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THE MANAGER



# NATHAN JONES

After a hectic September and start of October it seems like an age since we last played, so it's great to be back after the international break preparing for matchday again.

It's safe to say that if that opening four-week period of the season seemed busy, with the Carabao Cup, this next spell of seven Championship matches in three weeks is going to be a real test.

We are going to need the whole squad to play their part, and that's why we've strengthened the group with the international quality of Joe Morrell this week. Joe is another hungry player who ticks every box we like here at Luton. He is still young, but has good experience because he's regularly gone out on loan from Bristol City.

He's been in the Ryman, the National League and played against us in League Two for Cheltenham, scoring here at Kenilworth Road. Last season I watched him a lot at Lincoln in League One. He has a desire to play football matches, and that's helped earn him international honours for Wales – which can never be a bad thing!

We welcome Joe to the club, along with

Sam Nombe and Kiernan Dewsbury-Hall who both arrived on loan deals right on deadline yesterday, and we wish the lads who have gone out on loan, Peter Kioso and Andrew Shinnie, the very best during their time at Bolton and Charlton.

They both need to be playing matches at the different stages of their career, and I'd rather they do that elsewhere and come back ready to go straight into our team when required, having had the benefit of playing regularly at clubs where there is a level of expectation like there is here at Luton.

I also have to welcome my former club Stoke to Kenilworth Road today, including manager Michael O'Neill and many members of staff that are familiar faces to not only myself, but others here at the club.

Today's game is no different to any other for me. I just want to take the three points because I enjoy winning football matches. Stoke are a wonderful club with some wonderful people. I have a great relationship with the owners and I was very privileged to work for the club.

It didn't work out in terms of results, but it was a great learning curve for me and I believe I've come back to Luton a better manager for the experience. I wish Stoke City and everyone there all the best – apart from when they come up against ourselves!

We want to continue the solid start that we've made and establish ourselves in the Championship this season, so that you can return at some point in what we hope will be the near future to cheer on a winning team.

Please keep up the great support you've been showing while watching on iFollow from home, and most importantly, stay safe and well. Enjoy the game and COYH!



## THE BOARDROOM



# GARY SWEET

**Rarely are weeks in football anything other than busy, energetic, diverse and crazy. Never are they quite as daft as they have been this week – and we didn't even have a game to play.**

Midst the perceived serenity of an international break we didn't just have the ever-changing backdrop of a global pandemic to react to, but we had a planned deadline day in the transfer window added to the untimely leak of the biggest reform proposal English football has seen for decades.

After so many debates and negotiations with the league, clubs, players and agents, we can hang the big picture next to the closed window for now and look forward to 90 minutes of match action for the first time in a fortnight with some relief.

A lot has happened during the first real international break of the 2020-21 season, so it's perhaps appropriate that I

start by offering our warm welcomes to our recent new recruits. We're delighted to welcome two loanees in Kiernan Dewsbury-Hall – a young midfielder from Leicester City – along with Sam Nombe, a young striker from Milton Keynes. We have been admirers of both players for some time having been the topic of conversation in previous windows, the latter loan containing an option for us to buy.

We also open the door for Joe Morrell (pictured left), who came straight from Welsh duty to sign a permanent contract for the Town on Wednesday from Bristol City.

We enjoyed seeing a social media post by a Wales-based Hatter, who pointed out that we now have more full Welsh internationals in the squad than Cardiff with Joe, Tom Lockyer and Rhys Norrington-Davies, who deserves congratulating on a fine senior debut in Bulgaria on Wednesday night.

The post ended with 'Mae'r dref yn mynd i fyny', which Nathan quickly translated as 'The Town Are Going Up'. A bit premature, but introduces an opportunity for a new banner, perhaps?

Heading out of Kenilworth Road for now are Peter Kioso and Andrew Shinnie, and we wish them both the very best as they embark on loans to get valuable game time in League Two and League One, with Bolton and Charlton respectively.

We also welcome everyone who has travelled with Stoke this afternoon. We last hosted them on February 29th and little did we know at that point we were about to leap into the unknown of a national lockdown that could change English football forever.

It was the last match we played with supporters in our ground, and the part you all played in helping the lads fight back to earn what proved to be a crucial point, with the 90th-minute James Collins penalty, is what we are missing most in the present circumstances.

Please be assured we are working tirelessly on your behalf to bring back those atmospheric days.

Along with transfers, the other reason the last seven days or so in football have been somewhat interesting is the emergence and disappearance of Project Big Picture. It came and went before we even had time to properly review it and pass comment on an informed basis. Having such an important proposal leaked prematurely wasn't ideal, of course, as it allowed critics to kill it before it was even born by focusing on the negatives.

For the record, we were quite excited by the prospect of having such a bold proposal on the table to discuss. Reform in the

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game has been long overdue, as most of you will know. It isn't just the ill distribution of wealth within the game, disguised as an elephant in a room. The greater spirit of the football family has been at risk for some time and is certainly at risk right now of fracturing permanently.

What this pandemic should have taught our leaders of football and clubs is that unless we work together, learn to compromise and leave our egos at the door all for the greater good (just for now, even) then a united vision will never be found. At "this time, more than any other time" as they sang 54 years ago.

Opportunists will always exist, of course and this does not condemn free enterprise within our game. Indeed, we need commerciality to thrive to drive us forward as much as we need social democracy to create a political balance within the microclimate of football.

The best thing Project Big Picture has done is let the genie out of the bottle. Having read it, analysed it, discussed it and dissected it, 80% of the proposal was excellent, especially the initiatives behind supporter inclusion, community grants, ladies football, facilities funding and, of course, the redistribution of wealth. The remainder needed working on. Maybe it needed too much work as it disenfranchised too many stakeholders in the opposing corners of the ring. But it's literally amazing that a topic as hot as this ticked so many boxes in its draft form. It's a such a shame that commentators and social media activists focused on the negatives.

So, where do we go from here?

Well, as we are inevitably witnessing now, such a publicly fashionable conundrum

will attract a few, apparently independent and apparently well-intentioned, members of the public-eye, each trying to unpick the Fort Knox lock. Transparently, these are the discussions and debates that need to be had but insiders simply must be involved in its solution. What we all actually need, right here, right now is the government's urgent assistance to help our troubled clubs and football in general.

Let crowds back in where possible! Allow reductions in PAYE to avoid redundancies! Allow reductions in VAT, just as in other hospitality industries to keep us functioning! And open up the banks' blockages to business interruption loans that football clubs simply can't access!

Then, with the urgency removed, the EFL, EPL and the FA can discuss the much-needed reform of the game unhindered by the threat of clubs going bankrupt and taking their supply chains and communities with them.

Debate clearly has to be moved forward involving our key players, in a less clandestine way where documents aren't leaked to disrupt football's lifeline. For this to move forward to everyone's benefit, egos and greed need to be put to one side temporarily, at least. There's little point in selfishly defending your place at the top table if the whole wedding is cancelled.

There's so much hypocrisy and inconsistency in top level decision making even in the House. Oliver Dowden spoke proudly of going to the opera in an indoor theatre, yet in the next sentence claimed football can't return in an outdoor environment where clubs have proven to be able to operate safely.

Our government needs to demonstrate that inequality, exclusion and prejudice between industries doesn't exist by giving our working-class game the same opportunities to survive as other sectors, and other more highbrow departments within its department for culture portfolio.

