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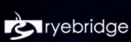
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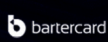


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NATHAN JONES

We're back under the lights at Kenilworth Road and all set for another big game in the Championship against Birmingham.

Just one thing will be missing, and you all know I'm referring to yourselves – our wonderful supporters – as you read this at home. It is with hope and genuine excitement, however, that tonight could possibly be the final time I write this before we can have some of you back here with us after the Prime Minister's announcement yesterday.

We all know that tonight would have been a full house and we genuinely miss our supporters more than most, I'd say, because night games at a traditional football ground like ours are wonderful to play in.

They are really special, the atmosphere that is generated, and we've had some fantastic results here in recent years. We desperately want to keep the long midweek unbeaten run here going as we wait for the turnstiles to open again.

We have a tough run of matches coming up, not least tonight against a club that is steeped in history at the top level of English football, let alone as a major force in this division.

We welcome Aitor Karanka, his staff and their squad. Aitor is a vastly experienced manager in the Championship and led Middlesbrough to the Premier League, so it's a terrific test for all of us to be testing ourselves, and Luton Town Football Club, against opposition like this.

We have a very humble group of directors, staff and players here and we all know where we've come from in the past few years.

Seven years ago this coming Saturday, Pelly-Roddock joined Luton Town in the Conference. In addition to Pell, eight of this current squad played for us in League Two. With the exception of James Shea, who is close, all of them will have played 100 times or more for the club if we pick Luke Berry tonight.

I said to the Press yesterday that Luke was a marquee signing for us, as the top goalscoring midfielder in the lower leagues, at a time when we were trying to build a side not only to get promoted from League Two, but to go quickly through League One and then compete in the Championship.

It is to Luke's great credit that he has overcome serious injury to now be doing that so effectively, and we saw his importance with the goal on Saturday against a very good Blackburn side.

He's not alone, of course, but he is a huge part of a great group who deserve wider respect among the EFL for what they have achieved here, and what they continue to do at this level. To have ten players with over 100 appearances is phenomenal in modern football and we are immensely proud of them all.

Enjoy tonight's game, stay safe and we WILL see you soon.

COYH!



FROM THE BOARDROOM

A warm 'virtual' welcome to Hatters everywhere, as we await another night under lights at the Kenny. It doesn't need repeating, but I will. It's an extremely strange atmosphere and nothing like you would imagine.

Tonight we welcome Birmingham City. Aitor Karanka and his team have been hard to beat this season with most games being settled by the odd goal, if not a draw. I am sure they will want to press on from their solid start and I'm sure we will be up to yet another tough challenge.

For both Clubs, the news of the week is hot off the press. So hot in fact, we're still juggling the potatoes and seeing what it all means, for who, and when. The elves are burning some midnight oil I can assure you!

The bottom line is that YOU will soon be back!

Obviously everyone wants this to be as soon as possible and Luton Town are perfectly placed to be able to meet all the standards required and have all of the processes in place ready for that first possible date. We are proud of the work done to date, Chris Clark has done an amazing job coordinating our Covid efforts, and we can't wait to see you. This is truly excellent news on so many levels – the Club, you, the Hatters community, Luton....everyone.

BUT....new news will come out on this every day, every hour – it's moving at a very fast pace. Please, please, do not listen to hearsay or unconfirmed reports. I can promise you that the Club will say it as soon as we know it. We will keep you updated and the Club website is THE reference point for that.



Of course we will get the message out on local radio and TV and social media too....but if in doubt, the one and proper source is the Club website.

The team on and off the pitch are ready for action and to do everything needed as details emerge from the Government. We are in close liaison with all the football governing bodies, the Government, and other Clubs to make sure we are at the forefront of getting people back into stadia.

Now, of course we should be delighted at the news, but let's not underestimate the issues that need to be overcome – not just for Luton Town but for Luton, and other Clubs too. I really do not mean to put a downer on the news, but I do think the best way through this is by everyone being informed and realistic. We will ALL have to play our part. One could in theory ruin it for the many. We all need to know the reality if we are to do our best.

By all means let's bask in the positive news coming at us from science and the

ruling bodies, but we have a way to go yet, so let's keep our feet firmly planted in the land of the real world.

For many Clubs, 2-4,000 fans into the ground is a massive, and extra, cost. Yes, a cost. This is because the first people that we would expect to gain entry would be registered season ticket holders, and through fantastic support like yours, then fans at other Clubs have already paid to see the game so they won't be paying again. I heard Mark Palios of Tranmere Rovers FC say that with 3,000 season ticket holders, then actually it would cost Tranmere c£10-15,000 per game to open – gate people need to be paid, stewards and catering staff are needed, cleaners post-match are employed, car park attendants are needed....

So, for Tranmere FC, if the limit was 4,000 fans then they would be able to get paying guests and it would work better financially for them, whereas as it stands, the next month or three will cost the Club £60,000 to £100,000 in extra costs if they are limited to 2,000 fans. That's a lot to find in the lower leagues

that are already under huge financial pressure. Whilst it sounds strange, all Clubs want fans back but we know it costs initially. As you can imagine, this is why we are so very grateful at the support you have all given us – YOU have made a massive difference that means we have the funds to ensure we open to the max, as and when allowed. Thank you – we do not take your support for granted.

For other Clubs like us, we have way more than the 2-4,000 fans that will be allowed in. So how do we choose who gets to see what game? Once we know the exact procedures we have to follow then we will detail this. We have spoken to your fans groups over past months in preparation, the ticket office team have been working with the stadium team to look at various layouts and one-way systems, and we have a number of thoughts to make this as fair and equitable as possible. But....

....there is one thing I can promise – whatever methods are chosen and however it works, it will not suit everyone



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all of the time. Please, please bear with us. We all want everyone to see every game so you can be assured we are doing our best, and if there are any unintended consequences they are just that – unintended. By all means let us know, or feedback through the supporters' groups. But with everything changing so quickly and us wanting to see as many of you as possible you can be certain that even though we are working at 110%, not everything will go smoothly and we need to have flexibility – and keep a smile on our faces. Whilst we have to work within limits others set, we will always be trying to be as inclusive and considerate as possible, but we know this is all uncharted territory.

