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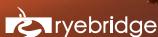


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# THE MANAGER

**Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for our Sky Bet Championship match with Huddersfield Town.**

It's a little over two and a half days since we were last here for the Coventry game, but I'm sure every Luton Town supporter who was here on Wednesday has had a spring in their step the past couple of days.

We knew a result like that had been coming. Our performances in recent weeks had been good, but we couldn't quite get over the line with the points they merited.

We should have had the same outcome against Swansea in the previous home match, when we had chances to make the game safe at four and five-nil either side of half-time, but didn't.

On Wednesday we showed that lessons are being learnt, and that with players coming back to fitness, we are an excellent, aggressive, front-footed Championship side.

Coventry could have gone joint-top with a win, so they are a good side who had been in excellent form since the start of the season. They weren't an out of sorts outfit coming here down on their luck.

So to set about them as we did from the first whistle made me a very proud manager, and considering the level we are now at, it was the best

performance I've seen from one of my teams.

We recorded eight and seven-goal wins in the League Two promotion winning season, but relative to where we are, that was as good as it has ever been.

However, that performance in midweek will mean nothing if we don't build on it this afternoon against a Huddersfield side who have started the season well, but sit just two places and three points above us.

I welcome Carlos Corberan, his staff and their squad - especially Matty Pearson, who was excellent for us in his three years here. We have a good recent record against Huddersfield and hope that continues this afternoon to send us unto the international break with momentum.

I have to congratulate Glen Rea on making his 200th appearance for the club. It's taken him a little longer than he'd have hoped, due to the injury he suffered a couple of years ago and the fact he's been out of the team recently. But when I need a clean sheet, I turn to Glen and he showed exactly what he's about against Coventry.

Finally, thanks as always for such brilliant support. We'd waited a long time for a midweek night under the lights with 9,000 Luton Town fans inside Kenilworth Road, and on Wednesday she rocked like always.

More of the same again this afternoon please. Raise the roof and enjoy the game.

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# NOTES FROM THE BOARDROOM

**STEPHEN BROWNE**

DIRECTOR

**Welcome to Hatters across the world and those present at the Kenny today as we extend a warm welcome to Huddersfield Town and Carlos Corbern and his team. Of course, a very special welcome goes to Matty Pearson who will always remain a favourite at Kenilworth Road and is always a very welcome visitor.**

After over 120 games for the Hatters, there is no doubt the huge role Matty played for us during his three years at our Club and we all know how professional and committed he is, which makes him a wonderful professional. It's good to see him back – thank you to a true Hatter.

After a fantastic evening on Wednesday we now want to push on and show this division just how well we can compete.

Elsewhere, we have seen the launch of the 'Fair Game Manifesto', and I found it positive that Luton Town are proudly supporters of these objectives, and that Luton Town Supporters Trust is involved in the construction of this manifesto.

What I found very disheartening though is that Luton Town is the ONLY supporting club in the whole of the Premier League and the Championship. Yes, really – we are the only supportive Club from England's top two leagues. Unbelievable, and every opposing fan you meet on your travels must be so disappointed.

This is an initiative by fans and Supporters' Trusts, Government, the Mayor of Manchester, the Sports Minister, and a myriad of professionals, professors, and specialists including nine universities, Supporters Direct, Human Rights Watch, Women in Sport, and the Bank of England to name a few.

And yet Luton Town is the ONLY club to be supportive in the top two leagues of English football?

So, why did the Fair Game Manifesto rattle some cages? Regular readers of my notes will know my feelings towards those that govern and control our national game – anonymous in any crisis, unable to change or grow or improve, incompetent, disconnected from supporters, not fit for purpose, blatant conflicts of interest, no understanding of gender or cultural equality, jobs for their own network...I could go on, but Stu will not give me enough space.

Additionally, it took outrage and Parliamentary threat for our leaders to include women, young representatives, and other cultures and viewpoints previously restricted to a bunch of grey-haired white men within a secretive FA Board. That reluctance for inclusion and growth by all the game's bodies is simply insulting to so many.

And these are not just my words. You can imagine how delighted I was to read the following extracts from a letter sent by Tracey Crouch MP, our Sports Minister, to Oliver Dowden, the Cabinet Minister:

"At the moment the FA is far from fit for purpose.... and needs considerable reform"

and

"I and my predecessors as Sports Minister often stood at the Dispatch Box and claimed that it was 'Last Chance Saloon' for football to reform itself. It is with some sadness that I note they didn't heed those warnings..."

The letter goes on to reiterate the concerns raised in Parliament around the FA and its ability to govern, and that change has been dreadfully slow. Indeed, in recent years there have been some huge errors by the FA showing their disconnection from the real world with both sexist and racist behaviour from the very top.

The Fair Game Manifesto not only expands on these shortcomings but is asking for change. Some of the things they call for Luton Town have been leaders in – rejection of betting sponsorships; the Supporters Trust having control over colours, designs, badges, and history; fair treatment for all; criticism and the calling out of those that are unfit to manage the game; prudent financial management; competent

management of, and investment in, prized local assets; supporter engagement and openness of information.

For us, none of this is new, just expected. Just fair. Imagine being a supporter of every other Championship and Premier League Club who do not support this well thought through manifesto. How should they feel now – their owners have slapped them in the face and completely ignored what fans up and down the country want and deserve.

Of course, this is the first manifesto and as with any first work, not everything will be achieved or agreed to, some things could be too easy to abuse or circumvent, and some things might not even be practical. Whilst I have read the full manifesto, it contains a lot to consider so it's early days, but nevertheless the umbrella themes and aims are spot on and have been given a lot of thought. After all, I don't think Einstein's first attempts were accurate and a great strength of leaders is to be able to adapt and modify in order to effect the change that is needed.

Fans that support this manifesto are not being unreasonable. They are not trying to wrest power or money from others; they are not acting with self-interest; they are not trying to gain undue advantage from others. They are not acting naively because they often know their Clubs better than the 'owners'.

Fans are protecting our game for the future. As a Board, we

are fans, but are also willing to share and we also know the Club is not – and never has been – ours. Our Club belongs to ALL of us so in the same way LTST and you support this manifesto, so do we. Even if that means some of the Board's 'power' is reduced or obligations increased, we have no doubt the governance and fairness of the game can be greatly improved.

It is an honour to sit at the table where decisions about our Club are made. It is not a right. I am one of those lucky people today, but tomorrow it will be someone else just as orange. 2020 is not a small group of people: it's a dynasty, a philosophy. People will come in, people will move on, but the same principles, the same objectives, the same core values, the same love, will remain.

I am staggered at the lack of support from top Clubs, and moreover absolutely gutted that the supporters of those big clubs are falling into the same old trap – as long as they are raking in the money, spending on huge wages, accepting immoral monies, and, importantly, climbing league places, then supporters are all too easily blinded to the moral duties we all have to our communities and our history. They need the courage to act for the bigger picture, and unselfishly.

Whilst I can berate the FA or the EFL, or criticise the Government for 'people pleasing', or even call out owners and directors at other clubs for continuing this abominable behaviour and destruction of so many historic Clubs, I also have to turn to fans and call them out. At Luton Town we have been humbled in the past and we have learnt to recognise firstly who we are, secondly how lucky we actually are, and thirdly that success comes because we are a team and working for the good of the game rather than in our own interests. We know our friends at clubs like AFC Wimbledon and Bury AFC think like us, but it is so worrying that so many fans in the top two leagues are happy to remain ill-informed and inward looking.

Sing loud and proud – in my book, you have more right than most.

**Stephen**



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Words: Dan Briard

# TOM LOCKYER

**After a stop-start beginning to his life as a Luton Town player, a year after joining from Charlton Athletic, Tom Lockyer is fully settled and raring to go for the rest of the campaign.**

Watching predominantly on iFollow, fans were able to see the best of the Welsh international when he played 15 successive matches last term before an ankle injury against boyhood club Cardiff City in February sidelined him for the rest of the season, and curtailed his progress in a Town shirt.

"It has not gone quite how I imagined it to go, but it has been really fun along the way," says the 26-year-old, who fought his way back to fitness to be included in his country's Euro 2020 squad.

"I can't really grumble too much, these things happen in football, injuries are a part of the game and I've had a few setbacks along the way. I haven't had too many in my career before so it has been quite difficult, but I'm loving my time here."

And whilst he has started to settle into a regular in defence, his fellow defenders haven't been quite so fortunate with injuries and battles with Covid contributing to a number of defensive changes so far this season.

"It is one of those things that you're going to have injuries throughout the season, that is why you have a big squad to deal with it," said Lockyer. "The injury situation at the minute is quite bad and it's not where we want to be, but when they come back into the mix it will only benefit the team."

"There is good competition for places so everyone knows that they can't take their foot off the gas, and they have to be able to up their game."

One major difference to Lockyer's game has been the impact of fans returning to the stadium after 18 months without them. Demonstrated best by his exchanges with the Bristol City fans after a late Danny Hylton equaliser, the former Bristol Rovers captain certainly relishes the opportunity to give something back to the opposing fans!

"I love Bristol as a city, it is fantastic and with the rivalry, when I went there with Charlton the year before last, I had another interesting reception and they scored a last minute winner and I didn't hear the end of it."

"I was getting stick this time and they thought they won the game at 1-0 in the 90th minute, but obviously super Danny Hylton does what he has made a career doing, and it was fantastic because they were on me all game and it was nice to give a little bit back!"