There will be plenty more to follow on this, of course. But for 90 minutes, pull up a chair, grab a drink and enjoy watching your Hatters looking to cement a place in the Championship play-off places.

As always, we thank you for your patience as we try to get you safely back here to do it in person, and for your constant, unwavering support. COYH!



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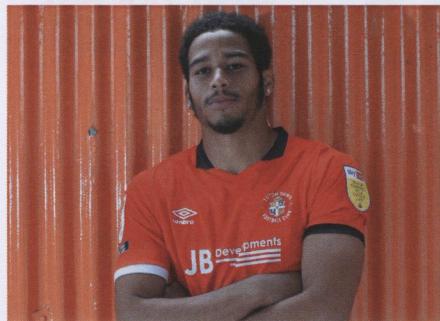


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# TRANSFER DEADLINE ROUND-UP

A busy last couple of days of the transfer window saw the Hatters sign a third Welsh international of the summer with Joe Morrell arriving from Bristol City on Thursday before Sam Nombe and Kiernan Dewsbury-Hall agreed season-long loans from Milton Keynes and Leicester respectively.

Morrell, a 23-year-old midfielder, began his career with the Robins and signed a professional contract with the club in 2012. He made his debut the following year in a 2-1 EFL Trophy defeat against Wycombe. He spent the majority of his time with the youth teams at Ashton Gate, before respective loans with Sutton United and Margate in 2016 and 2017.

Morrell joined Cheltenham Town on loan for the 2017-18 season, when he made 40 appearances and scored against the Hatters in a 2-2 draw at Kenilworth Road, but his most successful loan spell came last season with Lincoln City.

He played 29 times in League One until the season was cancelled, but it was later announced that Morrell was awarded the Imps' Player of the Season award.

The Welshman has been capped nine times for his country, starting all four internationals for Ryan Giggs' side this season, including the opening 45 minutes against England at Wembley before being suspended for Wednesday's game in Bulgaria.

He follows in the footsteps of fellow countrymen Rhys Norrington-Davies - who we congratulate on making his senior Wales debut in the midweek win - and Tom Lockyer in joining the Hatters this summer, as well as Jordan Clark and James Bree who also arrived during the window.

"I'm really excited," said Joe after signing his paperwork at Kenilworth Road. "Obviously it was a difficult decision for me to

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leave the club I have been at for 11 years and where I came through the academy. It was always going to take a fantastic opportunity for myself to leave Bristol City and I feel that is what I've got here with Luton. I'm really excited to be here and get started.

"I have been at Bristol City for a long time, had plenty of ups and downs and played a few games, but maybe not as many as I would have liked.

"For me, it's football at the end of the day. You have to go and play and hopefully I've got the opportunity to do that here with a Welshman as manager and a few Welsh players here too! It takes a good football club for me to leave Bristol City and I feel like I've certainly got one here, that is for sure."

Nombe arrived on a season loan from League One Milton Keynes, with intent and option for a permanent transfer.

The 21-year-old came through the ranks at the Buckinghamshire club and made his professional debut in 2017, before enjoying productive loan spells at National League South side Oxford City and Maidenhead United a level above. He has since made almost 50 appearances for his parent club, including 25 last term when he found the net five times.

"I know the history behind this club and all the players who have come through at Luton Town, so for me it's definitely a place where you come to develop and progress yourself as a player," said Sam. "That's what I'm here to do while also helping the team progress and get as many points as we can to keep pushing forward in the league."

Finally, right on deadline, 22-year-old Dewsbury-Hall became the seventh addition of the window, bringing further depth to midfield alongside fellow new-boy Joe Morrell.

Dewsbury-Hall made his senior debut for Leicester in January, coming on as a substitute in the FA Cup win at Brentford. The midfielder won rave reviews for his performances for Blackpool last season after joining them on loan in January. In 10 appearances, he scored four goals before the season was cut short due to the pandemic.

Back at Leicester, he started against Arsenal in the EFL Cup last month and had been included in Brendan Rodgers' Europa League squad prior to his move to the Hatters after completing his paperwork at the King Power Stadium yesterday.

Young right-back Kioso headed out to join League Two club Bolton for the rest of the season in a move designed for the former Dunstable Town defender, a January signing from Hartlepool United, to gain more senior experience.

Midfielder Shinnie meanwhile, a star of our back-to-back promotions to the Championship, has joined League One Charlton. The 31-year-old, who joined the Hatters initially on loan from Birmingham City in the summer of 2017, will spend the remainder of the season on loan at The Valley.

Welcome Joe, Sam and Kiernan, and best of luck to Peter and Shins in their time away from Kenilworth Road.

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**STADIUM:** Bet365 Stadium

**CAPACITY:** 30,383

**LEAGUE POSITION 19-20:** 15th in the Championship

**MANAGER:** Michael O'Neill

**MILES FROM LUTON:** 125 miles

**LAST MEETING:** Kenilworth Road, 29/02/20, 1-1, Championship

**RECORD BUY:** Giannelli Imbula for £18.3m from Porto in 2016

**FAMOUS FANS:** Nick Hancock, Frank Bough, Dominic Cork



## THE MANAGER MICHAEL O'NEILL

In his playing career, Michael O'Neill spent time in England, Scotland, the USA, and his home of Northern Ireland. He played for the likes of Newcastle United and Portland Timbers, before ending his career at Ayr United in 2004.

He started his management career with Brechin City, before leaving for Shamrock Rovers. After two years in Dublin, O'Neill replaced Nigel Worthington as manager of the Northern Ireland national side. The 51-year-old guided Northern Ireland to their first ever European Championships in 2016.

In November 2019, he was appointed manager of Stoke City, combining with his role at Northern Ireland. Then in April 2020, he resigned from his position with Northern Ireland to commit sole focus to the Potters.

STOKE CITY

# ON THE RADAR

## GOALKEEPER



### ADAM DAVIES

Welsh international goalkeeper was actually born in Rinteln, Germany, but later moved to Warrington. He began his footballing career with Everton, before swapping for Sheffield Wednesday.

Davies struggled to break into the first team at Hillsborough, and left for Barnsley in 2014. The 28-year-old spent five years at Oakwell, making over 180 league appearances for the Tykes.

He then joined Stoke last summer, and spent last season as understudy to Jack Butland. However, at the start of the 2020/21 season, Davies has displaced Butland, and has started every league game up to this point.

## DEFENDER



### JAMES CHESTER

Another Welshman in the ranks at Stoke, James Chester joined the club on a permanent deal in the summer after spending the second half of the 2019/20 season on loan.

Beginning his career with Manchester United, Chester made his name with Hull City. Featuring over 100 times in the league for the Tigers, he spent four seasons with the club before signing for West Brom.

After a short spell at the Hawthorns, the 31-year-old spent four years with Aston Villa from 2016 to 2020. Chester was also a part of the Wales side that reached the semi-finals of the European Championships in 2016.

## MIDFIELD



### SAM CLUCAS

30-year-old Midfielder Sam Clucas was Stoke's top goal scorer last season, scoring 11 times in all competitions.

After spending his early career with Lincoln City and Jerez Industrial, Clucas impressed in the lower leagues with Hereford United, and eventually earned a move to Mansfield. He spent two years with the Stags, as well as a lone season at Chesterfield.

He then signed for Hull in 2015, spending two full seasons at the club. After their relegation, Clucas signed for Swansea City and spent a season in Wales, before signing for Stoke in 2018.

