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NATHAN JONES

With the clocks having gone back, it's that time of year that we can start talking about Tuesday or Wednesday nights under the lights at Kenilworth Road, and this is certainly one of them.

One of English football's most famous clubs, Nottingham Forest, visiting Luton Town for a league match is the kind of fixture we worked so hard to achieve and it's one that we should relish.

I was at the match at the City Ground last season and we know that Forest are one of those teams in the Championship who will provide the biggest of tests for us.

I welcome everyone who has travelled south from the City Ground and especially Chris Hughton, a manager I worked under at Brighton and someone I call on as a friend. I learnt so much from Chris in the way he goes about the job, as I have from people like Paul Hart over the years.

He is right up there in terms of the most respected managers in the English game, but tonight it's about Luton Town v Nottingham Forest and I'm really looking forward to the 90 minutes ahead, then catching up with him afterwards.

The one missing ingredient on a night like this, of course, is the fact that our brilliant supporters can't be here to watch it. The old place would be absolutely rocking and I've said it before, but I cannot wait for the day we can open the turnstiles again.

The pandemic has changed so much and football isn't the same without supporters. Unfortunately we have had to get used to that and adapt as professionals do.

We've been missing James Collins for the past three matches as a result of a positive test, and our plans for the Millwall match last week were disrupted by players not being able to train while we waited results as a consequence of that.

That's no excuse for the result and performance, but I think we saw plenty in the match against Stoke here, and then at Hillsborough on Saturday, to know that our players have the ability, quality and desire to compete with the best in this division.

I was proud to see another player follow Matty Pearson quickly into the 100-appearance club, with Sonny reaching that milestone on Saturday. To have a full team of players who have that history with the club to their name is wonderful, and testament to how well the lads have adapted through the levels from League Two – League One in the two centre-halves' case – up to the Championship.

We believe we've recruited well to add to that core, as we've seen with Joe Morrell and Kiernan Dewsbury-Hall, and will do with one for the future in Sam Nombe, and I thank Gary and the board for their support in doing so.

Enjoy tonight's game whether you're watching on iFollow or Sky, and most importantly, stay safe and well.



DAVID WILKINSON

**Good evening everyone.
Tonight, we welcome the
players and officials from
Nottingham Forest.**

We have, of course, a rich history of competition with Forest particularly in various cups, and our results are quite similar. We've played each other 59 times in the League winning 21 and drawing 14.

We all wish that we could be enjoying your support inside Kenilworth Road, but the seemingly nonsensical approach to populating events continues.

It makes no sense for a thousand people or more to be able to watch an evening with Arsene Wenger at the London Palladium or a live game in a cinema when a properly controlled outside space is off limits? It seems it is quite safe to go to the opera, but not a sparsely attended safely distanced outdoor football match.

We might not mind so much if there were sensible explanations and reasons given, but it's a bit "don't do as I do, do as I say" like. There is nothing new for big-wigs from their lofty perches missing out on what goes on in the real world, but rarely can their lack of personal experience have done so much damage to communities and local economies.

Perhaps sadly, there is so much money in football at the top level that it must

be tempting to try and force those top clubs to support the pyramid, but turkeys wouldn't vote for Christmas and so far all that is being filtered down are loans and advances, which just push the problem further into the future.

Rather than trying to work together to recreate a level playing field there is talk of breakaway leagues if the rich clubs are not made richer.

Some will accuse us of being old fashioned, but, for me, the excitement of the competition at all levels is reaching for the stars. Football is cyclical and success comes and goes, but isn't that what makes it great and isn't our pyramid fueled by that. When I started supporting this great club Liverpool were in 2nd Division (championship) Watford and Bournemouth were in the 4th division (L2). Every club in the Premier League except Arsenal and Everton have spent time in lower leagues and look where Bolton, Ipswich and Sunderland are now.

Hope and loyalty drive supporters of all Clubs and if it's removed, what's left? No promotion, no relegation, franchise football.

The FA Cup is not what it was either, mainly because the top clubs can't fit it into their timetables because of European games so midweek games, no replays, Wembley semi-finals and the final on Saturday early evening, with no particular build-up and no more the climax to the season.

Of course there has to be change, but the people and communities that support the game seem to be left out of the decision making process, and that must eventually alienate the supporters who are the lifeblood of the game.

An old hero of ours used to tell us to control the controllables, but we have none here. We can, however, make our feelings known and apply pressure for change.

On the field we witnessed a great performance at Sheffield Wednesday although we thought the victory should have been

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a bit more comprehensive had we taken some of the brilliantly created chances. It was great to see three new boys on the pitch and welcome Tom, Joe and Kiernan.

Monday evening saw the U16s play Exeter in the Southern Area Cup final, which sadly resulted in a 1-0 defeat, but in a tremendous game of football most of us felt we deserved a relatively easy victory. However, bars, posts and inspired goalkeeping kept us out.

Last night the evolving development squad played Hemel Hempstead and ran out winners by three goals to two in a good competitive and physical game.

Finally, we see that the debate about controlling gambling is back in Parliament. We maintain our stance in objecting to sponsorship, particularly that of front of shirt. This is a matter of principle for us and we believe strongly that children should not be encouraged to gamble.

It is a very short step from gaming to gambling both being highly addictive to some personalities. It is this addiction that we believe leads to other addictions and potential financial problems.

The amount of money available for sponsorship demonstrates the growing wealth of gambling companies, which must by definition come from their increased profits and their clients increased losses.

"When you can stop you don't want to and when you want to you can't" - Luke Davies



We can't finish without praising all those in implementing the Marcus Rashford kids school meals for half-term initiative. Well done Nas and Cristiano, and everyone who contributed financially and with their time.

Enjoy the game. COME ON You Hatters!
David



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SONNY BRADLEY

The Hatters captain looks forward to another big game in the Championship

I hope everyone is keeping safe and well, and looking forward to another big game in the Championship against a club many of us grew up watching in the Premier League.

These are the matches that we have all worked so hard to be involved in, and why we were so desperate to maintain our status last season.

On Saturday I played my 100th game for the club, and I'll talk more about the highlights and what made me sign for Luton in my notes for Saturday, but it goes without saying that I'm extremely proud to get to that milestone, and especially to do it while having the privilege of wearing the captain's armband.

I know how difficult it is to rack up 100 games, especially in a short amount of time, so respect to all the boys who have reached that milestone, with Matty having done so recently and the nine others currently at the club who have reached triple figures.

One of them, Andrew Shinnie, has left us for now to go on loan to Charlton, but I can only echo what the manager said in the Press last week about Shins. He has been a massive part in this club's rise

from League Two to the Championship and we as a squad know that we wouldn't have had the success we had in League One without him pulling the strings in midfield. That's why we voted him players' player of the year that season, and we all wish him well at Charlton as he's a great lad.

Forest have had a difficult start, but we saw last season - both here at Kenilworth Road and up at the City Ground in January - that they can be a force to be reckoned with, and they have a new manager who is as experienced as they come.

We believe we have progressed since those encounters though, and on Saturday when we went to Hillsborough, that progression could be seen. We dominated the game. In the League One campaign when we played Wednesday in the FA Cup, I thought we did well and we worked hard, but lacked that cutting edge and bit of experience. That is something we have got now.

