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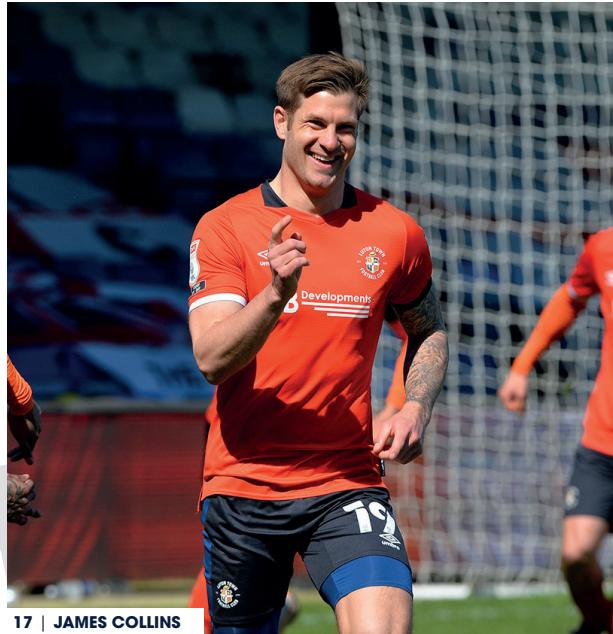
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NATHAN JONES

Good evening to everyone reading this and preparing to watch the game, sadly, at home again.

I'm sorry that still has to be the case as, like at the end of last season when we beat Blackburn to secure our Championship status, days like last Saturday are for the fans. Beating Watford and winning a derby at home for the first time in 28 years is an achievement.

We know what it would have been like with 10,000 packed inside Kenilworth Road. The news that broke the following day about plans for a European Super League, and the reaction to it, only serves to emphasise exactly what we missed.

I said after the game that although we feel it as players and staff, that win was for Gary Sweet, 2020 and every Luton fan who watched the club ripped apart, then be rebuilt from the very bottom in Non-League football.

Imagine if that Pyramid wasn't there, the sporting competition that means every club can have the ultimate ambition of taking on the biggest clubs on the same stage.

Gary, David, Stephen, Bob, Mike, Paul and so many others had that aim of getting back to the same level as Watford, and beating them, when the clubs were four divisions apart. The day before this closed-shop power plan was revealed, it happened.

The way this club is run, we won't stop there. Football in this country allows us not only to dream but to have realistic aims. Ours includes a new stadium, reaching the Premier League, and then hosting games against Europe's elite there. Why not?

I have to give our players so much credit for the tempo and controlled aggression they played with on Saturday, and the belief and desire they showed. The quality of the football was wonderful from minute one, and we now want to keep that front-foot mentality, which we've shown a lot recently.

We have five games to go and are playing teams with plenty to play for at both ends of the table. I can guarantee that we will continue to prepare and compete in all of those matches with the sporting integrity that I've just been talking about, so it is fair to every other club.

We've seen Reading's players and staff more often than we've seen family during the pandemic, and with two wins each so far, it's going to be a tough test but one we know we are capable of winning. We welcome Vejko Paunovic and everyone from the Madejski once again.

Please enjoy the game wherever you are watching, and thank you once again for all the fantastic messages of support we've had. Not long now until we can all be back together, God willing. COYH!



GARY SWEET

As we warmly welcome the players and staff of our opponents from Reading tonight, you, our cherished supporters, should be here!

The beating heart of Kenilworth Road is faint without you, especially today – a special day having just witnessed our collective communities of football supporters unite to defeat a small number of egocentric chancers intent on dividing our national game for personal gain. Tonight, we should be celebrating together.

Football 1 Greed 0

I'll revisit this vital topic to give my view on what should be happening next; however, we have more reasons to celebrate than supporters nationwide reclaiming our game. We should be rejoicing Saturday's momentous victory over our nearest and dearest rivals.

Very few *outsiders* will understand what this means to us, especially given the recent distance in the pyramid between our two clubs. Since becoming custodians, one of our key barometers for future success has been to beat Watford as peers over the last few years when there has been as many as 90 league places between us. Mission accomplished!

Luton 1 Watford 0

Not only did we beat them, fairly and squarely, visibly and statistically, but we did so despite their form, despite the expectation and despite the huge gulf in budgets. The desire, commitment, passion and effort shown by every player demonstrated what it meant to us and showed how any single team will always be superior to eleven individual talents.

Leading up to this fixture was inspiring for me, personally. The connection between everyone at the Club is close

that every player, coach and staff member understood that this game was special for you, our supporters. Every one of us understood that, in your absence, the most valuable accolade we could deliver to you is the derby pride and those bragging rights.

Nobody bought into it more than Nathan, who prepared our team perfectly; tactically, physically and mentally. I think I can speak on behalf of all supporters in thanking Nathan, his staff and every single player for their commitment in bringing us this victory.

This is perhaps another example of the true spirit and passion of supporters triumphing over the disengaged sterility that exists too much in our beautiful game. As a Club and as a team, we are nothing without your support, passion, commitment and even the rivalries that come with that, and we're proud of the end-to-end emotional connection we have nurtured to make this a key component for our continued success.

The most important statistic of the weekend, however, which has almost been over-shadowed, is our mathematical security of Championship football next season and another season of growth over the previous. Yet more reason to celebrate this week!

This fact is particularly valuable because we can begin our preparations for next season earlier than we ever have been able to in any other time during our custodianship. After too many Springs of nervous nail-biting to the bitter end, I'm sure we're all comfortably content with a season of mid-table mediocrity for once.

Our third consecutive season in the Championship will spur us on to grow again, despite the difference in budgets. It's essential we get our recruitment right this summer, which you can contribute to



with your season ticket uptake and your generous contributions to The Transfer Club. If we can replicate our success in attracting the players we have in the last two windows, I know that our own expectations for next season will be even more ambitious.