Another thing that I can promise is that whoever is lucky enough to see whatever game, we must ALL follow the rules! If one of us fails, it could ruin it for us all both for that game and future game. No matter the emotion in the game, the relative merits of the ref ;) or the style of the opposition (ahem Wycombe), we are there to enjoy it within the rules.

It does not need me to say that some of the rules we have had to follow in our daily lives seem mad! Perhaps some are, but nevertheless, we must follow them. There might be some strange things we have to do, but let's just 'go with it' be-

cause the prize is seeing the game. We are absolutely confident that the Kenny is a safe place. It is us, and our behaviour that ensures it stays safe. If anyone of us breaks the rules, we make it unsafe for everyone. The virus cannot create a 'second wave' – it has no 'awareness' to know what is happening – it is our behaviour that creates problems.

We have all experienced some unfathomable and weird interpretations of rules. But nothing is really that onerous is it? And where there's a problem, a bit of communication can solve it all. As Hatters, this is our strength – we know how to act as one and respect everyone in our family. So, please, if you are lucky enough to come, follow the rules and the instructions of our staff. Thank you – together we will make this work.

Having said all of this, there is of course the Tier system that is out of our control. It's in everyone's interests to bring down the R rate by doing our bit – hands, face, space.

We have no news as we press publish on this e-programme, but it is likely that many places – and hence Clubs – will be in a Tier that cannot have crowds in stadia. Again, we are working with LBC, our Safety Advisory Team, and local organisations to do as much as we can, not just for our own football interests, but for the region as a whole.

We can't wait to see you. We know you can't wait to see the Kenny, the pitch, the players, the goals. To breathe in the anticipation and revel in the wall of noise....

We are nearly there and it seems we are more than halfway through this terrible pandemic. Hang in there, we will all be together soon and when we are, boy, the songs we will sing!

Come on you Hatters!

Stephen

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THE PRESS BOX

BBC Three Counties Radio commentator **SIMON OXLEY** writes for Our Town

The return of five subs was I think the right decision. I supported it when it was introduced at the end of last season with such a congested fixture list, but it was also right to try and manage without it when we kicked off again in September.

But despite the international breaks, the championship season has become something of a treadmill and it has become a squad game. Indeed I would struggle to name a 'first choice' eleven for the Hatters.

It was interesting to compare the approaches on Saturday. With James Collins and Joe Morrell away, Luton had prepared with the quartet of Berry, Cornick, Lee and Moncur and stuck with that. Blackburn left first choice right-back Nyambe on the bench after returning from Africa, with both managers already thinking ahead to the midweek matches, and maybe even next weekend. The old adage of 'one game at a time' is hard to contemplate.

The substitutions provided a real contrast. Having championed the cause,

Nathan Jones was almost compelled to use at least four, and with Ryan Tunnicliffe's stoppage time introduction it was all five. I put it to him afterwards that in such a high tempo game it was difficult for the subs to fit in straightaway. He admitted that the point had been made in the dressing room in the post match discussion, and every one of the nine had to be ready.

Tony Mowbray by comparison made just two changes, and one of those was enforced by injury. It will be interesting to see his line-up tonight. Birmingham, meanwhile, made just one substitution in Friday night's draw against Coventry.

Overall though, 12 games in, I think 10th place is an excellent start. It will be a testing spell between now and Christmas, with two trips to Wales and a midweek visit to Middlesbrough, whilst the current top two - Norwich and Bournemouth - are among the visitors here. There's not a lot to choose between a lot of the sides, and to put Luton in that bracket is to show how far the club has come.

Thanks to all those who 'liked' my tweet pre match on Saturday, with the tape across the steps into the main stand. I've written here before that we the media have a huge responsibility to bring you the match online, on radio or in print. DJ Darren did his best with the crowd effects on Saturday, and with messrs Jones and Harford just in front of our commentary position, there's no shortage of background noise. But it's not the same.

It appears from yesterday's encouraging news that we are going to get a gradual return, with some fans hopefully allowed into grounds from next week, although a full house may yet be a little way off. April the 17th seems a long time away but might be a target we could achieve.

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LEAGUE POSITION 19-20: 20th in the Championship

MANAGER: Aitor Karanka

MILES FROM LUTON: 86 miles

LAST MEETING: Kenilworth Road, 11/01/20, 1-2, Championship

PLAYED FOR BOTH: Mick Harford, Andrew Shinnie, Isaac Vassell

FAMOUS FANS: Jasper Carrott, Colin Buchanan, Adam Zindani



THE *MANAGER*

AITOR KARANKA

The new manager at the helm, Aitor Karanka took charge of Birmingham City earlier this summer on a three-year deal, succeeding Pep Clotet.

In his playing career, Karanka was a one-time Spanish international. He had spells at Athletic Bilbao and Real Madrid in Spain, as well as a short time in the USA with Colorado Rapids.

He gravitated into management, taking charge of the Spanish Under-16s side, eventually becoming Jose Mourinho's assistant at Real Madrid.

The 47-year-old's first foray into English management was with Middlesbrough in 2013, where he spent four years, before spending just over a year at Nottingham Forest, whom he left in January 2019.

BIRMINGHAM CITY

ON THE

GOALKEEPER



NEIL ETHERIDGE

Philippines international goalkeeper Neil Etheridge started his career at Chelsea, but swapped for rivals Fulham, signing a professional deal at Craven Cottage.

After eight years, and many loan spells, he departed Fulham in 2014 and signed for Oldham on a short-term deal. A loan and then permanent spell at Charlton followed, before he joined Walsall in 2015.

After two years with the Saddlers, the 30-year-old signed for Cardiff and was part of the team that won promotion to the Premier League. Etheridge spent three seasons in the Welsh capital before signing for Birmingham in the summer.

DEFENDER



HARLEE DEAN

Defender Harlee Dean started his career with Dagenham & Redbridge, spending most of his time with the club out on loan, having spells at the likes of Thurrock, Braintree, and Grays.

He swapped the Daggers for Southampton, but failed to break into the first-team at St Mary's, with loan spells at Bishop's Cleeve and Brentford giving him regular football.

The 29-year-old would sign permanently for Brentford, becoming a regular in the Bees' defence and was named as captain by Dean Smith in the 2016/17 season. After five years with Brentford, he joined fellow Championship side Birmingham.

