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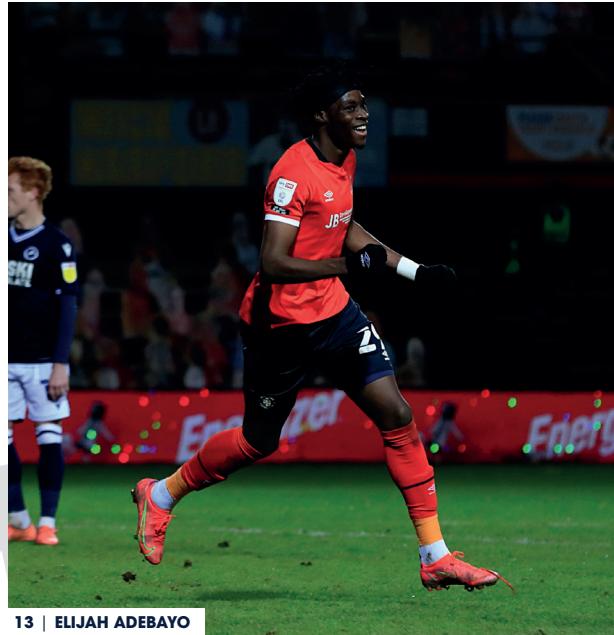
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# NATHAN JONES

## Good afternoon and welcome to another important Sky Bet Championship fixture at Kenilworth Road.

The welcome is extended to Sheffield Wednesday's caretaker manager Neil Thompson, his staff and their players, who are all seasoned campaigners in this division with a couple we know especially well, in Jack Marriott and Izzy Brown.

I saw them at Brentford on Wednesday, having already watched their last two matches online, so as ever we are fully prepared to go for another three points to help our own position in the table.

I firmly believe that should be higher than it currently is. We are 17th on 38 points from 31 matches, which is 14 better than it was last season. When you think back to the Forest and Birmingham games here, and Middlesbrough and Blackburn away, there are at least six extra points we should have on the board.

We can now add another two to that, because Tuesday night against Millwall was an excellent performance and we should have won the game. If we were in ninth or tenth, three points off the play-offs, I don't think anyone could have any complaints.

It was right to freshen the team up after Stoke, and those that came in were first class. For 95 minutes of a game that should have lasted 94, we did everything right. We just had one lapse in the 95th minute and it cost us another two points.

I don't want to dwell on negatives because I've watched the game back with a fresh head, and I was so pleased with what I saw. We had a young player score on his full debut, had another great chance to make it 2-0 and were in control of the game.

We then made attacking substitutions to stretch their defence and get us up the pitch, and we managed the game very well for the amount of time the match should have gone on for.

There are so many positives to build on as we continue to evolve at this level, as I explained to several hundred supporters in the excellent Diamond Season Ticket holders webinar myself, Gary, Sonny and Kiernan took part in on Thursday night.

The Championship is an unforgiving league but we are learning and if we can add a similar amount of points to what we did from this stage last season, both in the six games under the previous manager and the nine after we came back, we are in for a terrific end to the campaign.

I'm sorry that you are going to have to continue to watch from home, because we all know we are one of the teams who have definitely been affected by not having supporters in the ground.

But please do keep behind us as best you can from afar, keep believing in the bigger picture and understand that we are working towards becoming an established, progressive Championship side.

Enjoy the game and COYH!



# DAVID WILKINSON

**Good afternoon everyone and a warm welcome to the players and officials from Sheffield Wednesday.**

The Owls are one of the oldest clubs in the Football League having been founded in 1867. They spent most of their life in the top division until being relegated in 2000. They have won 4 league titles, 3 FA Cups, 1 League Cup and 1 Community Shield, and have competed in 4 UEFA competitions.

They have also had their dark times and I well remember the betting scandal of 1964 when 3 of their players, Peter Swan, David Layne and Tony Kay were convicted of match-fixing, imprisoned and banned for life from football. They were later reprieved, but by then their careers were virtually over. They dropped to the third tier for the first time in the mid-seventies fighting back to the top in 1984.

David Pleat managed them briefly to the top of the Premier League in 1996, but the position wasn't sustained and he left the following year. In 2000 they were relegated from the Premier League for the last time and it appears that the cost of building the squad to keep them in the top division was too

great and their finances took a turn for the worse, which resulted in a return to the third tier. Despite various changes of ownership since then they have not been without their problems and the latest resulted in a points deduction for breaching EFL spending rules.

You may wonder why I have put in this brief history of the Owls. It is to demonstrate one example of the cost of chasing your dream in an unsustainable fashion. We have been there and were savaged by the authorities, Wednesday escaped rather more lightly.

Then take a look at Sunderland, Bolton, Wigan and many others. The real world seems to vanish when you get the rewards that promotion to the Premier League provides and despite parachutes, many have been unable to live with the crazy wage costs required for that division.



My point is not to criticise anyone, but to point out that there are many examples of the damage that either relegation from or striving to reach the Premier League can cause. The pyramid is top heavy and weak at the base, and should that crumble, who knows where that leaves our beautiful game.

There are often questions about our stance as a club to sustainability and budget and I thought it might be worth a rerun. It is important that we acknowledge our mistakes and learn from them and those of our predecessors. Before we came to the Club it had three administrations in ten years, which was the result of it spending money it didn't have and mortgaging or selling any and all of its assets.

If that is the question, what is the answer? Clearly the opposite – spend what you can afford, reacquire assets and find ways of increasing income. We have always said that we are mere custodians of the club, none of us were around when it was formed and I hope none of us will be here if it ever ceases to exist. Our job is to make sure it outlives us and those who follow us. So, we have budgetary control and are

expanding our asset base and potential to grow our earnings by building a new stadium with increased capacity. It's ironic that probably the place it's needed least is in the Premier League, because central funding swamps anything that could be provided by spectators, whereas the lower you go the more important they are.

The inequalities are changing the game and in many ways ruining it. As an example, I'm just a fan, but I used to love the FA Cup – including Saturdays with replays in the week, semi-finals at neutral grounds (not Wembley). A whole day dedicated to the Final – now it's not even a 3 o'clock kick-off. A wonderful competition diluted for one or other European Competition only open to elite Clubs. Saturation coverage of League games on every day of the week and any time of day. Football is a live sport for living spectators, which is why we have so many superb Stadia around the Country.

It is about support and passion and I sometimes feel that the atmosphere is being sucked out of the game. Empty grounds due to Covid have shown us how dull the product can be without the lifeblood of the game, who make it a

much more interesting, exciting and, I would think, valuable product.

There has been talk of wage caps and other ways of encouraging sustainability, but the Premier League is the “goose that lays the golden egg”, and is just so far away from the rest of football that a few who can afford the loss will take a punt. WE WON'T.

It calls for patience. We can do it, but we need to do it the right way. I might not be here to see it, but that's not what matters. I've had 62 years of passion, joy, anger, excitement, misery, fun, friendship and love for this thing. It must be preserved.

Charles Dickens' Mr Micawber in David Copperfield said: “Annual income £20, annual expenditure £19.95, result happiness. Annual Income £20, annual expenditure £20.05, result misery.” (today's currency)

Keep safe and well and enjoy the game.

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David



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For disabled sports fans

**Luton Town Disabled Supporters Association are very happy to support the 'Level Playing Field' Weeks of Action campaign, which looks to shine a light on the positive work being done by clubs, DSAs, fans and other organisations towards access and inclusion.**

Believe it or not, this is the 17th season that Level Playing Field have run this campaign and at Luton Town, we are always very keen to take part to highlight the work that our very own DSA (Disabled Supporters Association) do.