So, what now for football?

The togetherness of people far outweighs any amount of money from the few.

Firstly, let's all recognise (as many of you do, I know) that whilst our pyramid structure is a perfect model to behold that offers opportunity to all, our national game is being infiltrated by too many bankers and chancers seeing it as an opportunity for profit or egotistical self-promotion.

Our beautiful game was invented by the workers, for the workers and its success has led to commercial opportunism that has, in my opinion, diluted the culture and spirit of the game. The sporting principle has been gradually eroded over time. When community clubs can be owned by distant sovereign states and have their silverware bought, is there any difference to them having a YouTube

aired shopping spree at a high-class jeweller?

The natural order of hierarchy should only be determined by how committed and supportive the custodians and communities are towards their local club, and not by how many zeros an 'owner' can write in a fantasy chequebook.

The rapid rise and demise of the self-proclaimed European Super League has explicitly demonstrated that the journey towards further commercialisation of the sport is not losing momentum and unless we, collectively, capitalise on the opportunity to protect football at this time, an ESL-type proposal will emerge time and time again, most probably under a more granular strategy, by stealth (as if we wouldn't notice!?)

This, of course, is exactly what has happened over recent years and decades, placing the power with the pound.

However, whilst a depressing thought, I'm far from depressed at future prospects, as long as the true lovers of our great game can take action. >>



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Firstly, the six rogue clubs must be punished for entering into a commercially binding agreement when it was more than evident it would damage the English football pyramid and everything that relies upon it.

Speaking as a director of the Club that has received football's greatest ever punishment in a single season, a 30-point deduction for crimes committed by our predecessors, I think we have every right to demand that the self-appointed 'big 6' should receive punishments by the Premier League and The FA befitting to the crime - which I see as far worse than anything Luton Town has ever committed.

If sanctions aren't delivered it will be yet more evidence that football simply cannot control itself and clearly fears upsetting those very chancers that have sought to damage the game.

If fans of the big 6 are protected resulting in these clubs escaping punishment, not only does it open up claims of false punishment by supporters of other clubs that have previously been punished but it also clears the path of any sanctions upon any crime a club wants to commit in future because fans must be protected. Football regulations will become a free-for-all.

All of a sudden, football authorities are

recognising supporters again, having seen the power they can inflict. Where was the concern for Luton supporters in 2007 & 08 when we had to suffer a 40 point deduction?

Secondly, whilst we're naturally against political involvement in sport, I firmly believe that football desperately needs external, independent, authoritative help. So far, football has been given every chance to repair itself - and has failed.

As a live example, the EFL declared, almost unanimously, that player and agent inflation must be repaired to halt the unsustainability that is spinning this League and others out of control. After two years of being involved and pushing the financial sustainability agenda with others, *nothing* has happened to help Clubs to break-even and compete, despite the threat of a global pandemic to force the agenda.

As matters stand, it is almost miraculous that we, at Luton, are managing to compete without blowing our brains out, financially. As we post our annual accounts it will reveal that around 60p of every £1 of turnover is spent on player wages whilst just about managing to control cashflow. Our competitors tonight somehow managed to spend 210p for every £1 on salaries whilst losing over £40m in year ending 2020. In any other

commercial industry this would be suicidal, not just unsustainable.

Reading, of course, are not unique. They feel they need to take these decisions in order to compete. The general solutions to these clubs' financial predicaments is that their foreign owner writes another cheque or they sell a vital asset, like their stadium, to either balance the books or to dodge Financial Fair Play rules (while we work tirelessly for many years to build our own stadium).

Yet, Clubs still go unpunished or escape appropriate sanctions. If this activity becomes acceptable to our governing authorities, we simply do not have a sport anymore; we have an industry where 'success' can be bought with cash by risking everything - leaving supporters and communities to pick up the pieces upon failure.

With the financial clout shifting entirely to the EPL, giving more oxygen to the elite within it, the over-riding body of the FA lacks sufficient authority to impact the necessary review. For these reasons, I warmly welcome the government's recently announced fan-led reform taskforce, led by Tracey Crouch MP.

We need an independent, cross-party review that seeks to reform, regulate and reduce complexity in order for the game to be able to re-establish >>

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Of course, any such review needs to be collaborative with supporters and Clubs at the very heart of the discussion inviting other parties, as necessary.

It's not surprising that progress is never made regarding sustainability when so many football organisations are involved, as has been recently demonstrated. Decisions are not just down to the EFL but usually have to include the FA, the EPL, the PFA, the LMA, the PGB, PFNCC and even requiring them to fall in line with UEFA and FIFA. Yet, not one of those bodies directly represents the most important group of people the sport relies upon.

Crafting a new set of regulations shouldn't be particularly difficult, as long as it can be managed over a reasonable period of time and guided or instructed by an authority that doesn't fear the financial power of rogue owners. Regulations can be introduced to allow:

- For the pyramid to be legally protected like a national asset of Cultural Heritage Significance.
- For supporters to have a greater formal voice (not to be feared or disrespected).
- For a new, independent FA to be

restructured and given authority to oversee rules of the game.

- For the primary natural order to be determined by the size and commitment of the club's support (not simply by owner wealth).
- For regulations for sustainability and operation to be set with strict embargoes and financial and points penalties introduced that would be instant and unappealable.
- For sanctions and/or points deductions to be issued for making an unauthorised loss or for accounts being filed late.
- For all broadcast and media income to be controlled by a central body and redistributed according to media contribution, league position and community engagement.
- For a proportion of media income to be distributed to subsidising supporter loyalty (season tickets, merchandise).
- For limitations on the broadcasting of live matches and protection of to avoid over-saturation and to avoid compromise of live attendance.
- For financial incentives and rewards to be offered to clubs fielding male, female and disability teams and for promoting and controlling an equal opportunities environment.
- For Supporters' Trusts to be invited to buy shares and to hold veto rights over material changes to shareholding.
- For the academy system to be reviewed and local clubs' academies to receive greater protection on the retention of minors.

