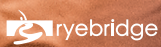


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THE MANAGER

Good evening and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for our first game under the lights this season.

That's the nature of this division with the international breaks followed by Saturday-Tuesday-Saturday, but it is ridiculous that we've played two away games since we resumed playing, and now face a home match at the end of a three-game week.

This happens to us more often than not with the way the fixtures have been planned this season, with just one three-game week where we play two home matches followed by an away game, compared to four like we are currently negotiating.

We've taken four points from our opening two matches, which we all believe is a good return from difficult trips to Millwall and Derby, where they have developed a real siege mentality in the situation they find themselves in.

The league table says that they are bottom, but in reality they would be mid-table without the 12 point deduction and they have some players of vast experience at the top level. To twice come from behind and take a point, without being anywhere near our best, was a massive positive.

We didn't reach the heights that we managed at The Den, where last Saturday we produced one of our best away performances of my time as Luton manager.

We managed to use the international

break productively to get our injured players back, and it has been the first time I've had 100 per cent fitness availability since pre-season.

That means we are in a wonderful position of having a bench with some real game changers on there, as we saw at Derby when we were able to switch things early and bring Fred Onyedinma and Admiral Muskwe back into the fold.

My job is now to manage that selection, and it speaks volumes that I've had players like Allan Campbell, Carlos Mendes Gomes and Gabe Osho not involved in the final 18, yet they have contributed so much to the spirit and character of the group that has travelled and earned the results.

I dedicated the point at Derby to the memory of Jacob Crawshaw, a young supporter who tragically lost his life in the hours after travelling to Millwall last weekend. I know members of his family are here today and that you plan a period of applause in the 19th minute.

Please sing your hearts out for Jacob and I hope we can provide another result for him today, against a Hull side that will provide a tough test, despite their lowly league position at present.

I welcome Grant McCann, his staff and their squad, especially George Moncur who was always popular both with you supporters and among our squad during his time here. We wish George well, but obviously not too much this afternoon.

Enjoy the game, get right behind the team and COYH!

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NOTES FROM THE BOARDROOM

CHRIS BELL

COMMERCIAL DIRECTOR



Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road following four hard and well-earned points on the road this week.

The victory at Millwall contained some great attacking football with a defensive intensity that kept The Den very quiet to take home the three points. The resilience shown on Tuesday night at Derby, to twice come from behind and bring a point home, was another example of the impressive team spirit in a game played in difficult conditions under foot.

The Championship is a challenging league with the frequency of games and quality of opposition unrelenting. The opportunity to continue the campaign at a sold-out Kenilworth Road is a privilege we are able to enjoy after the difficulties of a season behind closed doors.

Hull City's visit to Kenilworth Road is the seventh home game of the 2021-2022 season, and I know I speak for anyone who was here in an official capacity for the behind-closed-doors matches, the roar of the welcome of the team to the pitch, or celebration of a goal, is an even more magical sound after last season.

Championship clubs have navigated the past 18 months in different ways, some more successful than others, and we have shown tremendous solidarity as a community over this period. We have pulled together as a club and shown the Football League how to continue to develop and improve in challenging times. Alongside making strides forward on the pitch we have delivered meals to schools during the holidays, gift packages at Christmas and supported our supporters that have been vulnerable and isolating.

Supporters have contributed to the Luton Town Community immensely over the past 18 months. The many contributions supporters have made through season tickets and retail purchases,

hospitality, sponsorship and donations, and our sponsors, have enabled us to continue to develop on and off the pitch.

The Transfer Club allowed Nathan to make additions to the first-team squad, with the signings funded by those leaving the 40 per cent credit to which they were entitled to when renewing their season ticket in the club – Fred Onyedinma, Allan Campbell and Carlos Mendes Gomes – all proving valuable acquisitions so far.

Fred scored one of the goals at Derby on Tuesday, which of course grabs the headlines. But Nathan has spoken in hugely positive terms about the impact both Allan and Carlos have had on the squad, despite the obvious bad luck for Allan with his injury up at Blackburn, and Carlos still gaining valuable experience as he steps up from League Two to the Championship.

The fantastic support we have received in the stands since our first pre-season game, at home and away, makes a huge difference to our Club. We are listening to our supporters and working to improve the match day experience at Kenilworth Road. As part of this process, we will continue to send post-match questionnaires to a large sample of match attendees after each fixture to educate ourselves on how we can do things even better.

After today's game, we look forward to welcoming some supporters back to the open training session taking place at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday morning (turnstiles open at 10am), along with our much-valued kit sponsors.

Details are on the club website, but Diamond supporters are invited as part of their Diamond Season Card package, while other supporters can attend for a nominal charge of £2 for adults and £1 for Under-17s, which will be given to Prostate Cancer UK.

You will also read elsewhere in today's programme about the Prostate United challenge that almost 50 members of Club and Community Trust staff have signed up for. We will be walking, running or cycling every day throughout November, in solidarity with our own Mick Harford. I know the guys who set up the challenge three years ago at Rotherham United, one of Mick's former clubs, are overwhelmed with the level of support Luton Town is showing the charity, and we are proud to be part of it.

Finally, it was with great sadness we learned of the passing of Jacob Crawshaw this past weekend. Jacob was great young man, loved by many. The travelling supporters in attendance at the game on Tuesday evening honoured Jacob with a minute's applause, and we'd like to invite the Hatters family present at the game today to stand and applaud in the 19th minute to remember and celebrate Jacob's life.

Members of Jacob's family are at the game today, along with his friends with whom he travelled to Millwall last Saturday and was due to attend at Derby on Tuesday. I'd like to extend the thoughts and wishes of all connected to the Football Club. We are all one big community supporting this great football Club, we support each other in the good times and in the difficult times, as we have shown each other time and time again. Rest peacefully Jacob.

Come on you Hatters.

BOARDROOM

RIP JACOB CRAWSHAW



Friends of Jacob (pictured second left) paid this tribute: Jacob was such a great lad, his passion for football and not just towards Luton was lovely to see. Not a day would go past without him singing a Luton song or talking about the next game we were off to. The trips home and away we had planned won't be the same but we will make them special. Such a lovely kid with an amazing lot of friends and family, he was a pleasure to be around. It's rather fitting that his last game was a great 2-0 away win at Millwall.

Rest in peace, Jacob. Forever a Hatter.