The win is a measure of our improvement but we don't just want to stop there. Yes, we've beaten them 1-0, but if we step our game up to the next level, which we're capable of doing, that could easily be four or five. No disrespect, it's a compliment about how well we did and potentially how good we can be.

We want to show that tonight, and we hope that whether you're watching it on Sky or iFollow Hatters, that you can enjoy the game and see another big result for us.

Finally, I think as a football club, we've always been quite in touch with the community and that has been seen again this week with the free school meals for local children. What Marcus Rashford is doing for a man of his age is outstanding, and it's been brilliant to see the club get behind his campaign. The catering team are great at the training ground, and we see how busy they are, so for them and other club staff to give up time to cook 250 meals a day is fantastic. A huge well done to all!

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THE PRESS BOX

BBC Three Counties Radio commentator **SIMON OXLEY** on his Forest memories

My early Hatters reporting career included some mixed memories of Nottingham Forest, but did include a trip to the “old” Wembley for the 1989 League Cup Final.

Luton, of course, were defending their Trophy won so famously the year before against Arsenal, but despite an early goal from Sir Mick, it was Brian Clough's side who took home the cup with a 3-1 win.

It was wonderful though to take my seat in the Wembley pressbox, pre BBC days, as a reporter with the Luton Citizen.

I had arrived a little too close to kick-off, and had to park as it turned out far too close to the stadium. I was at Wembley until around 10pm waiting for my car to be released from the car pound.

A year later and we were all Forest fans, as Cloughie's side won 3-0 at Sheffield Wednesday to relegate the Owls, and help keep Luton up as Jim Ryan's side won 3-2 at Derby, in what many Hatters fans still regard as their favourite LTFC day.

We knew there was a chance of staying up if Luton triumphed at the Baseball Ground, as Forest would never be allowed to have their minds on the summer holidays to come.

Speaking of Sheffield Wednesday, what an important win on Saturday after the defeats to Stoke and Millwall. I was at Hillsborough earlier this season and the absence of fans really hits home at a ground like that.

Good to see our latest double-barrelled surname make his debut. How much are we spending on shirt lettering? We'd only just restocked the m's and n's after McManaman! Still, we've been able to keep the J on the manager's kit for a while!

Could we field a full double-barrelled team? I gave it a go. See what you think. I'm struggling with a goalkeeper though...

Anyway we have a back three of Rowe-Turner, Carter-Vickers and Phillipson-Masters (from the 70s), with wing-backs Asafu-Adjaye and Norrington-Davies.

It's an attacking midfield three of Morgan-Smith, Dewsbury-Hall and Barnes-Homer, with Mackail-Smith and Klein-Davies up front. I did need some help with the latter. He was on the bench for the first game in 2008/9 when it was a mad rush to get a team together.

Enjoy tonight's game whether you're watching or listening to the coverage at home. Hopefully it won't be long before we're all able to be back here together!

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RECORD BUY: £13.2m for Joao Carvalho from Benfica, June 2018

FAMOUS FANS: Carl Froch, Stuart Broad, Su Pollard, Ken Clarke



THE MANAGER

CHRIS HUGHTON

Irishman Chris Hughton is the new manager at the City Ground, after the 61-year-old replaced Sabri Lamouchi in early October.

In his playing career, Hughton spent the bulk of his career at Tottenham Hotspur, winning two FA Cups and the UEFA Cup during his time with the Lilywhites. He went onto play for West Ham and Brentford.

A vastly experienced manager, with Birmingham and Norwich on his CV, Hughton has two promotions from the Championship under his belt.

He guided Newcastle to the title in 2009/10, and finished as runners-up with Brighton during the 2016/17 season.

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BRICE SAMBA

Congolese goalkeeper Brice Samba spent the bulk of his career in France, making his way through the Le Havre youth teams.

The 26-year-old went onto play for Marseille, making his debut for the Ligue 1 side in 2014. Following a season-long loan at Nancy, he joined Caen on a permanent deal in 2017.

After two years with Caen, he swapped France for England as he signed for Nottingham Forest. He made a brilliant start to life with Forest, with the goalkeeper being named in the PFA Team of the Season for the 2019/20 season.

DEFENDER



CYRUS CHRISTIE

Republic of Ireland international Cyrus Christie is a new signing at the City Ground, having joined the club on loan from Fulham.

Born in Coventry, Christie came through the ranks with his hometown club and went onto make 100 league appearances for the Sky Blues, before departing for Derby in 2014.

After three years with the Rams, he joined Middlesbrough in the summer of 2017. He only spent half the season at the Riverside, however, joining Fulham in January 2018. Following Fulham's promotion to the Premier League, Christie was loaned out to Forest.

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MIDFIELD



LUKE FREEMAN

Another loanee from the Premier League, Luke Freeman signed for Forest from Sheffield United.

Initially starting his career with Charlton, Freeman joined Gillingham as an 11-year-old. He made his senior debut in 2007, and earned the interest of Premier League side Arsenal. He spent four years with the Gunners, eventually leaving for Stevenage in 2012.

Freeman spent two years with Stevenage, leaving for Bristol City, before joining QPR two-and-a-half years later. His impressive form with QPR earned him a move to the Premier League with Sheffield United, making 11 appearances in the top flight last season.

STRIKER



LEWIS GRABBAN

Striker Lewis Grabban is one of Nottingham Forest's main goal threats. Vastly proven at this level, Grabban was the club's top scorer last season with 20 goals.

He came through the Crystal Palace youth system, making 10 league appearances for the Eagles. The 32-year-old also spent time with a number of clubs, including Millwall, Norwich, and two separate spells at Bournemouth.

During his second spell with the Cherries, Grabban spent time on loan at Reading, Sunderland and Aston Villa, scoring regularly in the Championship. He left Bournemouth on a permanent deal in 2018, signing for Nottingham Forest.



KEEP AN EYE ON...

ANTHONY KNOCKAERT

Deadline Day signing Anthony Knockaert is someone who knows how to win promotion from the Championship, having done it on three separate occasions.

The 28-year-old started his professional career with Guingamp, before joining Leicester in 2012. He was a part of the Foxes side that were Championship winners in 2013/14, and left the club in 2015 to join Standard Liege.

Signing for Brighton, he won promotion with the Seagulls in 2016/17, and spent four years at the Amex. Knockaert then joined Fulham on an initial loan, which was made permanent in January 2020.

He helped Fulham win the play-offs, and joined Forest on loan following promotion.

Words: Ryan Payne

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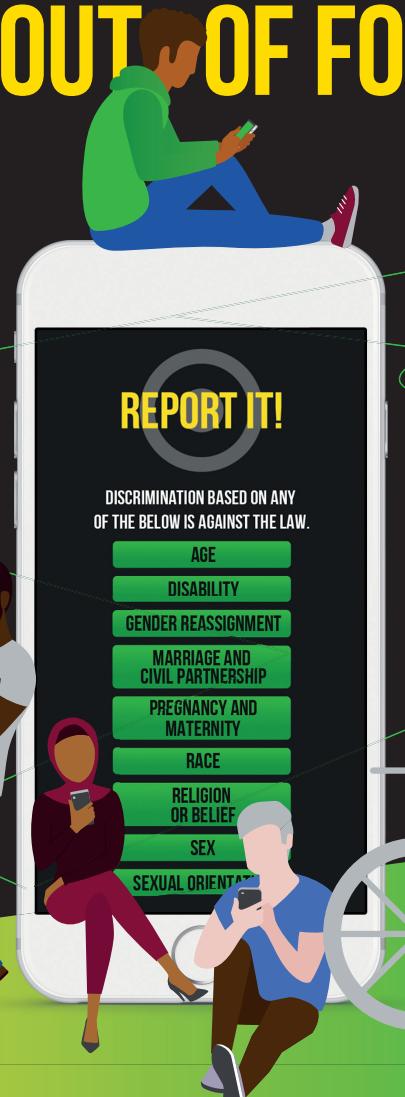
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DELVES INTO HIS ARCHIVES...