Of course, I'm not deluded. I fully understand that many or most of these regulations won't come to fruition and also believe that any process must be a democratic one. Supporters need to get organised too. A formal structure to proceedings would be important for the wider voices to be heard.

But, if we genuinely see football as a national treasure, we must see it as our collective responsibility to force change for good, whatever you believe is the right way.

I truly hope reform is embraced by all. Our opportunity for change is now. But whatever happens, Luton Town is in safe hands as we refuse to risk the rich heritage of this 136-year-old professional institution.

Keep 'em peeled!

COYH!



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LOYAL LUTON

With Loyal Luton Supporters Club's Chair - Kevin Rouse



As we approach the end of a second consecutive Championship season what a great feeling it is that we are not involved in a dramatic last game finish like last season!

Mid-table obscurity (at the time of writing) is in reality massive for our club in so many ways. A club with one of the smallest budgets in this league who were always going to be up against the big beasts of this division it is even more remarkable how we have been able to match many clubs in this league.

Some great performances home and especially away have secured our place for another season.

Competing at this level in what we all think is our natural level is so much better than, with respect, the Conference, remember those days!

Now we are here we want to stay and so midtable, for now, is fantastic achievement.

Power Court is starting to loom ever larger on the near horizon and with it a promise of something once built is going to be very very special. With out doubt our future is going to be very different to

what we have all known.

With the new stadium there is a very real potential of being a force to be reckoned within a very short space of time as the pent up potential, for so long stunted by the restrictions of Kenilworth Road, will be unleashed. At last we will have a football club we all know can and will do great things, something I think many of us have been waiting all our lives to see properly fulfilled.

When I became Chair of Loyal Luton Supporters Club I wanted to look at what we as an organisation could do going forward in representing the independent voice of our members and build and improve upon what has gone before. This has meant reassessing how we operate and has meant changes within the structures of LLSC. As a committee we want to do so much more for our members and the wider support in general.

Some of the changes have included relaunching our website (<https://loyalluton.co.uk>) launching a merchandising section that we want to add to moving forward. We are going to add other sections to the website as we develop our plans and ideas for it.

We have also decided to affiliate to the Football Supporters Association and we



are also looking at other organisations that could benefit the LLSC membership. There are certain things that the FSA can offer us in terms of advice and help and these are some of the reasons we have decided to affiliate to them.

LLSC moving forward has many plans and strategies we want to develop. One of those plans is to support different local charities each new season. This season we have chosen Woman's Aid Luton (<https://womensaidinluton.org>) This is a charity for woman and their children who have had to seek refuge away from abusive and violent partners. We have been in the process of raising money for the charity during the lockdown and we are happy to announce the football club have donated a signed football home shirt for us to raffle off. Raffle tickets will be sold at £5.00 a ticket via our website. We will close the raffle on the final home game of the season and announce who has won the signed framed shirt the same day.

In closing, in our 30th anniversary year, the LLSC committee are planning for the future, one that is full of promise and optimism, COYH!

Stronger Together,
Kevin Rouse
Chairman, Loyal Luton Supporters Club

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JAMES COLLINS

Derby Day hero James Collins felt the Hatters simply wanted it more than their rivals as they produced a fantastic display to beat Watford on Saturday.

The Republic of Ireland international came off the bench to score the winning goal from the penalty spot with his first touch, writing himself into the Luton Town history books as the first man to inflict defeat on Watford in 18 years.

Collins' primary focus wasn't on the headlines, however, as he admitted his team-mates put in the hard graft to put them in a position to win the game in the first place.

"It was a strange situation, but I knew as soon as the penalty was given and the shout was Elijah might not be able to carry on that I had a chance of coming on and taking it," he said. "The gaffer asked me if I wanted to take it and of course I said yes, so fortunately for me today, I managed to get the headlines. But I think I shouldn't get any credit for today really, because all the hard work was done before I came on the pitch. I think all the lads were absolutely outstanding today and by far the better team."

Continuing, the 30-year-old said: "It is a derby and I think it showed today that

our lads wanted it more than them. Maybe a few of their players haven't seen a pitch or stadium like this before, no disrespect, that is the truth. I think some of them didn't fancy it today, we took advantage of that and won the game."

Further to the derby victory, it was confirmation for the 13th place Hatters that they would remain a Sky Bet Championship outfit, to which Collo added: "We had a great start to the season and I think we've been really quite consistent this year, so it's really pleasing to be safe already. To do that with five games to go after the situation we were in last year is brilliant and credit to everyone at the football club.

"We've beaten some big, big sides this year in Norwich, Bournemouth, Nottingham Forest, Watford. We've mixed it with some of the big boys and I think it's thoroughly deserved as well."

Nevertheless, ahead of tonight's game the striker and his team-mates will be giving their all, as per usual.

"We have five games left and we go into every game wanting to win them all. No footballer likes losing games so if we can show the performance that we did today and that mentality to go and get three points then who knows where it will take us. We are where we are for a reason and I think we thoroughly deserve it."





THE MANAGER

VELJKO PAUNOVIC

Current Reading boss Veljko Paunovic had a long-playing career, ending in the US with Philadelphia Union. Earlier in his career, he played for the likes of Atletico Madrid, Hannover, Getafe and Partizan.

The 43-year-old would transition into coaching with the Serbian national team, managing their Under-18s, Under-19s, and Under-20s across three different spells.

He took over at MLS side Chicago Fire in 2015, leading the side to the play-offs in 2017. After four years in the States, he left his role in 2019.

In August 2020, he became manager of Reading after replacing Mark Bowen and has led the Royals to a season-long challenge for promotion to the Premier League.

