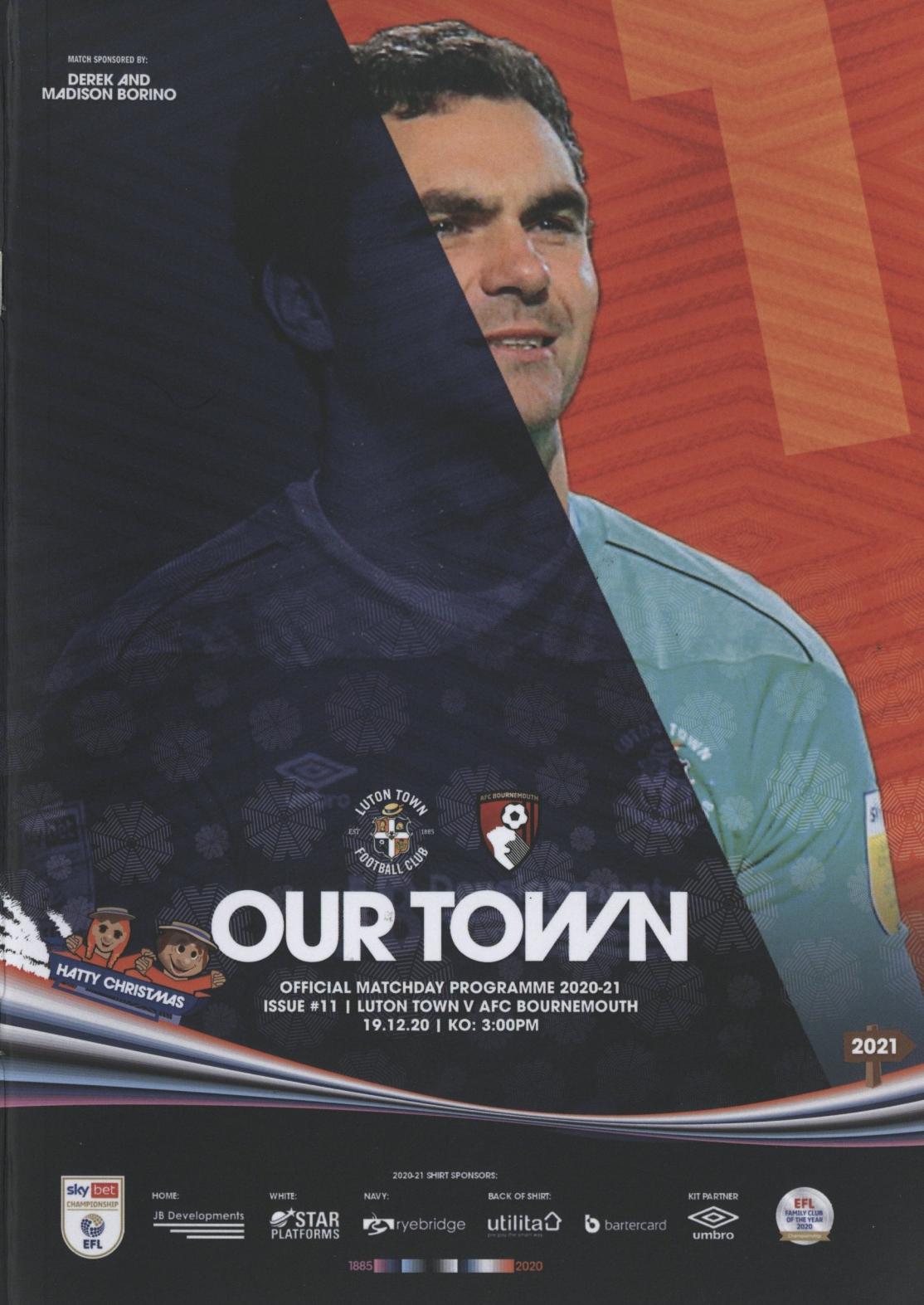


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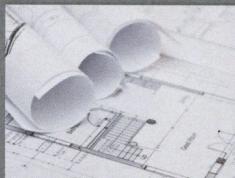
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THE MANAGER



NATHAN JONES

Good afternoon and a warm, virtual welcome back to Kenilworth Road for you all, I'm sorry to say.

The last two home games have been fantastic occasions, with 1,000 of you season ticket holders here for the Norwich match and then 2,000 last week against Preston.

There is no doubt that the atmosphere generated by those inside the ground has helped the lads to those two wins. Now we have to get used to finding that extra motivation from within again, at least for the next couple of matches. We've had some big results here at Kenilworth Road in these circumstances, so it won't be a problem.

The Preston performance was our best of the season, and a continuation of the standards we set in the win over Norwich who were, as our visitors Bournemouth are this afternoon, top of the table at kick-off.

We know that today's game will be as tough as they come, and the warm welcome is extended of course to Jason Tindall, his staff, their players and any officials who have been able to make the journey up from the south coast.

Bournemouth have had a wonderful period in the Premier League having proved that any club can still complete that dream rise from the depths of League Two to the top-flight. It's a journey we hope to follow here at Luton Town.

Of course, it would be remiss of me not to mention Jack Stacey who, even if he does not play today as he continues his return to fitness, would in normal circumstances receive a rapturous reception here at the Kenny. It'll be great to see Jack if he travels, as he was a huge part of our rise from League Two to the Championship, and is a great lad. The same goes for Cameron Carter-Vickers, who although he was here for a much shorter period, played an important role in our survival last season.

We were disappointed not to come away with at least a point from the trip to Middlesbrough on Wednesday night, as we had that taken away from us in controversial circumstances. We were worthy of at least one, but we have to be clinical when the opportunities come in tight matches at this level. If we are, and we play with the right tempo, we've proved we are a match for any side.

Please stick with us and continue to show such unbelievable support, even if it has to be from home again for now, and have a wonderful Christmas. We know it has to be different this year, but please follow the rules, stick to your bubbles and hopefully the rate can come down and we can start to get back to normality again in the New Year.

That will include hopefully getting to see a great friend and colleague of ours, John Buttle, very soon. Congratulations to John from all the staff and players on his much deserved and overdue EFL long service award.

Enjoy today's game and Merry Christmas. COYH!



THE BOARDROOM



STEPHEN BROWNE

Good afternoon to Hatters around the world, and everyone watching at home.

Today we welcome Jason Tindall and his Bournemouth team for this behind closed doors game. The news that we have re-entered Tier 3 has come as a blow to us all especially as we were on the pathway to seeing more of you here each game. Everyone at the Club has worked so hard to ensure the Kenny is Covid safe, and the lucky supporters who have attended so far have been exemplary in their obeyance of the rules and processes we have put in place. We hope this is a short hiatus in the progress we were making and I can assure you that the staff have left no stone unturned in their efforts to see you here game after game and, when rules allow, we are all ready to welcome you back.

Along with Jason, a warm welcome back to Graeme Jones. We are all so pleased at the Club that he is in football sharing his knowledge and experience - he is a part of our progress to date and I for one learnt a lot from him.

