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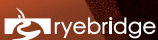


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## THE MANAGER

**Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for another big game in the Championship.**

I'd like to welcome everyone who has travelled south with my former club Stoke City. I was only there for a short time, but I made a lot of friends in the Potteries and I wish everyone a safe journey back this evening.

We sat sixth in the table after another terrific home win on Tuesday night, when we had to show real character and determination to fight our way back from a goal down against a very good Middlesbrough side.

I wasn't too down about how we'd played in the first half, despite being obviously disappointed to concede the early goal. I thought we created openings, but just needed to find a clinical edge.

When we came out after the break we discovered it, and we have the capability to do that to teams. We've seen in the Swansea and Coventry games here that we are front-footed and can score goals in quick bursts, and I was delighted to see the result turned around.

A lot was made before the game about making five changes, but we have the squad here now and I have to show that I trust everyone. In these three game weeks, we have learned to freshen things up a bit. I didn't do that in the last one, and we managed to get

seven points. But we just felt that after being below par at Preston, we needed some fresh legs and the players who came in were first class.

Of course, the part that you played from the stands can't be understated either. In my programme notes on Tuesday I asked for everyone to embrace the midweek nights under the lights, because we know the opportunities will get less with each one that passes, as Power Court becomes a reality.


You certainly did that. I could sense the eruption building before half-time as we went close to the equaliser, but in that second half you were something else. It was hairs on the back of the neck stuff at times. More of the same today please.

Finally, you will have seen that now more than 60 of us staff at the Club, including the Academy and Community Trust, are taking part in the Prostate United challenge in support of Mick.

It shows the fantastic spirit that runs through Luton Town, and I'm proud of every single person and of our club, even though my calves might not be feeling it right now!

Everyone is putting a real shift in, and if you're able to donate to a great cause in Prostate Cancer UK, it's massively appreciated by us all. You can find our fundraising page by searching 'ltfcprostateunited' on [justgiving.com](https://www.justgiving.com).

Thank you and COYH!



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# NOTES FROM THE BOARDROOM

DAVID WILKINSON  
CHAIRMAN

**Good afternoon everyone and a warm welcome to Kenilworth Road.**

Our visitors today are Stoke City, whose record this season is similar to ours. Like us the Potters have only won one major trophy in their 158-year existence, however, they only recently completed a 10-year spell in the Premier League. We have played them 46 times since our first match in 1953, winning 11, drawing 15 and losing 20. Our last victory was in the equivalent of the current League One in October 2000 when we won 3-1 at the newly built Britannia Stadium.

They are one of the richest clubs in the Championship having been owned by the Coates family since 2006. Of course, this fact, on top of Nathan's time with them and the 20 years since a win, make for a mouthwatering challenge today.

What a game on Tuesday night, and what a way to bounce back from a disappointing result and performance at Preston. Inconsistency seems to be a thing in the Championship, and with Bournemouth losing their unbeaten start to North End on Wednesday night, every team now has had shock results against current form. I suspect it has a lot to do with the ridiculous schedule of three games in a week followed by two weeks off, and the fact that we seem to have lost the home/away/home/away routine to be replaced by away/away/home/home.

We had West Brom and Barnsley away with two days in between, and Blackburn and Bristol City likewise. How does that give adequate time for recovery? Or an opportunity to correct in training what might have gone wrong in the first game, or prepare for a different style and formation? The lack of recovery time might also go some way to explain the increase in soft tissue injuries that have been seen.

Live football is the soul and those who watch it



are the lifeblood of the game, and this is another example of supporters not getting due consideration. Travel is not easy these days. Probably the ideal transport is rail, but for many if not most midweek games, it is not an option because the timetable particularly for late finishes doesn't work. Roads are increasingly congested and the length of journey cannot be guaranteed and the cost is becoming more significant. It is very different to have to find the money for an away game in two weeks than one in three days. The powers-that-be should be doing far more to encourage live participation.

Can you remember what fun it was to have a local derby on Boxing Day and at Easter? Who do we have this year, but Bristol City and Cardiff. Supporters are amazing and, as a slight aside, hats off to the Middlesbrough fans for filling the away end on Tuesday and generating their share of the tremendous atmosphere in the ground. It seems to me that the more difficult it is made to travel and the sometimes nonsensical scheduling of fixtures, the less fans will travel and the greater will be the loss of revenue. This is one of those situations where there is a gradual erosion, which seems to attract little comment and which, if it isn't addressed, will have gone too far to be reversed.







It appears as though the intention is to discourage fans from travelling so that in future stadia will house home fans only and everyone else will watch on TV in the pub or at home.

In his notes on Tuesday, Gary talked about progress being made with our developments and particularly the modified approval from the Council and detailed plans for the Stadium at Power Court. We are excited by what we have seen so far and staggered by the amount of detail being provided. It is amusing to see Kempy seemingly surgically attached to his laser tape measure wherever he goes. Apart from the inhouse work by architects and engineers, Gary and his team are undertaking many site visits for ideas, just as much what not to do, as to do. I am a great lover of Kenilworth Road, but can't wait to see and feel everything come together in the new stadium.

Last, but not least, a few lines as we approach another Remembrance Day. Those of you who saw or listened to the game at Preston last week will have noticed the confusion over the minute's silence. There was the bugle, the referee's whistle, loud applause and then the silence. Eric might have commented "all the right ingredients, but not necessarily in the right order".

As we recall the dead and particularly the youths that lost their lives fighting for freedom, it might be appropriate to give a thought to the tragic death in August of the 19-year-old Afghan youth footballer, Zaki Anwari, who plunged to the ground after clinging on to a plane in an attempt to escape the horrors of war. We will never know what life had in store for him or whether he would have made the grade as a footballer. Nor can we know what would have been the future of all other victims of wars around the world. So, as we stand and honour the lives lost in conflicts past and present, the following words of G K Chesterton seem to fit the bill.

*"Courage is almost a contradiction in terms. It means a strong desire to live taking the form of readiness to die."*

COME ON YOU HATTERS  
David

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# HATTER PROSTA

**November has begun, so too has the Prostate United challenge for the 61 staff members at Luton Town, who have come together in support of Hatters hero Mick Harford to raise funds for Prostate Cancer UK with a month-long fitness challenge.**

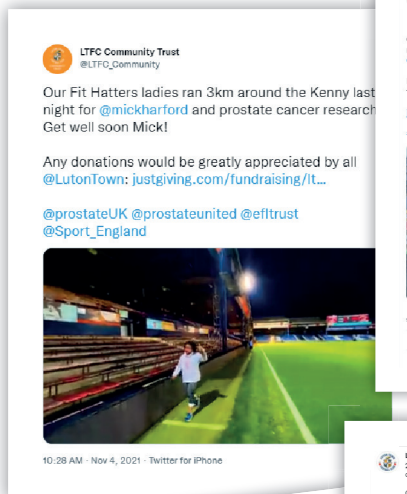
Earlier this year, the Town assistant-manager was diagnosed with the disease that kills one man every 45 minutes, and recently completed a two-month course of treatment that has included daily visits to UCLH in London for radiotherapy.

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, and when head of performance development James Redden suggested joining the Prostate United challenge, the response was overwhelming.

'Prostate United' was created by Rotherham duo Stephen Gilpin and Ross Burbeary three years ago, and since then has seen hundreds of football club staff run or cycle every day each November to raise funds in the fight against the disease.

Here you can see how some of the staff have been getting on with the chance, with participants having 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. For some it has even been a bit of both!