READING

ON THE GOALKEEPER



RAFAEL CABRAL

Goalkeeper Rafael Cabral started his career in his native Brazil, going onto feature regularly for Santos during his spell with the club.

He then signed for Serie A side Napoli. Rafael made his debut in the Champions League against Arsenal, and spent five years in Naples. The 30-year-old stayed in Italy, joining Sampdoria.

The goalkeeper only spent a season with Sampdoria, and he joined the Royals on a free transfer in 2019.

Rafael made his senior debut for Brazil against the USA in 2012, and has three caps to his name.

DEFENDER



LIAM MOORE

Born in Loughborough, defender Liam Moore came through the youth system at Leicester City, eventually breaking into the Foxes' first-team.

During his time at the King Power Stadium, the 28-year-old had loan spells at Bradford, Brentford, and Bristol City. As a Leicester player, Moore would make 59 league appearances and scored on one occasion.

In 2016, he left for Reading and has become a key figure in the Royals' defence. Ahead of the 2019/20 season, Moore was named as captain of the club, and is still a regular under Paunovic.

RADAR

MIDFIELD



ANDY RINOMHOTA

Coming through at non-league side AFC Portchester, Andy Rinomhota broke into the first-team at a young age and became a key player in the Wessex League.

After scoring ten in 30 league games, the midfielder was invited for a trial at Reading, and earned himself a contract at the Madejski Stadium.

The 23-year-old impressed at Under-18 and Under-23 level for the club, eventually earning a first-team spot.

Rinomhota has cemented himself as a key man in the Royals' midfield, and has featured over 100 times for Reading in the Sky Bet Championship.

STRIKER



YAKOU MEITE

Parisian-born striker Yakou Meite started his footballing journey at Paris Saint-Germain, featuring for the club's development sides. His one and only first team appearance was in Ligue 1 against Guingamp in April 2016.

The 25-year-old joined Reading in July 2016, making 14 league appearances in his debut season. He spent the following season on loan at Ligue 2 side Sochaux, before returning to Berkshire.

Meite has been a regular in the Reading team since his return and is fully capped by the Ivory Coast national side.



KEEP AN EYE ON...

LUCAS JOAO

Lucas Joao started his professional career in his native Portugal, breaking into the first team set-up at CD Nacional.

After three seasons with Nacional, he moved to England, signing for Sheffield Wednesday. Joao spent four years at Hillsborough, and made over 100 league appearances for the Owls.

The 27-year-old also had a spell at Blackburn on loan during the 2016/17 season. He swapped Sheffield Wednesday for Reading in the summer of 2019, joining for an undisclosed fee.

Joao has two caps for the Portugal national side, making his debut against Russia in 2015.

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

Since losing at home on the opening day of the 2005-06 season, Reading had gone on a tremendous run of 33 games undefeated when they came to Kenilworth Road for a televised Friday night clash in mid-February.

The match could have not got off to worse possible start when Kevin Doyle netted for the Royals after only 20 seconds, following a slip by Leon Barnett, but two quick fire goals from Rowan Vine saw the Town ahead at the interval.

Former Royal, Dean Morgan fired in a third for the Hatters on 51 minutes but a last minute scare, when Doyle headed in a second for Reading, meant there were a few anxious moments to overcome before the referee's whistle confirmed a famous victory.

Reading were not destined to lose again that season as they walked away with the title.

Pictured is Dean Morgan firing home the Town's third goal.



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BBC Three Counties Radio commentator **SIMON OXLEY** on derby day victory

Well, there was certainly enough in that 90 minutes to make up for 15 years of waiting. After bemoaning the fact that many of the derby matches I've covered have not lived up to expectations, Saturday gave us plenty to talk about.

What was the enduring image for you? The penalty? The late disallowed goal as the returning hero was denied his moment? Or Nathan Jones' celebration at the final whistle?

For me, the smile on Kirk Stephens' face said it all. 'Basher' was on iFollow commentary duty in the press box, and must have been itching to be out on the pitch. Mick Harford likewise, but for Watford stalwarts it would have been an uncomfortable watch.

Can you imagine Nigel Gibbs or Andy Hessonenthaler playing like that in a derby? But the questions it raised for the visitors are not for these pages, and I'm writing these notes ahead of their trip to Norwich last night. Maybe they bounced back.

Instead we focus on what it means for Luton Town FC. My opening question to Nathan Jones afterwards was that it must be one of the most significant

results of his time here. He agreed, and arguably it's the most significant. Luton beat their rivals, who since the two clubs were relegated together from this division in the mid-90s, have spent just the next two years out of the top two leagues.

They have spent the last five seasons in the Premier League reaping the financial rewards which meant they arrived here on Saturday with a starting 11 from 11 different nations, and five more internationals on the bench. But that counted for nothing. As I said many times in commentary, Luton played as though the crowd was here.

There's a hashtag on social media entitled "teams like Luton" in which Hatters fans highlight comments made by opposition managers, players and fans in this league that they should be beating "teams like Luton". And that's why we love football, because teams like Luton can get back to this division and beyond. I'm not saying Watford fans were thinking that, but maybe too many players were.

In what was a magnificent Luton team effort there were some individual performances to savour. Pelly was back to his best; Jordan Clark further enhanced his growing reputation; KDH was... KDH; Elijah Adebayo gave two international centre-halves a torrid time; and Kal Naismith managed to do what champions Liverpool couldn't last season and keep Ismaila Sarr out of the game.

So on to tonight, and another chance to overcome a promotion hopeful. Reading have some work to do after Barnsley's good run and Bournemouth's return to form. It will be their third visit here to an empty stadium. The appearance of fans at Sunday's FA Cup semi-final gives us all hope for the new season in August.



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iFollow Hatters commentator Simon 'Statto' Pitts derby day facts and figures

It's just four days since that amazing victory against local rivals Watford, a first win in the derby since August 1993.

