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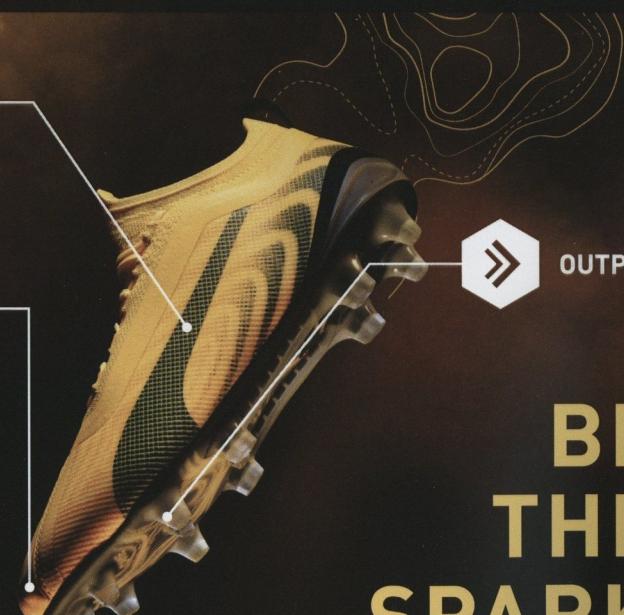
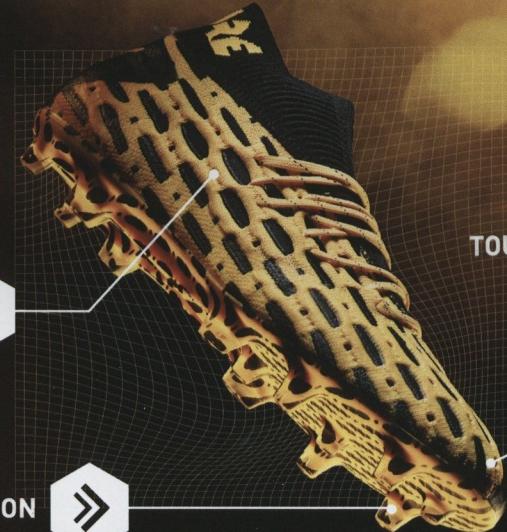
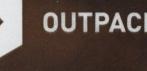


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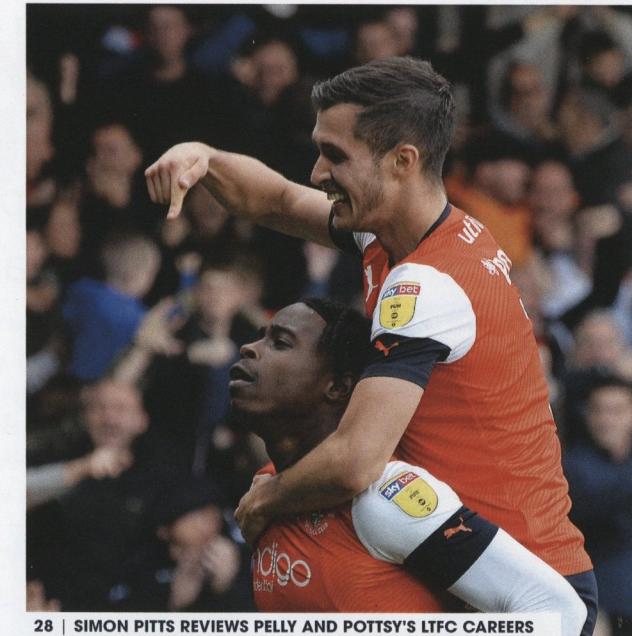
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THE MANAGER



NATHAN JONES

For the final time this season, welcome to match day. If only I could be welcoming you all to Kenilworth Road, because tonight is exactly the kind of occasion that everyone who knows anything about Luton Town will understand the importance of the supporters' role.

I've lost count of the number of times I've talked on this page of the programme about making it 'one of those famous nights under the lights'. This is yet another and we are all truly sorry that you can't be here to help push us up over that line, but we know that you are watching in your thousands from home.

Despite your enforced absence, I want to say a massive thank you to every single one of you who has got behind us since the restart.

Whether it's club staff, stewards (many who I know are fans) in the ground on a matchday, the media or fans that we've seen out and about as I and other members of staff have been staying in town for the best part of two months, the support we have received has been outstanding.

Reading and watching the social media posts and seeing those cut-outs in the stand at Kenilworth Road have had a major effect on the players, too.

Knowing that you've raised so much money to make sure your old friends and club heroes are behind us one last time is amazing. I've got to say, when I put the one of JJ next to his dad - who helped guide James so well to become the star he is - it was an emotional moment for me before the Preston game.

Just seeing every member of staff working so hard late into the night to make sure they were in position, and ensuring that every part of the EFL protocol has been met for these matches to take place, told me all I need to know about the club and why I wanted to come back.

I thank the board for giving me that opportunity. They've given us everything possible in these restricted times to provide a platform for us to get to the point where one more win should see us climb above that line, without relying on other clubs.

The players and staff have been unbelievable, whether it's the ones I knew plenty about or those who have arrived in my time away. I can assure you that every single man has played a role, whether it's visible out on the pitch or whether it's pushing the others in training, or preparing them.

We need one final effort and we know that Blackburn will be a tough obstacle to move. Any side managed by Tony Mowbray is, and we know plenty about the man between the posts. Welcome back to Kenilworth Road, Christian.

I really hope I can say the same to you all in a few weeks' time. Please try to enjoy tonight's game on iFollow and make sure you raise your roof tiles. COYH!



FANS GET BEHIND THE LADS DURING THE SEASON OPENER V MIDDLESBROUGH

THE BOARDROOM



TONY MURRAY & MARK BRADBURY

As supporters sadly cannot be with us tonight, 2020 have handed responsibility for writing the boardroom notes to the fans – with the chairs of both Loyal Luton Supporters' Club and Luton Town Supporters' Trust (who are shareholders) coming together to pen them #ForTheFans. Be assured that all #HattersAtHome are sorely missed, that everyone is united in driving our club and town forward tonight and beyond... and that we all cannot wait to be back together under our famous old roof as soon as is safe to do so! #COYH

Well, here we are! By the end of the evening we should know which division the Town will be playing in next season.

Back in August when we kicked off against Middlesbrough, most of us would have happily settled for fourth from bottom come the end of the season in May. A lot has certainly changed since then! But, typical of the club we all love so much, we've left it late (two months late and the last game – even by Luton standards that's going some!).

We all knew that the Championship would be a stiff challenge after consecutive promotions, and we also knew that we'd be coming up against clubs with vastly bigger budgets and crowds and hugely paid players. Until we're settled at Power Court, that will always be the case at this level. But we are Luton Town and we're used to fighting against the odds – it's been bred into us through a whole series of troubles, trials and triumphs.

Let's not forget how we felt that evening in 2013 when losing at home to Hyde. Who, in their wildest dreams then, would have seen us playing to keep our place in the Championship tonight? Nothing can match the rollercoaster experience of being a Luton supporter!

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Let's not forget, either, the reason we were in the Conference. We were punished draconically for the malpractice of previous owners; far more so than any club before and probably more than any other club will be again. So when we look at the potential points deductions which may affect the final Championship table, we know what it is like for the fans of the clubs involved. BUT there has been some very serious breaching and bending of the rules and flouting of the Financial Fair Play principles going on – and we expect clubs who abuse those rules to be properly and fairly punished.