As we are all too well aware, the last 12 months or so have been very challenging and as I write this, those challenges continue. As football fans and followers, we are all denied access to our ground and the match days experiences that we crave for.

It has become vital that clubs (like ours) create opportunity to reach out into the community to help support those of us that may feel isolated and anxious. Luton Town FC have been fantastic at this and as supporters, we really appreciate those that have helped.

Throughout the year we have seen the club support the community and it is crucial that we continue to celebrate

the good work that continues to be done. Sixty-two percent of fans have said that if they were unable to return to live sport this season, they fear it would have a huge impact on their own mental health.

This is stark reminder of just how serious things are and like you, we are keen to see live sport return as soon as it is safe to do so. In the meantime, it is important that we all take time to just check on our neighbours, just to make sure they are OK.

One of the loyal fans that our DSA committee member Nicki Livingstone supports and reached out was Dagbota Hart.



Dagbota, pictured above, said: "I support Luton Town football club and I am missing the goals and also the fabulous burgers. I miss my friends at football. I have been at home keeping busy colouring, listening to music on my I pad. I am keeping fit walking and making lots of healthy food. I love wearing my Luton town hat, scarf, gloves and coat when I am out, and people smile at me".

Kind regards & stay safe,  
**Richard Hill MBE**  
*Chairman, Luton Town DSA*



# LUTON TOWN SUPPORTERS' TRUST

**Good afternoon. I will begin this column by hoping that you are safe and well wherever you are reading from despite these testing times.**

It is fitting that I write this column today as it was this weekend last year that our beloved Kenilworth Road was last full of 10,000 fans cheering the boys on. If you had said to me then that a year on very few of us would have been able to go through the Kenilworth Road turnstiles I would have said you were mad but that is the case. Unfortunately, after the announcement made by the Prime Minister earlier in the week, it would seem as though no fans will be able to attend for the remainder of the campaign.

While that has made for a tough time off the pitch, it has been a very good period on the pitch. If you read this before the game we are 14 points better off than we were after 31 games last season, comfortably above the relegation zone and looking up rather than down.

Everyone involved in that improvement deserves such huge credit and when we do return to the Kenny next season, to be doing so watching Championship football once again is all we could ask for.

As a Trust we have been using the time away from Kenilworth Road to work hard on new initiatives and developments,

much of which you will be able to see during our Presentation Evening later in the season.

I am proud to have a board that despite a global pandemic have continued to work hard, either behind the scenes or in the spotlight, to make the Trust stronger and to represent the views of our members and Luton supporters wherever and whenever we can. That is something that will not change.

I will finish this column by officially welcoming Kal Naismith, Tom Ince and Elijah Adebayo to our great club. All three have already given us strong contributions and I'm sure they, and the rest of the lads, will keep battling on and striving to entertain us while we watch on iFollow, and finish as high up the Championship table as they can.

Take care. Stay safe.

**Tony Murray**

*Chairman, Luton Town Supporters' Trust*

## ZOOM EVENING WITH JAKE HOWELLS

Following on from the successful Zoom event with Paul Benson earlier this month, we are hosting another evening in partnership with SoLYD, this time with another member of the 2013-14 Blue Square Premier winning squad Jake Howells, which once again will be hosted by our media officer Kevin Harper.

Join the event to hear Jake discuss his Luton Town career with a Q&A where you can put your questions to him also part of the evening. This event is on Wednesday March 3 at 7pm and is for LTST members only. Tickets are on sale now with a donation to SoLYD all that is required to attend this evening. Members should have received an email with details on how to be a part of the event. If you are not a member but would like to attend there is still time to join. Details of how to join can be found on the next page.

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## PODCAST

Our popular podcast continues throughout the season with Kev, James, Tony and guests chewing the fat on all topics regarding LTFC. Our February episode dropped last week with the links to listen on our website. In the last month we have also had special podcasts with Town stars Kiernan Dewsbury-Hall and Tom Lockyer, with both players giving up their time to offer honest thoughts to Kev on a wide range of subjects. The podcasts will keep coming regularly so if you are a regular listener make sure you subscribe on your podcast platform to be notified when each episode is available for download!

## APP

This season and seasons going forward all members will be entitled to download the LTST app which is full of great things. As well as the latest news regarding LTFC and LTST, you will also be in receipt of a growing number of benefits, as well as your membership card which can be downloaded to prove you are a Trust member. The app can be personalised with your own photograph and is a must for Trust members, particularly as we build up to supporters being allowed back into Kenilworth Road.

## MEMBERSHIP

We might be into the final third of the Championship season but there is still time to become a member of the Trust and take advantage of things like being able to attend our exclusive events as well as be in receipt of our regular newsletter and various forms of communication.

If you would like to join the Trust, you can do so by clicking this link - <https://www.lutontownsupportertrust.com/become-a-member/>

Remember, the more members we have the stronger our voice can be and the bigger impact we can have!

## PRESENTATION EVENING

We are currently drawing up plans for our popular Presentation Evening where the LTFC Player of the Season is crowned among other awards on what is always an excellent evening of celebration of the campaign. We will release details of this event once they are finalised Keep an eye on our social feeds and website for more information over the coming weeks.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

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# ELIJAH ADEBAYO

**The January signing spoke to the media after scoring on his full debut on Tuesday**

**Coming to a new club can be a hard transition for some to make, whilst others take it in their stride. Based on his first start, the latter applies to Elijah Adebayo, after he made an instant impact against Millwall!**

Following disappointment against Stoke City last weekend, manager Nathan Jones felt changes were needed to his starting line-up, of which the introduction of Adebayo was one of them.

And in the 84 minutes he was on the pitch for, the 23-year-old proved exactly why the club had entrusted him to make the step-up from League Two Walsall, to the Sky Bet Championship.

His relentless running and forward play earned him a goal during the early stages of the second half, and despite it not being the cleanest of strikes, Adebayo said: "It was good to get a goal, especially for myself as a striker. It was heading towards a good night, but we just had a little lapse in concentration at the end which cost us the game.

"We fought, we were diligent, we tried to nullify what we knew they were going to come with and then we just have to concentrate for 96 minutes of the game.

"I think if I connected with it properly, the keeper probably saves it, but I'll take it!" The striker admitted. "It was a positive for me, I was saying to myself if I get one chance I'm going to take it, and obviously it came.

"I got another chance and unfortunately that one didn't go in for me, but I'll keep my head high and when I get my chance next time again, I'll put that right and work hard on the training pitch to make sure those are my bread and butter. Delighted with the goal, ready for Saturday now."

The 6ft 4in forward was pleased to find his feet so quickly into the game and didn't give the Lions defence a moment's rest for the duration of his time on the pitch.

"I think for me it was just about working my way into it. Obviously coming from the lower leagues, it was just about finding my feet, finding the pace of the game and then showing my qualities when I can.





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“It was just about building slowly into the game and doing things the right way. My baseline is always working hard, so working hard for the team and you will get opportunities if you work hard.

And helping him with his transition into the Town side is Assistant Manager and club legend Mick Harford, a well renowned striker back in his day too!

“Since the first day I have come in, Mick has been talking to me every day. Talking about my game, helping me with little things.

“I think the main thing we wanted to work on was headed goals because Mike was a good header of the ball, so we spoke about that and he said when you get in those positions, make sure you’re heading it down.

“He has been saying to me, keep it simple, work hard but you will get your chance and when you do, just take your opportunity. Fortunately I did, but we just didn’t get the three points.”

