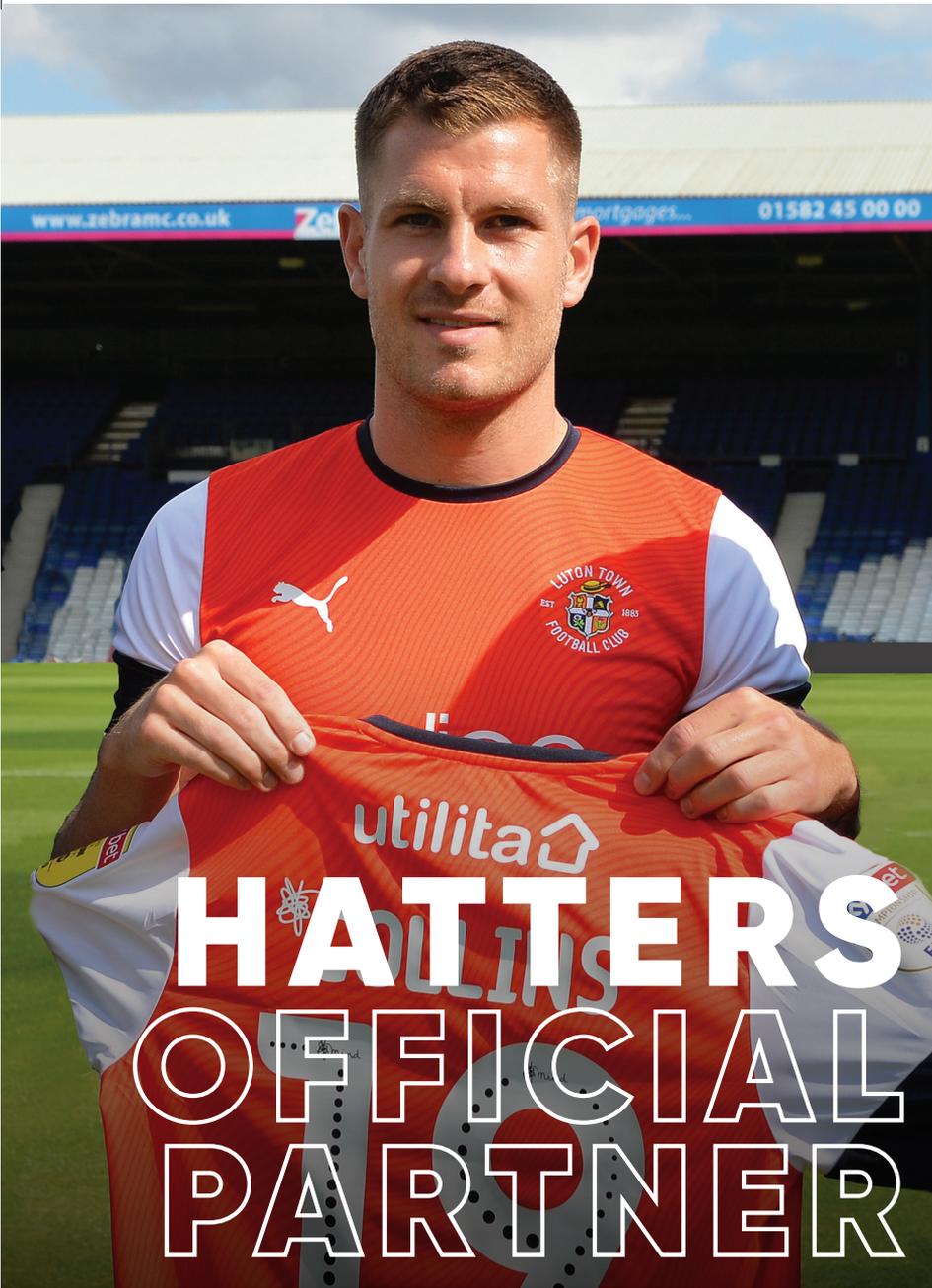
There's an awful lot of blindly optimistic rhetoric in football, but – and I write this sat beside an emergency slice of humble pie – the chances of emerging with any points tonight appear slim, judging by November's experience. I hope I'm wrong, partly because I'm hungry and partly because I imagine life would be so much easier if there's to be any grains of truth in that clichéd old cobblers I dismissed a few paragraphs back.

Contrary to received wisdom, I don't think relegation, if it happens, would be the devastating disaster it's so often portrayed as. It certainly wouldn't be nearly as bad as the last time Town fell through the trapdoor, nor the time before that, or the time before that.

That's because the greatest victory this season was won off the pitch, when the last of Capital & Regional's delaying tactics expired. Now the club can progress with Power Court and Newlands Park and look forward to a sustainable future.

While you're unlikely to find any Roy of the Rovers fare in the words 'sustainable future', it really is far more significant than what division the team plays in next season.

Still, my fingers are crossed it's the Championship.



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ASSISTANT REFEREE 2 - ROB SMITH | FOURTH OFFICIAL - ADAM CRYSELL



MANAGER: GRAEME JONES

01	MAREK STECH	11	ANDREW SHINNIE	24	IZZY BROWN
02	MARTIN CRANIE	12	SIMON SLUGA	25	KAZENGA LUALUA
03	DAN POTTS	14	HARRY CORNICK	26	JAMES BREE
04	RYAN TUNNICLIFFE	16	GLEN REA	29	JACOB BUTTERFIELD
05	SONNY BRADLEY	17	PELLY-RUDDOCK MPANZU	32	EUNAN O'KANE
06	MATTY PEARSON	18	CAMERON CARTER-VICKERS	33	DONERVON DANIELS
07	CALLUM MCMANAMAN	19	JAMES COLLINS	30	PETER KIOSO
08	LUKE BERRY	20	GEORGE MONCUR	36	JAMES SHEA
09	DANNY HYLTON	22	LUKE BOLTON	37	FRANKIE MUSONDA
10	ELLIOT LEE	23	BRENDAN GALLOWAY		



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03	RICO HENRY	12	KAMOHELO MOKOTJO	24	TARIQE FOSU
04	DRU YEARWOOD	14	JOSH DASILVA	26	SHANDON BAPTISTE
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06	CHRISTIAN NORGAARD	17	EMILIANO MARCONDES	31	JAN ZAMBUREK
07	SERGI CANOS	18	PONTUS JANSSON	32	LUCA RACIC
08	MATHIAS JENSEN	19	BRYAN MBEUMO	33	FREDRIK HAMMAR
09	NIKOLAOS KARELIS	20	JOSH CLARKE	34	JAAKKO OKSANEN

NEXT HOME MATCH

STOKE CITY | SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP | 29.02.20 | KO: 3PM