If you run a business or a household, you understand that for every £10 coming in, you can't have £15 going out. So why do football clubs seem to think they can? As the two main Luton Town supporters groups, we know that the vast majority of our fans are incredibly proud of the way 2020 run the club. Their statement that they are 'custodians' means so much: they are taking care of our future

by living within our means today. Amen to that. During these life-changing and challenging times football has a chance to take a long hard look at itself and reset the way clubs work and budget. They could do with taking a leaf from LTFC's book. We don't know right now what the immediate future holds. But we do know that with planning permission approved for Power Court and Newlands Park, the long term prospects for our club and town are looking very bright. We're proud to have worked together, and with the club and other groups, campaigning against the main opposition to progress for Luton – the money men at C&R.

What they failed to grasp is that this is a club and a set of fans like no other. We have learned to stand together to triumph over the odds – on the pitch and off it. We won't give in. We have a management team and squad who seem galvanised in the same way and although we can't be there at our beloved Kenilworth Road tonight in person, each of us will be there in abundant, defiant spirit.

So, for the final time this season...THIS IS FOR THE SUPPORTERS. THIS IS OUR TOWN. THIS IS OUR TIME! Come on you rip-roaring Hatters!

Tony Murray, Chair Luton Town Supporters' Trust
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THE TREATMENT ROOM



TRICK OR TREATMENT

A light-hearted look at Luton life with Head of Medical SIMON PARSELL

The Covid-19 outbreak has been devastating globally, on that we can all agree. So there's not been a lot of positive news to come out of the pandemic.

So the return of football offered a welcome release for us and a hint that normality was returning. But that return required careful planning as the eyes of the world watched to see if it would fail. The testing programme has been comprehensive and costly. The cleaning protocol painstaking. The guy who invented hand sanitiser must be rubbing his hands together right now.

But the planning and cleaning helped put people's minds at rest as they left their bubbles and returned to the Brache. We forgot about running out of toilet paper and the fact we had to use newspaper. Times are rough.

We needed a good laugh which can boost Dopamine levels and even shore up our immune system. Whilst away from the football I was asked to ring a number of the senior-season ticket holders. One such call found me ringing Dave on his 77th birthday. He loved the call and he

told me some of his Luton stories, especially Luton v Arsenal. It just showed me what a great group of fans we have at this club. He even enjoyed a joke I told him.

There was a lot of good work done to keep the lads fit and healthy. It was challenging and some of the staff demo video's were amusing. This work is reflected by the fact that injuries have been kept to a minimum when people predicted there would be increased injury, like in the Bundesliga.

During the lockdown we had numerous zoom calls and one stands out as we saw the return of Nathan. It was the boost that everyone needed and a belief returned that we could stay up. It was like he had never been away and with the return of Harty things did change. He smiled.

The Championship experience has been a tough one. The league may not match the Premier League's quality, but for entertainment and unpredictability it is compelling. Anyone can win, plus it's cheaper to watch and they reckon an average saving of £350. That's an extra 40 pints when we can get back into pubs.

The lads have given everything in training and in games, but unfortunately errors you might get away with in League One get punished at this level. So whatever happens, we go again next year.

But as we venture out of the lockdown, it is still important that we remain alert and safe as a potential second wave could happen. I mention that because we must not forget the fantastic efforts of the NHS and key workers that have got us to this point. Once again, we at Luton Town thank you.

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THE PRESS BOX



JAMES CUNLIFFE

LTFC supporter and editor of TheLutonian.com

Not so long ago you were telling Kazenga LuaLua, in song, to “put the champagne on ice”. Yes, Luton got promoted twice, but on Saturday in Hull it was even more intoxicating than that.

It was arguably the most important piece of magic that he's ever conjured in a Town shirt. Game-changer? Not half. His KCOM winner could prove to be a £6m strike, such is the financial disparity between relegation and Championship survival.

More than money though, that out-of-the-blue brilliance needed only one thing to make it better. Well, around 5,000, actually. It deserved you.

It deserved you bouncing around, falling over the seat in front of you, hugging the person next to you and screaming a hole in the ozone layer above Hull. Is that even possible? I doubt it, but it would've sounded like the sky was caving in, and you just know that pandemonium would've been a beautiful sight.

I've written about it before for TheLutonian.com, but this run of games since the restart has really highlighted beyond all doubt that football without you just isn't the same. From the late Callum McManaman leveller against Preston that kick-started Luton after lockdown, to

LuaLua's blockbuster on Saturday, we've all witnessed moments in the last eight games that deserved to be drenched in pure, primal joy, bursting out from the terraces. Big moments, big goals and even bigger celebrations are what we live for as match-going football fans, aren't they? Viewing those moments on a screen is certainly no substitute.

Beggars can't be choosers, but come 9:15pm tonight, from the comfort of your living room (or probably from behind the sofa), there's little point in pretending otherwise that, if Luton can complete the Great Escape, it will be nothing short of miraculous. I fear for your ceilings, soft furnishings and neighbours. What carnage!

Surely, if you were offered a final day decider at the start of the season, you'd have taken it? Certainly, the general consensus, at the start of the season, when I appeared on the Luton Town Supporters' Trust podcast, was that if a man called Jones could keep the club in the Championship, it would be a greater achievement than all the record-breaking accolades they've managed in recent years.

Three months ago, I could never have envisaged that man would be Nathan Jones, but fair play to the board who took a calculated risk few of us could have seen happening. But with promotion-chasing form of 1.6 points per game, you have to say that, come what may, making the new boss, the old boss, was a shrewd move.

Talk is cheap. Thankfully though, a picture is worth a thousand words. I'm sure you've seen them by now, but there were more than enough photos after LuaLua pulled a rabbit out of the hat show what has been achieved in these last two months. Not somersaults, not Elliot Lee levitating or Harry Cornick's 'greyhound' – but togetherness. Better together, unfortunately, safer apart, as it is for all of you in these discombobulating times.

So, it is permutations at the ready for tonight, but if this team defy the pre-restart odds, take that LuaLua-chilled bottle of bubbly, pop the cork and toast the Town. After the year we've had, you deserve it.



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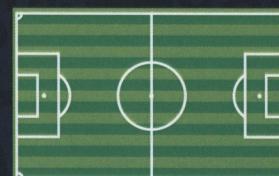
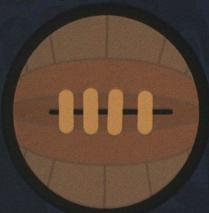
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TONY
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ROAD: 194

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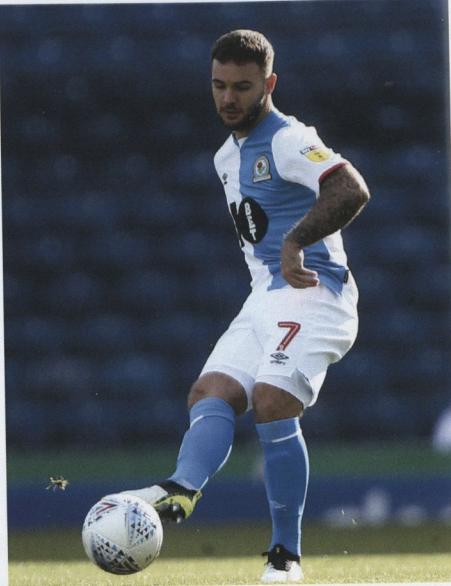
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KEEP AN EYE ON...

**ADAM
ARMSTRONG**

As Blackburn's top scorer this season, close attention must be kept on Adam Armstrong – who started his football career with Newcastle United in 2006.

He spent up until 2018 at St James' Park although for the most part, he was out on loan. After impressing at Coventry City, he later joined Barnsley, Bolton Wanderers and then Blackburn, which was a loan that turned permanent in 2018.

Armstrong had plenty of pedigree as a young player, representing England at every youth level and to date, this season has been his highest goal contribution since 2016.

- His early goal in Saturday's 4-3 win over Reading was Armstrong's 16th of the campaign.



MANAGER:

**TONY
MOWBRAY**

Tony Mowbray accumulated over 500 appearances as a senior professional, turning out for Middlesbrough, Celtic and Ipswich Town, before moving to management in 2002.

