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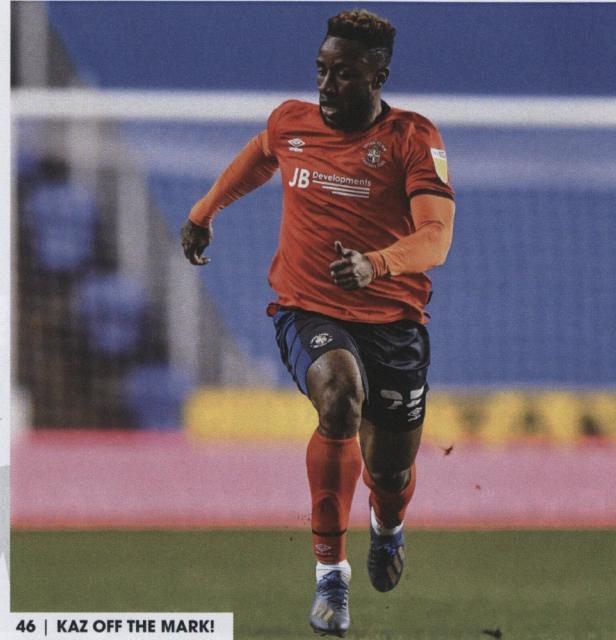
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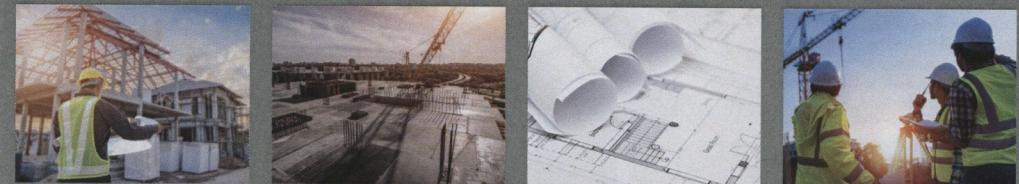
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THE MANAGER



NATHAN JONES

For the final time in 2020, it's a virtual welcome to Kenilworth Road for this evening's Championship match against Bristol City - one that is extended to Dean Holden, his staff, their players and any officials who have been able to make the journey up from Ashton Gate.

I hope that everyone has had a good Christmas. It was different for us all, I know, but hopefully the restrictions we are all adhering to now and sacrifices made in terms of not being able to see wider family and friends will help us return to normality in the coming weeks.

On behalf of everyone at the club, I'd like to thank all of the NHS doctors and nurses, care home workers and other health professionals and volunteers who we are seeing come under more and more pressure as the numbers rise again.

We often talk about a footballer's workload over Christmas and New Year, but these people are the real heroes for working tirelessly throughout to look after those who are sick with the virus, as well as every other illness that is going under the radar at the moment, so please do what you can to help them.

It was strange coming out for the last home game against Bournemouth and there being no supporters in the ground, after the welcome return of fans for the Norwich and Preston games.

I thought we played very well against one of the favourites to go straight back up and that we deserved more than the point we got.

We came away disappointed because we produced an excellent performance, created chances and saw Sam Nombe denied the opportunity of an unobstructed shot at goal when he went clean through. At worst, the tug on his arm should have given us a free-kick right on the edge of the box and seen them down to ten men.

I know that is the kind of game where our supporters might have pushed us on that extra yard and made the difference. You'd have definitely given the referee a bit more to think about in that situation late on.

It was a similar case at Reading on Boxing Day when the foul on Martin Cranie just before half-time was shown to be inside the box, but the referee awarded a free-kick on the edge. We were already 2-0 down, but these are the big decisions that can impact a game at Championship level. If we get a goal back there, it's a different game in the second half.

We showed enough in that second half though to come into this afternoon with confidence, and we want to end the calendar year on a high - which I believe we all deserve to after what's been achieved in 2020.

Enjoy the game, stay safe and I look forward to seeing more of you here in 2021!





THE BOARDROOM



ROB STRINGER

Seasons Greetings to all fellow Luton Town supporters!

I am happy to be writing this from my home in the UK where I have spent Christmas after returning from my imposed exile in the USA.

After quarantining, I was thrilled to be able to attend my first game of the season at Kenilworth Road against Bournemouth, although this was dampened by the sudden change in tier for Luton so that our supporters could no longer attend the fixture.

My last visit to KR was against Brentford in February, just before the world turned upside down, and I was unable to come back and forth regularly to my homeland because of Covid restrictions.

Despite the lockdown and my lack of geographical closeness to Kenilworth Road, I have to say that communication between board members has been excellent in recent months. We have had collective Zoom calls virtually every week and Gary has consistently kept all the board updated on the key issues



that we have faced over the turbulent past nine months. The level of transparency at club level is totally refreshing certainly compared to my last stint on the board in 2001, and the Zoom calls and our WhatsApp chat group have only enhanced this clarity.

Being five hours behind timewise in New York is only disadvantaged for me by some of our board members participating with a happy hour cocktail early evening, as opposed to me with my cup of tea in the middle of the day in New York, and Kailesh on the west coast at breakfast time.

A particularly memorable Zoom call was Nathan being online with us all for the first time after returning. Having always maintained a great relationship with him, it was nonetheless necessary to at least give him a few well meaning zingers for his 16-month absence. More of NJ later...

In the days just before the Bournemouth game, I probably texted Gary a few too many times to express how excited I was to return to the theatre of dreams! I got to the ground early around 1.15pm so I could spend time looking at the latest update on the new stadium development. We regularly receive status reports on this process, but to see some visual information at first hand from Gary was inspiring and a clear vision of a great future for our beloved club.

I cannot underestimate what an incredible job that Gary and the development team have done to overcome many hurdles to get us so much closer to our dream of a new stadium complex that will stimulate our club and indeed the whole town.

It was then wonderful to see friendly faces (slightly disguised by masks) again around the club, and the only strange experience was realising the game had actually started without the familiar Kenilworth roar.