The Town were looking for their first win in six as they slipped down the Division Two (now Championship) table, so a point in an entertaining 3-3 draw on a bog of a Kenilworth Road pitch was seen as one gained.

Supporters need not have worried though as the Hatters eventually finished eighth in the table as well as fight through to the FA cup quarter-finals for only the second time in their history. Ultimately a successful season.

Pictured is Hugh McJarrow rounding Forest goalkeeper George Walker for one of his two goals that afternoon.

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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.

Pictured today is a cigarette lighter gifted by the Town's directors to the male guests at a dinner to celebrate the Hatters first FA Cup final in 1959. The female guests, at this post final dinner at the Piccadilly Hotel in London, were given an inscribed powder compact.



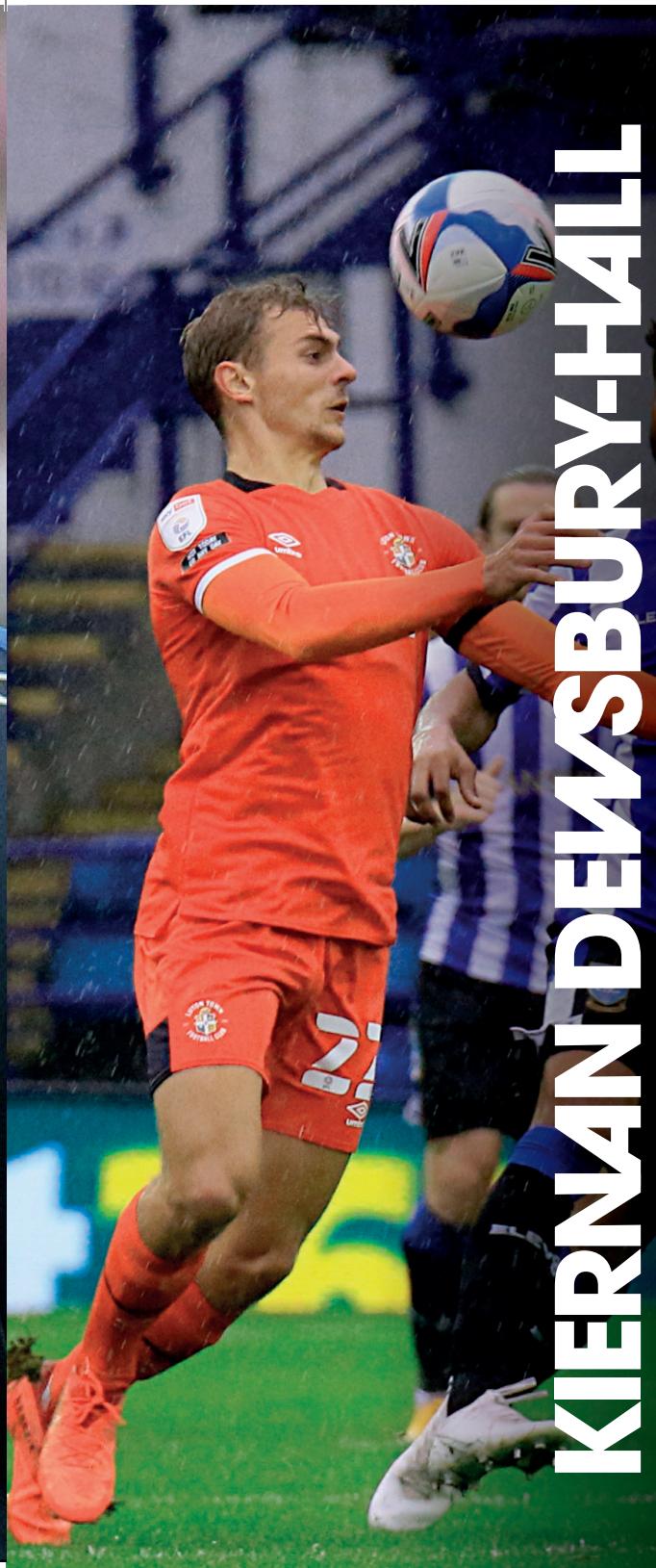
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KDH and the Hatters are a 'match made in heaven!'

Words: Dan Briard

Kieran Dewsbury-Hall became the latest player to make his Hatters debut during the victory against Sheffield Wednesday and admits he is 'really happy' to be a part of the club.

The Leicester City loanee – who played the full 90 minutes at Hillsborough – helped Town towards a fourth league win of the season, which lifted the team up to ninth place in the table.

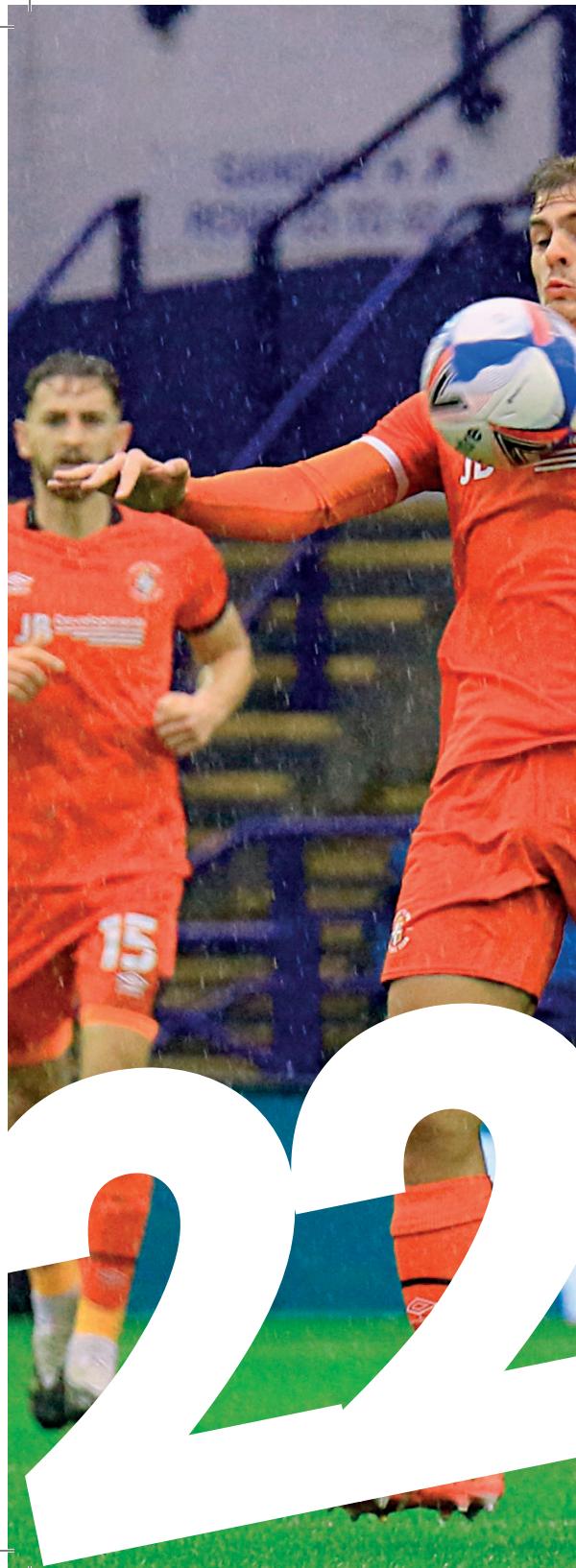
The midfielder was one of four changes in the starting line-up following defeat against Millwall and was happy to seize his chance, alongside fellow new signing Joe Morrell in midfield.