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GARY GARDNER

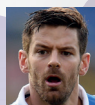
Gary Gardner came through the academy system at Birmingham's city rivals Aston Villa, alongside his brother Craig.

He would progress through Villa's development teams and into the first-team squad, going onto make 42 league appearances during his time at the club.

Gardner had a number of loan spells away from Villa Park, having stints at Coventry, Sheffield Wednesday, Brighton, and Barnsley.

The 28-year-old left Villa for Birmingham on an original loan spell for the 2018/19 season, before signing on a permanent deal the following summer.

STRIKER



LUKAS JUTKIEWICZ

Striker Lukas Jutkiewicz is a vastly experienced player at Championship level, featuring for a number of clubs.

Starting his professional career at Swindon, Jutkiewicz's form attracted the attention of Everton. After only making one appearance, he left for Coventry. He spent two years with Coventry, before spending two years at Middlesbrough, as well as spending time on loan at Bolton.

He joined Premier League Burnley in 2014, making 25 appearances in the top flight, before losing his place in the starting XI. The 31-year-old joined Birmingham on loan for 2016/17, and made his spell permanent the following summer.



KEEP AN EYE ON...

SCOTT HOGAN

Being released by Rochdale as a youngster, Scott Hogan dropped down into non-league to kickstart his football career, joining Woodley Sports.

His prolific form attracted the attention of FC Halifax Town, where he spent one season, before spells at Stocksbridge Park Steels, Ashton United, and Hyde. Hogan made his return to Rochdale in 2013, before he joined Brentford a year later.

After impressing with the Bees, the 28-year-old had a three-year spell at Aston Villa, with time also being spent out on loan at Sheffield United and Stoke.

He also joined Birmingham on loan in January 2020, before joining permanently in September.

Words: Ryan Payne



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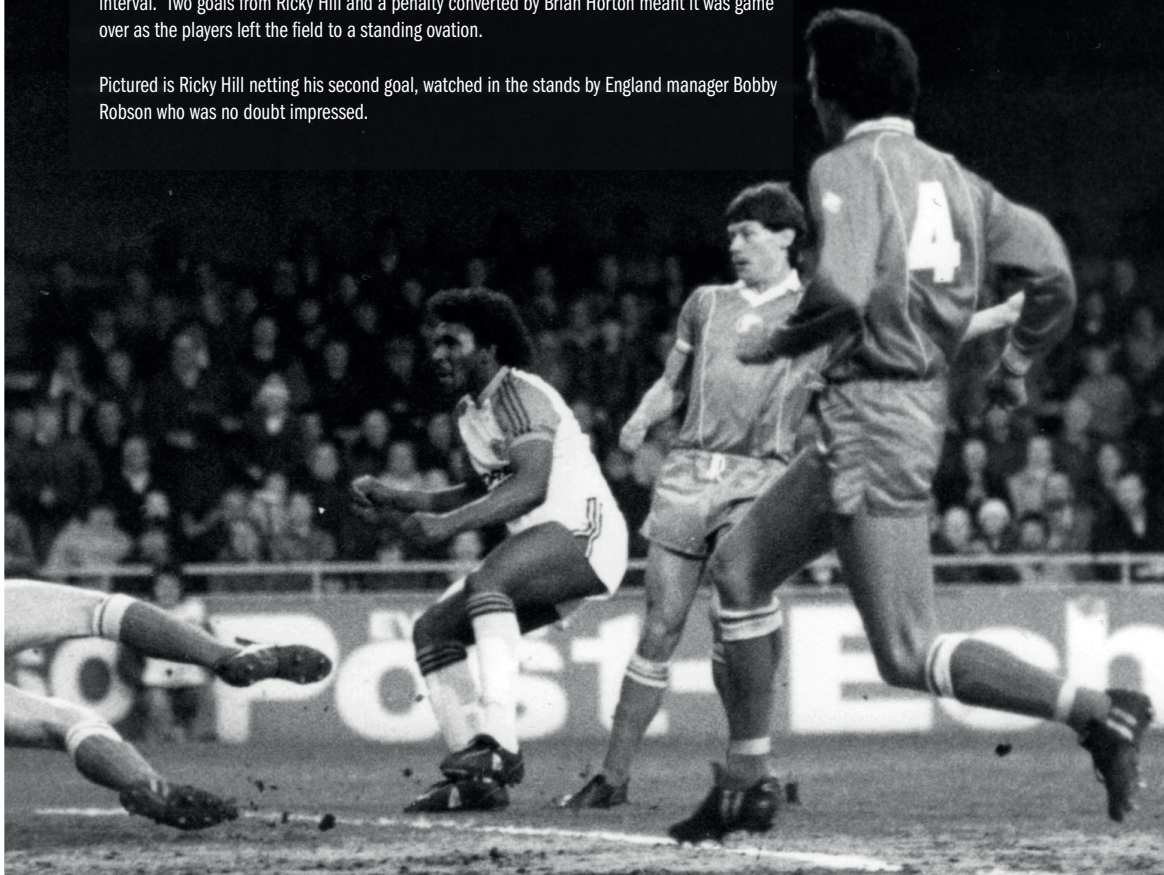
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CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH DELVES INTO HIS ARCHIVES...

The Hatters were clinging on to their top flight status, but after a run of four straight defeats, had beaten Aston Villa at Kenilworth Road the previous Saturday courtesy of a last minute effort from David Moss.

Next up were fellow relegation strugglers Birmingham in a 'six-pointer'. Luton supporters need not have worried however as the Town put on a scintillating first half display to lead 3-0 at the interval. Two goals from Ricky Hill and a penalty converted by Brian Horton meant it was game over as the players left the field to a standing ovation.

Pictured is Ricky Hill netting his second goal, watched in the stands by England manager Bobby Robson who was no doubt impressed.



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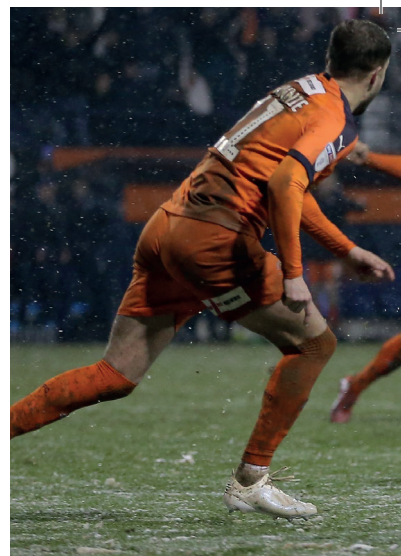
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A full-page photograph of George Moncur, a footballer, in action. He is wearing a red Luton Town football kit with 'IB Developments' and 'umbro' logos. He is dribbling a multi-colored football on a green pitch. The background is a blurred stadium with blue seating.

