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THE MANAGER

Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for this afternoon's Sky Bet Championship fixture against Swansea City.

I'd like to start by welcoming Russell Martin, his staff and their squad to Bedfordshire. Russell is new to the role there and I wish him well.

There has been a lot of change at the Liberty Stadium since we last played them here in March, but we know that they will pose one of our toughest tests of the season. They have spent several seasons in the Premier League of late, and came as close as you can to getting back there in May.

We felt aggrieved not to take anything from two excellent performances against them last term, and like Swansea, we've had some considerable change to our squad this summer too, but we believe we are evolving into a more athletic team and potent attacking unit than we were the last time we met.

Although we have had to settle for just a point from each of our last three unbeaten matches, the performance we've put in and the manner in which we've scored the goals to come back in our last two has made it feel like more.

We were excellent here in our last home game against Sheffield United, but anything that could do wrong, did go wrong in the 24 hour period up to half-time of Saturday's game at Blackburn.

We'd already lost Fred, but to then lose Amari'i in training on Friday, Elijah to illness overnight, Ade to injury in the warm-up, Allan to a horrendous challenge in the first ten minutes and then Pottsy at half-time – it was unbelievable.

What we have in abundance here though is character, belief and players who put their body on the line for Luton Town, and have done for so many years.

Luke did exactly what we paid a lot of money to Cambridge for him to do, back in League Two, and scored two trademark goals at Ewood Park. And on Wednesday, Hylts did exactly the same to get us a point at Bristol City that should have been three.

The fact that all three of those goals came so late, and right in front of our own fans, made them even more special for two players who have suffered so much with injury in recent times, but who work so hard and deserve the opportunity to prove to everyone what we already know – that they are Championship quality players.

I'm proud of them both, as I am the rest of the group and club as a whole – and that includes the 1,400 or so of you who have done two long away journeys in quick succession, and stuck with us throughout the 90 minutes in both games.

Thank you. You really do make a difference, and after so long without you, we appreciate it even more. Same again here today please, make the old girl rock and stay safe and well. COYH!



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NOTES FROM THE BOARDROOM

Good afternoon everyone and a warm welcome to Kenilworth Road.

Our opponents today are Swansea City. Premier League until 2018 they, like us, have been regular visitors to all four divisions over the years. Having narrowly avoided relegation to the Conference in 2003, they moved from Vetch Field to the new Liberty Stadium in 2005 and as a matter of interest and coincidence, our own Adrian Forbes scored the last ever goal at the Vetch in a 1-0 win over Shrewsbury.

They were promoted to the Premier League in impressive and double-quick time in 2011, and went on to win the League Cup in 2013. So there are interesting similarities in recent records except, of course, we were actually in the Conference and haven't yet made the Premier League.

Swansea have had a slow start and sit in 20th place having not won at home so far this season. I'm sure this will make them an even more determined opponent and expect another highly competitive Championship encounter.

We arrive today on the back of two difficult games this week at Blackburn and Bristol City. Games we could and probably should have won, but what is most encouraging to us is not only the spirit to overcome adversity, but that we are showing we have the quality and ability to compete in the Championship, and as time goes by are looking more comfortable being there.

Although in both games we earned draws with late equalisers, the results do not in any way tell the story. Early at Blackburn a horror tackle put Allan Campbell out of the game with what we, and the players, thought could have been a broken leg. Plenty has already been said about the officials not making the punishment fit the crime, but there's no doubt that it affected our performance in the first half. Nathan, our self-

confessed "brilliant manager", made his inspired substitutions and by the end a point was the very least we deserved.

Bristol was a completely different kettle of fish and a team once again depleted by injuries made chance after chance in the first half, but decent goalkeeping, crossbars, posts, and a few misses meant we went in level at half-time. We weren't quite so dominant in the second and City scored from a set-piece against the run of play after Simon Sluga had hardly seen the ball all evening. Once again Nathan's substitutions did the job and to everyone's delight, Danny Hylton scored a tap in in injury time after some great work by Elijah Adebayo and Carlos Mendes Gomes.

It seems to me that the improvement and strengthening of the squad in the summer, has already shown up in the fact that forced changes due to injury and illness have seamlessly fitted into the playing squad and it's often really hard to pick a man of the match.

It's very easy to take for granted everything and everyone we have seen supporting the Town, and it's hard to appreciate sometimes that no one under 35 will have seen us in the top division. We voted for the Premier League, but were relegated that season so when we reminisce about being at the top table, many of you will find it hard to imagine what it was like.

In my first season we were in the top division and reached the FA Cup Final, and I was completely hooked and destined to be a fan for life. We were here at the Kenny, but the majority of the ground was standing, so crowds were in the 20,000s, maxing out at 30,069 for the FA Cup quarter-final against Blackpool. The atmosphere was amazing with so many squashed together in such a small space – just imagine three times as many people as now crammed into our lovely little ground. I mention all this now because the goalkeeper in that team all those years ago was Ron Baynham.

Ron is the only surviving member of the 1959 Cup Final team and the oldest surviving England international.

Hatters Heritage were recently alerted that his three England caps were being sold at auction by a collector of sports memorabilia. It was clearly important that, if possible, they should be acquired and thanks to generous donations to Hatters Heritage from directors Stephen Browne and Rob Stringer, I'm delighted to tell you the bids were successful.

As soon as the caps were picked up the first port of call was to Ron's home in Silsoe, and he was highly delighted to see them again and that they have come home for future generations of Hatters to enjoy. The caps will be displayed at Kenilworth Road and eventually in the club's proposed museum at Power Court.

Saving and recording our past is Hatters Heritage's principal aim and there is now a donate button on their website should any of you wish to contribute to this worthy cause.

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Enjoy the game.

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David



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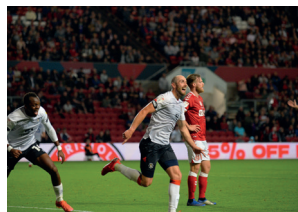
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SUPER DAN RETURNS WITH A BANG!

Never give up. Luton Town certainly stick by that and so does Danny Hylton, who after a torrid time with injuries, scored his maiden Championship goal to rescue a point against Bristol City in midweek!

A goal in the works for almost two and a half years, the fans' favourite marked his return from the latest injury lay-off, coming off the bench to deny the Robins an elusive home win and send the travelling away fans into ecstasy.

Speaking post-match, Hylton revealed just how difficult it has been for him at times, saying: "It has been a bit of a tough journey and a tough few years, never really feeling great but hopefully that is behind me.

"I feel fit and I feel strong now, so it is nice to be back involved. It makes all those tough times and the dark days worth it, back out and scoring goals in front of the Luton fans, it was an unbelievable feeling and one that I have missed a lot.

"Putting me aside it was a great time to score for us, we worked really hard in the game, missed a lot of chances so to get the goal we deserved to get the point, even though we probably deserved all three, was the most important thing."

Fighting back from three knee operations and most recently a battle with covid-19, the 32-year-old was delighted to make an impact and help the team, adding: "I have thought about this for a long time because it has taken a long time to come, but I'm glad it has.

"Just glad to be back out there, back playing and feeling fit and strong. I won't get too excited or ahead of myself with one goal, but it got us a point and it is something I want to build on now, playing and featuring more regularly.

"It is tough, you start to lose belief and confidence in yourself. A lot of days you spend on your own, but I'm not here to play the violin, injuries are a part of our game, and it is how you come back from those times.

"My wife will probably be happy now because I can stop being so miserable, as she'll say I have for the last three years. She nearly left me about 100 times!"

Despite his time away from the pitch, one thing that has remained is the striker's desire to remain a Luton player, suggesting: "They tried to get rid of me and I refused to leave! Football moves fast and you never know what is around the corner. Of course, there has been conversations, but I never wanted to leave because I love it here.

"I love being part of the squad and the gaffer has always shown belief in me. He's never stopped believing in me and I'm just thankful after all this time, he has stuck by me and if that was a little bit to repay him today, then great. It's only one goal, I need to build on that."