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**Football in the UK will once again come together to show its support for the Royal British Legion, with players across the country proudly wearing the poppy on their shirts in the lead up to this year's Remembrance weekend.**

Luton Town Football Club continues to show its support for the Armed Forces community, with all players bearing the poppy on their shirts in the game against Stoke City this afternoon. The match-worn shirts will be made available to purchase in a live auction straight from kick-off, with proceeds going to the Royal British Legion.

There will also be a minute's silence before kick-off today for everyone at Kenilworth Road to pay their respects to those servicemen and women who lost their lives in conflict.

### A SYMBOL OF HOPE AND REMEMBRANCE

The poppy is the enduring symbol of remembrance for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our

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This year marks the centenary of the Royal British Legion. For 100 years the Royal British Legion has cared for our active and retired service personnel and their families by supporting them in a variety of ways. To celebrate this milestone, fans will have the opportunity to bid on an additional range of exclusive prizes that have been kindly made available by the Royal British Legion's partners and ambassadors.

Don't miss this opportunity to own a unique piece of memorabilia whilst supporting the Royal British Legion's vital work - and remember: "every poppy counts!"



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## THE GOALKEEPER: JOSEF BURSIK

Bursik began his career with AFC Wimbledon and spent eight years there, playing for their academy sides. He joined Stoke in July 2017 as a 16-year-old and his first taste of senior football was on loan at Hednesford, then AFC Telford. Bursik was also loaned out to Accrington, giving him his first taste of the EFL. The 21-year-old joined Doncaster on loan at the start of the 2020/21 season, but was recalled by Stoke in November. He made his Potters debut against Huddersfield that month, then joined Peterborough on loan before playing for Lincoln in the League One play-offs on an emergency loan.



## THE DEFENDER: BEN WILMOT

Beginning his career at Stevenage as a scholar, Wilmot came through the academy at the club, and broke into the first-team. He made 10 league appearances for the club, including playing against the Hatters in 2018, before leaving for Watford. Wilmot made his debut for the club in the EFL Cup against Reading, and later joined Serie A side Udinese on loan. He made five appearances in the Italian top-flight before returning to Vicarage Road. The 22-year-old spent time on loan at Swansea, before establishing himself in the Watford team during the 2020/21 season. In June 2021, he signed for Stoke.



## THE MANAGER: MICHAEL O'NEILL

Michael O'Neill began his managerial career in Scotland, first as an assistant manager to Mixu Paatelainen at Cowdenbeath, before being Brechin City manager in April 2006. After just over two years with the club, O'Neill left Brechin for Shamrock Rovers in December 2008. He won the SSE Airtricity League Premier Division twice as manager, before going onto manage Northern Ireland. He guided the nation to their first-ever European Championship by qualifying in 2016. He became Stoke manager in November 2019, initially combining both roles.



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STOKE CITY**

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## THE MIDFIELDER: MARIO VRANCIC

Another signing from the summer, Mario Vrancic signed for the Potters after leaving Norwich. Vrancic began his professional career with Mainz, playing for the second side before progressing into the first-team. He later moved onto Borussia Dortmund II, also having spells in the top two tiers of German football with Paderborn and Darmstadt. He made the move to English football in the summer of 2017, joining Norwich City. During his time with the Canaries, he helped the Carrow Road outfit to Championship title success twice - in both the 2018/19 and 2020/21 seasons.



## THE STRIKER: STEVEN FLETCHER

A vastly experienced striker, Steven Fletcher began his career at Hibernian. He scored 52 times in 189 appearances in all competitions for Hibs, before moving onto Burnley. He only spent a season at Turf Moor, leaving for Wolves. Fletcher netted 22 times in the Premier League across two seasons for Wolves, making the move to Sunderland in 2012. The striker enjoyed four seasons at the Stadium of Light, making over 100 appearances in all competitions. Fletcher spent a season on loan at Marseille, before joining Sheffield Wednesday. After four years with the Owls, the 34-year-old joined Stoke in August 2020.

## WATCH OUT FOR... JACOB BROWN

Jacob Brown began his career with Barnsley, and made his debut for the club in 2016. After featuring mostly for the Under-23s, he signed for Chesterfield on loan. He would break into the Barnsley first-team under Daniel Stendel and was a part of the side that won promotion to the Championship, making 40 appearances the following year. The 23-year-old joined Stoke in September 2020, and scored his first Potters goal against Wolves in the EFL Cup. His first season for the club saw him make 41 Championship appearances, scoring five times. So far this season, Brown has four goals.



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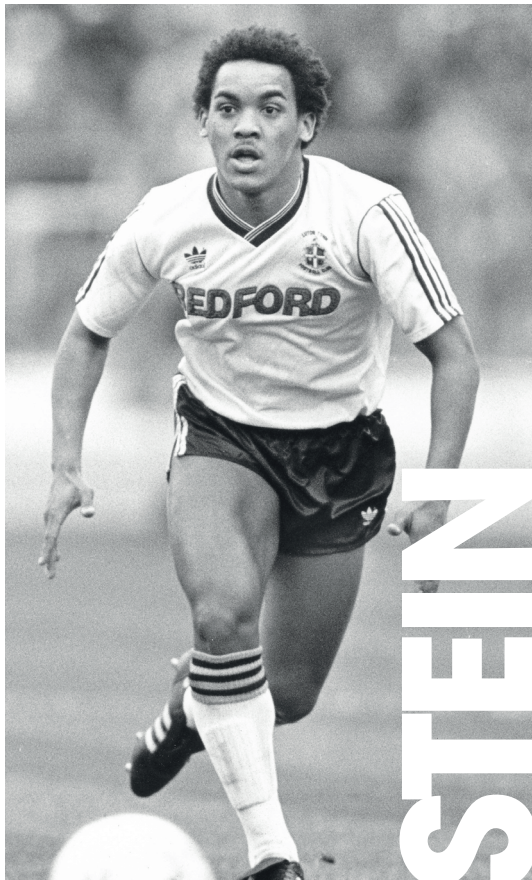
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# A HAT IN BOTH CAMPS

Words: Roger Wash

Born in Cape Town in 1966, Mark Stein came to England as a young boy.

Following older brother Brian to Kenilworth Road, he signed for Luton in 1983 as a junior before accepting professional terms in January 1984.

After making his Hatters debut in that same year, Mark had to wait until the 1986/87 campaign before earning a regular place in the side when he showed speed off the mark, excellent ball control and an eye for goal – he also earned a Littlewoods Cup winner's medal after coming on a substitute in the final against Arsenal.

After 71 first team appearances and 23 goals, a bid of £300,000 from QPR in 1988 was too good to turn down. His stay at Loftus Road was short though, and he was drifting around at Oxford when Stoke manager Lou Macari invited him to the Victoria Ground where his career took off again.

Earning legendary status in the Potteries, his goals shot Stoke to the championship of Division Two (now League One) in 1993, before he joined Chelsea for £1.5 million, where he continued to net regularly.

Loan spells back at Stoke and at Ipswich followed before a permanent move to the south coast with Bournemouth in 1998.

Mark finished his Football League career back where it started, joining Ricky Hill's Luton in 2000, where he added a further 36 appearances and three goals to his Hatters tally.

Moving to non-League with Dagenham & Redbridge and Waltham Forest, Mark also studied for physiotherapy qualifications which he put to use at Barnet and later Crawley Town.