And the Hatters links do not end there as we all well know - Jack Stacey gave so much to us in his time here so we are delighted he's proven he is a Premiership player and we will all remember his contribution to our recent successes with great fondness.

Cameron Carter-Vickers also played an important role for us and again it is good to see him back, albeit we would have preferred that in an orange shirt!

Anyone who positively contributes to Luton Town has their name in our history books and the door is always open for them to visit us at any time - once a Hatter, always a Hatter.

It seems almost impossible that the fixture today is our first league meeting since those dark days of more than a decade ago....when we last played each other in the EFL we carried a whooping minus forty seven points between our Clubs. I'll say that again, **minus 47 points**. That is just incredible and for both our Clubs, look how far we have come and what has happened in that decade. For us both that is the dim and distant past now, but as my grandad always said, 'Never forget your roots', and both Clubs should take huge pride in what has been achieved since those Draconian and vindictive penalties.

On a far, far brighter note, it has been wonderful to see that this week one of the nicest, gracious, humble, and most amazing members of staff has been recognised by the EFL for his immense service. 'Mr Luton Town' was visited this week by Big Mick, who presented him with a length of service award that is so fully deserved. John Buttle, our Honorary Vice

President, started his various roles at the Club in 1946 and has been a dedicated and respected member of the backroom team ever since. John has personally witnessed every event, owner, manager, and player at our Club for nearly 75 years - another figure that is hard to believe. For one Legend to present another Legend with such recognition is so fitting - there are simply no superlatives good enough for either of them. John is currently safe and isolating with his dear wife Heath, and we cannot wait to see him walking our corridors again. Stay safe John, and our eternal gratitude for all you have done for Luton Town.

Some of you will have seen that progress on Power Court and Newlands Park continues unabated. Our decade long plans are coming to fruition and as we all know, it is not a case of 'if' we will get a new home, it is purely a case of 'when'. After so much effort and professionalism by all concerned, and despite Covid, it is hugely exciting to know we are getting closer and closer - the plans we see at Board meetings are simply stunning. We will not only get a new home, but the face of Luton is going to be changed forever. We are Luton Town, and we are Luton.

I write these notes from the other side of the planet. From Sydney, from the summer sun, and with my toes in the Pacific. I may be thousands of miles away but there's one thing that keeps me right beside the Luton Town family....



We are blessed that in recent years technology has made the world a smaller place. But one of the few positive effects of Covid has been the improvement in the iFollow service. It was not that long ago that a dodgy radio feed, or a few comments on social media, were the only methods of contact back to the Kenny. Then a blurry and intermittent single

camera feed - without any sound or logo giving the score - at least meant you could see orange, if not the ball.

But now, iFollow is starting to step up to the plate and provide something that is not a million miles away from a regular televised game - Simon's commentary is now assisted by excellent pundits with a picture that is largely crisp and sharp, with replays and multiple camera angles.

We know nothing can ever replace being at the Kenny, but from half a globe away I am able to partake in every kick, every goal, and every second of the 90 minutes. We always seek to improve, and what we have is never good enough, but these huge strides forward mean that Hatters everywhere can be part of the family.

Of course there is no neighbour to hug when the ball hits the back of the net, no view of joyous faces as the whistle gives us another win, no pint down the pub post-match. Maybe the next steps will allow friends to 'virtually' interact enjoying the banter both pre-match and post-match, making the experience more of the matchday occasion we all know and love. Maybe pockets of Hatters will be able to interact in their timezones in an effort to try and recreate some of the buzz we all get when Saturday comes.

In an effort to do this with my family and friends we have organised group video chats at the same time as the games, linking people thousands of miles apart. Whilst I appreciate you need at least two devices for that, using a combination of Zoom or WhatsApp has meant we can share banter together, see each other's expressions, and debate dubious refereeing decisions live and as the game happens. We can see and hear each other scream as Collo scores.



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I am sure that as we become more and more creative we can share our various methods via the Club, so please send in your ideas and methods and let's see what we can do to make it even better.

Technology today is moving so fast. Maybe we are not far from a Virtual Reality experience that of course isn't the same as touching and feeling, but if there is no other choice because of circumstance or distance, then it's much better than what we had just a few short years ago when even a crackly Medium Wave signal was hard to pick up (even if licensing and copyrights allowed). No longer do we have to wait for the final score through an electrical shop's front window to know if we had even gained a point! (Yes, I would have been one of those people outside a Granada TV Rental shop on a wet afternoon in Portsmouth in the 80s!).

So, of course we can do better, but experiencing for myself what we can do from the other side of the planet gives me great hope that Hatters everywhere

will be able to meet and share more and more as months go by. I have personally seen how - whilst not perfect - my own mental health is given a boost when matchday comes and I can connect with fellow diehards. To some degree the result is less important than the ability to share with my loved ones back in the UK and in New York and in Scotland, live and as it happens. I will not deny that staying up till 4am to only lose out to a dodgy ref is not something that makes me happy, but at least I can see that and share that, just as I would post match as if I were walking down Kenilworth Road or up Maple Road back to my car.

Being connected brings joy and positive mental health vibes. If you know someone who you can link in to the matchday banter, reach out to them, involve them, help them overcome any technological blocks (we are not all whizzes with IT). You will make a real difference to them and to yourself. You will be helping to expand the Luton Town family. You will be helping people to have that connection to back home - for so many the only connection back to the UK and to home.

We are Luton Town. We are Global. There's no stopping us, COYH!

Enjoy the game, and you will know that I'll be sharing every second with you from Down Under in the middle of the night,

Stephen

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JOHN BUTTLE

Mick Harford was delighted to be able to visit the back garden of a fellow LTFC legend earlier this week to present John Buttle with the long service award that he was due to receive at the 2019-20 EFL Awards.

With the event cancelled due to the pandemic, the league have sent out long service awards that recognise employees who have given 25 years or more service to EFL clubs. Those who know him, and anything about the club, will know that John has given many more than that.

After attending his first Hatters match at Kenilworth Road in 1946, John kicked off his part-time roles at the club as a youth by selling programmes, before providing commentary on the Hospital Broadcast service in 1961. Several years later he moved on to become PA announcer and for almost 60 years, the proud Lutonian has fulfilled a variety of jobs and when he took early retirement from his job in the City with Barclays Mercantile in 1992, he joined the commercial department full-time alongside the late Andy King.

And there John has remained, an important figure ensuring everything runs smoothly on a daily basis at Kenilworth Road, and a popular visitor to the training ground every Thursday to get balls, shirts and cards signed by the players. That was until Coronavirus hit in March, of course, and since then 84-year-old John's work has had to go temporarily on hold as he shields at home while caring lovingly for his wife, Heath.

After spending 20 minutes chatting with John, Mick said: "John is Mr Luton Town. He's a wonderful man who has time for everyone, and everyone knows him - at the club and around the town. We are missing him a lot at the moment but he is being sensible, taking care of himself and Heath, and we can hopefully see them both back at Kenilworth Road very soon. It's a shame this trophy only says 28 years on it, because we all know that John has been a huge part of the club for a lot longer than that. He's a true legend and it's an honour to present him with this award on behalf of Luton Town and the EFL."