Hylton could be in line to make his 150th Luton appearance this afternoon and spoke of his connection with the Town fans, who have supported him through thick and thin during his time with the club.



“I won’t get too excited because we have a great squad and great team, whoever plays I’m sure will do a good job, but I want to stay involved and carry on.

“My relationship with the fans has always been great, even when I have been stupid! I have been applauded off the pitch when I’ve been sent-off. Other fans wouldn’t allow it, but they always stand by me for some reason. I’m glad to give them that moment today and a goal at the Kenny would be amazing. I’ll keep training, try and stay injury-free and hopefully that moment comes.

“I’m not going to get ahead of myself and think that goal in injury time is going to get me in the team every week. It starts again tomorrow in training.

“I won’t get too excited because we have a great squad and great team, whoever plays I’m sure will do a good job, but I want to stay involved and carry on.

“When you are training and playing regularly you take it for granted. When you have a period out it is tough to find that rhythm again, which is exactly why I’m saying I’m not going to get ahead of myself, I’m going to keep training, do the right things and stay injury free.

“A lot of credit goes to the physios, the S&C team and the rest of the staff. I’m sure I’ve been doing their heads in for two and a half years, but hopefully that is over.”

Words: Dan Briard



DANNY HYLTON

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THE OPPOSITION

WORDS: RYAN PAYNE

It was a summer of change for everyone at Swansea City, with Steve Cooper departing the club and Russell Martin swapping Milton Keynes for the Liberty Stadium - the former Norwich player being appointed as the Swans' new manager on August 1st.

Last season, Cooper guided the side to the cusp of a Premier League return but saw his side defeated by Brentford in the play-off final in May. Leaving the club by mutual consent, the Welsh side went out and appointed Martin, who had gained plaudits for his style of play up the M1.

Parts of the transfer business was already done by the time Martin was confirmed. Joel Piroe had arrived from PSV Eindhoven, Kyle Joseph swapped Wigan Athletic for the Swans but had since moved on loan to Cheltenham Town. And Liam Walsh joined, following his release from Bristol City. Martin did get an opportunity to bolster the squad, however, bringing in Jamie Paterson, Flynn Downes, Michael Obafemi, and Olivier Ntcham.

Last season, the Swans were victorious in both fixtures against the Hatters, winning 2-0 in south Wales against a Town side who played very well, but had to chase the game in the final 20 minutes with only 10 men, while in the reverse fixture at Kenilworth Road, Conor Hourihane scored early on as Swansea finished as 1-0 winners.

It's been a tough start to life in Wales for

Martin. Currently sitting 20th in the Sky Bet Championship. His first game in charge was a 2-1 defeat away at Blackburn Rovers, followed up by a goalless draw against Sheffield United. The Swans were then beaten 3-1 by Stoke City, before they claimed their first league win as they beat Bristol City 1-0 at Ashton Gate. Martin's men lost to Preston North End, and then drew 0-0 at home to Hull City. They were in midweek action too, as they drew 0-0 with Millwall.

A slow start for Swansea this season then, but they will look to get back on form as quickly as possible. Martin showed the type of football he likes to play in his previous job, and if the Swans get going, they will hope for another campaign like last season - with a slightly better outcome as they bid to return to the Premier League after three years away.





THE GOALKEEPER: STEVEN BENDA

Born in Stuttgart, Benda spent time in his youth career at both 1. FC Heidenheim and 1860 Munich in his native Germany, before making the move to Swansea in August 2017. The goalkeeper spent the 2019/20 season on loan at Swindon Town, as was a part of the side that were crowned champions of Sky Bet League Two winners. After returning to south Wales, Benda made his debut for the Swans last season against Millwall, deputising for the injured Freddie Woodman. After Woodman's departure, the 22-year-old was promoted to first-choice and has been a regular under Martin so far this season.



THE DEFENDER: JOEL LATIBEAUDIERE

Joining Manchester City at the age of 13, Latibeaudiere progressed through the academy system and captained the Under-18s to the Premier League North title and the FA Youth Cup Final. He joined Eredivisie side FC Twente on loan during the 2019/20 season, and made five league appearances for the side under manager Gonzalo Garcia, scoring once. Latibeaudiere would then leave City permanently, departing the club without making a senior appearance. The 21-year-old signed for Swansea in October 2020, and scored his first goal for the club earlier this season in the EFL Cup against Reading.



THE MANAGER: RUSSELL MARTIN

The new man at the helm at the Swansea.com Stadium, Martin replaced Steve Cooper in August. As a player, he spent time at Wycombe and Peterborough, but is most well-known for his time at Norwich City, where he made over 280 league appearances. He would have later spells at Rangers, Walsall and Milton Keynes, which is where he made his first steps into management. The 35-year-old was appointed as the club's manager following Paul Tisdale's departure in November 2019. His style of play earned plaudits, and eventually attracted interest from Swansea.



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SWANSEA CITY**

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THE MIDFIELDER: OLIVIER NTCHAM

A summer signing, Ntcham became a Swansea player earlier this month, following his departure from Celtic. Ntcham joined Manchester City in 2012, after leaving French side Le Havre. After three years with City, he signed a new five-year deal and joined Italian side Genoa on a two-year loan. He made 37 Serie A appearances for the club, and joined Celtic in July 2017. During his time at Celtic Park, he won the Scottish Premiership on three occasions. The 25-year-old spent the second half of the 2020/21 season on loan at Ligue 1 side Marseille, before the expiration of his contract at Celtic.

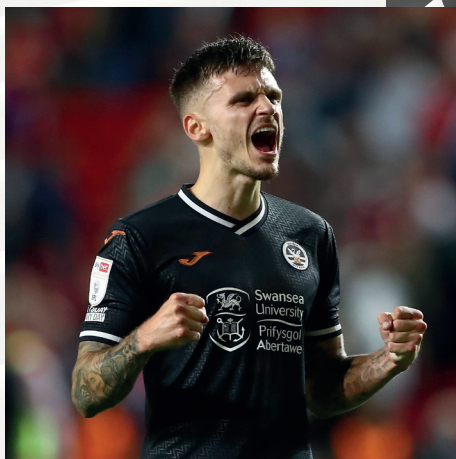


THE STRIKER: MICHAEL OBAFEMI

Another new signing at the Swansea.com Stadium, striker Obafemi spent time in his youth at Chelsea, Arsenal, Watford and Leyton Orient, before eventually coming through at Southampton. He made his debut for the Saints in January 2018, aged 17, in a Premier League game against Tottenham. Obafemi scored his first professional goal in December of the same year, netting in a 3-1 win over Huddersfield, becoming Southampton's youngest scorer in the Premier League in the process. The 21-year-old made 39 appearances in all competitions for Saints before joining Swansea earlier this summer.

WATCH OUT FOR... JAMIE PATERSON

Progressing through the academy at Walsall, Paterson progressed into the Saddlers' first-team and went onto make 94 league appearances for the club. He would have spells at both Nottingham Forest and Huddersfield, before having a five-year stint at Bristol City. Paterson was a part of the Robins side that reached the EFL Cup semi-finals in 2017/18. Overall, he made over 150 appearances in all competitions, scoring 26 times. After a loan spell at Derby, and a brief return to the City squad, Paterson left Ashton Gate in the summer and signed for Swansea last month.



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A HAT IN BOTH CAMPS

Words: Ryan Payne

A man familiar to both sets of supporters, Adrian Forbes played for both Luton Town and Swansea City during his playing career.

Beginning his career with Norwich City, Forbes spent six years at Carrow Road, from 1995 to 2001, and played under the likes of Martin O'Neill and Bruce Rioch. Forbes made 112 league appearances for Norwich, scoring eight times.

In the summer of 2001, Forbes became a Luton player for a £60,000 fee. He would spend three years at Kenilworth Road, and was part of the Hatters side that were promoted the Third Division in the 2001/02 season under Joe Kinnear. His final season with the club, under manager Mike Newell, saw Forbes score 14 times in all competitions as Luton finished 10th.