The Bournemouth game was a strong indication of how far we have come in the last five years as we clearly matched them tactically and physically, and were unlucky not to win.

After the game it was special (in a socially distanced way, of course) to return to the camaraderie based environment of the coaching staff that Nathan and Mick foster at our club. There is no question that the balance is right again, and we have the right team in charge of our playing strategy.

The visit to Reading on Saturday was a slightly more disconcerting affair. This is like a home game for me as I live only eight miles away, so when the fixtures came out I was pleased for the location

of this Boxing Day clash, but an empty stadium of that size is a very odd setting to watch a game.

The blaring of Sweet Caroline by Neil Diamond through the PA system just before the kick-off was presumably for the benefit of the Reading players, but certainly not for David, Gary and I in our lonely taped off section of the main stand.

Nathan summed up the game perfectly afterwards and despite our frustrating away performances recently, it was good to see us finally on the scoresheet through Kaz. We are way more competitive than last season and we all must remember that fact when we lose against tough opponents.

With all the doom and gloom in the world, like many of you I am grateful that we have the distraction of football, even if only for now through iFollow (our Simon may have a future career as a referee's assessor), and I am grateful that the staff at our club (including Stu, who 30 seconds after seeing me for the first time in nine months, cajoled me into writing these notes) have excelled in positively communicating with the local community and our wider fan base. I firmly believe that no other club in the Football League is closer to its support than us.

Hopefully our strong home form continues tonight. Take care in these difficult times and Happy New Year to you all!





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JAMES SHEA

Goalkeeper James Shea insists that 'it's not little old Luton any more' after taking a point off promotion chasing Bournemouth in our last home game, adding to the good start the team have made to this Sky Bet Championship campaign.

Approaching the halfway point of the season, James Shea and the rest of the team are relatively pleased with their progress thus far under Nathan Jones, and look forward to continue defying the odds.

"We are not scared of anyone," the goalkeeper admitted. "We go into each game believing that we can win. If you are going to be scared, then there is no point in playing. We will prepare right, rest up now and then we go again next week."

Shea has deputised in place of Simon Sluga since his injury against Cardiff City and has been in fantastic form, conceding just two goals in the last six matches.

Another of his fine showings in-between the sticks came against the second placed Cherries, who were nullified by a terrific team performance at Kenilworth Road.

"We'll take it, take it all day long," he

said. "This lot have been scoring for fun lately so a clean-sheet against them is a good day at work if I'm honest. I didn't have too much to do, the back five in front of me were brilliant and midfield were brilliant."

"It was a great team performance and I thought we looked solid. We didn't really give them any chances, any clear-cut or anything like that, so it was a collective clean sheet today."

After taking four points from the current two top teams in the league – Norwich City and Bournemouth – Shea admitted results such as those shows how far the club has come in a short space of time.

"They are the best two teams in the league, especially the three teams that came down are going to be right up there come the end of the season," he said.

"To take some points off Norwich and now Bournemouth today shows how far we have come as a club and it's not little old Luton any more, we are a good Championship team."



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"We deserve to be where we are, we play the right way, we've got good players, team spirit and the table doesn't lie."

The victory against Norwich and indeed Preston North End were in front of home supporters, but the doors were closed once again for the visit of the Cherries, which didn't change performance levels - Shea believes.

"I wouldn't say it was hard to get up for it, we're playing Bournemouth, one of the best teams in the league. If you can't get up for that, you shouldn't be playing football. It would have been even better here today with the crowd pushing us on that little bit more, but hopefully it won't be long until they are back in again."

And since being back in the team, the 29-year-old hopes his run in goal continues, despite Simon Sluga now being back in contention.

"I want to play," he said. "I want to play as many games as I can. Si starts here and Si has been brilliant all year since he's been in the team, he has been absolutely class."

"It was a shame what happened to his shoulder, he needed to get that right and thankfully he has got it right now. It gives me a chance to get some games and I just want to show what I can do."

"Slugs is back and Slugs wants to play, of course, he's a Croatian international. He wants to play and as long as I'm in, I'll just keep trying to do my job and stay in as long as I can."

Every fan and the players alike will remember the dramatic ending to last season, earning survival with a win on the final day. But this time round, Shea believes the players are more equipped for the challenging division.

"We do deserve to be at this level," he added. "Last year was tough, a lot of the boys' first year in the Championship, but I think you can see now, a lot of the boys have got used to the level and we're improving every day on the training pitch and every game that we play, we're getting better and better, so long may that continue."

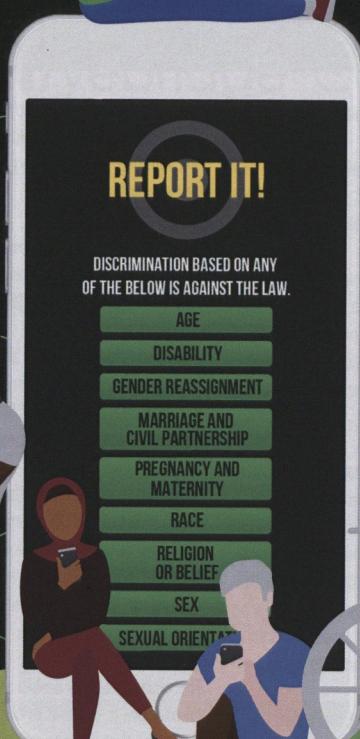
The club have lofty ambitions for the rest of the season and the goalkeeper is the first to admit that he believes the team can go 'as far as they want to go' in the league.

"I think we can go as far as we want to go if I'm honest. Like I said, we're a good Championship team, we should be looking up rather than looking down so if we carry on doing what we're doing, keep everyone fit, everyone raring to go, I don't see why not."

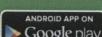
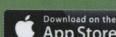
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THE PRESS BOX

Hatters Press & Media assistant DAN BRIARD reflects on an unprecedented year

2020. The very definition of the word unprecedented. The year that no one in the world could have anticipated but on the field, what a memorable one it was.