John, our Honorary Vice President, said: "I can't believe that Mick, the wonderful man that he is, has come to present me with this award. I had no idea it was coming so it's a lovely surprise. I'm missing everyone at the club. I love coming in every day and always have. We've got to look after ourselves and get through this, but I'm so pleased to see Nathan back and everything going well. I've been able to watch most of the matches on iFollow and it's wonderful to see the team getting the results that they have. I hope that things can start to improve in 2021 and I can get back to see everyone again soon."

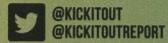
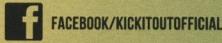
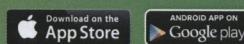
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JAMES COLLINS

James Collins was delighted to score his fifth Luton Town hat-trick and guide his team towards a 3-0 victory against Preston North End last week.

The 30-year-old scored his seventh, eighth and ninth goal of the season in the win at Kenilworth Road and he did it in style – in front of 2,000 home supporters.

"I have been fortunate enough to score a few hat-tricks in my career but my first one in the Championship.

"I did have that tag of being a League Two striker that gets you promoted but I think I managed to get rid of that when I went up to League One, and hopefully now people can see that I score goals in the Championship too."

The striker himself was the first to reveal he missed chances in games gone by, but in the same breath, admitted 'it's just football'.

"If we'd have won those games it wouldn't have mattered, but it never plays on my mind, that's just football. I'm always honest, the last four or five games I should have had more goals.

"You look at the Birmingham game, I had a chance against Coventry as well, and one against Swansea, but that's football.

"You've got to keep getting in there, keep working hard, keep practicing and eventually it will turn for you. If I had scored one in each of those games, they've all come today instead, so that's just football."

The credit for his first goal is largely thanks to the assist from Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu, who played an inch-perfect lob over the top of the Preston, and Collo latched onto it and finished in style.

"It was a great ball, like I said to the fellas before, we were working on it in the week and it got it down to a tee and put it on a plate for me, all I had to do was get a good touch and then put it away, so credit to him!"

Town now find themselves 11th in the Sky Bet Championship after stretching their home unbeaten run to four matches and the Republic of Ireland international was keen to praise the recruitment over the summer because he now believes that 'we've got a brilliant squad.'

Continuing, Collo said: "We've got numbers, we've got some really, really good players in that squad.

"Then we've got lads that aren't even getting on the pitch. As a team we recruited well in the summer and we've got young, hungry players. Brought some great lads in on loan as well so it's a really good mix of experience and youth."

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STADIUM: Vitality Stadium

CAPACITY: 11,329

LEAGUE POSITION 19-20: 18th in the Premier League

MANAGER: Jason Tindall

MILES FROM LUTON: 121 miles

LAST MEETING: Vitality Stadium, 04/01/20, 0-4, FA Cup 3rd round

RECORD APPEARANCE HOLDER: Steve Fletcher, 726 from 1992-2013

RECORD SIGNING: Jefferson Lerma, £25m from Levante, 2018



THE MANAGER **JASON TINDALL**

In his playing days, Jason Tindall started his career at Charlton Athletic but failed to make an appearance before spending eight years with Bournemouth.

His first foray into management was as player-manager at Weymouth, before he returned to the Cherries as Eddie Howe's assistant manager. He followed Howe to Burnley in 2011, staying at Turf Moor for 18 months.

The duo returned to the Vitality Stadium, with Tindall continuing as Howe's number two. His second stint as Bournemouth assistant manager from October 2012 until August 2020, as he was appointed manager on a permanent basis after Howe's departure.

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ASMR BEGOVIC

Goalkeeper Asmir Begovic started his professional career at Portsmouth, making 11 league appearances and spending time on loan at the likes of Macclesfield, Yeovil and Ipswich.

In February 2010, the Bosnian joined Stoke. He spent the next five-and-a-half-years as the Potters' first choice goalkeeper in the Premier League, eventually earning a move to Chelsea in 2015. He made 33 appearances for the Blues in all competitions during his two seasons at Stamford Bridge.

The 33-year-old moved to Bournemouth for first-team football in 2017, with his first two seasons as first-choice. He spent last season on loan at both Qarabag and AC Milan, before returning to Bournemouth in the summer.

DEFENDER

STEVE COOK

Captain Steve Cook is one of the Cherries' longest-serving players, having joined the club back in 2012 when they were in League One.

He started his career at Brighton, making his debut in a League Cup win over Manchester City in 2008. The 29-year-old also spent time on loan at Havant & Waterlooville, Eastleigh, Eastbourne and Mansfield.

Cook then joined Bournemouth, initially on loan in October 2011, before joining permanently in January 2012. During his time with the club, he has been a part of the Cherries' rise into the Premier League, and has made over 350 appearances in all competitions.

MIDFIELD

LEWIS COOK

Born in York, Lewis Cook started his footballing career in his home county, progressing through the academy system at Leeds United.

After impressing in Leeds' development sides, the 23-year-old became a regular in the club's first-team. Across two seasons, he made 80 league appearances, before leaving for Bournemouth in 2016. Since his move to the Cherries, he has made over 100 appearances in all competitions.

Internationally, Cook was captain of the England Under-20s side that were World Cup winners in 2017, and has a solitary senior cap to his name, making his debut against Italy in 2018.

STRIKER

DOM SOLANKE

A product of the Chelsea academy, Dom Solanke only made one appearance for the Blues' first team, replacing Oscar as a substitute in a Champions League tie against Maribor.

His first taste of first-team football was a loan to the Netherlands, playing for Eredivisie side Vitesse. Solanke's 13-year long association with Chelsea ended in 2017, with the striker moving to Liverpool. The 23-year-old spent two years at Anfield, making 21 Premier League appearances.

Solanke moved to Bournemouth in 2019, making 10 appearances in his first season, and played 32 times in the league as the Cherries were relegated last season. This season, the striker has had a healthy return in front of goal.



KEEP AN EYE ON...

DAVID BROOKS

An international team-mate of Joe Morrell, Tom Lockyer, and Rhys Norrington-Davies for Wales, a player to keep an eye on is David Brooks.

Originally starting in the Manchester City academy, Brooks switched to Sheffield United in 2014. He broke into the Blades' first-team, going onto make 30 league appearances, as well as having a loan stint at Halifax.

The 23-year-old joined Bournemouth in 2018, scoring seven times in 30 games in the Premier League during his first season with the club.

Injury issues prevented Brooks from playing much of a part of the Cherries' campaign last season, but he is now back and involved in the team.

Words: Ryan Payne



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

A home defeat to Barnsley over Easter 2005 had set the nerves jangling but two quick victories straight after meant that a good result at Bournemouth in the next game would virtually assure promotion.

In front of a then record crowd at the revamped Dean Court, the clash got off to the worst possible start when Russ Perrett was dismissed for tripping James Hayter. The determined ten men then produced a highly professional display with the icing on the cake, a late winner from Enoch Showunmi.

