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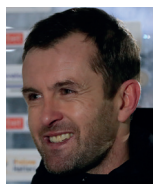
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# NATHAN JONES

**Welcome back virtually to Kenilworth Road for the first time in almost a month, after four successive away matches.**

As a Championship club you don't get much tougher than trips to Bournemouth, Brentford, Chelsea and Blackburn in the space of a fortnight. But as I've said before, and I'll keep reiterating, these are the type of fixtures that we strove to be involved in when I first came here and we were 18th in League Two.

Today it's Huddersfield Town who we host. Again, another side who were in the Premier League just two seasons ago and one who we have enjoyed success against as a Championship club.

Carlos Corberan was a big part of the success Leeds have had under Marcelo Bielsa and it was clear to when we earned a very good point up in Yorkshire earlier this season that he has taken much of the work ethic and playing style with him to the John Smith's Stadium.

I welcome Carlos, his staff, their players and any club officials who have been able to travel to Bedfordshire, and wish them a safe journey home this evening after what will hopefully be an entertain-

ing game for you to watch, sadly, but safely, at home on iFollow.

I must also welcome our three new signings, who have all been made since we last played at home. Kal Naismith has settled in really well, as you'll have seen, and Tom Ince is a player with great pedigree who has a hunger and desire to get back out on a football pitch and help this club progress.

Elijah Adebayo has done very well at League Two level since leaving Fulham, and we are looking to nurture and develop that promise within our culture and environment. I welcome all three and wish the lads who have gone out on loan every success. Congratulations also to young Ed McLannet on signing his first professional contract.

Finally, today is our matchday dedicated to Mind. We know how tough it is for everyone at the moment with all the restrictions and lockdowns affecting the mental health and well-being of so many.

It is essential to talk to someone if you're struggling, and the guys at Mind BLMK do wonderful work listening and helping so many. Please log on to [www.mind-blmk.org.uk](http://www.mind-blmk.org.uk) or call them on **0300 330 0648** if you feel the need. Their Crisis Café is helping so many in Luton and the local area.

If you can, in turn, help them with their fundraising by donating [£5 for a raffle to win a signed shirt](#), it would be so much appreciated, as like all charities, they are struggling to raise much-needed cash as they would normally do with a physical collection on matchdays like today.

Thank you, as always, for your support in all we do here at Luton Town, both on the pitch and in the community. COYH!



# DAVID WILKINSON

## **Good afternoon everyone and a warm welcome to the players and officials from Huddersfield Town.**

These are my first notes of 2021, my last being Preston North End in early December, when we had 2,000 supporters in the ground. Sadly, this year has begun with more of the same sad uncertainty about when we can bring back you, the life-blood of the game.

It is impossible to express to you how our FA Cup draw at Chelsea was a hollow experience for the few of us who were there without the sight and sound of devoted Hatters. I hope you had the opportunity to watch live as it was unusually free to air.

It had its strange moments, with the distance to the away dressing room causing a delay to kick-off and the injustice of the two balls in play resulting in the first goal, but like us I hope you were impressed by a creditable performance against a top Premier League Club, not to mention Simon's penalty save.

This month marks a year since the last full house here at home, when we played Stoke City on 29th February. How could anyone

of us envisage how unrecognisable our lives would become? So many of you have lost loved ones, jobs or education, and have been left emotionally drained. But the resolute spirit of Luton Town fans has seen you help and support each other, by Zoom calls, food distribution and other inspirational ways.

Thank you to all those who have given their help, and for those who need it, please don't hesitate to ask. We are united in our hearts as fans, and let's hope that we will be reunited in the stands in the not-too distant future.

You will also have noticed, hopefully, on the website, social media and elsewhere throughout this programme that today's match is dedicated to the EFL's partner charity, Mind. Please contact the local office, Mind BLMK, or use their Crisis Café which is advertised on the next





page, if you feel you need their help. And I know a few who have already bought raffle tickets to try to win the signed home shirt, so please support this replacement for a physical fundraising collection if you feel able.

We all have different views as to the handling of the pandemic, but for me it is intensely disappointing that there has been no analysis of the result of the limited crowds experiment. To our knowledge, in the two games we hosted no cases were reported as a result.

It has been said before, by us and others, that we are shocked and disappointed by the Council's decision to refuse to grant us a lease on their land by The Brache for us to build a Dome for use by our academy and local schools. In order for the Club to progress, we believe it is vital for our academy to be in the Premier League games programme, which is only open to Clubs in EPPP categories 1 & 2. This and better protection for our youth players is vital for us if we want to progress as a locally-owned and community-based football

club not relying on overseas owners to generate investment.

We notice that Peterborough United have just been granted permission for a Dome on Council land so that they can move up to Category 2. As a local team this will give them a competitive advantage over us in attracting and improving young players, like we have with young Ed McJannet, who we were delighted to have become the youngest to sign a professional contract with the club since 2020 took custodianship, as he did on his 17th birthday last week. Congratulations, Ed!

It is our ambition to reach the Premier League. Everyone can see the massive improvement we have made to The Brache since taking over, but there is no room for expansion, so we hope that we can work with the Council to find a way of enabling us to satisfy the requirements of the Premier League at the same time as improving and maintaining facilities for use by local schools and the community.

The window has now closed. They always seem to throw up a surprise or two and have those involved working right up against the deadline and this was no exception. We welcome Kal Naismith, Tom Ince and Elijah Adebayo (pictured above) and hope they all enjoy their time at the Club.

It is important that players get competitive football at the highest level possible in order to either keep them sharp or continue their development, and to that end we wish all those who have gone out on loan an enjoyable and successful end to the season, with Elliott Lee at Oxford United, Peter Kioso at Northampton Town, Gabe Osho with Rochdale, Harry Isted rejoining Wealdstone and Josh Neufville and Andrew Shinnie continuing their spells with Yeovil Town and Charlton Athletic respectively.

Keep safe and well.  
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David.

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# MIND BLMK MATCHDAY!

**Today we welcome Huddersfield Town back to Kenilworth Road for our Sky Bet Championship clash and the match has extra significance as our dedicated matchday for the EFL's charity partner, mental health charity – Mind.**

Ahead of the match, and throughout matchday, our focus has been on our local Mind office; [Mind BLMK \(Bedford, Luton & Milton Keynes\)](#).

The support they offer isn't just for people who may seem unwell. They offer a wide range of services to help people who have worries in their day-to-day life, and who may wish to share their thoughts with others in a similar situation. Mind BLMK offers a wide range of services aimed at meeting individual needs and promoting mental health, recovery and independence.

Each year, Mind BLMK support more than 4,000 people across the area. That's roughly equivalent to the number of people who can be seated in the Main Stand at Kenilworth Road.

If you would like to find out more about Mind BLMK's services, or feel that you would benefit from their help personally,

we'd encourage you to [visit their website](#) where you can find out more, or refer yourself for help. You don't need to go to your GP for referral, and it's completely free of charge.

Mind BLMK have provided us with a link on YouTube to a short film, which explains more about their services, with case studies from people who have been helped by them. Please do take a moment to watch the film, which digital readers can do so by clicking [HERE](#).

We're looking forward to representing Mind BLMK today, and helping to raise awareness of their important work. If you would like, you can also make a small donation of £3 by texting MINDBLMK to 70450. Texts cost £3 plus one standard message rate. Or if you feel able to donate slightly more, for £5 you can enter a raffle to stand a chance of winning a signed 2020-21 Hatters shirt.

[Please click HERE](#) to buy a ticket and help raise much-needed funds for the charity, who would be holding a collection around the stadium in normal circumstances today.

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# TOM INCE

**Deadline Day addition Tom Ince is relishing the opportunity to be part of the Luton Town family and could be in line to feature against his former club Huddersfield this afternoon.**

Ince, 29, spent a season with the Terriers and has drawn comparisons between the clubs ahead of the Sky Bet Championship fixture.

"I think Huddersfield is probably a similar situation to Luton," said Ince. "When you rise up through the leagues, there's that character and that hunger, and that's exactly what it was like when I was there.

"It was a bunch of players who did ever so well, fighting for survival and going on a rollercoaster ride all the way up to the Premier League.

"At those type of places, you feel the character and the mentality and it's a great place to be, not only just playing football, but the spirit of the group. You can really sense that, and I get the same feeling here. It would be good to come up against them but, hopefully, it'll be a win for us, of course.

"It's nice to be back playing and back involved again and that is the main thing for me, I'm looking forward to it."