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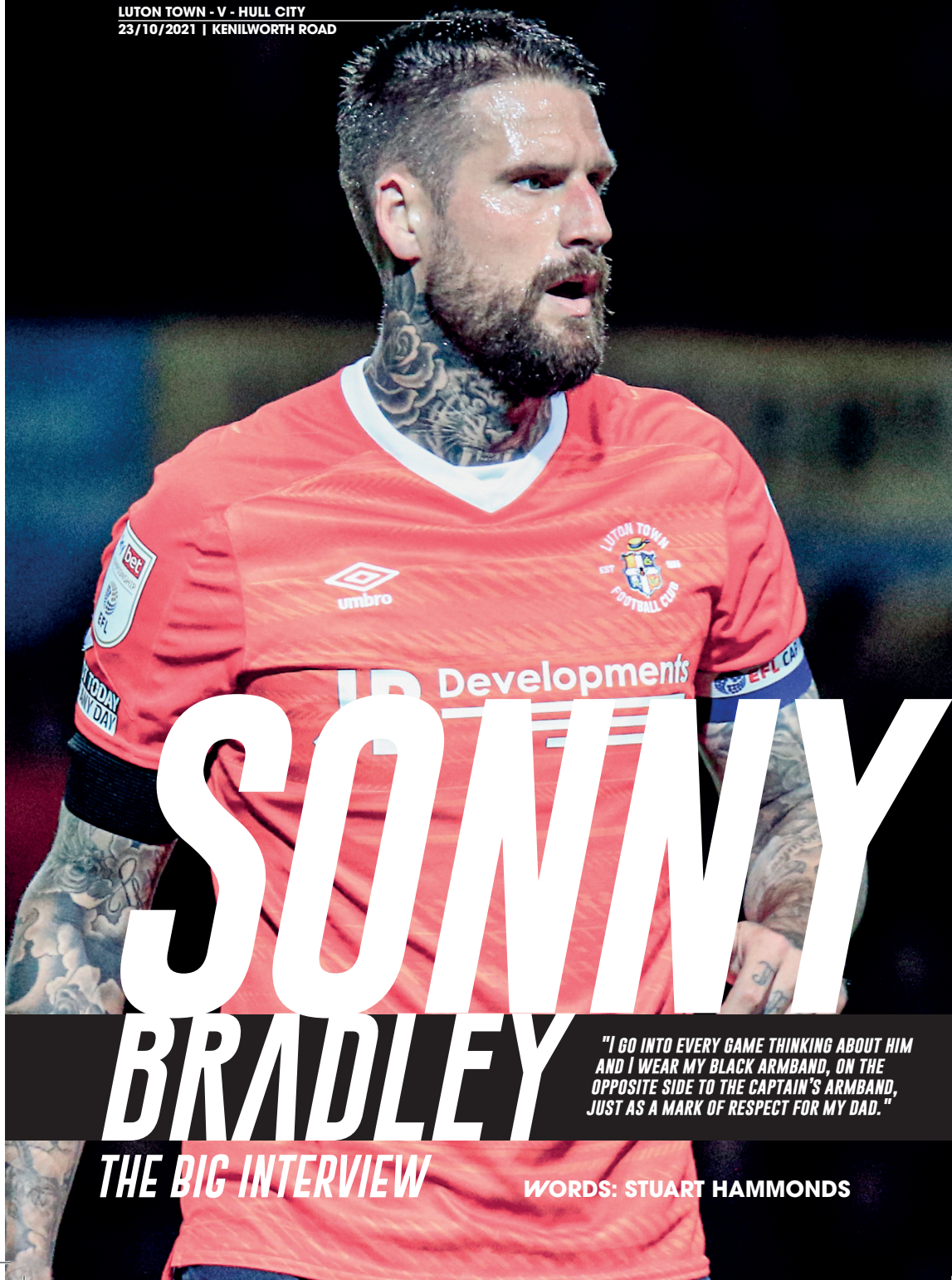


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THE BIG INTERVIEW

WORDS: STUART HAMMONDS

WITH HIS HOMETOWN CLUB IN TOWN TODAY, THERE IS ONE MAN SONNY BRADLEY KNOWS WOULD BE HERE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, IN THE BOBBERS CLUB FOR A PRE-MATCH PINT, HAVING TRAVELLED THE 180 MILES SOUTH IN SUPPORT OF HIS SON.

It is coming up to 11 months since Ray Bradley lost his battle with Covid-19, but every time his lad steps out onto the pitch as captain of Luton Town, there is a bit of him on the pitch. With restrictions lifted, there's also the next generation in the stands, learning about a game his grandad introduced his dad to at Boothferry Park in the 1990s.

Sonny Bill will watch his dad play against his first club Hull City today for the first time, and there is no question that it will mean a lot to the 30-year-old Hatters centre-half.

"Because of lockdown and fans and family not being able to come, my little man couldn't come to games," says Sonny, relaxing at The Brache after a hard morning's session out on the grass, and then in the gym. "He's two in November so he's starting to get a grasp of what I do and he likes his football. He knows how to celebrate a goal and I've not scored for a long while, but hopefully he'll see me score one at some point.

"My family love coming to the football. My mum and of course my dad did, and my friends as well. They love coming down, whether that's to Kenilworth Road or anywhere else in the Championship, it doesn't matter how far it is, they'll make sure they get to as many games as they can.

"It's great to have our fans back, but it's also nice for the families to be back as well, and I'm sure if my dad was still here, he'd be the first to arrive at this game.

"I go into every game thinking about him and I wear my black armband, on the opposite side to the captain's armband, just as a mark of respect for my dad. In my head it's to say that he's always with me, especially when I go out onto the pitch. It's a small thing, but it means something to me."

Growing up in Hull, Sonny joined the Tigers' centre of excellence at seven years old and stayed



until he was 21, despite not being offered an apprenticeship initially when he left Kelvin Hall School at 16. He made two starts under Nicky Barmby before being released by Steve Bruce after a series of loan spells in 2013.

"For any player when they are coming up against their hometown club, it's a good game, and for the families as well," says Sonny. "I've got friends who support Hull, so they are in the stand and in the back of their mind they want me to do well, but at the same time they want Hull to do well.

"I owe a lot to that football club. I was there for 14 years and they gave me that foundation to become a professional football player. I'm sure the majority of the Hull fans travelling today will have been to Boothferry Park, which is where my dad used to take me when I was growing up. And as I'm bringing my little man up and I move back up north, I'll take him to as many games as possible and I'm sure he'll enjoy it as much as I did."

More than 400 career appearances and two promotions, one from League Two with Plymouth and then the League One title-winning campaign with the Hatters, have followed in the eight years since leaving Hull. Nine, including the 2012-13 season he spent on loan at Aldershot Town.

Was leaving the best thing that could have happened for his career?



At the time, leaving the club that you love, the club that you grew up with, it was difficult. But on reflection, I did leave at the right time. I was out of contract and I got released anyway, but Hull were stepping up into the Premier League with Steve Bruce, so realistically I was never going to play.

"I was never ready to play for Hull at that time, so the best thing I did was going out on loan the season before, when I went to Aldershot. I was 19 the first time I went and I linked up with Hylts, and for me personally, it was the best thing I could do because I got my name out there.

"If I'd stayed at Hull, 21s football was a decent standard but it's not proper men's football, and at the time I didn't think that was enough for me. I wanted more and if I wanted to play in the professional game and make a name for myself, I had to go out on loan. It just turns out that it

was 500 miles down south. Since then I've just followed the clubs, and where I felt was the best, the right path for me, and that led to Portsmouth, Crawley, Plymouth and now I'm at Luton, this is the closest I've been to living at home for nine years, and I'm still nearly 200 miles away! But that's just the way it goes.

"Sometimes you've just got to follow the path that you think is right for you, and I have absolutely no regrets in my career. Even at 16, I only signed a schoolboy contract with Hull. I never signed a full apprenticeship initially, so I never felt like I was really backed to do this well in my career.

"So to leave a Championship club, drop down the leagues and then work my way back up is something that I'm proud of. A lot of players start fairly high and they work their way down, whereas I've done it the other way. I always believed that I was good enough to play Championship football. I just felt that I needed someone to believe in me.

"I had to drop down to League Two and had to scrap for every bit of success that I've got. I've done it the hard way, earning promotion from League Two to League One, and then again to the Championship. No-one has given me anything.

"I'm proud of where I'm at now, but I'm still of the mindset where I want to improve, I want to get better and I want to get to the next level. I believe I'm at the club now that is moving in the right direction, and when I came in League One, I was well aware that the club were moving quickly through the leagues, and it was something I wanted to be a part of. Leaving Plymouth and coming to Luton is the best decision I've ever made in my career."

The meeting with Nathan Jones in the summer of 2018, when the Hatters had just gone up to a division in which Bradley had excelled following the Pilgrims' promotion 12 months earlier, was enough to convince him that a move 230 miles closer to home was going to benefit his career.

Having played against Jones' team in Crawley's 1-0 win at Kenilworth Road in March 2016, and in both games for Argyle in the manager's first full campaign here, Sonny and Matty Pearson were identified as key to getting Town up to the Championship, and staying there.

"That was one thing the manager did say to me," said Bradley, who was out of contract in Devon. "He said, 'I know we are in League One, but I haven't signed you to play in League One, I've signed you to play in the Championship'.

"When someone says that to you, straightaway I knew that he believed in my ability, but then I've still got to come through the door and I had to fight for a place. But I said from day one, no disrespect to Sheez, who was our captain at the time and played my position, but from my point of view, once I got that shirt and got that chance, no-one was going to take that shirt away from me. I was going to stay playing, and I backed myself.

"We had a top season in League One which everyone knows about. I was lucky enough to play with a left-back in James Justin, who was actually a right-back at the time, and Pottsy as well, and we got promoted to the Championship.

"It's about your mentality and I'm still in a position, mentally, where I want to continue to improve. I'm not slowing down. I think physically over the last five years I've got better every season. My statistics support that. It's just about continuing and seeing how far I can go."