After three seasons in which he scored 20 goals in 79 appearances, Forbes left for Swansea. His first season in Wales ended in promotion, as the Swans finished third in League Two and gained promotion into the third tier, with Forbes scoring the final goal at the old Vetch Field ground against Shrewsbury, who had Joe Hart in goal.

His second, and final, season at the club ended in play-off heartbreak with the Swans being beaten by Barnsley on penalties in the League One Play-Off Final. Overall, he made 86 appearances in a Swansea shirt and netted on 12 occasions.

Forbes would later have spells in the Football League with Blackpool, helping the Tangerines win promotion into the Championship in the 2006/07 season, before stints at Millwall, Grimsby and Non-League Lowestoft Town.

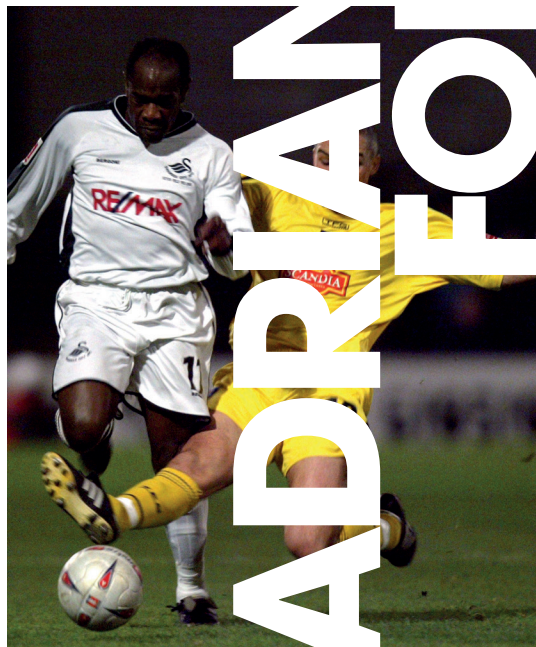
The 42-year-old has since spent time as academy coach at Norwich before becoming the Hatters' Professional Player Development Coach just over two years ago. He will be in the dugout once again today, as he continues to deputise for Mick Harford with the first team.

LUTON TOWN (2001-2004)

APPEARANCES:	79
GOALS:	20

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APPEARANCES:	86
GOALS:	12



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SWANSEA CITY:

Woodman, Naughton, Bennett,
Latibeaudiere, Roberts, Smith, Grimes,
Manning, Hourihane (Fulton),
Dhanda (Lowe), Ayew.

HATTERS 0 SWANS 1

13th March 2021. Championship.

Words: Roger Wash

The Town were bubbling around in mid-table when Swansea came to Kenilworth Road last March. In their two previous games the Hatters had secured a 1-0 win at Nottingham Forest followed by a 3-0 defeat at champions elect Norwich and were seeking some consistency.

Town manager Nathan Jones made five team changes from the Norwich defeat as he faced a Swans side that was vying for the second promotion spot with Watford.

The Hatters almost took an early lead when a corner caused confusion in the Swansea area with the ball eventually being hacked to safety off the line.

From their first attack, though, Swansea took the lead after three minutes. Matty Pearson misjudged a long, swirling ball which allowed

Swans Yan Dhanda to streak down the left before pulling the ball back to an unmarked Conor Hourihane who stroked it home.

From then on it seemed to be attack versus defence as the Town took the game by the scruff of the neck. A Jordan Clark curler went close, before Dan Potts thought he had equalised when he headed home a Harry Cornick cross only to be ruled offside.

An under-hit clearance by Swans goalkeeper Freddy Woodman was fired straight back by Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu who was disappointed to see the keeper scramble back to tip the ball over. The second period was more of the same with Cornick and Kal Naismith going close but it looked like it was going to be one of those afternoons when Elijah Adebayo was bundled over in the area for a blatant penalty which was waved away by referee Darren Bond.

Jones was seething afterwards, particularly about the stonewall penalty while his Swansea counterpart Steve Cooper was just pleased to escape with the three points.



MEMORY MATCH

LUTON TOWN 2 SHEFFIELD UNITED 0

WORDS: ROGER WASH

LUTON TOWN:

Godden, Stephens, Money, Horton, Elliott, Donaghy, Hill, Aylott, Walsh, Turner, Moss.

SWANSEA CITY:

Sander, Marustik, Charles, Lewis, Rajkovic, Richards, James, Robinson (Pascoe), Kennedy, Loveridge, Latchford.

Inconsistency seemed the name of the game when the Town embarked on their first season back in the old Division One (now Premier League) in 1982/83.

After gliding to the championship the previous season, largely untroubled by the teams around them, the top flight was obviously going to prove a different proposition. And so it turned out. Early season form was fairly encouraging, although a 5-3 home win over Notts County followed by a 1-4 thrashing at Aston Villa was a sign of things to come, and by early October after a 3-2 victory at Birmingham we were up to eighth position.

Unfortunately this was to be our final victory until mid-December, but through all the inconsistency we had managed to keep out of the dreaded bottom three positions until a run of four straight



defeats in March and April changed all that.

High-flying Aston Villa were the next visitors to Kenilworth Road after this poor run and with the game entering its final minute, with the score at 1-1, we were all glad of a point to end the losing sequence. Then David Moss struck with a goal out of the blue, as only he could, and suddenly Luton supporters felt that perhaps we could avoid a quick return to Division Two.

Two goals from Ricky Hill then helped the Town to a 3-1 home win over a Birmingham side, that included Mick Harford, followed by a last-minute Mal Donaghy strike in a 1-1 draw at Notts County.

The point at Notts County had put a bit of daylight between the Town and the three teams below them, one of which was Swansea who were the next visitors to Kenilworth Road.

Swansea, managed by John Toshack, had won promotion the year before the Town and had taken Division One by storm in 1981/82 securing many notable scalps along the



Paul Walsh flashes in the Town's decisive third goal during the 3-1 victory over Swansea at Kenilworth Road in 1983

way. Now twelve months later a run of injuries to influential players had left the Swans struggling and they arrived at Kenilworth Road looking for their first win in five games.

Swansea made their intentions obvious from the kick-off by pulling almost everyone back behind the ball. Toshack, realising that his side did not have the attacking flair of the Hatters, looked to frustrate and then perhaps pinch a goal on the break.

This policy almost bore fruit in the 22nd minute when a hopeful punt out of defence was contested by Bob Latchford, and Luton goalkeeper Tony Godden with the ball running loose to Chris Marustik who netted with a low shot. Fortunately, the referee penalised Latchford and the Town were determined to learn from that lesson and wait patiently for an opening.

Naturally the fans were a tad nervous when the half-time whistle sounded with the game still scoreless, but ten minutes into the second period the deadlock was finally broken.

A long diagonal ball from full-back Kirk Stephens was threaded through the massed Swansea

rearguard to Paul Walsh who looped a header into the net for his first goal in 13 games.

Obviously the game opened up after this and Moss saw an effort flash wide and Walsh hit the bar. It all seemed over in the 74th minute when Donaghy headed on a Moss corner for Walsh to hook the ball into the net but the game still had a final twist before the crowd of 11,561 could relax.

With five minutes left Latchford glanced a header home and suddenly the crowd was stunned and restless. They need not have worried, however, for within a minute Moss had swept down the wing to send in a cross which was met with a little flick from Walsh at the near post for his hat-trick and three points in the bag.

The Town were now four points clear of the drop zone with games in hand and a superior goal difference to all the sides below them and we could all be excused for thinking that safety was assured.

Little did we know that we would not win again until the final day leaving a few more sleepless nights en route before that never to be forgotten victory in Raddy Antic's game at Maine Road against Manchester City.