"It has been a tough week for the lads, two defeats, but I thought we might have got more out of those games so we're really happy to come here to this place and get the three points," said the 22-year-old.

"Since I have been in, I've been training and waiting for my opportunity. I'm happy to get it today and hopefully showed what I can do, and then I can keep going from here and get some more wins on the board.

"Obviously me and Joe haven't known each other for a while but we have been put in there together and we are hoping to get a nice little partnership going.

"We both like to play football, we know what each other are good at so hopefully in the future that can progress and we can have a good partnership."



Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu's second-half strike was the difference between the two sides and the Hatters were good value for all three points, having created a number of openings during the 90 minutes.

"We thought going into half-time that we should have been two or three up," said Kiernan. "We had a lot of chances and we just thought we lacked that cutting edge. At half-time we just said keep doing what we are doing, and chances will come.

"The red card helped a bit, pinned them back and it was a great finish by Pelly for the goal. We thought we need to keep going now because they're just going to try and win the game and be hungry, but we kept strong at the end and it was good."

It was Dewsbury-Hall's first outing in the Championship after playing in League One for Blackpool last season, but the Shepshed-born midfielder has even higher hopes in the future.

"It is a bit more intense, it's a bit quicker and the standard of play is probably a bit better, but I back myself to play in the Premier League so it's really nice to come here and just progress and play as many games as I can in a really tough league. It is only

"Coming here, I just want to play as many games as possible and try and help the team as much as well as I can."



going to benefit me for the future."

The ambitious midfielder has plenty of personal hopes for this campaign and believes that Luton is the perfect club for his progression as a player.

"Coming here, I just want to play as many games as possible and try and help the team as much as well as I can. Whether that is putting in a performance to keep clean sheets away from home, or contribute with goals or assists.

"It is my first 90 minutes for a while and I'm still getting back up to speed, but games are coming thick and fast, so hopefully I can be more influential for the team going forward as well.

"As a player, especially going out on loan, you want to go to a club that you know you are really wanted and that the manager likes the way you play and really enjoys your style of play.

"Coming here, when I knew Luton were interested, it was a pretty easy decision in the end because I know I'm coming to a manager that wants me to play and the style of play suits me a lot.

"It's a match made in heaven really, so I'm really excited to keep going and hopefully we can do something special at Luton this season.

"It benefits everybody. I'm going out to get a lot of experience and develop,

I'm only going to become a better player when I come here and play in the Championship because as I said, it is a really tough league. The games come thick and fast and it's quick so I'm really happy to be here. Leicester obviously wanted me to come so I just want to kick on now."

Kiernan was already aware of the club's meteoric rise through the divisions, but James Justin also aided his decision to move to Kenilworth Road, speaking extremely highly of the club when the pair communicated about the move.

"I've seen how they have risen through the leagues in recent times and obviously I'm good friends with JJ and he was at Luton," said Kiernan. "He told me a lot of things about the club and he only had positive things to say, that it's a great bunch of lads and it's a great club that is very ambitious.

"Yes, they have come from a lower division, but they have come into the Championship really thinking they belong here, and they do belong here. So we're really ambitious going into this season, we're not here just to make up the numbers in the Championship, we want to really push and give a good account of ourselves and try and get as high in the table as we can.

"He was at the club since he was a kid and he just said how well they've treated him, and the style of play is really good for a player like me.

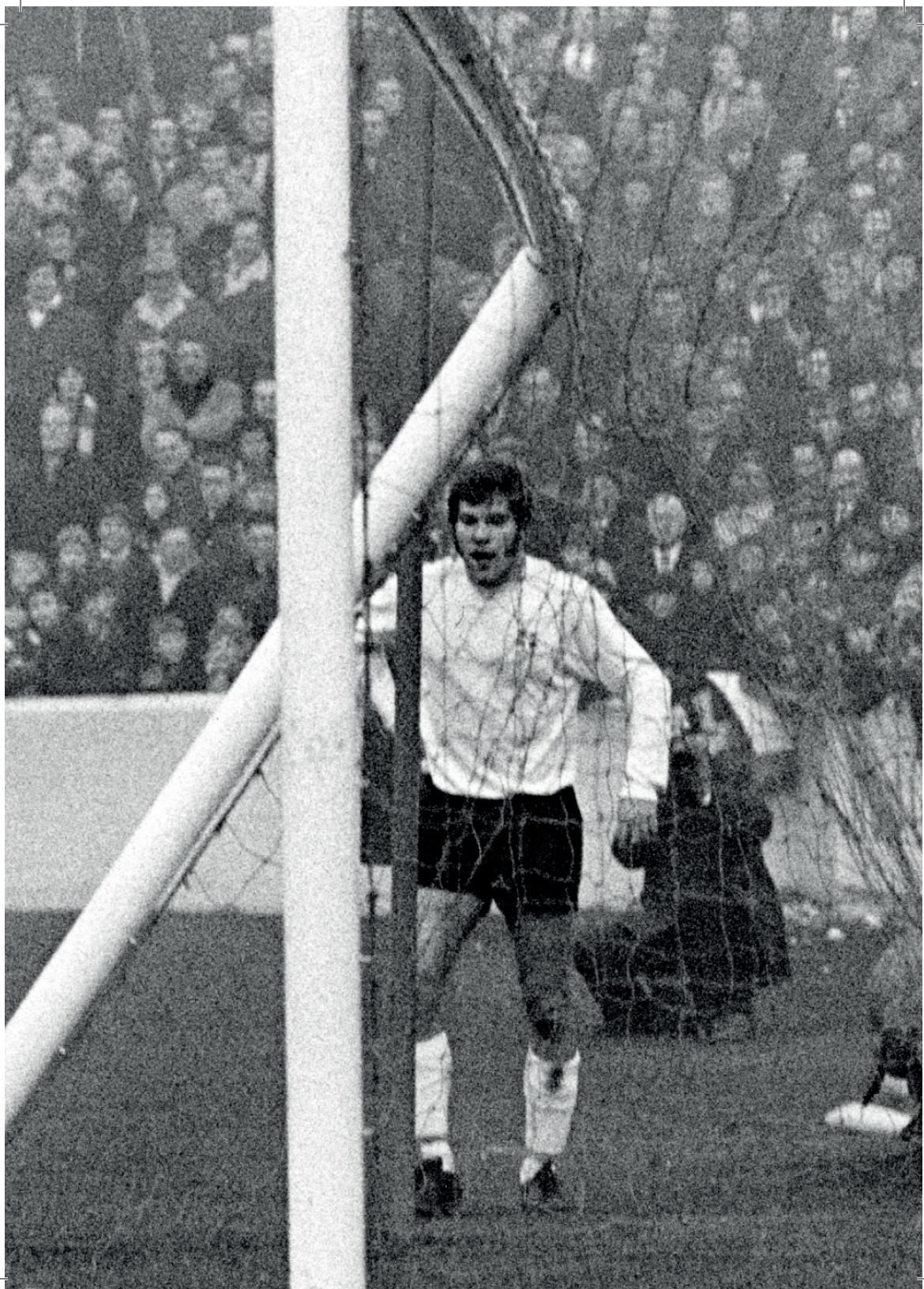
"The lads as well - the lads and the staff are really, really good. There are no big egos, everybody helps each other out. You see today that everyone was putting their body on the line to get the three points, so when he was telling me that it was a no-brainer really, I just wanted to get down here as soon as possible and play games!"