He expresses a hope – when discussing the

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"LUTON IS VERY, VERY LUCKY THAT THIS MAN IS PART OF OUR FOOTBALL CLUB"

BRADLEY ON MICK HARFORD

Sonny celebrates the Hatters famous win over Portsmouth at a snowy Kenilworth Road. Below: The aftermath of George Moncur's free-kick Bottom: Mick Harford.

positive reception Matty received on his recent return with Huddersfield, and the expectation that George Moncur's contribution to Luton will be acknowledged this afternoon – that "I never leave and I'm here for the rest of my career".

But he adds: "I'd like to think that if I ever left and came back, I'd get a similar reception because Matty, Moncs and James Collins, who we're going to come up against, they really did give everything for the club, and not just on match days, in the week as well".

Mention of Moncur inevitably brings that famous snowy January 2019 night into the discussion, with Sonny declaring it the best game of his career.

"Moncs left us with some real good memories, and the one that sticks out for me, as I think it does for everyone, was the free-kick that against Portsmouth. Moments like that make Moncs a special part of Luton's recent history, a great character as well as player.

"We've been lucky to have some great characters at this football club in the last few years, and Moncs is certainly one of them. He perhaps didn't play as much as he'd have liked, but he's moved on to a great club now in a nice part of the world - and he'll be enjoying Chip Spice, I'm sure!"

The man in charge that night against Pompey, of course, was Mick Harford. Sonny reveals that despite his recent absence for his treatment for prostate cancer, our assistant-manager is still at the forefront of the squad's thoughts on a matchday.

"Mick's been a massive part of my time here," he says. "When I first came I had a conversation with him and he said 'Look, you're a good kid, we know you are, get your head down for six months and the manager will turn you into a Championship football player'. They were words from Mick that I listened to and I believed in, and that's what I went and did.

"Luton is very, very lucky that this man is part of

our football club and I'm sure he will be for the rest of his life. He's an important member of the team, and all the lads are missing him. We still speak to him every day and he's always got a message for the boys before games.

"When I speak to the boys in our huddle before the game, I always say 'We stick together'. They are words from Mick that I'm just echoing to them. He always loves to say that before a game, 'Whatever we do today, we stick together'. They sound simple, but they mean so much and Mick has obviously gone through a bit of a hard time.

"When he says that about going out on the pitch sticking together, we say the same to him when he's been going through his treatment. We all stick together and we stay as a team. We'll support him in any which way we can."

Away from the pitch, Sonny himself is well settled in the area with his partner Amy and little Sonny, having signed a new contract in the summer.

"I've just moved house and I feel that this is my home now, this is where I belong," he says.

"I've just signed a new deal, I've committed my future here and I want to stay here for as long as possible. If I am honest, the direction that this football club is moving in, depending on how fast we move there, will determine how long I stay. I've got to be brutally honest about that.

"I'm 30 years old now, I've still got a lot in the tank. Mentally I've got no signs of slowing up at all, but it's one of those where in football you never really know how long you're going to stay at a club, you never know when it's going to be your time.

"All you can do is season in, season out, give your best for the football club and hope that that's good enough. At some point, no matter who you are, now matter how old you are, your time will come where you have to move on for whatever reason, but for me, I don't see that being any time soon.

"Right now, we've got a real focus about taking this club to the next level and I don't just mean the next division, I mean as a football team. We finished 12th in the league last year and we want to improve on that.

"We think the squad is improved. We've got more energy and belief this year, we've got more Championship experience and I think especially

over the past few games, we've looked like a different beast from last year.

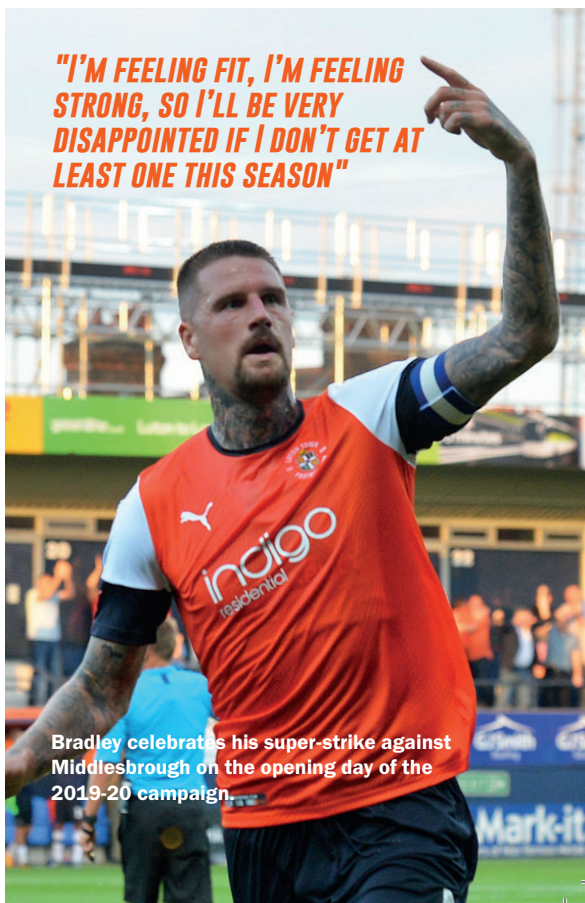
"I think there is a real excitement about the boys at the minute and it's just about continuing to improve. If we do that, which we are doing at a good pace at the minute, I think if we hit those gears more often than not this season, then there is no reason why we can't aim for an improvement on last year.

"We've got a group of players who are hungry and desperate for success, and it's just about putting those performances in and really believing in our ability, because so far we've already proved that we are good enough to compete with any team at this level."

And how about delivering that first goal of the season for Sonny Bill to celebrate in person?

"I'm feeling fit, I'm feeling strong, so I'll be very disappointed if I don't get at least one this season," he says. "I'm just waiting for that chance, waiting for that moment to celebrate like everyone else would."

"I'M FEELING FIT, I'M FEELING STRONG, SO I'LL BE VERY DISAPPOINTED IF I DON'T GET AT LEAST ONE THIS SEASON"



Bradley celebrates his super-strike against Middlesbrough on the opening day of the 2019-20 campaign.



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THE OPPOSITION

WORDS: RYAN PAYNE

It was an immediate return to the Sky Bet Championship for Hull City, as Grant McCann's side were crowned League One winners' last season.

Finishing ahead of Peterborough to clinch the title, Hull returned to the second tier only a year on from relegation. Now back in the Championship, the side will hope to avoid the drop this time around.

McCann did add to his squad over the summer. We all know about Gorge Moncur, who makes his first return to the Kenny today having been released at the end of his contract in the summer. Andy Cannon made the move from Portsmouth, Randell Williams joined from Exeter, Tom Nixon signed from Stoke, Tyler Smith arrived from Sheffield United and Tom Huddlestone returned to the club after leaving four years prior.

The squad was further bolstered with the loan signings of Nathan Baxter, Ryan Longman, Di'Shon Bernard, and Matt Smith from Chelsea, Brighton, Manchester United, and Manchester City respectively.

Last time the two sides met, back in July 2020, the Hatters left Hull with all three points as Kazenga LuaLua scored the only goal of the game five minutes from time to help stave off the threat of relegation. McCann's side did win in their last visit to Kenilworth Road, 3-0 in September 2019.

It's been a rocky start to life back in the Championship for Hull. Although they opened their campaign with a brilliant 4-1 win away to Preston, three consecutive losses followed as McCann's side suffered at the hands of QPR, Derby, and Fulham. Back-to-back goalless draws with Bournemouth and Swansea followed, before another run of three defeats to Blackburn, Sheffield United and Stoke.

The side recorded a draw against Blackpool and returned to winning ways with a 2-0 win at home to Middlesbrough. At the weekend, Hull were beaten by Huddersfield before they losing 2-1 at home to Peterborough.

It's been a tough start to the season so far for McCann's men, who arrive in Bedfordshire in 22nd position, two points adrift of safety. We welcome who has made the trip from the MKM Stadium and wish them a safe trip home after the game.