Tom reiterated his desire to be involved in a 'good group' from the offset, explaining: "When me and the manager had that conversation, he said most importantly this group has got a lot of character, a lot of belief and a lot of hunger and I think you can see that in the results and the performances so far this season.

"Where the club are in the league with the achievements to try and push even higher, so on a personal level, it's about getting some game time and getting myself back to where I know I can be, but not only that, to come in and work with a great bunch of lads, a club going in the right direction and it's definitely an exciting project for me and definitely a no-brainer."

And on a personal note, the son of former Manchester United and England midfielder Paul Ince hopes game time at Kenilworth Road can reignite his passion for the game whilst in the prime years of his career.

"I'm still at an age where I still feel good. I'm still in the prime of my career, so I'm here to just play football. All I can think about is the short-term, this week, next week and the week after, and just trying to play football, get myself back out there and come the summer, we'll see what happens."



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# ELIJAH ADEBAYO

**Striker Elijah Adebayo has vowed to grasp the 'great opportunity' he has been given upon signing for Luton Town in the January transfer window..**

The 23-year-old joined the Hatters on Deadline Day from League Two side Walsall, becoming the third new addition to the squad – following the arrival of both Kal Naismith and Tom Ince.

But the move wasn't on his radar until late in the day, Elijah explained: "I wasn't expecting it at all! It was kind of smash and grab really, I got a call about half five, by that point I thought I was staying at Walsall, but I'm delighted to be here now and that it got over the line."

The 6ft 4in Londoner found the back of the net ten times for the Saddlers this season, but is keen to improve and hopes he can do so with the guidance of the staff and his fellow players.

"I'm determined to learn and improve, add aspects to my game and improve on the things I have got, make them even better, and then just kick on and try and play as many games as possible, ease my way in and then make a real statement to show the gaffer I can play at this level and I'm ready to play at this level."

"In an ideal world, I want to come in and

hit the ground running straight away," he continued. "Sometimes it happens, sometimes it doesn't. But if it doesn't it's about working hard to make sure that it does and whenever I do get my chance, I've got to be ready. From now until that point, I'm going to get myself ready until we reach that point."

For those unfamiliar with his playing style, the striker revealed all about his attributes on the pitch and what he hopes to bring to Kenilworth Road.

"I can run in behind and can play to feet, I do like to link up play with the midfielders and wingers," said Elijah. "I'm used to playing with inverted wingers, so I can come and play, link up, if they're coming in on their stronger foot."

"Running in behind is a big strength of mine, holding the ball up, bringing others into play and then I've had to really work on my movement this year and getting in and around the box."

"I feel like that's something that's got better, but it's something I need to improve on definitely and more headed goals, it's an area I want to improve on as well."







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# TOM LOCKYER

**After late heartbreak at Ewood Park, defender Tom Lockyer is keen to take the positives into a run of four home matches in the next six fixtures, starting with Huddersfield Town this afternoon.**

Feeling rightly aggrieved after the final whistle due to the nature of Town's hard efforts against Blackburn, the former Charlton man hopes the team can be more clinical in future games.

"I'm gutted. We didn't deserve that, it is as simple as that. With that being said, we have to start being more clinical, especially away from home. Try and get some goals because if we nick that one-nil today, no one questions anything. That could have been easily done."

"You always want to be scoring goals and you always want to be banging them in but that isn't always the case." The Welshman continued. "We have a good strike force, I think it is just a matter of time because I've seen the work that they do, day-in and day-out in training."

On a personal note, it was 12th league game in succession that the 26-year-old had started, a tally Lockyer has been delighted to reach.

"I just love football. I love playing football so buzzing I'm back in the team and I'm going to do all I can to try and stay in the team so that is doing well and limiting my mistakes to as few as I can.

"I'm giving my all for the team, which I always do so long may it continue. But I know football is never as easy as that, you never know what is around the corner but I'm going to try my best to stay in the team."

He and Sonny Bradley have formed a solid partnership which has seen the team keep four clean sheets in that time and Lockyer had plenty of good words to say about the skipper.

"I thought he was excellent today, I thought we handled Armstrong really well. I told him that as well, half-time, after the game, I thought he did magnificently.

"We're starting to understand each other's games a lot more now and that only helps, especially in defence like that. We've had a talk and we have set ourselves a clean sheet target for the season and I'm just really gutted we couldn't add one today."

With a positive frame of mind, however, the defender and the team are determined to bounce back this afternoon, adding: "You don't want to be one of those teams where you play really well but get unlucky. I'd rather play abysmally and win one-nil every week.

"Obviously performance-wise, you want to be performing well because you know results are only a matter of time."

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**LEAGUE POSITION 19-20:** 18th in the Championship

**MANAGER:** Carlos Corberan

**MILES FROM LUTON:** 158 miles

**LAST MEETING:** The John Smith's, 07/11/20, 1-1, Championship

**RECORD APPEARANCE HOLDER:** Billy Smith, 574 from 1913-34

**RECORD SIGNING:** Terence Kongolo, £17.5m from Monaco, 2018



## THE MANAGER

# CARLOS CORBERAN

In his playing career, Carlos Corberan played for Valencia's youth sides, but retired at 23 to pursue a coaching career. His first role was fitness coach for Villarreal's C and B teams, later moving to the first-team.

He also had spells at Al-Ittihad, Alcorcon, and Al Nassr, before becoming manager of Cypriot side Doxa Katokopias and later Ermis Aradippou.

Corberan then moved to England to take over Leeds United Under-23s. After Marcelo Bielsa's appointment at Elland Road, he was promoted to first-team coach while combining duties with the Under-23s.

In the summer of 2020, after three years with Leeds as a big part of their promotion to the Premier League, he moved to become head coach at Huddersfield.

### HUDDERSFIELD TOWN

# ON THE

## GOALKEEPER



## RYAN SCHOFIELD

Born in Huddersfield, goalkeeper Ryan Schofield is a product of the Terriers' youth academy, joining the side at a young age.

The 21-year-old has spent time away from the club on a number of loan spells. Schofield has had spells in the National League North with both FC United of Manchester and AFC Telford United, before making his Football League bow with Notts County.

He joined Scottish Premiership side Livingston on loan in January 2020, but injuries prevented the goalkeeper from gaining regular football. Schofield returned to Huddersfield and has become first-choice since the departure of Ben Hamer to Swansea.

## DEFENDER



## HARRY TOFFOLO

Starting his career at Norwich, Harry Toffolo failed to make a single league appearance for the Canaries, instead spending most of his time out on loan, with spells at Swindon, Rotherham and Peterborough.

After more than a decade at Carrow Road, he left for Millwall in January 2018, signing a short-term deal but he departed The Den that summer without having made an appearance. #

Following his release, he signed for Lincoln City and spent 18 months with the Imps, making 72 league appearances before his former manager at Sincil Bank, Danny Cowley, signed him in January last year for Huddersfield, where he is now a regular.



# RADAR

## MIDFIELD



### JUNINHO BACUNA

Born in Groningen, Netherlands, Juninho Bacuna came through the youth system at his local Eredivisie side, and eventually broke into the first team.

He made his debut for Groningen in February 2015, and was part of the side that were KNVB Cup winners. After a 12-year-long association with them, he left for Huddersfield in June 2018, featuring regularly in the Premier League and Championship.

Internationally, he plays for the Curaçao national side, who are currently managed by Guus Hiddink. He plays alongside his brother, Leandro, the Cardiff City midfielder, for the Caribbean nation.

## STRIKER



### FRAIZER CAMPBELL

Coming through the academy at Manchester United, striker Campbell went onto feature in two Premier League games for the Red Devils but after loan spells at Antwerp, Hull, and Tottenham, he left Old Trafford permanently for Sunderland.

He spent three-and-a-half years at the Stadium of Light, before making the switch to Cardiff, where he spent 18 months before joining Crystal Palace in 2014. The 33-year-old spent three years at Selhurst Park, re-joining Hull following his release, spending two years. He joined Huddersfield in 2019.

The striker has a solitary England cap to his name, featuring in a friendly defeat to the Netherlands in 2012.



## KEEP AN EYE ON...

### ROLANDO AARONS

A new signing at the John Smith's Stadium, Rolando Aarons signed for Huddersfield in January for an undisclosed fee.

After his release by Bristol City at a young age, he moved to Newcastle in 2012 and made his Premier League debut two years later against Manchester City.

He spent nine years at St James' Park, making 22 league appearances for the Magpies, and during his time there Aarons also had spells out on loan.

The 25-year-old has had spells with Hellas Verona, Slovan Liberec, Sheffield Wednesday, Wycombe Wanderers and Motherwell. Making a permanent move, Aarons will look to impress at his new club.