## STRIKER



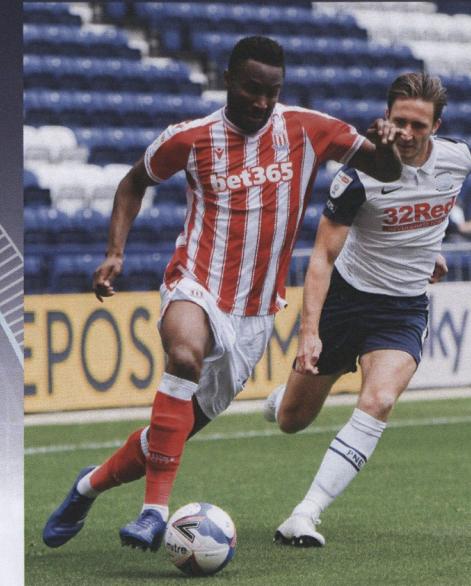
### STEVEN FLETCHER

Scottish striker Steven Fletcher is a vastly experienced player, with over 100 Premier League appearances to his name.

He started his professional career with Hibernian, becoming a regular for the side. His form attracted interest from the Premier League, and he signed for Burnley in 2009.

He'd go on to play for Wolves and Sunderland in the top flight, and spent a solitary season on loan at French club Marseille.

The 33-year-old joined Sheffield Wednesday in 2016, and spent four seasons with club and made over 100 appearances for the Owls. In the summer, he joined Stoke on a free transfer.



## KEEP AN EYE ON...

### JOHN OBI MIKEL

Champions League-winning midfielder John Obi Mikel will be one of the most recognisable players in the Stoke side, with the Nigerian best known for his 11-year spell with Chelsea.

Mikel joined the London club in 2006 from Norwegian side Lyn, and went on to win two Premier League titles, three FA Cups, a League Cup, as well as the Champions League and Europa League.

After more than a decade at Stamford Bridge, he left for Chinese side Tianjin TEDA.

After a two year spell in China, he went onto play for Middlesbrough and Trabzonspor, before signing for the Potters in the summer.

Words: Ryan Payne



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## THE PRESS BOX

Press & media manager **STUART HAMMONDS** on a couple of footballing names

**Watching football in the past couple of weeks got me thinking about players who are known universally by one name, Brazilian-style if you like.**

The likes of Ronaldo and Pele need no introduction in South America. Just as Trent will suffice for the Liverpool and England right-back in the same way that Pelly does the job for the man who, seven years and 257 games in, is very much a one namer of our own. Alright, we might chuck the -Ruddock in as well, but it's the christian name that does it.

When I came here in 2016, his name appeared in the media and on teamsheets as Pelly-Ruddock. Or sometimes Pelly Ruddock-Mpanzu (hyphen in the wrong place). Commentators would refer to him as Ruddock. Which is a bit like calling a certain Frenchman of our past 'Louis'.

It's still one of the questions I get asked most from visiting journalists on a matchday, and I always tell them: "Well, his surname is Mpanzu, as it says on his shirt, and his christian name is Pelly-Ruddock. But he doesn't mind what he's called – Pelly usually does for us!"

And it certainly did last time out here, when he let Wycombe know what he

thought of their attempts at time-wasting with that brilliant celebration that followed an equally fine goal.

Together with his cousin Peter Kioso, Pelly also showed the outstanding side to his character on Tuesday evening when he spent 90 minutes on a Zoom Q&A hosted by Adrian Forbes for our academy players as part of the club's commitment to Black History Month.

Although that trademark smile and lovable rogue nature was never far away from our screens, we can be proud of how Pelly has matured into a role model for the youngsters who want to emulate him. He spoke eloquently to them on a range of topics. As did young Peter, who then had to jump in the car and head north to Bolton to sign his loan paperwork! Of course, we all wish him well during his time with the League Two club, as we do our Shinnies for his season at Charlton.

Finally, another of our players who we could simply refer to as Matty, and everyone would know who we mean, became the ninth member of the current squad to reach 100 appearances for the club against Wycombe.

Sonny and Luke are within one and three weeks respectively of joining the centurion club, if selected for consecutive games from now, which got me thinking. There can't be many squads in the modern game where a starting XI could be made up of players who have over 100 appearances to their name for their club.

It shows how far these lads have come together, playing for the most part under a manager who today takes charge of the Hatters for 187th time. Nathan is only four away from bringing up a century of wins from those matches, too. Evidence, if ever it was needed, that familiarity and first-name terms are definitely working well here at the Kenny. COYH!

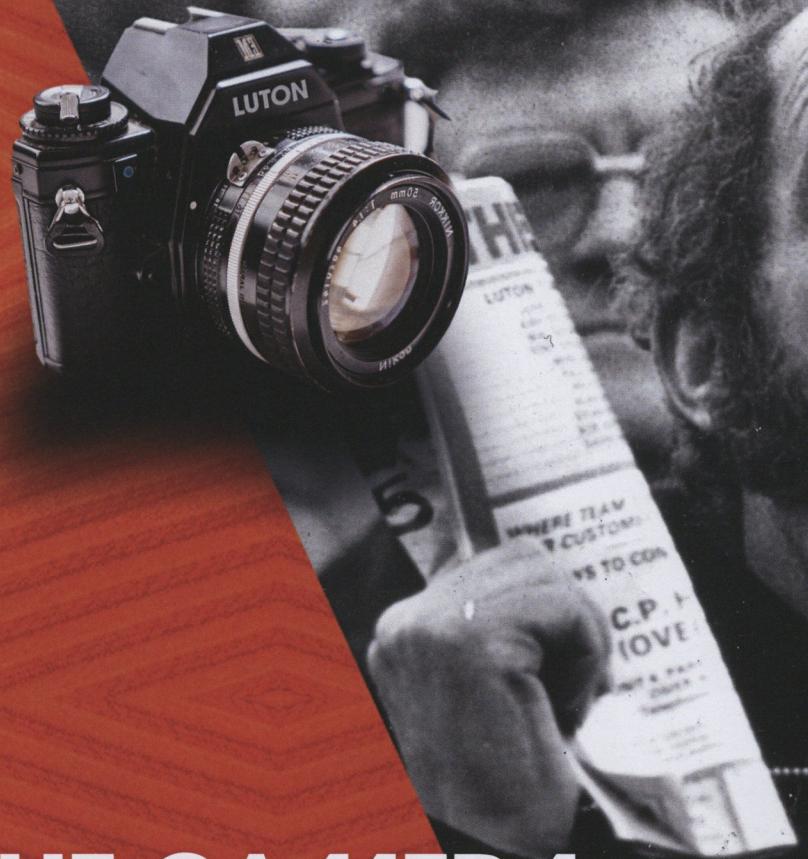
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CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH  
DELVES INTO HIS ARCHIVES...

An amazing game at the Victoria Ground which saw eight goals, a goalkeeper dismissal and a last-minute penalty miss by Hatters' David Moss. David Pleat's newly-promoted buccaneers were naturally the darlings of the television companies as their seven games since the start of the season had yielded 39 goals. Pictured is Brian Stein netting one of his two goals that afternoon.





# THE CAMERA NEVER LIES

A picture that sums up what all football supporters are missing at the moment!

This Luton fan, snapped at a game 40 years ago, lets his passions run high.

Words: Roger Wash



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### “THE POTTERS.”

STOKE, like Luton, is a historic name in football. The club from one of The Five Towns in that thickly populated part of Staffordshire, known as The Potteries, has been in Division I. and II. of the League and Division I. and II. of the Southern League. Stoke came into the present division through being 27th of the table last season, having 24 points as compared to 27 of Brentford, their companions in “the fall.”