THE GOALKEEPER: MATT INGRAM

Born in High Wycombe, Matt Ingram began his career at his home town club Wycombe Wanderers. Prior to making his debut at Adams Park, he had loan spells at Lewes, Hayes & Yeading, and Oxford City. Ingram made his debut for the Chairboys in March 2013, and went on to make over 120 league appearances for the club. In January 2016, he made the move to QPR. The 27-year-old struggled for regular football at Loftus Road, and had loan spells at Northampton Town and Wycombe. After two-and-a-half-years in the capital with QPR, the goalkeeper signed for Hull in the summer of 2019.



THE DEFENDER: JACOB GREAVES

Son of former Hull defender Mark Greaves, Jacob Greaves is a product of the Tigers' academy and has become a key part of the side's defence under Grant McCann. His first-team career began on loan at Cheltenham Town, making his debut in a draw against Morecambe. His performances in Gloucestershire saw his loan extended until the end of the season as the Robins made the play-off. The 21-year-old returned to the MKM Stadium for the 2020/21 season, and Greaves made his debut for Hull in the EFL Trophy. As Hull won the League One title, the defender featured in 41 games in all competitions.



THE MANAGER: GRANT MCCANN

As a player Grant McCann had lengthy spells at Cheltenham, Peterborough United, and Scunthorpe United, before moving into management. After spending time coaching at Peterborough, McCann was named as Posh's new manager in May 2016. His time at the Weston Homes Stadium lasted until February 2018 and later joined Doncaster. McCann spent just over a year in charge before being appointed Hull manager in June 2019. His first season at the club ended in relegation from the Championship, but the 41-year-old guided the Tigers to the League One title last season.



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THE MIDFIELDER: KEANE LEWIS-POTTER

Progressing through the Hull academy, Keane Lewis-Potter is another player who came through the ranks with the Tigers. Born in Kingston-upon-Hull, Lewis-Potter spent a brief time on loan at National League North side Bradford Park Avenue during the 2018/19 season, featuring five times for the club before returning to Hull. The 20-year-old made his debut for the Tigers in the Championship against West Bromwich Albion in November 2019, and scored his first goal a few weeks later against Barnsley. Last season, Lewis-Potter netted 13 goals in League One as Hull were crowned champions.



THE STRIKER: MALLIK WILKS

A product of the Leeds United academy, Mallik Wilks made his debut for the club in the FA Cup against Sutton United in January 2017. After loan spells at Accrington Stanley, Grimsby Town, and Doncaster Rovers, Wilks left the club permanently to join Barnsley. His only goal for the Tykes came against Luton, in a 3-1 Hatters win. He joined Hull on loan in January 2020. In the following summer, after impressing on loan, Wilks' loan spell with the Tigers was made permanent. The 22-year-old finished at the club's top goalscorer last season with 22 goals in all competitions.

WATCH OUT FOR... GEORGE MONCUR

A name familiar to all Luton Town supporters, George Moncur joined Hull from Luton earlier this summer. Starting his career at West Ham, he made two first-team appearances, with loans at AFC Wimbledon, Partick Thistle, and Colchester, joining the latter permanently. After two seasons with the U's, he left for Barnsley. His time at Oakwell began with a loan at Peterborough before regaining his first-team spot with the Tykes. In January 2019, he joined Luton. During his two-and-a-half-years at the club, he scored 11 times in 59 appearances in all competitions.



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GEORGE MONCUR

A HAT IN BOTH CAMPS

Words: Dan Briard

In January 2019, George Moncur swapped Barnsley's Oakwell for Kenilworth Road and made an immediate impression after scoring one of the most iconic Luton goals in recent years.

No introduction is needed to describe just how special his free-kick against Portsmouth really was but after that moment in the snow, Moncs didn't look back during his time as a Hatter.

Two games later he scored twice from the bench in a 3-0 win against Wycombe Wanderers before adding another to his goal tally in the next fixture versus Fleetwood Town.

After helping the Town to promotion, he scored twice on the final day to ensure Mick Harford's side would lift the League One title, rather than his former club, Barnsley, who he made sure to remind during the trophy parade, with his "Unlucky Barnsley!" as soon as the mic was in front of him!

The midfielder developed a habit for scoring important goals, and that trend continued into the following season when he scored a 94th minute winner against Wigan Athletic to send the Kenilworth Road crowd into ecstasy.

Making just one start in the Sky Bet Championship that season, he contributed four goals the following term and once more he played a starring role off the bench in one particular match, scoring a late free-kick and providing an assist in the 3-1 away victory against Wycombe Wanderers.

A two-and-a-half year spell at Kenilworth Road came to an end in June 2021, and he would later join Hull City.

His time as a Tiger didn't get off to the best of starts after he was sent-off during defeat against Queens Park Rangers, but following his suspension, he has since been involved in every match, although he is yet to get on the scoresheet.

LUTON TOWN (2019-2021)

APPEARANCES:	59
GOALS:	11

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GOALS:	0

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21st September 2019. Championship.

Words: Roger Wash

The Hatters had got off to an inconsistent start to the 2019-20 Championship season, following glorious promotion the previous campaign.

Manager Graeme Jones had seen the departure of the influential full-back pairing of James Justin and Jack Stacey during the summer, and it was taking a little time for the new signings to bed in and adjust to his different styles of play.

Three wins in a week at the end of August (away at Barnsley and home to Huddersfield in the League and at Cardiff in the Carabao Cup) had seen the Town push up to mid-table, but this was followed by a 3-2 defeat at QPR where the scoreline belied the performance which saw the Town defence opened up at will in the first half.

Next up was a visit by Hull to Kenilworth Road.

LUTON TOWN:

Sluga, Bolton, Pearson, Bradley, Bree, Shinnie, Tunnicliffe, Brown (Mpanzu), LuaLua (Moncur), Collins, Cornick.

HULL CITY:

Long, Lichaj, De Wijs, Burke, Kingsley, Bowen, Stewart, Lopes (Honeyman), Irvine (Batty), Grosicki, Eaves (Magennis).

Photo: Reece Burke, along with his Tigers colleagues, waits for a corner to come over.

The Tigers had only a single victory to their credit and in the words of their manager Grant McCann afterwards 'showed the Town too much respect in the first half'.

The Town had more of the possession in the first period but could not convert their chances. After the interval Hull came out stronger and took the lead on 63 minutes after a cross from Kamil Grosicki caused hesitancy in the Luton defence, leaving Kevin Stewart free to rifle home.

The Town certainly had their chances after this but in the final three minutes a double strike from the Tigers gave the scoreline an unrealistic look.

On 87 minutes Grosicki cut in from the left to fire home, and in the closing seconds an attempted clearance from Dan Potts rebounded off Simon Sluga in the Luton goal for Stewart to tap the ball in from close range.



MEMORY MATCH

**HULL CITY 0 - 4 LUTON TOWN
DIVISION THREE (NOW LEAGUE TWO)
6TH APRIL 2002.**

WORDS: ROGER WASH

LUTON TOWN:

Emberson, Boyce, Perrett, Coyne, Taylor, Holmes (Hughes), Nicholls, Spring, Valois (Johnson), Howard, Crowe (Forbes).

HULL CITY:

Musselwhite, Edwards, Greaves, Mohan, Van Blerk, Williams (Whitmore), Sneekes, Petty, Lightbourne (Norris), Alexander, Bradshaw (Holt).

With the Hatters back in the football basement for the first time since 1968, following the bleakest run of results and with the poorest team in living memory, it was always going to be a summer of frantic activity as far as manager Joe Kinnear was concerned.

There were comings and goings galore and when the dust had settled, five new players made their debut at Carlisle on the opening day of the new campaign with two more the following week. Understandably, it took a while for the new intake to gel with early results being patchy, but the season really took off towards the end of September with the introduction of Jean-Louis

Valois to the Kenilworth Road faithful for the home game against Torquay. His skill, ball control and vision inspired the Hatters to a 5-1 win, a victory which gave the team the impetus to climb the table.

There were a number of mishaps along the way, but by the time the Hatters travelled to Hull on 6th April they were attempting to smash all existing club records by going for their 12th straight win in what was already a record breaking season.

The Town, who had already clinched a promotion spot a week before following a 3-1 win at Swansea, were neck and neck with Plymouth at the top and were looking to take over pole position from their West Country rivals.