It was match number 124 between the sides and the victory was Luton's 56th, giving a 45% win ratio, with 30 draws and just 38 defeats.

It all started in October 1898, a 2-2 draw at home in the 3rd Qualifying Round of the FA Cup, Dow and Durrant the scorers, with Galbraith scoring the only goal in the replay as Luton progressed. A 3-2 victory followed in the same competition a year later, and the first Southern League match was won 2-0 in September 1900 courtesy of goals from Saxton and Durrant.

Watford were to win just two of the opening 12 fixtures against Luton, whilst the Hatters had recorded nine victories, including two by a 4-1 scoreline.

The sides met for the first time in the Football League in March 1921. Watford won the first match, but three days later the Hatters won at Kenilworth Road courtesy of a goal from Mathieson.

The record victory of 5-0 was recorded in January 1926 in Division Three (South) - Agnew scored twice, with Dennis, Thompson and Thomson also netting.

The first of three hat-tricks in this fixture for a Luton player came in September 1929, as Andy Rennie netted three in a 4-0 away win, with Jimmy Yardley scoring the other. The Hatters were to do the "double" that season as they won 2-0 in the reverse fixture at Kenilworth Road.

Another "double" followed when Luton won Division Three (South) in 1936/37, as Joe Payne scored three in a 4-1 at Kenilworth Road, and then scored again in the 3-1 win at Watford later in the season.

The 1950's saw just one encounter, a 4-3 win for Luton in the Southern Professional Floodlit Cup, whilst there were three League wins apiece in the 1960's. An eight-game unbeaten run started for Luton with a 0-0 draw at Kenilworth Road, although it was over seven years later before the sides met again, and the famous Boxing Day win at Vicarage Road.

As you'll probably be aware Kirk Stephens was on iFollow co-commentary duties on Saturday and I'm sure you'll all have enjoyed listening to his recollection of that goal. This was the first of four consecutive 1-0 victories and five games without Watford scoring a goal!

The third and currently last hat-trick for a Luton player was scored by Mick Harford in a 3-2 victory at Kenilworth Road in April 1986. Half of the next 18 matches ended in a draw, with Luton edging the victories 5-4, including a 4-2 win at Vicarage Road in September 1994 as Paul Telfer netted twice after goals from Scott Oakes and Kerry Dixon.

Then there was the 2-1 League Cup victory in 2002, with that spectacular goal from Matthew Spring.

We'd waited 15 years for a home fixture, and nearly 28 years for a home win - 17th April 2021, was certainly a day to remember!



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ACADEMY UPDATE

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

U21s & 17s

A good day at the office all-round for the club last Saturday as the Academy added to the fantastic first team victory with two separate wins away at Stevenage.

The U17s deservedly won 2-1 with goals from Oliver Lynch and Darcy Moffat, and the U21s ran out convincing 3-2 winners aided by goals from Coree Wilson and two from Jack Chambers (2).

Both games were highly competitive as you would expect, and with four U17 players featuring in the starting line-up for the U21s we were delighted not only with the victories, but also the standard of play on both pitches.

Next up the U17s and 21s travel to Southend United on Saturday.

Schoolboys

Following a pretty hectic Easter period the schoolboys have settled back well to evening training sessions at The Brache and Sunday morning fixtures.

The latest matches saw us play AFC Wimbledon which were fantastic fixtures across the board. With the players having missed a fair chunk of their season this year it really is great to see them settling back in and enjoying their football again.

Next up we face Brighton & Hove Albion this Sunday, and again these fixtures will provide the boys with great learning experiences as they continue to develop in all areas.

Enjoy tonight's game - COYH!



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" Cup Receipts (half gate)	...	4	6	6	23	17	0
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By club historian Roger Wash

The latest addition to the Hatters' Heritage website are a number of videos of season compilations, iconic matches plus colour footage from the 1950s and 1960s. - have a look on www.hattersheritage.co.uk which links to our own YouTube channel

In turn, we aim to run a series throughout the season in the programme showcasing artefacts and memorabilia in our collection reflecting the club's rich history. Tonight we take a look at the club accounts from 1893 showing the finances in our early years of professionalism. To give a more accurate comparison, £1 then is worth around £130 now.

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LUTON TOWN LADIES FC

Words: Thomas Wheatley

The Ladies are back with a bang...beating Colney Heath Ladies 7-1 last Sunday!

Luton Town Ladies secured yet another convincing win on Sunday, this time in the League Challenge Cup.

The Hatters hosted Colney Heath Ladies and it was just 10 minutes before the deadlock was broken, Leyah Maddix firing into the top corner from 18 yards to give the Town the lead.

Though Colney saw a good amount of the ball it was Luton who saw all the goal scoring opportunities, Dionne Manning doubling the advantage five minutes later with a good finish over the keeper's head.

On 20 minutes it was three, Nicola Henman getting in on the action with a fine long-range effort. The Hatters were clinical and they weren't finished yet - 35 minutes in Maddix scored her second, driving a fierce effort across the keeper and into the net.

It took 20 minutes of the second half for Luton to find their shooting boots once more though as Colney came out for the fighting. Jess McKay wasn't having of it, stepping up to fire a beauty of a free-kick into the top left corner for Luton's fifth of the game.

The home team didn't have it all their own way though, Colney Heath pulling one back from the penalty spot after Maddix made a clumsy challenge in the box.

It only took the Town 15 minutes to regain their five-goal cushion though, Nicola Henman scoring her second of the game and fourth in two games from close range from a great Charlene Moreton free-kick.

There was still time for number seven, captain fantastic Jess McKay scoring her second with virtually the last kick of the game to secure a statement win for the Hatters.

Manager Nikki Baker said: "I was really happy with two early goals, it gave us a nice set up for the rest of the game. I was disappointed we conceded, I wanted a clean sheet! Overall though, seven goals is decent.