MANAGING TO SUCCEED - SWANSEA CITY

Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS profiles ten leading Swansea City managers

BILLY McCANDLESS

Former Irish international full-back Billy McCandless guided Swansea to the Third Division (South) title in 1948-49. He played for Linfield in three Irish Cup finals, moving to Glasgow Rangers in November 1920 and starring in seven Scottish League title triumphs. After a spell as Ballymena's player-boss, he managed Dundee, then took charge of Newport County in September 1937. He guided them to the Third Division (South) title in 1938-39 and repeated the feat with Cardiff City in 1946-47. Joining Swansea in November 1947, he plotted their 1950 Welsh Cup final success and remained manager until his death in July 1955.

TREVOR MORRIS

Trevor Morris managed Swansea to the FA Cup semi-finals in 1963-64. A former wing-half, he had spells with West Brom and Caerphilly prior to joining Ipswich Town in August 1938. He moved to Cardiff City in May 1939 where his playing career was ended by a broken leg. Awarded the DFM as a pilot of Lancaster bombers, he became Cardiff's secretary, then manager for four years. He took charge of Swansea in August 1958 and remained manager at the Vetch Field until May 1965. Briefly Newport County's general manager, he was then secretary of the Welsh FA between March 1971 and May 1982. He died in February 2003.

ROY BENTLEY

Former England international centre-forward Roy Bentley managed Swansea's 1969-70 promotion success. He turned professional with Bristol City in August 1941 and moved to Newcastle United in June 1946, featuring in their 1947-48 promotion campaign. Joining Chelsea in January 1948, he skippered their 1954-55 League Championship triumph, then moved to Fulham in September 1956 and helped them to regain top-flight

status in 1958-59. He had a spell at QPR before managing Reading and was Swansea's boss from August 1969 until October 1972. Later club secretary of Reading and Aldershot, he died in April 2018.



JOHN TOSHACK

Welsh international striker John Toshack managed Swansea City from the Fourth Division to First. Initially with Cardiff City, he moved to Liverpool in November 1970 and helped win the League Championship three times, UEFA Cup twice and FA Cup in 1974. He became Swansea's player-boss in February 1978, plotting three promotion campaigns and three Welsh Cup final triumphs. Appointed Sporting Lisbon's manager in July 1984, he took Real Sociedad to Spanish Cup glory in 1987 and Real Madrid to the Spanish League title in 1990. He held other managerial posts overseas and also managed the Welsh national team.

TERRY YORATH

Former Welsh international midfielder Terry Yorath plotted Swansea City's 1987-88 Fourth Division play-off final success. Signing professional for Leeds United in April 1967, he helped them win the League Championship in 1973-74 and moved to Coventry City in August 1976. He later played for Tottenham Hotspur, Vancouver Whitecaps and Bradford City, then managed Swansea from July 1986 until rejoining Bradford City as manager in February 1989. Returning to Swansea as boss between March 1990 and March 1991, he also had spells as manager of Wales, Cardiff City, Lebanon, Sheffield Wednesday and Margate.



**KENNY
JACKETT**

JOHN HOLLINS

Ex-England international midfielder John Hollins guided Swansea City to the Third Division title in 1999-2000. Signing professional for Chelsea in July 1963, he helped them win the League Cup in 1965, FA Cup in 1970 and ECWC in 1971. He followed Dave Sexton to QPR in June 1975, then was a ECWC finalist again with Arsenal in 1980 and rejoined Chelsea in June 1983. Helping win the Second Division title in 1983-84, he became their manager in June 1985, then was QPR's reserve team boss. He was Swansea's manager from July 1998 until September 2001, then managed Rochdale, Crawley Town and Weymouth.

KENNY JACKETT

Ex-Welsh international midfielder Kenny Jackett managed Swansea City's 2006 Football League Trophy final triumph. Initially with Watford, where his father Frank also played, he was ever-present in 1980-81 and helped win promotion to the top-flight in 1981-82, then was an FA Cup finalist in 1984. Later Watford's manager, he took charge of Swansea in April 2004 and guided them to promotion in 2004-05, then the League One play-off final in 2005-06. He resigned in February 2007 and plotted promotion at Millwall in 2008-09 and Wolves in 2013-14, since managing Rotherham, Portsmouth and Leyton Orient.

ROBERTO MARTINEZ

Spanish manager Roberto Martinez guided Swansea City to the League One title in 2007-08. Starting with Vipsa Balaguer, he moved via Real Zaragoza to Wigan Athletic in July 1995 and helped win the Third Division title in 1996-97.

Joining Motherwell in July 2001, he moved via Walsall to Swansea in January 2003 and featured in their 2004-05 promotion success. He netted four goals in 122 League games before joining Chester in August 2006. Returning to Swansea as manager from February 2007 until rejoining Wigan in June 2009, he plotted Latics' 2013 FA Cup triumph and has since managed Everton and Belgium.

BRENDAN RODGERS

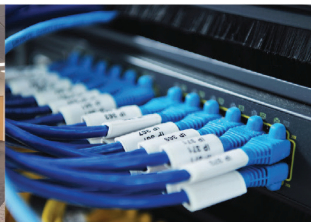
Northern Irish manager Brendan Rodgers plotted Swansea's 2011 Championship play-off final success. A former defender with Ballymena and Reading, his playing career was ended by a knee condition at 20 and he became Reading's Academy director. After coaching at Chelsea under Jose Mourinho, he managed Watford and Reading, then was Swansea's boss from July 2010 until leaving for Liverpool in June 2012. He took charge of Celtic in May 2016 and guided them to the Scottish 'treble' in his first two seasons, then became Leicester's manager in February 2019 and managed their 2021 FA Cup final triumph.

MICHAEL LAUDRUP

Former Danish international midfielder Michael Laudrup managed Swansea's 2013 League Cup final triumph. A world class playmaker, the older brother of Brian Laudrup, he amassed a vast collection of honours including 104 Denmark caps, the European Cup in 1992 and five successive La Liga titles. He starred for KB, Brondby, Lazio, Juventus, Barcelona, Real Madrid, Vissel Kobe and Ajax. After a spell as Denmark's assistant-boss, he managed Brondby, Getafe, Spartak Moscow and Mallorca. He was Swansea's manager from June 2012 until February 2014, then bossed Qatari clubs Lekhwiya and Al Rayyan.



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AMARI'I BELL

Age: 27

Place of Birth: Burton upon Trent

Matchday routine?

I like to stretch when I wake up but apart from that I don't really have any rituals or routines. When I'm at home I'll have some porridge, maybe an omelette and then salmon and pasta for lunch.

Superstitions?

When I go onto the field I like to thank God. That is the only thing I tend to do every single game.

Biggest influence?

My older brother was how I got into football, he used to play and I followed him as you do. Apart from that, I wouldn't say I've had any personal influences.

Sporting hero?

Biggest influence for liking football is probably Ronaldinho. He was a great player and he made me fall in love with the game.

Best player you've played alongside?

In a professional game, Bradley Dack. Great player, goals and assists. In training, Ravel Morrison, the stuff he does is different class. First when he was at Birmingham, because he came on loan there, and then for Jamaica.

Toughest opponent?

Jamie Vardy. It was my debut for Birmingham against Leicester, and he beat me for the second goal, we lost 2-1 so that wasn't great!

Most treasured possession?

I have a pendant of my son. Because it is my son, it makes it a bit more special to me so I would say that.

What would you do if you weren't a footballer?

I used to like art when I was younger and now that sort of thing interests me, more specifically architecture. I would go down that route.

Best stadium played at?

Before this summer I probably would have said Villa Park, but while I was away at the Gold Cup with Jamaica we played at the AT & T Stadium in Texas, and that was unreal. It holds 80,000 and I think there was only about 20,000 fans in, so if the stadium was full, it would have been crazy!

Something people may not know about you?

I don't know how I'd be now, but I used to be very good at basketball. When I was at school, I got scouted to play for the City of Birmingham basketball team, but I just wanted to play football.

Favourite song?

The greatest artist of all time I think is Michael Jackson, so I'm going to say Remember The Time.

Favourite film?