From the perspective of having Luton fans back, he continued: "Last year I had a teaser with 3,000 supporters over the two games here against Norwich and Preston, and I thought that was cool. But seeing the Kenny rocking is fantastic."

"I'm quite lucky I've been at three clubs in my career that have all had fantastic fan bases and get right behind the team, and Luton is no different which is fantastic."

"I've said it before, the fans are massive and they might not think they play such a crucial part, but they literally are the 12th man when we need

them. Especially when it is backs against the wall, which it will be at times this season, and they can drag us through."

After finishing in a strong mid-table position last term, the 26-year-old is hoping he and his teammates can improve on that feat this time around, saying: "We want to build on last year. It is not that easy to keep on improving year after year, especially with the turnover of players we have had, so another mid-table finish – if we can finish above what we did last year – then you would say it is progress."

"Although the club has almost established itself as a solid Championship team, you can never be too careful in this league because you always see big teams in and around it at the bottom. You can't get complacent in this league, and I don't think we will do that."

Away from life as a Hatter, Locks has earned another call-up to the Wales squad for their two upcoming World Cup qualifiers against Czech Republic and Estonia.

Following the disappointment of not featuring in the Euro 2020 matches, mainly due to his lack of game time in the build-up to the tournament, the defender hopes to contribute to helping his country reach the finals next year.

"There is a good core there that have been together for a long time now and everyone gets on really well, which you wouldn't say it too dissimilar to here," he says.

"When you're living out of each other's pockets two weeks at a time, it would be a long two weeks if you weren't getting on with everyone. It is always a good environment there and I love going away."

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**"There is good competition for places so everyone knows that they can't take their foot off the gas."**



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# THE OPPPOSITION

WORDS: RYAN PAYNE

**Finishing six points away from the drop zone in 20th position in the Sky Bet Championship table, Carlos Corberan's Terriers managed to pull themselves away from relegation to remain in the second tier last season. This season, however, they will hope to see a considerable improvement at a club who were in the Premier League not too long ago.**

A number of new players were brought into the John Smith's Stadium squad during the summer, with Huddersfield aiming for a better campaign this time out.

Goalkeeper Lee Nicholls made the switch from Milton Keynes, while Matty Pearson makes his return to the Kenny today after leaving the Hatters for the Terriers in the summer. Jordan Rhodes returned to the club, nine years on after leaving, while Josh Ruffels from Oxford, Blackpool's Ollie Turton, Tom Lees from Sheffield Wednesday and Bradford's Connor Shanks all joined. The Terriers also made loan signings, with Levi Colwill joining from Chelsea, as well as Daniel Sinani and Mipo Odubeko joining from Norwich and West Ham respectively.

In the 2020/21 season, both games between the two sides ended in 1-1 draws. The fixture at the John Smith's in November saw George Moncur put Luton ahead, before Carel Eiting levelled for Huddersfield. In the reverse fixture at Kenilworth Road, James Collins edged Nathan Jones' men in

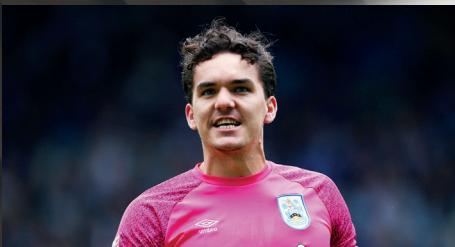
front, with Naby Sarr netting the equaliser.

So far this season, it's been a promising start for the Yorkshire side. Sitting just outside the play-off places, the Terriers began their campaign with a 1-1 draw away at Derby. A 5-1 defeat to Fulham followed, before Huddersfield won three on the bounce. They were 1-0 winners over Preston, 2-1 over Sheffield United and 4-0 victors over Reading.

A 2-0 defeat to Nottingham Forest was followed up with a 1-0 loss away at Swansea, before they were 3-2 winners against Blackburn in midweek.

Sitting two places above the Hatters in seventh, it has been a much improved start for Corberan's side, and they will hope to continue in that vein. We welcome the supporters who have made the trip south from West Yorkshire to be in the Oak Road end today, and wish them a safe trip home.





## THE GOALKEEPER: LEE NICHOLLS

Goalkeeper Lee Nicholls began his career at Wigan, and had a number of loan spells away from the club. Loan spells at Hartlepool, Shrewsbury, Sheffield Wednesday, Accrington, Northampton and Bristol Rovers followed. Nicholls left Wigan in 2016, making 12 appearances for the club in all competitions. That summer, he joined Milton Keynes. He made over 150 appearances in five years there. The 2020/21 season saw him lose his place to Andy Fisher, before leaving this summer to join Huddersfield, where he has been battling Ryan Schofield for the number one spot.

## THE DEFENDER: MATTY PEARSON

A name familiar to all Hatters supporters, Matty Pearson swapped Luton for Huddersfield earlier this summer. He began his career at Blackburn and without making an appearance, Pearson joined Rochdale. He was sent on loan to Halifax, and would later sign for the Shay club permanently. His performances for Halifax earned him a move to Accrington, where he spent the next two seasons. After a season at Barnsley, the 28-year-old joined the Hatters in the summer of 2018 and was part of the side that won promotion to the Championship. After three years at Kenilworth Road, Pearson left for Huddersfield this summer.



## THE MANAGER: CARLOS CORBERAN

After a short career as a player, Carlos Corberan went into coaching. His first roles were at Villarreal's C and B Teams, working as a fitness coach, later moving into the first-team coaching team. He coached at three Saudi Arabian clubs before going into management himself. Corberan's first roles were with Doxa Katokopias and Ermis Aradippou in Cyprus. In 2017, he joined Leeds as the Under-23s manager. After the appointment of Marcelo Bielsa at Elland Road, Corberan combined his Under-23s duties with being a first-team coach. In July 2020, Corberan joined Huddersfield.



## ON THE RADAR: HUDDERSFIELD TOWN

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## THE MIDFIELDER: JONATHAN HOGG

In his youth, Jonathan Hogg played for Middlesbrough before moving onto Aston Villa. He made seven first-team appearances for the club in all competitions, as well as loan spells at Darlington and Portsmouth. Hogg left Villa in 2011, joining Watford. He spent two seasons at Vicarage Road and made 78 league appearances. In 2013, Hogg made his move to The John Smith's Stadium and has been a regular in the side's midfield. The 2016/17 season saw the Terriers win promotion into the Premier League, and Hogg was the Players' Player of the Year. Hogg has made almost 300 Terriers appearances in all competitions.



## THE STRIKER: DANNY WARD

Playing for Leeds in his youth, Danny Ward progressed through Bolton's academy and went onto feature twice in the Premier League for the club. After loan spells at Swindon, Coventry and Huddersfield, he joined the latter permanently in 2011. His first spell as a Huddersfield player lasted four years, making over 100 league appearances for the club. Ward spent the 2014/15 season on loan at Rotherham, and joined the Millers permanently. Ward signed for Cardiff two years later, featuring in the Championship and the Premier League before making his return to Huddersfield in August 2020.

## WATCH OUT FOR... JOSH KOROMA

Born in Southwark, Josh Koroma came through at Leyton Orient. He made his debut for the O's in April 2016 before scoring his first goals for the club with a hat-trick against Newport in March 2017. After relegation from League Two, Koroma spent two seasons in the National League with Orient. In 2018/19, the 22-year-old scored 11 league goals as Orient were crowned National League winners. In July 2019, Koroma joined Huddersfield and made seven league appearances before a loan at Rotherham. After returning to the club, the winger has been a key man under Corberan.



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# LAST TIME AT THE KENNY

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6th February 2021. Championship.

Words: Roger Wash

Following a fine 1-0 win at Bournemouth in mid-January, the Town had lost three straight games and were desperately looking to get back to winning ways.

A 1-0 defeat at eventual promotion winners Brentford was hard to take considering how well the team played, a 3-1 reversal in the FA Cup at Chelsea saw the Town give as good as they got for large parts of the contest but a 1-0 scoreline at Blackburn was totally unjust with the Rovers winner coming in such controversial circumstances.

A chance to put things right came with the visit of Huddersfield to Kenilworth Road, with the Terriers hoping to end an eight match winless run away from home and the Town hoping to get back to winning ways. One change was made to the side,

with Luke Berry replacing Glen Rea, and it was the Town who were on the front foot from the start with James Collins tapping home a Harry Cornick cross after 11 minutes.

The Hatters should have doubled their lead shortly before the interval when Dan Potts headed a Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu cross against a post from point blank range.

In the second period, Huddersfield enjoyed more of the possession without really hurting the Luton defence until, having thought they had weathered the pressure, a goal was conceded on 74 minutes when Naby Sarr nudged the ball in after the unsighted Simon Sluga in the Luton goal parried a free-kick into his path.

The last meaningful action came when Harry Toffolo was dismissed for a lunge on substitute Rea in stoppage time, and from the subsequent free-kick Rea's header hit the outside of a post.

Both managers afterwards reluctantly agreed that a draw was a fair result.

**LUTON TOWN:**  
Sluga, Pearson, Lockyer, Bradley, Potts, Mpanzu, Berry (Rea), Dewsbury-Hall, Cornick (Ince), Collins, Clark (Naismith).