His first proper role as manager came in 2004 with Hibernian, following a brief spell as Ipswich interim boss in 2002. After two years in Scotland, Mowbray was appointed as West Brom manager – whom he helped guide to the Premier League and an FA Cup semi-final.

Celtic followed his time at the Hawthorns in 2009 but he was sacked after less than a year, later joining Middlesbrough. Prior to his move to Blackburn in 2017, he spent a season with Coventry City.

PLAYERS

GOALKEEPERS



#	NAME	AGE	NATIONALITY
01	CHRISTIAN WALTON	24	ENGLAND
13	JAYSON LEUTWILER	31	CANADA

DEFENDERS

#	NAME	AGE	NATIONALITY
02	RYAN NYAMBE	22	NAMIBIA
03	DERRICK WILLIAMS	27	IRELAND
17	AMARI BELL	26	JAMAICA
24	TOSIN ADARABIOYO	22	ENGLAND
26	DARRAGH LENIHAN	26	IRELAND
27	LEWIS TRAVIS	22	ENGLAND
35	JOE GRAYSON	21	ENGLAND

MIDFIELDERS

#	NAME	AGE	NATIONALITY
04	BRADLEY JOHNSON	33	ENGLAND
06	RICHARD SMALLWOOD	29	ENGLAND
08	JOE ROTHWELL	25	ENGLAND
11	HARRY CHAPMAN	22	ENGLAND
18	JACOB DAVENPORT	21	ENGLAND
19	STEWART DOWNING	35	ENGLAND
22	LEWIS HOLTBY	29	GERMANY
23	BRADLEY DACK	25	ENGLAND
29	CORRY EVANS	29	NORTHERN IRELAND
31	ELLIOTT BENNETT	31	ENGLAND
37	JOSEPH RANKIN-COSTELLO	20	ENGLAND
39	JOHN BUCKLEY	20	ENGLAND

FORWARDS

#	NAME	AGE	NATIONALITY
07	ADAM ARMSTRONG	23	ENGLAND
09	SAM GALLAGHER	24	ENGLAND
10	DANNY GRAHAM	34	ENGLAND
12	DOMINIC SAMUEL	26	ENGLAND
20	BEN BRERETON	21	ENGLAND

ON THE RADAR



CHRISTIAN WALTON

Position: GOALKEEPER
Nationality: England
DOB: 09/11/95
Height: 6ft 5in
Previous Club: On loan from Brighton
2019/20 League Appearances: 45
2019/20 League Clean Sheets: 12

A familiar name for Hatters fans - Christian Walton became a senior pro at Brighton in 2013 but has since spent his time out on loan.

First, he joined Bury in 2015, then Plymouth Argyle the following season. In 2016, he re-united with Nathan Jones and spent the season on loan with the Town.

Unfortunately, he was recalled by Albion in January 2017 following an injury to Niki Maenpaa, having made 33 appearances for Luton and conceded the fewest goals in League Two during his loan spell.

Prior to his move to Blackburn this season, he spent three seasons with Southend and Wigan respectively.



TOSIN ADARABIOYO

Position: DEFENDER
Nationality: England
DOB: 24/09/97
Height: 6ft 5in
Previous Club: On loan from Man City
2019/20 League Appearances: 34
2019/20 League Goals: 3

Tosin Adarabioyo has been on the books at Manchester City since the age of five and remarkably made his under-18 debut for the club as a 14-year-old.

He made his first-team debut for the Citizens in an FA Cup match against Chelsea in 2016 and has notched up seven more appearances since, before he moved to West Brom on loan in 2018.

Adarabioyo switched between centre-back and right-back as he went on to play 29 times in the Championship last season.

The towering defender joined Blackburn at the start of the season and has been a regular, eclipsing his appearance total from last season.



STEWART DOWNING

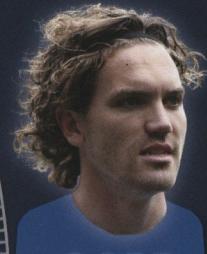
Position: MIDFIELDER
Nationality: England
DOB: 22/07/84
Height: 5ft 11in
Previous Club: Middlesbrough
2019/20 League Appearances: 41
2019/20 League Goals: 2

Stewart Downing remains a valued part of the set up at Blackburn even at the age of 35.

His senior career began in 2001 with Middlesbrough, whom he returned to from 2015 until 2019, when he moved to Ewood Park.

In between, Downing enjoyed successful times with Aston Villa, Liverpool - where he won the League Cup - and West Ham.

He has been capped 35 times by England and is renowned for his wing play, crossing and finishing ability - which is demonstrated by the two goals and eight assists he has provided this season.



SAM GALLAGHER

Position: STRIKER
Nationality: England
DOB: 04/06/92
Height: 6ft 1in
Previous Club: Southampton
2019/20 League Appearances: 41
2019/20 League Goals: 5

Sam Gallagher represented Plymouth Argyle at youth level before joining Southampton in 2012, where he remained on the books until 2019.

In between, he enjoyed loan spells with MK Dons, Blackburn in 2016 and Birmingham, where he finished the season as their top league goalscorer.

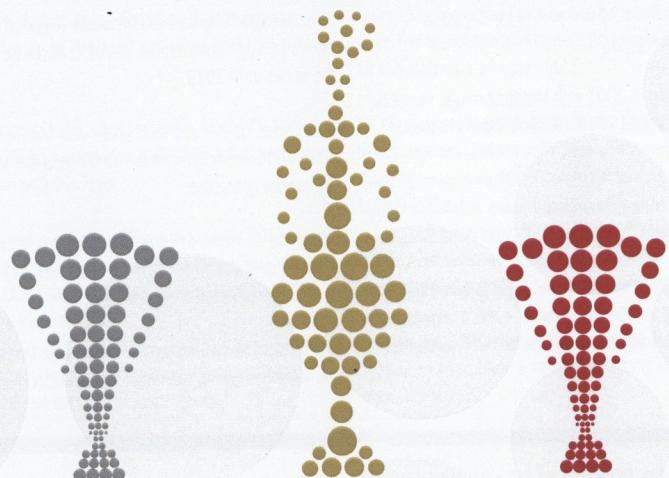
He scored 11 times at Ewood Park the first time around, but it wasn't until the start of this season when he became a permanent member of the squad.

This season, he has netted five times - the latest being Saturday's winner against Reading - and provided two assists.