GEORGE MONCUR

...answers the Luton Town fans' questions sent his way on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook, with a few from Our Town thrown in for good measure over the next four pages!



@ danielorr57: What is it like scoring a goal in the Championship?

There's not much difference, whatever level you score a goal at, it's mostly the same feeling. Whether it's Championship or League One, I think whenever you score a goal even from a little kid, I think it is one of the best feelings in the world. That's how I see it, I don't necessarily see the level that I play giving a different feeling. Some games it does matter more when you score, but I think a goal is a goal whatever level it is. Without the fans at the moment, it's strange. Obviously everyone wants the fans back and although when you're playing regular games, we've had to get used to it, it's a different feeling scoring without fans there compared to with them."

🐼 @Banananey: What was it like scoring that free-kick against Portsmouth?

It is probably one of my best goals to date just because of the occasion. I think we went five points clear after that game and obviously I had just signed here. It was one of the best feelings I

have personally had after scoring. For me to come in as early as I did and score, it couldn't have gone any better and I can remember it to this day. I saw the keeper move a little bit and I went near side, made good contact and thankfully, it went in.

🐼 @jamesball2481: What one did you prefer, your goal v Pompey or Wigan?

Probably Portsmouth because of the occasion. I'd just signed, managed to get on the scoresheet, we obviously won the game, went five points clear and I think it was a big game, looking back at that season. It meant a lot.

🐼 @BarneyHope8: How does the atmosphere with Luton fans compare with other clubs?

For me it is one of the best. I'm not just saying that because I'm here. Colchester is a great place, but there isn't really that much atmosphere. Barnsley is another great place, but the fans are really on your back. Whereas at Luton, I think if you have a bad game or if you have a

great game, this is a good level place where the fans are always consistent with what they say. The atmosphere playing at home is unbelievable.

Our Town: What goes through your head when you hear your song?

I think when you're in the moment and you can hear the fans singing your name, it gives you a feeling inside that you can't really compare to anything else. Obviously I'm missing it at the minute, but it's definitely a feeling that has stuck with me ever since I have joined here.

🐼 @hayward80: Why you wearing your socks high now?

To be fair, the last two games I have gone back low for Rotherham and Huddersfield. It's just purely whatever I feel like on the day, I will do. So if I'm feeling high I'll wear them high, if not I'll wear them low and that is the thought behind it.

📘 Philippa Moodie: Do you wear shin pads?

I've had them for probably a good six or seven years. The physio made me them



at Colchester. I'm not sure what the material is but they're very, very small. I have the bible verse written on them – Psalm 91 – and my thought process behind it is no matter how big or small the shinpads are, I'm protected by that because it is a prayer for protection, so I write on the shinpad because I believe I am protected from everything. The physio moulded something around the bottom half of my shin and then he managed to tape round it. I was some sort of skin mould, I think I've had it done before around my teeth at the dentist! He made them and I've managed to keep them ever since always.

@PearceJaydan:
Having played in central midfield, attacking midfield and as a left winger for the Town so far, who would you say is the most versatile player in the squad if not yourself?

I'd probably say Martin Cranie because he can play anywhere in the back or in midfield. Obviously he's a great player and he's had a great career in different positions, so definitely him. Every time I see him play or play with him, I know

what he's going to give. He's a player you can always rely on no matter what game it is or position he plays. He's just great to be around in the dressing room, I get on really well with him and he's a great role model.

@FancyFlitwick: **Who's better, you or your dad?**

I'll say my dad just because he's played in the Premier League and I haven't yet. I think we're different players, very much different style but he'll probably say me and I'll say him, it is just one of those things where we always go back and fourth with each other on it, but I'll definitely say him just because he's played about 300 games in the Premier League.

Our Town: Is he good for advice?

Yeah, I used to go to him all the time. I don't really bother as much now because I'm not a kid anymore, but he's always helped me through everything and he has been great in my career so far. I watch games where he has scored – or crunched someone and got sent off! Whatever it is I've seen it but I've always

been told by West Ham fans that they loved him there so it's just something I have to try and strive towards.

@revdmbrown: **Desert island: what would be your top song, top book and luxury to take with you?**

Book would be the Bible. Song, Ed Sheeran – Thinking out loud. Any my luxury would be my little girl!

@revdmbrown: **If you weren't going to be busy playing and training, what would your ideal Christmas be like?**

At home, all the family round, shovelling loads of grub. This year it'll probably just be me, my missus and my little girl – and hopefully the new one if he's here by then!

@Richbow79: **Who is the inspiration for your free-kick technique?**

Honest truth I don't have one, I just used to hit loads of dead balls for ages as a



GEORGE MONCUR



little kid and going through my career – I haven't really looked at anyone for that and I think the way I like to whip it, I don't think many people like that one, it is just something I have tried to do myself.

@TopHatDavelT: You've mentioned before the need for you to develop the defensive side of your game. Do you think this has stopped you from being picked to play and why?

Yeah, 100 per cent. I used to think that my ability would be enough, but I realised that all the top players do work hard, not that I didn't work hard, but more understanding about it. I just changed my mindset because I know I have the ability to play, I just change it now to how many tackles can I make; what position should I come in? Then obviously when I get the ball, that is natural to me anyway so it's just my mindset that has changed. I think it is going to really benefit the team and myself.

■ Nicole Kimberley Grace: How do you keep a positive attitude when training, when you don't always get game time?

There's obviously one simple answer to that for myself and that is the Lord. That is as simple as it is for me, because he gives me the joyous spirit. I won't look at things happening in the world as bad, nor really good. I'll just be completely at peace and that is what the Lord gives me all the time. Whatever circumstance, I'll just get on with it because he can give me something in a split second or he can take stuff away from me, and I'm just thankful and joyous that I'm here every day.