Not a lot of people would think this about me, but due to sentimental reasons, I have to say Wizard of Oz. I used to love that growing up with my cousins, we used to watch it a lot!

Favourite meal?

Fried dumpling, white rice, peppered steak and a bit of veg on the side, a little Jamaican dish!



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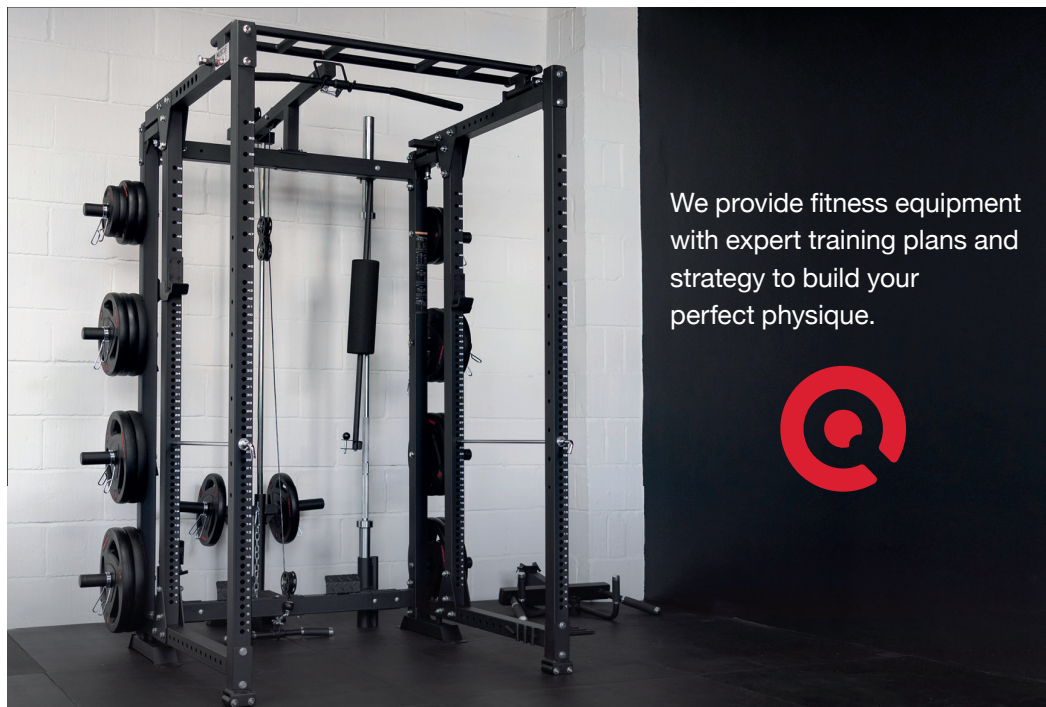
Also pictured is Luton referee Henry Pearce who took charge of the 1950 FA Cup final.

Roger Wash



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"We always worked on the values that if our wide players found space, Uche [Ikpeazu] needed to get away from the play, because what that allows is two centre-halves to focus on the big man. And that's where the key component...would be Luke Berry. We always knew that Luke Berry could work his way on the back of their midfield. Luke always seemed to find space."

Those were the words spoken by ex-Cambridge United manager Shaun Derry talking to *Coaches Voice* in May 2018 when describing his side's 4-0 FA Cup win over Coventry City in 2016.

Berry scored all four that day in United's FA Cup upset, but five years on those words could've been used to describe his last gasp heroics at Ewood Park on Saturday: Cameron Jerome "getting away from the play" to draw both centre-halves, with Berry working off the back of their midfield with a late run from deep to secure the knock down and smash home and spark pandemonium amongst the Hatters fans behind the goal.

The opening goal was just as impressive, with his quick double movement on the edge of the box drawing away the opposition right back, stealing a

yard that allowed him to dart inside and poke home at the near post. Fine margins, small details.

At Championship level Berry has never been a 'flashy' player – he's not someone who does things that are easily noticed, unlike a Fred Onyedinma 1v1 dribble or an Elijah Adebayo powerful header at the back post.

The things that Berry does brilliantly are the small details. An understanding of space both in and between both boxes, how to attack it, how to time his runs and finding tight pockets of space to work in and get on second balls. Without the ball, he shows intensity and fitness levels that are through the roof, but most importantly his game understanding is once again excellent. He consistently understands when he should and shouldn't press, the angles that he presses at are spot on and his body shape is usually excellent.

That's what Luke Berry brings to this Luton Town squad – a breadth of skills that nobody else can offer in his position.

It's no coincidence that both of Berry's goals came from late runs from deep. Both of his goals last season came from those situations, stealing in against Derby County to meet an Elliott Lee cross and displaying that trademark double movement to get in front of Darragh Lenihan at home to Blackburn.

He's not going to get 15 goals from midfield and be our best player this season. But Berry gives the Hatters something different and in a game of fine margins, he will be an important weapon in Luton's quest for Championship stability.

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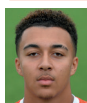
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ACADEMY UPDATE

Andy Awford



Good afternoon and welcome to today's game v Swansea City.

U21s

The Development Squad competed well in their latest game away at Crystal Palace, earning a 1-1 draw, with Dion Pereira on the scoresheet.

The game was very competitive and gave a few first team players minutes on the pitch, which in turn provided our young players with a great experience of not only playing alongside the senior players, but also seeing how they prepared off the pitch too.

All in all, a really good day for everyone and we look forward to our next game on Tuesday as we travel to Stevenage on Tuesday.

U18s

The Youth Team stretched their unbeaten run to four league games with a fully deserved 4-2 victory at home to Southend United last Saturday.

Three nil up at the break with goals from Ben Stevens, Darcy Moffat and Jake Burger was just reward for a very good team effort.

Credit to Southend, who raised their game second half, however, a further goal from Ben (*pictured right*) wrapped up the three points and the boys were looking forward to an away game this morning versus Leyton Orient, which was to be played at their main stadium.

Schoolboys

The U9-U16s games programme is now up and running alongside the players returning to school.

Games versus Southend United, Cambridge United and Tottenham Hotspur have provided the boys with a very good variety and with further fixtures scheduled over the next couple of weeks against Aston Villa and Leyton Orient, the boys will be tested again.

Enjoy today's game - COYH!



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AIDAN FRANCIS-CLARKE

How did you get into football?

Probably from my parents. My dad likes football so he was getting it in to me from a young age and since about four, that is what I have been doing! I got signed by Luton at Under 15s and since then it has gone pretty well.

Do you have a matchday routine?

Not a routine as such but I try and stay prepared in all aspects before I go out. Make sure I have the right boots, my socks are done properly and my shinpads are sorted. Before a match I try and have more fruits with porridge for breakfast. I don't know why I just feel like it gives me an extra boost!

Who is your favourite footballer and why?

For my position I would say Van Dijk, that is the player I watch the most and I try to replicate the things he does on the pitch so I can improve. All-time player, Paul Pogba or Cristiano Ronaldo.

What music are you into?

American, UK hip-hop. They're the two genres I'm into. Favourite song right now is probably Clash by Dave and Stormzy.

Favourite film?

Not really a film type of guy but from what I've watched, probably the Inbetweeners!

What do you do to relax?

I would either play PlayStation with friends and chill or watch Netflix or just talk to my mates.

Biggest fear?

People breaking into my property and trying to do something to me. There are times I'm at home and for some reason I think someone wants to try come and get me!