Amid a busy run of fixtures, Adebayo hopes to remain in the starting eleven this afternoon after giving a good impression of himself on Tuesday night.

“It is just about building, I want to keep showing that I deserve to play. Not only in games but training, I have to be on it every single day to show them I can do this week-in, week-out.

“There is healthy competition, I know me and Collo have been speaking, it is going to be tough to battle for one place. There is some good healthy competition and I’m ready for it.

And on the match itself; “It is a massive game, like every other game this season. It is massive, we know that we need to get points as well as the performance being good.

“We know if we perform well, we will definitely create chances to get goals so it is about moving on, and everyone being ready for the next game because the games are coming thick and fast. We are going to need everyone in the squad to reach our goal.”

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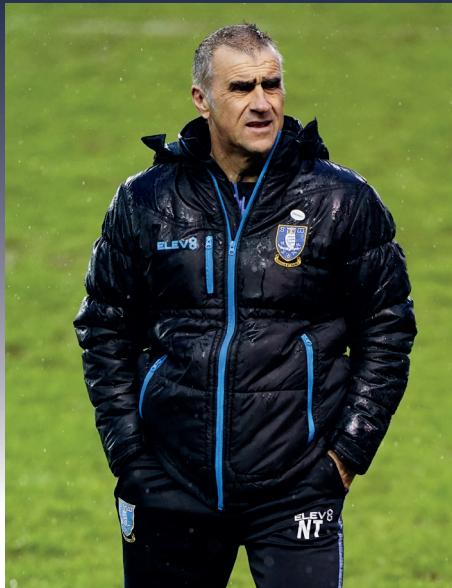
**MANAGER:** Neil Thompson (caretaker)

**MILES FROM LUTON:** 137 miles

**LAST MEETING:** Hillsborough, 24/10/20, Championship, 1-0

**RECORD APPEARANCE HOLDER:** Andrew Wilson, 560 from 1900-20

**RECORD SIGNING:** Jordan Rhodes, £8m from Middlesbrough, 2017



## THE MANAGER

# NEIL THOMPSON

The man currently in charge at Hillsborough is Neil Thompson, who took over as caretaker manager of the Owls after the departure of Tony Pulis in December.

As a player, Thompson had lengthy spells at Scarborough and Ipswich, while also having shorter stints at the likes of Hull and Barnsley, before pursuing a career in management.

His first steps as a manager began at York, as player-boss, before also managing Scarborough and Boston United.

The 57-year-old has also spent time within the coaching team at Leeds, before joining the coaching set-up at Sheffield Wednesday.

## SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY

# ON THE GOALKEEPER



## KIEREN WESTWOOD

Starting his career in the youth set-up at Manchester City, goalkeeper Kieren Westwood failed to make a first-team appearance, and joined Carlisle in 2004.

He spent four years at Brunton Park, and went onto feature in over 100 league games for the Cumbrians. Westwood's next move was to Coventry in 2008, spending three seasons with the Sky Blues.

The Premier League then came calling for the Republic of Ireland international, as he joined Sunderland in 2011.

After three years, and 19 Premier League appearances for the Black Cats, the 36-year-old joined Sheffield Wednesday in 2014.

## DEFENDER



## TOM LEES

Joining Leeds aged eight, defender Tom Lees progressed through the youth system at Elland Road and into first-team.

Before his breakthrough with Leeds, Lees also spent time on loan at both Accrington and Bury in League Two, eventually returning to Leeds to fight for a first-team place. The following three seasons saw the defender a regular in the Whites' defence, making over 120 Championship appearances.

In 2014, the 30-year-old left for Sheffield Wednesday. Since his move to the Owls, Lees has been a mainstay in the side's defence, and has made over 230 league appearances for the Hillsborough club.

# RADAR

## MIDFIELD



### BARRY BANNAN

Scottish international Barry Bannan began his professional career at Aston Villa. During his time at Villa Park, Bannan spent time on loan at Derby, Blackpool, and Leeds.

As a Villa player, the 31-year-old made 64 appearances in the Premier League before departing for Crystal Palace in 2013.

He joined Bolton on loan for the remainder of the 2014/15 season, before leaving permanently for Sheffield Wednesday in the summer of 2015.

Bannan has been a regular in the Owls' side since his move, and was appointed captain at the start of the 2020/21 season.

## STRIKER



### JORDAN RHODES

Striker Jordan Rhodes began his career at Ipswich Town, going onto make 10 league appearances for the club before leaving for Huddersfield in 2009.

Rhodes spent three years at Huddersfield, scoring 73 goals in 124 games in the league. This form led to Blackburn signing him for a reported £8m fee. His fine form in front of goal continued at Ewood Park, as he scored 83 in 159 league games.

After four years with Rovers, the 31-year-old then spent a season at Middlesbrough, before joining Wednesday in 2017. Internationally, Rhodes has 14 Scotland caps to his name.



## KEEP AN EYE ON...

### CALLUM PATERSON

Somewhat of a utility player, Callum Paterson has played a number of different positions during his career. For current club Sheffield Wednesday, he has been deployed as a striker.

Beginning his career in Scotland with Hearts, Paterson broke into the first-team at Tynecastle, and went onto make over 130 league appearances for the club. During his time with Hearts, Paterson had played right-back, in midfield, as well as striker.

The 26-year-old left for Cardiff in the summer of 2017, and spent three years in the Welsh capital before making the move to Sheffield Wednesday in September 2020.

**Words: Ryan Payne**

# CLASSIC CLASH

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

In this, the first League game back following seven years of World War 2, the Town got off to a flying start with a 4-1 win against Sheffield Wednesday in

front of a Kenilworth Road crowd of 21,105. An opening day hat-trick from Mel Daniel set the seal on a memorable day with the spectators forgetting the deprivations of wartime for 90 minutes.

Pictured is Daniel netting one of his three goals.



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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 through the season showcasing artefacts and memorabilia in our collection reflecting the club's rich history. Today we feature a programme for a game expunged from the record books. The 1939-40 season started with war looming and after only three games was stopped when hostilities were declared. Town beat Sheffield Wednesday 3-0, won at Bradford Park Avenue and drew their final game at Fulham to sit top of Division Two for seven years!