Our Town: How important is it to have the manager publicly praise you for your attitude?

It's great because I know I have a manager that definitely believes in me and what I can do. It's good that he can notice that about me as well, whether I'm playing or not playing, left at home or whatever it is. He knows my attitude, he knows that I'll always be upbeat if I'm playing or if someone is playing in my position, because it doesn't bother me in the sense I won't get too down about it or bitter, because I know the players have got great quality in the dressing room and I'm no different really to any of the other boys because we all want to do the same thing. That's how I look at it. We all understand that there's going to

be boys left out all year because we have a big squad and really good players, so like I say, there are so many games, it will change. You have just got to never change your attitude, keep going and then when your time comes, do the best you can and enjoy it.

Our Town: How important has it been for you to be playing for the manager who initially signed you from Barnsley?

It didn't obviously work out first time because I was going to come here, Nathan left and then he came back. Then I wasn't playing, and it has been back and forward, but I know the interest has always been there and like I say, he wouldn't have signed me if he didn't think I was any good or weren't his sort of player. When you have a manager that backs you, there is nothing better than that and I appreciate all he has done so far.

@zaccostatto: What made you want to sign for Luton?

Obviously the manager was one. He knew how I wanted to play because I played against him a few times and just the



football club in general, I knew it was a big team in the lower leagues and pushing up, so obviously it was really inviting to try and come here and play.

Don't know when the stadium is going to be done but I know it looks unbelievable! The training ground is really good so it's a great club for the area, for me personally as well because it is not too far from Essex so I can see my family. It is the perfect fit for me really.

@ aggelospetaj: Who is your favourite player?

Past would be my dad, present would be Jack Grealish. I played against him for Barnsley against Aston Villa about three times, he's quality. I try and play a similar way to him, in terms of the way he moves and manipulates the ball, but up close against him and watching him live, he is top drawer. I look to him as a real good player.

Our Town: Did he inspire you to wear your socks low?

He's got much bigger calves than me to be fair! He wears a little bit more of a sock, whereas mine is ankle sort of low. Obviously my pads are tiny but I've had

the low socks on and off for five or six years, so I've had them for ages!

@_lewis_.b: Who is your idol ?

My dad.

@ benstorey_ : Do you ever buy yourself on football manager or FIFA?

Don't play those games anymore, too old for those games! When the kids come in, that's not me anymore!

@ luton_man: What's your favourite food?

Pizza. Ham and pineapple!

@ pawel_mech: Favourite ever moment in a Luton shirt ?

The goal and the win over Portsmouth. Oxford is close second.

f Brett Henman: Who's the best club you've played for and why?

Got to say West Ham only because my Dad played there and I used to support

them as a young kid. I was there for years and watched my Dad there.

f Rick Stainton: Would you ever argue with Big Mick when giving orders?

I don't argue with my missus, let alone Big Mick! I just get on with it. If I'm right, I'll say I'm wrong just so she shuts up! Obviously, with Mick, I don't get involved!

Our Town - How important a role does Mick play in the current set-up?

Mick is a very important person in terms of the club and everything he has done. He knew the players from last year and he's obviously working with us as well now. When he took over as manager, he was great for me, got me playing and then he has carried that on now. He has had a massive influence on the squad and everything, so I've got nothing but good things to say about him.

Words: Dan Briard



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Roger Wash





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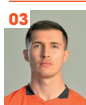
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





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SIMON PITTS

Our iFollow Hatters commentator and club statto on the Town's internationals

Before getting into the main topic of this article, looking at the record breaking International appearances for Luton Town players, I'm going to start with a quick mention for Luke Berry who will make his 100th appearance for the Hatters the next time he's selected – possibly this evening of course!

Berry's goal on Saturday was his second this season, and his 14th in just over three years with Luton since joining from Cambridge United. Luke has never scored in a Luton defeat – now up to 12 games – so he'll be eyeing up team-mate Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu's current run of 18 matches. The record is actually held by Stuart Fleetwood whose only goals, 27 in total, came in 23 games without defeat between September 2011 and November 2012.

The main reason for writing this piece was to congratulate the five players who featured for their respective countries recently – and to highlight that this was the first time that the Hatters have ever had as many players appear in an International fixture in the same week!

James Collins, Tom Lockyer, Rhys Norrington-Davies, Joe Morrell and

Simon Sluga have broken the record held since September 2005 when Carlos Edwards played for Trinidad & Tobago v Guatemala (won 3-2), whilst Steve Robinson and Warren Feeney featured for Northern Ireland v Azerbaijan (Feeney scored in a 2-0 win), and Markus Heikkinen played in a 5-1 win for Finland over Macedonia.

The only other occasion I could find was back in 1988 when Kingsley Black, Danny Wilson and Mal Donaghy all played for Northern Ireland v Republic of Ireland (0-0 draw), whilst Mick Harford played 70 minutes for England in a 1-0 win against Denmark at Wembley.

Although not all on the pitch at the same time when Wales played Republic of Ireland on 15th November, three current Luton Town players featured, with Tom Lockyer also in the Welsh squad. This was the ninth time that three players have featured in the same International match whilst playing for Luton. The last time this happened was in October 1990 when Kingsley Black and Iain Dowie played for Northern Ireland in the 1-1 draw against Denmark, who had Lars Elstrup playing the final 20 minutes.

Congratulations to Joe Morrell on becoming the 55th player to feature for his country whilst playing for LTFC, and the 11th to play for Wales.

And whilst we are providing congratulations, Tom Lockyer is the only LTFC player to keep clean sheets in their first three starting International appearances, a feat achieved with the 0-0 draw against USA following 1-0 victories over Finland and Bulgaria in September.

Enjoy the match this evening, albeit on iFollow rather than at a packed Kenilworth Road under the floodlights #COYH!



LUTON TOWN SUPPORTERS' TRUST

Good evening. Firstly let me begin this message by saying that I hope you are all keeping safe and well in what are different and difficult times for many.

As lockdowns and the precautions for Covid-19 continue, we have been forced to follow the fortunes of the Town from afar, but I am sure I speak for many when I say what a brilliant start to the season it has been, following on from the wonderful end to last term and the joyous scenes after the victory against Blackburn Rovers.