Hull's season had petered out into major disappointment. The bookies favourites for promotion had looked a decent side when they won at Kenilworth Road in November, but since then they had drifted into mid-table obscurity leading to the inevitable sacking of manager Brian Little.

Little's successor Jan Molby was in charge of Hull for the first time for the visit of the Town and an interested crowd of 9,379, including 1,674 from Luton, turned up at Boothferry Park to see whether the Tigers could put a hold on the Hatters' headlong assault for top spot.

The Hatters went ahead on 23 minutes when Matthew Taylor's perfect cross into the six yard box found the head of top scorer Steve Howard, who made no mistake from close range. Valois then went close before Dean Crowe doubled the Town's lead ahead of the interval after taking advantage of a poor Jason van Blerk clearance and stabbing the ball home.

Howard bagged his second goal on 79 minutes after feeding Taylor down the left and then charging into the penalty box to meet the talented 20-year-old's precise cross with a close range side footed finish. Watching Newcastle manager Bobby Robson was no doubt impressed by Taylor's contribution in both of Howard's first two goals.



Steve Howard shows off the match ball after his hat-trick at Hull in 2002.

It was captain Kevin Nicholls, though, who turned provider for Howard's hat-trick effort a minute from time. The big forward collected a clever through pass into the penalty box before coolly rounding Paul Musselwhite and finding the net. The players and supporters were ecstatic as the final whistle sounded, but none more so than Steve Howard who marched off with the match ball, having cemented his place at the top of the Division Three scoring charts.

As the Luton supporters made their way home they received the news that Plymouth had only drawn at home to Southend and their heroes were now in top spot.

Unfortunately the Pilgrims soon regained the status quo when winning their game in hand over the Town, but the trip back from sunny Hull that spring afternoon will live long in the minds of the lucky Luton supporters present.

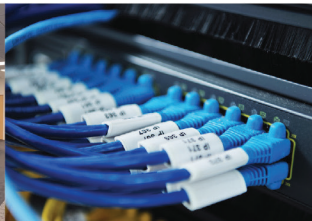
John Fieldhouse, reporting in the Hull Daily Mail, was not a happy man and poured scorn on a team that had cost £1million to put together and was

one of the best paid in the division. 'Apart from a couple of early openings, City were outplayed, out-thought and out-muscled in every possible department and that by a Luton side which hardly had to break sweat to claim three points. It would be easy to extol the virtues of Joe Kinnear's men who duly registered a club record 12th consecutive victory thanks to a hat-trick from Steve Howard and a goal from his strike partner Dean Crowe.

'That's not the point though. The visiting press could not believe how far City have declined since that 1-0 win at Kenilworth Road in November. Sadly, they weren't alone in that. The current squad, admittedly shorn by injuries, is short on just about everything...except flash cars!'

Tigers manager Jan Molby in the same newspaper said it was a performance to forget for all the wrong reasons and added, 'We can spend all day talking about how good Luton were but that doesn't concern me. We won't be playing Luton next year – and you can see why – and it's certainly a benchmark in terms of how good we need to become.'

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HENRI LANSBURY

Age: 31

Place of Birth: London

Matchday routine?

I don't really have a routine as such.

Superstitions?

I always put my left sock, shinpad and boot on before my right. That is the only thing I tend to do which is the same every game.

Biggest influence?

Probably my dad. When I was growing up I would watch him play Sunday league football but that was where I started kicking a ball about as a kid.

Sporting hero?

I would have to say David Beckham. As a young, English footballer coming through watching what he did, he was a great inspiration for me.

Best player you've played alongside?

Cesc Fabregas for me. Always know what he was doing when he had the ball, his passing, everything about him, he was phenomenal.

Toughest opponent?

Steven Gerrard. He has to be up there. When I was at Arsenal, they taught me a lesson or two. Him and Suarez were next level behind each other.

Most treasured possession?

My lawnmower. I should really say my family but my lawnmower at the minute definitely. This patch on the training ground is mine to look

after, I've been letting it loose for a while been busy on my own. I have been doing it for a while, I like to keep my garden looking nice.

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

Has to be a groundsman. Dickie should watch out - I'll be after his job!

Best stadium played at?

I love Newcastle's St James' Park. The atmosphere around there on a matchday is amazing. Upton Park was beautiful as well - and the atmosphere was really good there too.

Something people may not know about you?

Other than the fact I love cutting grass, I'd say that I'm good at cricket. Growing up I had the choice between cricket and football. I think I could have gone professional to be honest, I was an all-rounder, but I chose football in the end.

Favourite song?

Anything from Bob Marley.

Favourite film?

I'd have to say Toy Story because the kids always watch it. I like the most recent one actually - Toy Story 4. A bit different but it's good.

Favourite meal?

I'd say sushi.



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Roger Wash





HATTERS STAFF ARE PROSTATE UNITED FOR BIG MICK!

Almost 50 staff at Luton Town are coming together in support of Hatters hero Mick Harford to raise funds for Prostate Cancer UK with a month-long fitness challenge.

Earlier this year, the Town assistant-manager was diagnosed with the disease that kills one man every 45 minutes, and has just completed a two-month course of treatment that has included daily visits to UCLH in London for radiotherapy.

Staff at the football club wanted to do something to show they were with the 62-year-old former striker and manager every step of the way.

'Prostate United' participants have the option to choose a daily distance to run or cycle – either 10km, 5km or 3km on foot, or 25km, 15km or 10km on the bike.

The Hatters who have signed up will join more than 100 other staff members from clubs including Manchester City, Liverpool and Norwich, who have pledged to run or cycle every day during November.

Manager Nathan Jones said: "All the staff love Mick because he has time for everyone, so when it was suggested we do something to show our support of him in what he's been going through with his treatment this past few weeks, running or cycling every day for Prostate United was the obvious choice."

A joint Luton Town Just Giving page – search 'lfcprostateunited' – has been created if you feel able to donate.

We know that many people will not be able to, or have already supported the many fundraisers that fans are undertaking themselves, which is fantastic.

The most important thing, which Big Mick has tried to stress since going public with his battle against the illness is for every man to get themselves checked, or to encourage partners, husbands, dads, uncles and grandads to go for a once-over.

"I've been overwhelmed by the level of support I've had, and this latest gesture from the staff at the football club is amazing," said Mick. "Together with Nathan, Gary Sweet and the board, I wanted to use my situation to help other people, and the most satisfying thing for me is to hear from so many Luton Town fans and football supporters in general who have been to get themselves checked.

"Thank you to everyone who is supporting Prostate United and getting the word out there."

Anyone with concerns about prostate cancer may contact Prostate Cancer UK's Specialist Nurses in confidence on **0800 074 8383** or online via the Live Chat instant messaging service: www.prostatecanceruk.org.

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Tim Burton pictured here in the centre, with Mick Harford with the Johnstone's Paint Trophy

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The date is the 18th of July 2020. The place is the KCOM Stadium. Luton sit second from bottom in the Championship with two games to play, level on points with opponents Hull City and Wigan Athletic who occupy the two places above them.

The stage is set for a defining game in the 2019/20 season, a defining game in both club's immediate futures.

The Tigers create some early chances before Luton take control of proceedings. Glen Rea's flicked header sails agonisingly over the bar. Pelly Ruddock-Mpanzu's curling effort flashes past the post and so does substitute Danny Hylton's.

Have the Hatters blown their chances? Will Luton go into a lottery of a final day level on points with four other clubs who all occupy the bottom four places?

Up steps Kazenga LuaLua, picking up possession on the right before driving inside and smashing home left footed from 25 yards, cueing wild celebrations amongst the Luton Town players and staff to seal a crucial three points in the fight for survival.

The Hatters would go on to beat Blackburn Rovers 3-2 four days later to seal a memorable great escape after earning 16 points from nine games after the return of football. And today, Nathan Jones's players meet Grant McCann's Hull for

the first time since that adrenaline filled late victory that summed up the emotion of football, albeit this time fans will be able to watch from their seats, not sofas.

So often in football there's talk of 'long-termism' – plans that look years into the future that dictate the everyday present workings of a football club. These plans are of course crucially important in steering a football club in the right direction, and Hatters fans will be the first to recognise this after the amazing work that 2020 has done since rescuing the club from the brink of extinction.