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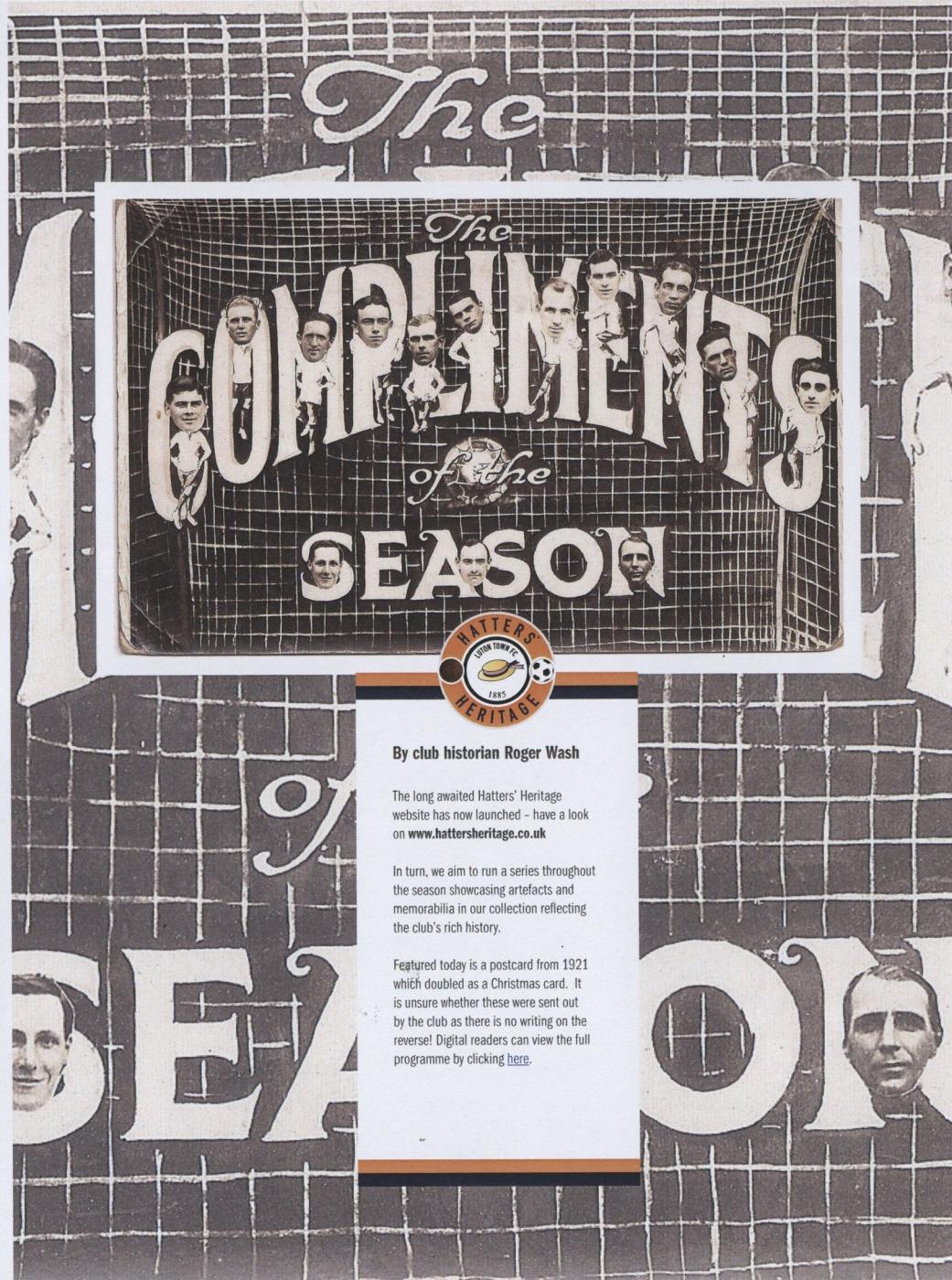
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By club historian Roger Wash

The long awaited Hatters' Heritage website has now launched – have a look on www.hattersheritage.co.uk

In turn, we aim to run a series throughout the season showcasing artefacts and memorabilia in our collection reflecting the club's rich history.

Featured today is a postcard from 1921 which doubled as a Christmas card. It is unsure whether these were sent out by the club as there is no writing on the reverse! Digital readers can view the full programme by clicking [here](#).



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THE PRESS BOX

Our Town and www.lutontown.co.uk contributor DYLAN BHUNDIA's view

Neil Warnock made an interesting comment in his post-match press conference about what he said to his players at half-time on Wednesday evening: "I asked our lads if they'd played Sunday league, I said in the second-half we need to play Sunday League, match them for effort, get into them, turn them round, get on the front foot."

On the face of it, that could be interpreted as a backhanded compliment that reflects his view of the Hatters this season as a team with very little quality to offer and all the other stereotypes that come with a loaded term like 'Sunday league'.

To the contrary, I think this is not only a compliment from the most experienced manager in the Football League but represents a clear sign in how the Hatters have evolved in recent months into a solid, structured team that is capable of competing against high quality opposition week-in-week-out. A team that is now slowly but surely building a reputation for itself in the Championship.

It's become second nature for Hatters fans to hear the phrase 'teams like Luton' bandied around by opposing players,

staff and especially fans this season. Given our struggles last season, this is understandable as we consistently occupied the relegation zone and were nowhere near as solid or confident as we've shown this term.

But this season has been different. Identity is a difficult concept to build in football, but under Nathan Jones the Hatters are now beginning to forge a new identity that has been the catalyst for our growth on the pitch.

At its core, this identity is a collective aggression. Everything we do now is about aiming to out-compete the opposition, as we showed in our emphatic 3-0 over Preston in front of 2,000 fans. It's centred around the constant battle that is the Championship and the desire to make absolutely every action difficult for the opposition. "No passengers" as Nathan Jones consistently repeats.

But identity on the pitch is a different concept to the philosophy that acts as its bedrock.

Whenever Luton's manager speaks about philosophy, he isn't talking about styles of play, tactics, systems or formations, he's speaking about the environment he wants to create – "your philosophy is not your preferred shape or how you want your teams to play – it's how you act, how you train, the culture you create. It's a lifestyle."

His philosophy centres around instilling a dedication, integrity and buying into the collective that is now being reflected in the identity and reputation that his team is building as one that relentlessly competes. Within that, he's shown himself to be flexible from a playing style perspective in light of the challenges of the Championship because that is not what having a philosophy or identity is about at Luton.



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(DYLAN BHUNDIA - continued from page 23)

That collective buy in is something that Nathan Jones has spoken about frequently as the most difficult but crucial aspect of building a strong environment, however it is something that he's done with tremendous success in the past. Just look back to our season in League One and the consistent integrity and leadership demonstrated by players such as Alan Sheehan, despite his appearances being limited by then new-signing and now captain Sonny Bradley. That wouldn't happen without the type of strong environment that he built in his first spell at the club, and that is exactly what he is continuing now.