Words: Ryan Payne









# CLASSIC CLASH

**LUTON TOWN 3 HUDDERSFIELD TOWN 0. DIVISION 2  
(NOW LEAGUE ONE). 8TH MARCH 2003.**

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

The Town's hopes of getting into the play-offs were receding rapidly after a string of inconsistent performances so a home game against relegation threatened Huddersfield was a chance to put some points on the board.

Chances were spurned in the first half against a team that defended in depth but once Tony Thorpe opened the scoring, from a suspiciously offside position, shortly after the break it was plain sailing. Terriers skipper Kenny Irons was shown a yellow card for complaining about the goal and shortly afterwards was dismissed for a nasty tackle on Sol Davis and for once the Hatters were ruthless against ten men and goals from Peter Holmes and Steve Howard (pictured) confirmed a convincing victory.

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By club historian Roger Wash

The latest addition to the Hatters' Heritage website is the glorious League One championship winning season of 2004-05. Match reports for every game, match action photos and complete programmes are included from that epic campaign – have a look on [www.hattersheritage.co.uk](http://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. Today we feature four records which, although they were 'of their day', still endure with 'Hatters', produced in conjunction with local group (they weren't called bands then) The Barron Knights and The Luton Town Squad

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# THE PRESS BOX

Hatters fan and Our Town contributor DYLAN BHUNDIA on January deadline day...

**The Hatters do love a late dabble in the January transfer window. Every year, as the time ticks down on an unpredictable and volatile period, like a magician pulling a rabbit from his hat, the Town pounce to pull off a series of signings that no 'in the know' journalist or fan could have predicted.**

As managers up and down the country will say, the January window is a bit of a minefield. Inflated fees and ever-changing options make it a window where plans can change at the blink of an eye.

Sometimes it can go wrong and at the last second clubs end up spending high sums on players who don't merit such fees, such is the desperation to push on mid-season.

The case of Will Grigg's £4 million move from Wigan to Sunderland in 2019 immediately springs to mind, a fee that even then Sunderland manager Jack Ross admitted he wasn't worth, such was the desperation of then Black Cats owner Stewart Donald to gain promotion from League One.

On the other hand, the January transfer window can be a defining month for sides attempting to stay up. There is possibly no greater operator in the mid-season window than serial relegation survivor Sam Allardyce, using it to great effect to steer Crystal Palace, Everton and most memorably Sunderland to Premier League safety in recent years, with the former England manager hoping his old tricks have a similar effect at West Brom for the remainder of the campaign.

Last January the Hatters found themselves in a similar predicament to those Allardyce is well acquainted with. A major overhaul did not ensue, however Luton pulled off a major coup in securing Tottenham Hotspur defender Cameron Carter-Vickers on loan, a player who went on to play a major role in transforming the Hatters' defence in the second-half of the season, helping to pull off The Great Escape after the return of Nathan Jones.

In recent years the Hatters have always used the January window to bolster their promotion hopes. The deadline day of January 2018 saw the arrival of Flynn Downes, Jake Jervis and Lloyd Jones, as the Hatters went on to gain promotion from League Two. Whilst Downes was the only player to have a real impact on the team, upon the release of the latter two in the summer, Nathan Jones felt that they played an important role in pushing the players around them to develop and maintain high standards.

The year after the Hatters were once again flying high, this time in League One. George Moncur arrived from Barnsley, going on to make a series of crucial contributions including \*that\* free-kick against Portsmouth. The Hatters once again



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swooped late on deadline day, shoring up the squad with the loan signings of Alex Baptiste, Jason Cummings and Aaron Conolly, giving the Hatters the depth and impact from the bench that they needed to continue their promotion charge.

So, is this window exactly the same? The Hatters sealed deadline day deals for playmaker Tom Ince and a very late move for young centre-forward Elijah Adebayo, who himself admitted he wasn't aware of Luton's interest until 5pm.

For the first time in my lifetime supporting Luton Town, the Hatters are neither embroiled in a promotion dash nor a relegation battle, and that inevitably leads to a shifting of strategy.

Whilst the signing of a talent like Ince on loan from Stoke will undoubtedly improve the squad in the short term, the move for young and relatively inexperienced Adebayo from Walsall, who has only played as high as League Two, points to a strategy aimed at long-term consolida-

tion, something that Hatters fans are not accustomed to.

Games like Brentford and Blackburn, where the Hatters dominated for long periods and consistently got into good positions without scoring, are frustrating in the short-term, but the high-performance levels against top opposition show that the current set-up is working.

There is a structure in place at this club to compete and succeed at Championship level and it's clear for everyone to see. The next step for the Hatters is finetuning that structure, making marginal gains on the pitch that will push the club to next level and bringing in young players who will develop like Adebayo to consolidate in the long run.

Football can be an unfair game. Poor performances sometimes yield wins, and as we found out at Blackburn last week, exceptional performances can result in nothing.

But what fans should do is step back from the heat of battle and see that this is a group of players and staff who are doing an exceptional job of moving this club forwards.

Football can be frustrating, but behind the forefront of the intensity and raw passion and emotion that comes game by game, there is always the backdrop of a big picture working away and pushing the club forwards. It's certainly looking busy at Kenilworth Road.





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# TRICK OR TREATMENT

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

**Good afternoon. It's still strange times, as we continue to spray, clean, test and protect the bubble, but hopefully with the roll out of vaccinations times can change. So a big thanks to all those helping with the roll out. Unfortunately holiday this year will be the living room or kitchen and we will social distance from the fridge.**

The Lockdown saw an in-house baby boom with the arrival of Albert Moncur, as George would say he now has a Basin of Gravy, Gabriel Sluga and his new Uncle Kevin. Let's hope they don't drop the baby. Finally we have Sophia Shea - hopefully she enjoys Chinese Takeaway as much as her dad.

Injury wise we are in a good place. At the moment we only have James Bree out with a calf issue. Hopefully it won't be long-term. More worrying is the finger injury he is likely to get from playing Call of Duty with fellow players Pelly and Pottsy.

It was a hectic Transfer Deadline Day but

as a result we welcome Tom Ince and Elijah Adebayo.

My partner Chris had a slight problem when testing Elijah's hamstrings, as Elijah legs were longer than Chris' body. Also we wish Elliot Lee good luck during his loan at Oxford. Thanks to our partners at One Stop Doctors and Spire Hospital, Bushey for arranging scans under time pressure.

Recently we have seen more players wearing hats. Not sure if it's the weather or to cover up hair-dos. Everyone is a week away from doing something traumatic to their hair. That was highlighted by Harry Cornick allowing top barber Tom Lockyer to trim those golden locks.

Quotes of the week are back. Mr Dewsbury-Hall pointed out that we were wearing PCP equipment. Joe Morrell, whilst having his hamstring assessed, said, "That feels better already." The reply was: "I should hope so Joe, this is your good leg."

Matty Pearson was not to be left out when he told us "I got into Lucy's car and she had some songs without words playing." I always thought they were instrumentals, but maybe I got it wrong.

The pandemic has been tough for many people and struggles with Mental Health Issues. Support is essential and today's charity partner Mind provide a wonderful service. No-one has to face things alone and don't be afraid to find help. Mind BLMK have a centre based at 46-56 Dummies St, Luton. So please reach out if you need too.

Even though we are still without fans in the stadium, I am amazed by your support and it is greatly appreciated. Please keep it up and stay safe. COYH!





# THE CAMERA NEVER LIES







**Three Challney schoolboys, Wayne Turner, Les Harriott and Mick Pacey, sign for the club in June 1976 under the watchful eye of Hatters coach David Pleat. Also pictured are the Challney Headmaster and Head of Sports. Sorry Wayne!**

**Roger Wash**

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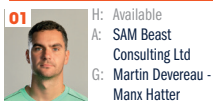


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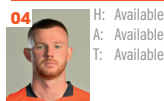
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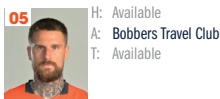
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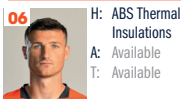
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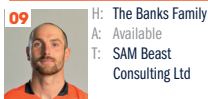
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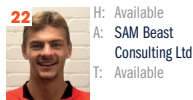
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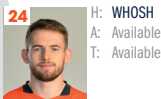
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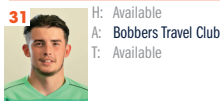
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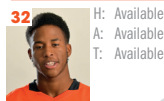
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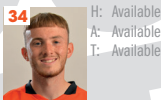
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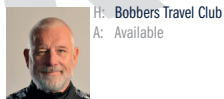
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







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# ACADEMY UPDATE

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

## U21s

The U21s have had three fixtures since our last 1st team home game and have put in strong performances in all. A 2-1 win over Fulham at Hitchin Town was a deserved victory with second half goals from Dion Pereira and Josh Allen securing the win.