But days like that in July 2020 show that long-term term plans are only as good as the actions of those in the present, because building success in the long term is entirely reliant on the foundations put in place in the short term.

Kazenga LuaLua's late winner that day in Hull was potentially a watershed moment in the recent history of Luton Town. The long-term plans enacted since the start of last season which the Town are slowly working their way towards have been possible because of that single moment of quality to earn his team three points.

The Hatters are setting themselves up for success that can last for years to come, but that success will always be built on the actions and efforts of those in the present moment.

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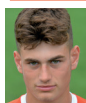
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U21s

The U21s have had two very competitive games recently versus Millwall and AFC Bournemouth, both being hosted by our friends at Hitchin Town, to whom we are very grateful for their hospitality.

The Millwall game saw us go down 3-1 with TQ Addy (*pictured*) scoring early on. A good first half saw us 1-1 at the break and despite us creating decent chances in the second period, Millwall took theirs and ran out winners.

The Bournemouth fixture allowed a few of the first team squad to get valuable minutes under their belts and it always helps our younger players when the senior players are in and around them. A very good game saw us draw 1-1 with Admiral Muske scoring our goal to put us ahead in the first half.

We travel to Bisham Abbey on Tuesday to play the FAB Academy (a second chance programme for young players who have been released by pro clubs), followed by a trip to St George's Park the following week to tackle Burton Albion.

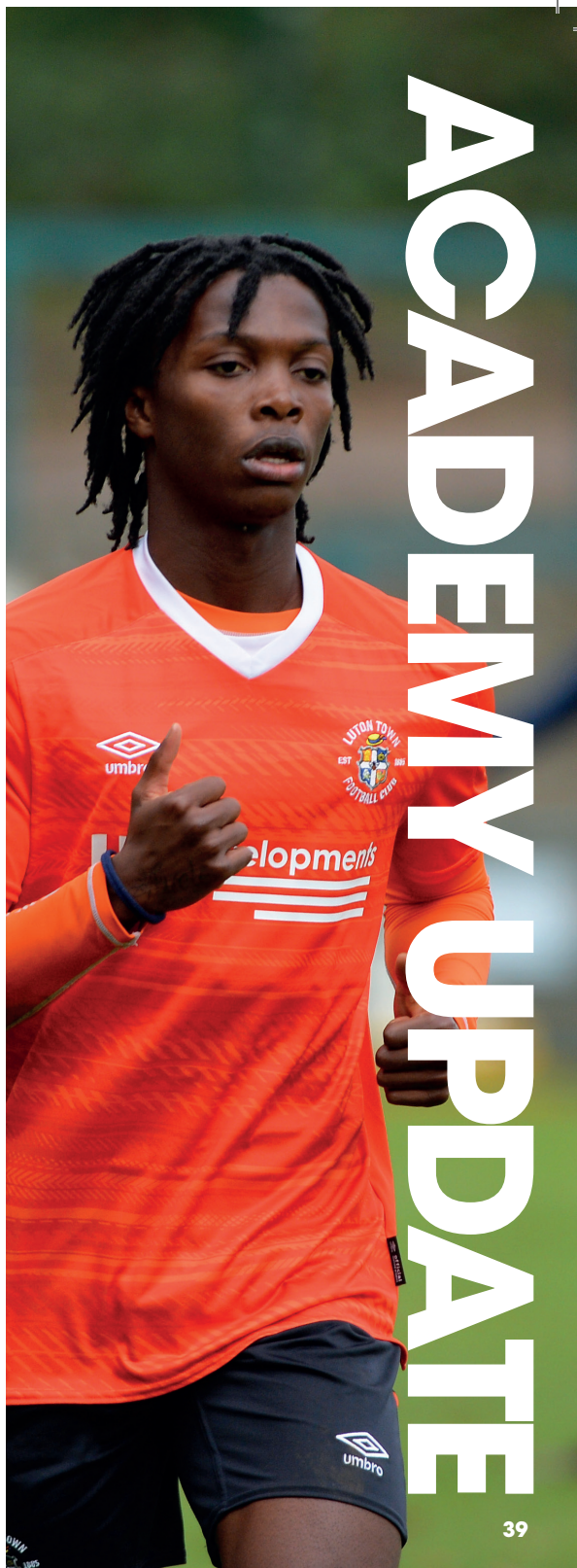
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The U18s stretched their unbeaten run to eight games with a 2-2 draw at home to Northampton Town in the league, and a comprehensive 7-1 win in the quarter-final of the Southern Area League Cup. We now look forward to hosting Northampton in the semi-final at the end of November. We travelled to table toppers AFC Wimbledon this morning, and this will be followed by a home date with newcomers Sutton United next Saturday.

Schoolboys

We continue to strive to give our schoolboy players a varied, competitive programme of fixtures and over the last two weeks this has been extremely evident with fixtures across the age groups versus Chelsea, Northampton Town, Norwich City, Spurs, Colchester Utd, our own Development Centres, Millwall, Brighton and Aston Villa. All great experience for our boys and staff.

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How did you get into football?

It is all I remember doing when I was younger, running around the garden playing football. When I was about seven or eight, my dad took me up to one of the local teams, I enjoyed it and kicked on from there. He is more of a rugby fan but obviously I am a little bit smaller so that was never going to work for me! Picked up a football one day, I was alright at it so it went from there.

Do you have a matchday routine?

I like to be nice and relaxed before the game. I tend to eat the same cereal in the morning, listen to the same music, a bit of house music to get me ready. I always put my right shinpad in before the left. I'm not too sure why, but I make sure to do that every time.

Who is your favourite footballer and why?

I'm an Arsenal fan so when I was getting into football, watching Jack Wilshere play when he was in his prime at Arsenal, I was like wow! He was running with the ball and that is something I used to do with my old team so when I watched him play, I always wanted to try and play like him.

What music are you into?

I like house, a bit of rap too. At the moment I really like Polo G and his song Party Lyfe is my favourite.

Favourite film?

The first Diehard with Bruce Willis, definitely my favourite film.

What do you do to relax?

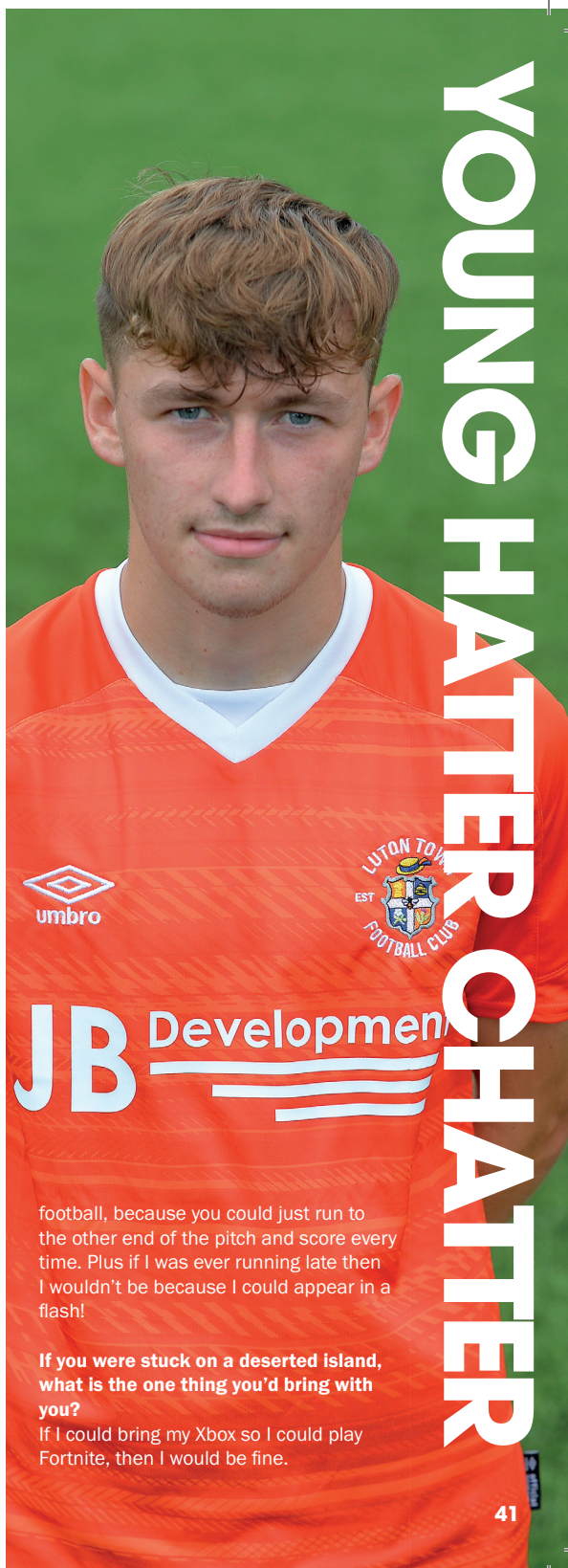
I quite like golf. When I have time off, I try and play with my mates. I would say I'm pretty decent! I also like my Xbox as well, play a lot of FIFA and Fortnite, those are my go-to games.