Building a strong environment with a strong culture that translates into a collective identity on the pitch is not only what Luton fans crave, it's the necessary gateway for us to progress as a club on the pitch, which is exactly what is happening right now. The Hatters are evolving and growing into a side with a reputation of 'hard to beat'.

It's not "Sunday league", but it's an identity that can only continue to make Luton Town a better football club and help us to continually push the boundaries of what we can achieve.



HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY GWEN!

All at Kenilworth Road would like to say congratulations to Gwen Searle, a lifelong Hatters supporter who celebrated her 100th birthday last Monday!

Gwen's great niece Megan got in touch with the club to say: "As we were hoping to throw her a party, which has been cancelled, we are looking for ways to make it extra special as she is in a nursing home and we won't be able to see her."

"She has been a Luton Town FC supporter for forever and it would really mean a lot to her to receive a card from the club. She lived in Harpenden for 99 years and moved to Leighton Buzzard into a care home this year."



"She absolutely loves sports and although she's nearly deaf and can't see very well, she has special headphones to help her listen to the commentary. She may be one of your oldest (but smallest, she is under five foot) supporters!"

Of course, it was possible, and manager Nathan Jones personally saw to it that he wrote a card to Gwen on behalf of everyone at the club, which she would have received along with her telegram from the Queen!

Happy 100th birthday, Gwen!



Yes, it did used to happen! A young supporter is lifted over the heads of supporters down to pitchside before the FA Cup tie with Charlton at Kenilworth Road in 1952.

Roger Wash

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THE TREATMENT ROOM



TRICK OR TREATMENT

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

Why is it best to think of 2020 as a panto? Because it's best behind you.

But one massive positive was to see you guys back at the Kenny. Having been surrounded by cardboard cut outs (I don't mean the staff) it was nice to have moving fans and a football atmosphere.

Well done to everyone for sticking to the guidelines and also to those behind the scenes for the preparation. It will be strange going back Behind Closed Doors today, but we all hope it won't be for too many matches.

On top of the fans coming back to the Stadium, we also had an EFL Covid inspection at The Brache, which I am pleased to say we passed as well. Great work by the cleaners, staff and Peter Kemp, who we have now nicknamed '2 metre Pete'.

I don't know about you but I tend to make more mess tidying up by playing or reading with the things I thought I had lost. We did have one problem when Kempy sold the Hoover. It said it was collecting dust.

Injury wise we go into this period in pretty good shape. Simon Sluga is back on the training ground. It's been interesting with his English and my Croatian, trying to discuss the Acromioclavicular joint. I tried using my Croatian translator but apparently landed up asking him if he liked Spaghetti sauce. Finally nailed it with Sretan Bozic, which is Merry Christmas.

We have also have James Bree, who has a thigh issue which is on the mend. Fingers crossed a couple of weeks will see him fit.

Most of our time has been spent keeping the squad healthy and ready for the next game, so it was nice to receive some chocolates from Simon Sluga (although Kev Dearden took a couple) and some homemade brownies from our own Jamie Oliver, Rhys Norrington-Davies. Got to be honest, they were good.

The recent trip to Middleborough caused some discussion. No, not the referee and his assistant, although you could get me started on that one. Stuart Hammonds joined us and caused strong debate by putting his milk into the cup before his teabag. Opinion was milk has to go in second. Stuart ruined a good Yorkshire teabag.

It will soon be time to pull those Christmas Crackers, so here we go. Why was the turkey in the pop group? Because he had drumsticks!

It's been a strange year and hopefully you can all enjoy a good Christmas, but please take time to think of those less fortunate and maybe that hello to a neighbour might mean a lot.

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A: Available
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T: Available

JAKE PECK

34 H: Available
A: Available
T: Available

PAUL HART

35 H: Doug Knight
A: Available

DAN POTTS

03 H: Doug Knight, Kelly
Knight, Mad Hatter,
Maddie Knight
A: Available
T: Available

HARRY CORNICK

07 H: The Banks Family
A: Kelly Knight
T: Scandinavian
Hatters

ANDREW SHINNIE

11 H: Peter &
Linda Little
A: Tommy Lennon
T: Available

GLEN REA

16 H: Kelchner Brewery
A: LTFc Foot
NLAF

HARRY ISTED

21 H: Craig Steeples
A: Available
T: Available
G: Available

KAZENGA LUAUA

25 H: Holly Valentine
A: WHOSH
T: Available

TIERNAN PARKER

31 H: Available
A: Bobbers Travel Club
T: Available

COREY PANTER

35 H: Available
A: Available
T: Available

SIMON PARSELL

37 H: Bobbers Travel Club
A: Available

RYAN TUNNICLIFFE

04 H: Available
A: Available
T: Available

LUKE BERRY

08 H: WHOSH
A: Available
T: Available

SIMON SLUGA

12 H: NLAF
A: Curly, Matt & Jeffrey
Guide Dog
G: Joe Mentiply & John
Wheeler

PELLY-RUDDOCK MPANZU

17 H: Dean Kemp
A: WHOSH
T: SAM Beast
Consulting Ltd

KIERNAN DEWSBURY-HALL

22 H: Available
A: Available
T: Available

JAMES BREE

26 H: DLA Driving School
A: SAM Beast
Consulting Ltd
T: Available

AVAN JONES

32 H: Available
A: Available
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37 H: Jackie Neufville
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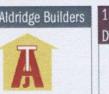
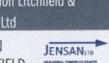
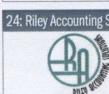
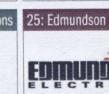
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ACADEMY UPDATE

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

This week's programme notes will focus on the off-pitch activities that the Academy has continued to drive during the difficult and testing times we all face. It also highlights the challenges that needed to be overcome and the 'muck in' mentality that everyone has shown to get our programme up and running.

Dale Brunton (Academy Head of Education & Welfare) explains below:

'Lockdown was a hugely challenging but eye-opening experience within the Academy, especially around the wellbeing of the boys within our Academy, their parents/guardians and of course, the staff. Zoom quizzes and online training sessions became a daily occurrence...

Once the restrictions eased a little and we got the green light from the FA and the EFL for training to resume, it was all hands-on deck to get the training ground, staff and boys ready for what would be the 'new normal'.

Covid protocols had to be created and put into place, health monitoring questionnaires distributed, policies and procedures put into place and staff upskilled on how to best run socially distanced training sessions for boys from the U9's up to the U21's. Phase one saw the boys returning to non-contact, socially distanced sessions which lasted

for two weeks. Our fantastic multidisciplinary staff adapted well and worked closely together to ensure that the boys had a phased return to training after six months of being away from the Academy.

Phase two then began with contact training and the boys being able to participate in 'normal' training sessions, where they could compete against each other. This also then allowed us to arrange fixtures against other clubs whilst always maintaining strict Covid protocols. It would be remiss of us at this point not to say a huge thank you to all the parents/guardians of our Academy boys, as without their help, support and understanding, we would never have been able to get the boys back into training. They already commit a huge amount of time and money to support their boys on their footballing journey, and that now comes with the extra pain of not being able to watch their boys train or play due to the Covid restrictions in place.