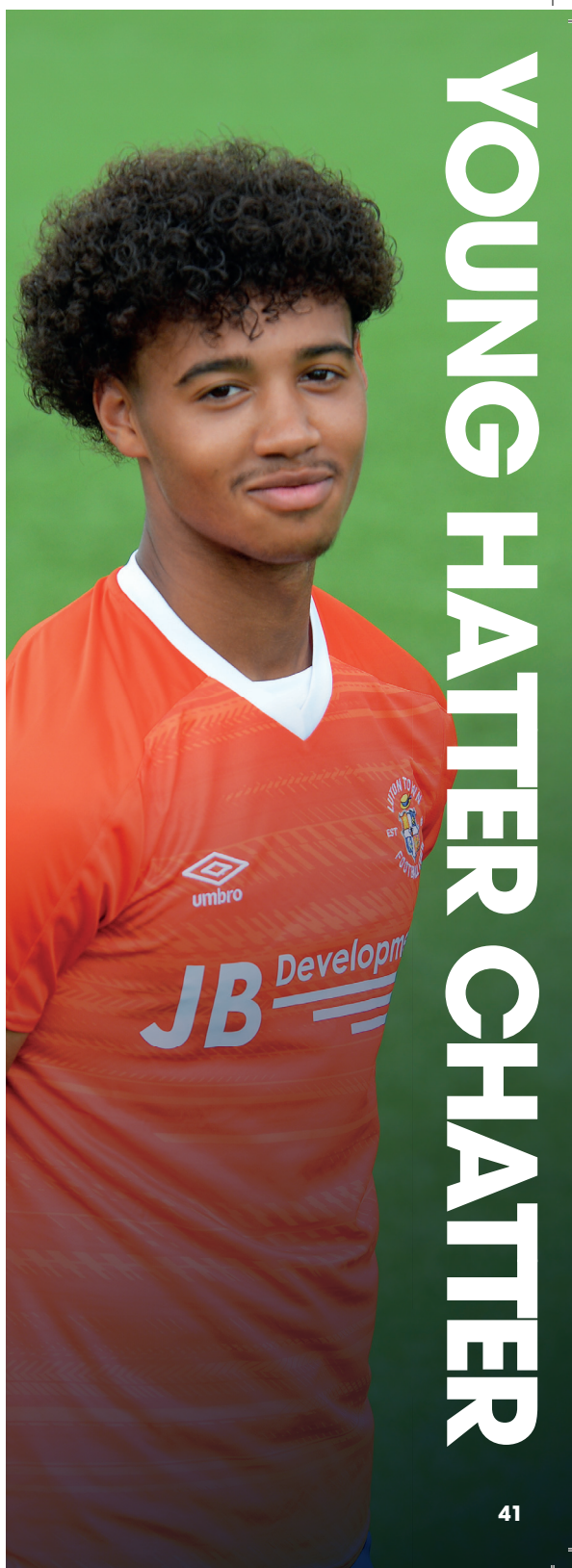
If you had to have a superhero power, which one would you choose?

Has to be the ability to read minds.

If you were stuck on a deserted island, what is the one thing you'd bring with you?

I would bring a mate, I'd love to have a TV with me but I wouldn't have anywhere to connect it!

YOUNG HATTER CHATTER





FIT HATTERS GET OFF TO A GREAT START!

Last week we welcomed our new male and female cohorts of Fit Hatters at the stadium, and what a fantastic turnout we experienced.

FIT HATTERS is a FREE health programme supported by the EFL and Sport England for men and women aged 35-65 who are looking to lose weight, get fitter and lead a more active life. The 12 week programme is delivered by coaching staff from the Hatters Trust and based at the stadium. It brings together Hatters fans just like you, who want to lose weight, learn about healthy eating and begin to think about taking part in an exercise programme.

The main aims of the programme are to improve eating habits, cut down on alcohol and improve activity levels which lead to reducing weight and waistlines. Each week the programme comprises 45 minutes in the Eric Morecambe 'classroom' and 45 minutes of activity sessions pitchside under the famous Kenny lights.

Lots of our Fit Hatters say the social side of the programme is a big motivating factor behind the reason they join and stay the course.

Fit Hatter Mandy said: "It has motivated me to lose weight and get fitter with the help and support of all of the ladies and staff."

Roger said: "By week 12 I had lost 6kg and 6cm off my waist, and even got back on my bike which I hadn't done in years."

Fit Hatter Dale said: "I now have average blood pressure and I'm close to being non pre-diabetic. My confidence has grown and I feel much less anxious about everything."

Our Fit Hatters programme runs all year round in 12 week blocks, and if you are thinking about making a change why not drop Tom an email at health@lutontown.co.uk or give him a ring at the community office on **01582 561622**.

COMMUNITY TRUST OPEN MARSH FARM YOUTH CLUB WITH SUPPORT FROM THE LUTON YOUTH FUND

Finally, after all of the never ending covid lockdowns, the Trust opened our youth club in Marsh Farm last month with the help of funding from the Beds & Luton Community Foundation's Luton Youth Fund.

Since the LBC funded youth club closed down in Marsh Farm (and other parts of Town), local children have lacked a safe meeting space outside of school and particularly for those without strong family support, it has left many open to exploitation from adults and peers involved in anti-social and illegal behaviour. Our new youth club will eventually grow to two or three nights a week and provide a safe environment where young people can take part in a wide range of indoor

sports, arts and music activities in which they can develop their personal and social skills.

During the next 12 months we'll be building up a local volunteer trained youth workforce to ensure the youth club is sustainable, as well as being able to equip young people on the Marsh Farm estate with the local knowledge of where to find support, and to also help provide positive pathways and raise local self esteem and self confidence among the often, disengaged younger community.

For those interested in supporting our new youth club please contact our Community Development Manager daniel.douglas@lutontown.co.uk or call our office on **01582 561622**.

HATTER CHATTER ZOOM GROUP LOOKING FOR NEW PARTICIPANTS!

Hatter Chatter was formed by Luton Town FC Community Trust at the start of the 20/21 season, when crowds weren't allowed into stadiums and even socialising with friends was impossible due to Covid-19 regulations.

Held over Zoom, Hatter Chatter offered an online platform for Hatters fans to discuss the team's performances, as well as memories from years gone by. The group has been superbly supported by the club too, with guest appearances on Hatter Chatter from the likes of Nathan Jones, Mick Harford and Sonny Bradley to name but a few.

Even though, thankfully, stadiums have now reopened to supporters, the group is still going strong and would love to welcome new members. Meetings generally take place at 10am on Monday mornings to discuss the weekends football events and are very informal and light-hearted. All participants are free to contribute as much or as little as they like, some may even prefer to keep their camera switched off and just listen in. There is also no obligation to attend every week.

For more information and to join please contact adam.woulds@lutontown.co.uk or call **01582 561622**.

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JUNIOR HATTERS



TODAY'S MASCOT



NAME: Maxwell Lennon
AGE: 6
HOBBIES: Watching Luton & Playing Football
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Harry Cornick



NAME: Joel Blackett
AGE: 8
HOBBIES: Football & Beavers
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu



NAME: Woody Locke
AGE: 7
HOBBIES: Football, Cricket & Lego
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Elijah Adebayo



NAME: Toby Soper
AGE: 9
HOBBIES: Season ticket holder, plays football for woodside U10's
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Harry Cornick



NAME: Ollie Clark
AGE: 12
HOBBIES: All sport, particularly Football, Rugby, Cricket And Golf
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Harry Cornick



NAME: Jake Bumfrey
AGE: 9
HOBBIES: Loves Football, currently playing for the Luton Town development U10 Kempston Team
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Fred Onyedinma



SWANSEA CITY TINYSTATS

Formed: 1912

Stadium: Liberty Stadium

Capacity: 21,088

Last season: 4th (Ch)

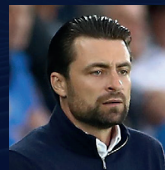
Head to head with Luton:

Luton wins - 6

Draws - 2

Swansea wins - 7

Manager: Russell Martin



SHINE A LIGHT WITH ALFIE

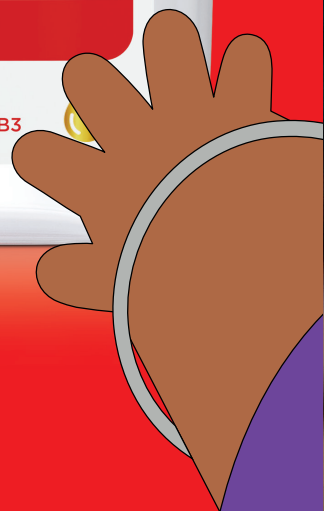
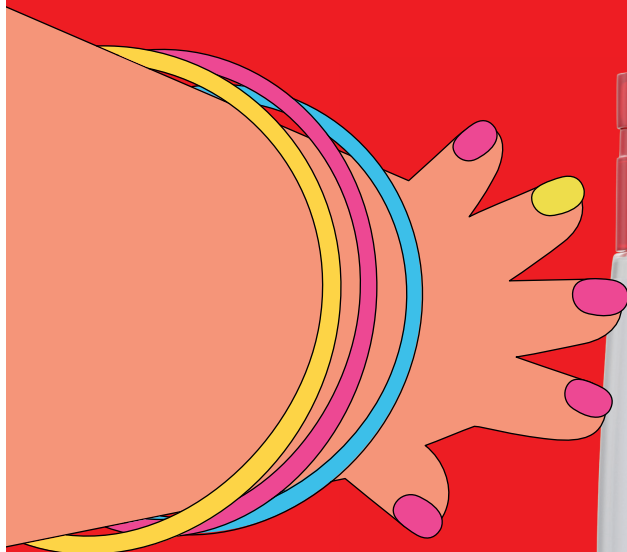
At our last home game we received a visit from Alfie who is raising awareness about Mental Health and bullying. Before the game Alfie, who is a goalkeeper himself had a picture taken with fellow goalies, Simon Sluga, James Shea and Harry Isted. After the photo Alfie gave us the anti-bullying poster he created, which you can now find hanging in the Hatters Hideout. You can follow Alfie's journey through Instagram: @ ShineALightWithAlfie

Can you guess what Hatters players these emojis represent?





Emoji Quiz: Campbell, Jerome, Pereira, Isted



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Kenilworth Road – Saturday 28th August 2021

Luton: Sluga; Bree, Burke, Naismith (C), Bell; Osho, Mpanzu, Campbell (Rea 83); Cornick, Onyedima (Muskwe 84); Adebayo.

Sheffield United: Foderingham; Baldock (Bogle 31), Davies, Egan, Basham (Freeman 45), Norrington-Davies; Fleck, Norwood, Berge; McBurnie (Brewster 68), Sharp.

“If I was being really critical, maybe we should have won the game but the boys dug in deep and the clean sheet was a bonus as a defender.”

REECE BURKE



2 BLACKBURN ROVERS 2 LUTON TOWN

Ewood Park – Saturday 11th September 2021
Sky Bet Championship

Blackburn: Kaminski; Nyambe, Lenihan, Ayala, Pickering; Travis, Rothwell (Magloire 80); Dolan, Buckley (Davenport 74), Brereton Diaz, Gallagher

Luton: Sluga; Bree, Burke, Naismith, Potts (Bradley 45); Campbell (Lansbury 11), Osho, Mpanzu; Cornick, Mendes Gomes (Berry 59); Jerome.

Scorers:

BR - Dolan 27, Pickering 31. LT - Berry 73, 90+8

"I feel nothing but pleasure for what we have been through in 24 hours. We've had to go through some real adversity. It's a thoroughly deserved point for me."

NATHAN JONES

BLACKBURN REACTION

Luke Berry loved his first taste of action in front of supporters for just under a year at Blackburn last Saturday – both in winding up the natives and trying to celebrate with the 810 travelling Hatters.

The 29-year-old midfielder was back on the Town teamsheet for the first time this season and spent most of the first hour of the game on the bench, before returning to the pitch with the perfect sucker-punch in the closing stages.

With Town trailing 2-0, the former Cambridge United man halved the deficit in the 70th minute before grabbing the 98th-minute equaliser to spark scenes of wild celebration in the away end at Ewood Park.

"I was on the bench and there was some annoying fans that I just wanted to get on and prove them something, and give it a bit to them," said Berry.

"The fans do help, in a bad way and a good way. In a good way that you just want to beat them, and at 2-0 down, they had a few other chances and could have gone 3-1 and 4-1, and Slugs has made a fantastic save to keep us in the game.

"They'll look back at it and think we should have been out of sight. But we weren't, we showed what great character we've got in the team that we dug in, in the end, and it was 2-2.

"I'm sure we'll pick up more points if we keep playing like that."

It was while trying to celebrate with the travelling masses that Berry tripped as he ran behind the goal, taken out by a TV microphone and landing on his back before his team-mates mobbed him.

"I was going to get in there, but I fell over," he laughed. "I tripped over the microphone, stepped onto the concrete bit and smacked my elbow. I was going to give it a bit, but then I fell over and I was just trying to get up.

"The fans pushed us through in the end. It's so much better. I haven't played a home game yet with the fans properly, and I can't wait to get out there. It was brilliant playing in front of them. They give us a lift. They are that 12th man, especially at home and they travel all over the country, it's fantastic."

And after a series of calf niggles interrupted his pre-season and delayed the start to his 2021-22 campaign, he now feels fit for the duration.

"It's been tricky because over the summer I worked hard, and first week of pre-season something happened, so it's just one of those where you strengthen up, and I feel like now I've looked after my body and it should withstand a good 30-40 games of the season now."



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1 BRISTOL CITY 1 LUTON TOWN

Ashton Gate – Weds 15th September 2021

Bristol City: Bentley; Vyner (Dasilva 46), Atkinson, Kalas, Baker; Scott (Wells 37), Massengo, James, Pring (King 79); Weimann, Martin.

Luton Town: Sluga; Bree, Lockyer, Burke, Naismith, Bell; Lansbury, Berry (Mendes Gomes 74), Mpanzu; Cornick (Adebayo 63), Jerome (Hylton 63).

Scorers:

BC - Baker 57. LT - Hylton 90+1

“We had to create the tempo as the away side and I was really proud that we did that tonight because it should have been three or four at half-time, we should have been out of sight.”

NATHAN JONES

FIXTURES 2021-22

DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS	PENALTY (F)	PENALTY (A)	OWN GOALS	SENT OFF	OPP. SENT OFF	SHEA	BREE	POTTS	NASMITH	BRADLEY	REA	CORNICK	BERRY	HYLTON	LEE	ADGANO
AUGUST																							
Sat 7	3.00pm	H	Peterborough United	W 3-0	10,019	1,032	2	-	-	-	-	-	*	y				*	1a				1
Tue 10	7.45pm	A	Stevenage (Carabao Cup R1)	D 2-2*	3,052	1,291		-	-	-	-	-		*				y	a			c	
Sat 14	3.00pm	A	West Bromwich Albion	L 2-3	23,283	1,433	11	-	-	1	-	-	*						1				d
Tue 17	7.45pm	A	Barnsley	W 1-0	12,999	748	3	-	-	-	-	-						c	a	y		*	y
Sat 21	3.00pm	H	Birmingham City	L 0-5	10,014	1,006	11	-	-	-	-	-						a	y	c		*	
Sat 28	3.00pm	H	Sheffield United	D 0-0	9,774	1,036	12	-	-	-	-	-	*			y			a				
SEPTEMBER																							
Sat 11	3.00pm	A	Blackburn Rovers	D 2-2	11,241	810	12	-	-	-	-	-	*		b	y	b			c	2		
Wed 15	7.45pm	A	Bristol City	D 2-2	16,878	572	13	-	-	-	-	-	*	y				*	a	c	b	1	a
Sat 18	3.00pm	H	Swansea City																				
Sat 25	3.00pm	A	AFC Bournemouth																				
Wed 29	7.45pm	H	Coventry City																				
OCTOBER																							
Sat 2	3.00pm	H	Huddersfield Town																				
Sat 16	3.00pm	A	Millwall																				
Tue 19	7.45pm	A	Derby County																				
Sat 23	3.00pm	H	Hull City																				
Sat 30	3.00pm	A	Preston North End																				
NOVEMBER																							
Wed 2	7.45pm	H	Middlesbrough																				
Sat 6	3.00pm	H	Stoke City																				
Sat 20	3.00pm	A	QPR																				
Tue 23	7.45pm	A	Nottingham Forest																				
Sat 27	3.00pm	H	Cardiff City																				
DECEMBER																							
Sat 4	3.00pm	A	Blackpool																				
Sat 11	3.00pm	H	Fulham																				
Sat 18	3.00pm	A	Reading																				
Sun 26	3.00pm	H	Bristol City																				
Wed 29	7.45pm	A	Swansea City																				
JANUARY																							
Sat 1	3.00pm	A	Coventry City																				
Sat 15	3.00pm	H	AFC Bournemouth																				
Sat 22	7.45pm	A	Sheffield United																				
Sat 29	3.00pm	H	Blackburn Rovers																				
FEBRUARY																							
Sat 5	3.00pm	A	Peterborough United																				
Tue 8	7.45pm	H	Barnsley																				
Sat 12	3.00pm	A	Birmingham City																				
Sat 19	3.00pm	H	West Bromwich Albion																				
Wed 23	8.00pm	A	Stoke City																				
Sat 26	3.00pm	H	Derby County																				
MARCH																							
Sat 5	3.00pm	A	Middlesbrough																				
Sat 12	3.00pm	H	QPR																				
Wed 16	7.45pm	H	Preston North End																				
Sat 19	3.00pm	A	Hull City																				
APRIL																							
Sat 2	3.00pm	H	Millwall																				
Sat 9	3.00pm	A	Huddersfield Town																				
Fri 15	3.00pm	H	Nottingham Forest																				
Mon 18	3.00pm	A	Cardiff City																				
Sat 23	3.00pm	H	Blackpool																				
Sat 30	3.00pm	A	Fulham																				
MAY																							
Sat 7	3.00pm	H	Reading																				