Despite the hectic schedule and the disadvantages that the pandemic has brought, the club continues to defy expectations on and off the pitch, surprising many including one or two of those we face who appear to think we might be something of a soft touch. How wrong they are!

We are now 12 games into the season and sitting on 18 points, just four points away from the play-offs, this has been a wonderful run of results, with the only disappointment that we have not been able to support the lads from inside the stadium. Hopefully the world can return to some sort of normality as soon as possible and we can all get back to enjoying that magical atmosphere that nights like tonight usually provide.

It has been a busy time on the field and it has been equally as busy off it since my last message. I am extremely proud that I have a team of board members who despite the ongoing pandemic have not downed tools, but are coming up with new ideas and initiatives of ways we can keep moving forward despite the restrictions everyone is abiding to at present. I can assure you that will continue despite the challenges it brings.

We have recently had to make some changes to the board. With that in mind, I would like to officially welcome Peter Mitchell to the role of secretary. Peter replaces Nikki Middleton in that position with Nikki dropping down to being a regular board member. I thank Nikki for all her hard work as secretary and look forward to working closer with Peter. I would also like to thank Malcolm Scott for his contribution over his time on the board, after accepting his resignation due to personal reasons. I will finish this message by thanking everyone who continues to give their support to the Trust, whether that comes by being a member or simply sending messages of support. It is very much appreciated, even more so in these testing times.

I know it is different not being at the Kenny cheering the lads on, but I hope you can enjoy tonight's game as much as you can. Hopefully we will be celebrating another three points being added to the total at the end of it.

Stay safe. Take care.

Tony Murray

Chairman, Luton Town Supporters' Trust



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Annual General Meeting (AGM)

It is that time of year where we will be staging our AGM. This year it takes place on Thursday 26th November, however due to the lockdown the meeting will be held on Zoom. Members should have received details of the AGM via email earlier in the week. If you would like to attend please become a member and we will send you an invite. We look forward to seeing you on the platform and sharing the wonderful progress we have made over the last 12 months with you.

Survey

Prior to the season starting we asked you to fill out a survey, from which the views that we received would assist us in moving forward as an organisation. The response was excellent and we would like to thank everyone who took the time to complete the survey. We are counting up all the data at present and will release the results in due course. We will also be announcing the winners of the prize draw in that period too.

App

If you are a member of the Trust you will have access to our brand new app. You

will have been sent the details by email when we activated your membership for this season. We are pleased that so many of you have already downloaded the app. If you haven't yet and would like to, let us know and we will re-send you the details of how you can download it and receive up to date news and benefits that being a Trust member brings.

Membership

We are still accepting memberships for the 2020/21 period. If you have not already taken up the option to renew or join and would like to do so, you can complete your membership via our website.

Click this link - <https://www.lutontownsupporterstrust.com/become-a-member/> - to go through to our membership page and follow the instructions in order to either re-join, or become a member for the first time.

Keeping in touch

There are a number of ways for supporters to keep in touch with us at present. There is our regular podcast, the latest episode of which saw Simon Pitts join Kev, James and Tony and was made available for download last week.

We are also active on social media. On Facebook there is the chance to get involved in some fun competitions, while over on Twitter you can join more than 5,000 others in engaging with us. We are also on Instagram as well. Check out our website for the links to those platforms.

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TRICK OR TREATMENT

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

Good Old Boris. At last the return of fans is in sight. To that end the Club has been working hard to make sure all possible procedures are in place, to make it a safe environment to enjoy football once again. It's going to seem weird sitting back in the dugout, having to walk across the pitch, getting wet. Been spoiled really!

Whilst still on Covid I did see the World Health Organisation announced that dogs cannot contract COVID-19. Dogs previously held in quarantine can now be released. To be clear WHO let the dogs out. Sorry had get that one in.

International break out the way and the madness begins. I think I am right in saying we have 10 games in 37 days now before we enter the New Year. This is going to be the survival of the fittest and we are going to have to work hard with the lads to keep them up and running. Not sure who came up with the mad schedule but player health might not have been a consideration with injury rates rising throughout the leagues.

So things like nutrition will become essential. Luckily Luke Berry is trying his best. One minute a Vegan, in fact, the toughest part of being a vegan is keeping it to yourself. They tell everyone. Anyway, it now transpires that Bez is unsure and as he told me he doesn't eat meat, just fish.

Our Consultant Nutritional Advisor, Dan the Coach Driver (who by the way if he eats anymore his shirt buttons will definitely social distance) introduced us to eating toast with pepper sprinkled on it. The following day at breakfast I said to him, no pepper on the toast today. He replied: "Of course not, it's brown bread." Obvious isn't it!

Injury wise things are on track. Danny is missing with a slight calf strain. He did ask will I start doing calf raises. I said: "You can barely lift a dumbbell never mind a baby cow." Not sure he got the gag. We are hoping to have him back on the grass soon. Dan Potts continues his rehab from the groin problem he had.

It's amazing how times change when you speak to the lads in the morning, its not 'How are you?' or 'Good morning'. It's all about Call of Duty and 'What's your KDR?'. If you're like me and in the dark, it's your Kill to Death Ratio. Apparently if you're over one it's good, but watch out for the sniper.

Finally, as we have good news about vaccines and a potential end to these times, I would like to say that not all heroes wear capes, but a whole dedicated bunch wear scrubs. Once again thanks to our NHS workers who are still producing miracles.

Hopefully we will see you soon in the Kenny.

COYH!



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SATURDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2020 | KENILWORTH ROAD

LUTON SCORER: BERRY 69'

BLACKBURN SCORER: GALLAGHER 72'

ATTENDANCE: BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

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| LUTON TOWN | BLACKBURN ROVERS |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| SLUGA | KAMINSKI |
| CRANIE ▲ 90+5' | RANKIN-COSTELLO ▲ 76' |
| PEARSON | LENIHAN |
| BRADLEY | WHARTON |
| NORRINGTON-DAVIES | DOUGLAS ○ 20' |
| REA | TRYBULL ▲ 68' |
| BERRY ○ 69' ▲ 77' | JOHNSON |
| DEWSBURY-HALL | ROTHWELL |
| LEE ▲ 59' | ELLIOTT |
| MONCUR ▲ 76' | ARMSTRONG |
| CORNICK ▲ 59' | BRERETON |
| SUBSTITUTES ▲ ▲ | |
| SHEA | NYAMBE ▲ 76' |
| TUNNICLIFFE ▲ 90+5' | DOWNING |
| LOCKYER | GALLAGHER ▲ 68' ○ 72' |
| MPANZU ▲ 77' | PEARS |
| CLARK | BELL |
| COLLINS ▲ 59' | DAVENPORT |
| LUALLA ▲ 76' | BUCKLEY |
| BREE ▲ 59' | CARTER |
| NOMBE | DOLAN |



Manager Nathan Jones felt elements of the 1-1 draw with Blackburn were very pleasing after extending Town's unbeaten run to three matches.