This return to training has also been mixed with a wide range of online life skills sessions including the start of a monthly interview series called 'A Peak Inside the Hatters'. The series kicked off with our Head of Coaching and Elite Development, Adrian Forbes, being interviewed about his playing and coaching career by our U18's captain Casey Pettit. Future episodes will be based around interviews with other club staff from a wide range of backgrounds including medical, catering and operations.

Being part of the Academy during a pandemic has certainly been an experience for everyone involved and one that hopefully we won't have to go through for much longer, or ever again! Again, a huge thank you to everyone that has and continues to support the Academy, and hopefully you will be seeing a few more home grown faces within the first team squad soon.'

Please all stay safe, enjoy your Christmas and hopefully we will see you all again at some point in the New Year. COYH!

LUTON TOWN COMMUNITY TRUST

A TALE OF FESTIVE CARDS, HOLIDAY ACTIVITY AND FOOD CAMPS, HATTER CHATTER AND LIBRARY BOOKS

This time of year is an especially busy time for the Trust as we double our efforts to make sure as many of the local community feels engaged with the Club and each other, particularly those who are having to isolate or are living alone.

Our 1,000 festive cards from 1,000 Luton school children grew and grew, and last week we were busy judging both front pages and also the poems and messages the kids had included in their cards that we have now been busy delivering to care homes, as well as posting to lots of our older supporters. Some of the messages are so heart warming they bring a tear to the eye - kids are so perceptive when it comes to topics like loneliness and vulnerability, whereas often adults can often turn a blind eye as 'we're all too busy!' If you've received a card we'd love to know what you thought of the gesture - send us a pic and message at community@lutontown.co.uk and we'll pass it onto the relevant school.

The impact of the pandemic has, of course, also been significant on the young children themselves, with the most vulnerable experiencing food poverty, social isolation, poor mental health and physical inactivity. The Premier League, the Premier League Charitable Fund and Barclays have come together to fund PL Kicks Holiday Activity and Food Camps to provide a positive end to the year,



and next week we'll be holding a three-day activity camp up at Stopsley Community Primary school for 70 children. Well done Marcus Rashford for starting the ball rolling, and he is also involved in this project as a player ambassador.

The camps will provide invaluable daytime activity for young children identified as needing additional support, and as well as providing a range of activities, the Club will be helping out by providing a nutritious meal and snack each day for the participants who will also be taking part in a social action project. We expect among some of the activities that will see lots of letters being written, for example thanking doctors and nurses at the L&D for all their hard work! In addition, all the kids will leave with a Premier League goody bag. All of this, of course, is done in Covid secure bubbles!

Many of us will have witnessed or indeed had first-hand experience of the significant impact COVID-19 has had on the nation's mental health and wellbeing. With the majority of football in 2020 being behind closed doors, supporters have missed out on the socialising, camaraderie and sense of community that attending a live football match brings.

HATTER CHATTER WITH SKIPPER SONNY BRADLEY - MONDAY, 1PM

At the Trust we have worked hard to ensure supporters still feel connected to the team, and have run Hatter Chatter via Zoom every Monday to tackle loneliness and improve mental health.

This week, to build on this initiative, the EFL and Charity Partner, Mind, will be launching the mental health campaign 'Team Talk', which coincides with the launch of Mind's 'Men's Mental Health 10 years on' report. The most important part of the campaign is to encourage people to talk and, the benefits of talking and connecting to others for your mental health and wellbeing.

This Monday we're delighted to announce that Sonny Bradley has agreed to appear on our Hatter Chatter Zoom meeting as part of the #teamtalk initiative to answer supporters' questions and no doubt talk about today's game.

Essentially, this will be an opportunity for supporters to talk informally about football and gain a rare insight into the first

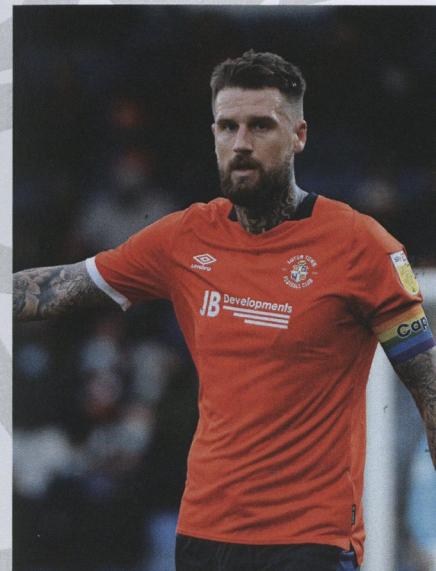
team. We've already welcomed Mick Harford, Chairman David Wilkinson and former Hatter Marvin Johnson along to talk on Hatter Chatter, and we can't wait to chat with Sonny following today's game against top of the table opposition.

If you want to join our chat please email adam.woulds@lutontown.co.uk who will send you an online Zoom invite for Monday's Hatter Chatter scheduled for 1pm.

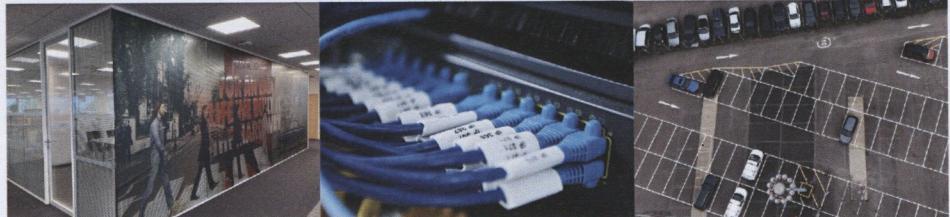
Finally, as part of our #tacklingloneliness together project funded through the EFL Trust and DCMS we've committed to continue delivering library books through the continued covid restrictions.

Last week we delivered Hatters goody bags to lots of our 'customers' and supporters which was a nice surprise for everyone. We've delivered over 3,000 books so far since October and hope to double this amount through to Easter next year. We've really enjoyed our deliveries and chats with everyone in the Town and know from some nice feedback at the Central Library how much this service has meant to members of our community.

Merry Xmas everyone from the Community Trust.



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JUNIOR HATTERS

CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH

Can you find all the hidden Christmas themed words?