The wait for a victory lasted four matches into the New Year but that was finally secured against Derby County, under the lights at Kenilworth Road.

Even the most optimistic fans may not have foreseen the Great Escape taking place, seeing as the Hatters were 10 points from safety after defeat to Cardiff City in February.

But what later ensued was a remarkable turnaround, a feat few could have imagined.

The fightback began later that month and into March, when Simon Sluga produced a world-class save to deny Wigan Athletic a late winner. Then the world as we knew it changed. That was the last match before football paused as the coronavirus pandemic swept across the globe.

It was an event no one could have predicted this time last year, but it was a virus rapidly destroying lives. Some

things are more important than the beautiful game and the wait for football to return lasted what would have felt like a lifetime for some but eventually, play resumed in June.

Nathan Jones returned to the club amid the lockdown period and guided the Hatters towards safety against all the odds, losing just once in the remaining nine matches.

The comeback of all comebacks was complete with a 3-2 win against Blackburn Rovers, a historic game that was missing one vital ingredient. It was a night full of drama as Town came from behind to rescue a win, ending the season in 19th position.



This campaign started behind closed doors and just whilst hope was back, in the form of 1,000 and 2,000 home supporters respectively for games against Norwich City and Preston North End, the Kenny was forced to close its doors once again.

The New Year is usually a time where you look towards the future, set yourself new goals and ambitions, but life just isn't quite the same anymore.

The uncertainty that surrounds just about everything you would consider an everyday task will lead to untold changes in the future I'm sure. But for now, at least, let us focus on the achievements of this football club through a time in history that will never be forgotten.

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STADIUM: Ashton Gate

CAPACITY: 27,000

LEAGUE POSITION 19-20: 12th in the Championship

MANAGER: Dean Holden

MILES FROM LUTON: 136 miles

LAST MEETING: Ashton Gate, 29/12/19, 0-3, Championship

RECORD APPEARANCE HOLDER: Louis Carey, 646 from 1995-2014

RECORD SIGNING: Famara Diédhiou, £5.3m from Angers, 2017

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DANIEL BENTLEY

In his youth career, Daniel Bentley spent time at Arsenal, but spent the majority of his time with Southend United.

Breaking into the first team at Roots Hall, Bentley went on to make over 100 league appearances for the club, impressing sides from higher up the Football League.

In July 2016, he left for Championship side Brentford. In his three-season spell with the Bees, the 27-year-old was firmly first choice goalkeeper, appearing in 123 Championship games.

He left for Bristol City last summer, and the goalkeeper played 43 times for the Robins in their Championship campaign last season.

DEFENDER



TOMAS KALAS

Czech Republic international and club captain Tomas Kalas started his career at Sigma Olomouc, before attracting the interest of Chelsea.

He spent nine years at Stamford Bridge, with the majority of those spent away on loan. He did make four first-team appearances for the club, with two coming in the Premier League. The 27-year-old had loan spells at Vitesse, Koln, Middlesbrough, and Fulham.

Kalas also had a loan spell at Bristol City, joining the club for the 2018/19 season and made 41 appearances in all competitions. His switch was made permanent the following summer, and has been a vital player in the Robins' defence.

MIDFIELD



JAMIE PATERSON

Jamie Paterson started his footballing career at Walsall, making his senior debut in August 2010 in the Football League Trophy.

He made over 90 appearances for the Saddlers, before he made the move to Nottingham Forest. The 29-year-old spent three seasons with Forest, and spent a season on loan at Huddersfield during the 2015/16 season.

Paterson signed for Bristol City in the summer of 2016. During his time at Ashton Gate, he has been a regular and helped the side reach the semi-finals of the EFL Cup in 2017/18. He spent the first half of last season on loan at Derby, but return to the Robins in January 2020.

STRIKER



FAMARA DIEDHIOU

Senegalese striker Famara Diedhiou began his footballing career in the lower tiers of French football, playing for the likes of ASM Belfort, Epinal, and Gazelec Ajaccio.

In 2014, the 28-year-old joined Ligue 2 side Sochaux. He spent two seasons at the club, but spent 18 months away on loan at Clermont Foot. In 2015/16, he scored 21 times in Ligue 2, which earned the interest of Ligue 1 side Angers.

After a solitary season in Ligue 1, he made the move to England and to Bristol City. The striker has made over 140 appearances in all competitions, scoring over 40 times for the club.



KEEP AN EYE ON...

NAKHI WELLS

Born in Bermuda, striker Nakhi Wells started his journey with the likes of the Dandy Town Hornets and Bermuda Hogges.

His next move was to England, originally to attend The Richmond International Academic and Soccer Academy. During his studies, he also played for non-league side Eccleshill United.

Carlisle United were the first club to give Wells a professional contract, before he had spells at Bradford and Huddersfield. After his time with the Terriers came to an end, he made the move to Premier League side Burnley.

He failed to keep a first-team place with the Clarets, and spent 18 months on loan at QPR, and made the permanent move to Bristol City in January 2020.

Words: Ryan Payne



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

Win at home, draw away was a recipe for promotion in the days of two points for a win but the Town appeared contrary by being awful at Kenilworth Road and brilliant away.

Using manager Harry Haslam's novel system of one forward with a floating five in midfield the tactic meant that the away record was up with the best as the team attacked with relish on the break but was easily stifled at home.

Four away wins had been recorded by the time of the visit to Ashton Gate in October and it was made five, courtesy of 1-0 victory over a City side that was also struggling at home and yet to pick up a win.

Pictured is Vic Halom (9) attempting a spectacular overhead kick. You didn't risk a booking for this in those days!