Up to the present Stoke have won 18 of their Southern League games, drawn 2 and lost 5. One of the drawn games was with Croydon in the first match of the season, when two goals were shared, but the next, when at Croydon, the Robins beat the Crows by 2-0. After that, Stoke away beat Mid-Rhondda Peintre 2-1. At home they defeated Abertillery Treharris 5-0, home Llanelli 2-1 and Treharris 5-2, away Barry 7-1, and away Aberdare 4-2. On December 6th, Stoke's second defeat. They visited Newport and like Brentford last Saturday and Luton on Xmas Day, the score being 3-2 against Stoke. Afterwards they beat Caerphilly 5-1 and 4-0, and Aberdare 4-1. At Brecon they were beaten by two goals to nil. They then at home beat Peintre and Mid-Rhondda 2-0 and 1-0 respectively. The following week, they suffered the great indignity of being beaten by Abertillery by the only goal of the match. Stoke then played 3 games in succession and beat Brentford 2-1 and Port Vale 2-1. On March 17th Stoke lost 2-0 at Llanelli and the following Saturday drew 1-1 at Barry. They won 2-0 at home against Port Vale last Saturday won 2-1 at Mardy.



By club historian Roger Wash

With the long awaited Hatters' Heritage website to be launched shortly, we aim to run a series throughout the season showcasing artefacts and memorabilia in our collection reflecting the club's rich history.

Back in the 1913-14 season, the Town were on the cusp of winning promotion from Southern League Division Two, after two years away, and would be glad to rid themselves of the arduous trips to Wales where most of the opposition sides were based.

The re-formed Stoke club were also about to fight their way back through the divisions but would have to wait as the Town's 2-1 win on 10th April 1914, in front of a then record 12,000 crowd at Kenilworth Road, virtually assured promotion.

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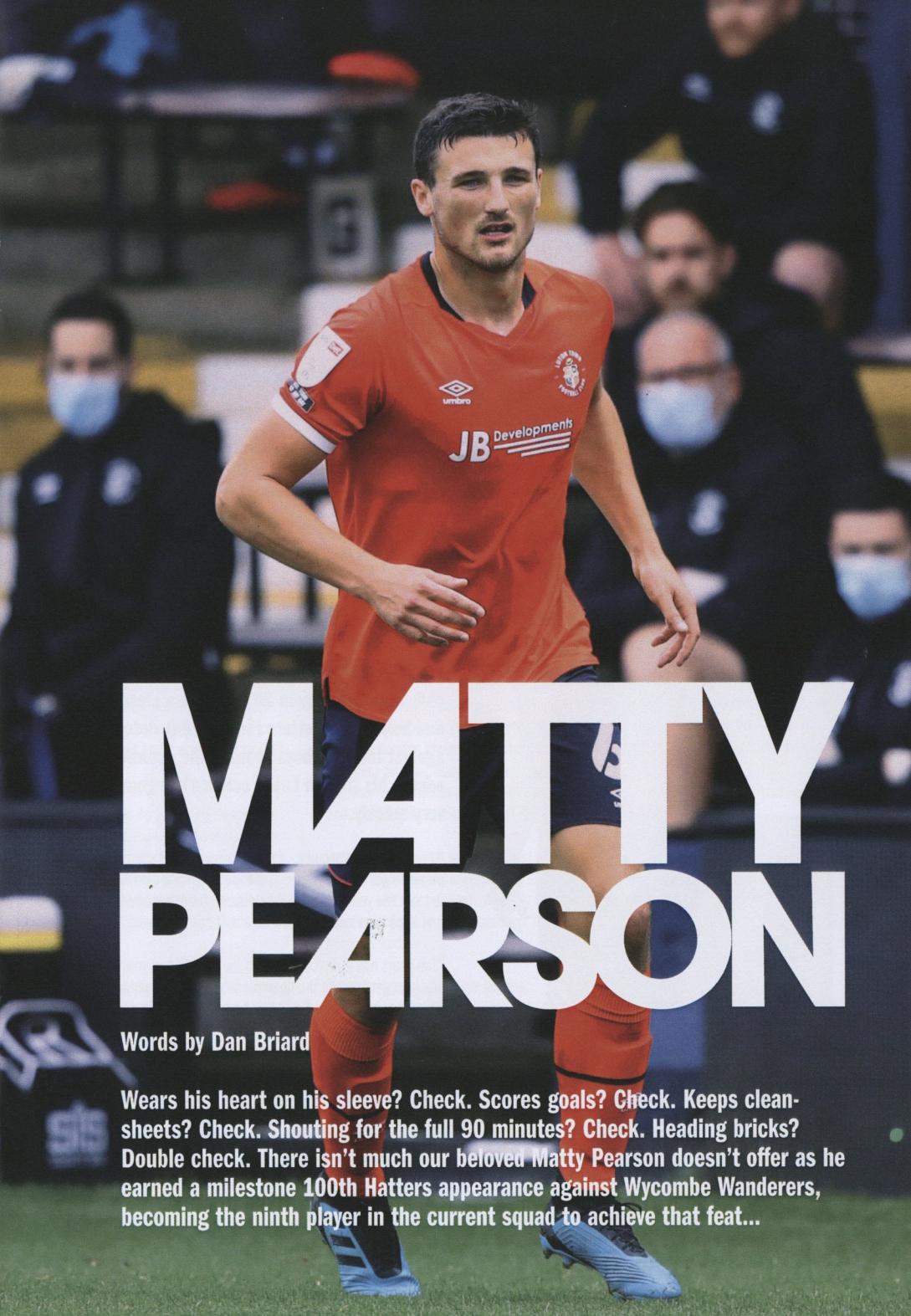


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# MATTY PEARSON

Words by Dan Briard

Wears his heart on his sleeve? Check. Scores goals? Check. Keeps clean-sheets? Check. Shouting for the full 90 minutes? Check. Heading bricks? Double check. There isn't much our beloved Matty Pearson doesn't offer as he earned a milestone 100th Hatters appearance against Wycombe Wanderers, becoming the ninth player in the current squad to achieve that feat...



**"It's good for any player to get to 100 games and especially for a club like Luton"**

**The hugely popular defender – who joined the club from Barnsley in 2018 – kept a clean sheet and helped the Hatters record a 2-0 victory against the Chairboys to mark the occasion and admits his time in Luton colours has gone by very quickly.**

"It has gone pretty quick," he said this week. "It's good for any player to get to 100 games and especially for a club like Luton, the last few years have been so successful, I'm made up and just hope for a load more."

"Two years has flown by. It's been an eventful two years, the first year getting into the Championship and then staying in the Championship, so I couldn't have asked for a better two years really."

"That's the reason I came. I didn't come here to try and stay in League One. Obviously you want to get as high up as possible and that was always the plan, I didn't come here to try and settle, I came here to try and push forward myself and get the club forward as well."

Pearson is renowned for barely missing a minute and had started 88 games in a row for the club after joining, until that run was ended by injury at the back end of last season.

Typically, despite manager Nathan Jones later revealing he should have been out of action for at least six weeks, the defender made himself available and played the last 15 minutes against Blackburn Rovers on the final day of last season.

"I think it was lucky I only stayed on for 15 minutes, any more and I think I'd have been hobbling off the pitch again!" he says. "It was just one of those, in that situation I don't ever think I'd been in that situation again where I'm out for six to eight weeks again and trying to get back in two."