**HUDDERSFIELD TOWN:**  
Schofield, Pipa (Pritchard) (Vallejo), Keogh, Sarr, Toffolo, Bacuna, Hogg, O'Brien, Mbenza (Aarons), Campbell, Holmes (High)

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You cannot cater for training accidents, goalkeeper collisions or horrific tackles as we saw at Blackburn, so it's a case of rolling the sleeves up and dealing with the situation.

Whilst we are still missing people, we are delighted that Jordan Clark has returned from his horror injury at West Brom. Not only did he have concussion but also a fractured collarbone. That was a worrying situation and not good for the heart rate of the medical team.

Sonny has also recovered from his injury and made his first start of the season in midweek. Allan Campbell returned ahead of schedule and was part of the Coventry squad. Further positive news is that Dan Potts and Admiral Muskwe are back on the grass training.

Pelly, Danny and Fred still remain unavailable, but we are hoping that by the end of this international break we will be in a good position and we will have the majority available.

It's been a while since I did any notes, but not only is Luke back in the team

and scoring goals, he's a dad again. They say a baby's laugh is one of the finest sounds – unless of course it is at 3am. With it being a home birth, some might say it's his best delivery for a while.

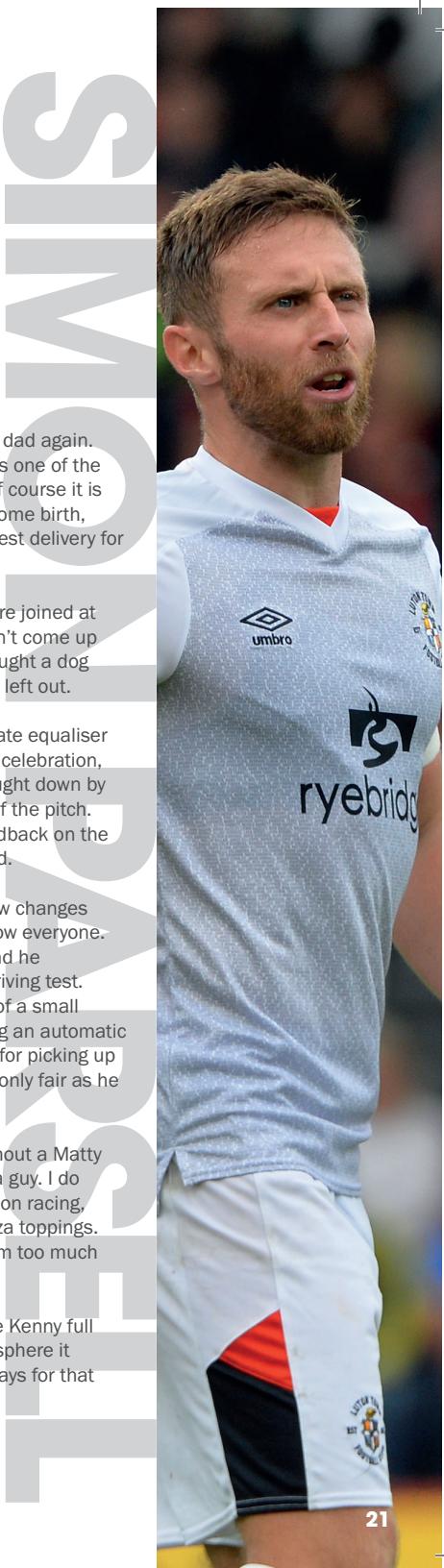
Because Bez and Hylts are joined at the hip and Danny couldn't come up with another baby, he bought a dog instead. So he didn't feel left out.

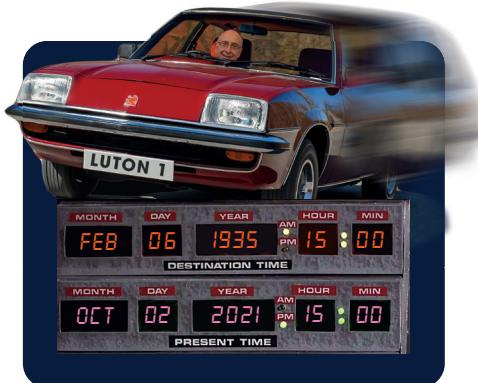
Super Luke scored that late equaliser at Blackburn and what a celebration, until he was brutally brought down by microphone at the side of the pitch. Luke was ok, but the feedback on the microphone was not good.

The squad has seen a few changes and we are getting to know everyone. Carlos is one such lad and he recently attempted his driving test. Unfortunately, he is one of a small number that failed driving an automatic car. Apparently he failed for picking up a pedestrian, which was only fair as he had knocked him down.

I can't let today pass without a Matty Pearson mention. What a guy. I do miss his updates on Pigeon racing, eating chocolate and pizza toppings. Obviously, I don't wish him too much luck today.

It's been great having the Kenny full again and what an atmosphere it produces. Thanks as always for that support. COYH!





# MEMORY MATCH

**NETHERLANDS FA XI 1 LUTON TOWN 3  
FRIENDLY. 6TH FEBRUARY 1935.**

**WORDS: ROGER WASH**

## **LUTON TOWN:**

Coen, Reece (McGinnigle), Mackey, Brown, Thayne, Payne, Crompton, Bell, Ball, Roberts, Stephenson.

## **NETHERLANDS FA:**

Mul, Pettinga, Lanegger, Punt, Hermeus, Schubert, Ten Have, De Swart, Lungen, Boerhout, Mijnders.

**For the first time in their almost 50 year history the Town were about to venture from these shores to play on the 'Continent'.**

Accepting an invitation by the Netherlands Football Association they were due to travel to Holland to play a selected Dutch team in Amsterdam at the three month old Ajaxstadion, by now given a shortened name of De Meer due to it being located in the Watergraafs Meer district. The invitation was no doubt brought about by the Town's exploits in the FA Cup during this period – reaching the quarter-finals in 1933, narrowly losing to Arsenal in 1934 and beating Chelsea a couple of weeks before. All this as a Division Three (South) club which is now equivalent to League One.

Following a 3-0 defeat at QPR on the previous Saturday, the Town party of 13 players and 13 officials met at Luton station at 6.30pm on the Monday evening before eventually joining the S.S.Vienna at Parkston Quay for the 10pm crossing to the Hook of Holland.

The Hook was reached at 5.30am the following morning where the party took a train to Amsterdam, arriving at the Carlton Hotel at 8am where breakfast was served.

The majority of the party then 'retired to their rooms' to catch up on sleep before being taken on an afternoon 'motor-coach' trip in and around the environs of Amsterdam. A visit to a cheese factory was arranged, as well as the trip being extended to the 'picturesque and medieval fishing village of Valendam where inhabitants were seen in the traditional native costume.'

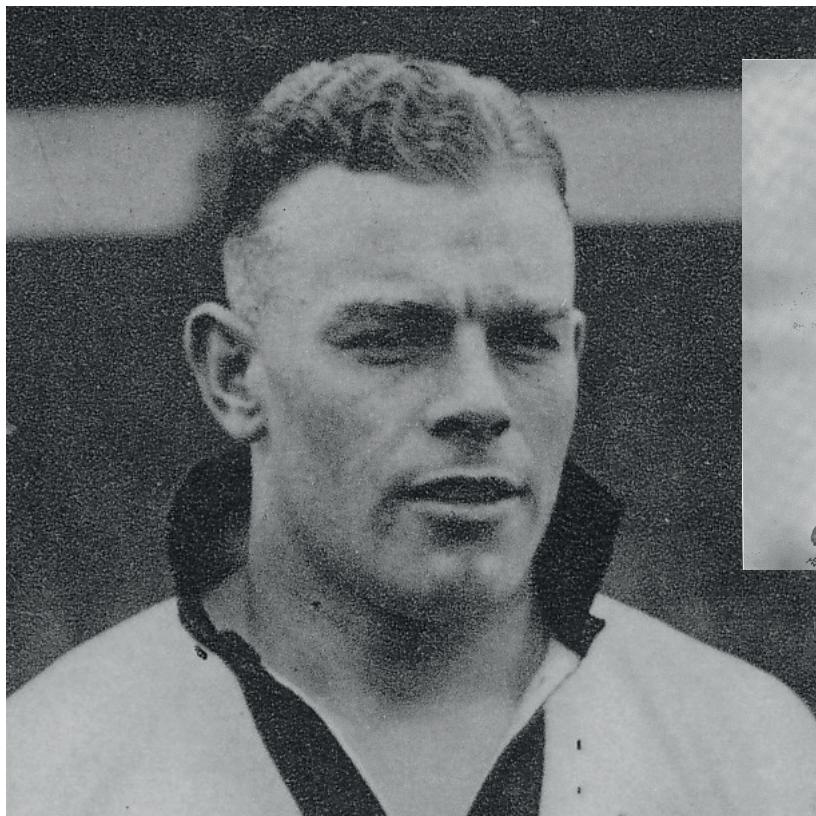
After dinner, the party listened to the hotel orchestra before bed, and after breakfast the following day, were taken to the stadium for a guided tour of the new Ajax facilities where they were 'amazed at the magnificent structure, beautifully planned in a spacious area.'

The early afternoon kick-off was witnessed by a crowd of around 7,000 who braved the cold and blustery conditions. The Netherlands FA XI was full of Dutch internationals and it looked like it was going to be a long afternoon when they took the lead after only two minutes.