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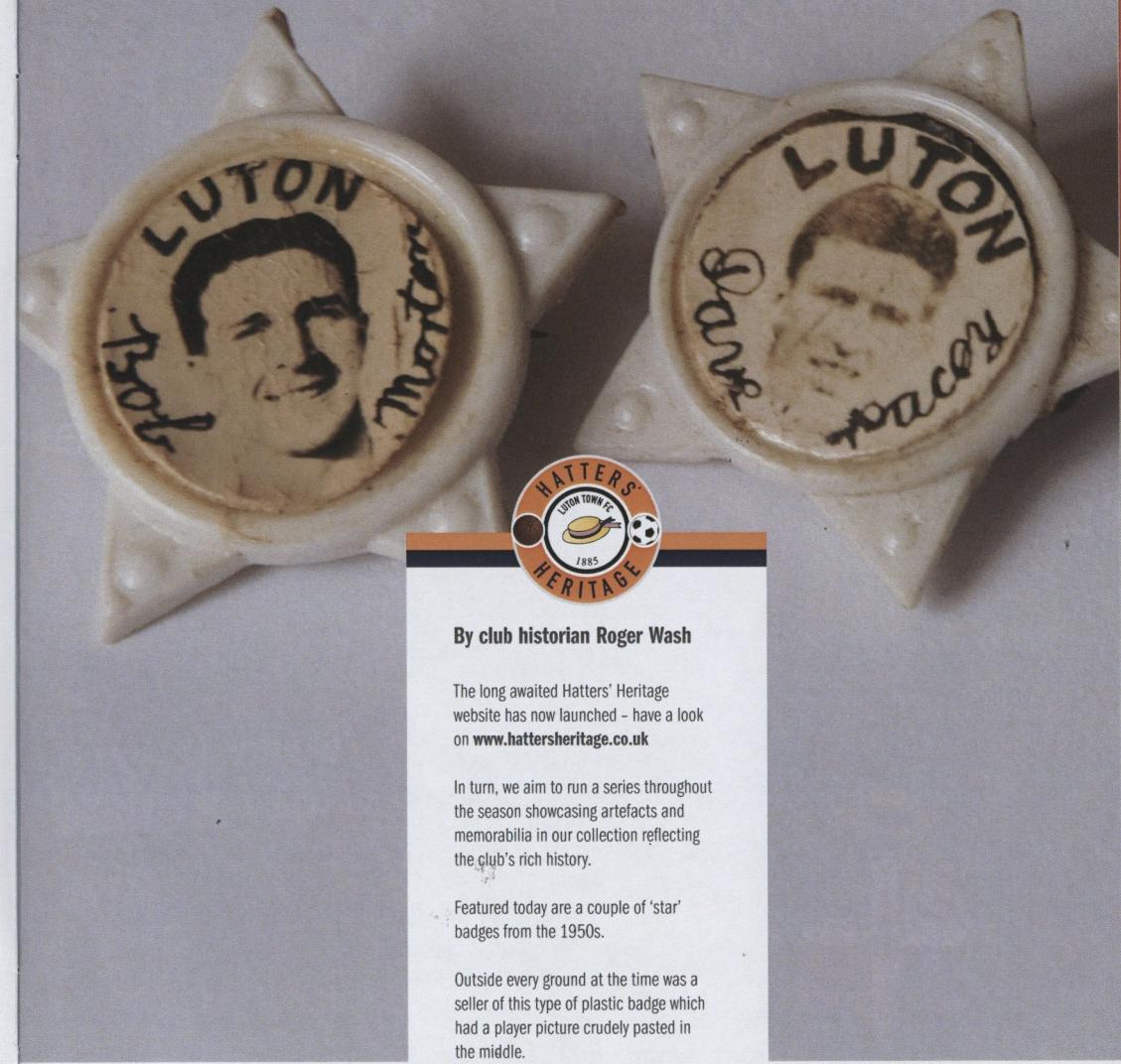
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By club historian Roger Wash

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 are a couple of 'star' badges from the 1950s.

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PRESS BOX EXTRA

iFollow Hatters commentator **SIMON PITTS** looks at some landmark Luton stats

In our final game of 2020 I could look back on the year that was but there is just so much to write about, and most of it has been covered sufficiently already, so instead I'm going to review some landmark statistics following the 3-0 win over Preston North End a few weeks ago.

Not only was this Nathan Jones' 200th game in charge of Luton Town FC, it was also his 100th win in all competitions thus giving a fairly easy calculation for those looking at win percentages!

Only four other post-war managers have been in charge of the Hatters for more matches, Lennie Lawrence 249, Harry Haslam 275, Dally Duncan 514 and David Pleat 609, the latter also from two spells in charge.

Looking at points per game, Nathan leads the way with his first spell in charge netting 1.82ppg from 139 matches, with Allan Brown in second place with 1.74 ppg from his 95 matches in charge. Nathan currently has 1.43 ppg in his second spell giving him 1.75ppg over his two spells, so still the best overall for any permanent Luton Town manager.

The Preston win also saw the 217th time that a Luton player has scored three or more goals in a competitive game, with James Collins netting his fifth hat-trick for the Hatters and he now has at least one in each of the three divisions of the Football League.

Collins is one of 104 different players to have netted 3 or more goals in a game and is currently in joint 8th for hat-tricks, alongside Malcolm Macdonald and Tommy Tait also on five. Gordon Turner is leading the way, netting 3 or more goals, on 14 occasions, whilst Ernie Simms has 11 and Andy Rennie on 10. Turner averaged a hat-trick in every 32 appearances, a feat currently being matched by Collins.

Collins is also now 15th in the overall goal-scoring table for Luton Town players, on 68 goals, and is only 2 goals shy of Hugh Billington in 13th place.

2020 as a year has seen an average of 1.36 ppg, in comparison our last full year in the Championship, 2006, saw 1.18 ppg.

Our Boxing Day defeat at Reading was obviously very disappointing, although at least the away goal drought was finally ended, and what a strike it was from Kazenga LuLu!

Harry Cornick had scored in the three previous Boxing Day fixtures, a feat only matched by Ron Fletcher in the 1970s, although he did it over a four-year period as there was no match on 26th December 1976.

For the final time in 2020, enjoy the match, albeit on iFollow instead of being at Kenilworth Road, but let's hope we can welcome some fans back early in the New Year.