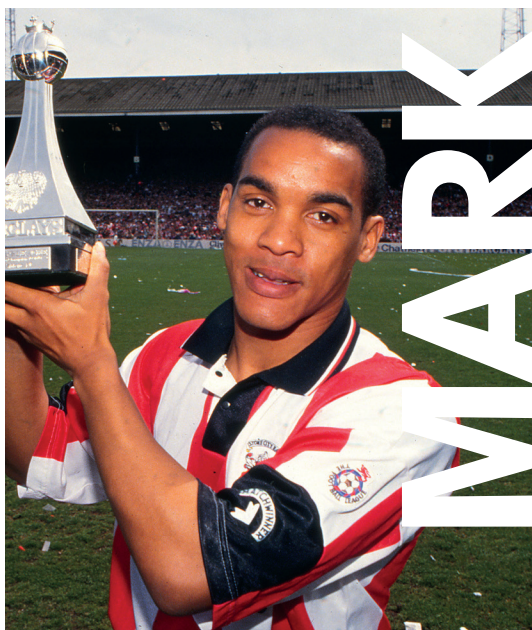
Mark now teaches children with special educational needs in Kensal Rise.

## LUTON TOWN (1984-1988)

APPEARANCES:	71
GOALS:	23

## STOKE CITY (1991-1993)

APPEARANCES:	89
GOALS:	50



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# LAST TIME AT THE KENNY

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POTTERS 2

17th October 2020. Championship  
Words: Roger Wash

**The Hatters had started last season with a bang, winning their first four games before suffering a 3-0 home defeat to Manchester United in the Carabao Cup.**

A 1-0 reversal at Watford followed before it was back to winning ways with a 2-0 home victory against Wycombe which put us up to fifth in the table.

An International break gave everyone a chance to re-charge batteries before it was back to League action with a visit from Stoke who were unbeaten away from home.

The Town certainly had the majority of the first half but spurned several gilt edged chances. Glen Rea, Elliot Lee, Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu and Rhys

## LUTON TOWN:

Sluga, Cranie (Clark), Pearson, Bradley, Norrington-Davies, Mpanzu, Rea, Berry (Moncur), Cornick, Hylton, Lee (Morrell)

## STOKE CITY

Davies, Souttar, Batth, Collins, Smith, Mikel, Clucas, Tymon, Campbell (Brown), Fletcher (Gregory), Powell (Thompson)

Photo: Glen Rea attempts to get the ball across.

Norrington-Davies all saw efforts saved, flash wide or go over the top leaving supporters to rue the missed opportunities.

Fears were realised in the opening minute of the second period when Tyrese Campbell produced an excellent cross for veteran Steven Fletcher to head the Potters into the lead.

Ten minutes later the Stoke lead was doubled when the Town failed to clear the ball from a corner leaving an unmarked Nick Powell to slam the ball home from close range.

The Hatters huffed and puffed after this but with the Stoke defence holding firm the game ebbed away leaving the Town to lament the chances wasted over the 90 minutes.



# MEMORY MATCH

**Luton Town 6 Stoke City 2.  
Division One (now Championship).  
27th November 1993.**

**WORDS: ROGER WASH**

## LUTON TOWN:

Sommer, Linton, Thomas, Harper, Peake, Campbell, Hughes, Oakes, Dixon, Rees (Thorpe), Dickov (Hartson).

## STOKE CITY:

Marshall, Butler, Overson, Sandford, Cowan, Orlygsson, Foley, Ware, Gleghorn, Carruthers (Bannister), Regis.

**After escaping relegation from Division Two (now the Championship) in 1993, in what would have been the Town's second successive demotion, manager David Pleat and his players hoped that the new campaign would bring about a period of stability and perhaps even a return to the top flight.**

Unfortunately, after a bright opening game, when local rivals Watford were seen off at Kenilworth Road, the Hatters went on a run of six games without tasting further victory which sent them tumbling down the table once more.

The poor run was finally ended in emphatic style when Barnsley were thrashed 5-0 at Kenilworth Road although the 'Tykes' played for most of the

game with only ten men after Gerry Taggart was sent off for a bad foul on Julian James. Celebrations were cut short, however, when it was pointed out that the Town's two victories had been against depleted sides, as Watford had actually been reduced to nine men on the opening day!

By the time of the visit of Stoke to Kenilworth Road on 27th November, the Town had played another nine games since beating Barnsley but had won only three of them, losing the other six, and it was no surprise that we were hovering just above the relegation places only two points off the bottom.

Off-field problems had raised their head once more in the shape of chairman David Kohler's decision to sell the club to the Ellingham and Mitchell consortium. The 'will they, won't they' saga went on for weeks, with claims and counterclaims reverberating around the corridors of Kenilworth Road which obviously had an unsettling effect on all those involved with the club.

The Town had been due to play Wolves at Kenilworth Road the week before the visit of Stoke, but the game had been called off at the eleventh hour due to an icy pitch. It was hoped that the extra week would give David Pleat the time to get some of his injured players fit. As it turned out he was unsuccessful as Marvin Johnson, Julian James, David Greene and David Preece all failed to make the starting line-up. Paul Telfer was a late casualty and John Dreyer was out through suspension.

Stoke had eyes on the other end of the table and were sitting comfortably in eighth spot only seven points off the top. They had, though, suffered a blow earlier in the month when Lou Macari, who had led them to promotion the previous season, had decided to move to Celtic, one of his old clubs, as manager. His replacement, Joe Jordan, had only one decision to make before the trip to Kenilworth Road which was whether to use loan signing from Celtic, Gordon Marshall, in goal or recall out of form Mark Prudhoe. He decided to give ex-Scotland international Marshall his debut.





The supporters' heads were in their hands as early as the second minute when a mistake from young Jamie Campbell, deputising for Dreyer in central defence, gifted the ball to Potters' Dave Regis who made no mistake with a low strike. It got even worse a few minutes later when Des Linton headed Toddy Orlingsson's corner into his own net.

The players did not have long to feel sorry for themselves as within two minutes Kerry Dixon had reduced the deficit. Dixon, probably the only player to have benefitted from the enforced lay-off the previous week, after being out for a large part of the season through injury, took a pass from Ceri Hughes in his stride and hammered a 25 yard shot into the top corner.

Suddenly the Hatters had clicked into gear and almost everything they tried came off. After 35 minutes, Hughes hit a 25 yarder past Marshall from a short free-kick taken by Alan Harper, and two minutes later the recovery was complete when Scott Oakes fired a left foot drive into the bottom corner of the net. Mitchell Thomas, on loan from West Ham and making his second home debut after seven years away from Kenilworth Road, hit a low cross to the back of the penalty area

where another loanee, Paul Dickov, sold the Stoke defence a dummy leaving the way open for Oakes.

The Potters changed formation for the second half in a bid to save the game and for time caused a few anxious moments in the Luton defence. Trevor Peake, however, swept up brilliantly to hold together the makeshift Hatters back line as the game gradually swung away from Stoke once more.

Minutes after John Hartson came on for Dickov, who had broken his nose, the Town made the game safe when, after a good run and pass from Oakes, a thundering right foot shot from Dixon gave the goalkeeper no chance.

The scoring was still not complete for on 79 minutes Dixon converted an Oakes cross with his head for his first hat-trick in Luton colours. Tony Thorpe was then introduced to the fray for his first taste of League action, replacing the tiring Jason Rees, and was instrumental in the four man move that set up Hartson to side-foot in a last minute goal to make it a resounding 6-2 victory, the Town's best for five years.



# MANAGING TO SUCCEED - STOKE CITY

Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS profiles ten leading Stoke City managers

## ARTHUR SHALLCROSS

Arthur Shallcross managed Stoke City to promotion in 1921-22. He played for hometown Leek and was a Football League referee before becoming Stoke's secretary-manager in February 1919, but was unpopular with the supporters after selling star player Charlie Parker to Sunderland. After Stoke narrowly avoided relegation in 1920-21, he signed several new players including future manager Bob McGrory and plotted a dramatic improvement in results. He guided the Potters to the top-flight the following season as runners-up to Nottingham Forest. Resigning in March 1923, he resided in Stoke until his death in September 1950.