A quickly taken free-kick was eventually worked through to Boerhout, who fired in a shot that Joe Coen in the Luton goal had no chance of saving.

It was then seen that Luton defender Harry Reece was limping badly but with substitutes being allowed in Holland, Hugh McGinnigle took his place.

Undismayed by these early set-backs the Town went on the attack and for the remainder of the half little was seen of the Dutch forwards. Jack Ball hit the bar with a fierce shot before the inevitable equaliser on 20 minutes when winger George Stephenson



## GEORGE STEPHENSON, SCOURGE OF THE DUTCH DEFENCE.

cut inside at full speed before sending a shot into the top corner of the net. The Town were now in full flow with Ball rattling the crossbar again and Stephenson hitting an upright.

In the second period, with the wind at their backs, the Town put the game to bed netting two goals within five minutes of the re-start. Firstly, Sam Bell took advantage of a Stephenson shot that had been fisted away by the Dutch goalkeeper to fire home, before half-back Joe Payne sent a through pass to Ball whose shot could not be held by the goalkeeper leaving a simple tap-in for Stephenson.

The Dutch upped their game after these early reverses, but the Luton defence held firm with Coen only once being called into serious action while at the other end the Town forwards tended to overplay on the, by now, cut up surface.

After the game, Luton Chairman Charles Jeyses presented a straw hat covered in silk to the

Netherlands FA, and miniature straw hats in porcelain to the Dutch players and officials.

The travelling reporter rather patronisingly stated, 'The Dutch team struck one as knowing the rudiments of the game very well, but in the finer points were sadly lacking'.

Bob Glendenning, the English coach of the Netherlands FA was rather more gracious when he said, 'You are the finest English team that has ever visited Holland, the players gave a marvellous exhibition, and truly upheld the traditions of English football. I can easily understand now how you beat Chelsea, if this is the football you play.'

The homeward journey was made the following morning via Flushing, with Luton being reached at 11 pm on the Thursday. Unaffected by all this travel, the Town beat Torquay 3-1 at Kenilworth Road the following Saturday.

# LUTON TOWN SUPPORTERS' TRUST

## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

### Hello to all Town fans reading this message.

After writing this column a few times last season when none of us were able to come to Kenilworth Road to watch the boys, it is fantastic to welcome everyone back to the home of football once again. I would like to extend that welcome to one of our League One winning heroes, who returns as an opponent today in Matty Pearson. We will always be grateful for his efforts in our promotion to this level and the role he played in keeping us here, although for the first time in those three years, I hope he leaves empty handed today!

How good has it been to be back where we belong! Results haven't always gone the way we would like but I'm sure everyone is appreciating the exciting, entertaining, attacking brand of football our new young squad is trying to play. And more importantly enjoying being there in person to see it after the shutout of last season. There will always be bumps in the road but I think our performances have been much better than our results have suggested. Hopefully the boys can get a win today to take into the international break.

The summer already seems so long ago but it was a very busy one for us at the Trust. We were invited to give a presentation to the Fan-led Review chaired by Tracey Crouch, details of which are available on our website. We were also involved in the launch of 'Fair Game', more details of which can be seen below.

As ever, we will endeavour to represent you, our members, and do all that we can to get your voices heard, both at our own club and the wider football world, as football attempts to restore itself as the beautiful game. I have a team of board members dedicated to that aim.

Finally I'd like to thank everyone for their support

and correspondence throughout the summer. Hearing your feedback only inspires us to continue to work harder.

Enjoy the game. COYH!

Tony

## NEW WEBSITE

Those of you who have visited our website in the last month will have seen that it looks totally different after a revamp ahead of this season. A new look has been released with a number of new features which includes the following:

- Lots more up to date information about LTST
- A brand new LTST shop where you can purchase official Trust merchandise
- The launch of an International Hatters section of which we will release more details in time
- A special and dedicated SoLYD page, with the organisation now affiliated to the Trust
- An online donation facility where you can donate money directly to LTST or SoLYD
- Voice of the Fans section where we will keep you updated on our fans survey and the ongoing Fan-Led Review

If you haven't yet seen our new design then head over to [www.lutontownsupportertrust.com](http://www.lutontownsupportertrust.com) to see it for yourself!

## FAIR GAME

We joined 23 other teams at a prestigious launch in London earlier this month, calling for a new direction for our national game. LTST are one of



the founding members of Fair Game, a group of value-driven clubs, supported by 40 world-renowned experts and backed by politicians of all colours. The government is currently developing policies on how to change the national game as part of Tracey Crouch's football governance review. Fair Game aim is to help develop the long-term realistic solutions needed.

Safeguarding the future of the game is one of our aims and something we take very seriously. This is something we endeavour to be involved in for the foreseeable future so keep an eye out for further updates down the line.

## PODCAST

Kev, James and Tony have already dropped three regular podcasts this season and will be joined by various guests throughout the course of the season. One of those earlier this month was Town midfield ace Allan Campbell. To listen to the podcasts head to our website where you can find the various links to download them.

If you would like to join us on the podcast at any stage in the season please drop Kev an email on [media@lutontownsupportertrust.com](mailto:media@lutontownsupportertrust.com) and he will get it sorted!

## AGM

Plans are beginning for our Annual General Meeting which will take place in November. Last year this was held on Zoom and we will release full details of a date and format to our members in the coming days. Keep an eye on your email inbox for updates.

## EVENTS

With restrictions now lifted and hopefully staying lifted we are in the process of putting together our calendar of events. We aim to deliver our

traditional Annual Quiz and a Presentation Evening as ever, but we are also looking at ideas for further events so that our members can continue to engage throughout the course of the season. We will release further information on our website once the events are arranged.

## SOLYD

As you are probably aware, SOLYD now falls under the Trust umbrella and your support is appreciated as always. Supporting SOLYD is a fantastic way of helping maintain the bright future of the club through our academy.

After the success story of James Justin in recent times, we have already seen Sam Beckwith involved in pre-season matches, while development team captain Aidan Francis-Clarke was on the bench against Swansea a fortnight ago. Avan Jones travelled with the squad to Bristol City and Bournemouth too, so the conveyor belt of talent is continuing. The more support SOLYD gets, the more help we can provide the academy to continue to produce such fantastic talent.

For more information on SOLYD please visit this link - <https://www.lutontownsupportertrust.com/solyd/>

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# ELIJAH ADEBAYO

**Age: 23**

**Place of Birth: London**

## Matchday routine?

For a home game, my routine would be get up at 9:30am and then have breakfast at 10:30 then chill out and watch Soccer AM or something until time to go in. I always have a banana.

## Superstitions?

I always do my left boot up before I do my right, and the same with my shinpads, left before my right.

## Biggest influence?

My mum Abi, she is a single mum and the amount of work that she did whilst we were growing up, always taking me to football after work. She must have been tired, it must have been very hard for her but I think for me to get where I am today is solely because of her. I do everything for her because she has got me this far and I'm the one working now, but for her to do what she did in terms of getting up early to take me to football games is something I can't thank her enough for.

## Sporting hero?

Zlatan Ibrahimovic, his confidence level regardless of how old he is incredible. I read his book and when he was younger he was a little menace but when he started to take football seriously, he was always confident in his ability and I try and put that into my game. Chris (Cohen) always tells me to be confident not matter what the circumstance is, so I think it's about showing a bit of arrogance, believing I'm the best player on the pitch.

## Best player you've played alongside?

I'd probably say Moussa Dembele

and Patrick Roberts are the two. Two different players but I can't split them!

## Toughest opponent?

Harlee Dean was aggressive, not the biggest but he makes up for that. In training, I'd also say Sonny, he is bigger than me which is quite hard to find! He's a leader and I'm lucky I get to train with him every day.

## Most treasured possession?

PlayStation 5! I was a big FIFA player before but I've moved to Call of Duty.

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

(Ed - Henri Lansbury is cutting the grass outside the dressing room at The Brache as we conduct this interview!) I would probably be doing what Henri is doing right now - a groundsman! Something outside because in nice weather it's great to be outside. Or something in sports psychology.

## Best stadium played at?

The City Ground was good last season, and Ashton Gate was a great place to play at a couple of weeks ago.

## Something people may not know about you?

I used to be a member of a snooker club when I was 16/17 living in Twickenham. I did that for about eight months, had lessons with my mate.

## Favourite song?

Baby Burkin by Gunna.

## Favourite film?

Step Brothers

## Favourite meal?

Fajitas - a bit of cheese, salsa, guacamole. Lovely!