Next up, saw us host Stevenage at The Brache and following a mammoth effort by the Academy staff and players to remove the snow from the pitch thankfully our efforts were worthwhile, and a fine performance saw us run out comfortable 4-0 winners. Goals from Pereira, TQ Addy and Tra Lucas did the damage.

Finally Cambridge came to The Brache this week. With a few first team players selected alongside the regular U21 players we won the game 3-0. Another great experience for the young players mixed in with the first team players.

We now look forward to February's fixtures whereby we will challenge the players further which will see them improve further.

## U18s

Unfortunately, a 1-0 home defeat versus Cambridge United saw us knocked off the top of the league a couple of weeks ago, however, a strong performance away at Stevenage last weekend saw us back to winning ways with a fine 6-2 victory.

Following the end of the current season, we would normally enter the Merit League for the second part of the season, which sees clubs from the South East & South West leagues combine. However, due to the obvious travel issues this would present for all clubs, given the current climate, we will have six scheduled fixtures against clubs in our South East region.

This will provide us with a few 'free weeks' to organise our own fixtures and we will be looking to take full advantage of those occasions by providing our players with as varied a games programme as possible.

## Schoolboys

The U16s have continued to train over the last month, however, the latest lockdown has seen us have to shut down the U9s-U15s. Whilst the U9s-U15s have continued to run an online programme it is different from having them in to work at The Brache and we are hopeful that we can resume training in the not-too-distant future.

Enjoy today's game - COYH!

Andy



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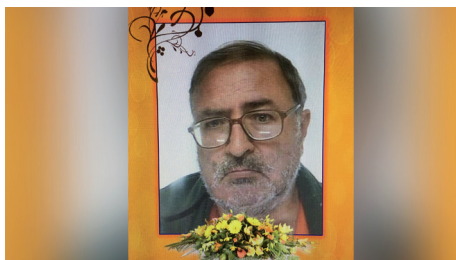
## BRIAN CARTER

Fan Darren Francis wrote in with this tribute to his friend, Brian Carter, who sadly passed away on New Year's Eve, aged 54.

"When fans return to the ground there will be an empty seat, Block F, Row F, Seat 11, Kenilworth Road End, which belonged to our friend Brian, a lifelong supporter taken far too soon.

"As a group we shared great times watching Luton; away days in Renaults, Wembley trips in the 80s, Littlewoods Cup; his words "best day of my life", Johnstone Paints.

"We all say the "right things" when mates pass but truly he was just a good bloke/friend. "Thrilled when Power Court was approved, he'll be gutted to miss it. Farewell mate, Clegg on."



## COLIN DAVIS

We are also sorry to report the passing on Boxing Day of 61-year-old Colin Davis, following a battle with a long illness.

John Pyper wrote: "Colin went to his first Luton match at the age of five years old, and became a lifelong supporter, but over the past few years with his health that had deteriorated.

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## COMMUNITY TRUST DELIVERY REMAINS ONLINE

With the 'stay at home' guidance still operating and no sport delivery taking place, the Trust are still delivering as much of our activities online as we can to ensure community engagement continues for as many of our participants as possible.

Sadly, sport may not return for at least a couple of months but we're still engaging with hundreds of Hatters fans and community members every day. Below are just a few of the projects now on-line.

### LUTON TOWN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT #HattersAtHome Skills Challenge

Our youth development system involves over 500 recruited boys up to U16s drawn from right across the Three Counties area who normally train once or twice a week at one of our training centres in Luton, Dunstable, Bedford and Arlesey. At this time of the year they are

all normally looking forward to their annual Easter residential trip to Stowe School and overseas trip out to Holland but due to Covid travel restrictions and school closures both look unlikely.

Lots of disappointed boys and our coaches have developed their #HattersAtHome skills challenge to keep the boys as engaged as possible during lockdown and 'home schooling' chores.

Each week, via our dedicated youth development account @LutonTownYD boys are set daily technical challenges by the coaches based on first team players so week 1, which began three weeks ago, Monday began with defending like Sonny Bradley, followed by midfield skills from Luke Berry, finishing skills like James Collins, goalkeeping saving skills like Simon Sluga and finishing off week 1 with beating players like Kazenga LuaLua.

Boys are encouraged to video their attempts at the skills and drills and post them on our twitter account - so far we've had over 50 videos posted. A great way to keep all of the boys engaged during lockdown and all boys and girls can join in the challenges at @LutonTown YD every day - don't forget to send us your videos though!

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## Week One TECHNICAL

Monday - DEFENDER  
Defend like Sonny Bradley

Tuesday - MIDFIELDER  
Pass like Luke Berry

Wednesday - STRIKER  
Finish like James Collins

Thursday - GOALKEEPER  
Save like Simon Sluga

Friday - LEARN A SKILL  
Beat a player like Kazenga LuaLua





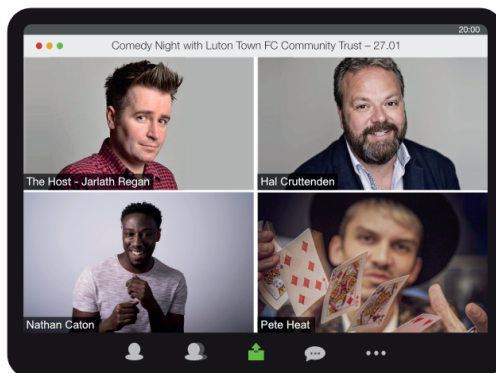
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At the end of January, through PL Kicks online engagement 36 female participants aged between 11-16yrs old who attend the Beds FA Advanced Coaching Centre took part in an interactive zoom refereeing workshop with WSL Referee Rebecca Welch.

The workshop delivery gave an amazing insight into the game through the eyes of an official including their roles and responsibilities, Rebecca also spoke about the link between refereeing skills and life skills with the importance of effective communication and leadership skills being vital in all aspects of life both on and off the pitch. She openly discussed with the girls the emotional aspects such as dealing with criticism and ways in which she personally deals with that.

Rebecca spoke of some of her career highlights including refereeing both the Women's FA Cup final and the Women's Community Shield both held at Wembley Stadium. The female participants who took part were both inspired and motivated by Rebecca's delivery and for some this opportunity has given them the confidence and belief in themselves to gain qualifications to become referees in the future. A fantastic workshop that really inspire the girls.

## HATTERS ONLINE TEAM-MATES #LetsTalkLoneliness COMEDY NIGHT

Our DCMS funded project targeted at residents who may be feeling lonely as a result of having to self-isolate or stay at

home during the pandemic hosted a fantastic comedy night last week which featured an amazing line-up with host, Jarlath Regan, magician Pete Heat and comedians Nathan Caton and Hal Cruttenden, who between them had made high profile TV appearances on the likes of *Live at the Apollo*, *Mock the Week* and *have I got News For you!*

Unsurprisingly, with such a line-up the event was a complete free 'sell out' and staff made sure those unfamiliar with zoom were able to join in the evening's fun.

An evening of laughter and interaction that almost felt like a night out - which is exactly what we all need, especially those of us currently on their own.

For those supporters who maybe are feeling a bit in need of some company remember we have weekly events as well as one-off events such as the comedy evening.

Every Monday we have Hatter Chatter, our weekly Zoom discussion group where we discuss all things Luton Town. This is hosted by Paul Stephens from the Luton Town FC Supporters Trust and Roger Wash, Club Historian. We also have a Fun Football Quiz every Thursday also through Zoom where you can pit your wits against your fellow Hatters for the chance to win club shop vouchers.