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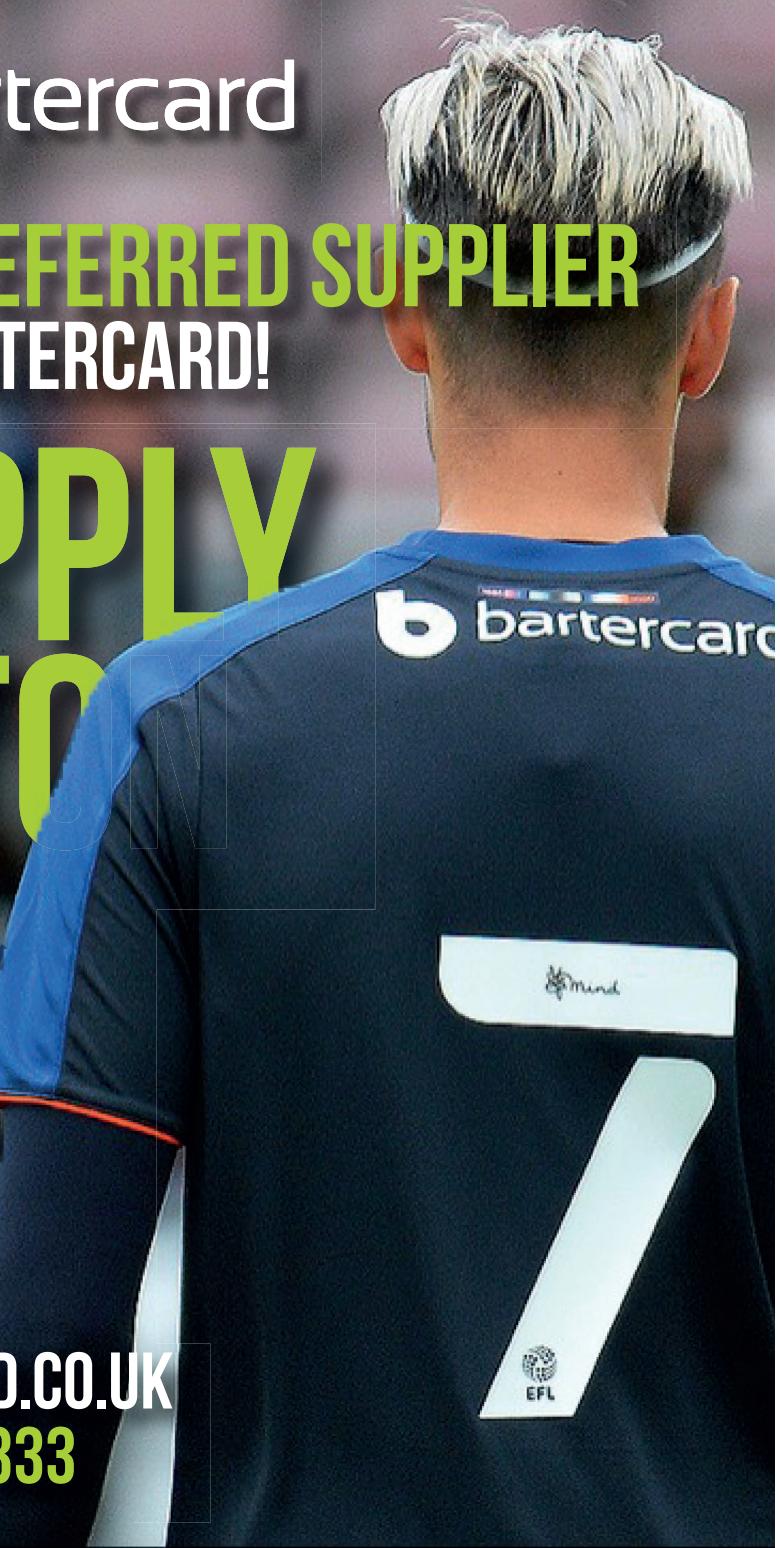


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# TRICK OR TREATMENT

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

**Fifteen games to go in what has been a tough Championship Season. They always say the second season is the toughest but add into that Covid and all that brings it's been even tougher, but the good news is that restrictions are lifting and we can see a way back to fans returning.**

Mind you the cold snap might have kept a few close to the fire. Mrs Parsell was staring through the window ever since it started to snow. I kept thinking, 'If it gets any worse I'll have to let her in'.



It must have been cold as our esteemed Media man Stu Hammonds was ringing to find out the kit colours at Birmingham for the team line-up graphic, rather than walk round. The heater in the car must have been good.

Poor Kiernan is suffering from an identity crisis. Following the Jeff Stelling incident where he was called Kevin, then Keiran (mind you, could have been worse, he could have been christened Robyn Banks or Lorne Mowers) but he did get to put it right speaking to Bianca Westwood, which he enjoyed. Unfortunately it didn't stop there, and at the hotel before the Stoke game, the receptionist asked him if he was the bus driver!

Injury wise things are not too bad. Tom Lockyer unfortunately sprained his ankle and will be missing today. I did tell him I read a book on ankles. It was a painful experience as it had lots of unexpected twists.

Matty Pearson has made good progress and we hope if he's not involved today, he will be at Nottingham Forest in midweek. We have had one or two other niggles, but that is going to be par for the course now. As I speak to other physios, everyone is beginning to see an increase in injuries. Games don't get any slower either.

It was Happy Birthday to Danny Hylton on Thursday. His age is a bit like his transfer fee. Undisclosed. In a footballer that normally means 30+ has been reached. Also celebrating last week was my old mate Darren Cook (*pictured left in his youth!*). Obviously in excess of £0, as we have been together at the club for over 10 years together. It was good to see his dedication at Birmingham, as I saw him climbing under tarpaulins to recover a ball from the stand during the warm-up. Daz couldn't understand why there was a net on the goal as balls kept coming his way.

Finally a lot of people are looking forward to April 12th and a haircut. I didn't realise that the groundsman had start doing some hairdressing with his chainsaw. James Shea and Kev Dearden have had a couple of rascal hairdos, according to George Moncur.

Enjoy the game. COYH!



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For the club's Centenary in 1985 a game between a Hatters 'Old Boys' eleven took on their Watford counterparts as a pipe opener before the main event, which was a friendly between the two first teams. Watford, who fielded a much younger side, won 2-1 with the decider coming in the last minute while the main match finished 1-1.

Pictured are the 'Old Boys'. Back row, left to right: John Aston, Jim Ryan, John Faulkner, Tony Read, Gordon Riddick, Fred Jardine and Mike Cullen. Front row, left to right: Mike Harrison, Jack Bannister, David Court, Jim Husband and John O'Rourke.

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A: Available

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A: Available

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# ACADEMY UPDATE

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

## **U21s**

The U21s got back to winning ways with a hard-earned 2-1 victory over a strong Brentford 'B' team at Bisham Abbey on Tuesday afternoon.

A first half goal from Dion Periera (*pictured below*) gave us a deserved lead, however, Brentford hit back just before the break leaving the score level at the break. A close-range finish from Sam Beckwith gave us the lead again on the hour mark. We had chances to extend the lead, which we didn't convert, however some fine defending and good game management enabled us to see the game out which was pleasing overall.

The U21s are in action again next week as we host Ipswich Town on Tuesday afternoon.

## **U18s**

With the U18s having a free week we took the opportunity to play at Spurs in an U17s fixture. A real good test for our players saw us draw 1-1 with Aidan Francis scoring. This group will be next season's Youth Team and we will continue to try and provide them with some fixtures between now and the end of the current season.

The U18s hosted Portsmouth today in a friendly fixture at The Brache.

## **Schoolboys**

Following the recent government announcement at the beginning of the week, the EFL have now set out a return to plan for our schoolboy players. Obviously, we will be delighted to get them back in and back playing some football again as the current national situation has prevented them from participating.

Enjoy today's game - COYH!

Andy



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We hope that after Easter we will be able to hold face to face football trials and interviews as normal. In the meantime, year 11 leavers should initially go to our website to begin applying for a place: [www.lutontowncommunity.co.uk/btceliteacademy](http://www.lutontowncommunity.co.uk/btceliteacademy)

The programme will shadow our boys' BTEC course and will be spread across three sites, with education at the Chalk Hills Sixth Form, games and training at our Ely Way Training Ground and practical gym and swim sessions at Active Luton's Lewsey Sports Village.

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## ANTHONY KING: 26.02.37 - 30.01.21



We are sorry to report the passing of loyal Hatter Anthony King, who died last month at the age of 83. Anthony first watched the Town in the 1950s and, with his wife Maureen and sons Steve and Barry, was a Century Club member for many years. His legacy is that he leaves all his grandchildren as Luton supporters, says Barry. Our thoughts are with Anthony's family and friends at this sad time.