The 22-year-old believes that this season, Town aren't simply in the league to make up the numbers and is striving to achieve a league finish all fans can be proud of.

"Personally, I think anything is realistic with this squad. It's a great, hungry squad, no big egos, no one that doesn't work hard for the team, so I think the sky is the limit this year. We've had a pretty good start to the season, we've had some good additions to the team, and we're going to try and push as high as we can until the end of the season.

Looking ahead to tonight's game, Dewsbury-Hall has added incentive going into the match against Nottingham Forest, who contest the East Midlands derby against Leicester City.

"I'm sure I will be happy if we win and I'm sure a lot of Leicester fans will be happy to see Forest lose! Obviously Luton fans will of course want to see Forest lose so we're all going to go there on Wednesday really hungry to get three points and propel up that league."



THE CAMERA NEVER LIES

Oh dear! With the Hatters a goal down, a combination of the Town's Malcolm Macdonald and Forest's John Winfield contrive to snap a goalpost during an FA Cup clash at an icy City Ground in 1971.

The subsequent delay helps the Town, who re-group and fight back to level the tie.

Words: Roger Wash



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ACADEMY UPDATE

A insight into the academy and our bright young prospects with ANDY AWFORD

U21s

Our young Development squad has continued to have an array of different fixtures, which continue to offer the players a range of differing experiences. The latest fixture away at Peterborough versus their U23s saw us come away with a deserved 1-1 draw.

With our team made up of a mix of our young developing pros, U18 players and trialists the outcome was satisfying as it gave all the players different challenges and in the main, we were quite pleased with the afternoon's work.

Next up for this group was a fixture away at Conference South side Hemel Hempstead last night, which again would have provided the players with more challenges.

U18s

The Youth team remain top of the Youth Alliance League after taking four points from their last two games, both at home to Stevenage and Leyton Orient.

A second half blitz of goals put paid to Stevenage who had taken the lead early

in the second period, however, three quick goals put the game to bed.

The Leyton Orient fixture saw us draw 2-2, with Coree Wilson netting twice. Next up sees us host Gillingham this Saturday at The Brache.

U16s

On Monday evening our Under-16s played their EFL Youth Alliance Floodlit Cup Southern Area final held over from last season, as a result of the Covid-19 suspension, against Exeter City.

The lads put up a fine effort, but they came up against a visiting goalkeeper in inspired form at The Brache and Exeter took the silverware back to Devon thanks to a first-half goal. Congratulations to the young Grecians.

Schoolboys

Our schoolboys have enjoyed a good variety of fixtures over the last couple of weeks, with fixtures versus Chelsea, QPR, Cambridge United and Coventry City.

It was also great to see our young U8s in action on Saturday afternoon at The Brache as we hosted two fixtures versus Portsmouth. Seeing them come out in the orange shirts for the first time is a fantastic moment.

Enjoy tonight's game and COYH!

Andy

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PL KICKS CENTRES RE-OPEN AS LOCAL RESTRICTIONS ARE LIFTED
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It's been a difficult lockdown for many young people in Luton, deprived of both the places they gather and the daily activities they are used to enjoying, particularly sport and definitely football!

Our PL KICKS project funded by the Premier League uses the power of football to engage with young people from deprived backgrounds, offering access to facilities not available to them and providing diversionary activity designed to prevent anti-social behaviour that could lead to more serious involvement in knife crime, drugs and gangs.

As restrictions began to finally lift last month, after a 5 month absence, our KICK's participants returned in large numbers with almost 80 participants turning up at our first session at Bedfordshire FA. Fortunately, our partners on the night, Bedfordshire Police and Luton Youth Offending Services were on hand to ensure Covid regulations were followed to the letter with full track and trace and temperature checks for all participants. Plans are now in place for separate boys and girls tournaments during October half term break.

PL KICKS provides both the Police and Youth services access to young people in Bedford and Luton they find difficult to reach and communicate with. Our five weekly centres in Lewsey,

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Marsh Farm, Park Street, Farley Hill in Luton and Kempston FC in Bedford offer the opportunity to meet and interact with local youths on issues likely to cause harm or unrest on some of our biggest estates, while at the same time offering diversionary activities for hundreds of local young people.

Last weekend two KICKs teams travelled down to South London to compete in a Police sponsored tournament organised by KickOff@3. The boys lost out in the semi-finals in a penalty shoot-out to the eventual winners. Police Officers from Bedfordshire travelled down on the coach with the boys and our staff members on the day, and following on from this tournament we have now arranged a full 11-a-side KICKs v Beds Police match in half-term at our Ely Way Training Ground! Good luck to the ref - we hear the Police are using 'cuffs instead of yellow card cautions! Brilliant cohesion event down in London and we're all looking forward to next week's match!

LUTON STREET LEAGUE ALSO RE-STARTS AS ADDITIONAL FACILITIES RE-OPEN

The Trust's Luton Street League project, part of Luton Borough Council's Community Led Local Development Project, resumed again last month also after a five-month shut-down with sports centres across Luton all closed due to the pandemic. The project concentrates on Luton's most deprived 11 wards covering the North

and South of the Town, and our Luton Street League began operating 10 centres across town in April 2018 offering mainly football, cricket and basketball with partners Beds Cricket and Luton Basketball, together with other sports activities while developing these centres into cross town league formats with young people travelling across Luton with the aim of improving community cohesion.

In addition, all Luton Street centres offer advice, information and guidance (AIG) workshops on employment, training and workplace skills as well as knife and gun crime and drug awareness workshops aimed at improving participants' current employability opportunities or future employment chances, as well as improving community cohesion. We began the re-start with a football tournament at Bedfordshire FA that also delivered advice on educational opportunities post 16+, including apprenticeships and a practical workshop on CV writing delivered by Luton's Youth Offending team.

The Trust's Luton Street League project falls within the Council's Community Local Led Development (CLLD) strategy produced through consultation with local residents. CLLD sets out a vision and action plan centred around six strategic objectives that all address, in one way or another, the many barriers to employment that certain sections of the Town's population face, as well as focusing on the importance of community cohesion in raising the outside perception of Luton to employers and potential visitors.

The pandemic will severely affect young people's employment prospects and the importance of effective CVs was highlighted in the workshops and with uncertainty surrounding Brexit and now Covid-19, the Trust were happy to receive the news the European Social Fund project has been extended to March 2023.

Our target is to reach over 1,000 local participants on the project with the aim to signpost the majority into further education and training to address Luton's continued skill shortage. We've reached over 700 to date, so well on target if current restrictions don't change!