Luke Berry had given the Hatters the lead in the 69th minute but Sam Gallagher replied for the away side shortly after, as Town remain 10th in the Sky Bet Championship.

Nathan said: "It was a good game, I thought we were excellent first half and then we started first ten minutes of the second half superbly well.

"I was really pleased with the level of performance we had because we didn't look to contain Blackburn, we were on the front foot, I thought we were really brave in possession, especially first half and deservedly took the lead.

"I'm just disappointed with the goal. It's a carbon copy of the goal we conceded here to make it 3-2 in the last game of the

season, and that's something we should have learned from.

"On the whole, I think it's a fair result but I'm just delighted with the overall performance. We are competing and not just containing teams like this, because they are a good Championship side. Their ambitions are going up, budget, players, what they should do. They should be in the promotion shake-up, so for us, to be competing and to be doing as well as we are, I'm delighted with that."

| | LT | BR |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|
| POSSESSION: | 42% | 58% |
| SHOTS ON TARGET: | 5 | 6 |
| SHOTS OFF TARGET: | 8 | 9 |
| CORNERS: | 4 | 6 |
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LUKE BERRY

Hatters midfielder Luke Berry was pleased with Saturday's performance in the 1-1 draw with Blackburn Rovers and vowed that the players are ready for a tricky schedule ahead.

The 28-year-old scored his 14th goal for the club on his 99th appearance to give Town the lead at Kenilworth Road, before Blackburn swiftly replied with an equaliser three minutes later.

"I thought we started really well," Berry admitted. "Even through the whole game really, we performed really well. We worked on our attacking shape and it was end-to-end at times, entertaining also. If there was a full house here, they would have enjoyed it I would have thought, but it was a good game."

Berry's deft touch on James Collins' shot at goal was enough to beat Thomas Kaminski from close range, and the midfielder said with a smile: "I work well with Collo up there, I've seen he has picked me out and I've just got my toe there and nicked it!"

A point against Rovers was enough to cement Town's tenth position in the Sky Bet Championship, but the midfielder is keen

for more and hopes that can be achieved in the near future.

"It's a real tough league," he said. "We could have got three points last time against Huddersfield, so we were disappointed with that and again, small margins, two more points would have been lovely. It is quite relentless, Saturday and Tuesday, like I said. Now we have quite a hard period again but we're ready, we've had a good break and we want to kick on."

Berry also spoke of the hard work being put in on the training ground during the two-week international break, saying: "We've had a good two weeks. The gaffer has been working on our shape going forward because we've always looked solid, but if we can try and get a few more goals, we'll be better. We tried today and we got one but we looked real positive up there.

"We've got a real strong squad and if you're not performing well, you will get taken out. Just got to make sure you keep performing well, doing things right off the pitch and hopefully play as many as you can.

"We've got a lot of strength and depth, Kaz comes in, a load of different players. It doesn't really change the quality of the team, anyone can come in and we all look strong."

Berry could make his 100th appearance for the Hatters if selected to play against Birmingham City this evening, and he spoke of his enjoyment playing for the club since joining in 2017.

"I've had my ankle problem and things like that, so it's all good really now. It's my fourth season as well, so that's not too bad! I love it here, I love the group of players. Unfortunately the fans aren't here, but I love the fans, the atmosphere they bring is fantastic and the sooner they get back, the better."

Words: Dan Briard

FIXTURES 2020-21

| DATE | TIME | H/A | OPPOSITION | 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 | SHININE |
|-----------|---------|-----|--------------------------|-------|-----|------|-----|-------------|-------------|-----------|----------|---------------|------|--------|-------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|-------|--------|-----|---------|
| 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 | - | - | - | - | - | * | | | * | | | y | b | | c | b1 |
| Sat 17 | 3.00pm | H | Stoke City | L 0-2 | BCD | BCD | 6 | - | - | - | - | - | * | b | | * | | | | c | y | a | |
| Tue 20 | 7.45pm | A | Millwall | L 0-2 | BCD | BCD | 10 | - | - | 1 | - | - | * | y | | * | | 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 | D 1-1 | BCD | BCD | 9 | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | * | y | | * | | | | | * | a | |
| Sat 31 | 3.00pm | H | Brentford | L 0-3 | BCD | BCD | 13 | - | - | - | - | - | * | | | * | | a | | b | y | * | |
| NOVEMBER | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wed 4 | 7.45pm | A | Rotherham United | W 1-0 | BCD | BCD | 9 | - | - | - | - | - | * | | | | | | b | y | * | * | |
| Sat 7 | 3.00pm | A | Huddersfield Town | D 1-1 | BCD | BCD | 10 | - | - | - | - | - | * | y | | c | y | | b | c | * | * | |
| Sat 21 | 3.00pm | H | Blackburn Rovers | D 1-1 | BCD | BCD | 10 | - | - | - | - | - | * | e | | e | | | b | 1d | | a | |
| Tue 24 | 7.00pm | 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 | 7.00pm | 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: 1899

NICKNAME: THE BLUEBIRDS

LAST SEASON: 5TH IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP

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COLOURS: BLUE SHIRT, WHITE SHORTS

GROUND: CARDIFF CITY STADIUM

MANAGER: NEIL HARRIS

WHO?

After being relegated from the Premier League in the 2018/19 season, Cardiff bounced back strongly last year, securing a spot in the Championship play-offs but going on to lose to eventual promotion winners Fulham over two legs. The Bluebirds' last piece of silverware came in 2013 as they were crowned champions of the Championship, whilst the Welsh club also boast an FA Cup win from back in 1927.

GROUND?