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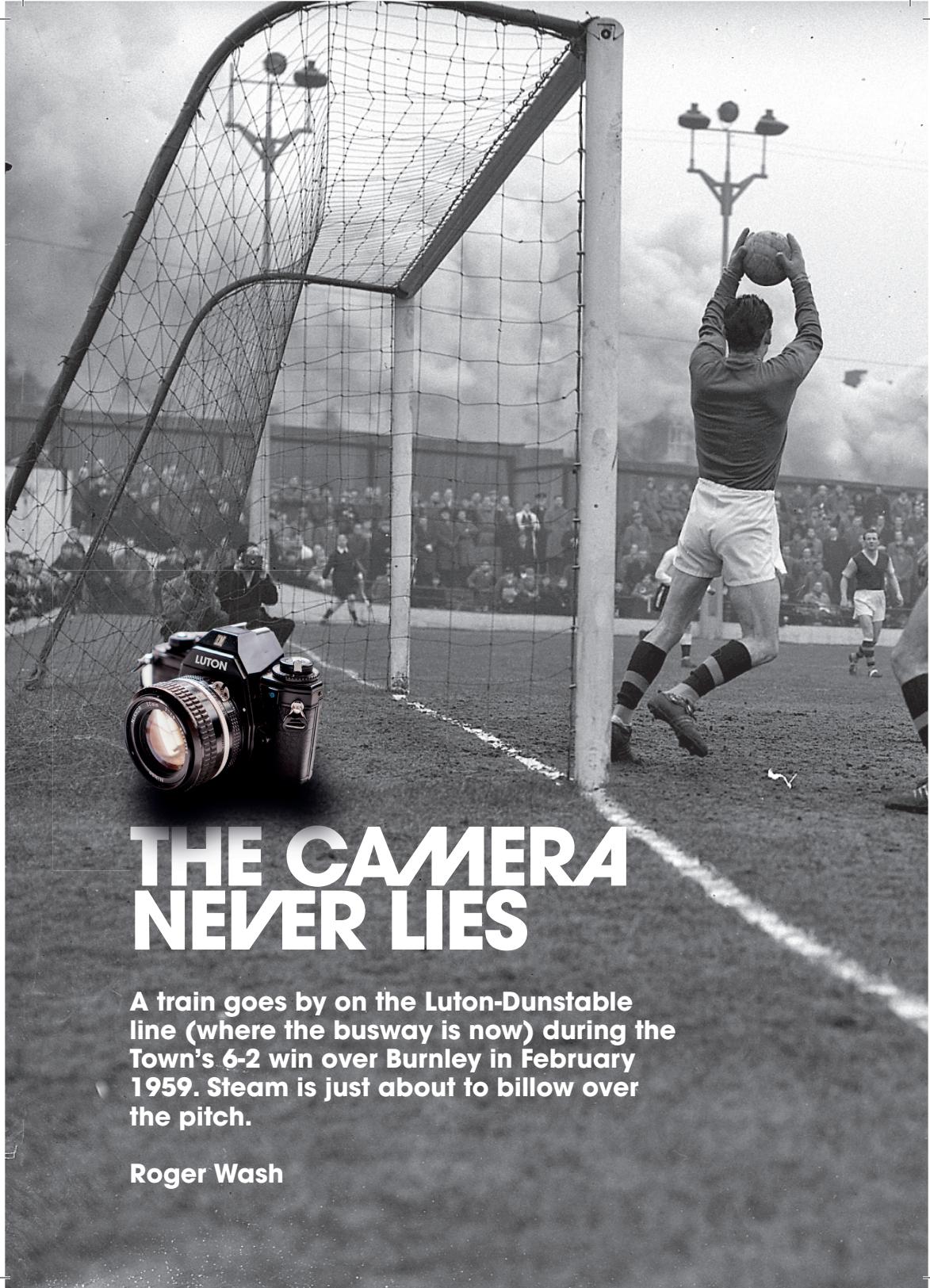


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# THE CAMERA NEVER LIES

**A train goes by on the Luton-Dunstable line (where the busway is now) during the Town's 6-2 win over Burnley in February 1959. Steam is just about to billow over the pitch.**

**Roger Wash**



## SIMON OXLEY



**Typical! We get a seaside trip and it rains. Much like the summer holidays, there wasn't much sign of the sun at Bournemouth.**

It started out as the 90's revisited for me, as the co-commentator for our colleagues at BBC Solent - John Williams - informed me that Nathan Jones was his "boot boy" at Cardiff in the early 90's, whilst NJ himself was catching up with a Hatters colleague from the mid-90s in Stuart Douglas.

Stuart is now the physio at Bournemouth having moved from Wimbledon, and Simon Pitts and I spent several minutes reminiscing about Stuart's 1995 debut as a 17-year-old, when he scored in a 1-1 draw for Terry Westley's side at home to Oldham.

Having gone down memory lane, the match itself was a reminder of several very recent scenarios, only this time there was no last gasp equaliser. Luton have now pushed two of the title favourites - West Brom and Bournemouth - close, having given themselves too much to do. I'm writing these notes before Wednesday's match with surprise promotion hopefuls Coventry.

What I would say is that I don't think we're too far off. Injuries

haven't helped because the same players are having to shoulder the heavy schedule. Sonny Bradley's absence has been a factor, as has the lack of messrs Onyedinma and Muskwe who were brought in to add a new attacking threat.

That said, ahead of Wednesday and today I would have set a four point target to ease nerves ahead of the next international break.

Easier said than done of course, with today's opponents a revitalised Huddersfield. They are set to include Matty Pearson who will, I'm sure, receive the warm welcome he deserves.

Matches against Huddersfield always make me recall my late colleague Ian Pearce, along with our now press steward Bill Cole, turning up there in dinner jackets complete with bow ties, having been refused entry due to the dress code the year before.

Pearcey always enjoyed his chats with Joe Kinnear, and I was sorry to hear the news of Joe's illness. His time here was certainly never dull. We had to wait 90 minutes for his first press conference but it was, like all those that followed, well worth the wait.

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## DYLAN BHUNDIA



**There are a lot of good things happening on the pitch for Luton Town. Even though the results might not have been there to show for it before Wednesday night, the Hatters are without a doubt showing performance levels that stand them in good stead to win games over the course of the season.**

After last Saturday's 2-1 defeat at Bournemouth, manager Nathan Jones made a comment that reflected the magnitude of what Luton were trying to achieve this term:

*"Do we come right off, be really negative and shut up shop, or do we want to turn into the side that's front footed, that's bold?"*

In the early stages of last season, the Hatters wouldn't have gone about competing with their ex-Premier League opponents in the same way. There would've been more players behind the ball in much deeper starting positions as the Town attempted to nullify their opponents and steal three points.

Jones has answered the very question that he posed after the Bournemouth defeat in the way he's consistently set Luton up to play this season – man-to-man everywhere, trying to win the ball back high and impose themselves on their opponents at every opportunity.

It's no surprise what Luton did to Coventry on Wednesday night – it was a performance typical of what Luton have done this season, but this time they had the goals to show for it.

All of this has been done amidst the backdrop of a mounting injury list the likes of which Hatters fans have never seen under the leadership of Nathan Jones. For all the talk of adding athleticism to the squad over the summer, Luton have lost arguably their four most athletic players who provide a dangerous blend of running power, skill and intelligence in Allan Campbell, Admiral Muskwe, Fred Onyedinma and Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu.

That's Luton's entire engine room on the treatment table, players who fit the style like a glove in their ability to get the ball forwards at speed, win duels and attack second balls.

Luton are becoming the front footed, aggressive, and "bold" side that they set out to be at the start of the season. The foundations are very much there – as I spoke about in my last column, the Hatters are one of the best teams in the league in their ability to create high quality scoring chances – but where Luton must do battle next is in the murky fine margins of the Championship.

They showed that that's what they could do on Wednesday night, showing a cutting edge that at times has evaded them this season. That final touch, that last block, that small movement that takes an opposition forward away from them – consistently overcoming those margins is the next step in this squad's development, and an empty treatment room will help that process.

Time and patience is something that's required after a summer of squad churn and rebuilding, particularly with the recruitment of a berth of relatively inexperienced players at Championship level. As Wednesday's dominant victory over Coventry City showed, this group is taking steps in the right direction.

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**JAKE BATESON**



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**SAM BENTLEY**



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**JAKE BURGER**



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**EDDIE CORBIT**



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**JACOB COWLER**



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**OLIVER HEMLIN**



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**ARCHIE HERON**



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**OLIVER LYNCH**



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**RIO MARTUCCI**



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**MILLAR MATTHEWS-LEWIS**



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**DARCY MOFFAT**



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**ZAC NELSON**



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**JOSH ODELL**



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**JOSH SWAN**



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**ADAM WEDD**



H: JB Associates  
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## ACADEMY UPDATE

Dale Brunton



Good afternoon everyone and welcome to Kenilworth Road for what promises to be a wonderful afternoon of football and hopefully another five start display from the boys.

There has been lots of activity within the Academy recently as part of our education and life skills programmes, with the biggest involving the U18s squad starting their coaching journey as part of the UEFA C coaching course which was delivered by the Professional Footballers Association (PFA).

The UEFA C course is taking the place of the old FA Level 2 which every apprentice at every football club gets the opportunity to complete during their two-year apprenticeship. This is a great opportunity for the boys to learn about coaching and to experience what a career in coaching may look and feel like once their playing days are over, or as in the case of as our Development Squad player Casey Pettit (*pictured*), run a coaching company whilst continuing to play professionally.

The course is split into six blocks with the first one covering coaching and playing philosophy and the basics of session planning. The boys worked in pairs to create a short 15-minute session which they then delivered to a group of school children from the neighbouring Chiltern Academy.

To say that our boys were out of their comfort zone would be an understatement, but they adjusted well and delivered sessions which were structured, engaging and enjoyable for the participants.

A huge thank you needs to be said to the pupils and staff of the Chiltern Academy who represented themselves and their school impeccably during the day.

Thanks for reading, and who knows, maybe one day you will see one of our current apprentices in the Kenilworth Road technical area, rather than on the pitch?!