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JUNIOR HATTERS CROSSWORD

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

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3

4

PELLY STRIKES AGAIN!



5

DOWN

1. When a player scores two goals in a single game.
2. He wears number 12.
5. Another name for a football manager.

ACROSS

2. Another word for a captain.
3. Hatters number 10.
4. He's the Nottingham Forest manager.



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SATURDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2020 | KENILWORTH ROAD

STOKE SCORERS: FLETCHER 46', POWELL 55'

ATTENDANCE: BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

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LUTON TOWN	STOKE CITY
SLUGA	DAVIES
CRANIE ▲ 67'	SOUTAR
PEARSON	BATTH
BRADLEY	COLLINS
NORRINGTON-DAVIES	SMITH
REAA	OBI MIKEL
MPANZU	CLUCAS
BERRY ▲ 75'	TYMON
LEE ▲ 66'	CAMPBELL ▲ 61'
CORNICK	FLETCHER ▲ 85'
HYLTON	POWELL ○ 55' ▲ 74'
SUBSTITUTES ▲ ▲	
SHEA	INCE
TUNNICLIFFE	VOKES
MONCUR ▲ 75'	BROWN ▲ 61'
LOCKYER	GREGORY ▲ 85'
CLARK ▲ 67'	OAKLEY-BOOTHE
LUALUA	THOMPSON ▲ 74'
MORRELL ▲ 66'	NNA NOUKUE



Manager Nathan Jones admitted there were plenty of positives to take from the game despite losing 2-0 against Stoke City.

Nathan said: "I think probably the first two minutes of the half decided it really because I thought we were excellent first half.

"Structurally we were very, very good. We got into real good areas without scoring, which is the main thing. But I think it rocked us, never mind the second goal. The first goal really rocked us because we wanted to come out, wanted to be on the front foot.

"To concede in the manner that we did was really disappointing. In terms of overall, it's not a bad performance, but we can't concede goals. It is what happened last year, and we had to chase games and score three to get a win, that's not what we have been about.

"Stoke have real quality in their side, you look at the front three - Powell, Fletcher and Campbell - real, real quality.

"I know that because two of them I had and we gave them time and space and they punished us.

"We ironically had more possession, more time in the final third, more shots, more crosses, more corners, more everything than they did but we just couldn't find a way through. There are a lot of positives to be taken, but we have to be better in both boxes."

	LT	SC
POSSESSION:	57%	43%
SHOTS ON TARGET:	7	3
SHOTS OFF TARGET:	11	5
CORNERS:	16	3
FOULS:	13	12



MILLWALL 2 LUTON 0

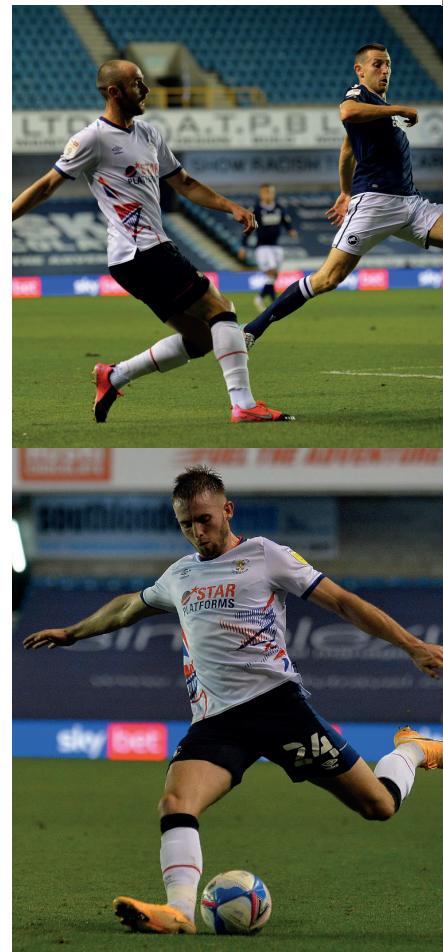
TUESDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2020 | THE DEN

MILLWALL SCORERS: CRANIE OG 45+4', MAHONEY 79'

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LUTON TOWN	MILLWALL
SLUGA	BIAŁKOWSKI
CRANIE □	ROMEO
PEARSON ▲ 87'	HUTCHINSON
BRADLEY	COOPER
NORRINGTON-DAVIES	M WALLACE
REA	J WALLACE
MPANZU □	LEONARD □
BERRY ▲ 60'	WOODS □
CLARK	MAHONEY ○ 79' ▲ 86'
LUALUA	BENNETT ▲ 80'
HYLTON ▲ 69'	SMITH ▲ 64'
SUBSTITUTES ▲ ▲	
SHEA	FIELDING
TUNNICLIFFE	WILLIAMS
LEE ▲ 69'	THOMPSON ▲ 86'
MONCUR ▲ 87'	BRADSHAW
LOCKYER	ZOHORE ▲ 80'
DEWSBURY-HALL	MALONE ▲ 64'
MORRELL ▲ 60'	PEARCE



Manager Nathan Jones was honest in his reflection of the 2-0 defeat at Millwall last week.

The Lions scored a goal in each half and inflicted a second straight defeat on the Hatters, who dropped down to 10th position after losing at The Den.

Nathan said: "We weren't brave enough, we didn't compete well enough. We know they put balls in the box and it's a real threat and we struggled with that. We felt that the goal was well over time in the first half and we just wanted to get to half time and re-group because we didn't play well first half at all.

"We weren't brave enough in possession, we gave the ball away and then we go long and to be honest, they can cause you problems because they have big, strong players.

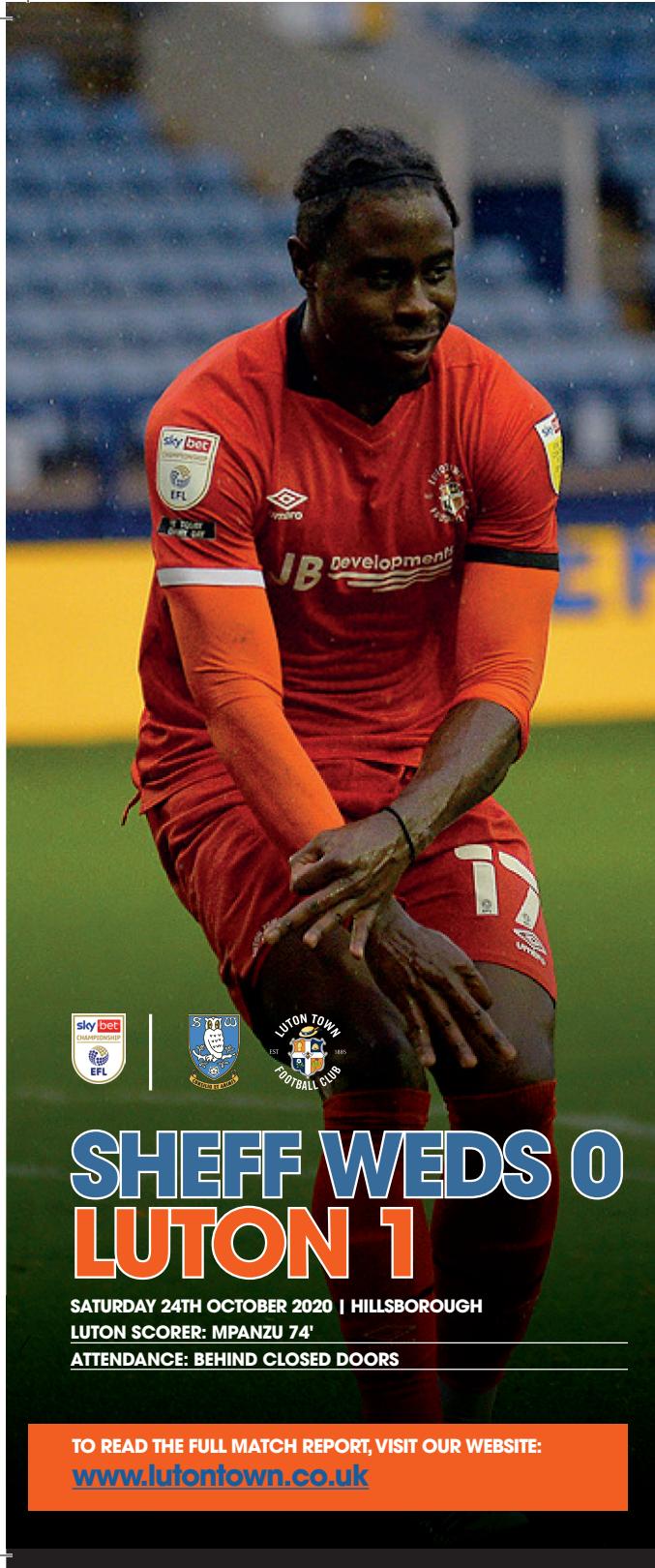
"That's what we didn't do well. Second half I thought we were much better, I thought we were in control of the game without