"I didn't even do a training session, it was just a case of, I had a little jog on it in the day before and see how it went on the day. It was the right call from the manager I think and the right call for the club, we stayed up and that's all we wanted."

"I'd like to think the majority of our lads would do that, any way you can help along the way, you've got to be ready, even if you are carrying knocks. If you can help us, I think anyone would put their body on the line for the team, and that moment, it just felt lucky that it was the last game, we needed a win and it all fell perfectly."

**"...I think anyone would put their body on the line for the team..."**

Matty said himself that he 'couldn't have asked for a better two years' and compared the League One title victory with last season's great escape.

"I think the League One season was the best feeling, going all the way, but then staying up last year was just as good, to be playing these calibre of games, especially your bigger teams, it's a no-brainer. Last year was probably the best, staying in this league and playing against proper teams."

"We were a bit unlucky at times during the season. There were certain games where we'd conceded a late goal, but then just before the lockdown, we started picking up results, picking up points, and it all came together. The time off made us more hungry, especially having time to reflect on what happened, we stuck together, got through a bunch of games and we did it. I do think we did well."

Regardless of which season he felt was better, the 27-year-old regards last season – as most players arguably would – as 'one of the maddest seasons' he has ever had.

"With lockdown, manager leaving, manager coming back – it was a long season, but you can enjoy those long seasons when you stay up and stay in this league," he says. "It would have been the worst if we had gone down, but we didn't. It was a long season that seemed to never end, but we got there in the end."

Nathan Jones returned and to great effect, a move Matty was happy to see happen prior to the Championship restart back in June.

"I think it just clicked. He knows what 75 per cent of us are all about, especially the lads he brought in like me, and many others. He knew everything about us, so it just worked perfectly and I think in a time like that, to know people's strengths and weaknesses, it was perfect for the manager to have. He knew what card to play and when."

"I was happy he came back as he knew everything about me. It's not someone new who needs to get to know you, and know what you're good at and not good at. He already knew, and it felt perfect, the whole run-in and as a team we came through."





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Unavoidably, the coronavirus pandemic meant fans were no longer able to watch games and since June, the players have played behind closed doors.

Pearson reflects his feelings about it in the way a number of others do, saying: "It's not great. Just the whole build-up, it's flat, almost like a pre-season game. You know what it's about at Luton, you get there and it's a buzz, an atmosphere. We have none of that."

"We have to generate that ourselves and I think we're getting to grips with generating that atmosphere ourselves, but sometimes when it's not going right, or it's a bit flat on the pitch, we have to rally round. It's not great and I can't wait till it's all over and we're back to normal."

Did you wonder how the defender goes about generating a somewhat normal atmosphere? In typical Matty Pearson fashion, he replied: "Generally I just shout a lot!"

"When it goes quiet, that's when it's a problem, a bit slow. We need to create our own tempo and communicate with each other and get everyone going."

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The Hatters conceded the second most amount of goals in the league last season and that is an issue the manager and his players have worked hard to address early into this campaign.

Having let in just two goals in four Championship matches thus far, Pearson admitted that last season was difficult from a defensive point of view.

"Last season it was a tough time, especially with the clean sheets. As a defender, that's what we play for. Keep clean sheets and you generally win

games, when you're not keeping clean sheets and losing games, it gets on top of you and last year it probably did get on top of me. It wasn't a great time, but you've got to pull yourself back together and go again. We turned it around, and thankfully we did."

"Regarding conceding, we all know if we concede two or three goals in this league, it's very, very difficult to win a game."

"The best you get is a draw and that's our thought process. It always has been, but now more than ever, if we know we can get a clean sheet, or keep the score down to one goal, we've always got a chance of winning the game."

"We've got to stay in the games as long as possible, we've got those players, Harry Cornick, Clicker, Collo, all can get you goals, as long as we keep in the game, keep going and always believe, I always think we're in with a chance of winning."

"Fans see it, I think Glen when he came back in, he helps me and Sonny out massively, it's a number of things, having a season in the Championship, we know what's expected, know what's going to happen."

"We've been there, had a good 46 games last season of experience behind us of things that happened, but I think Glen in front of us has been a massive difference and I love having him there."

"You know all the ins and outs with him, he's a top, hungry player and the rest of the team, like Bez and Pelly at the minute in there, are all putting themselves about, winning second balls and the hunger to win the first ball. We're loads better than we were the beginning of last season."

Matty has played alongside Sonny Bradley for every league match so far this campaign and said: "I think we've always had a good partnership since the

start. You don't play League One and win the league without having a defensive foundation. It helps having two good full backs, which we did in League One and now coming into this league."

"I think we're back to having some good strong full backs again and getting them on the ball. Rhys has come in and done very well and it all helps. We're all hungry, we all want to achieve, promotion. You're not in a league to settle for mid-table or just staying up, we all want to achieve the impossible, which is promotion and that's what we want to do."

"I think having healthy competition is great. I've said it before, it's not just my position, we made nine changes against Man United and any one of them could have easily played ahead of the league game."

"So it's not just me, but I welcome competition. It's what you need as a player, but the whole team and the whole squad are ready and know if they're not up to standard then changes will be made."

Looking ahead to today's fixture, Pearson will be hoping to add another appearance to his record against a tough Stoke side.

"We didn't do that well against them last year. They've got similar players, we know what they're about, so it's going to be a tough game. Every game is going to be a tough game. We need to stick to our game plan and I'm sure if we work on what we work on every day in training, we will get chances and it will come down to who takes their chances."

"They haven't made too many signings but we know they have got quality individuals that can open up any team, so we need to look at what they do, what they're predictable at how they will play. We need to work to that and see where we can hurt them."

A century appearances for the club is fantastic achievement and when asked to recount his favourite game out of them all, Pearson came up with this answer.

"There's a few. Sunderland, I enjoyed scoring in my second game, but I'd probably say Southend away in my first season. I scored the winner to go top of the league and then we didn't move, we stayed top of the league the whole time."

"We won the league, so that was probably my first game but there has been a few, especially the Blackburn game, even though I didn't really play, I came on for 10 minutes but that is one as well. Just the memories you get from it are unbelievable."



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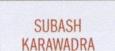


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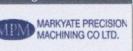
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# ACADEMY UPDATE

A insight into the academy and our bright young prospects with Andy Awford

## Thameslink Partnership

It was great to see some of our young players take part in a promotional campaign with our Academy travel partner Thameslink. We are very grateful and appreciative to Thameslink as they provide our Academy Apprentices with hugely discounted travel passes, which helps them immensely when travelling to and from work each day. The campaign was aimed at encouraging everyone who travels by train to socially distance and wear a face covering. As is shown in the picture on the next page, the boys enjoyed the event and although they took a bit of internal banter for some of the poses, a good learning curve and life skill for them all.

## U18s

The Youth Team suffered their first league defeat of the season last weekend going down 3-0 away at Southend United, with a disappointing performance that left everyone scratching their heads a little. A fresh challenge for the players and staff this week to provoke a positive reaction as we hosted Stevenage at The Brache this morning.

## Schoolboys

A real good couple of weeks for the schoolboys who are all now back in 'full throttle' after returning to training at the beginning of September. Recent fixtures have seen us tested against Leicester City, Chelsea, Spurs, Cambridge United and Coventry City. A very good varied games programme which will no doubt aid their learning and improvement.