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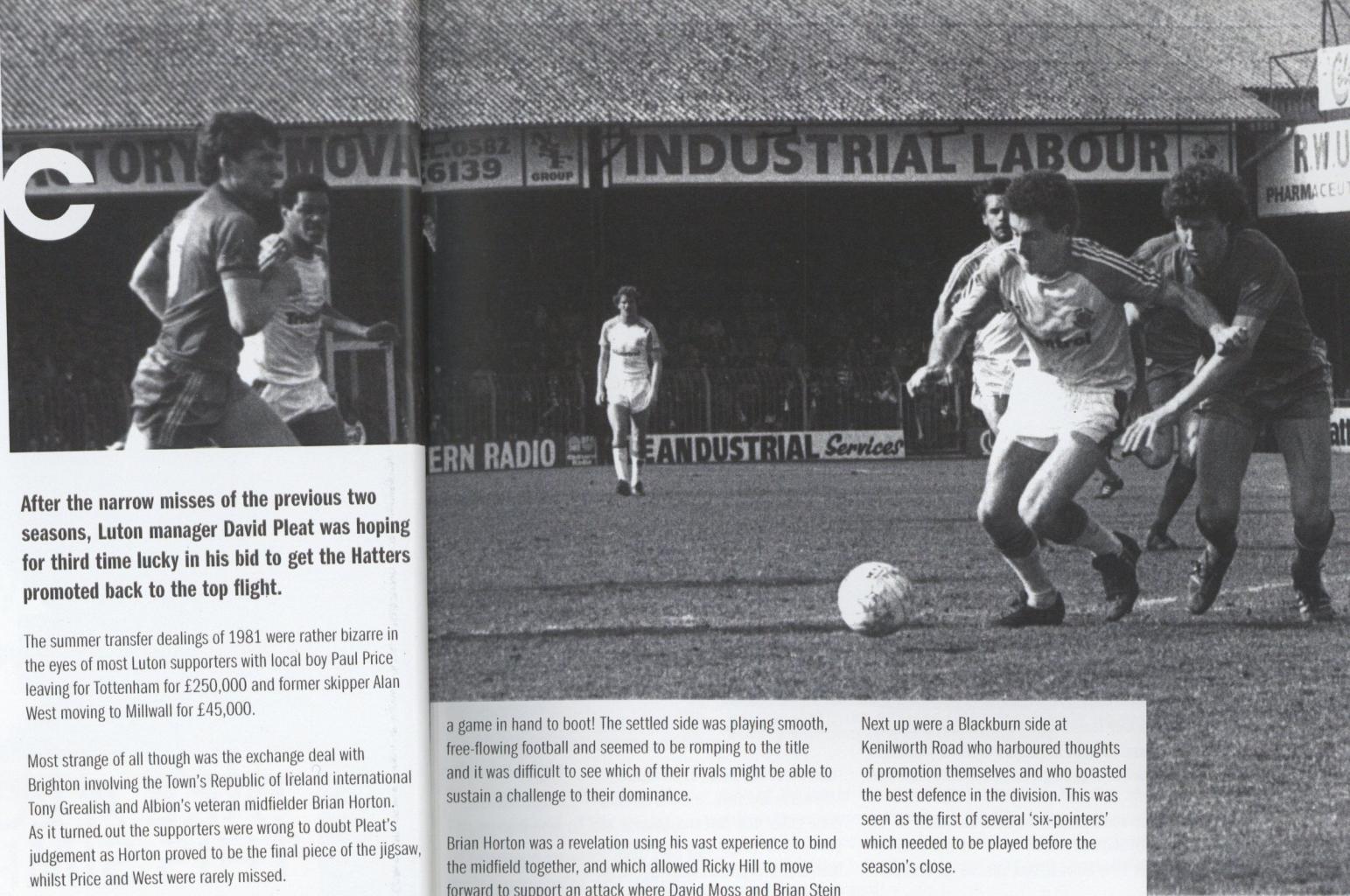


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BROTHERSTON

Next up were a Blackburn side who harboured thoughts of promotion themselves and the best defence in the division...



After the narrow misses of the previous two seasons, Luton manager David Pleat was hoping for third time lucky in his bid to get the Hatters promoted back to the top flight.

The summer transfer dealings of 1981 were rather bizarre in the eyes of most Luton supporters with local boy Paul Price leaving for Tottenham for £250,000 and former skipper Alan West moving to Millwall for £45,000.

Most strange of all though was the exchange deal with Brighton involving the Town's Republic of Ireland international Tony Grealish and Albion's veteran midfielder Brian Horton. As it turned out the supporters were wrong to doubt Pleat's judgement as Horton proved to be the final piece of the jigsaw, whilst Price and West were rarely missed.

The Hatters hit the new season running and when the first League tables were published, they led the table and although there were a couple of blips at home, the away record was superb and included a 1-0 win at Blackburn, the first victory at Ewood Park since 1960.

Defensive rock Mike Saxby injured his cruciate knee ligament in a home game against Crystal Palace, but his replacement Clive Goodyear seamlessly settled into the side alongside Northern Ireland international Mal Donaghy.

By Christmas, following a 3-1 win at Norwich when the Town scored three times in the opening 15 minutes, a gap of 11 points over the fourth-placed side had been opened up with

a game in hand to boot! The settled side was playing smooth, free-flowing football and seemed to be romping to the title and it was difficult to see which of their rivals might be able to sustain a challenge to their dominance.

Brian Horton was a revelation using his vast experience to bind the midfield together, and which allowed Ricky Hill to move forward to support an attack where David Moss and Brian Stein were outstanding.

After the Norwich win, inclement weather curtailed all but two League games until the end of January, which gave the chasing pack chance to close the Town's lead at the top.

What was then regarded as a calamitous rocky patch (which wasn't really) gave the supporters palpitations and when top spot was surrendered to Watford for three days at the end of March following a 0-0 draw at Derby, some thought the promotion dream was over.

A 2-0 midweek win over Orient ended a five-game run without a win (four draws), put the Town back on top of the table with two games in hand over their closest rivals.

Next up were a Blackburn side at Kenilworth Road who harboured thoughts of promotion themselves and who boasted the best defence in the division. This was seen as the first of several 'six-pointers' which needed to be played before the season's close.

Blackburn started off unlike most of the sides turning up at Kenilworth Road that season, who were determined not to be beaten, by opting for power and physical effort and speed on the break.

The Hatters proved though they could match up this playing style and were better equipped in the flair and sheer skill departments, as proved when the lead was taken after 27 minutes.

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THREE ROVERS DEFENDERS ARE UNABLE TO STOP RICKY HILL

Goalkeeper Jake Findlay punted the ball downfield and Stein competed in the air with Rovers' Derek Fazackerley. It should have been an unequal contest, but Stein's airborne challenge prevented the big defender getting a clean contact on the ball.

Quick-thinking Steve White headed the loose ball past Fazackerley to Stein, who was already on his way and after rounding goalkeeper Terry Gennoe, shot into the net from an angle.

From then on Blackburn threatened little as the Town's midfield and defence dominated. White missed a good opportunity before thundering a shot against the underside of the bar, but then got the goal his unselfish display deserved when he turned his man and shot low into the net to end a run of nine games without scoring.

The scoreline could have been more emphatic when substitute Billy Jennings netted in the final minute, but referee Alf

Grey ruled that Moss was offside and interfering with play as the shot went in.

David Pleat was pleased and relieved afterwards and said: "It was a powerful game rather than deft and delicate but I always thought we were the more likely side to score, although Blackburn deserve some credit for having a go. I was pleased with all our side - they were up against a good team and were deserving winners."

Blackburn boss Bobby Saxton admitted that his side were second best when he said: "Plenty of physical effort and not enough good passing of the ball. You can't get by on sheer effort against teams like Luton."

For the record, the Hatters were to remain unbeaten for the rest of the season which ended in a return to the top-flight as champions.

CLASSIC CLASH

13.04.1982 | LUTON 2 BLACKBURN 0
DIVISION TWO (NOW CHAMPIONSHIP)

ROGER WASH

THE LAST TIME ROVERS CAME TO TOWN

27.01.2007 | LUTON TOWN 0 BLACKBURN ROVERS 4 | FA CUP 4TH ROUND

TOWN

BERESFORD, FOLEY, COYNE (KEANE), PERRETT, DAVIS, EMANUEL, LANGLEY, ROBINSON, BELL (MORGAN), BOYD, TALBOT (O'LEARY)

ROVERS

FRIEDEL, WARNOCK, MOKOENA, KHIZANISHVILI (GALLAGHER), NIELSEN (SAMBA), HENCHOW, PEDERSEN, EMERTON, BENTLEY, DERBYSHIRE, McCARTHY (JEFFERS)



HATTERS MIDFIELDER RICHARD LANGLEY GOES FOR THE BALL AGAINST ROVERS, WATCHED BY TEAM-MATE ADAM BOYD

stances. The Town welcomed back goalkeeper Marlon Beresford after injury, but were without Ahmet Brkovic who was hurt in the QPR tie. Drew Talbot, signed the day before from Sheffield Wednesday, was thrust straight into the side against Rovers, who were comfortably placed in the Premier League and boasted a side full of internationals and top-flight experience.