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1. Christmas
2. Baubles
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9. Elves
10. Santa Claus
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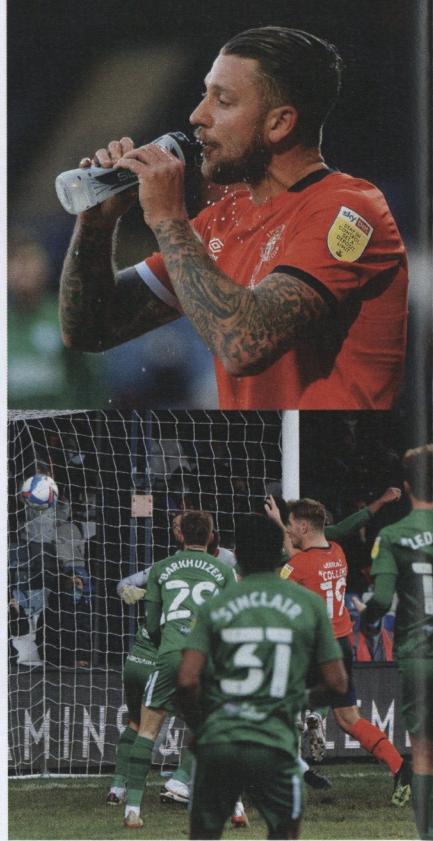


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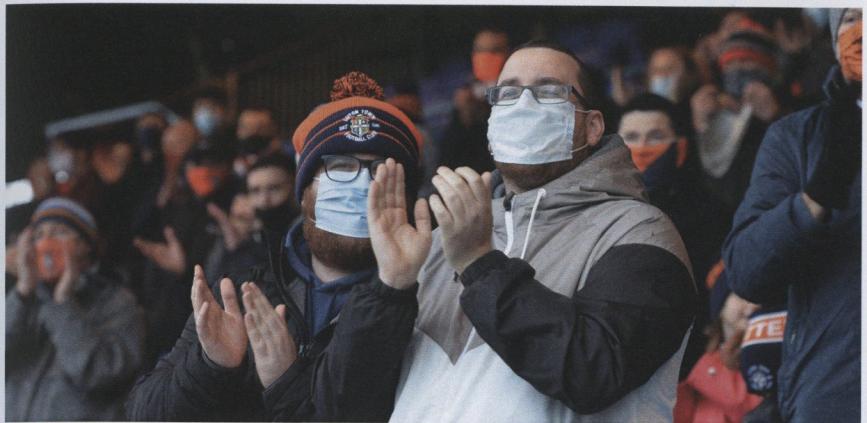
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Formed: 1899
Stadium: Vitality Stadium
Capacity: 11,392
Last season: 18th (PL)
Head to head with Luton:
Luton wins - 21
Draws - 16
Bournemouth wins - 24
Manager: Jason Tindall





LUTON TOWN	PRESTON NORTH END
SHEA	RUDD
PEARSON	FISHER
LOCKYER	HUNTINGTON ▲ 46'
BRADLEY	DAVIES
POTTS	HUGHES
REA	BROWNE
MPANZU ▲ 80'	LEDSON ▲ 46'
DEWSBURY-HALL ▲ 80'	BARKHUIZEN ▲ 57'
CORNICK ▲ 75'	POTTS ▲ 60'
MONCUR ▲ 74'	SINCLAIR
COLLINS ○ 20' 29' 66' ▲ 83'	STOCKLEY ▲ 57'
SUBSTITUTES ▲ ▲	
CRANIE	EARL
TUNNICLIFFE ▲ 80'	BAYLISS ▲ 60'
BERRY ▲ 80'	JOHNSON ▲ 46'
CLARK ▲ 75'	GALLAGHER
ISTED	STOREY ▲ 46'
NORRINGTON-DAVIES ▲ 74'	RAFFERTY
LUALUA	RJIS JAKOBSEN ▲ 57'
NOMBE ▲ 83'	MAGUIRE ▲ 57'
MORRELL	RIPLEY



Manager Nathan Jones secured his 100th Luton Town victory in his 200th match in charge of the club in the 3-0 win over Preston North End, with James Collins netting a hat-trick.

"It's nice to keep a bit of symmetry - a 50 per cent win record isn't bad," said the gaffer. "I know I would have definitely taken 200 games as manager of this football club, and then if someone says 'you can win 100 of those', I would have snapped their hand off!"

"The manner of today's performance was very fitting. I thought we were excellent from start to finish. I thought the energy, the aggression we showed from start to finish. We're competing at this level which is what we want to do."

"Preston had the best away record in the league, they're a side that know what they're doing, they have very good players, and

they are a real difficult side to play against. For us to win the game in the manner we did, I'm very proud of the team."

"I think they had one or two half chances. Preston are a good side, I watched them midweek and they scored three against Middlesbrough, so it shows they're a good side."

"I'm very pleased with the performance, how we pressed, our desire to win the game. That was key because the Championship is relentless week-in, week-out."

LT	PNE
POSSESSION:	46%
SHOTS ON TARGET:	5
SHOTS OFF TARGET:	14
CORNERS:	10
FOULS:	16
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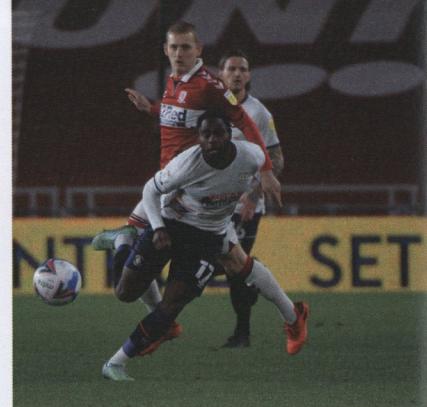
**MIDD'BRO 1
LUTON 0**

WEDNESDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2020 | RIVERSIDE STADIUM

BORO SCORERS: AKPOM 52'

ATTENDANCE: BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

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Nathan Jones chose to focus on the positives following the 1-0 defeat at Middlesbrough.

Chuba Akpom scored the only goal in the 52nd minute, but drama arose later in the half as Town were denied a goal from the penalty spot after James Collins double-kicked his effort.

"I think he has touched it twice, so it is the right decision," said Jones. "It was a tough game tonight because they are a front-footed side but I thought we were excellent. We curtailed everything they did and it was a really good away performance.

"I asked for a little bit more tempo just after half-time so that we could create a little bit more but we didn't and we allowed them to come on to us a little bit and that's how we conceded.

"We had to change, we did, and we were immediately on the front foot. We got a penalty, should score those Collo, he

usually scores those and it is unfortunate. That was really the turning point, I think if we had scored there, we could have gone on and won the game.

"We've not been in any danger, that's the frustrating thing. It was a game of not much quality, a lot of endeavour and I thought we matched them all over. It's just two moments, where we didn't defend well enough and didn't take a penalty well enough, that cost us tonight."

MIDDLESBROUGH	LUTON TOWN
BETTINELLI	SHEA
DIJKSTEEL	PEARSON
FRY	LOCKYER
MCNAIR	BRADLEY
BOLA	POTTS
MORSY	DEWSBURY-HALL ▲ 62'
SAVILLE	REA ▲ 86'
TAVERNIER	MPANZU ▲ 86'
WATMORE ▲ 70'	CORNICK ▲ 75'
JOHNSON ▲ 77'	NORRINGTON-DAVIES ▲ 62'
AKPOM ○ 52' ▲ 77'	COLLINS
SUBSTITUTES ▲ ▲	
WING ▲ 70'	CRANIE
ASSOMBALONGA ▲ 77'	TUNNICLIFFE ▲ 62'
ROBERTS	BERRY ▲ 62'
FOLARIN	HYLTON ▲ 86'
SPENCE ▲ 77'	MONCUR ▲ 75'
STOJANOVIC ▲ 89'	CLARK ▲ 86'
COULSON	ISTED
JONES ▲ 78'	NOMBE
	MORRELL

	M	LT
POSSESSION:	39%	61%
SHOTS ON TARGET:	2	3
SHOTS OFF TARGET:	2	8
CORNERS:	4	8
FOULS:	12	12

FIXTURES 2020-21

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UP NEXT



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GROUND: MADEJSKI STADIUM

MANAGER: VELJKO PAUNOVIC

WHO?