## Life Skills Programme

Our superb Life Skills programme, headed by Dale Brunton, continues for all our players and a huge thank you to first team players Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu and Peter Kioso for agreeing to be part of our latest Q&A. With the focus on 'Black History Month', both Pelly and Peter gave some fascinating insights following questions posed to them by our own Adrian Forbes. Again, a great experience for all with plenty of learning and awareness at a plenty for all our young aspiring Academy players.

## Staff

Finally, I wanted to thank all the Academy Staff for their great approach to our programme since we have returned back to training when lockdown was eased. It has certainly been different and definitely difficult at times, however, the staff have shown great togetherness, finding solutions to certain problems that have been presented. Well done to all, keep it going...

## Andy

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## PASS OF THE SEASON

Luton Town apprentice footballers have this season joined forces with Thameslink to encourage reluctant teens to wear face coverings on trains.

For the 13th year running, Thameslink have given the latest intake of 17- and 18-year-olds at the Hatters a year's free travel to their places of study and training. Some could not afford to attend otherwise.

In return the Academy players are acting as role-models for young rail passengers. Research shows that young men especially are more likely to underestimate the risk of catching or transmitting Covid-19, and are therefore less likely to wear a mask or covering than others.

Tom Moran, Managing Director for Thameslink and Great Northern, said: "Passengers can rest assured that we're keeping our trains and stations clean and safe with long-lasting viruscides. All passengers must wear a face covering at all times, at the station and on the train. This includes young people who might not be affected so severely by Covid-19 themselves, but are just as likely to catch and transmit it."

"We work a lot with young people, to provide confidence building and upskilling opportunities that make

difference to their lives. This partnership with the Hatters not only allows young sportsmen to take up opportunities they would otherwise not be able to enjoy but it helps us spread this important message: wear a face covering to protect everyone around you."

Dale Brunton, Head of Education and Welfare at the Academy, said: "Thameslink have been an excellent partner for Luton Town Football Club, especially for the young men within our Academy, allowing them to develop both on and off the field. "We have young men from a wide range of backgrounds and some wouldn't be able to attend training and games if it wasn't for Thameslink's generosity. The partnership also allows our apprentices to give back to the local community via social action days, and at this challenging time they will be proud role models for safe travel by train."

Second year apprentice Coree Wilson said: "The train pass from Thameslink has been invaluable for me during my apprenticeship at Luton Town. I have to travel on the train every day for training and games and the pass enables me to focus fully on working my hardest to try and gain a professional contract."

First year apprentice Adam Wedd praised the scheme by saying: "The link between Luton Town and Thameslink is fantastic and allows me to travel to and from training and games whilst I'm on my apprenticeship. Without the pass I'd really struggle to get in every day."

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## LUTON TOWN LADIES

Words: Thomas Wheatley



### LUTON TOWN LADIES 5 WROXHAM 0

The Hatters put in a five-goal and five-star display against Wroxham last Sunday to earn themselves a home draw against Cambridge City Ladies in the second round qualifying of the Vitality Women's FA Cup.

The game started evenly, Wroxham shading possession in the opening ten, but Town had their first clear cut opportunity a couple of minutes later, Leyah Maddix breaking from right-back and leaving it for Jess McKay, whose cross was put behind on the volley by Dionne Manning.

Mckay had a long-range effort whistle past the woodwork less than a minute later as the Hatters began to control proceedings before the scoring was opened on 17 minutes by Nicola Henman.

Mckay played the ball over the defence and Henman ran onto it to head it over the keeper. From then, it was all Luton. A few good chances followed for the Town, before Henman bagged herself an

assist to go with her goal. Malika Gille played a great ball in, which Henman did well to keep in before pulling it back from the byline for Heather McDonnell to smash home.

Wroxham had their first opportunity on the half-hour mark, but it could have been three moments later, Henman (involved again) had a one-on-one saved before Manning's chipped effort fell just the wrong side of the post.

In the minutes before half time, Henman won a penalty after her cross hit a Wroxham arm, which was subsequently saved, the keeper guessing the right way to keep out Manning's effort. Then seconds later McKay hit the post with a long-range effort.

It took until the 65th minute for the Town to score a third, McKay chipping the ball over the top once more for Manning to smash home first time.

Twenty minutes later it was four, Manning grabbing an assist this time with a perfectly weighted throughball for substitute Adi Milton, and she slid it superbly under the keeper.

It looked as though the Town were content with four until the 92nd minute, Henman popping up from Kim Newn's free-kick to fire in her second and the Hatters' fifth.

An outstanding team performance coupled with incredible individual performances saw the Town into the next round.

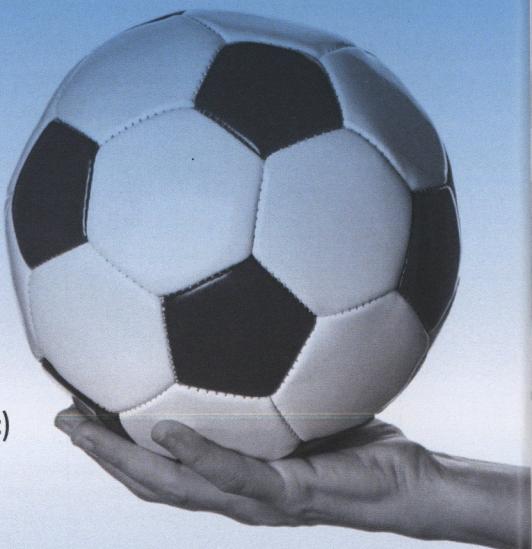


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Get Up Get Fit programme makes big impression online

Back in May the Trust began daily online broadcasts supported by Bedfordshire's Police and Crime Commissioner, Kathryn Holloway, to deliver exercise routines for boys and girls in the 14+ age group during the peak of lockdown.

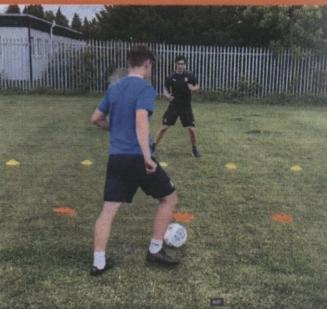
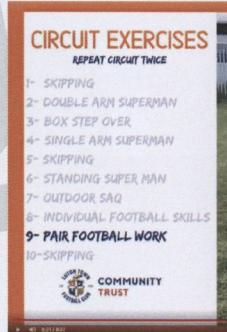
Together with weekly challenges the daily sessions were broadcast across all of the Trust's various social media platforms on twitter facebook and YouTube.

Each broadcast in the 17-week programme included five challenges (exercises) to be completed within a seven-day period. Mondays set the weekly programme and then four more regular daily broadcasts followed each week going out at 10am every morning. The programme proved a huge success in terms of increasing the Trust's online presence and reach, and helped provide motivation for young people particularly during lockdown. On Twitter, we received 195,000 impressions and 2,500 views, facebook, 140,000 impressions and YouTube saw 10,100 impressions and 1,500 views.

Initially the programme focussed on individual indoor exercises, and as restrictions were slowly lifted the programme began to develop outdoor

football drills that involved partner work were included. James Hatch, Schools and Sports Manager at the Trust, said: "Our target group was specifically the 'hard to reach' or 'disengaged' typical teenager to young twenties, and challenged boys and girls to literally get up every morning and get fit. The programme emphasised the benefits of daily exercise – particularly in terms of improving mood (mental health) as well as overall fitness (physical health) – and the importance of maintaining a regular routine during a period of restricted activity.