The Town were struggling at the wrong end of the Championship, had recently sold two of their best players and suffered a welter of injury problems, but surprisingly found themselves through to the fourth round of the FA Cup after a narrow win over QPR in a replay.

The tie with Premier League Blackburn was to take place only four days after the QPR clash and was to be televised live by BBC. A mixture of early kick-off, general apathy around Kenilworth Road and the TV cameras meant that only 5,887 turned up to a tie that would have attracted a full-house in normal circum-

The Hatters actually started the tie quite brightly but were undone in Rovers' first real attack when Matt Derbyshire outstripped Luton skipper Chris Coyne and fired a 20 yard drive into the net. Coyne then limped off with the recurrence of a knee injury leading to a slick Blackburn move between Morten Gamst Pedersen and Derbyshire, ending with Benni McCarthy being left with a simple chance.

The game was now as good as over with only 36 minutes gone as Rovers dominated possession against a dispirited Town side. Salt was rubbed in the wound when Brett Emerton crossed for Derbyshire to nod home his second goal with the total rout completed with Pederson's stunning volley.

Luton manager Mike Newell said afterwards: "I'm disappointed, that goes without saying. Their quality shone through but with the injuries we've got and with the players we've sold, the result wasn't really a massive shock to me."

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COVERED!

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

NOVEMBER 1949.

The Town bounce back from three games without a win with a 5-2 victory over Rovers. George Stobart, signed the previous month, nets four of the Luton goals.

NOVEMBER 1952.

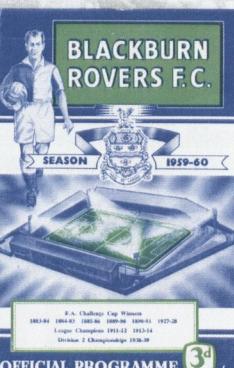
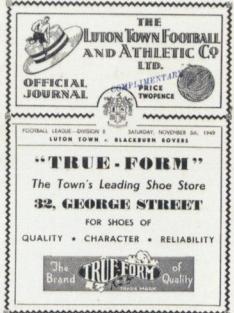
The Hatters make it five wins in a row with a comprehensive 6-0 beating of Blackburn at Kenilworth Road. Jesse Pye scores three as the Town, without the injured ace striker Gordon Turner, make it 19 goals in five games.

NOVEMBER 1954.

The Town take on League leaders Blackburn at Kenilworth Road where an amazing game finishes 7-3 to the home side. Gordon Turner is on the scoresheet this time with a hat-trick.

APRIL 1960.

The Hatters are as good as relegated from the top flight but pull of a surprise 2-0 victory at Ewood Park - their first there. Joe McBride and Billy Bingham score against the FA Cup finalists.



DIVISION II
OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 3d

OCTOBER 1970.

Newly promoted Luton go top of the Division Two (now Championship) table following a 2-0 win over Rovers which is never in doubt. Malcolm Macdonald, inevitably, scores one of the goals.

FEBRUARY 1977.

It is five wins in a row as the Town sink Rovers 2-0 at Kenilworth Road in a fixture re-arranged following an earlier controversial abandonment. Loanee David Geddis nets on his full Luton debut.

OCTOBER 1978.

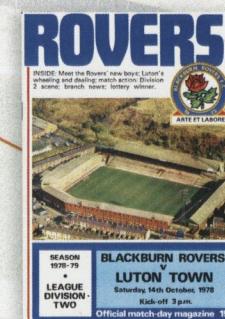
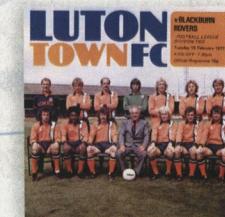
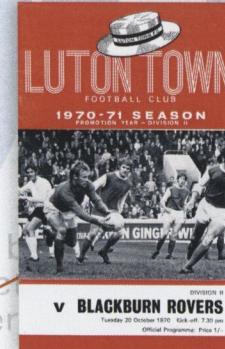
The Hatters return from Ewood Park with a rare point from a 0-0 draw. The Town miss many chances as the midfield of Lil Fuccillo, Ricky Hill and Alan West dominates.

NOVEMBER 1981.

League leaders Luton are unbeaten away from home and follow this up with a 1-0 win at Ewood Park. A penalty converted by David Moss ten minutes from time separates the sides.

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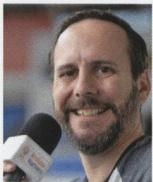
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BLACKBURN ROVERS
LUTON TOWN
Saturday, 14th October, 1978



250-UP FOR PELLY & 150 FOR POTTS



By Simon 'Statto' Pitts
iFollow Hatters commentator
and resident statistician

When I was asked to write this piece for the final programme of the season, it was suggested that I covered Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu's career with Luton Town FC following his recent landmark of 250 appearances for the Club.

My first question was to ask how many words I have available - as, to be honest, it's probably possible to fill the programme with the remarkable story of Pelly's rise from Staines away in the FA Trophy to playing former Premier League sides in the Championship.

As I also need to mention Dan Potts' 150th appearance for Luton and write a quick review of the relegation battle, and season 2019/20, you'll forgive me if I don't quite cover the full review of Pelly's 250 appearances in the space that I have been allocated.

The story begins in November 2013 when Pelly signed for Luton on loan from West Ham - and he made his debut as

mentioned at Staines Town in the FA Trophy - attendance 621! (Those there that day can also say they saw David Viana's debut appearance for the Hatters - although he only featured twice more!)

As a centre-back for this game alongside Joe Davis (on-loan from Port Vale) Pelly kept a clean sheet in a 0-0 draw, the Hatters won the replay 2-0 a few days later, before he made his league debut for the Hatters in the Conference tie at Alfreton the following Saturday. An amazing early first half goal fest saw Luton leading 4-0 with only 18 minutes on the clock, before going on to record a 5-0 victory.

Pelly was in midfield now though and after a few months at the club it was confirmed he had signed on a permanent deal; what a coup it was for John Still and Luton Town!

Two goals followed that season, a lovely move that led to a well-placed finish in the 7-0 win against Hereford at Kenilworth Road, and a trademark 'banger' at Dartford!

His first goal in the Football League came against Bury when he scored the late equaliser, which to date is the only time that he has scored and Luton haven't won!

It took just over three years for Pelly to reach 100 appearances, the 3-0 victory over Hartlepool on Valentines' Day 2017, and there was certainly a love-affair between the fans and Pelly by now.

Game 200 came in March 2019 when the Hatters won 2-1 at Bristol Rovers, with of course, the landmark 250 appearances coming against QPR at Kenilworth Road last week. Amazingly QPR became the 93rd different club that Pelly has played against for Luton Town in just over six years with the Hatters! Congratulations Pelly - 250 appearances, three promotions, and a goal scored at four different levels of the football pyramid. Not bad going in just seven seasons!