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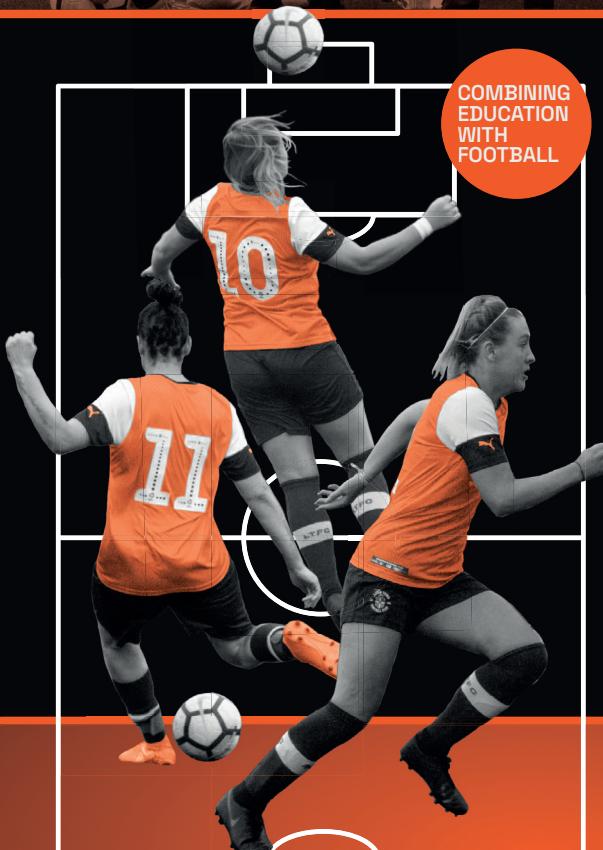
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# JUNIOR HATTERS

## CROSSWORD

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

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1. Luton striker from 2015-17, now with the Owls.
2. Deliberately touching the ball with the hand or arm.
3. On-load midfielder for the Hatters last season, who now plays for the Owls.

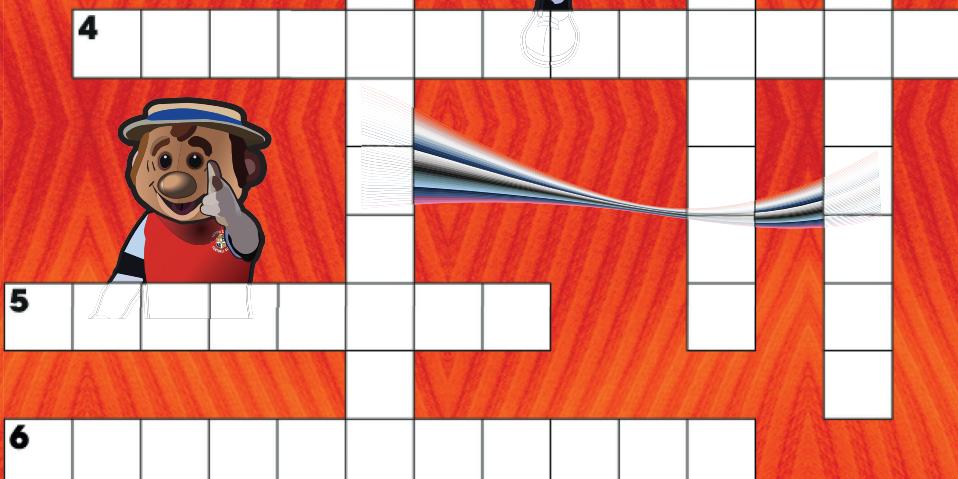
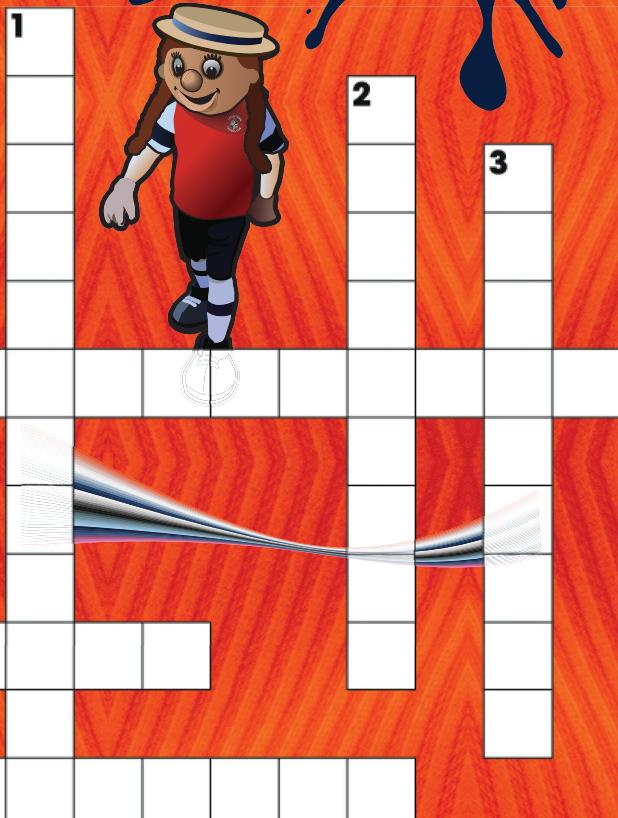
### ACROSS

4. Luton striker, signed from Walsall recently.
5. Another word for hitting the post, or making a table perhaps.
6. White dot 12 yards from the goal line.



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Draws - 21  
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Answers: (Across) 1. Jack Marriot, 2. Handball, 3. Izzy Brown (Down) 4. Elijah Adebayo, 5. Woodwork, 6. Penalty Spot



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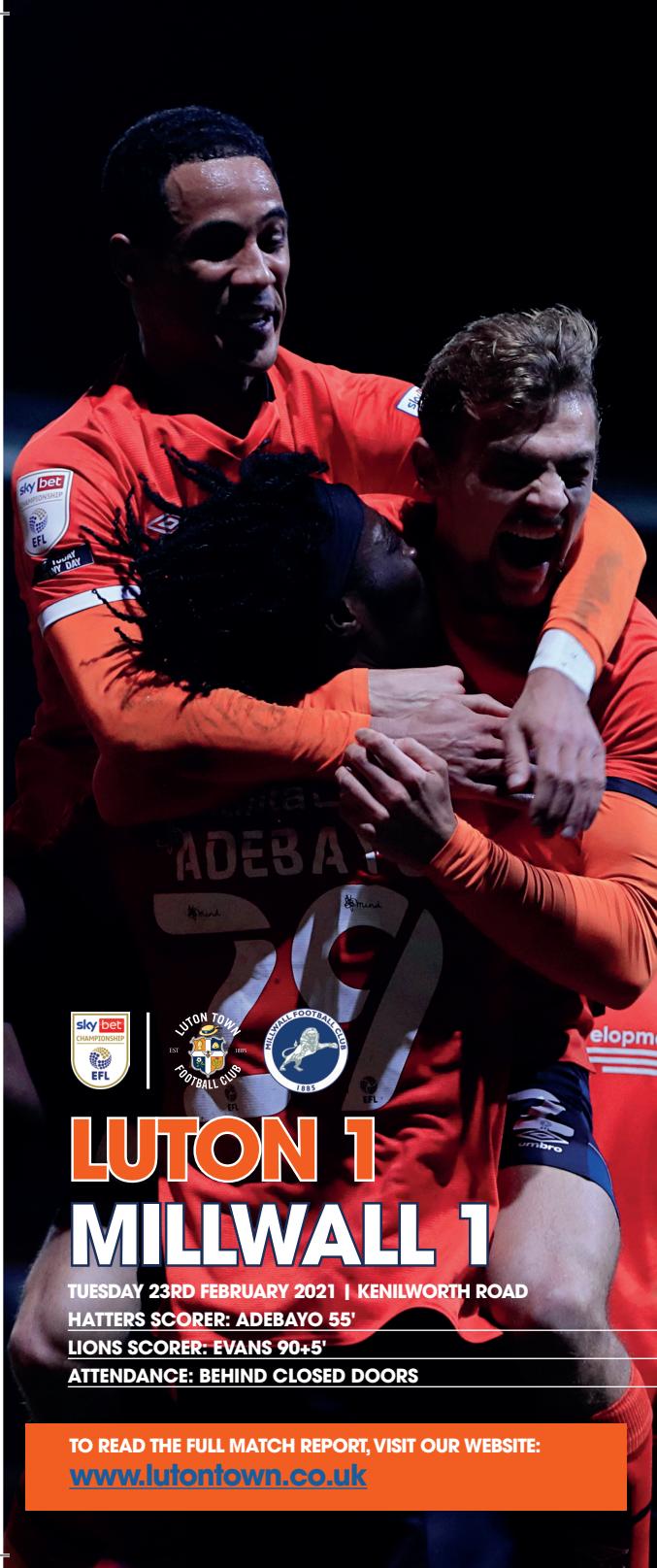
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## Hatters boss Nathan Jones felt a draw was tough to take after the Hatters suffered late heartbreak against Millwall on Tuesday night.