"In the first half we were really clinical, the girls did exactly what I wanted, we worked in training on movements in front of goal and, to be fair, we scored four pretty much identical goals! I asked them to match it in the second half and we scored three so not too bad."



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Boys and girls' football + Education BTEC programme trials

An excellent trials day was held during Easter half-term with over 30 boys and 12 girls attending our first induction day at Chalk Hills Sixth Form, which took place after Covid restrictions were eased allowing grass-roots football to return.



The programme is spread across three sites, 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. There will be 4 blocks of classroom work, 4 blocks of football training including games every Wednesday against other EFL Clubs and two blocks at Lewsey Sports Centre. Each block represents a morning or afternoon.

The elite boys and girls programme is designed for those Yr 11 leavers who want to take a sports qualification whilst receiving a full-time football training programme. Additional GCSE support is available in Maths and English. Football training sessions and gym sessions will work around student's study on a full time daily basis with our full-time coaching staff from the Trust.

This gives students the opportunity to progress into the professional or semi-professional game as well as preparing them to move onto university or USA Scholarships. The scheme is open to students who are Year 11 leavers from September 2021.

Our next trial date will be on Saturday 5th June and if you are a year 11 leaver and wonder - Is this for me? Then if you meet one of the following this course could be for you:

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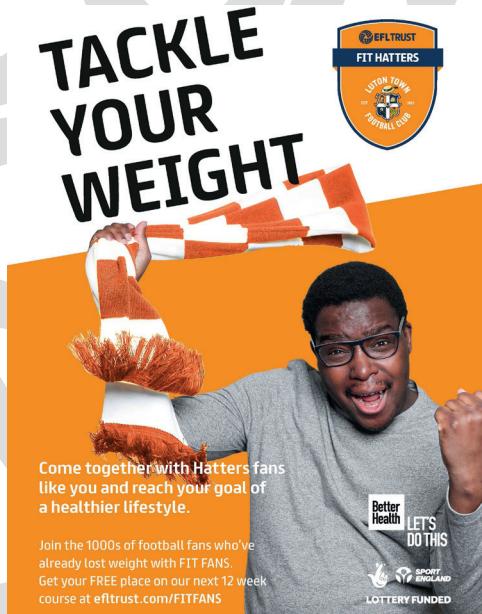
FIT Hatters male & female cohorts starting next month

Next month the Hatters Trust are launching our first female and third male cohort of our FREE 12-week health programme called FIT HATTERS for supporters and the wider community looking to lose weight and lead a more active life.

FIT HATTERS is a free health programme for men and women aged 35-65, delivered by staff from the Hatters Trust at the stadium. You will meet Hatters fans just like you, who want to lose weight, go behind the scenes at the club, learn about healthy eating and take part in an exercise programme, but don't worry, people often say with FIT FANS they are too busy having fun to realise that they are exercising!

The main aims of the programme are to improve eating habits, cut down on alcohol and increase activity levels – one step at a time, while reducing weight and waistlines and importantly supporting each other to stay on track!

The Fit Hatters 12-week programme comprises 45 minutes looking at diet and lifestyle and 45 minutes of activity sessions in the main stadium once a week designed to create long term behaviour change helping more 'inactive' people over 35 to become 'active'. The programme aims to show participants



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how to eat better, be more active and importantly stay that way long term to achieve long-term improvements in weight loss, physical activity, diet and general wellbeing. We've already had some great success stories and previous FIT HATTERS will be joining us to talk about and inspire new participants.

So, if you are aged 35-65 and want to lose weight and make a change, why not take inspiration from Dale, a previous FIT HATTER, who said: "I lost 8kg on the 12 week programme which also brought my blood pressure under control. Meeting others like me encouraged me to make small changes in my lifestyle which have had a huge benefit and I've also made a couple of great friends."

'FIT HATTERS' is a FREE 12-week programme that will help you make better choices like Dale. Secure your FREE place on our next course by simply giving Tom Ford a call at the community offices on 01582 561 622 or email health@lutontown.co.uk for further information.

Induction sessions will take place on Mondays for female participants and Wednesdays for the men starting from 6pm on 17th and 19th May at the stadium.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY REVEREND!

We would like to wish Hatters supporter, the Reverend David Alexander, a happy 60th birthday!

David, who is the vicar of Stopsley parish, is an avid supporter of the team and regularly manages to slip in mentions of LTFC (just ask his congregation).

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MORRELL	NAVARRO
PEREIRA	HUNGBO ▲ 80'



Nathan Jones reflected on one of his proudest days in management after his side defeated rivals Watford at Kenilworth Road.

James Collins came off the bench in the latter stages and scored with his first touch to give the Town bragging rights on Derby Day!

"Today was all about us," Nathan said. "For us to do what we did to them, we didn't just win, we were totally dominant from start to finish. For me it was one of the most complete performances since I have been a manager, considering the opposition and the level."

"We have beaten sides 8-2, 7-0, 7-1 and 5-0 but this was a proper performance in terms of how we worked, how we pressed, everything about it. Doing the ugly stuff, moving the

ball, it should have been three or four, if we had a clinical edge about us today.

"It is a significant victory because it is against our local rivals," the gaffer continued. "We haven't played here against them in 15 years and the level of performance we put in today was wonderful."

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PELLY-RUDDOCK MPANZU

Words: Dan Briard

Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu and his team-mates wanted to make the Luton Town faithful proud and they achieved exactly that after defeating rivals Watford at the weekend.

Town proudest a scintillating first 45 minutes and continued throughout the second half, earning their reward in the 78th minute when James Collins – moments after entering the fray as a substitute – stepped up and scored what proved to be a winning penalty.

As Luton's longest-serving player Mpanzu knew exactly what was at stake from a player and fan perspective, as he said: "It was a real big win, it has been over 15 years since we beat Watford so to get the win today is marvellous from the boys. Collo has come on and scored the penalty from Elijah's good work and after all these years, for Luton to beat Watford at The Kenny is unbelievable.