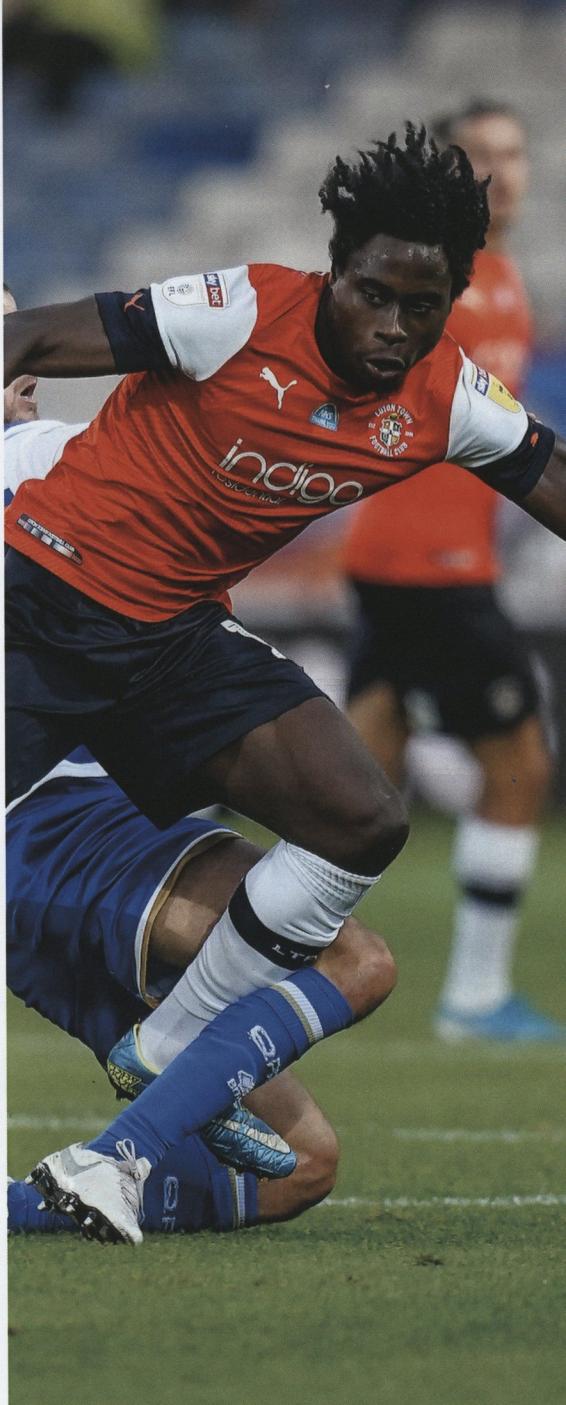
Last week's draw with QPR was also Dan Potts 150th appearance for Luton Town, and he came so close to marking the achievement with a late winning goal - like he had his 100th appearance, at Oxford in October 2018.

Potts was also signed from West Ham and made his debut in the League Cup victory over Bristol City in August 2015. His first goal for the Club came in the play-off defeat to Blackpool at Bloomfield Road, but the following season he netted seven goals in 45 appearances as the Hatters were promoted from League Two.

The goal at Oxford was his only one in League One, but having scored at Craven Cottage earlier this season, 'Potts' can also celebrate scoring in the three different divisions that he has played in with Luton in the last five years. And in case you're wondering, it's 72 different clubs as opponents for him in that time!

Onto tonight then, and it's the final game of the 2019/20 Championship season - and, wow, what a roller coaster it has been!

The opening day match with Middlesbrough, an incredible 3-3 draw including the earliest contender for the goal of the season with Sonny Bradley netting his first goal for the Hatters. The first win of the Championship came at Barnsley - what a first half that was! And then we celebrated three points at Kenilworth Road against Huddersfield the following weekend.



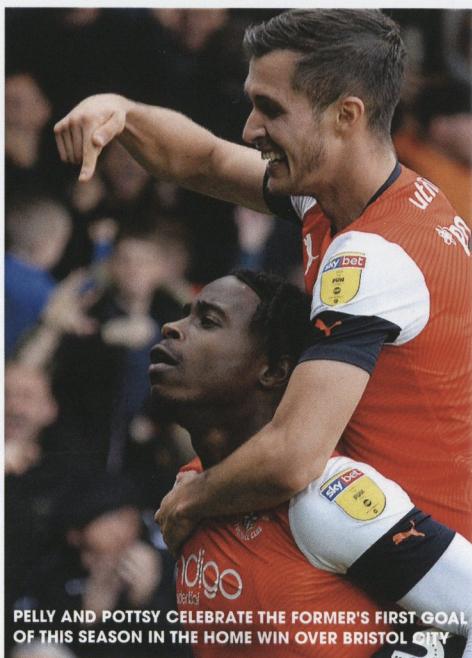
Luton were in 15th place after that game, but following the late Fulham equaliser on Boxing Day they dropped into the relegation zone, and it's been a battle to try and secure the points needed to turn around the deficit.

Prior to Covid-19 it looked as though things were turning positive for the Hatters with victories over Derby, Sheffield Wednesday, Middlesbrough and Brentford, but at the break we were still six points from safety – plus of course our worse goal difference.

We start tonight's game still in the relegation zone courtesy of the Wigan points deduction not having been applied as yet. Since the return of Nathan Jones, the away form has been exceptional and has put us in the position we are now – a first win at Kenilworth Road since his return would secure survival – and possibly not even needing that Wigan deduction.

Memories of Maine Road in 1982/83, Norwich at Kenilworth Road in 1988/89, the Baseball Ground in 1989/90, and then Derby, again, at home the following season will all be remembered as great escapes in the past. Here's hoping that tonight's result is a positive one and will therefore be added to that list!

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HATTER MAKES HIS MARK ON COME DINE WITH ME!

Hatters fan Mark Woods recently appeared on Channel 4's series Come Dine With Me, with his LTFC themed bar in his garden acting as the backdrop the evening he hosted.

Here the season ticket holder tells Our Town how he got involved...

"So one semi drunken night in our LTFC themed garden bar, Woodsy, my wife saw an advert on social media looking for people to take part in the new series of come dine with me and I thought I'm up for that.

"A few weeks later a call came from the casting team and the selection process began. Four interviews and casting tapes later I found out to my surprise I had been picked to take part, and in early January the first filming began. "My introduction interview was filmed in Woody's on the Sunday night with me proudly donning my Luton shirt. The following day the real filming began and after being picked up in a nice Mercedes, I began to wonder what I had let myself in for.

"On arrival I was met at a complete

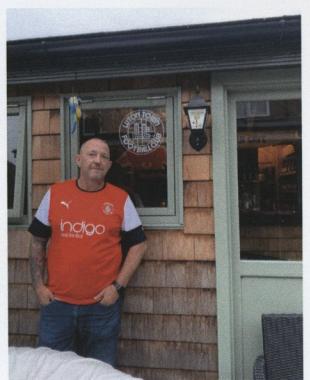
stranger's house with not just four people I had never met but also a five-person person production crew. The competition had begun.

"We worked our way through the week with some lovely food and some not so nice and two themed nights of eighties icons and holiday chic. Four nights later with lots of banter, laughs and alcohol, my turn to host came round.

"It was Friday – the reveal night! I cooked three courses. Saganaki (a Greek cheese dish) for the starter, kleftico with home-made bread for the main, and melt in the middle chocolate pudding for dessert.

"Across the week, we had entertainment ranging from an award-winning performance of Madonna's like a Virgin, a paper fashion show to my 'obstacle course in the kitchen'.

"We all had a great time with no classic 'Come Dine With Me' falling out, and met four great people."



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LUTON TOWN

QPR

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TOWN GOAL: COLLINS (PEN) 20

RANGERS GOAL: BALL 65



SLUGA
BREE
CARTER-VICKERS
BRADLEY
POTTS
MPANZU
BERRY
SHINNIE
(MONCUR 83)
LEE
(CRANIE 67)
COLLINS
(HYLTON 82)
CORNICK
(LUALUA 83)

SUBS NOT USED
SHEA, TUNNICLIFFE,
MCMANAMAN, KIOSO,
BUTTERFIELD

YELLOW CARDS
MPANZU



LUMLEY
RANGEL
(MASTERSON 11)
KAKAY
BARBET
MANNING
AMOS
(OTHE 81)
CAMERON
BALL
OSAYI-SAMUEL
(SHODIPO 82)
CHAIR
EZE

SUBS NOT USED
KANE, WALLACE, BETTA-
CHE, KELLY, GUBBINS,
CLARKE

YELLOW CARDS
NONE



STORY OF THE MATCH

By Dylan Bhundia

The Hatters were held to a 1-1 draw by QPR after James Collins' penalty was cancelled out by Dominic Ball's second-half equaliser.