On his first start for the club, Elijah Adebayo had given Town the lead but the three points were sliced to one in the dying embers, a result harsh on a much-improved performance.

The gaffer was honest in his reaction post-match, starting: “I feel sick really, we didn’t deserve that. We made a lot of changes, we tried to be as positive as we could.

“We took a few gambles with a few personnel and look, it is a difficult game against Millwall. They are big and strong, we found that out in the away game.

“They sat off, tried to play on the counter attack and we did all the running, without having a real cutting edge in the final

third, which a few of them haven’t played for a while. Then when you take the lead, we should have seen the game out.

“Where they got six (minutes added time) from I don’t know, it was just subs. Every time we are one-nil down there is four minutes, no matter what people do, and I just felt he buckled a little bit playing six and that is what cost us. At the end of the day you have to win headers in your box, when Matt Smith comes on you know what they are going to do, you know they are going to go direct.”

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# THE PRESS BOX

Hatters fan and Our Town contributor DYLAN BHUNDIA's view...

**As the Hatters found out on Tuesday night, football can hurt a lot. There's nothing worse than conceding a last-minute goal having come so close to securing a vital three points, but as Luton fans have found out time and time again, the Championship is a league of the finest margins.**

Seven of the Hatters' ten league wins this season have come from a margin of just one goal, with Luton dropping points on five occasions having taken the lead with none of those being defeats.

Arguably, the only occasions where the Hatters have dropped points from a winning position as a direct consequence of inviting too much pressure was the 1-1 draw with Nottingham Forest after the Reds had a man sent off and Tuesday night's last gasp equaliser from Millwall's George Evans.

The draws with Huddersfield Town were either a result of simply being outplayed for periods or an unlucky set piece goal, whilst Blackburn's equaliser at Kenilworth came just three minutes after Luke Berry gave the Hatters the lead

with target man Sam Gallagher latching onto one of Rovers' trademark diagonal balls into the penalty box.

Those disappointments are amongst a backdrop of the Hatters seeing out seven wins with only a one goal lead for an average of twenty-eight minutes after scoring the goal that gave them the advantage.

So, what does all of this actually tell us? Largely, the Hatters' strategy to see out games is not the issue. Only two of the twelve games where the Hatters have held one goal leads were lost as a strong result of Luton being far too conservative and inviting pressure. The difference between the midweek game against Millwall and the gritty wins against the likes of Birmingham, Bournemouth and Bristol City was that the Hatters won those headers that they lost on Tuesday night to Matt Smith and George Evans.

As difficult as it is after such a tough moment that epitomises the ruthless emotional rollercoaster of being a football fan, it's crucial to remember that the end result will always affect our judgment of the strategy, regardless of whether that strategy has proved effective before.

Without a doubt in a number of tight wins this season, the Hatters have deployed the same strategy of holding onto the ball, slowing the game down at every opportunity and prioritising being organised and compact behind the ball against possible counterattacks to great effect relatively early, because they have won key headers and made key blocks that helped them to hang on.

Of course fans, and I'm sure the coaching staff, would love to see a bit more ambition in certain moments as Luton



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should have done after winning the ball back on Tuesday, but each of those moments requires a decision to be made that balances the potential returns of charging forward against the risks of losing the ball in dangerous areas with three or four players out of position and unable to immediately get behind the ball.

The plan to see out games has been mostly successful this season, which has been made absolutely clear in the number of games we've been able to see out. Without a doubt, if the Hatters opted for a more 'gung-ho' plan to see out wins that involved pouring bodies forward when we could and that then backfired, the complaints would swing round full circle, even if it had been successful before, and the consensus would arrive that being compact and constantly keeping numbers behind the ball both in and out of possession should be prioritised above scrambling for a second goal.

Every strategy to see out games has its flaws – there is no one way that will guarantee success in every moment. The only thing that absolutely guarantees success is the players within the plan being absolutely flawless in every action and decision, which of course is not possible.

Can we be a bit braver in certain moments? Of course we can. Has the way we've been seeing out games worked so far this season. The answer is also yes. That is the result of Nathan Jones and his coaching staff working in a way that they feel best suits the strengths and weaknesses of the group of players that we have. It can be uncomfortable to watch at times and like any strategy it can backfire in a way that lays its flaws out plainly, but with some small tweaks it is an effective plan that has been mostly successful for the Hatters.

We should not allow one poor decision from a throw in and two lost headers as a reason to berate the methods that have so far worked this season.

The Hatters are going through a tricky spell at the moment, but that is the reality of being in a league with the quality and riches of the Championship. Tricky spells will happen, but the Hatters are in a far stronger position both in the league and with their squad than they were at this stage last season.

Keep the faith!