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## TYRELLE NEWTON

### How did you get into football?

I have always loved football since I can remember. My older brother Tyrese used to play for a team called Bushmead Rovers in Luton, and I used to be on the side just bouncing the ball off the benches and then one of the coaches said to my brother, 'he is very good, you need to get him a trial'. I then went to Crawley Green and then the rest is history, I got scouted by Luton aged seven.

### Do you have a matchday routine?

I have started to always have the same breakfast, porridge, on an every day basis which is quite boring! I might watch some clips of me playing and then try and vision it in the game.

### Who is your favourite footballer and why?

When I was younger, it was Ronaldo. He got me into football really and he was the first player I had on the back of my shirt. Now, I like players such as Grealish and Foden, because they are tricky.

### What music are you into?

A lot of different genres. Some of the lads like house music before the game and it does get me pumped up, but I wouldn't listen to it by myself! I can knock my head to anything though really.

### Favourite film?

I'm a film guy but I wouldn't say I have a standout favourite film. I have a lot of films that I enjoy but I'm definitely a film over series guy, although I'm loving Money Heist at the moment.

### What do you do to relax?

Netflix or PlayStation with some of the lads. I play a bit of FIFA, Call of Duty - whatever the rest of the lads are feeling.

### Biggest fear?

Snakes, it has to be! Other than that, I wouldn't say I have a fear.

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

The ability to rewind time would be quite cool.

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

Maybe my older brother Tyrese, my younger ones would drive me crazy!



## TRUST'S COHESION TEAM ATTEND EMERGENCY FIRST RESPONSE TRAINING



**Our cohesion team attended Dunstable Police Station last week as part of a day long event which consisted of basic emergency first response training including how to administer CPR and how to set and treat stab wounds.**

The event was organised by Police Now, a non-profit organisation with a mission to transform communities and reduce crime by recruiting, developing and inspiring diverse leaders in policing.

PC Beer of Beds Police came up with the idea and organised the event after realising that many of the individuals getting injured in knife crime and gang violence would seek help from our cohesion staff and community sports leaders in the first instance, rather than the police or ambulance service. This was delaying the amount of time it took for emergency services to be alerted and provide necessary life-saving care.

Through providing first aid training to well-trusted community leaders in the area and building strong relationships with Luton Town's Community Trust outreach work we can provide an extra layer of care to young people injured in gang violence and open further opportunities to engage with those affected by knife crime.

PC Steven Beer said: "It has been a very rewarding experience creating this project, from its initial idea phase to seeing it through to completion. I am very grateful for the Trust's staff for their participation and for TrainEEAST for completing the training for us. I look forward to working together with everyone again in the future, so we can continue our work to help those affected by gang violence and reduce knife crime in the community."

Sergeant Karanjit Sanghera, who works alongside PC Beer in the Community Cohesion team at Bedfordshire Police, said: "Events like this that Steven has organised are very important in the role of Community Cohesion. It shows how we can work well with our partner organisations, and also helps to build trust in our communities that have been impacted by violent crime."

Daniel Douglas, Community Operations Manager at Luton Town FC Community Trust, said: "It's a great initiative and the training means we will have trained staff at all of our events that seek to improve community cohesion amongst the Town's young people. A lot of our work is focussed on reducing knife crime, but it is unfortunately a fact of life and this training means our staff are equipped to deal with it should it happen."



## TRUST EDUCATION FOOTBALLERS LINK UP WITH AMPHILL TOWN FC

**This season both our pre-academy U16s and U17/18 college students will have the opportunity to play additional games in the Southern Counties Floodlit Youth League (SCFYL) through a partnership with local Spartan South Midlands club Ampthill Town FC.**

The SCFYL is the top level available to boys up to U18 age group outside of academy football, and features most of the top non-league clubs in the North Home Counties region.

While our U16 pre academy boys are still focussed on gaining a professional scholarship with a professional club, for all our U16 to U18 boys it provides an extremely competitive level of football and a good stepping- stone and learning pathway into the senior game locally.

Alex Wallace, Football Development Officer, at the Trust, said: "Ampthill Town currently sit in Division

One of the Spartan South Midlands League and while not many teenagers play at this level, the opportunity of a taste of first team football is there, and more importantly the opportunity of a good pathway into senior football exists for all of our older boys.

"It's the most difficult step U18s take and so many are lost to the game, and while lower down the age ranges we are looking to produce elite academy players through our youth development programme, we equally as a Trust want to ensure boys stay in the game.

"Results are not important for us in the first part of the season as boys adjust to the pace and physicality of U18 football – but performance is and evidence of progression – so our younger boys need to learn fast, take lessons on the chin and step up a level.

"The same goes for our girls section to a certain extent, and while this season is the first for female educational scholars in the EFL Community and Education Alliance, the ultimate aim is to provide pathways into the senior womens game."

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# LUTON LADIES

## LUTON 3-1 ROYSTON

**After a disappointing start to the season where the squad has been hugely disrupted by injuries and covid, Luton Town Ladies took all three points for the second week running to climb back up the league table.**

A goal from Elly Wade, a penalty from Fiona Constable and another Olivia Abraham finish saw the Hatters come out on top in a tightly contested game against Royston Women.

Rebecca Kane came close in the opening stages but she couldn't quite finish the chance, before Constable saw her shot from distance smash off the crossbar. At the other end Hannah Payne made a good save from a one-on-one, and Jess McKay saw her long distance shot saved.

At half-time an injury meant McKay had to be subbed, in what continues to be a frustrating season for the Town captain, after just missing three games through suspension.

The Hatters changed shape slightly in the second half and centre-back Elly Wade put her side ahead just after half-time. Lil Sanders' clever touch allowed Wade to break through the middle at pace, run straight through the Royston defence and send the ball over the oncoming keeper.

Shortly later though, the away side pulled one

back, a shot from distance that sailed over Payne's head into the top corner.

Sanders then saw her long range effort smash off the bar, before she was involved in the second goal. Shez Oliver played a ball in behind and Stanton just got there first, before being brought down in the box. Constable then stepped up and scored from the spot, her second goal in as many weeks.

The girls then defended superbly throughout, Payne making another good save, but the Hatters weren't done yet. In injury time Maria Taylor floated in a free-kick and top goal scorer Abraham poked it home from close range, before a goal line scramble saw it clawed back from behind the line. Sixteen-year-old Chloe Tumbula stepped up and smashed it in through a crowd of players just to make sure. The referee deemed it to have crossed the line first time and Abraham had her fifth of the season, sealing all three points for her side.

Town manager Nikki Baker was delighted with the win, saying: "The girls followed instructions today and did exactly what we asked. Royston are a good side who are well organised and well drilled. We knew it would be tough but we rode out the times we were under pressure and we took our chances.

"We were again hit by injuries to key players but we saw it through and got the job done. Two wins puts us straight back in the mix, and we will hopefully be able to put a run of form together now."



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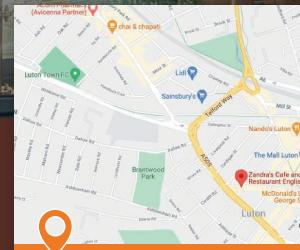
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# JUNIOR HATTERS



## TODAY'S MASCOT



**NAME:** Finley Taylor

**AGE:** 10

**HOBBIES:** Plays Cricket for Eaton Bray CC, Football for Woodside FC in Leighton Buzzard and playing FIFA.

**FAVOURITE PLAYERS:** Harry Cornick



**KEAGAN**

**NAME:** Keagan Beales

**AGE:** 10

**HOBBIES:** Football & Biking

**FAVOURITE PLAYERS:** Elijah Adebayo

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**Last season:** 20TH (Ch)

**Head to head with Luton:**

Luton wins - 12

Draws - 3

Terriers wins - 9

**Manager:** Carlos Corberán



**CAMERON**

**NAME:** Cameron Beales

**AGE:** 10

**HOBBIES:** Football

**FAVOURITE PLAYERS:** Harry Cornick

## WORD SEARCH

Can you find all the hidden names?

1. Muskwe
2. Jerome
3. Thorpe
4. Onyedinma
5. Campbell
6. Lansbury
7. Bree
8. Pereira
9. Clark
10. Berry

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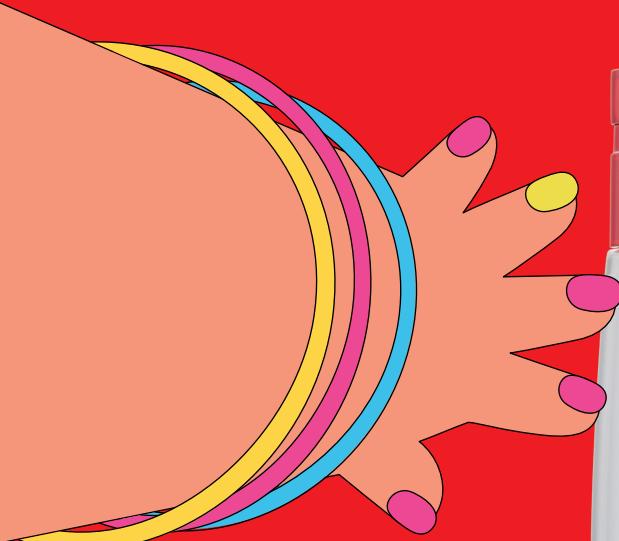
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Can you guess the player using the clues given below?