## TOM MATHER

Long-serving manager Tom Mather guided Stoke City to the Second Division title in 1932-33. He was assistant-secretary at Manchester City and Bolton Wanderers, where he had a spell as secretary-manager, before taking charge of Southend United in July 1920. Appointed Stoke's boss in October 1923, he also led them to the Third Division (North) title in 1926-27 and so nearly the top-flight in 1931-32. He steered the Potters to the FA Cup sixth round in 1933-34 and remained in charge until May 1935, then had spells as manager of Newcastle, Leicester City and Kilmarnock, residing in Stoke until his death in March 1957.

## BOB McGRORY

Scottish full-back Bob McGrory gave Stoke City outstanding service as both a player and manager. Initially with Dumbarton, he joined Burnley in August 1920 and moved to Stoke in April 1921. He starred in their 1921-22 promotion success, then was ever-present as the Potters won the Third Division (North) title in 1926-27. Also ever-present in 1934-35, he made 479 League appearances before becoming manager in June 1935. He



guided Stoke to fourth place in the top-flight in 1935-36 and 1946-47. Resigning in May 1952, he then managed Merthyr Tydfil to the Southern League title in 1953-54 and died in May 1954.

## FRANK TAYLOR

Former England wartime international right-back Frank Taylor managed Stoke City to the FA Cup fifth round in 1955-56 and 1957-58. Signing professional for Wolves in July 1936, the right-back was an FA Cup finalist in 1939 and guested for several clubs during the war. He joined Wolves' coaching staff, then became Scarborough's manager in June 1948 and later assisted Major Frank Buckley at Leeds United. Appointed Stoke's manager in June 1952, he remained in charge at the Victoria Ground until June 1960, then resided in Sheffield until his death in January 1970. His brother Jack managed Leeds United and QPR.

## TONY WADDINGTON

Long-serving manager Tony Waddington plotted Stoke City's 1972 League Cup final triumph. A former Crewe Alexandra right-half, he joined Stoke as a coach in July 1952, then was their assistant-boss before becoming manager in June 1960. He guided the Potters to the Second Division title in 1962-63, the League Cup final in 1964 and two consecutive FA Cup semi-finals. Stoke also qualified for the UEFA Cup on two occasions and lifted the Watney Cup in 1973. He remained in charge until March 1977 and returned to Crewe as manager from June 1979 until July 1981, residing locally until his death in January 1994.

## ALAN DURBAN

Former Welsh international midfielder Alan Durban managed Stoke City back to the top-flight in 1978-79. Initially with Cardiff City, he joined Derby County in July 1963 and helped win the Second Division title in 1968-69 and





## TONY PULIS

Tony Pulis managed Stoke City to the 2011 FA Cup final. A hard-tackling midfielder with Bristol Rovers and hometown Newport County, he helped AFC Bournemouth to win the Third Division title in 1986-87. Later playing for Gillingham, he then managed AFC Bournemouth, Gillingham to promotion in 1995-96, Bristol City and Portsmouth. He was Stoke's boss from November 2002 until June 2005, then managed Plymouth before managing Stoke again between May 2006 and May 2013, guiding them to the top-flight in 2007-08. He has since managed Crystal Palace, West Brom, Middlesbrough and Sheffield Wednesday.

## LOU MACARI

Former Scotland international midfielder Lou Macari managed Stoke City to the Second Division title in 1992-93. He won all three Scottish honours with Celtic before moving to Manchester United in January 1973, featuring in three FA Cup finals including their 1977 triumph. Appointed Swindon's player-boss in July 1984, he twice guided them to promotion and took charge of West Ham in July 1989. He managed Birmingham and became Stoke's boss in May 1991, plotting their 1992 Autoglass Trophy final success. Rejoining Celtic as boss, he managed Stoke again from September 1994 until July 1997, then Huddersfield.

## GUDJON THORDARSON

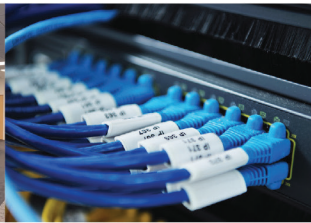
Icelandic manager Gudjon Thordarson plotted Stoke City's 2000 Auto Windscreens Shield final success. He won numerous honours as a player with IA Akranes and had three spells as manager, also managing Iceland, before becoming Stoke's boss in November 1999 after a consortium of Icelandic businessmen bought the club. He led the Potters to the Second Division play-offs in three consecutive years, including their 2002 final triumph. Leaving in May 2002, he has since managed Start, Barnsley, Keflavik, Notts County, IA Akranes again, Crewe Alexandra, Bi Bolungarvik, Grindavik, Runavik and Vikingur Olafsvik.

## MARK HUGHES

Former Welsh international striker Mark Hughes managed Stoke City to ninth place in the Premier League in three consecutive seasons. 'Sparky' amassed a vast collection of honours as a player with Manchester United, Barcelona, Bayern Munich, Manchester United again, Chelsea, Southampton, Everton and Blackburn Rovers. He was twice voted PFA 'Player of the Year', then managed Wales, Blackburn, Manchester City, Fulham and QPR before becoming Stoke's boss in May 2013. Guiding the Potters to the League Cup semi-finals in 2015-16, he remained in charge until January 2018, then managed Southampton.



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# LUKE BERRY

**Age: 29**

**Place of Birth: Cambridge**

## **Matchday routine?**

I normally have a bit of breakfast with my daughter Sophia and the little one, Henri. I have a bowl of porridge then go for a walk, come back, have a bit of pre-match and then set off for the game.

## **Superstitions?**

Absolutely none at all.

## **Biggest influence?**

My mum Julie and brother Frankie. Mum used to take me to training all the time and I used to play football with my brother, he's bigger and always used to beat me. He's five years older so he would rough me up a bit, which is probably quite a good thing now, but I used to try and beat him at everything.

## **Sporting hero?**

Lasha Talakhadze – the Georgian weightlifter in the Olympics. He's incredible. Golds galore!

## **Best player you've played alongside?**

James Justin. I've always said he was the best player I've played with. He's so strong mentally, he's a great player and if he didn't get injured, I think he would be in the England squad now.

## **Toughest opponent?**

Youri Tielemans, when we played Leicester in the Carabao Cup. You realise how good the top players are when you see them in full flow against you, and his that night is

probably the best individual performance I've seen.

## **Most treasured possession?**

Any decent cup – for my cup of tea!

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

I'd be on a building site. A builder or some sort of tradesman, maybe something to do with properties, I like those sorts of things. I've done a lot of work on my own house with my Dad Steve, so I'd be doing that I think.

## **Best stadium played at?**

Wembley Stadium for Cambridge, or St James' Park from our FA Cup game up there.

## **Something people may not know about you?**

I like the wild life, so I could easily live in the woods on my own with the kids and the missus!

## **Favourite song?**

I hate music! So I'll say the Champions League theme tune, that always gets me going!

## **Favourite film?**

Gladiator.

## **Favourite meal?**

I like seafood, calamari to start with a bit of sriracha. Main course I'd go steak cooked rare with chips and to finish I'm going with Eton mess.



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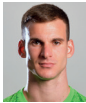
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**Neil Warnock's visit to Kenilworth Road on Tuesday night marked his 1,602nd game as a manager in the Football League in a career spanning almost 40 years. Football has changed in every aspect in that time, from training methods, nutrition, sports science, scouting, recruitment and tactically, yet Middlesbrough's manager has stood the test of time.**

Warnock's longevity got me thinking about Town manager Nathan Jones – how has he adapted to the constant changes in challenges that he's faced with the Hatters in three divisions over almost four seasons in charge?