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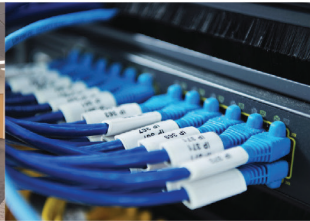
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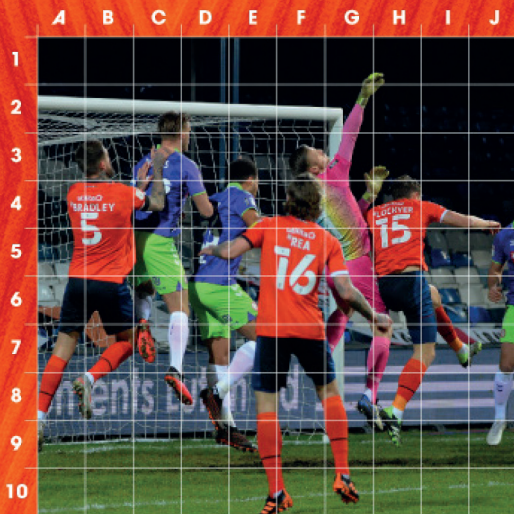
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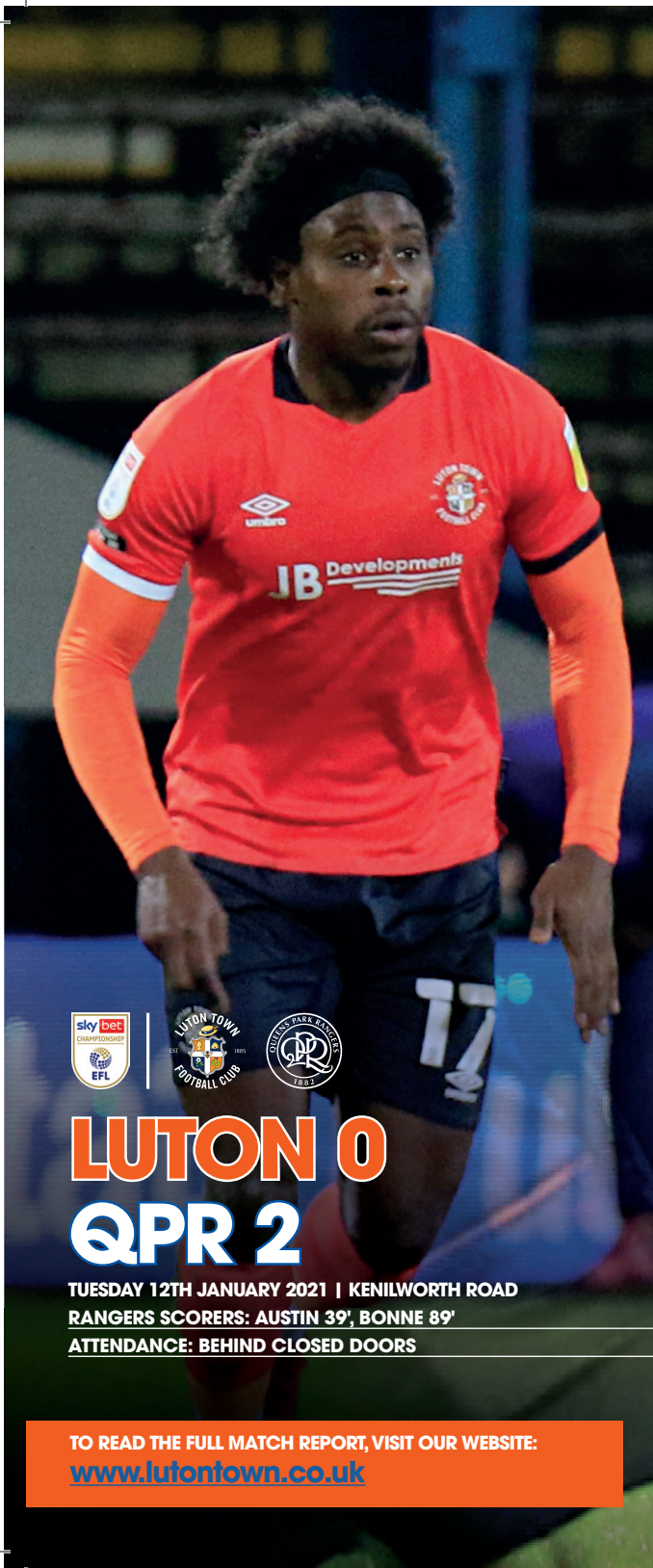
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TUESDAY 12TH JANUARY 2021 | KENILWORTH ROAD

RANGERS SCORERS: AUSTIN 39', BONNE 89'

ATTENDANCE: BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

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LUTON TOWN	QPR
SLUGA	DIENG
BREE	KANE
LOCKYER	DICKIE
BRADLEY	CAMERON
POTTS ▲ 77'	BARBET
REA	OSAYI-SAMUEL
MPANZU ▲ 83'	BALL ▲ 77'
DEWSBURY-HALL	CHAIR ▲ 72'
CORNICK	CARROLL ▲ 78'
COLLINS ▲ 83'	DYKES
LUALUA ▲ 83'	AUSTIN ▲ 78'
<b>SUBSTITUTES ▲ ▲</b>	
SHEA	LUMLEY
TUNNICLIFFE	BONNE ▲ 59' ○ 30' ■
BERRY ▲ 83'	THOMAS
HYLTON ▲ 83'	WILLOCK
MONCUR ▲ 83'	MASTERTSON
CLARK	HAMALAINEN
KIOSO	BETTACHE
GALLOWAY	KELMAN ▲ 90+4'
NOMBE ▲ 77'	ADOMAH ▲ 75'



**Manager Nathan Jones was disappointed his side couldn't continue their good home form after they were condemned to a 2-0 defeat by QPR.**

"We were flat," Jones admitted. "Maybe it was the two-week break we have had since that team played at home, but we were really flat and really disappointing. We started quite well, stuck to the game plan early on but then just dropped deep, allowed them to get into the front, allowed them to put balls in our box, we just weren't brave and that just hasn't been us at home.

"That's the disappointing thing. We lost the first header and then someone doesn't realise that Charlie Austin has been doing that for the last 20 years, just drifts in and gets a free tap in. Really poor from our point of view, but let's give QPR credit, they won the game and we didn't step onto them.

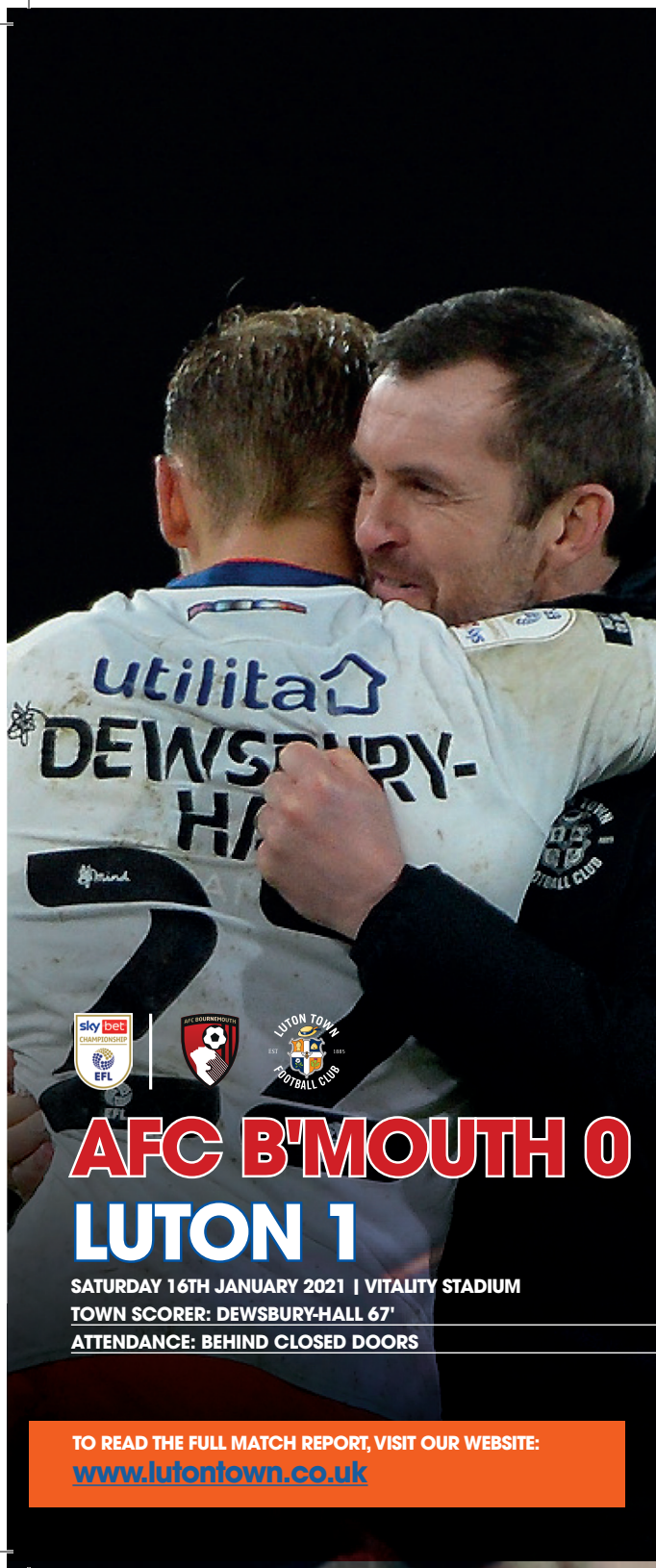
"We started quite well and then we were just so passive.