Luton started the brighter of the two sides, and were duly rewarded 20 minutes in. Luke Berry, making his third consecutive start, chipped a delicate through ball into the path of James Bree who was brought down by Ryan Manning, with Collins sending Joe Lumley the wrong way to make 1-0.

It was Collins who almost set up Town's second as Luton upped the pressure, after he found space down the right of the 18-yard box before firing across goal, but Elliot Lee was unable to poke home.

Simon Sluga was forced into his first save after Bright Osayi-Samuel's powerful drive following a short corner, as the Hatters limited their opponents to very little.

Early on in the second-half, Dan Potts thought he'd doubled Luton's lead from a corner, but was denied by the whistle of referee Stephen Martin.

QPR upped the ante in the second-half, and equalised through Ball after Osayi-Samuel's cut-back from the by-line.

Later on, Potts had another chance as his first-time strike from Danny Hylton's powerful low cross was saved by Lumley, as the Hatters secured another point towards Championship safety.



HULL CITY

LUTON TOWN

0

1

TOWN GOALS: LUALUA 85



SLUGA
BREE
CARTER-VICKERS
BRADLEY
CRANIE
(KIOSO 90+6)
REA
MPANZU
BERRY
CORNICK
(LUALUA 70)
LEE
(MONCUR 79)
COLLINS
(HYLTON 70)

SUBS NOT USED

SHEA, TUNNICLIFFE,
SHINNIE, MCMANAMAN,
BUTTERFIELD

YELLOW CARDS

REA, COLLINS



INGRAM
DA SILVA LOPES
MACDONALD
TAFAZOLLI
ELDER
BATTY
(LEWIS-POTTER 88)
STEWART
WILKS
HONEYMAN
MAGENNIS
EAVES
(SCOTT 76)

SUBS NOT USED

LONG, DE WIJS,
BURKE, TORAL,
BONDS,
SAMUELSEN,
JONES

YELLOW CARDS

DA SILVA LOPES



STORY OF THE MATCH

The Hatters pulled off a crucial 1-0 victory at the KCOM Stadium on Saturday after a late winner from Kazenga LuLu increased hopes of Championship survival, while almost certainly consigning the hosts to League One football next season.

In what was billed as a must win for both sides, it was Hull who started the brighter, with George Honeyman forcing Simon Sluga into a save from an in-swinging free-kick.

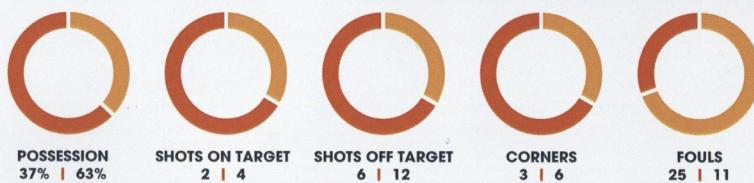
In a first-half of few chances, Luke Berry's first time strike was comfortably saved by Matt Ingram, whilst Hull's regular crosses from the left-flank kept the Hatters' back four on their toes.

The Town upped the tempo in the second period as they began to control the game and carve out opportunities.

Glen Rea's flicked header grazed Ingram's crossbar, and Pelly Ruddock-Mpanzu cut in from the left but fired just wide of the far-post.

With 20 minutes remaining, subs LuLu and Danny Hylton combined, but Hylton's effort drifted agonisingly wide of the far-post after he was released down the right.

George Moncur's effort from a Luton counter-attack was saved low by Ingram, but with five minutes remaining Kazenga LuLu fired home from outside the area to give Luton a deserved lead after a brilliant second-half display, keeping the Hatters well in the hunt for survival.



TO HULL AND BACK...

WE'RE HEAD OVER HEELS
FOR LUALUA'S CELEBRATION!

...WITH THREE BIG POINTS!



TOP SCORER JAMES COLLINS COMES CLOSE AT THE NEAR POST



SLUGA MAKES SURE, TIPPING OVER AT THE OTHER END



HYLTON HAS A GO, BUT THE BALL GOES INCHES WIDE



LUKE BERRY STRIKES FROM DISTANCE



ELLIOT LEE IN THE THICK OF THE ACTION ONCE AGAIN

FIXTURES & RESULTS

AWAY	Barnsley	Birmingham City	Blackburn Rovers	Brentford	Bristol City	Cardiff City	Charlton Athletic	Derby County	Fulham	Huddersfield Town	Hull City	Leeds United	LUTON TOWN	Middlesbrough	Millwall	Nottingham Forest	Preston North End	Queens Park Rangers	Reading	Sheffield Wednesday	Stoke City	Swansea City	West Bromwich Albion	Wigan Athletic
HOME	-	11.02.20 0-1	30.06.20 2-0	29.09.19 1-3	01.11.19 2-2	07.03.20 0-2	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	15.09.19 0-2	24.08.19 1-3	22.02.20 1-0	27.06.20 0-0	18.07.20 1-0	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	11.07.20 0-0
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FIXTURES 2019-20

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

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

KIT SPONSORS 19/20

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MAREK STECH 01 H: Mr & Mrs Bright A: Available T: Available G: The Nunn Family	MARTIN CRANIE 02 H: SAM Beast Consulting LTD A: Available T: Available	DAN POTTS 03 H: Doug Knight A: Available T: Available	RYAN TUNNICLIFFE 04 H: J Block & Luton Awaydays A: Available T: Available
SONNY BRADLEY 05 H: Ian, Linda and Joe A: Bobbers Travel Club T: Available	MATTY PEARSON 06 H: ABS Thermal Insulations A: Chris, Steve & Rob Nicoll T: Available	CALLUM MCMANAMAN 07 H: 1981 Events A: TP Extrusions Ltd T: Available	LUKE BERRY 08 H: WHOSH A: Available T: Available
DANNY HYLTON 09 H: Richard & Ben Banks A: Thomas Walker T: Available	ELLIOT LEE 10 H: Julian & Anne Hyde A: Available T: Available	ANDREW SHINNIE 11 H: Peter & Linda Little A: Tommy Lennon T: Available	SIMON SLUGA 12 H: NLAF A: Curly, Matt & Jeffrey Guide Dog G: John Wheeler
HARRY CORNICK 14 H: Emma & Betsy Banks A: Kelly Knight T: Scandinavian Hatters	GLEN REA 16 H: Kelchner Brewery A: LTF Fool T: Available	FELLY-RUDDOCK MPANZU 17 H: Dean Kemp A: WHOSH T: Available	CAMERON CARTER-VICKERS 18 H: Available A: Available T: Available
JAMES COLLINS 19 H: Tim Fordham A: MADS T: Alex Nunn	GEORGE MONCUR 20 H: Tradeline Recruitment Ltd A: SAM Beast Consulting LTD T: Available	LUKE BOLTON 22 H: Jan & Helen Hull A: Available T: Available	BRENDAN GALLOWAY 23 H: SAM Beast Consulting LTD A: Marston Vale Properties T: Available
IZZY BROWN 24 H: Doug Knight A: Available T: Available	KAZENGA LUALUA 25 H: Holly Valentine A: WHOSH 25th Anniversary T: Available	JAMES BREE 26 H: Ben Banks A: Available T: Available	JACOB BUTTERFIELD 29 H: Available A: Available T: Available
PETER KIOSO 30 H: Available A: Available T: Available	EUNAN O'KANE 32 H: Available A: Bobbers Travel Club T: Available	DONERVON DANIELS 33 H: Available A: Available T: Available	JAMES SHEA 36 H: Available A: Available T: Available G: Martin Devereau - Manx Hatter
FRANKIE MUSONDA 37 H: Available A: Available T: Available	HARRY ISTED 40 H: Craig Steeples A: Available T: Available G: Available	NATHAN JONES 41 H: Thompsons Chartered Accountants Bedford A: Country Properties	MICK HARFORD 42 H: Carnisseur Leasing A: Carnisseur Leasing
KEVIN DEARDEN 43 H: Available A: Available	SIMON PARSELL 44 H: Bobbers Travel Club A: Available		

THE LAST WORD



STUART HAMMONDS

It started with that crazy night against Middlesbrough, when those of us in it quite literally felt the Main Stand shake as Sonny Bradley volleyed in that stunning first goal of the season.