In Luton's promotion-winning League Two campaign and before his departure the season after, Luton were wedded to the diamond formation and it became part of Luton and Jones' identity. James Justin and Jack Stacey were the flying full-backs, with the four central players rotating and combining through the thirds with some swashbuckling passing moves.

Although in League Two Luton did swap to a front three away from home and sporadically use a back three, in their League One campaign, moving away from the diamond and the free-flowing passing football that accompanied it seemed unfathomable. Contrast that with how Jones has gone about adapting and building his side to take on the rigours and quality of the Championship.

Tactical flexibility is something that Luton fans have become accustomed to, with Town starting with a back three in ten of their 16 Championship games so far this season.

But more importantly, stylistically Jones has

evolved. Last season Luton didn't play in the front footed, free flowing nature that his teams identified with in previous seasons. They dug in and defended for long periods of games to ensure that they didn't overstretch themselves.

This season, Luton have been as direct as they've ever been under Jones and that's mostly due to the arrival of Elijah Adebayo. In the same way that Luton's manager identified Stacey and Justin as the key men and built a style around them, Jones has worked to tweak his beliefs and vision based on what's in front of him.

From the free-flowing passing and playing through the likes of Andrew Shinnie, Elliot Lee and Luke Berry to the direct, ultra-high tempo style of play that's built on physicality, hard work and fitness levels, Luton fans have seen the full breadth of styles of football under Jones.

That evolution and willingness to be flexible based on the challenges faced in the present moment, as opposed to the dogmatism of living and dying by a playing philosophy, is something that should be celebrated because how you go about winning football matches is arguably not as important as winning matches themselves. Style only becomes a problem when teams aren't winning.

The likes of Warnock have stood the test of time in football because of their openness to new ideas. They are like chameleons – adapting to their environment but retaining the same core identity every step of the way.

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## ANDY AWFORD



**Good afternoon everyone and welcome to today's game versus Stoke City.**

### **Development Squad**

The Development Squad have had two fixtures since the last update. The first was an away game at Bisham Abbey versus the FAB Academy (a private Academy who offer released players a second chance opportunity) which we won 5-1. The second fixture was away at St George's Park against Burton Albion which saw us draw 3-3. Next up we travel to Brentford next week, which will then be followed with a trip to Arsenal.

### **Youth Team**

The U18s were beaten 3-2 by AFC Wimbledon a couple of weeks ago, which ended their nine-match unbeaten run, however, they bounced back last weekend with a convincing 3-1 home victory over Sutton United. Following a game this morning away at Gillingham we then face Northampton Town twice on consecutive Saturdays - the first being an away league match, and the second we host them in the Southern Area League Cup Semi Final.

### **Schoolboys**

A really busy half term week saw us play plenty of fixtures across all age groups versus a variety of opposition including Arsenal, Charlton Athletic, our own Pre-Academy, Liverpool, Portsmouth, Spurs, Leicester City and AFC Wimbledon. In addition, the Foundation Phase also took part in our tournament at Creasey Park versus Fulham, Arsenal & West Ham and had a great evening at Climb Quest, where they were given different challenges and tests.

Enjoy today's game - COYH!

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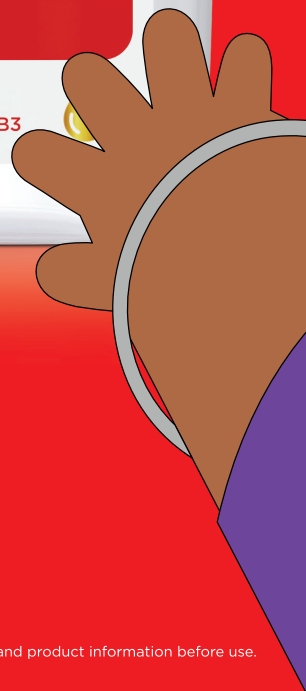
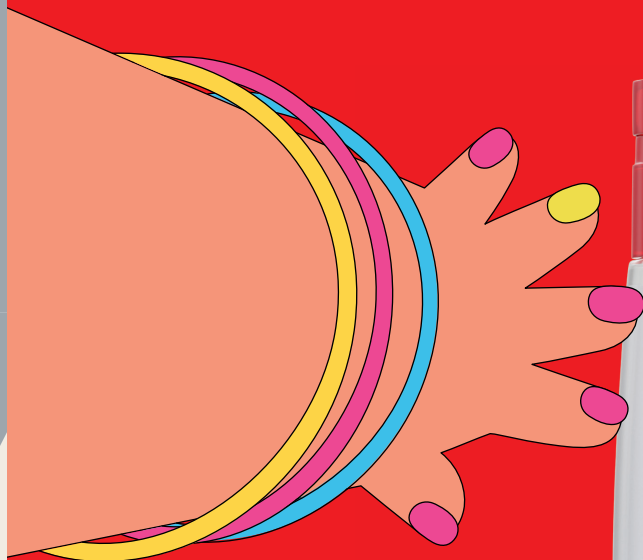
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If you are interested in joining this free scheme and would like further information then please email us at: [PLKicks@lutontown.co.uk](mailto:PLKicks@lutontown.co.uk)

This is a joint initiative between Luton Central Mosque and Luton Town FC Community Trust.

**The Trust have formed a partnership with our near neighbours at the Luton Central Mosque to identify ten young men and women aged between 17 and 20 to join our football mentoring scheme and increase opportunities for the local Asian community to access affiliated football.**

The scheme is the brainchild of Councillor Aslam Khan, who has been a big supporter of our cohesion work in the Town for many years and is designed to create role models for the local community who will encourage and provide opportunities for young boys and girls to play football.

Like many urban Towns, Luton's local grass-root football scene is fractured and made up of lots of small youth clubs, many single teams, and two or three 'big clubs'. It won't have escaped anyone's

attention that, compared to the size of the Asian community in Luton, the number of young Asian boys and girls playing organised affiliated football is small. The reasons are well documented in terms of the invisible barriers, whether they are economic and financial, as well as cultural.

However, for the latest generation of young Asians the cultural barriers are much smaller and as Councillor Khan says: "If Luton can produce elite young cricketers, why not footballers." We agree, and the first team's continued success is making an impact with the local community who traditionally have 'supported' the top four Premier League teams, but now recognise Luton Town FC – that's a big change from six or seven years ago!

So, our mentoring scheme will look to create a cohort of coaches who can act as role models and ambassadors for our Club, and help identify talent, signpost to local clubs and provide coaching support for the many volunteers who run local clubs. The Trust will ensure our cohort of young men and women will gain their L1 Coaching Certificate while receiving coaching mentoring to prepare them in delivering sessions 'in the real world'.

Councillor Khan added: "Many elders in the local community now recognise that the current generation of Asian youngsters are more free spirited and less likely to simply follow community elders instructions once they reach their teenage years. This new generation need activities outside of school and the madrasa's, and sport is widely recognised as the most effective diversionary activity for young people. If we can provide role models for our local community to increase opportunities to play football and steer them away from anti-social behaviour while looking for talent, it is a win, win for everyone'.

If you fit the profile we want to hear from you and if you want further information, please email the Community Trust at [PLKICKS@lutontown.co.uk](mailto:PLKICKS@lutontown.co.uk)



## PL KICKS TOURNAMENT ATTRACTS 16 LOCAL TEAMS

What a great KICKs tournament we enjoyed during half-term last week. Sixteen teams turned up at Lea Manor Rec centre to compete in three age groups, U13, U15 and U18s. The real achievement and magic of the tournaments are that they bring together young people from all over Town – only football has the power to do this as sadly, for lots of young men particularly, they only feel safe on their own turf.