Bedfordshire's Police and Crime Commissioner Holloway initially launched the unique Covid-19 fund to help support young people, aged between 10 and 25, in Bedfordshire during the Covid-19 pandemic. She commented: "During the current pandemic, we are asking young people to stay at home and away from their friends, to save lives. We must give them something to do to help support the national effort and prevent them from being drawn into either breaking the advice or less helpful activities at a time when those who distribute drugs, for example, are having a tough time getting their supplies out and may well prey on this age group to try to get them to do it for them. There's also a real imperative to help with young people's mental health during a time of deep disquiet and widespread anxiety."



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# PELLY-RUDDOCK MPANZU

Midfielder reflects on his 18th goal for the Hatters in the win over Wycombe

Words: Dan Briard

**Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu was delighted to get his personal goal tally off and running for the season in the 2-0 victory against Wycombe Wanderers prior to the international break.**

His goal in the 59th minute was of course a trademark banger and, followed by Elliot Lee's late second, was enough to earn the Hatters another three points and move them up to fifth in the table.

After scoring his first goal of the season, the midfielder got straight to the point and said: "I've finessed it, the keeper is clutching at air and it's a great goal, hopefully I get more this season."

The team were well aware of the battle they would face against Wycombe having played against Gareth Ainsworth's side in three different divisions now.

"They don't want to go away, they followed us in every league! We know how they play, we dealt with them and we have won a lot more than they have beaten us. We know how they play, and we came out on top today."

With three wins out of four in the Championship, it represents a good start to the season for the Hatters, who are looking to not only build on their 19th place finish last term but avoid any last-day battle too.

"We aim to win every game, but we have to be realistic. We will take nine points out of 12, it's a great start and hopefully after the international break we can continue that."

Mpanzu believes the team have picked up where they left off at the end of the last season and credits the good start they have made to this campaign.

"We have one more year of Championship experience. Coming up first season is always going to be difficult, you've got to adjust yourself."

"Now that we have adjusted, we know how to play, we have solutions that we work on every week and we've come together. We've had a great run at the end of the season, and we've continued that, so you've always got to look forward."

The Hatters will hope to continue their good start to the season by picking up where they left off against Stoke City this afternoon and Pelly admitted he feels they have the tools to do so.

"There is going to be games thick and fast when we come back. We've got a great squad together, we had a couple days break and we will come back even stronger."



**LUTON 2  
WYCOMBE 0**

SATURDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2020 | KENILWORTH ROAD

LUTON SCORERS: MPANZU 59', LEE 89'

ATTENDANCE: BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

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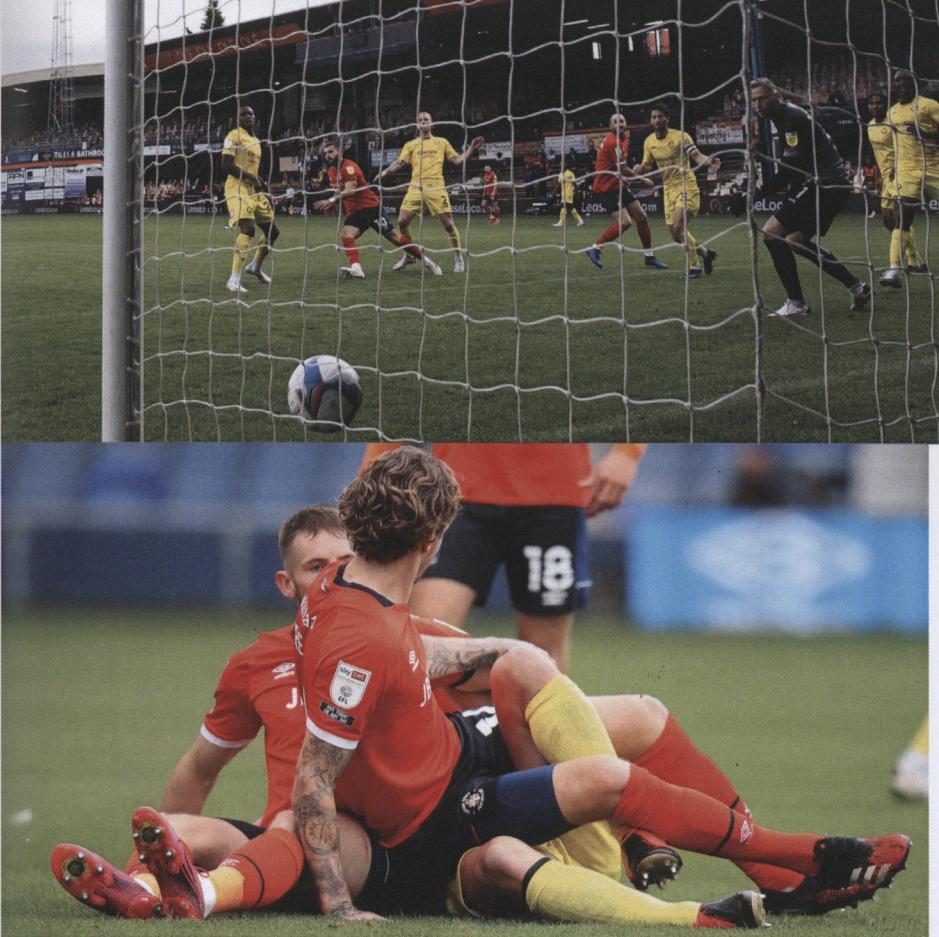
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SLUGA	ALLSOP
CRANIE	GRIMMER
PEARSON	JACOBSON
BRADLEY	STEWART
NORRINGTON-DAVIES	CHARLES
REA	FREEMAN
MPANZU 59'	WHEELER 61'
BERRY	ADENIRAN
CLARK 73'	HORGAN 69'
CORNICK 80'	SAMUEL 64'
COLLINS 88'	THOMPSON
<b>SUBSTITUTES ▲▲</b>	
SHEA	STOCKDALE (GK)
KIOSO	MCCARTHY
MONCUR 76'	PHILLIPS
TUNNICLIFFE	BLOOMFIELD
HYLTON 88'	ONYEDINMA 61'
LEE 73' 89'	PARKER 69'
LUALUA 73'	KASHKET 64'



**Manager Nathan Jones was delighted his side could record a third Championship victory in their opening four matches with today's 2-0 win against Wycombe Wanderers.**

Goals from Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu and Elliot Lee earned Town a deserved three points as they head into the international break fifth in the table.

Jones said: "It would have been a shame performance-wise if we had drawn. Without being disrespectful, you have to generate your own momentum and I thought we did that after about 30 minutes when the game started opening up a little bit, and then we came into and got into unbelievable positions.

"We should have capitalised, should have finished with a shot or something. Then second half we started really well, got the goal which was a wonderfully worked goal and then we've had two unbelievable opportunities.

"We needed that second to rubber-stamp it, we had a little scare in terms of the offside goal. If it's offside, it's offside, but I thought we were the better side today without disrespecting anyone, so I'm pleased with that.

"You can never feel totally comfortable when you play against Wycombe because they're direct, they run, they put you under pressure. The kitman is probably as involved in the game as anyone, the owner is involved in the game more than anyone, and it's more prominent with no fans here. I'm delighted with the win, all I'm concerned about is us."