Biggest fear?

Heights. I've never been a fan of going up somewhere high, looking at views. It's a bit scary.

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

I would choose speed because if you were lightening quick, that would be great whilst playing



football, because you could just run to the other end of the pitch and score every time. Plus if I was ever running late then I wouldn't be because I could appear in a flash!

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

If I could bring my Xbox so I could play Fortnite, then I would be fine.



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TRUST SIGN UP TO EFL/FA FEMALE TALENT INCLUSION PROGRAMME

Exciting news for girls' football in Luton as we've just signed up to The Talent Inclusion Programme ensuring that local female footballers can be identified and referred to the FA England Women's Talent Pathway.

Together, the EFL Trust and The FA recognise that social class, ethnicity and demographics should not be a barrier to success. For those girls showing potential, we now have a pathway from community activity all the way to full England honours with our workforce able to identify and support potential talent.

The FA has indicated that girls from low-socio-economic urban areas are not progressing into the talent system which is a lost opportunity for both young girls and the England team. To address this, the Trust will develop our own programme plan based on our local knowledge of Luton and activities on offer, taking into consideration current barriers faced by young girls in Luton where there are few opportunities to play affiliated football with many simply attending our weekly training hubs.

Currently the Trust work in some of the most deprived parts of Luton where individuals and families experience challenges when trying to participate in sport and other activities. Female football is becoming a significant part of our delivery with a new education programme for post 16yrs girls and engagement has hit an all-time high. Given this, there

is a considerable opportunity for potential to be identified and developed in the right environment. In particular, research from The FA has indicated that girls from low-socio-economic urban areas are not progressing into the talent system which is a lost opportunity for both young girls and the England team.

Many talent centres across England are based away from urban areas – Bedfordshire's centre is based in Cranfield – completely inaccessible to girls in Luton from disadvantaged backgrounds, and Luton has the biggest pool of potential talent.

It is paramount to the future of England's female football that the pathway is a system for all and the Trust are committed to working collaboratively with the EFL and FA to be creative and inventive to achieve this goal together. The programme is still in its infancy following a vigorous selection process to ensure we could gain access for those girls in Luton struggling to gain access to the pathway. The ultimate goal is to unearth hidden talent who will one day put on that famous England shirt.

We will work with The FA and the EFL to help make this happen for all girls in Luton.

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LUTON LADIES

BOWERS & PITSEA 1-3 LUTON TOWN LADIES

Luton Town Ladies climbed the league again this week after recording a fourth straight win, with a goal from Elly Wade and a Leyah Maddix brace enough to oversee the Essex side who have beaten some decent teams this season.

In a game that could have gone either way in the first half, it was Luton who edged it at half-time. Fiona Constable and Olivia Abraham both came close to scoring before Wade poked home a Constable corner from close range at the back post on 27 minutes.

Just after half-time though, the home side got themselves level through a penalty that was almost saved by Angelika Kopec. It was a controversial decision as the contact looked to be outside the box, but the goal stood and the Hatters found themselves having to try and get ahead again.

Substitutes Aurora Ryan and Estelle Klausner both came close in the second half, but Leyah Maddix was the one to put the ladies back in front

on 71 minutes. A cracking ball from 16-year-old midfielder Chloe Tumbula saw Maddix beat the offside trap and finish well into the corner.

Bowers piled the pressure on and almost got themselves level, but some great defending and a good save from Kopec kept Bowers at bay.

In the final minutes of the game, Adi Milton let Maddix run past her to beat the offside trap again and this time Maddix rounded the keeper and poked into an empty net to secure the three points, and a fourth straight win for the Hatters.

Town manager Nikki Baker was delighted, saying: "We knew it was going to be tough as Bowers are a decent, well organised side and have pulled off some good results. We are starting to put a run together now and recover the awful start we had to the season. So far everyone is beating each other in this league, so if we can continue our form then we could get ourselves back in with a chance of pushing for promotion. That is our main goal."

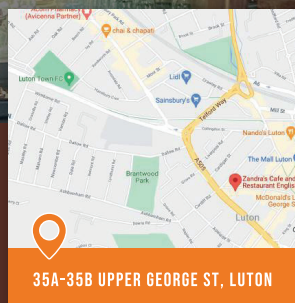
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TODAY'S MASCOT



OLIVER

NAME: Oliver Ryan

AGE: 11

HOBBIES: Football, Xbox, Scouts and Golf

FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Harry Cornick

HULL CITY TINYSTATS

Formed: 1904

Stadium: MKM Stadium

Capacity: 25,586

Last season: 1ST (L1)

Head to head with Luton:

Luton wins - 17

Draws - 8

Tigers wins - 16

Manager: Grant McCann



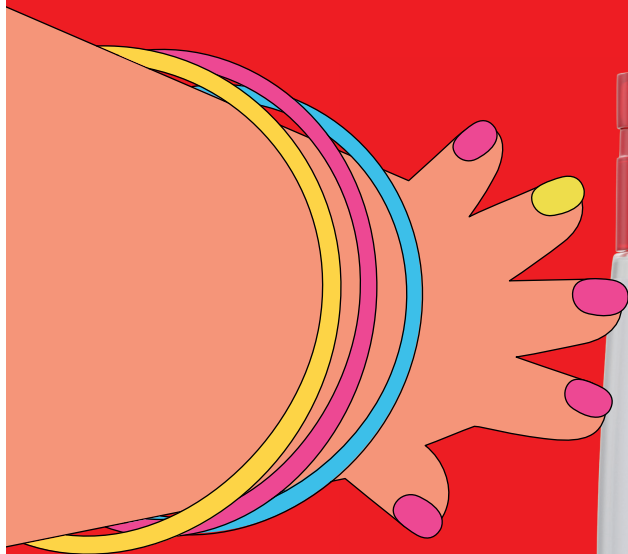
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Kenilworth Road – Saturday 2nd October 2021
Sky Bet Championship

Luton: Sluga; Bree, Lockyer, Bradley (C), Naismith, Bell; Rea, Berry (Mendes Gomes 87); Cornick (Jerome 66), Clark (Lansbury 73); Adebayo.

Huddersfield: Nicholls; Pearson, Lees, Sarr; Thomas, High, O'Brien (C), Toffolo; Sinani (Holmes 73), Koroma; Ward (Campbell 83).

“We just couldn’t get that goal today, but for me what I think is, in the past in the Championship in the last couple of seasons, we could possibly lose those games.”

SONNY BRADLEY



0 MILLWALL 2 LUTON TOWN

The Den – Saturday 16th October 2021 –
Sky Bet Championship

Millwall: Bialkowski; McNamara (Smith 55), Ballard, Hutchinson, Cooper, M. Wallace (Leonard 67); Evans (Mitchell 78), Saville; J. Wallace, Ojo; Afobe (Bennett 78).

Luton: Sluga; Bree, Lockyer (Burke 87), Bradley (C), Naismith, Bell; Rea, Mpanzu, Clark (Lansbury 76); Cornick (Jerome 68), Adebayo (Muskwe 79).

Scorers:

Cornick (11', 53')

"There is more to come, I can get better I know I can, I have more in the locker but it is a confidence thing for me. If I score one, I know I have the confidence to go on and score more. I just want to kick on now and score a load."