Our KICKs project is funded by the Premier League with the main aim of promoting participation in sport in areas of high need, while providing opportunities for young people to develop skills and confidence while supporting young people to progress into positive pathways. KICKs uses sport as a hook to engage targeted young people and divert them away from gang related crime and anti-social behaviour. The aim is to help people feel safer and improve cohesion by bringing different communities together.

All participants took part in workshops delivered by local agencies that included Bedfordshire Police, Luton Youth Offending Services, Active Luton and ResoLUTIONs, with topics covered including gang awareness, relationships with local support services, youth social prescription support and advice on risks posed by vaping and high energy drinks.

PL KICKs Manager Wayne Polson said: "We aim to maintain the Club at the heart of its community by providing sport and educational opportunities that increase participation and support community cohesion through inclusive and accessible activities by delivering effective, affordable and accessible sport, physical activity and recreation. When we organise these events and everyone behaves and get on with each other, it's great. The more we provide opportunities to mix across Town the more we hope to show the positive pathways and support that exist for all young people."



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# LUTON LADIES

## POINTS SHARED IN BEDFORDSHIRE DERBY

### LTLFC 1-1 Bedford Ladies

**The games between these two sides are always good ones, and with both in good form it was hard to predict who would get the three points.**

Another Olivia Abraham goal after 15 minutes put the Town in front, but a heavily deflected shot from ex-Hatter Natasha Fensome midway through the second half meant Bedford got a share of the points.

The home side started well and Jess McKay forced the Bedford keeper into an early save before another ex-Hatter, Funmi Babalola, failed to pounce on a defensive mix-up leaving an open goal, but her shot went wide.

After 15 minutes some great combination work down the right side saw Leyah Maddix play in McKay, who fed a great cross into Abraham's path and she slotted into the bottom corner for her 13th goal of the season.

Young strikers Lil Sanders and Shanice Thompson both missed chances to double their side's lead, but it was the Hatters who were ahead at the break.

Early in the second half Maddix had a shot well saved and Bedford hit the bar from a header from a corner. A flurry of efforts from Luton were well saved or fired wide from McKay and Thompson before Fiona Constable sent her effort over the bar.

Not being clinical enough then cost them as at the other end after 67 minutes, Fensome got through on goal and her shot was heavily deflected over Hannah Payne's head to level the score.

Luton still had more chances to win the game as a brilliant move from Maddix saw her shot yet again saved, and Aurora Ryan fired a good chance over the bar.

In the end it finished all square, with Luton still sitting joint fourth, three points off second-placed Bedford.

Manager Nikki Baker said: "We are disappointed not to get the win. We had several chances but we weren't clinical enough in the final third. It's two points dropped, but it's so tight at the top. We are still trying to recover a very poor start to the season and one more win would see us sitting second, which is frustrating!"

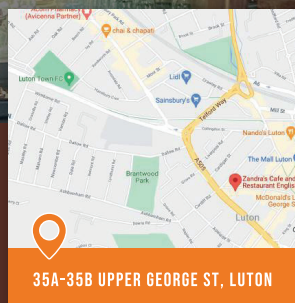
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# JUNIOR HATTERS



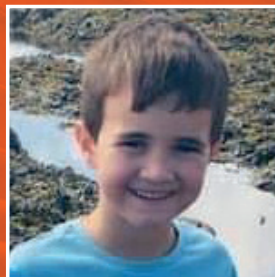
## TODAY'S MASCOTS



**NAME:** Molly Sherwood  
**AGE:** 13  
**HOBBIES:** Netball, Baking, Harry Potter & walking my dog, Lola.  
**FAVOURITE PLAYER:** Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu



**NAME:** Adam Clough  
**AGE:** 10  
**HOBBIES:** Football  
**FAVOURITE PLAYER:** Elijah Adebayo



**NAME:** Daniel Clough  
**AGE:** 8  
**HOBBIES:** Playing computer games  
**FAVOURITE PLAYER:** Danny Hylton



**NAME:** Tom Dowd  
**AGE:** 9  
**HOBBIES:** Karate, Football & Clarinet  
**FAVOURITE PLAYER:** Sonny Bradley



**NAME:** Oliver Paterson  
**AGE:** 9  
**HOBBIES:** Football & Athletics  
**FAVOURITE PLAYER:** Jordan Clark



**NAME:** Jake Paterson  
**AGE:** 5  
**HOBBIES:** Playing Football  
**FAVOURITE PLAYER:** Harry Cornick



**NAME:** James Angell  
**AGE:** 11  
**HOBBIES:** Football, Fortnite & Running  
**FAVOURITE PLAYER:** Henri Lansbury



### STOKE CITY TINYSTATS

**Formed:** 1863  
**Stadium:** Britannia Stadium  
**Capacity:** 30,089  
**Last season:** 14TH (Ch)  
**Head to head with Luton:**  
Luton wins - 11  
Draws - 16  
Potters wins - 18  
**Manager:** Michael O'Neill



# THE OPPOSITION

BY 12-YEAR-OLD JUNIOR HATTER, ZAC NEAL

Stoke City were founded in 1863. Their only ever major trophy was in the 1971/72 season where they won the League Cup. They were also FA Cup finalists in 2011. Many of their fans see themselves as rivals with West Brom and Wolves, but their real local rivals are Port Vale, the two sides' grounds are separated by just 6.7 miles across the city. The Potters spent ten straight seasons in the top flight after their promotion in 2008. Their highest-ever finish was 9th and they finished 9th for three consecutive seasons. Stoke are currently in 6th in the Championship.

## 5 THINGS YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW ABOUT STOKE

- Stoke City FC is the second oldest football club in England, with only Notts County being older.
- Before their promotion in the 2007/08 season the Potters had been absent from the top-flight for 23 years.
- Sir Stanley Matthews was the oldest ever player to make a top-flight appearance, playing for Stoke against Fulham aged 50!
- Stoke were involved in the game against Notts County when the FA decided to introduce the penalty kick in 1891
- They were also involved in the game where injury time was first introduced, against Aston Villa, also in 1891.



## PLAYED FOR BOTH!

**Tom Ince** – Tom Ince has played 85 times so far for the Potters, scoring 10. He signed on loan for Luton in January 2021 until the end of the season. He never quite got regular game time through injury, and then returned to Stoke.

**Mark Stein** – He started his career at the Kenny, playing 54 scoring 19. In 1991 he went on loan to Stoke and signed permanently the next year. Later in his career, he made another return to Stoke and then returned to Luton three years later. In total he played 105 times for Stoke and 74 times for Luton.

**John Dreyer** – Dreyer was a popular figure at Kenilworth Road, and he spent six seasons of his career in defence notching up a total of 214 appearances. In 1994 he made the switch up north to Stoke and played 49 times.

## LAST 5 MEETINGS RESULTED IN...

**0 Luton Wins  
2 Draws  
3 Stoke Wins**

Stoke have been in the Championship for four seasons now and are always a tough side to play against. Under Martin O'Neill's leadership they have become play off hopefuls. Their main man up top, Tyrese Campbell, is returning after a bad injury and will be hoping to find the goals to take the Potters up.