The Royals have spent the last seven seasons competing in the Championship following relegation from England's top tier in 2013, qualifying for the play-offs once in 2017 resulting in a heart-breaking penalty defeat to Huddersfield Town. Reading's last piece of silverware came in 2012, as they were crowned Championship champions and winning promotion to the Premier League.

GROUND?

Reading opened the Madejski Stadium in 1998, replacing Elm Park which had been their home ground for over 100 years. The Royals' home ground boasts a capacity of 24,161 and the Berkshire outfit have shared their ground with rugby union side London Irish since 2000.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

The two sides last met in the EFL Cup in September at the Madejski stadium as Jordan Clark's first-half header booked the Hatters a third-round tie with Manchester United. Previously, Luton fell to a 5-0 home defeat in what proved to be the Town's only loss after the Championship restart last season.

KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU

Current Hatters defender Cranie made nine appearances for the Boro in 2018, before joining Sheffield United and then the Hatters in 2019. Former Luton manager Kevin Blackwell is currently Neil Warnock's assistant at the Riverside Stadium, having worked with Boro's manager at numerous clubs since 1993.

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	14	(3)	2	1	(0)	0	15	(3)	2	5	0
Sonny Bradley	17	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	20	(0)	0	2	0
James Bree	1	(6)	0	1	(0)	0	2	(6)	0	0	0
Jordan Clark	6	(7)	1	2	(1)	1	8	(8)	2	0	0
James Collins	14	(2)	6	1	(0)	3	15	(2)	9	2	0
Harry Connick	13	(1)	0	1	(1)	0	14	(2)	0	1	0
Martin Crane	13	(0)	0	1	(1)	0	14	(1)	0	4	0
Kieran Dersbey-Hall	11	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	11	(1)	0	0	0
Brendan Galloway	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	5
Danny Hyton	4	(4)	0	2	(0)	0	6	(4)	0	3	0
Peter Kioso	0	(0)	0	1	(1)	0	1	(1)	0	1	0
Elliot Lee	8	(4)	1	1	(2)	0	9	(6)	1	0	0
Tom Lockyer	8	(2)	0	2	(0)	0	10	(2)	0	0	0
Kaengna Liatua	1	(10)	0	2	(1)	0	3	(11)	0	2	0
George Moncur	6	(6)	2	2	(0)	0	8	(6)	2	0	0
Joe Morell	3	(4)	0	0	(0)	0	3	(4)	0	0	0
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	15	(2)	2	1	(0)	0	16	(2)	2	4	0
Sam Nsime	0	(3)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(5)	0	0	0
Rhys Norrington-Davies	14	(1)	0	3	(0)	0	17	(1)	0	2	0
Matty Pearson	18	(0)	2	1	(0)	0	19	(0)	2	1	1
Dan Potts	4	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	4	(1)	0	1	0
Glen Rea	17	(0)	1	1	(0)	0	18	(0)	1	6	0
James Shea	5	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	8	(0)	0	1	0
Andrew Shinnie	0	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	0	106
Simon Sluga	14	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	14	(0)	0	0	0
Ryan Tunnicliffe	3	(5)	0	2	(0)	0	5	(5)	0	0	0
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2020-21 CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

#	Team	PI	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Norwich City	19	12	4	3	27	18	9	40
2	Bournemouth	19	10	7	2	35	16	19	37
3	Watford	19	9	7	3	23	13	10	34
4	Swansea City	19	9	6	4	21	12	9	33
5	Reading	19	10	3	6	29	23	6	33
6	Brentford	19	8	8	3	28	17	11	32
7	Middlesbrough	19	8	6	5	20	14	6	30
8	Stoke City	19	8	6	5	24	20	4	30
9	Bristol City	19	9	3	7	20	20	0	30
10	Cardiff City	19	8	5	6	26	18	8	29
11	Blackburn Rovers	19	8	4	7	34	23	11	28
12	Barnsley	19	8	4	7	23	24	-1	28
13	Luton Town	19	7	5	7	17	21	-4	26
14	Huddersfield Town	19	7	4	8	22	27	-5	25
15	Millwall	19	5	9	5	16	17	-1	24
16	Preston North End	19	7	2	10	26	30	-4	23
17	Birmingham City	19	5	7	7	16	19	-3	22
18	Coventry City	19	5	7	7	20	27	-7	22
19	Queens Park Rangers	19	4	7	8	18	26	-8	19
20	Rotherham United	19	4	4	11	18	27	-9	16
21	Nottingham Forest	19	4	4	11	13	24	-11	16
22	Derby County	19	3	7	9	10	22	-12	16
23	Wycombe Wanderers	19	2	5	12	11	28	-17	11
24	Sheffield Wednesday *	19	3	6	10	10	21	-11	9



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FOOTBALL AT HOME

The 'homemade waste pipe goal'. Waste pipes, push-fit knuckle bends and some barrier fencing. It doesn't seem like much, but sometimes it's all you need to transform your garden into a proper footy pitch.





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
HARRY ISTED	21
KIERNAN DEWSBURY-HALL	22
BRENDAN GALLOWAY	23
RHYS NORRINGTON-DAVIES	24
KAZENGA LUALUA	25
JAMES BREE	26
SAM NOMBE	27
JOE MORRELL	28
DION PEREIRA	30
AVAN JONES	32
SAM BECKWITH	33
JAKE PECK	34
COREY PANTER	35

JASON TINDALL

01	ASMR BEGOVIC
03	STEVE COOK
04	DAN GOSLING
05	LLOYD KELLY
06	CHRIS MEPHAM
07	DAVID BROOKS
08	JEFFERSON LERMA
09	DOM SOLANKE
10	ARNAUT DANJUMA
14	SAM SURRIDGE
15	ADAM SMITH
16	LEWIS COOK
17	JACK STACEY
18	CAMERON CARTER-VICKERS
19	JUNIOR STANISLAS
20	RODRIGO RIQUELME
21	DIEGO RICO
23	MARK TRAVERS
24	NNAMDI OFOBORH
25	JACK SIMPSON
26	GAVIN KILKENNY
27	JOSH KING
29	PHILIP BILLING
32	JAI DON ANTHONY
33	JORDAN ZEMURA
40	WILL DENNIS

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE - DEAN WHITESTONE | ASSISTANT REFEREE 1 - ANDREW FOX
ASSISTANT REFEREE 2 - MATTHEW JONES | FOURTH OFFICIAL - SCOTT SIMPSON