Guess Who: Luke Berry

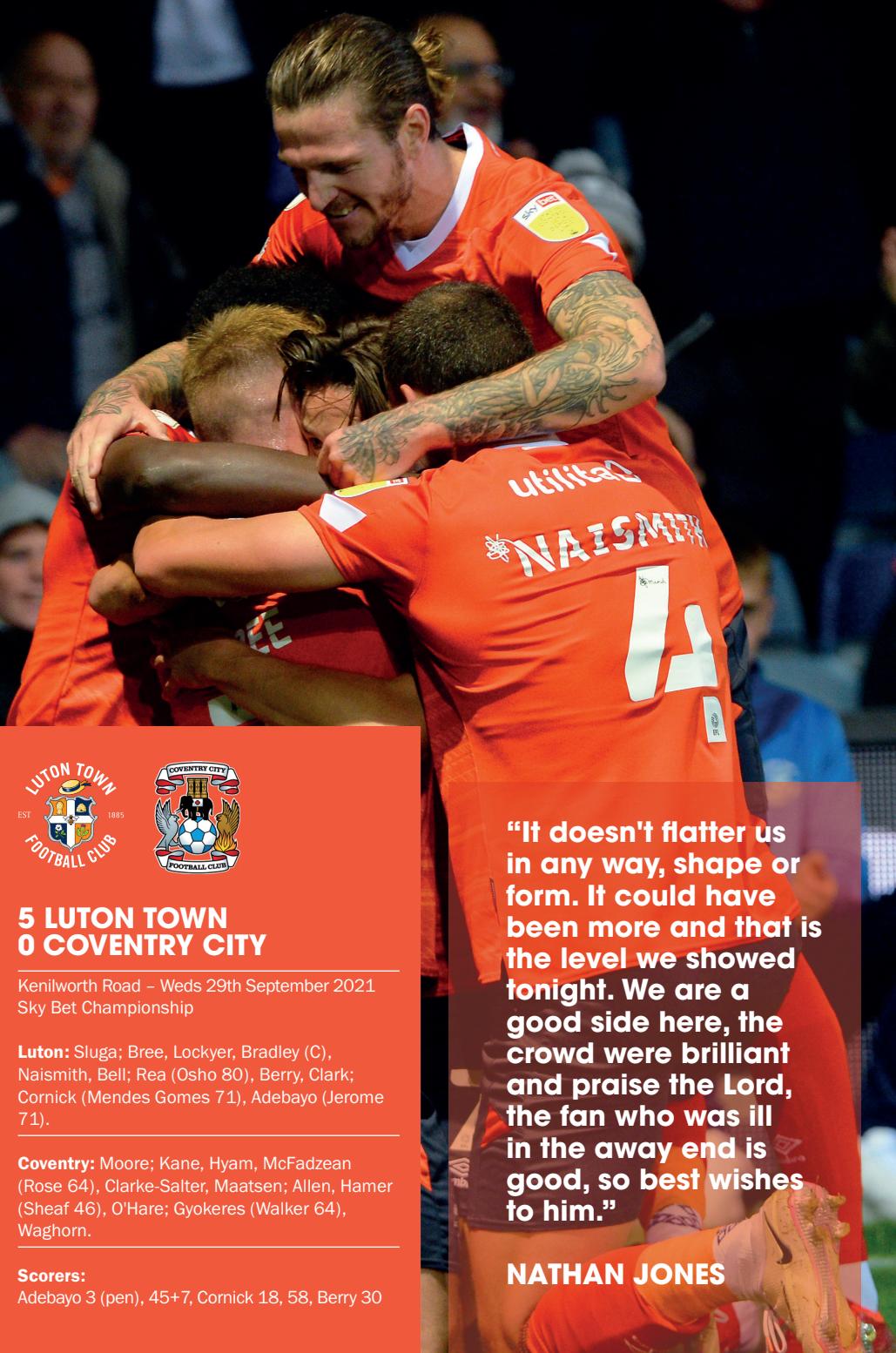


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**Luton:** Sluga; Bree, Lockyer, Bradley (C), Naismith, Bell; Rea (Osho 80), Berry, Clark; Cornick (Mendes Gomes 71), Adebayo (Jerome 71).

**Coventry:** Moore; Kane, Hyam, McFadzean (Rose 64), Clarke-Salter, Maatsen; Allen, Hamer (Sheaf 46), O'Hare; Gyokeres (Walker 64), Waghorn.

**Scorers:**  
Adebayo 3 (pen), 45+7, Cornick 18, 58, Berry 30

**"It doesn't flatter us in any way, shape or form. It could have been more and that is the level we showed tonight. We are a good side here, the crowd were brilliant and praise the Lord, the fan who was ill in the away end is good, so best wishes to him."**

**NATHAN JONES**

# COVENTRY REACTION CORN ON THE COV!

Words: Dan Briard

**Harry Cornick played a starring role in Wednesday's thrashing of Coventry City, a result he knew full well was coming after a number of impressive team performances in recent matches.**

The number seven produced arguably one of his best showings in a Luton shirt, contributing two goals and two assists on an evening where the Hatters were simply too hot to handle.

"It has been coming," Cornick admitted post-match. "We have put in some really good performances recently and it is nice to see it all come together and get a result I think we deserved today.

"Off the back of a tough game against Bournemouth where we thought we deserved a point at least, and then obviously the result against Swansea which was really deflating to be honest because we were in the same position today, three-nil, four-nil at half-time. Going into half-time we thought 'not again' so we made sure we got it right today and finished the job well."

After scoring his third and fourth goal of the season, the forward was disappointed to be subbed off before getting the opportunity to secure his hat-trick, but was more relieved when the same happened with Elijah Adebayo!

"I was gutted when my number came up, I wanted to go and get my hat-trick and then I'll come off," he smiled. "I was looking thinking if he [Adebayo] doesn't come off as well then I will be raging! If he has left him on for the hat-trick and not me I would have been...but we both got taken off and now we rest up for Saturday."

Town's top scorer Adebayo also scored twice on the night, and Cornick was full of praise for the striker who bounced back after missing a big

chance against Bournemouth last Saturday.

"He is a top, top player I have no doubt about that. I said to him after Bournemouth you are going to get thousands of chances in your career, one chance is not going to define you. He has come straight back, scored two tonight and that is what he does.

"He will score you so many goals. He's a threat and even if he doesn't score, he wins every header, he gets us up the pitch and if we keep him for a long time, we're a lucky club. There will be a lot of people after him because I think he will go right to the very top."

Keen to bring his strike partner back down a few pegs, Cornick did say that if the ex-Walsall man had played his cards right, he could have easily had a third goal on the night!

"To be fair to Eli, he should have got a hat-trick because I said he should go and press the left-hand side, but he was too tired to move. I said I'll go for you, I'll press, then Bezza wins the ball, and I had my chance on goal. If Eli wasn't so lazy, he would have had a hat-trick tonight – that's his own fault!"

All joking aside, the forward's attention immediately turned to this afternoon's match where the Hatters will look to make it two wins from two at home against a Huddersfield side who have made a good start to the season.

After turning performance into result, Cornick is well aware that the players will need to be at their best to do just that once again.

"We play well every week, it is not like we have put in a bad performance recently, it is just we haven't been getting the points," said Cornick. "We have been going in a bit deflated and then we go back



to the training pitch and work hard. We had two days to prepare for this one, so not a lot of time but we knew what we were doing, we knew the game plan, and we executed it perfectly.

"It is a crazy league. We think we should be higher than we are. I think we are a top six side. The gaffer thinks we are a top six side. I think most of the boys at the club do and it is about putting in the performances and getting the results we deserve.

"I don't think we've had the results we've deserved recently so today it is nice to see the performance and the result come together.

"Every game is a tough game. Playing against Huddersfield they have started the season really well, it will be a tough game but hopefully we can do the same again."

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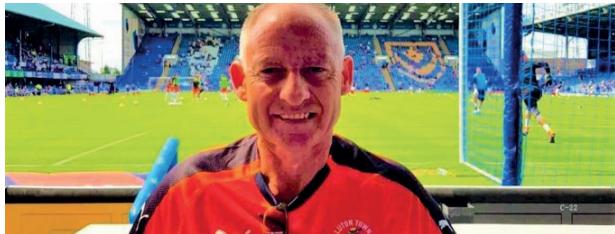
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## MICKEY DOCKREE

Lifelong supporter Michael (Mickey) Dockree would have been 60 on Friday, but sadly passed away from COPD on December 7th 2018, just before the outbreak of Covid.

His friend and fellow season ticket holder Chris Burrows wrote to Our town, saying: "When we were at London Colney Secondary School (Sept 1972-May 1978), Mickey took a lot of stick supporting the Town as all the other kids were following First Division clubs, but he stood his ground and took it on the chin.

"After Mick's funeral on January 7th 2019, we played out to Morecambe and Wise's 'Bring me sunshine' because of Eric's connection with the club and more importantly, he did just that, bought us all sunshine. "He is sadly missed by his boys Jamie and Matty, his mum Kath and all of his adoring family and friends, the class of 78' London Colney Secondary School and his lifelong friend Chris Burrows."