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## SIMON OXLEY



**It didn't bode well last Saturday when I heard on the radio that the M6 had reopened, 10 minutes after I had passed the junction. Not that passing through my home county wasn't an unexpected pleasure, but the M1/M62 route was certainly the long way round to Deepdale.**

I've always liked the ground - it has an excellent view from the press box - and stands named after the likes of Tom Finney and Bill Shankly give a real sense of history. Sadly that was where the enjoyment ended and it was not one of Luton's better days.

That was in sharp contrast to the genuine elation post-Millwall, which was one of the best away performances in recent seasons. There we have the Championship laid bare in a few short sentences - well, the vast majority of it anyway.

Wave goodbye to Bournemouth and probably Fulham; stick West Brom in the play-offs; and then sit back and see what happens. After last Saturday's matches only six points covered 5th to 19th. Luton can be in the mix if we find some consistency and, as things currently stand, keep Elijah Adebayo fit.

Stoke have proved difficult opponents in recent years, but

last Saturday joined the 'Leading a Welsh side 3-nil and not winning the game' club. There's that Championship again!

Off the field, the Power Court project is very much back on the agenda. The pandemic has clearly changed aspects of what was always a detailed set of plans, and it was encouraging to see Luton Council support the alterations around the stadium.

We can now look forward to revised plans for the stadium itself, and what seems to be a real determination by national government for post-covid development at a local level, the momentum from which can hopefully benefit Power Court.

Parts of Luton and Dunstable have changed dramatically in recent years, and every day I drive past the fast-emerging developments at junction 11A of the M1. I know houses, supermarkets and warehouses are different to football stadiums - of course they are - but so much is happening around us.

It's not long I hope until we take our seats in the Mick Harford or John Moore stands, and listen to the PA announcer remind us that the River Lea path will be closed at the end of the game!

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# TRICK OR TREATMENT WITH SIMON PARSELL



**With 16 games gone and the second international break on the horizon, we are in a good position. That is credit to the lads and the staff who have worked hard addressing issues and creating a strong culture within the dressing room.**

Add to that the atmosphere being created in the stadium and it becomes a powerful combination. But the work goes on.

Talking of work in progress, my mind was blown when Gary Sweet gave us an insight into the new stadium plans. It is an outstanding project and the attention to detail is frightening.

It's going to be a stadium to be proud of. The sizes of the dressing rooms, hospitality areas, fan zones etc are amazing. We are going to need radios to stay in touch just in the medical room. I was trying to think of a joke about construction, but I have to work on it.



Injury wise we are in a good place. We have Bezza with us at present following his injury against Hull. He is likely to be out for six weeks, but knowing

him as we do he will probably smash that out the park.

His dedication has been commented on, but I think the only reason he is in early is the fact that he now has two kids. We would like to thank Beds University for allowing us access to their facilities to help with his rehab.

It can't be easy being famous, as Kev Dearden found out at Preston railway station. He was approached by a fan who asked for a selfie with Kev. Kev obviously agreed and the fan responded by saying it was for his dad, and that he remembered Kev when he supported Luton in the 60s. We did laugh.

As you know, we are supporting Prostate United's awareness programme, which is even more close to our hearts given Mick's current situation. Competition amongst the Staff has moved to new levels with some excellent performances, so if you can, please support the charity - search 'ltfcprostateunited' on Just Giving to donate. And remember guys, always get yourself checked out.

Enjoy the game.





### 3 LUTON TOWN 1 MIDDLESBROUGH

Kenilworth Road – Tues 2nd November 2021 -  
Sky Bet Championship

**Luton Town:** Sluga, Naismith, Bradley (C),  
Burke, Bree, Potts (Onyedinna), Lansbury,  
Mpanzu, Osho, Adebayo (Jerome), Cornick  
(Hylton)

**Middlesbrough:** Daniels, McNair, Bamba,  
Dijksteel, Jones, Hernández (Kokolo), Tavernier,  
Crooks (Siliki), Howson (C), Coburn, Sporar  
(Watmore)

**Scorers:**

LT - Bradley (57), Adebayo (60), Cornick (62)  
M - Coburn (15)

"We said we think we  
are the better team,  
if we can get out of  
second gear tonight  
then we win this game  
and that is exactly  
what we did."

**SONNY BRADLEY**

**Owed to the hectic schedule of the Sky Bet Championship, Sonny Bradley and his team-mates were able to quickly put defeat against Preston North End and delivered a strong showing against Middlesbrough under the lights at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday evening.**

After the captain was substituted at half-time against Preston, there was little time to evaluate, but plenty of time to go and put it right on the pitch. With a goal and a stellar defensive effort, Bradley achieved just that against Boro.

Town's second half performance fully merited three points after Bradley himself, as well as Elijah Adebayo and Harry Cornick, scored the vital goals within five minutes of each other.

Despite a sub-par first 45, the defender knew he and his team-mates had it in them to go on and turn around a one-goal deficit, saying: "We had chances, Harry had a chance, Elijah and Breesy just need to talk to each other with the long throw, and one of them scores. We go in and we're 1-0 down but we just had a chat, we were relaxed.

"We said we think we are the better team, if we can get out of second gear tonight then we win this game, and that is exactly what we did. We started really well in the second half, got that goal early on and as you can see, I didn't really celebrate too much, I just wanted to get back, use that momentum and keep on going, and that is exactly what we did. I think we deserved to win the game in the end."

Looking back to what wasn't his best match against Preston North End, the 30-year-old simply said: "Those games happen. I didn't beat myself up too much. It was a mistake at a terrible time against Preston for us to go two-nil down, then the manager changed it.

"He brought me off for tactical reasons and because I wasn't my usual self and I understood that. The manager spoke to me about it and I think he knows me well enough to know he was going to get a reaction out of me tonight and I wanted to put in a top performance. I didn't think I would get a goal, but I'm delighted I was able to help get three points!

"The majority of teams we come up against put their biggest player on me, so it is harder to get the chances and goals, but it is up to me to find a way. Once you get one, the confidence is up so hopefully I go on to get a few more."

# BORO REACTION





# 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
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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				
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>																							
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 c
Sat 25	3.00pm	A	AFC Bournemouth	L 1-2	9,737	1,125	16	-	-	1	-	-	*					*	c	b			
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<b>OCTOBER</b>																							
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		c				1
Sat 23	3.00pm	H	Hull City	W 1-0	9,999	793	5	-	-	-	-	-	*								a		1 b
Sat 30	3.00pm	A	Preston North End	L 0-2	11,059	989	10	-	1	-	-	-	*					a	b	c		*	
<b>NOVEMBER</b>																							
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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 18	3.00pm	A	Reading																				
Sun 26	3.00pm	H	Bristol City																				
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Sat 15	3.00pm	H	AFC Bournemouth																				
Sat 22	7.45pm	A	Sheffield United																				
Sat 29	3.00pm	H	Blackburn Rovers																				
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Tue 8	7.45pm	H	Barnsley																				
Sat 12	3.00pm	A	Birmingham City																				
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Wed 23	8.00pm	A	Stoke City																				
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Sat 7	3.00pm	H	Reading																				

## FIRST TIME, BIG-TIME HATTERS!

Well done to long-standing Town fan Nick Rogers, who also brought extra guests with him to boost the attendance at the Hull match recently.

Nick wrote to Our Town before the match, saying: "I'm a long-standing LTFC fan - so is my Dad and my brother. This coming weekend, I'll be coming to Kenilworth Road for the Hull game with my son, three of his friends and my daughter's boyfriend (Joe, Ben, Harvey, Luca and Alex).

"They all support Premier League teams but have seen the light and have finally succumbed to watching a proper team, play proper football at a proper stadium!"

Here they are pictured with the merchandise Nick made them all buy in the club shop.

Well done Nick, and welcome to the Luton Town family, lads!