KEY: Starting XI Substitute • Unused sub **y**: yellow card **r**: red card **p**: penalty scorer *****: penalty missed **•**: lost 0-3 on penalties

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Jim Burr
8/8/34 to 1/3/20

Jim, very sadly, passed away over 18 months ago. Jim supported Luton from the early 1950s. By all accounts Jim was a decent footballer himself. He played for Barton Rovers in the 50s. He had a heart of gold and is badly missed by Beryl, his daughters, and in Barton Le Clay, as well as by members of the Millennium Suite. He was at the 1959 Cup Final and the day of that famous victory in 1988. He watched Luton in the 1st division to the Conference. His enthusiasm and support never waned.



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The Cherries spent five consecutive seasons competing in the Premier League before they were relegated at the end of 2019-20. They came close to an immediate return to the top-flight, losing to eventual promotion winners Brentford in the play-off semi-final last season. Bournemouth's last piece of silverware came in their Championship promotion campaign in 2014/15, where they were crowned champions under former long-serving boss Eddie Howe.

GROUND?

Originally named Dean Court, Bournemouth have played their home games there since 1910. The ground underwent a major reconstruction in 2001, increasing the capacity of the stadium to 9,600, with this being further increased in the summer of 2013.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?


The two sides last met in January 2021 at the Vitality Stadium, with Kiernan Dewsbury-Hall's second-half winner earning Luton an impressive three points on the road. The reverse fixture at Kenilworth Road ended in a 0-0 draw, whilst the Cherries hold the superior head-to-head record against the Hatters, winning 24 and losing 21 of the meetings between the two sides.

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Former Hatter Jack Stacey won back-to-back promotions with the Hatters before moving to the Cherries in 2019, going on to make 19 appearances in the Premier League. Current Town forward Harry Cornick joined Luton from Bournemouth in 2017, having originally joined the Cherries' academy as a 17-year-old after coming to prominence at Non-League Christchurch. Harry is now in his fifth season as a Hatter and is rapidly approaching a double century of appearances for the club.

Words: Dylan Bhundia

LUTON TOWN PLAYER STATISTICS

	2020-21 SEASON										CAREER		
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		CARDS		TOTAL		APPS	G	
	APPS	G	APPS	G	APPS	G			APPS	G			
Elijah Adebayo	5	(1)	1	0	(0)	0	5	(1)	1	1	0	24	6
Sam Beckwith	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	1	0
Amari Bell	6	(0)	1	0	(0)	0	6	(0)	1	0	0	6	1
Luke Berry	1	(1)	2	0	(0)	0	1	(1)	2	0	0	124	16
Sunny Bradley	0	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	132	3
James Bree	7	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	7	(0)	0	2	0	76	1
Rance Burke	3	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	0	0	3	0
Allan Campbell	5	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	5	(1)	0	1	0	6	0
Jordan Clark	2	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	0	0	41	3
Harry Cornick	6	(1)	2	0	(1)	0	6	(2)	2	1	0	177	25
Danny Hylton	0	(1)	1	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	1	0	0	149	59
Cameron Jerome	3	(2)	0	1	(0)	1	4	(2)	1	1	0	6	1
Peter Kioso	2	(1)	0	1	(0)	0	3	(1)	0	0	0	7	0
Henri Lansbury	2	(3)	0	1	(0)	0	3	(3)	0	4	0	6	0
Elliot Lee	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	124	30
Tom Lockyer	3	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	4	(0)	0	0	0	27	0
Carlos Mendes Gomes	1	(2)	0	1	(0)	0	2	(2)	0	0	0	4	0
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	7	(0)	1	0	(0)	0	7	(0)	1	0	0	305	20
Admiral Muckwe	2	(3)	0	1	(0)	1	3	(3)	1	1	0	6	1
Kai Naismith	7	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	7	(0)	0	2	0	30	1
Fred Onyedima	3	(1)	1	0	(0)	0	3	(1)	1	0	0	4	1
Gabriel Osho	4	(1)	0	1	(0)	0	5	(1)	0	3	0	7	0
Dion Pereira	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	2	0
Dan Potts	1	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	177	11
Glen Roa	0	(3)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(3)	0	2	0	198	8
James Shea	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	86	0
Simon Sluga	7	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	7	(0)	0	1	0	82	0

2021-22 CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

#	Team	Pt	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Fulham	7	5	1	1	17	5	12	16
2	West Bromwich Albion	7	4	3	0	13	6	7	15
3	Bournemouth	7	4	3	0	13	6	7	15
4	Coventry City	7	5	0	2	8	5	3	15
5	Stoke City	7	4	2	1	10	8	2	14
6	Huddersfield Town	7	4	1	2	13	9	4	13
7	Queens Park Rangers	7	3	3	1	15	10	5	12
8	Blackburn Rovers	7	3	3	1	11	8	3	12
9	Cardiff City	7	3	2	2	11	8	3	11
10	Birmingham City	7	3	2	2	10	7	3	11
11	Middlesbrough	7	2	3	2	8	8	0	9
12	Bristol City	7	2	3	2	8	8	0	9
13	Luton Town	7	2	3	2	9	11	-2	9
14	Preston North End	7	2	2	3	8	10	-2	8
15	Millwall	7	1	4	2	7	9	-2	7
16	Derby County	7	1	4	2	4	6	-2	7
17	Barnsley	7	1	4	2	6	9	-3	7
18	Reading	7	2	1	4	13	17	-4	7
19	Sheffield United	7	1	3	3	9	11	-2	6
20	Swansea City	7	1	3	3	4	8	-4	6
21	Hull City	7	1	2	4	4	9	-5	5
22	Blackpool	7	1	2	4	5	11	-6	5
23	Peterborough United	7	1	1	5	7	17	-10	4
24	Nottingham Forest	7	0	1	6	5	12	-7	1

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- 08 LUKE BERRY
- 09 DANNY HYLTON
- 10 ELLIOT LEE
- 11 ELIJAH ADEBAYO
- 12 SIMON SLUGA
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- 22 ALLAN CAMPBELL
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- 26 ADMIRAL MUSKWE
- 29 AMARI'I BELL
- 32 GABRIEL OSHO
- 35 CAMERON JEROME



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