HARRY CORNICK



2 DERBY COUNTY 2 LUTON TOWN

Pride Park – Tues 19th September 2021 -
Sky Bet Championship

Derby: Allsop; Byrne, Jagielka, Davies, Buchanan; Morrison (Kazim-Richards 74), Bird, Shinnie; Knight (Ebosele 88), Jozwiak (Williams 82); Lawrence (C).

Luton Town: Sluga; Bree, Lockyer, Bradley (C), Naismith (Onyedinma 31), Bell; Rea (Lansbury 65), Mpanzu, Clark (Muskwe 31); Cornick, Adebayo.

Scorers:

DC - Lawrence (20), Knight (60)
LT - Onyedinma (48), Adebayo (83)

"I didn't expect to come on so soon, I thought I would play 15 or so but I had to play through adrenaline and I was delighted to do my part and score."

FRED ONYEDINMA

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 1-1	16,878	572	13	-	-	-	-	-	*	y					*	a	c	b	1
Sat 18	3.00pm	H	Swansea City	D 3-3	9,721	831	14	1	-	-	-	-	*				y		c	b	1	a	2
Sat 25	3.00pm	A	AFC Bournemouth	L 1-2	9,737	1,125	16	-	-	1	-	-	*					*	*	c	b		
Wed 29	7.45pm	H	Coventry City	W 5-0	9,805	1,032	9	1	-	-	-	-	*						c	2	a	1	2
OCTOBER																							
Sat 2	3.00pm	H	Huddersfield Town	D 0-0	9,977	1,009	13	-	-	-	-	-	*					y	a	c			
Sat 16	3.00pm	A	Millwall	W 2-0	14,227	1,631	10	-	-	-	-	-	*	y			y		2	a	*		c
Tue 19	7.45pm	A	Derby County	D 2-2	20,258	1,057	9	-	-	-	-	-	*				y	a			*		1
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Sat 30	3.00pm	A	Preston North End																				
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Sat 6	3.00pm	H	Stoke City																				
Fri 19	7.45pm	A	QPR																				
Tue 23	7.45pm	A	Nottingham Forest																				
Sat 27	3.00pm	H	Cardiff City																				
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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																				
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Sat 29	3.00pm	H	Blackburn Rovers																				
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Tue 8	7.45pm	H	Barnsley																				
Sat 12	3.00pm	A	Birmingham City																				
Sat 19	3.00pm	H	West Bromwich Albion																				
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Sat 26	3.00pm	H	Derby County																				
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Sat 23	3.00pm	H	Blackpool																				
Sat 30	3.00pm	A	Fulham																				
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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

AUDIT	SLUGA	MENDES GOMES	LOCKYER	BURKE	MPANZU	CLARK	PEREIRA	KOSO	ISTED	CAMPBELL	LAISBURY	OWEDINMA	MUSKWE	BELL	OSHO	BECKWITH	JEROME	JONES	MCANNET	FRANCIS-CLARKE	SUB TIMES				SENT OFF		GOAL TIMES
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c		*				a	*			y					a	a	b		*		61	76	89	-	-	-	7, 15, 23, 63, 86, 92
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b		a		*					*	*				c		b					71	71	80	-	-	-	3, 18, 30, 45+7, 58
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c		d	d		y b					b	*	c				a					68	76	79	87	-	-	11, 53
		*	y	b						c	a 1	b			*						31	31	65	-	-	-	20, 48, 60, 83



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WHO?

The Lilywhites are currently in their seventh consecutive season competing in the Championship after gaining promotion from League One in 2014. Preston have two FA Cup wins to their name, albeit with both coming before World War Two in 1889 and 1938, whilst they also won the First Division in consecutive years in 1889 and 1890.

GROUND?

Preston North End play their home fixtures at Deepdale, a stadium that is widely recognised as being the oldest continuously used football stadium in the world after hosting the Lilywhites since 1878. The stadium has a capacity of 23,404, with an average home attendance of 13,579 being posted in the 2019/20 season.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?


The two sides last met in March 2021 at Deepdale, with a late own goal from Preston goalkeeper Daniel Iversen proving the difference after great work from Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu, Kiernan Dewsbury-Hall and James Collins, who understandably felt he should have been credited with the goal! In the reverse fixture a Kenilworth Road, a hat-trick from the Republic of Ireland striker gave the Hatters a 3-0 victory in what was to be the final fixture of the season with fans present.

KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU

Former Hatter Keith Keane joined then League One Preston in 2012 having made 234 appearances for Luton across four divisions in a nine-year spell at the club, whilst double promotion winning captain Kevin Nicholls enjoyed a one season spell at Deepdale, before moving back to Kenilworth Road in 2008 and lifting the Johnstone's Paint Trophy at Wembley in front of 42,000 travelling Hatters.

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	11	(1)	6	0	(0)	0	11	(1)	6	1	0	30	11
Sam Beckwith	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	1	0
Amari'i Bell	10	(1)	1	0	(0)	0	10	(1)	1	0	0	11	
Luke Berry	5	(1)	4	0	(0)	0	5	(1)	4	0	0	128	18
Sunny Bradley	4	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	4	(1)	0	0	0	136	3
James Bree	13	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	13	(0)	0	3	0	82	1
Roscoe Burke	5	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	5	(1)	0	0	0	6	0
Allan Campbell	5	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	5	(1)	0	1	0	6	0
Jordan Clark	7	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	7	(1)	0	1	0	47	3
Harry Cornick	12	(1)	6	0	(1)	0	12	(2)	6	1	0	183	29
Danny Hylton	0	(1)	1	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	1	0	0	149	59
Cameron Jerome	3	(7)	0	1	(0)	1	4	(7)	1	1	0	11	1
Peter Kioso	2	(1)	0	1	(0)	0	3	(1)	0	0	0	7	0
Henri Lansbury	4	(6)	0	1	(0)	0	5	(6)	0	5	0	11	0
Elliot Lee	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	124	30
Tom Lockyer	9	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	10	(0)	0	0	0	33	0
Carlos Mendes Gomes	1	(5)	0	1	(0)	0	2	(5)	0	0	0	7	0
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	10	(0)	1	0	(0)	0	10	(0)	1	1	0	308	20
Admiral Musaku	2	(5)	0	1	(0)	1	3	(5)	1	1	0	8	1
Kai Naismith	13	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	13	(0)	0	5	0	36	1
Fred Onyiahoma	3	(2)	2	0	(0)	0	3	(2)	2	0	0	5	2
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 Roa	4	(4)	0	1	(0)	0	5	(4)	0	3	0	203	8
James Shea	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	86	0
Simon Sluga	13	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	13	(0)	0	1	0	88	0

2021-22 CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

#	Team	Pl	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Bournemouth	13	9	4	0	21	8	13	31
2	Fulham	13	8	2	3	29	14	15	26
3	West Bromwich Albion	13	7	4	2	22	11	11	25
4	Coventry City	13	7	2	4	19	16	3	23
5	Queens Park Rangers	13	6	3	4	24	20	4	21
6	Huddersfield Town	13	6	3	4	18	14	4	21
7	Stoke City	13	6	3	4	16	14	2	21
8	Reading	13	6	1	6	20	22	-2	19
9	Luton Town	13	4	6	3	22	18	4	18
10	Middlesbrough	13	5	3	5	15	13	2	18
11	Millwall	13	4	6	3	13	14	-1	18
12	Blackpool	13	5	3	5	15	18	-3	18
13	Blackburn Rovers	13	4	5	4	21	17	4	17
14	Nottingham Forest	13	5	2	6	18	16	2	17
15	Swansea City	13	4	5	4	14	15	-1	17
16	Bristol City	13	4	4	5	15	17	-2	16
17	Sheffield United	13	4	3	6	17	19	-2	15
18	Preston North End	13	3	6	4	14	16	-2	15
19	Birmingham City	13	3	4	6	10	16	-6	13
20	Peterborough United	13	3	2	8	14	26	-12	11
21	Cardiff City	13	3	2	8	12	24	-12	11
22	Hull City	13	2	3	8	9	19	-10	9
23	Barnsley	13	1	5	7	7	17	-10	8
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