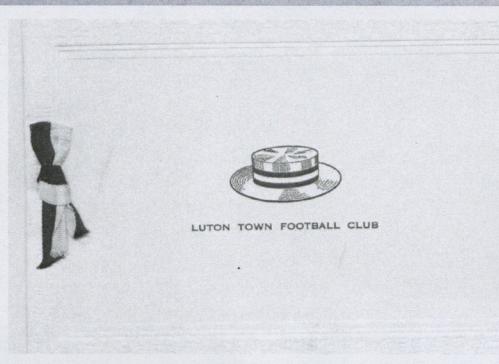
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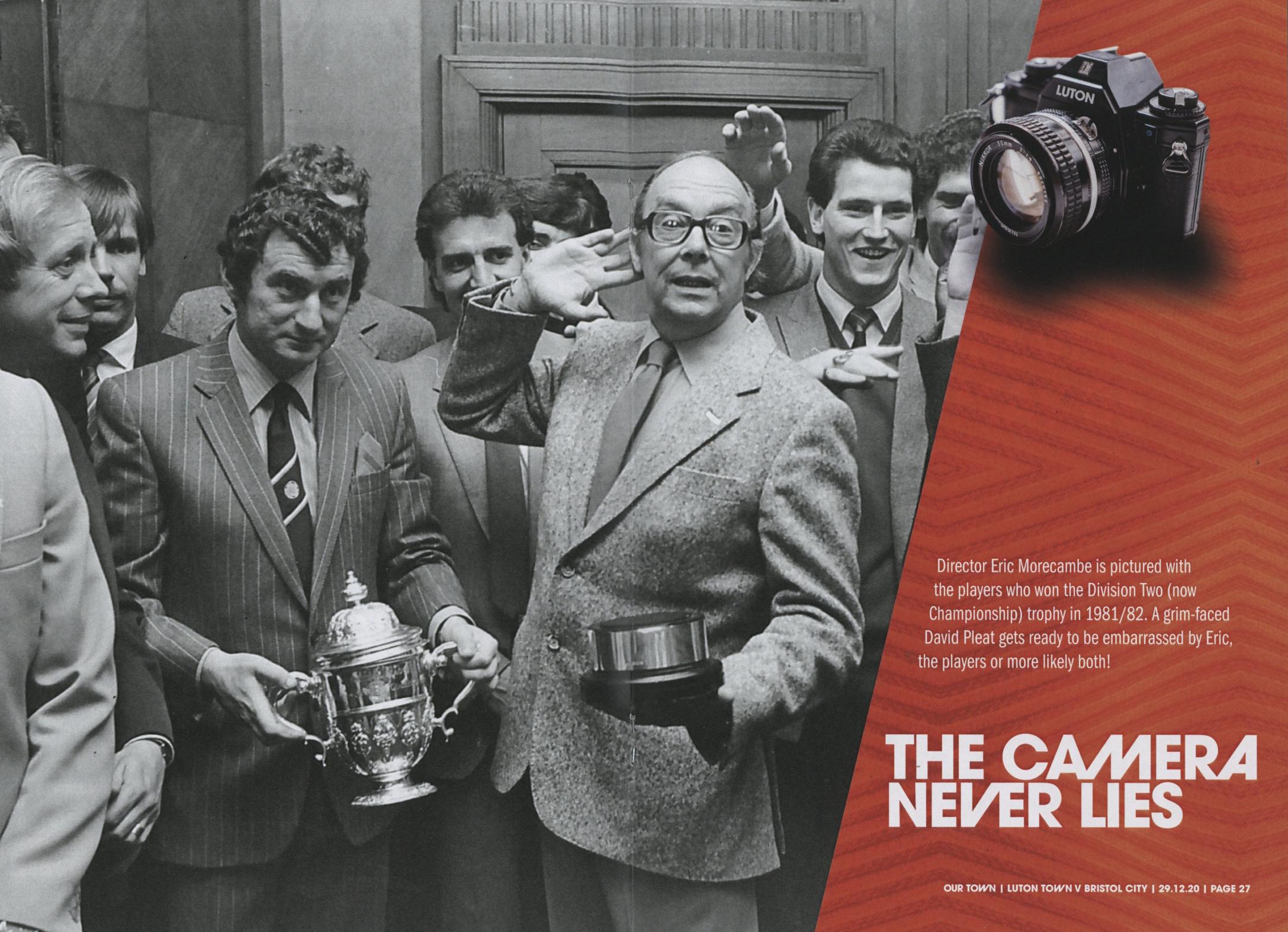


Greetings



LUTON TOWN





Director Eric Morecambe is pictured with the players who won the Division Two (now Championship) trophy in 1981/82. A grim-faced David Pleat gets ready to be embarrassed by Eric, the players or more likely both!

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T: Available

LUKE BERRY

08 H: WHOSH
A: Available
T: Available

ANDREW SHINNIE

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

GLEN REA

16 H: Kelchner Brewery
A: LTFC Fogl
T: NLAF

HARRY ISTED

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

KAZENGA LUALUA

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

PAUL HART

36 H: Doug Knight
A: Available

RYAN TUNNICLIFFE

04 H: Available
A: Available
T: Available

SIMON SLUGA

12 H: NLAF
A: Curly, Matt & Jeffrey
Guide Dog
G: Joe Menty & 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
T: Available

JOSH NEUFVILLE

37 H: Jackie Neufville
A: Lynn, Ben &
Rhiannon
T: Available

SIMON PARSELL

38 H: Bobbers Travel Club
A: Available



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JOSEPH HALSEY  H: Available A: Available	JAMESON HORLICK  H: Available A: Available G: SGW Goalkeeping
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THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PAPER

Written by FLP executive editor JOHN LYONS

IT'S hard to believe we're fast approaching the halfway point in the league season, isn't it?

The games have come so thick and fast that there's hardly been time to breathe. Some clubs have had a ball, others have had a nightmare.