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			b			*	c	y	1b			y		1a	*	*					72	72	79	-	-	-	2, 5, 26, 40	
1	*		1	b	*	c	y	c	a	a	b	y			d						46	60	74	89	-	-	5, 36, 66, 70, 98	
	*	b				*	*	*	y		y	1	b	a							69	88	90	-	-	-	4	
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	y	c	*			*		*	a	y			y		y						11	46	59	-	-	-	27, 31, 73, 98	
a	c					*			y			*	b								63	63	74	-	-	-	57, 91	
c	*				a	*			y				b								61	76	89	-	-	-	7, 15, 23, 63, 86, 92	
b	b					*						a	a	c	b						46	71	75	-	-	-	17, 31, 64	
b	a	*						*	*			c	b								71	71	80	-	-	-	3, 18, 30, 45+7, 58	



**NORMAN FINAN**

We are sorry to report that loyal Hatter Norman Finan sadly passed away on Tuesday 21st September, aged 59, after being taken ill before kick-off of the Swansea game at Kenilworth Road three days earlier.

Norman was a season ticket holder in the David Preece Stand, and attended games with his sons David and Steven.

"I would like to thank the St John's ambulance and paramedics who took care of my dad inside the ground," wrote David. "He had been following Luton home and away since the mid 1970s, and this season was special in the fact that he got to see his grandchildren Daisy and Alfie attend their first Luton games."

Condolences from all at the Club go to Norman's family and friends.



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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
GEORGE!**

Many happy returns to George Lewington, who will be 11 on Tuesday, October 5th. George is a fourth generation Luton season ticket holder and sits in the Lower Kenny with his dad Steve and brother Freddie.



# UP NEXT

**FORMED: 1885**

**NICKNAME: THE LIONS**

**LAST SEASON: 11TH IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP**

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**COLOURS: DARK BLUE SHIRTS, WHITE SHORTS**

**GROUND: THE DEN**

**MANAGER: GARY ROWETT**

## WHO?

Formed in the same year at the Hatters, Millwall narrowly missed out on a spot in the Championship play-offs two seasons ago before securing a top half finish last year. The Lion's last piece of silverware came in 2001 as they were crowned League One champions with a club record points haul of 91. More recently, the Lions reached the quarterfinals of the FA Cup in 2017 and 2019, losing both ties to Premier League opposition.

## GROUND?

Milwall have played their home fixtures at the Den since 1993 and was originally called 'the New Den' to distinguish it from its predecessor, which was the Lions' home for 83 years. It boasts a capacity of 20,146, with an average attendance of 13,734 in the 2019/20 season.

## HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

The two sides last met in February 2021 at Kenilworth Road, with George Evan's stoppage time equaliser cancelling out Elijah Adebayo's second half strike. The Lions triumphed in the game at The Den earlier in the season, winning 2-0, and they have a superior head to head record against the Hatters since the two sides first met in 1903, winning 35 and losing 22, with 27 draws.

## KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU

In the current Town squad, winger Fred Onyedinma started his career at Millwall, playing 151 times for the Lions and scoring 12 goals. Our former midfielder Ryan Tunnicliffe signed in the summer of 2019 after his release from The Den, having made 51 appearances in south London. Going back further, ex-Hatters midfielder Ahmet Brkovic joined Millwall on loan and then permanently in 2008 from Luton, having made almost 200 appearances for the Town in a seven-year spell at the club.

**Words: Dylan Bhundia**

## LUTON TOWN PLAYER STATISTICS

	2020-21 SEASON								CAREER				
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		CARDS		APPS	G			
	APPS	G	APPS	G	APPS	G	YEL	RED	APPS	G			
Elijah Adebayo	8	(1)	5	0	(0)	0	8	(1)	5	1	0	27	10
Sam Beekwith	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	1	0
Aman'i Bell	7	(1)	1	0	(0)	0	7	(1)	1	0	0	8	1
Luke Berry	4	(1)	4	0	(0)	0	4	(1)	4	0	0	127	18
Sonny Bradley	1	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	1	(1)	0	0	0	133	3
James Bree	10	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	10	(0)	0	2	0	79	1
Reece Burke	5	1	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	5	(0)	0	0	0	5
Allan Campbell	5	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	5	(1)	0	1	0	6	0
Jordan Clark	4	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	4	(1)	0	0	0	44	3
Harry Cornick	9	(1)	4	0	(1)	0	9	(2)	4	1	0	180	27
Danny Hylton	0	(1)	1	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	1	0	0	149	59
Cameron Jerome	3	(5)	0	1	(0)	1	4	(5)	1	1	0	9	1
Peter Kioso	2	(1)	0	1	(0)	0	3	(1)	0	0	0	7	0
Henri Lansbury	4	(3)	0	1	(0)	0	5	(3)	0	5	0	8	0
Elliot Lee	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	124	30
Tom Lockyer	6	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	7	(0)	0	0	0	30	0
Carlos Mendes Gomes	1	(4)	0	1	(0)	0	2	(4)	0	0	0	6	0
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	8	(0)	1	0	(0)	0	8	(0)	1	0	0	306	20
Admiral Musketeer	2	(3)	0	1	(0)	0	3	(3)	1	1	0	6	1
Kai Niasmith	10	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	10	(0)	0	3	0	33	1
Fred Onyedinma	3	(1)	1	0	(0)	0	3	(1)	1	0	0	4	1
Gabriel Osho	6	(2)	0	1	(0)	0	7	(2)	0	3	0	10	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 Rea	1	(4)	0	1	(0)	0	2	(4)	0	2	0	200	8
James Shea	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	86	0
Simon Sluga	10	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	10	(0)	0	1	0	85	0

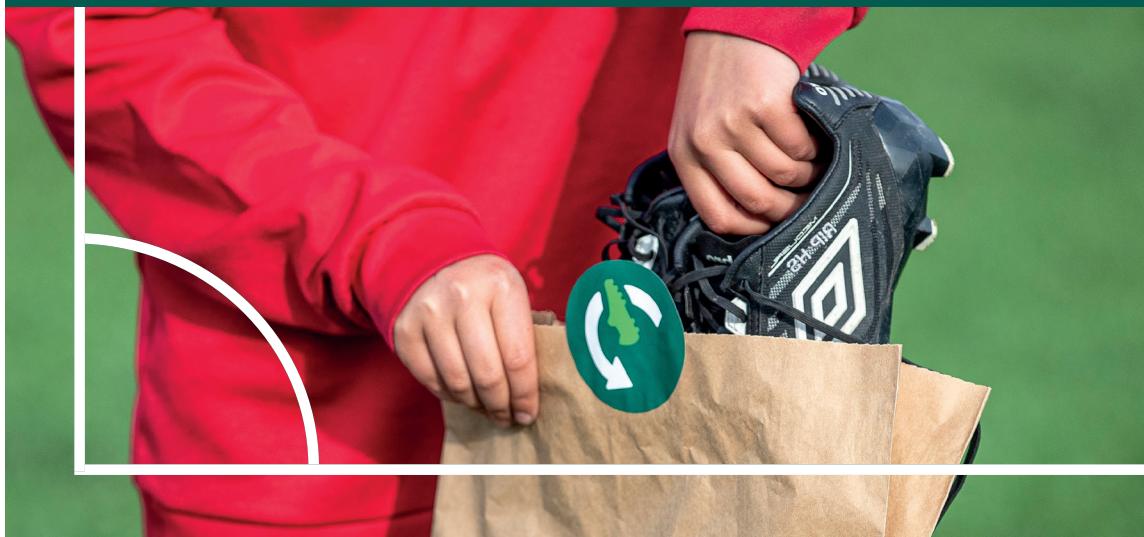
## 2021-22 CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

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



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## NATHAN JONES

01 JAMES SHEA  
02 JAMES BREE  
03 DAN POTTS  
04 KAL NAISMITH  
05 SONNY BRADLEY  
06 GLEN REA  
07 HARRY CORNICK  
08 LUKE BERRY  
09 DANNY HYLTON  
11 ELIJAH ADEBAYO  
12 SIMON SLUGA  
14 CARLOS MENDES GOMES  
15 TOM LOCKYER  
16 REECE BURKE  
17 PELLY-RUDDOCK MPANZU  
18 JORDAN CLARK  
19 DION PEREIRA  
21 HARRY ISTED  
22 ALLAN CAMPBELL  
23 HENRI LANSBURY  
24 FRED ONYEDINIMA  
26 ADMIRAL MUSKWE  
28 ELLIOT THORPE  
29 AMARI'I BELL  
32 GABRIEL OSHO  
35 CAMERON JEROME

## CARLOS CORBERAN

02 PIPA  
03 HARRY TOFFOLO  
04 MATTY PEARSON  
05 ALEX VALLEJO  
06 JONATHAN HOGG  
07 MIPO ODUBEKO  
08 LEWIS O'BRIEN  
09 JORDAN RHODES  
10 JOSH KOROMA  
11 ROLANDO AARONS  
12 REECE BROWN  
14 JOSH RUFFELS  
15 SCOTT HIGH  
16 SORBA THOMAS  
19 DUANE HOLMES  
20 OLLIE TURTON  
21 LEE NICHOLLS  
22 FRAIZER CAMPBELL  
23 NABY SARR  
24 DANIEL SINANI  
25 DANNY WARD  
26 LEVI COLWILL  
28 DANNY GRANT  
31 RYAN SCHOFIELD  
32 TOM LEES

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