# FIXTURES 2020-21

DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS	PENALTY (F)	PENALTY (A)	OWN GOALS	SENT OFF	OPP. SENT OFF	SHEA	CRANIE	POTTS	TUNNICLIFFE	BRADLEY	PEARSON	CORNICK	BERRY	HYLTON	LEE	SHINNIE	
													1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>																								
Sat 5	3.00pm	H	Norwich (Carabao Cup R1)	W 3-1	BCD	BCD	-	1	-	-	-									a	*	b	*	
Sat 12	3.00pm	A	Barnsley	W 1-0	BCD	BCD	6	-	-	-	-	*								b	y	c	a	
Tue 15	6.00pm	A	Reading (Carabao Cup R2)	W 1-0	BCD	BCD	-	-	-	-	-	c								y	*		a	
Sat 19	3.00pm	H	Derby County	W 2-1	BCD	BCD	2	-	-	-	-	*								b	1	*	c	
Tue 22	8.15pm	A	Man Utd (Carabao Cup R3)	L 0-3	BCD	BCD	-	-	1	-	-	*							*	b	y	a		
Sat 26	12.30pm	A	Watford	L 0-1	BCD	BCD	7	-	-	-	-	*							c	y	b	a		
<b>OCTOBER</b>																								
Sat 3	3.00pm	H	Wycombe Wanderers	W 2-0	BCD	BCD	5	-	-	-	-	*								yb	c	b1		
Sat 17	3.00pm	H	Stoke City	L 0-2	BCD	BCD	6	-	-	-	-	b								c	y	a		
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							*	a				
Wed 28	7.45pm	H	Nottingham Forest	D 1-1	BCD	BCD	9	-	1	-	1	y							*	a				
Sat 31	3.00pm	H	Brentford	L 0-3	BCD	BCD	13	-	-	-	*							a	b	y	*			
<b>NOVEMBER</b>																								
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							b	c	*			
Sat 21	3.00pm	H	Blackburn Rovers	D 1-1	BCD	BCD	10	-	-	-	-	e							b	1d	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			
<b>DECEMBER</b>																								
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	*	*						
<b>JANUARY</b>																								
Sat 9	12.00pm	H	Reading (FAC R3)	W 1-0	BCD	BCD	-	-	-	-	-								b	y	b			
Tue 12	7.00pm	H	QPR	L 0-2	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						
<b>FEBRUARY</b>																								
Sat 6	3.00pm	H	Huddersfield Town	D 1-1	BCD	BCD	15	-	-	-	1	*				b	a	*						
Sat 13	3.00pm	A	Birmingham City	W 1-0	BCD	BCD	14	-	-	-	-	*	1y	*					*					
Tue 16	8.15pm	H	Cardiff City	L 0-2	BCD	BCD	15	-	-	-	-	*	a	*		b	d	b	c					
Sat 20	3.00pm	A	Stoke City	L 0-3	BCD	BCD	16	-	-	-	-	*	yc	a			d	*	c					
Tue 23	7.45pm	H	Millwall	D 1-1	BCD	BCD	17	-	-	-	-	*	yc			e	c	*						
Sat 27	3.00pm	H	Sheffield Wednesday																					
<b>MARCH</b>																								
Tue 2	7.45pm	A	Nottingham Forest																					
Sat 6	3.00pm	A	Norwich City																					
Tue 9	7.45pm	H	Rotherham United																					
Sat 13	12.15pm	H	Swansea City																					
Tue 16	7.45pm	H	Coventry City																					
Sat 20	3.00pm	A	Preston North End																					
<b>APRIL</b>																								
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																					
<b>MAY</b>																								
Sat 1	3.00pm	H	Middlesbrough																					
Sat 8	3.00pm	A	QPR																					

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

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MINUTE	SUB TIMES																				SENT OFF		GOAL TIMES							
	1	12	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	33	38	39	a	b	c	d	e	L#	O#	
1	SLUGA		MONCUR	LOCKER	REA	MPANZU	CLARK	COLLINS	KIOSO	LISTED	DEWSBURY-HALL	GALLOWAY	NORTON-DAVIES	NAISMITH	LUALUA	BREE	NOMBE	MORRELL	ADEBAYO	PERERA	BECKWITH	OSHO	INCE							
2		*		y		a	3p		*															72	85	-	-	-	-	79,81,83,95
3		*			y	*	1	*	b					a	b								62	81	91	-	-	-	71	
4		*	c	*		1	c1						y	*	a								72	85	93	-	-	-	24	
5		b	a	y		*	b	*	y														46	83	83	-	-	-	34,52,87	
6		*	a	*		a	b	*					y	c									76	76	-	-	-	-	44,88,92	
7		*	*			a	b	*															58	71	78	-	-	-	35	
8		*			1	a	c	*						a									73	80	88	-	-	-	59,89	
9		c	*	y	b								*			a							66	67	75	-	-	-	46,55	
10		c	*											*			a						60	69	87	-	-	-	45,4,79	
11		*		1	*									a	*	b							69	92	-	-	-	-	71,74	
12		c	b	1y	y	b	c	c					c		a							77	77	84	-	-	-	44,22,64		
13													b	a									37	46	74	-	-	-	20,29,76	
14		c	c	a		1								b	*	*	a						46	64	89	-	-	-	70	
15		1a	*	y									*	by	a								60	73	77	-	-	-	21	
16		c	*	d	*	a								c	b	*							59	59	76	77	95	-	69,72	
17		a	*	y	b									*	*	*							61	70	-	-	-	-	23,37	
18		*	e	a	*								e		a	b	d						41	41	60	71	71	-	4,5,59,82	
19		1b				1		*	c	*			*	a	*	b							46	70	94	-	-	-	15,19,22,47	
20		b	y					*	a	*				c	*	*							61	62	82	-	-	70	2,39	
21		*						*	a	*			*		b								71	85	-	-	-	-		
22		a	d	b	3e			*	c	a			*		e	*						74	75	80	80	83	-	20,29,66		
23		c	ye	d	e			*	a	b			*			*						62	62	75	86	86	-	66,52		
24		*	*			*	b		y	*				b	*							71	89	91	-	-	-			
25		*	b	c	d			*	a	b			d1y									46	46	46	65	77	-	9,41,90		
26		*	1	b	c		*	1	*				a	*								64	64	84	-	-	-	17,61,68		
27		1	*	*	*	a							c	c	d	a	d					58	74	74	81	-	-	30		
28		d	*	b	*	c	*						*	d	*	a	a					77	83	83	83	-	-	39,89		
29		*	a	b	d								a	*	c	*						34	77	87	87	-	-	26,67		
30		b	r	*	b	c							e		d	c	*					64	64	65	76	89	95	95,14		
31		e	a	1y	b								e	d	d	*						46	60	61	61	75	-	11,17,30,74		
32		*	yc	d	a								d	*		c	*					64	72	88	88	-	-	85		
33		*	a	c	1	y							c	a	*							b	72	83	87	-	-	93	11,74	
34		*	a	a	*	e							d	*								*	70	-	-	-	-	-	31	
35		d	y	a	ye								*	*	b	b	e					c	30	46	64	64	73	-	53,57	
36		y	*	a	b	d							e	*	b	e						68	68	83	83	83	-	20,63,78		
37		*											*		a	1d						b	64	75	83	84	84	-	55,95	

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

# UP NEXT



FORMED: 1865

NICKNAME: THE REDS

LAST SEASON: 7TH IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP

TWITTER: @NFFC

COLOURS: RED SHIRT, WHITE SHORTS

GROUND: CITY GROUND

MANAGER: CHRIS HUGHTON

## WHO?

Forest boast a silverware laden trophy cabinet, with one First Division victory, two FA Cup wins and most famously their back-to-back Champions League wins in 1979 and 1980 under club legend Brian Clough. The Reds narrowly missed out on qualification for the Championship play-offs on goal difference last season after Swansea City sensationally overturned a six-goal difference on the final day.

## GROUND?

The Reds have played at the City Ground since 1898 and currently has a capacity of 30,445, posting an average home attendance of 27,724 last season. The ground is situated along the River Trent, with local rivals and National League outfit Notts County located across the river.

## HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

The two sides last met at Kenilworth Road as Glen Rea's unfortunate own goal gave the Hatters a frustrating point after Forest were reduced to ten men on the stroke of half-time. Last season at the Forest ground, Luton fell to a 3-1 defeat in January despite Harry Cornick's first half opener giving the Hatters the lead as they fought for Championship survival.

## KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU

The current Hatters coaching staff contains a lot of experience of the East Midlands club, with first-team coaches Paul Hart and Chris Cohen spending the best part of two decades between at Forest. Hart played for, ran the academy and managed the City Ground outfit, while Cohen spent 11 years as a midfielder before taking charge of the club's U23s. Assistant Manager Mick Harford also spent time beside the Trent, joining Joe Kinnear at Forest as his assistant in 2004, before enjoying a brief period as caretaker manager.