Second half was much better, and we should have scored straight after half-time. We had so many situations second half. George comes on and gets an opportunity, but we have got to be better, we have to show more quality in those moments.

"We played with far more vigor and front-footedness in the second half but we can't chase games at this level, that is what we're learning. If we don't start well and if we don't get on the front foot, then we don't get a foothold in the game."

	LT	QPR
<b>POSSESSION:</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>52%</b>
<b>SHOTS ON TARGET:</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>SHOTS OFF TARGET:</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>CORNERS:</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>FOULS:</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>





AFC BOURNEMOUTH	LUTON TOWN
BEGOVIC	SLUGA
S COOK	BREE ▲ 87'
CARTER-VICKERS	LOCKYER ▲ 34'
RICO ▲ 70'	BRADLEY
STACEY ▲ 70'	POTTS
LERMA ■	REA
L COOK	MPANZU
A SMITH ▲ 81'	DEWSBURY-HALL ○ 67'
BROOKS ▲ 81'	BERRY
SOLANKE	CORNICK ▲ 77'
KING ▲ 70'	COLLINS ▲ 87'
<b>SUBSTITUTES ▲ ▲</b>	
KELLY ▲ 70'	SHEA
MEPHAM	PEARSON ▲ 87' ■
SURRIDGE ▲ 72'	HYLTON ▲ 87' ■
RIQUELME ▲ 81'	MONCUR
SIMPSON	CLARK ▲ 77'
KILKENNY	NAISMITH ▲ 34'
BILLING ▲ 70' ■	LUALUA
ANTHONY ▲ 81'	NOMBE
DENNIS	MORRELL



**Manager Nathan Jones was delighted with his side's terrific victory at high-flying Bournemouth thanks to Kiernan Dewsbury-Hall's goal.**

The gaffer said: "In hindsight, if you looked at the two games and said 'right you're going to take three points from these next two games', you probably would have thought we would beat QPR and admirably lose to Bournemouth.

"We were really disappointed with our performance (on Tuesday), but it might have been understandable with the lay-off we've had.

"Today I thought we were excellent, I really do. Up until the sending off I thought we were very good. They are a wonderful side and for me in the top two of quality.

"They have been recruiting for the Premier League for the last eight, nine years, so the athleticism, quality, technique, calibre

of player and pace that they have can punish any team, so we knew we had to play well today.

"We defended fantastically well, limited them to very little, keeper had one save to make, their keeper had more, albeit most of it when they went down to ten men.

"But I think the ten men will take the shine off a real good performance. Realistically I probably would have taken a point today, so to take three I'm delighted."

	AFCB	LT
<b>POSSESSION:</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>36%</b>
<b>SHOTS ON TARGET:</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>SHOTS OFF TARGET:</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>CORNERS:</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>FOULS:</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>





# BRENTFORD 1 LUTON 0

WEDS 20TH JANUARY 2021 | BRENTFORD COMMUNITY STADIUM  
BEES SCORER: GHODDOS 14'  
ATTENDANCE: BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

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BRENTFORD	LUTON TOWN
RAYA	SLUGA
DALSGAARD	BREE
PINNOCK	LOCKYER
BECH SORENSEN	BRADLEY
HENRY	POTTS 76'
GHODDOS 14' 83'	MPANZU
JANELT	BERRY 64'
JENSEN	DEWSBURY-HALL 89'
MBEUMO 74'	MONCUR 64'
TONEY	CORNICK
CANOS 74'	COLLINS 65'
SUBSTITUTES	
GOODE	SHEA
FORSS 74'	TUNNICLIFFE 64'
DERVISOGLU	PEARSON
FOSU-HENRY 74'	HYLTON 89'
DANIELS	REA
RASMUSSEN	CLARK 64'
ZAMBUREK 83'	NAISMITH 76'
STEVENS	LUALUA 65'
GILBERT	NOMBE





**Manager Nathan Jones felt his side deserved something from the match at Brentford after a narrow 1-0 defeat.**

The gaffer was particularly pleased with the second half showing from the Hatters, who dominated possession and had the lion's share of chances, but couldn't find an equaliser.

"We started slowly and we were a bit overawed by Brentford," said Jones. "Brentford came with aggression and we conceded. We weren't brave and kept giving the ball away in the first 15 minutes, but I couldn't have asked for more from them apart from a goal.

"We had so many chances, so many crosses and opportunities. We were intense, we were aggressive in our play and I'm really proud of that second half performance but we still need to

score. When we are that dominant and putting that much pressure on, we need to score and that is what we didn't do and that is what I'm disappointed with.

"We gave the ball away a few times and they showed one bit of real quality, but we put in balls in exactly the same, with no-one really on the end of it, and that is something we have to look at because I thought we were really good second half. We moved the ball well, were very aggressive and should have got something out of that game."

	B	LT
POSSESSION:	45%	55%
SHOTS ON TARGET:	5	3
SHOTS OFF TARGET:	10	8
CORNERS:	6	5
FOULS:	14	17



# CHELSEA 3 LUTON 1

SUNDAY 24TH JANUARY 2021 | STAMFORD BRIDGE

**CHELSEA SCORERS:** ABRAHAM 11', 17', 74'

**LUTON SCORER:** CLARK 30'

**ATTENDANCE:** BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

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CHELSEA	LUTON TOWN
ARRIZABALAGA	SLUGA
JAMES	BREE ▲ 61'
CHRISTENSEN	LOCKYER
ZOUMA	REA ▲ 46'
EMERSON	BRADLEY
MOUNT ▲ 84'	NAISMITH ▲ 75'
GILMOUR	TUNNICLIFFE ▲ 61'
ZIYECH ▲ 77'	DEWSBURY-HALL
WERNER	MPANZU
PULJISIC ▲ 70'	CORNICK ▲ 60'
ABRAHAM ○ (3) ▲ 77'	CLARK ○ 30' ■
<b>SUBSTITUTES ▲ ▲</b>	
RUDIGER	SHEA
JORGINHO	POTTS ▲ 46'
CABALLERO	BERRY ▲ 61'
KOVACIC ▲ 84'	HYLTON
GIROUD ▲ 77'	LEE
HUDSON-ODOI ▲ 70'	MONCUR ▲ 75'
CHILWELL	COLLINS ▲ 60'
AZPILICUETA	LUALUA ▲ 61'
HAVERTZ ▲ 77'	NOMBE





**Manager Nathan Jones was pleased his side were able to give a good account of themselves despite going down 3-1 to Chelsea in the Emirates FA Cup fourth round tie at Stamford Bridge.**

Chelsea took an early two-goal lead but the Hatters fought back through Jordan Clark, and had further chances throughout the game. Tammy Abraham secured his hat-trick in the second half but the gaffer said: "I'm proud of the group and how we went about our work, it shows we are in a decent place.

"We started not great, that was a lot to do with tactics, so I take blame for that in terms of I wanted us to be bold, on the front foot. I wanted us to win the ball back, I wanted us to have solutions so we can play.