But counting chickens or fearing the worst is not a great idea. I was reminded of that when I was flicking through our post-Christmas edition of The FLP from last year.

Those were the carefree days when fans packed into stadiums and everyone took their football for granted. If only we'd known...

Anyway, looking back at that slightly faded paper, it's interesting to note that the three teams in the Championship relegation zone were Wigan, Barnsley and Luton. Five months later, only Wigan went down of that trio.

Barnsley memorably stayed up on the last day of the season (in July!) with a last-gasp win at Brentford, while the Hatters finished 19th after Nathan Jones returned to the club and sparked a revival.

The teams to go down with Wigan? Charlton and Hull. The Addicks were a safe-looking 17th in that December 29 edition, seven points above the drop

zone, while Hull were miles clear of the drop zone. The Tigers were only just in the bottom half of the table (13th) and a whopping 12 points above the dotted line.

The departures of star players Jarrod Bowen (to West Ham) and Kamil Grosicki (to West Brom) at the end of the January window knocked them for six and set in motion a slide which eventually saw them slump to the bottom of the table.

However, it's not all doom and gloom. Grant McCann's men have had an excellent start to the League One campaign this term and topped the table before a few recent setbacks.

In the third tier a year ago, Wycombe and Ipswich led the way. The Chairboys eventually went up via the play-offs, but Ipswich slumped to 11th place on points per game.

The two sides who bagged the automatic promotion places? Coventry and Rotherham. The Sky Blues, who went up as champions, were in ninth place after Christmas, nine points behind Wycombe. Eventual runners-up Rotherham were fifth.

In League Two, Swindon, Exeter and Crewe occupied the top three places just ahead of the turn of the year. Swindon and Crewe did go on to achieve promotion via points per game, but Exeter missed out – and were replaced in the automatic places by...neighbours Plymouth.

After Christmas the Pilgrims were a lowly eighth in the table, just outside the play-off places. Who won the play-offs? Northampton, who were ninth at the halfway mark. While some of the teams in the promotion places midway through did go on to win promotion and some in the relegation zone did ultimately fall through the trapdoor, it all goes to show that anything is still possible.

And after the year we've just had, promotion and relegation isn't the be-all and end-all, is it? As we enter 2021, let's really enjoy our football, even if it is a bit different than usual.

LUTON TOWN COMMUNITY TRUST

PREMIER LEAGUE CHARITABLE FUND CONTINUE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE TRUST

In a turbulent year, the Trust are grateful to the Premier League Charitable Fund (PLCF) for their continued financial support for the first half of the 2020-21 season and for the next 6 months that will hopefully see us through the worst of the pandemic.

In simple terms, the grant funding amounts to over £100,000 and pre pandemic, this enabled the Trust to visit 50 local schools and deliver free curriculum time sport to approximately 2,000 primary school children every week of term through the PL Primary Stars project as well as offer late night sports sessions to improve community

cohesion and engagement with all young people - boys and girls, able and disabled, through the PL KICKS project.

Naturally, throughout the pandemic, numbers have fallen and then increased and then fallen again as the lockdowns have come and gone but slowly as schools and the Trust have learnt to create Covid secure environments our strong relationship with local schools has seen delivery levels approaching 50% of pre-covid levels while our KICKS centres recovered very quickly with the government acknowledging the value of sport for young people and allowed U18 football to continue.

The first few months next year will still be challenging but slowly with continued support from the Premier League we will be able to build back capacity to pre Covid levels by the summer and connect with our next generation of supporters.



PL PRIMARY STARS SCHOOL SPORT PROGRAMME

The Premier League's flagship PL Primary Stars programme is designed to provide primary schools with support in improving the provision of PE and sport during curriculum and extra-curriculum time.

The aim is to provide higher quality, positive experiences for the pupils, enabling positive teaching and learning, alongside increased participation opportunities and importantly for the club increased player pathways through talent identification.

This support to schools importantly, includes teacher mentoring from our coaching staff to improve staff confidence in PE sessions delivery, PE curriculum lessons, enrichment sessions, through to breakfast clubs, lunch-time activities and after-school clubs.

School Sport Development Officer, James Hatch, who oversees the project commented: 'We always have a great response from local schools who ask us to come in and help with all kinds of requests from running lunch time clubs to coaching the schools' football teams. The continued support from the PLCF will allow us to re-build capacity during 2021 so we can reach the same pre-covid engagement levels.'

For any schools interested in our PL Primary Stars project you can contact James Hatch at the Trust via email at schoolsport@lutontown.co.uk

PL KICKS - SOCIAL COHESION PROGRAMME

PL KICKS seeks to promote sport in deprived areas with unemployment and anti-social behaviour challenges where lots of students under-achieve at school or college and now find the jobs market more challenging than ever.

Our PL KICKS centres use football as a hook to engage and target young people aged 11 to 21 and attempt to divert them away from anti-social behaviour by providing training and employment and volunteering opportunities as well as access to local facilities in the evening they would not otherwise have access to as casual groups.

Daniel Douglas, Community Operations Manager at the Trust commented, 'We partner with Bedfordshire Police and Luton Youth Offending Services at all of our centres in trying to create cohesive groups of young people and our intra estate tournaments do bring young people together in a way no other activity can. Last month just before the November lockdown we took two teams down to London made up of boys from all over Luton to compete in a police tournament - they all got on, played in the Hatters colours and all united together under the one badge!'

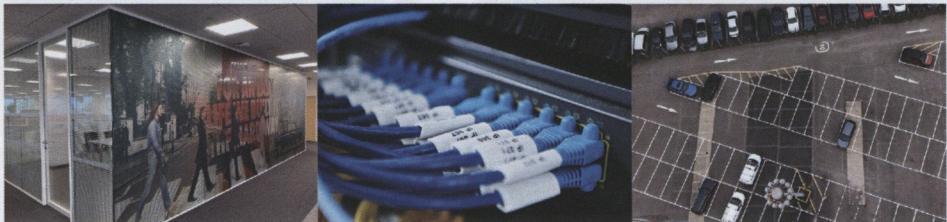
STOPSLEY PL KICKS HOLIDAY ACTIVITY & FOOD CAMP



Last week, we brought both projects together with additional support from The Premier League, the Premier League Charitable Fund and Barclays to provide a positive end to the year as we held a 3 day activity camp up at Stopsley Community Primary school for 80 children. The camp provided some great daytime activity for pupils identified as needing additional support and as well as providing a range of activities. The Club helped out by providing a nutritious meal and snack each day for the participants and all the kids left with a Premier League goody bag! All of course, done in Covid secure bubbles!