"It was unfortunate the fans weren't here but hopefully everyone that was watching thought we put a good performance in, and three points is what we got."

Following defeat at Vicarage Road earlier this season, Mpanzu was pleased to be a part of avenging that loss in the first meeting at Kenilworth Road between the two sides since 2006.

"It is very big. Obviously I have been here a little while so I know how big it is! The team just made sure we were all focused, we wanted to make the fans proud even though they weren't in the stadium today. We were just focused and put a good performance in from minute one.

"We made sure to press them high, we know they are a quality side and if you give them time and space they can pick you apart. Today we went full press from minute one to minute 90 and three points was deserved. Credit to all the boys, front to back, everyone played their part and it was good."

What was pleasing for manager Nathan Jones was the amount of chances the team created, who on another day could have won by more goals.

Pelly was of the same belief, saying: "I should have scored, Elijah could have scored, Berry had a good chance. We knew that if we got the goal we could hopefully hold on and that is what we did. Second half we had chances as well. Luckily Collo was calm and collected with ice in his veins, and he put it in the back of the net."



FIXTURES 2020-21

DATE	TIME	H/A	OPOSITION	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	
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										a		
Sat 19	3.00pm	H	Derby County	W 2-1	BCD	BCD	2	-	-	-	-	*								b	1	*	c	
Tue 22	8.15pm	A	Man Utd (Carabao Cup R3)	L 0-3	BCD	BCD	-	-	1	-	-	*							*	b	y	a		
Sat 26	12.30pm	A	Watford	L 0-1	BCD	BCD	7	-	-	-	-	*				c	y			b	a			
OCTOBER																								
Sat 3	3.00pm	H	Wycombe Wanderers	W 2-0	BCD	BCD	5	-	-	-	-	*								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			b			*	a				
Wed 28	7.45pm	H	Nottingham Forest	D 1-1	BCD	BCD	9	-	-	1	-	1	*	y						*	a			
Sat 31	3.00pm	H	Brentford	L 0-3	BCD	BCD	13	-	-	-	-	*				a	b	y	*					
NOVEMBER																								
Wed 4	7.45pm	A	Rotherham United	W 1-0	BCD	BCD	9	-	-	-	-	*				b	y	*						
Sat 7	3.00pm	A	Huddersfield Town	D 1-1	BCD	BCD	10	-	-	-	-	y			c	y			b	c	*			
Sat 21	3.00pm	H	Blackburn Rovers	D 1-1	BCD	BCD	10	-	-	-	-	e			e				b	1d	a			
Tue 24	7.00pm	H	Birmingham City	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 0-2	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	-	-	1*	-	-	*	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	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	W 3-2	BCD	BCD	14	-	-	-	-	*	a	1		c	c	*						
MARCH																								
Tue 2	7.45pm	A	Nottingham Forest	W 1-0	BCD	BCD	13	-	-	-	-	*	*	1		b	*							
Sat 6	3.00pm	A	Norwich City	L 0-3	BCD	BCD	14	-	-	-	-	*				b	a	*						
Sat 13	12.15pm	H	Swansea City	L 0-1	BCD	BCD	16	-	-	-	-	*	a	a		c	b	*						
Tue 16	7.00pm	H	Coventry City	W 2-0	BCD	BCD	13	1	-	-	1	*			y	a	*							
Sat 20	3.00pm	A	Preston North End	W 1-0	BCD	BCD	13	-	1	-	-	*	a			b								
APRIL																								
Fri 2	3.00pm	A	Derby County	L 0-2	BCD	BCD	13	-	1	-	-	*	*			y	b	d						
Mon 5	3.00pm	H	Barnsley	L 1-2	BCD	BCD	13	-	1*	-	-	d			e	a	b	e						
Sat 10	3.00pm	A	Wycombe Wanderers	W 3-1	BCD	BCD	13	-	1	-	-	1	*		a	y	d	b	b					
Sat 17	12.30pm	H	Watford	W 1-0	BCD	BCD	13	1	-	-	1	*	c	*	y		yb							
Wed 21	7.45pm	H	Reading																					
Sun 25	1.00pm	A	Bristol City																					
MAY																								
Sat 1	3.00pm	H	Middlesbrough																					
Tue 4	7.00pm	H	Rotherham United																					
Sat 8	12.30pm	A	QPR																					

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

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

UP NEXT



FORMED: 1894

NICKNAME: THE ROBINS

LAST SEASON: 12TH IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP

TWITTER: @BRISTOLCITY

COLOURS: RED SHIRT, WHITE SHORTS

GROUND: ASHTON GATE

MANAGER: NIGEL PEARSON

WHO?

Bristol City have competed in the Championship for the last five seasons after gaining promotion from League One in 2015, narrowly avoiding relegation in their first two seasons before achieving three successive mid-table finishes. The Robins have won the Football League Trophy three times, the most recent of which came in 2015, the same year that they won promotion to the Championship.

GROUND?

Bristol City have played their home games at Ashton Gate since 1904 when Bedminster FC merged with Bristol South End in 1900 before the newly formed club moved to Ashton Gate. The Robins' home ground has a capacity of 27,000, posting an average attendance of 21,080 in the 2019/20 season.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

The two sides last met in late December at Kenilworth Road as a second-half Kiernan Dewsbury-Hall strike gave the Hatters a deserved 2-1 victory after Glen Rea's opener was cancelled out by an unfortunate own goal from Sonny Bradley. Exactly a year before at Ashton Gate, the Hatters fell to a 3-0 defeat as they battled relegation.

KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU

Former Luton striker Tony Thorpe made 120 appearances for the Hatters, scoring 48 goals in a seven-year spell at the club before eventually moving to the Robins in 1998, where he continued his fine form in front of goal before moving back to the Hatters in 2002. Current Bristol City midfielder Tyreeq Bakinson came through the ranks of the Luton academy before moving to Ashton Gate in 2017 and has made 31 appearances in the Championship this season, while our own midfielder Joe Morrell is a product of the Robins' academy, moving to Kenilworth Road last October.

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	10	(3)	4	0	(0)	0	10	(3)	4	0	0	
Luke Berry	22	(8)	2	1	(2)	0	23	(10)	2	4	0	
Sonny Bradley	31	(1)	0	4	(0)	0	35	(1)	0	6	0	
James Cree	11	(8)	1	3	(0)	0	14	(8)	1	0	0	
Jordan Clark	21	(11)	1	3	(2)	2	24	(13)	3	1	0	
James Collins	27	(10)	9	1	(1)	3	28	(11)	12	3	0	
Harry Cornick	26	(9)	0	2	(1)	0	28	(10)	0	1	0	
Martin Cranie	20	(3)	0	1	(1)	0	21	(4)	0	6	0	
Kiernan Dewsbury-Hall	31	(3)	2	1	(0)	0	32	(3)	2	3	0	
Brendan Galloway	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	
Danny Hylton	6	(10)	0	3	(0)	0	9	(10)	0	5	0	
Tom Ince	3	(4)	0	0	(0)	0	3	(4)	0	0	0	
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	0	
Kazenga Luula	3	(16)	2	2	(3)	0	5	(19)	2	3	0	
George Moncur	9	(9)	3	3	(1)	1	12	(10)	4	0	0	
Joe Morrell	5	(5)	0	1	(0)	0	6	(5)	0	0	0	
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	34	(5)	2	2	(0)	0	36	(5)	2	4	0	
Kai Nalmith	12	(5)	1	1	(0)	0	13	(5)	1	1	0	
Sam Nombe	1	(9)	0	1	(0)	0	2	(9)	0	1	0	
Rhys Norrington-Davies	16	(2)	0	3	(1)	0	19	(3)	0	2	0	
Gabriel Osho	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	2	0	
Matty Pearson	33	(2)	2	1	(0)	0	34	(2)	2	4	1	
Dan Potts	19	(3)	1	1	(1)	0	20	(4)	1	2	0	
Glen Rea	30	(5)	2	2	(0)	0	32	(5)	2	9	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	0	
Simon Sluga	34	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	36	(0)	0	0	0	
Ryan Tunnicliffe	14	(7)	2	4	(0)	0	18	(7)	2	1	0	

2020-21 CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

#	Team	Pt	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Norwich City	43	27	9	7	66	32	34	90
2	Watford	43	25	10	8	60	28	32	85
3	Swansea City	43	22	10	11	52	34	18	76
4	Brentford	42	20	15	7	72	41	31	75
5	Bournemouth	42	21	11	10	69	41	28	74
6	Barnsley	42	21	8	13	54	46	8	71
7	Reading	42	19	10	13	57	46	11	67
8	Queens Park Rangers	43	17	11	15	51	51	0	62
9	Cardiff City	43	16	13	14	59	47	12	61
10	Millwall	42	14	17	11	41	40	1	59
11	Middlesbrough	42	16	9	17	49	47	2	57
12	Stoke City	42	14	14	14	45	46	-1	56
13	Luton Town	41	16	8	17	36	46	-10	56
14	Preston North End	43	15	7	21	44	55	-11	52
15	Bristol City	42	15	6	21	41	56	-15	51
16	Blackburn Rovers	43	13	11	19	54	49	5	50
17	Nottingham Forest	42	12	13	17	34	41	-7	49
18	Coventry City	42	12	12	18	39	56	-17	48
19	Birmingham City	42	12	12	18	32	50	-18	48
20	Huddersfield Town	42	12	11	19	45	62	-17	47
21	Derby County	43	11	10	22	31	51	-20	43
22	Rotherham United	40	11	6	23	41	54	-13	39
23	Sheffield Wednesday *	43	12	9	22	36	55	-19	39
24	Wycombe Wanderers	42	8	10	24	32	66	-34	34



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	02	TOMAS ESTEVEZ
MARTIN CRANIE	02	03	OMAR RICHARDS
DAN POTTS	03	04	MICHAEL MORRISON
RYAN TUNNICLIFFE	04	05	TOM MCINTYRE
SONNY BRADLEY	05	06	LIAM MOORE
MATTY PEARSON	06	07	MICHAEL OLISE
HARRY CORNICK	07	08	ANDY RINOMHOTA
LUKE BERRY	08	09	SAM BALDOCK
DANNY HYLTON	09	10	JOHN SWIFT
SIMON SLUGA	12	11	YAKOU MEITE
GEORGE MONCUR	14	14	OVIE EJARIA
GLEN REA	16	15	LEWIS GIBSON
PELLY-RUDDOCK MPANZU	17	17	ANDY YIADOM
JORDAN CLARK	18	18	LUCAS JOAO
JAMES COLLINS	19	20	FELIPE ARARUNA
KIERNAN DEWSBURY-HALL	22	22	LUKE SOUTHWOOD
KAL NAISMITH	24	24	SONE ALUKO
KAZENGA LUALUA	25	28	JOSH LAURENT
JAMES BREE	26	29	TOM HOLMES
SAM NOMBE	27	30	ALFA SEMEDO
JOE MORRELL	28	33	RAFAEL CABRAL
ELIJAH ADEBAYO	29	34	DEJAN TETEK
DION PEREIRA	30	47	GEORGE PUSCAS
AVAN JONES	32		
SAM BECKWITH	33		
JAKE PECK	34		
COREY PANTER	35		
TOM INCE	39		

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MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE - MICHAEL SALISBURY | ASSISTANT REFEREE 1 - IAN COOPER
ASSISTANT REFEREE 2 - LEE VENAMORE | FOURTH OFFICIAL - TIM ROBINSON