really penetrating, because that's the disappointing thing.

"All the work we do, we didn't penetrate at all, and then the goal came at the wrong time but if I'm honest, I'm not sure we really looked like scoring tonight anyway.

"We've got James Collins out, Harry Cornick out, Potts out, Bree out. There is a lot missing and that is showing because a lot of players are having to do a lot of big shifts at the minute, and that is taking a lot away from us."

	LT	M
POSSESSION:	58%	42%
SHOTS ON TARGET:	1	6
SHOTS OFF TARGET:	9	15
CORNERS:	3	8
FOULS:	13	15



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SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2020 | HILLSBOROUGH

LUTON SCORER: MPANZU 74'

ATTENDANCE: BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

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LUTON TOWN	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY
SLUGA	DAWSON
CRANIE	ODUBAOJU
PEARSON	FLINT
BRADLEY	VAN AKEN
NORRINGTON-DAVIES	REACH
LOCKYER	PELUPESSY ▲ 80'
MPANZU ○ 74'	BANNAN
MORRELL ▲ 90+2'	K HARRIS
DEWSBURY-HALL	MARRIOTT ▲ 75'
LEE ▲ 69'	PATERSON ▲ 65'
HYLTON	KACHUNGA
SUBSTITUTES ▲▲	
SHEA	PALMER
TUNNICLIFFE ▲ 90+2'	BORNER ▲ 75'
BERRY	DELE-BASHIRU
MONCUR	WINDASS ▲ 65'
CLARK	RHODES ▲ 80'
LUALUA ▲ 69'	WILDSMITH
NOMBE	HUNT



Manager Nathan Jones was delighted to get back to winning ways after Saturday's 1-0 victory against Sheffield Wednesday.

Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu's second half strike was the difference between the two sides as the Hatters moved up to ninth place.

Nathan said: "Absolutely delighted. More than anything with the result because that is the be all and end all, especially after two difficult results to take, especially the Stoke game which was tough to take for me, and for us, to really, considering how well we played first half. I'm delighted with the overall performance and especially the win.

"What we said at half-time, I said one word - Stoke. First half we were far better than Stoke, we should have gone ahead and we didn't. With them scoring straight after it was a real killer blow. But today, they didn't.

"We started better second half, got into the flow, they had little spells in the game but I felt we were well worth the win. I'm disappointed we didn't go in ahead at half-time, at least two, because we had two glorious chances.

"You really, really need to take them at this level, but 1-0 away from home is possibly the best result and you know when you come to Hillsborough, you will have a difficult time.

"We always say about progression. We came here in my last game in my first spell and we drew 0-0 and we were excellent. So, it is a progression, because we were excellent today and we won the game."

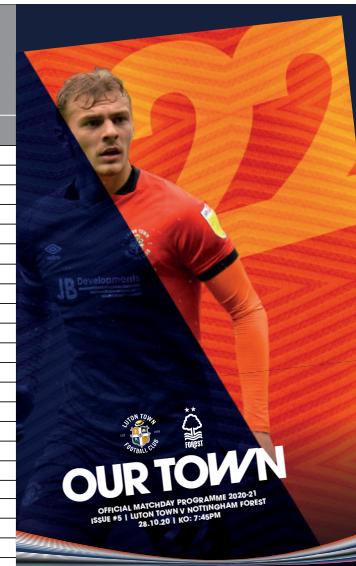
	LT	SW
POSSESSION:	53%	47%
SHOTS ON TARGET:	2	3
SHOTS OFF TARGET:	5	11
CORNERS:	2	4
FOULS:	12	16