Happy New Year everyone!

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JUNIOR HATTERS

Can you tell which player
we have hidden below?



Can you guess what players we've covered up with Harry's face?



BRISTOL CITY TINY STATS

Formed: 1894
Stadium: Ashton Gate
Capacity: 27,000
Last season: 12th (Ch)
Head to head with Luton:
Luton wins - 21
Draws - 17
Bristol wins - 25
Manager: Dean Holden





Manager Nathan Jones was pleased with his team's performance in the 0-0 draw against Bournemouth on the Saturday before Christmas.

The Hatters successfully managed to shut-out the promotion chasers who have lost just twice in the Sky Bet Championship this season and arguably created enough to win the game too.

The gaffer said: "We probably would have taken a draw before the game, but as the game went on, I probably wouldn't have."

"We had better chances, better situations, real good situations which, in the first half we got in behind their back three, just couldn't find the final ball."

"It was a great save from Danny Hylton, probably not a penalty (on Nombe) but he's clean through and pulled back, it's a sending off and a free-kick which would have given us an opportunity late on, so let's not forget that because they are a

fantastic side. They and Norwich will go up, barring something disastrous, because they have enough fire power, enough games to get promoted from this league. So for us, it's a positive."

"We know we're not their level but we're on 27 points, we should have 33 minimum. We should be top six, we should be in and around that because of the level of performances. Forest here, we should have won. Birmingham, we should have won and we should have got something midweek."

LUTON TOWN	AFC BOURNEMOUTH
SHEA	BEGOVIC
CRANIE	A SMITH
LOCKYER	S COOK
BRADLEY	SIMPSON
POTTS ▲ 90+1'	KELLY
NORRINGTON-DAVIES	LERMA □
MPANZU	L COOK
DEWSBURY-HALL □	BILLING ▲ 57'
BERRY	BROOKS ▲ 69'
HYLTON ▲ 71'	SOLANKE
COLLINS ▲ 89'	STANISLAS ▲ 57'
SUBSTITUTES ▲ ▲	
TUNNICLIFFE	GOSLING
PEARSON ▲ 90+1'	SURRIDGE ▲ 57'
CORNICK ▲ 71'	RIQUELME ▲ 69'
SLUGA	RICO ▲ 57'
MONCUR	TRAVERS
CLARK	KILKENNY
GALLOWAY	ANTHONY
NOMBE ▲ 89'	ZEMURA
MORRELL	BURCHALL

	LT	AFC B
POSSESSION:	40%	60%
SHOTS ON TARGET:	4	2
SHOTS OFF TARGET:	4	14
CORNERS:	6	7
FOULS:	16	12

**READING 2
LUTON 1**

SATURDAY 26TH DECEMBER 2020 | MADEJSKI STADIUM

READING SCORERS: MCINTYRE 9', SEMEDO 41'

LUTON SCORER: LUALUA 90'

ATTENDANCE: BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

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Manager Nathan Jones reflected on what could have been for his side following the 2-1 defeat at the hands of Reading on Boxing Day.

The Hatters fell short against the high-flying Royals, who scored two first half goals to condemn Town to a loss on the road, despite Kazenga Lualua's late consolation.

"That can happen to you at this level," said the Welshman. "They are a good side and their second goal was a real, swift counter-attack and they scored with a great strike from a set-play. That can happen and I'm just a bit disappointed in the build-up to their second goal, we should have been better. We gave the ball away cheaply, let people run off us and that can't happen because we get punished."

"We had enough of the game to score two goals today, we scored one, we had chances and should have had a penalty."

Ump teen amount of crosses and opportunities around the box, it is just we have to show more quality in terms of our play."

On his decision with the starting line-up, the gaffer added: "We realise we have three games this week and we want to make the most of the home games, so we've had to make sure we mix the side up. At half-time we weren't getting any impact so I had to make changes and they did. We brought on some quality, especially Kiernan and Rhys who I thought were excellent second half."

READING	LUTON TOWN
RAFAEL	SHEA
ESTEVES	CRANIE □ ▲ 45'
HOLMES	LOCKYER
MORRISON	BRADLEY
MCINTYRE ○ 9' □	POTTS ▲ 77'
RINOMHOTA	REA ▲ 46'
LAURENT	CLARK
ALUKO ▲ 90+1'	BERRY
SEMEDO ○ 41' ▲ 67'	MPANZU ▲ 65'
EJARIA	MONCUR ▲ 46'
BALDOCK	COLLINS
SUBSTITUTES ▲	
SOUTHWOOD	TUNNICLIFFE
OLISE	PEARSON
SWIFT ▲ 67'	CORNICK ▲ 77'
MELVIN-LAMBERT	HYLTON ▲ 46'
BRISTOW	SLUGA
WATSON ▲ 90+1'	DEWSBURY-HALL ▲ 46'
EAST	NORRINGTON-DAVIES ▲ 46'
ONEN	LUALUA ▲ 90' ○ 90'
DORSETT	NOMBE

R	LT
POSSESSION:	43% 57%
SHOTS ON TARGET:	2 3
SHOTS OFF TARGET:	2 5
CORNERS:	2 4
FOULS:	18 10

FIXTURES 2020-21

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SLUGA	MONCUR	LOCKYER	REA	MPANZU	CLARK	COLLINS	KUSO	ISTED	DEWSBURY-HALL	GALLOWAY	NORTON-DAVIES	LUALUA	BREE	NOMBE	MORELL	PERERA	BECKWITH	SUB TIMES					SENT	OFF	GOAL TIMES	
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*	a		*	b	*	y					y	c					76	76	-	-	-	-	-	44,88,92		
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c	c	a	1								b	*	*	a				46	64	89	-	-	-	-	70	
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MANAGER: MARK WARBURTON

WHO?