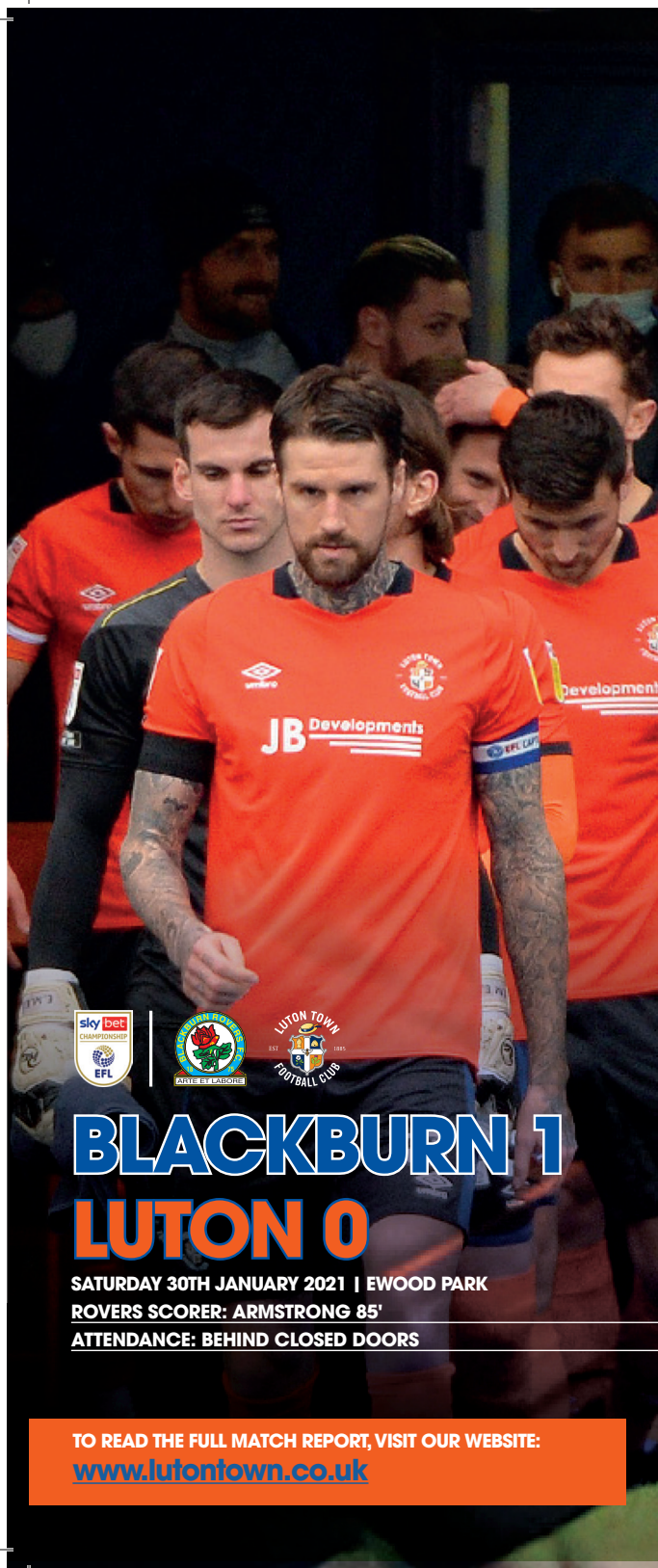
"We didn't quite implement that well enough, so we had to change. When we did we were far more comfortable and that

got us back in the game right before half-time. We had another chance on 60 minutes and we have competed here today.

"It has been a real, long, tough week. Three away games on the trot, Bournemouth, Brentford and Chelsea. They don't get much harder than that as a Championship team and we've shown that we've grown as a team, as a club and it's a tough defeat to take, but we have to remember we're playing against a top four Champions League side. We have come a long way."

	C	LT
POSSESSION:	68%	32%
SHOTS ON TARGET:	7	3
SHOTS OFF TARGET:	14	5
CORNERS:	7	3
FOULS:	5	9





# BLACKBURN 1 LUTON 0

SATURDAY 30TH JANUARY 2021 | EWOOD PARK

ROVERS SCORER: ARMSTRONG 85'

ATTENDANCE: BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

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BLACKBURN ROVERS	LUTON TOWN
KAMINSKI	SLUGA
NYAMBE	PEARSON ▲ 72'
LENIHAN	LOCKYER
BRANTHWAITTE	BRADLEY
DOUGLAS	POTTS
DOWNING ▲ 61'	REA ■ ▲ 88'
TRAVIS ■	MPANZU
ROTHWELL ▲ 61'	DEWSBURY-HALL
ELLIOTT ▲ 61'	CORNICK
ARMSTRONG ○ 85'	CLARK ▲ 88'
BRERETON ▲ 61'	COLLINS ▲ 64'
<b>SUBSTITUTES ▲ ▲</b>	
GALLAGHER ▲ 61'	SHEA
HOLTBY ▲ 61'	CRANIE ▲ 72'
PEARS	BERRY
BUCKLEY	HYLTON ▲ 64'
DACK ▲ 61'	MONCUR
EVANS	NAISMITH ▲ 88'
BENNETT	LUALLA
MAGLOIRE	NOMBE ▲ 88'
DOLAN ▲ 61'	MORRELL



**Manager Nathan Jones was completely honest in his reflection post-match as he couldn't quite believe the Hatters didn't take a result home from Ewood Park in their last Sky Bet Championship outing of a tough January.**

Blackburn were 1-0 winners courtesy of Adam Armstrong's late goal, but it was a performance that merited more for Jones' side, with the manager praising his team whilst admitting he was still in disbelief.

"I feel physically sick, I could be sick," the gaffer said.  
 "I thought we were excellent, I thought we were outstanding. They are a difficult side to play against, but they hardly had a chance, we limited them to stuff that no side does.  
 "We defended absolutely brilliantly against them and then we have switched off from a drop ball. I can't believe what has

happened, I really can't because we deserve more.  
 "The performance levels, the work rate, the energy levels, everything they gave me was absolutely superb. Take ten seconds out of the game, and I'm giving you a different interview here now.  
 "I haven't felt this sick since the Blackpool second leg at home, that is how bad I feel to be honest."

	BR	LT
<b>POSSESSION:</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>43%</b>
<b>SHOTS ON TARGET:</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>SHOTS OFF TARGET:</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>CORNERS:</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>FOULS:</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>

# FIXTURES 2020-21

DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS	PENALTY (P)	PENALTY (A)	OWN GOALS	SENT OFF	OPP. SENT OFF	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
SEPTEMBER																								
Sat 5	3.00pm	H	Norwich (Carabao Cup R1)	W 3-1	BCD	BCD	-	1	-	-	-	-							a		*	b	*	
Sat 12	3.00pm	A	Barnsley	W 1-0	BCD	BCD	6	-	-	-	-	-	*			*			b	y	c	a		
Tue 15	6.00pm	A	Reading (Carabao Cup R2)	W 1-0	BCD	BCD	-	-	-	-	-	-		c			y		*		*			
Sat 19	3.00pm	H	Derby County	W 2-1	BCD	BCD	2	-	-	-	-	-	*						b	1	*	c	*	
Tue 22	8.15pm	A	Man Utd (Carabao Cup R3)	L 0-3	BCD	BCD	-	-	1	-	-	-	*					*	b		y	a		
Sat 26	12.30pm	A	Watford	L 0-1	BCD	BCD	7	-	-	-	-	-	*			c		y		b	a			
OCTOBER																								
Sat 3	3.00pm	H	Wycombe Wanderers	W 2-0	BCD	BCD	5	-	-	-	-	-	*			*			y	b	c	b	1	
Sat 17	3.00pm	H	Stoke City	L 0-2	BCD	BCD	6	-	-	-	-	-	*	b		*				c	y	a		
Tue 20	7.45pm	A	Millwall	L 0-2	BCD	BCD	10	-	-	1	-	-	*	y		*		c		a	b	b		
Sat 24	3.00pm	A	Sheffield Wednesday	W 1-0	BCD	BCD	9	-	-	-	1	*	y	y		b			*					
Wed 28	7.45pm	H	Nottingham Forest	D 1-1	BCD	BCD	9	-	-	1	-	1	*	y		*				*	a			
Sat 31	3.00pm	H	Brentford	L 0-3	BCD	BCD	13	-	-	-	-	-	*			*		a		b	y	*		
NOVEMBER																								
Wed 4	7.45pm	A	Rotherham United	W 1-0	BCD	BCD	9	-	-	-	-	-	*						b	y		*		
Sat 7	3.00pm	A	Huddersfield Town	D 1-1	BCD	BCD	10	-	-	-	-	-	*	y		c	y		b	c	*			
Sat 21	3.00pm	H	Blackburn Rovers	D 1-1	BCD	BCD	10	-	-	-	-	-	*	e		e			b	1	d	a		
Tue 24	7.00pm	H	Birmingham City	D 1-1	BCD	BCD	9	-	1	-	-	-	*			*		1				a		
Sat 28	3.00pm	A	Cardiff City	L 0-4	BCD	BCD	12	-	-	-	-	-	*	*		d			c	b		c		
DECEMBER																								
Wed 2	7.45pm	H	Norwich City	W 3-1	1,000	N/A	11	1	1	-	-	-	y	a	c	*		1	*					
Sat 5	3.00pm	A	Swansea City	L 0-2	BCD	BCD	12	-	-	-	1	-	*			*		r	a	c		b		
Tue 8	7.45pm	A	Coventry City	D 0-0	BCD	BCD	13	-	-	-	-	-		y					b	ya		*		
Sat 12	3.00pm	H	Preston North End	W 3-0	2,000	N/A	11	-	-	-	-	-	*			d			b	c				
Wed 16	7.00pm	A	Middlesbrough	L 0-1	BCD	BCD	13	1	-	-	-	1	*			a			c	b	d			
Sat 19	3.00pm	H	AFC Bournemouth	D 0-0	BCD	BCD	14	-	-	-	-	-		c	*			c	a	a				
Sat 26	3.00pm	A	Reading	L 1-2	BCD	BCD	15	-	-	-	-	-	ya	e	*			*	e		c			
Tue 29	7.45pm	H	Bristol City	W 2-1	BCD	BCD	13	-	-	1	-	-		b	ya			c		*	*			
JANUARY																								
Sat 9	12.00pm	H	Reading (FAC R3)	W 1-0	BCD	BCD	-	-	-	-	-	-						*	b	y	b			
Tue 12	7.00pm	H	QPR	L 0-3	BCD	BCD	14	-	-	-	-	-	*	a	*				b	c				
Sat 16	3.00pm	A	AFC Bournemouth	W 1-0	BCD	BCD	12	-	-	-	1	*						cy	b	dy				
Wed 20	7.00pm	A	Brentford	L 0-1	BCD	BCD	13	-	-	-	1	1	*	d	a	y	*		a	e				
Sun 24	12.00pm	A	Chelsea (FAC R4)	L 1-3	BCD	BCD	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	a	c				b	c	*	*		
Sat 30	3.00pm	A	Blackburn Rovers	L 0-1	BCD	BCD	13	-	-	-	-	-	*	b				b	*	a				
FEBRUARY																								
Sat 6	3.00pm	H	Huddersfield Town																					
Sat 13	3.00pm	A	Birmingham City																					
Tue 16	7.00pm	H	Cardiff City																					
Sat 20	3.00pm	A	Stoke City																					
Tue 23	7.45pm	H	Millwall																					
Sat 27	3.00pm	H	Sheffield Wednesday																					
MARCH																								
Tue 2	7.45pm	A	Nottingham Forest																					
Sat 6	3.00pm	A	Norwich City																					
Sat 13	3.00pm	H	Swansea City																					
Tue 16	7.45pm	H	Coventry City																					
Sat 20	3.00pm	A	Preston North End																					
APRIL																								
Fri 2	3.00pm	A	Derby County																					
Mon 5	3.00pm	H	Barnsley																					
Sat 10	3.00pm	A	Wycombe Wanderers																					
Sat 17	3.00pm	H	Watford																					
Wed 21	7.45pm	H	Reading																					
Sat 24	3.00pm	A	Bristol City																					
MAY																								
Sat 8	3.00pm	A	QPR																					