And we go into tonight with the last eruption of joy for most of us (including the editor, due to a family holiday booked to tie in with school holidays and the scheduled start date for the 2020-21 season) coming in front of a TV, laptop or phone screen as Kazenga Luala sent us flippin' over iFollow!

As ever with Luton Town, it's been one long season of twists and turns - the longest ever, in fact - being played out in the strangest of circumstances due to a global pandemic that no-one could have envisaged as the lads headed out to Portugal to continue their pre-season preparation a year ago.

It's never straightforward, is it? And it still might not be after tonight, because we may not know for sure what division we'll be in, when we'll be playing again or whether you, the heartbeat of the club, will be allowed back inside Kenilworth Road where you belong.

So we can't bring you the usual 'Up Next' as we normally would on this page. Just a thank you to everyone who bought a printed copy of Our Town in normal times before the world changed, and a massive nod of appreciation to all the 'Legends' who receive this digital version as part of your pre-match bundle in return for donating your season ticket refund to the club. You really are Hatters Heroes, as are those who have helped me put this programme together over the course of the last year -

and it almost is an entire year in this instance!

I won't name everyone, as you know who you are. But club historian Roger Wash and designers Heather Ellis and Ed Smith deserve their name in lights, as do my now departed assistant Charlie Hanson - who returns on loan from Brighton for tonight to cover my absence - Dan Briard, Bradley Dixon and Simon Pitts for your sizeable contributions.

Enjoy tonight. Not sure I will until it's over, we are safe and I'm logging on to the manager's post-match Zoom from the Isles of Scilly with a beer in hand. Nathan, Mick, Harty and the players have been brilliant and they have it on lockdown, I know. Whatever happens, the future is bright and definitely orange! Good luck and COYH!

See you next season. Stuart Hammonds, editor

PLAYER STATS 2019/20

	THIS SEASON						LFC CAREER TOT		
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		DISP	LFC APPS	GLS
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	Y	R	GLS
Luke Berry	14 (6)	1	3 (1)	0	17 (7)	1	4	0	87 12
Luke Bolton	10 (14)	0	2 (2)	0	12 (16)	0	1	0	28 0
Sonny Bradley	38 (1)	3	0 (0)	0	38 (1)	3	2	0	89 3
James Bree	33 (5)	0	2 (1)	0	35 (6)	0	2	0	41 0
Izzy Brown	17 (8)	1	2 (1)	0	19 (9)	1	5	0	28 1
Jacob Butterfield	11 (4)	1	2 (0)	0	13 (4)	1	2	0	17 1
Cameron Carter-Vickers	14 (1)	0	0 (0)	0	14 (1)	0	1	0	15 0
James Collins	43 (2)	13	0 (0)	0	43 (2)	13	9	0	138 58
Harry Cornick	36 (8)	9	2 (1)	0	38 (9)	9	1	0	125 22
Martin Cranie	18 (5)	2	0 (1)	0	18 (6)	2	3	0	24 2
Donervon Daniels	2 (1)	1	1 (0)	0	3 (1)	1	0	0	4 1
Brendan Galloway	0 (3)	0	2 (0)	0	2 (3)	0	0	0	5 0
Danny Hylton	2 (8)	0	0 (0)	0	2 (8)	0	0	0	128 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	1	0	14 1
Lloyd Jones	1 (3)	0	4 (0)	1	5 (3)	1	1	0	14 1
Elliot Lee	0 (1)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	0	0	1 0
Kazenga Luala	7 (3)	1	4 (0)	1	11 (3)	2	1	0	106 29
Callum McManaman	15 (13)	3	1 (1)	0	16 (14)	3	3	0	58 6
George Moncur	10 (13)	4	1 (2)	0	11 (15)	4	1	0	26 4
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	1 (16)	1	3 (0)	0	4 (16)	1	1	0	34 7
Frankie Musonda	39 (4)	3	2 (0)	0	41 (4)	3	6	0	251 17
Josh Neufville	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0	0	14 1
Matty Pearson	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0	0	0	4 0
Jake Peck	41 (0)	2	1 (0)	0	42 (0)	2	3	0	94 8
Dan Potts	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0	0	1 0
Glen Rea	31 (2)	1	1 (0)	0	32 (2)	1	10	0	150 10
James Shea	12 (2)	0	1 (0)	0	13 (2)	0	8	0	151 5
Alan Sheehan	13 (0)	0	3 (0)	0	16 (0)	0	0	0	75 0
Andrew Shimme	2 (2)	0	3 (0)	1	5 (2)	1	0	0	135 9
Simon Sluga	16 (5)	1	2 (0)	1	18 (5)	2	4	0	104 10
Marek Stech	32 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	33 (0)	0	1	0	33 0
Ryan Tunnicliffe	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0	0	49 0

LINE-UP

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE - DARREN BOND | ASSISTANT REFEREE 1 - MARK POTTAGE

ASSISTANT REFEREE 2 - MARK RUSSELL | FOURTH OFFICIAL - OLLIE YATES



MANAGER: NATHAN JONES

02	MARTIN CRANIE	11	ANDREW SHINNIE	24	IZZY BROWN
03	DAN POTTS	12	SIMON SLUGA	25	KAZENGA LUALUA
04	RYAN TUNNICLIFFE	14	HARRY CORNICK	26	JAMES BREE
05	SONNY BRADLEY	16	GLEN REA	29	JACOB BUTTERFIELD
06	MATTY PEARSON	17	PELLY-RUDDOCK MPANZU	32	EUNAN O'KANE
07	CALLUM McMANAMAN	18	CAMERON CARTER-VICKERS	30	PETER KIOSO
08	LUKE BERRY	19	JAMES COLLINS	36	JAMES SHEA
09	DANNY HYLTON	20	GEORGE MONCUR	40	HARRY ISTED
10	ELLIOT LEE	23	BRENDAN GALLOWAY		



MANAGER: TONY MOWBRAY

01	CHRISTIAN WALTON	11	HARRISON CHAPMAN	24	TOSIN ADARABIOYO
02	RYAN NYAMBE	12	DOMINIC SAMUEL	26	DARRAGH LENIHAN
03	DERRICK WILLIAMS	13	JAYSON LEUTWILER	27	LEWIS TRAVIS
04	BRADLEY JOHNSON	17	AMARI BELL	29	CORRY EVANS
06	RICHARD SMALLWOOD	18	JACOB DAVENPORT	31	ELLIOTT BENNETT
07	ADAM ARMSTRONG	19	STEWART DOWNING	35	JOE GRAYSON
08	JOE ROTHWELL	20	BEN BRERETON	37	JOSEPH RANKIN-COSTELLO
09	SAM GALLAGHER	22	LEWIS HOLTBY	39	JOHN BUCKLEY
10	DANNY GRAHAM	23	BRADLEY DACK		

NEXT HOME MATCH

WE CAN'T SAY FOR SURE JUST YET, BUT WE HOPE TO HAVE YOU HATTERS BACK WITH US AT KENILWORTH ROAD AS SOON AS IS SAFELY POSSIBLE. SEE YOU IN 2020-21!