Words: Dylan Bhundia

## LUTON TOWN PLAYER STATISTICS

LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB	2020-21 SEASON										CAREER	
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		CARDS		TOTAL			
	APPS	G	APPS	G	APPS	G	Y	R	APPS	G		
Elijah Adebayo	1	(2)	1	0	(0)	0	1	(2)	1	0	0	
Luke Berry	19	(6)	2	1	(2)	0	20	(8)	2	3	0	
Sonny Bradley	29	(0)	0	4	(0)	0	33	(0)	0	3	0	
Jamesree	5	(6)	0	3	(0)	0	8	(6)	0	0	56	
Jordan Clark	12	(10)	1	3	(2)	2	15	(12)	3	1	0	
James Collins	25	(3)	7	1	(1)	3	26	(4)	10	3	0	
Harry Cornick	21	(5)	0	2	(1)	0	23	(6)	0	1	0	
Martin Cranie	17	(2)	0	1	(1)	0	18	(3)	0	6	0	
Kiernan Dewsbury-Hall	22	(2)	2	1	(0)	0	23	(2)	2	2	0	
Brendan Galloway	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	6	
Danny Hylton	6	(10)	0	3	(0)	0	9	(10)	0	5	0	
Tom Ince	1	(2)	0	0	(0)	0	1	(2)	0	0	3	
Peter Kioso	0	(0)	0	1	(1)	0	1	(1)	0	1	0	
Elliot Lee	8	(4)	1	2	(2)	0	10	(6)	1	0	0	
Tom Lockyer	18	(2)	0	3	(0)	0	21	(2)	0	0	23	
Kazenga Luulu	2	(13)	1	2	(3)	0	4	(16)	1	3	0	
George Moncur	8	(8)	2	3	(1)	1	11	(9)	3	0	0	
Joe Morell	4	(5)	0	1	(0)	0	5	(5)	0	0	10	
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	26	(3)	2	2	(0)	0	28	(3)	2	4	0	
Kai Nalmith	2	(5)	0	1	(0)	0	3	(5)	0	0	8	
Sam Nombe	0	(6)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(6)	0	0	7	
Rhys Norrington-Davies	16	(2)	0	3	(1)	0	19	(3)	0	2	22	
Gabriel Osho	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	2	1	
Matty Pearson	23	(2)	2	1	(0)	0	24	(2)	2	2	1	
Dan Potts	15	(2)	1	1	(1)	0	16	(3)	1	2	0	
Glen Rea	25	(2)	2	2	(0)	0	27	(2)	2	8	0	
James Shea	7	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	10	(0)	0	1	0	
Andrew Shinnie	0	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	0	10	
Simon Sluga	24	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	26	(0)	0	0	60	
Ryan Tunnicliffe	5	(7)	0	4	(0)	0	9	(7)	0	1	0	

## 2020-21 CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

#	Team	PL	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Norwich City	32	20	7	5	45	25	20	67
2	Brentford	32	17	9	6	59	34	25	60
3	Watford	32	17	9	6	43	23	20	60
4	Swansea City	30	17	8	5	38	19	19	59
5	Reading	32	15	6	11	44	37	7	51
6	Cardiff City	32	14	7	11	48	34	14	49
7	Bournemouth	32	13	10	9	46	32	14	49
8	Barnsley	31	14	6	11	36	35	1	48
9	Middlesbrough	32	13	7	12	37	34	3	46
10	Stoke City	32	11	12	9	37	35	2	45
11	Millwall	32	9	16	7	31	28	3	43
12	Bristol City	32	13	3	16	32	43	-11	42
13	Queens Park Rangers	30	10	10	10	30	34	-4	40
14	Nottingham Forest	33	10	10	13	28	32	-4	40
15	Preston North End	32	12	4	16	34	42	-8	40
16	Blackburn Rovers	31	11	6	14	45	37	8	39
17	Derby County	32	10	8	14	25	33	-8	38
18	Luton Town	31	10	8	13	24	35	-11	38
19	Huddersfield Town	32	10	6	16	38	47	-9	36
20	Coventry City	32	8	10	14	29	43	-14	34
21	Birmingham City	32	7	10	15	23	40	-17	31
22	Rotherham United	30	8	5	17	33	41	-8	29
23	Sheffield Wednesday *	31	9	7	15	21	35	-14	28
24	Wycombe Wanderers	31	5	8	18	23	51	-28	23



# SCREWFIX

## HELPING FAMILIES ENJOY FOOTBALL AT HOME

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





### NATHAN JONES

JAMES SHEA	01	01	KIEREN WESTWOOD
MARTIN CRANIE	02	02	LIAM PALMER
DAN POTTS	03	04	JOOST VAN AKEN
RYAN TUNNICLIFFE	04	05	CALLUM PATERSON
SONNY BRADLEY	05	06	SAM HUTCHINSON
MATTY PEARSON	06	07	KADEEM HARRIS
HARRY CORNICK	07	08	JOEY PELOPESY
LUKE BERRY	08	09	JACK MARRIOTT
DANNY HYLTON	09	10	BARRY BANNAN
SIMON SLUGA	12	11	ADAM REACH
GEORGE MONCUR	14	13	JULIAN BORNER
GLEN REA	16	14	MATT PENNEY
PELLY-RUDDOCK MPANZU	17	15	TOM LEES
JORDAN CLARK	18	16	ANDRE GREEN
JAMES COLLINS	19	17	FISAYO DELE-BASHIRU
KIERNAN DEWSBURY-HALL	22	18	JOSH WINDASS
KAL NAISMITH	24	19	OSAZE URHOGHIDE
KAZENGA LUALUA	25	20	JORDAN RHODES
JAMES BREE	26	21	MASSIMO LUONGO
SAM NOMBRE	27	22	MOSES ODUBAJO
JOE MORRELL	28	23	CHEY DUNKLEY
ELIJAH ADEBAYO	29	24	IZZY BROWN
DION PEREIRA	30	25	CAMERON DAWSON
AVAN JONES	32	26	LIAM SHAW
SAM BECKWITH	33	27	DOMINIC IORFA
JAKE PECK	34	28	JOE WILDSMITH
COREY PANTER	35	29	ALEX HUNT
TOM INCE	39	45	ELIAS KACHUNGA

### NEIL THOMPSON

01	KIEREN WESTWOOD
02	LIAM PALMER
04	JOOST VAN AKEN
05	CALLUM PATERSON
06	SAM HUTCHINSON
07	KADEEM HARRIS
08	JOEY PELOPESY
09	JACK MARRIOTT
10	BARRY BANNAN
11	ADAM REACH
13	JULIAN BORNER
14	MATT PENNEY
15	TOM LEES
16	ANDRE GREEN
17	FISAYO DELE-BASHIRU
18	JOSH WINDASS
19	OSAZE URHOGHIDE
20	JORDAN RHODES
21	MASSIMO LUONGO
22	MOSES ODUBAJO
23	CHEY DUNKLEY
24	IZZY BROWN
25	CAMERON DAWSON
26	LIAM SHAW
27	DOMINIC IORFA
28	JOE WILDSMITH
29	ALEX HUNT
45	ELIAS KACHUNGA

## MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE - MICHAEL SALISBURY | ASSISTANT REFEREE 1 - MARK POTTAGE  
ASSISTANT REFEREE 2 - MARK JONES | FOURTH OFFICIAL - GAVIN WARD