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	LAWSBURY	OWENINMA	MUSKWE	BELL	OSHO	BECKWITH	JEROME	JONES	MCINNITT	FRANCIS-CLARKE	SUB TIMES				SENT OFF		GOAL TIMES
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## DAVE WATSON

Angela Watson contacted the club to inform us of the sad passing of her uncle, season ticket holder Dave Watson:

*'Rest in peace Dave Watson, who sadly passed away on Monday 25th October 2021.'*

*'Dave was a lifelong Luton Town fan. He supported the team up and down the country, including Luton's trips to Wembley, and met many of the players in person.'*

*'Dave was very ill towards the end of his life but he never missed a match, cheering the team on from the stadium or online.'*

*'We'll miss you Dave.'*



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**FORMED: 1882**

**NICKNAME: THE R'S**

**LAST SEASON: 9TH IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP**

**FOLLOW THEM ON TWITTER: @QPR**

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

**GROUND: KIYAN PRINCE FOUNDATION STADIUM**

**MANAGER: MARK WARBURTON**

## WHO?

The R's have spent the last seven seasons in the Championship after relegation from the Premier League in 2015, spending a third of this decade in England's top tier. QPR's last piece of silverware came in 2011 as they earned promotion to the Premier League as champions, whilst the R's came close to winning the FA Cup in 1982, losing 1-0 to Tottenham Hotspur in a replay.

## GROUND?

Formerly known as Loftus Road, QPR renamed their ground in 2019 to the Kiyon Prince Foundation Stadium. The Kiyon Prince Foundation was established in 2008 in memory of Kiyon Prince, a 15-year old QPR youth player who was fatally stabbed in 2006, to 'support young people embroiled in a downward spiral of urban violence'. You can find out more about the foundation and its work at [www.thekpf.com/](http://www.thekpf.com/)

## HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?


The two sides last met on the final day of the 2020/21 season at the Kiyon Prince Foundation Stadium, with the hosts completing the league double over the Hatters thanks to goals from Charlie Austin, Stefan Johansen and Albert Adomah.

## KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU

Recent former Hatters Kazenga LuaLua and Martin Cranie both enjoyed loan spells at QPR in 2017 and 2016 respectively, with the former scoring one goal in 19 appearances at Loftus Road. Former Hatters Paul Walsh and Tony Thorpe also played for QPR, whilst current Town assistant-manager Mick Harford had two spells in caretaker charge of QPR, in 2007 and 2010, and coach Paul Hart also temporarily managed them in a five-game spell in 2009/10.

**Words: Dylan Bhundia**

## LUTON TOWN PLAYER STATISTICS

	2020-21 SEASON										CAREER		
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		CARDS			TOTAL			
	APPS	G	APPS	G	APPS	G				APPS	G		
Elijah Adebayo	13	(1)	8	0	(0)	0	13	(1)	8	1	0	32	13
Sam Beckwith	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	1	0
Amari T Bell	12	(1)	1	0	(0)	0	12	(1)	1	1	0	13	1
Lukey Berry	6	(1)	4	0	(0)	0	6	(1)	4	0	0	129	18
Sunny Bradley	7	(1)	1	0	(0)	0	7	(1)	1	0	0	139	4
James Bree	16	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	16	(0)	0	4	0	85	1
Roscoe Burke	6	(2)	0	0	(0)	0	6	(2)	0	0	0	8	0
Allan Campbell	5	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	5	(1)	0	1	0	6	0
Jordan Clark	9	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	9	(1)	0	1	0	49	3
Harry Cornick	15	(1)	7	0	(1)	0	15	(2)	7	1	0	186	30
Danny Hylton	0	(2)	1	0	(0)	0	0	(2)	1	0	0	150	59
Cameron Jerome	4	(9)	0	1	(0)	1	5	(9)	1	2	0	14	1
Peter Kioso	2	(1)	0	1	(0)	0	3	(1)	0	0	0	7	0
Henri Lansbury	5	(7)	0	1	(0)	0	6	(7)	0	6	0	13	0
Elliot Lee	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	124	30
Tom Lockyer	11	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	12	(0)	0	1	0	35	0
Carlos Mendes Gomes	1	(5)	0	1	(0)	0	2	(5)	0	0	0	7	0
Pelly-Raddock Mpanzu	12	(1)	1	0	(0)	0	12	(1)	1	1	0	311	20
Admiral Muckwe	2	(6)	0	1	(0)	1	3	(6)	1	1	0	9	1
Kai Naismith	15	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	15	(0)	0	5	0	38	1
Fred Onyedima	4	(4)	2	0	(0)	0	4	(4)	2	1	0	8	2
Gabriel Osho	7	(2)	0	1	(0)	0	8	(2)	0	3	0	11	0
Dion Pereira	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	2	0
Dan Potts	2	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	1	0	178	11
Glen Roa	6	(4)	0	1	(0)	0	7	(4)	0	3	0	205	8
James Shea	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	86	0
Simon Sluga	16	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	16	(0)	0	1	0	91	0

## 2021-22 CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

#	Team	PL	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Bournemouth	16	11	4	1	27	10	17	37
2	Fulham	16	11	2	3	43	14	29	35
3	West Bromwich Albion	16	9	4	3	26	14	12	31
4	Coventry City	16	8	3	5	22	19	3	27
5	Queens Park Rangers	16	7	4	5	27	23	4	25
6	Stoke City	16	7	4	5	21	19	2	25
7	Huddersfield Town	16	7	4	5	20	18	2	25
8	Luton Town	16	6	6	4	26	21	5	24
9	Millwall	16	6	6	4	16	16	0	24
10	Blackpool	16	7	3	6	18	19	-1	24
11	Swansea City	16	6	5	5	20	18	2	23
12	Blackburn Rovers	16	6	5	5	25	25	0	23
13	Birmingham City	16	6	4	6	17	17	0	22
14	Middlesbrough	16	6	3	7	18	18	0	21
15	Preston North End	16	5	6	5	18	19	-1	21
16	Sheffield United	16	5	4	7	21	23	-2	19
17	Nottingham Forest	16	5	4	7	20	22	-2	19
18	Reading	16	6	1	9	20	27	-7	19
19	Bristol City	16	5	4	7	17	24	-7	19
20	Peterborough United	16	4	3	9	17	31	-14	15
21	Cardiff City	16	3	3	10	15	30	-15	12
22	Barnsley	16	2	5	9	12	23	-11	11
23	Hull City	16	2	3	11	9	22	-13	9
24	Derby County *	16	3	8	5	12	15	-3	5

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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 ISTD
- 22 ALLAN CAMPBELL
- 23 HENRI LANSBURY
- 24 FRED ONYEDINMA
- 26 ADMIRAL MUSKWE
- 28 ELLIOT THORPE
- 29 AMARI'I BELL
- 32 GABRIEL OSHO
- 35 CAMERON JEROME



## MICHAEL O'NEILL

- 01 ADAM DAVIES
- 02 TOMMY SMITH
- 03 MORGAN FOX
- 04 JOE ALLEN
- 05 JAMES CHESTER
- 06 DANNY BATH
- 07 SAM CLUCAS
- 08 MARIO VRANCIC
- 09 STEVEN FLETCHER
- 10 TYRESE CAMPBELL
- 11 ALFIE DOUGHTY
- 12 JOE BURSİK
- 13 JACK BONHAM
- 14 JOSH TYMON
- 15 JORDAN THOMPSON
- 16 BEN WILMOT
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- 22 SAM SURRIDGE
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- 27 ABDALLAH SIMA
- 28 ROMAIN SAWYERS
- 36 HARRY SOUTTAR

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