QPR have spent the last six seasons in the Championship after relegation from the Premier League in 2015, spending a third of this decade in England's top tier. The club's last piece of silverware came in 2011 as they earned promotion to the Premier League as champions, whilst the R's came close to winning the FA Cup in 1982, losing 1-0 to Spurs in a replay.

GROUND?

Formerly known as Loftus Road, QPR renamed their ground the Kiyan Prince Foundation Stadium in 2019. The Kiyan Prince Foundation was established in 2008 in memory of Kiyan Prince, a 15-year old QPR youth player who was fatally stabbed in 2006, to 'support young people embroiled in a downward spiral of urban violence.' You can find out more about the foundation and its work at www.thekpf.com

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

The two sides last met during the Championship restart last season, as the Hatters secured a point at Kenilworth Road to move a step closer to survival. In the reverse fixture last season, QPR ran out 3-2 winners after a concerted but unsuccessful fightback from the Hatters having trailed 3-0 within the opening 30 minutes.

KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU

Current Hatters Kazenga LuLu and Martin Cranie both enjoyed loan spells at QPR in 2017 and 2016 respectively, with the former scoring one goal in 19 appearances at Loftus Road. Former Hatters Paul Walsh and Tony Thorpe also played for QPR, whilst current assistant coach Paul Hart managed QPR in a five-game spell in 2009/10, with Mick Harford as his assistant during the second of the Hatters legend's two spells coaching at the west London club.

Words: Dylan Bhundia

LUTON TOWN PLAYER STATISTICS



	2020-21 SEASON										CAREER		
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		CARDS		TOTAL				
	APPS	G	APPS	G	APPS	G			APPS	G			
Luke Berry	16	(3)	2	1	(0)	0	17	(3)	2	3	0	108	14
Sonny Bradley	19	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	22	(0)	0	2	0	112	3
James Bree	1	(6)	0	1	(0)	0	2	(6)	0	0	0	50	0
Jordan Clark	7	(7)	1	2	(1)	1	9	(8)	2	0	0	17	2
James Collins	16	(2)	6	1	(0)	3	17	(7)	9	7	0	158	68
Harry Cornick	13	(3)	0	1	(1)	0	14	(4)	0	1	0	144	22
Martin Cranie	15	(0)	0	1	(1)	0	16	(1)	0	5	0	42	2
Kiernan Dewsbury Hall	12	(2)	0	0	(0)	0	12	(2)	0	1	0	14	0
Brendan Galloway	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	5	0
Danny Hylton	5	(5)	0	2	(0)	0	7	(5)	0	3	0	141	58
Peter Kioso	0	(0)	0	1	(1)	0	1	(1)	0	1	0	3	0
Elliot Lee	8	(4)	1	1	(2)	0	9	(6)	1	0	0	122	30
Tom Lockyer	10	(2)	0	2	(0)	0	12	(2)	0	0	0	14	0
Kazenga LuLu	1	(11)	1	2	(1)	0	3	(12)	1	3	0	74	7
George Moncur	7	(6)	2	2	(0)	0	9	(6)	2	0	0	49	9
Joe Morrell	3	(4)	0	0	(0)	0	3	(4)	0	0	0	7	0
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	17	(2)	2	1	(0)	0	18	(2)	2	4	0	272	19
Sam Nsime	0	(4)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(4)	0	0	0	4	0
Rhys Norrington-Davies	15	(2)	0	3	(0)	0	18	(2)	0	2	0	20	0
Matty Pearson	18	(1)	2	1	(0)	0	19	(1)	2	1	1	115	10
Dan Potts	6	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	6	(1)	0	1	0	157	10
Glen Rea	18	(0)	1	1	(0)	0	19	(0)	1	6	0	171	6
James Shea	7	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	10	(0)	0	1	0	65	0
Andrew Shinnie	0	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	0	0	196	10
Simon Sluga	14	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	14	(0)	0	0	0	48	0
Ryan Tunnicliffe	3	(5)	0	2	(0)	0	5	(5)	0	0	0	50	1

2020-21 CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

#	Team	PI	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Norwich City	21	13	4	4	29	19	10	43
2	Swansea City	21	11	6	4	25	12	13	39
3	Bournemouth	20	10	8	2	35	16	19	38
4	Brentford	21	10	8	3	34	20	14	38
5	Watford	21	10	7	4	24	15	9	37
6	Reading	21	11	3	7	32	27	5	36
7	Stoke City	21	9	7	5	25	20	5	34
8	Middlesbrough	20	9	6	5	24	15	9	33
9	Bristol City	21	10	3	8	22	22	0	33
10	Barnsley	21	9	4	8	25	27	-2	31
11	Blackburn Rovers	21	8	5	8	35	25	10	29
12	Cardiff City	21	8	5	8	28	23	5	29
13	Preston North End	21	9	2	10	28	30	-2	29
14	Huddersfield Town	21	8	4	9	25	29	-4	28
15	Luton Town	21	7	6	8	18	23	-5	27
16	Millwall	20	5	10	5	17	18	-1	25
17	Birmingham City	21	5	8	8	17	23	-6	23
18	Coventry City	21	5	8	8	20	28	-8	23
19	Queens Park Rangers	21	4	8	9	19	29	-10	20
20	Nottingham Forest	21	4	6	11	14	25	-11	18
21	Rotherham United	19	4	4	11	18	27	-9	16
22	Derby County	20	3	7	10	10	23	-13	16
23	Sheffield Wednesday *	21	4	7	10	12	22	-10	13
24	Wycombe Wanderers	21	2	6	13	31	18	12	



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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	01	DANIEL BENTLEY
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