FIXTURES 2020-21

DATE	TIME	H/A	OPOSITION	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS	PENALTY (F)	PENALTY (A)	OWN GOALS	SENT OFF	OPP. SENT OFF	SHEA	CRANIE	POTTS	TUNNICLIFFE	BRADLEY	PEARSON	CORNICK	BERRY	HYLTON	LEE	SHINNIE
								1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11					
SEPTEMBER																							
Sat 5	3.00pm	H	Norwich (Carabao Cup R1)	W 3-1	BCD	BCD	-	1	-	-	-								a	*	b	*	
Sat 12	3.00pm	A	Barnsley	W 1-0	BCD	BCD	6	-	-	-	-	*			*				b	y	c	a	
Tue 15	6.00pm	A	Reading (Carabao Cup R2)	W 1-0	BCD	BCD	-	-	-	-	-	c			y				a				
Sat 19	3.00pm	H	Derby County	W 2-1	BCD	BCD	2	-	-	-	-	*							b	1	*	c	
Tue 22	8.15pm	A	Man Utd (Carabao Cup R3)	L 0-3	BCD	BCD	-	-	1	-	-	*				*			b	y	a		
Sat 26	12.30pm	A	Watford	L 0-1	BCD	BCD	7	-	-	-	-	*			c	y			b	a			
OCTOBER																							
Sat 3	3.00pm	H	Wycombe Wanderers	W 2-0	BCD	BCD	5	-	-	-	-	*			*				yb	c	b1		
Sat 17	3.00pm	H	Stoke City	L 0-2	BCD	BCD	6	-	-	-	-	b			*				c	y	a		
Sat 20	7.45pm	A	Millwall	L 0-2	BCD	BCD	10	-	-	1	-	*			*			c	a	b	b		
Sat 24	3.00pm	A	Sheffield Wednesday	W 1-0	BCD	BCD	9	-	-	-	1	*	y	b				*	a				
Wed 28	7.45pm	H	Nottingham Forest																				
Sat 31	3.00pm	H	Brentford																				
NOVEMBER																							
Wed 4	7.45pm	A	Rotherham United																				
Sat 7	3.00pm	A	Huddersfield Town																				
Sat 21	3.00pm	H	Blackburn Rovers																				
Tue 24	7.45pm	H	Birmingham City																				
Sat 28	3.00pm	A	Cardiff City																				
DECEMBER																							
Wed 2	7.45pm	H	Norwich City																				
Sat 5	3.00pm	A	Swansea City																				
Tue 8	7.45pm	A	Coventry City																				
Sat 12	3.00pm	H	Preston North End																				
Wed 16	7.45pm	A	Middlesbrough																				
Sat 19	3.00pm	H	AFC Bournemouth																				
Sat 26	3.00pm	A	Reading																				
Tue 29	3.00pm	H	Bristol City																				
JANUARY																							
Sat 2	3.00pm	H	QPR																				
Sat 16	3.00pm	A	AFC Bournemouth																				
Wed 20	7.45pm	A	Brentford																				
Sat 23	3.00pm	H	Rotherham United																				
Sat 30	3.00pm	A	Blackburn Rovers																				
FEBRUARY																							
Sat 6	3.00pm	H	Huddersfield Town																				
Sat 13	3.00pm	A	Birmingham City																				
Tue 16	7.45pm	H	Cardiff City																				
Sat 20	3.00pm	A	Stoke City																				
Tue 23	7.45pm	H	Millwall																				
Sat 27	3.00pm	H	Sheffield Wednesday																				
MARCH																							
Tue 2	7.45pm	A	Nottingham Forest																				
Sat 6	3.00pm	A	Norwich City																				
Sat 13	3.00pm	H	Swansea City																				
Tue 16	7.45pm	H	Coventry City																				
Sat 20	3.00pm	A	Preston North End																				
APRIL																							
Fri 2	3.00pm	A	Derby County																				
Mon 5	3.00pm	H	Barnsley																				
Sat 10	3.00pm	A	Wycombe Wanderers																				
Sat 17	3.00pm	H	Watford																				
Wed 21	7.45pm	H	Reading																				
Sat 24	3.00pm	A	Bristol City																				
MAY																							
Sat 1	3.00pm	H	Middlesbrough																				
Sat 8	3.00pm	A	QPR																				

KEY: ■ Starting XI ■ Substitute • Unused sub y: yellow card r: red card p: penalty scorer *: penalty missed

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

UP NEXT

FORMED: 1889

NICKNAME: THE BEES

LAST SEASON: 3RD IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP

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COLOURS: RED & WHITE SHIRT, BLACK SHORTS

GROUND: BRENTFORD COMMUNITY STADIUM

MANAGER: THOMAS FRANK



WHO?

The Bees narrowly missed out on promotion to the Premier League last season, losing to Fulham in extra-time of the play-off final at Wembley. Brentford's last piece of silverware came in 2009 as they were promoted from League Two as champions and were last in the top flight of English football in 1947.

GROUND?

Brentford moved into the Brentford Community Stadium, which has a capacity of 17,250, this season after 116 years at previous home, Griffin Park. Work began on their new ground back in 2017, with their last home game being a memorable 3-1 play-off semi-final victory over Swansea City. It was played behind closed doors due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

The two sides last met in February at Kenilworth Road, with Shandon Baptiste's own goal and Martin Cranie's thunderous half-volley giving Luton a crucial three points in their successful survival bid. In the reverse fixture at Griffin Park last November, the Town were convincingly beaten 7-0 after Josh Dasilva's hat-trick.

KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU

Former Hatter Andre Gray scored 30 goals under Manager John Still as Luton sealed promotion back to the Football League in 2014, before moving to Championship Brentford. The Town signed midfielder Alan McCormack from the Bees in the summer of 2017 and the Irishman went on to help the club to back-to-back promotions, before joining Northampton Town before the start of 2019-20. Hatters goalkeeper coach Kevin Dearden is also a favourite with the Brentford fans, having played more than 200 times during a six-year spell between 1993 and 1999, having joined the west Londoners following his departure from Premier League Tottenham Hotspur.

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	6	0	1	1	0	0	7	0	1	0
Sonny Bradley	7	0	0	3	0	0	10	0	0	100
James Bree	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	0
Jordan Clark	2	3	1	2	1	1	4	4	2	0
James Collins	4	0	1	1	0	3	5	0	4	1
Harry Cornick	5	0	0	1	1	0	6	1	0	100
Martin Cranie	7	0	0	1	1	0	8	1	0	34
Kiernan Dewsbury-Hall	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Brendan Galloway	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Danny Hylton	3	3	0	2	0	0	5	3	0	2
Peter Kioso	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	3
Elliot Lee	5	2	1	1	2	0	6	4	1	0
Tom Lockyer	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	0
Kacengna Lualua	1	4	0	2	1	0	3	5	0	1
George Moncur	0	3	0	2	0	0	2	3	0	39
Joe Morell	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	7	0	2	1	0	0	8	0	2	30
Rhys Norrington-Davies	7	0	0	3	0	0	10	0	0	20
Matty Pearson	7	0	0	1	0	0	8	0	0	103
Dan Potts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	150
Glen Rea	5	0	0	1	0	0	6	0	0	158
James Shea	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	78
Andrew Shinnie	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	106
Simon Sluga	7	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	41
Ryan Tunnicliffe	1	1	0	2	0	0	3	1	0	0

2020-21 CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

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



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NATHAN JONES

JAMES SHEA 01
MARTIN CRANIE 02
DAN POTTS 03
RYAN TUNNICLIFFE 04
SONNY BRADLEY 05
MATTY PEARSON 06
HARRY CORNICK 07
LUKE BERRY 08
DANNY HYLTON 09
ELLIOT LEE 10
SIMON SLUGA 12
GEORGE MONCUR 14
GLEN REA 16
PELLY-RUDDOCK MPANZU 17
JORDAN CLARK 18
JAMES COLLINS 19
KIERNAN DEWSBURY-HALL 22
BRENDAN GALLOWAY 23
RHYS NORRINGTON-DAVIES 24
KAZENGA LUALUA 25
JAMES BREE 26
SAM NOMBE 27
JOE MORRELL 28
AVAN JONES 32
SAM BECKWITH 33
JAKE PECK 34
COREY PANTER 35
JOSH NEUFVILLE 37

CHRIS HUGHTON

02 CYRUS CHRISTIE
03 TOBIAS FIGUEIREDO
04 JOE WORRALL
05 YURI RIBEIRO
06 LOIC MBE SOH
07 LEWIS GRABAN
08 JACK COLBACK
11 SAMMY AMEOBI
12 JORDAN SMITH
14 FOUAD BACHIROU
15 LUKE FREEMAN
16 CARL JENKINSON
17 ALEX MIGHTEN
18 CAFU
19 MIGUEL ANGEL GUERRERO
20 MICHAEL DAWSON
21 SAMBA SOW
22 RYAN YATES
23 JOE LOLLEY
24 TYLER BLACKETT
26 SCOTT MCKENNA
27 TENDAYI DARIKWA
28 ANTHONY KNOCKEART
30 BRICE SAMBA
31 HARRY ARTER
33 LYLE TAYLOR
44 NICOLAS IOANNOU

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFeree - TIM ROBINSON | ASSISTANT REFEREE 1 - ANDREW FOX
ASSISTANT REFEREE 2 - JONATHAN HUNT | FOURTH OFFICIAL - JOSHUA SMITH