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



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## WHO?

The Blues have spent the last nine seasons competing in the Championship after they were relegated from the Premier League in 2011, however only last finished in the top half of England's second tier in 2015/16. After winning the League Cup in the same year that they were relegated to the Championship, Birmingham competed in the Europa League group stages and despite winning three of their six group games, the Blues failed to qualify for the knockout stages of the competition.

## GROUND?

The Blues have played their home games at St Andrew's since the ground opened in 1906 to replace Muntz Street after 29 years. Originally, St Andrew's held an estimated 75,000 spectators with its record capacity of 67,341 coming in Birmingham's 1939 FA Cup tie against Everton.

## HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

The two sides last met in November at Kenilworth Road as the Hatters produced a dominant performance but were unable to seal all three points after Matty Pearson cancelled out Lukas Jutkiewicz's first-half penalty. Last season, the Hatters fell to a 2-1 defeat at home in January as Gary Gardner's 69th minute strike gave the Blue's a 2-1 on the road as the Hatters battled relegation from the Championship.

## KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU

Forward Isaac Vassell joined Birmingham City under then manager Harry Redknapp from the Hatters in 2017 after impressing in League Two, whilst current Luton Assistant Manager and former striker Mick Harford signed for Luton in 1984 after scoring 25 goals across 4 seasons at St Andrew's. The Hatters also signed playmaker Andrew Shinnie on-loan from Birmingham as they won promotion from League Two in 2017/18, before signing him permanently that summer.

Words: Dylan Bhundia

## LUTON TOWN PLAYER STATISTICS

	2020-21 SEASON											CAREER	
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		CARDS			TOTAL			
	APPS	G	APPS	G	APPS	G	Y	R	APPS	G			
Luke Berry	18	(4)	2	1	(2)	0	19	(6)	2	3	0	113	14
Sonny Bradley	24	(0)	0	4	(0)	0	28	(0)	0	3	0	118	3
James Bree	4	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	7	(0)	0	0	0	55	0
Jordan Clark	8	(10)	1	3	(2)	2	11	(12)	3	1	0	23	3
James Collins	21	(2)	6	1	(1)	3	22	(3)	9	2	0	164	68
Harry Cornick	18	(3)	0	2	(1)	0	20	(4)	0	1	0	150	22
Martin Cranie	15	(1)	0	1	(1)	0	16	(2)	0	5	0	43	2
Kiernan Dewsbury-Hall	17	(2)	2	1	(0)	0	18	(2)	2	1	0	20	2
Brendan Galloway	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	6	0
Darwyn Hylton	5	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	8	(0)	0	5	0	146	58
Peter Kioso	0	(0)	0	1	(1)	0	1	(1)	0	1	0	3	0
Elliot Lee	8	(4)	1	2	(2)	0	10	(6)	1	0	0	123	30
Tom Lockyer	15	(2)	0	3	(0)	0	18	(2)	0	0	0	20	0
Kazenga Luulua	2	(13)	1	2	(3)	0	4	(16)	1	3	0	79	7
George Moncur	8	(7)	2	3	(1)	1	11	(8)	3	0	0	53	10
Joe Morrell	3	(4)	0	1	(0)	0	4	(4)	0	0	0	8	0
Pelly-Rodwell Mpanzu	22	(2)	2	2	(0)	0	24	(2)	2	4	0	278	19
Kai Naismith	0	(3)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(3)	0	0	0	4	0
Sam Nkombe	0	(6)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(6)	0	0	0	7	0
Rhys Norrington-Davies	16	(2)	0	3	(1)	0	19	(3)	0	2	0	22	0
Gabriel Ocho	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	2	0	1	0
Matty Pearson	20	(2)	2	1	(0)	0	21	(2)	2	2	1	118	10
Dan Potts	10	(2)	0	1	(1)	0	11	(3)	0	1	0	164	10
Oliver Ross	22	(0)	2	2	(0)	0	24	(0)	2	7	0	176	7
James Shea	7	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	10	(0)	0	1	0	85	0
Andrew Shinnie	0	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	0	0	106	10
Simon Slugs	19	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	21	(0)	0	0	0	55	0
Ryan Tormickiffe	4	(6)	0	4	(0)	0	8	(6)	0	1	0	54	1

## 2020-21 CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

#	Team	Pt	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Norwich City	27	16	7	4	35	21	14	55
2	Brentford	26	14	9	3	48	26	22	51
3	Swansea City	26	14	8	4	33	15	18	50
4	Reading	26	14	5	7	40	29	11	47
5	Watford	27	13	8	6	31	20	11	47
6	Bournemouth	27	11	9	7	40	26	14	42
7	Middlesbrough	27	11	7	9	30	24	6	40
8	Blackburn Rovers	26	11	6	9	41	28	13	39
9	Bristol City	27	12	3	12	29	31	-2	39
10	Stoke City	27	9	11	7	32	29	3	38
11	Preston North End	27	11	3	13	31	34	-3	36
12	Barnsley	27	10	6	11	29	34	-5	36
13	Luton Town	26	9	6	11	21	28	-7	33
14	Millwall	27	6	14	7	22	25	-3	32
15	Huddersfield Town	27	9	5	13	30	38	-8	32
16	Cardiff City	26	8	7	11	33	31	2	31
17	Queens Park Rangers	26	7	9	10	25	32	-7	30
18	Coventry City	27	7	9	11	26	37	-11	30
19	Nottingham Forest	27	7	8	12	22	30	-8	29
20	Derby County	27	7	7	13	17	28	-11	28
21	Birmingham City	27	6	10	11	19	31	-12	28
22	Rotherham United	25	7	5	13	30	35	-5	26
23	Sheffield Wednesday *	26	8	7	11	18	26	-8	25
24	Wycombe Wanderers	25	3	7	15	18	42	-24	16



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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.







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