Cardiff City opened their new stadium in 2009 after 99 years at Ninian Park. With a capacity of 33,280, it is the second largest stadium in Wales after the Millennium Stadium and hosts most of the nation's international fixtures. The Bluebirds shared their home ground with rugby union side Cardiff Blues from 2009-2012, whilst also playing host to the 2010/11 Amlin Challenge Cup final between Harlequins and French side Stade Français.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?


The two sides last met in February at Kenilworth Road as Lee Tomlin's 73rd minute strike gave the Bluebirds a 1-0 victory on the road as the Town battled relegation. In the reverse fixture at the Cardiff City Stadium, former Luton striker Isaac Vassell scored a winner deep into stoppage time to give Cardiff all three points, whilst the Hatters also beat their Welsh opponents 3-0 in the Carabao Cup second round.

KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU

Former Hatter Isaac Vassell joined Cardiff from Birmingham City in the summer of 2019 and has scored one goal for the club during an injury disrupted spell in South Wales. Town Littlewoods Cup winner Andy Dibble joined Luton from Cardiff in 1984, going on to make 30 appearances for the club, while manager Nathan Jones and defender Tom Lockyer both played for the Bluebirds' youth teams as teenagers.

Words: Dylan Bhundia

LUTON TOWN PLAYER STATISTICS

|  | 2020-21 SEASON | | | | | | | | | | CAREER | | |
|---|----------------|-----|------|---|-------|---|-------|------|-------|---|--------|-----|----|
| | LEAGUE | | CUP | | TOTAL | | CARDS | | TOTAL | | APPS | G | |
| | APPS | G | APPS | G | APPS | G | Y | R | APPS | G | | | |
| Luke Berry | 9 | (1) | 2 | 1 | (0) | 0 | 10 | (1) | 2 | 2 | 0 | 99 | 14 |
| Sonny Bradley | 12 | (0) | 0 | 3 | (0) | 0 | 15 | (0) | 0 | 2 | 0 | 105 | 3 |
| James Bree | 0 | (4) | 0 | 1 | (0) | 0 | 1 | (4) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 47 | 0 |
| Jordan Clark | 3 | (4) | 2 | 2 | (1) | 1 | 5 | (5) | 3 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 3 |
| James Collins | 7 | (2) | 1 | 1 | (0) | 3 | 8 | (2) | 4 | 2 | 0 | 149 | 63 |
| Harry Cornick | 8 | (0) | 0 | 1 | (1) | 0 | 9 | (1) | 0 | 1 | 0 | 136 | 22 |
| Martin Cranle | 12 | (0) | 0 | 1 | (1) | 0 | 13 | (1) | 0 | 4 | 0 | 39 | 2 |
| Kiernan Dewsbury-Hall | 5 | (0) | 0 | 0 | (0) | 0 | 5 | (0) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Brendan Gallway | 0 | (0) | 0 | 0 | (0) | 0 | 0 | (0) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Danny Hylton | 4 | (3) | 0 | 2 | (0) | 0 | 6 | (3) | 0 | 3 | 0 | 138 | 58 |
| Peter Kizzo | 0 | (0) | 0 | 1 | (1) | 0 | 1 | (1) | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Elliot Lee | 7 | (2) | 1 | 1 | (2) | 0 | 8 | (4) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 119 | 30 |
| Tom Lockyer | 3 | (1) | 0 | 2 | (0) | 0 | 5 | (1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| Kazengir Lualaba | 1 | (0) | 0 | 2 | (1) | 0 | 3 | (10) | 0 | 2 | 0 | 72 | 6 |
| George Moncur | 3 | (4) | 1 | 2 | (0) | 0 | 5 | (4) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 43 | 8 |
| Joe Morrell | 2 | (2) | 0 | 0 | (0) | 0 | 2 | (2) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Pelly-Raddock Mpanzu | 10 | (2) | 2 | 1 | (0) | 0 | 11 | (2) | 2 | 4 | 0 | 265 | 19 |
| Rhys Norrington-Davies | 10 | (0) | 0 | 3 | (0) | 0 | 13 | (0) | 0 | 2 | 0 | 13 | 0 |
| Matty Pearson | 12 | (0) | 0 | 1 | (0) | 0 | 13 | (0) | 0 | 1 | 0 | 108 | 8 |
| Dan Potts | 0 | (0) | 0 | 0 | (0) | 0 | 0 | (0) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 150 | 10 |
| Glen Resa | 10 | (0) | 1 | 1 | (0) | 0 | 11 | (0) | 1 | 3 | 0 | 163 | 6 |
| James Shea | 0 | (0) | 0 | 3 | (0) | 0 | 3 | (0) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 78 | 0 |
| Andrew Shinnie | 0 | (0) | 0 | 2 | (0) | 0 | 2 | (0) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 106 | 10 |
| Simon Sluga | 12 | (0) | 0 | 0 | (0) | 0 | 12 | (0) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 46 | 0 |
| Ryan Tunnicliffe | 2 | (3) | 0 | 2 | (0) | 0 | 4 | (3) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 47 | 1 |

2020-21 CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

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



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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 |

AITOR KARANKA

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|----|--------------------|
| 01 | ANDRES PRIETO |
| 02 | MAXIME COLIN |
| 03 | KRISTIAN PEDERSEN |
| 04 | MARC ROBERTS |
| 05 | GEORGE FRIEND |
| 06 | MAIKEL KIEFTENBELD |
| 07 | DAN CROWLEY |
| 08 | ADAM CLAYTON |
| 09 | SCOTT HOGAN |
| 10 | LUKAS JUTKIEWICZ |
| 11 | JEREMIE BELA |
| 12 | HARLEE DEAN |
| 14 | JONATHAN LEKO |
| 15 | JAKE CLARKE-SALTER |
| 16 | JOSH MCEACHRAN |
| 17 | IVAN SANCHEZ |
| 18 | RILEY MCGREE |
| 19 | MIKEL SAN JOSE |
| 20 | GARY GARDNER |
| 23 | JAN TORAL |
| 25 | JOSH DACRES-COGLEY |
| 26 | DAVID DAVIS |
| 28 | MIGUEL FERNANDEZ |
| 30 | NEIL ETHERIDGE |
| 34 | IVAN SUNJIC |

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE - DAVID WEBB | ASSISTANT REFEREE 1 - IAN COOPER
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