	LT	WW
<b>POSSESSION:</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>44%</b>
<b>SHOTS ON TARGET:</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>SHOTS OFF TARGET:</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>CORNERS:</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>FOULS:</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>18</b>

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# UP NEXT



FORMED: 1885

NICKNAME: THE LIONS

LAST SEASON: 8TH IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP

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COLOURS: DARK BLUE SHIRT, WHITE SHORTS

GROUND: THE DEN

MANAGER: GARY ROWETT

## WHO?

Formed in the same year as the Hatters, Millwall narrowly missed out on a spot in the Championship play-offs last season by just two points after Gary Rowett replaced Neil Harris in late October. The Lions' last piece of silverware came in 2001 as they were crowned League One champions with a club record points haul of 91. More recently, the Lions were promoted via the League One play-offs in 2016-17 and reached the quarter-finals of the FA Cup that year and in 2018-19, losing both ties to Premier League opposition.

## GROUND - THE DEN

Since 1993 Millwall have played their home fixtures at The Den, a stadium which was originally called 'The New Den' to distinguish it from its predecessor, which was the Lions' home for 83 years. It boasts a capacity of 20,146, with an average attendance of 13,734 last season.

## HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

The two sides last met on New Year's Day, with Millwall running out 3-1 winners at The Den after Sonny Bradley had given the Hatters the lead. In the reverse fixture, Callum McManaman's equaliser four minutes from time earned Luton a point in what was Neil Harris' final game in charge of the south-east Londoners. The two sides also met back in 2013 in the FA Cup fifth round, after the Hatters famously shocked Premier League Norwich in the previous round, with Millwall progressing to the quarter-finals after a 3-0 win at Kenilworth Road.

## KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU

Town midfielder Ryan Tunnicliffe signed in the summer of 2019 having been released by Millwall, for whom he made 51 appearances. Former Hatters midfielder Ahmet Krkovic joined Millwall on loan and then permanently in 2008 from Luton, having made almost 200 appearances for the Town in a seven-year spell.

Words: Dylan Bhundia

## LUTON TOWN PLAYER STATISTICS

LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB	2020-21 SEASON								CAREER		
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		CARDS		TOTAL		
	APPS	G	APPS	G	APPS	G	Y	R	APPS	G	
Luke Berry	4	(0)	1	1	(0)	0	5	(0)	1	1	0
Sonny Bradley	4	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	7	(0)	0	1	0
James Bro	0	(2)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(2)	0	0	45
Jordan Clark	1	(2)	1	2	(1)	1	3	(3)	2	0	0
James Collins	4	(0)	1	1	(0)	0	3	5	(0)	4	1
Harry Cornick	4	(0)	0	1	(1)	0	5	(1)	0	1	0
Martin Cranie	4	(0)	0	1	(1)	0	5	(1)	0	0	31
Brendan Galloway	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0
Danny Hylton	0	(3)	0	2	(0)	0	2	(3)	0	1	0
Peter Kioso	0	(0)	0	1	(1)	0	1	(1)	0	1	0
Elliot Lee	3	(1)	1	1	(2)	0	4	(3)	1	0	0
Tom Lockyer	0	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	0	2
Kazenga LuaLua	0	(3)	0	2	(1)	0	2	(4)	0	1	0
George Moncur	0	(1)	0	2	(0)	0	2	(1)	0	0	0
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	4	(0)	1	1	(0)	0	5	(0)	1	2	0
Rhys Norrington-Davies	4	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	7	(0)	0	2	0
Matty Pearson	4	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	5	(0)	0	1	0
Dan Potts	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	150
Glen Rea	3	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	4	(0)	0	1	0
James Shea	0	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	0	78
Andrew Shinnie	0	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	0	106
Simon Sluga	4	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	4	(0)	0	0	0
Ryan Tunnicliffe	1	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	0	0
											43
											1

## 2020-21 CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

#	Team	PI	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Bristol City	4	4	0	0	8	2	6	12
2	Reading	4	4	0	0	7	1	6	12
3	Bournemouth	4	3	1	0	8	4	4	10
4	Swansea City	4	3	1	0	5	1	4	10
5	Luton Town	4	3	0	1	5	2	3	9
6	Blackburn Rovers	4	2	1	1	11	3	8	7
7	Watford	4	2	1	1	2	1	1	7
8	Birmingham City	4	1	3	0	3	2	1	6
9	Queens Park Rangers	4	1	2	1	6	5	1	5
10	Middlesbrough	4	1	2	1	4	4	0	5
11	Millwall	4	1	2	1	3	3	0	5
12	Rotherham United	4	1	2	1	3	3	0	5
13	Stoke City	4	1	2	1	2	3	-1	5
14	Brentford	4	1	1	2	6	6	0	4
15	Preston North End	4	1	1	2	6	6	0	4
16	Cardiff City	4	1	1	2	3	4	-1	4
17	Norwich City	4	1	1	2	3	4	-1	4
18	Coventry City	4	1	1	2	5	7	-2	4
19	Huddersfield Town	4	1	1	2	2	5	-3	4
20	Derby County	4	1	0	3	2	8	-6	3
21	Barnsley	4	0	1	3	1	5	-4	1
22	Nottingham Forest	4	0	0	4	1	7	-6	0
23	Wycombe Wanderers	4	0	0	4	0	10	-10	0
24	Sheffield Wednesday *	4	1	2	1	3	3	0	-7





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**NATHAN JONES**

JAMES SHEA	01	01	JACK BUTLAND
MARTIN CRANIE	02	03	MORGAN FOX
DAN POTTS	03	04	JOE ALLEN
RYAN TUNNICLIFFE	04	05	LIAM LINDSAY
SONNY BRADLEY	05	06	DANNY BATTH
MATTY PEARSON	06	07	TOM INCE
HARRY CORNICK	07	09	SAM VOKES
LUKE BERRY	08	11	JAMES McCLEAN
DANNY HYLTON	09	12	JAMES CHESTER
ELLIOOT LEE	10	13	JOHN OBI MIKEL
SIMON SLUGA	12	14	TOMMY SMITH
GEORGE MONCUR	14	16	ADAM DAVIES
GLEN REA	16	17	RYAN SHAWCROSS
PELLY-RUDDOCK MPANZU	17	18	JACOB BROWN
JORDAN CLARK	18	19	LEE GREGORY
JAMES COLLINS	19	20	TASHAN OAKLEY-BOOTH
BRENDAN GALLOWAY	23	21	STEVEN FLETCHER
RHYS NORRINGTON-DAVIES	24	22	SAM CLUCAS
KAZENGA LUALUA	25	23	THIBAULD VERLINDEN
JAMES BREE	26	24	JORDAN COUSINS
SAM NOMBE	27	25	NICK POWELL
JOE MORRELL	28	26	TYRESE CAMPBELL
AVAN JONES	32	34	JORDAN THOMPSON
SAM BECKWITH	33	35	JOSH TYMON
JAKE PECK	34	36	HARRY SOUTAR
COREY PANTER	35	37	NATHAN COLLINS
JOSH NEUFVILLE	37		
KIERNAN DEWSBURY-HALL	TBC		

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**MICHAEL O'NEILL**

01	JACK BUTLAND
03	MORGAN FOX
04	JOE ALLEN
05	LIAM LINDSAY
06	DANNY BATTH
07	TOM INCE
09	SAM VOKES
11	JAMES McCLEAN
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34	JORDAN THOMPSON
35	JOSH TYMON
36	HARRY SOUTAR
37	NATHAN COLLINS

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ASSISTANT REFEREE 2 - NIGEL LUGG | FOURTH OFFICIAL - BHUPINDER GILL