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## THE MANAGER

**Welcome back to Kenilworth Road for today's Sky Bet Championship fixture with Cardiff City.**

We welcome a Cardiff City side who have recorded some good results since making a managerial change last month, and that welcome is extended to Steve Morison, his staff and their squad, not least James Collins who makes his first return to Kenilworth Road this afternoon.

When we brought Collo to the club in the summer of 2017 from Crawley, we told him he could become a Championship player with us and it proved true. He scored a hat-trick on debut and never looked back, winning countless team and individual trophies as well as becoming an international footballer. He moved on with our thanks in the summer, and I'm sure you will reinforce that today.

We have hit a sticky patch in recent games in terms of putting the ball in the back of the net. We feel we played well enough in each of the last three games, against Stoke here before the international break, at QPR last Friday and at Nottingham Forest in midweek.

But we haven't scored in those matches and although we believe the one point taken from those nine available isn't a fair reflection of the performances, we have to start converting the high number of opportunities we are creating.

At the City Ground we never looked in danger, even when it was 11 v 11, and we played some wonderful football. We should have had two more penalties and their keeper was well off his line when the one he saved was taken, before he pulled off an unbelievable save from Kal Naismith in injury time.

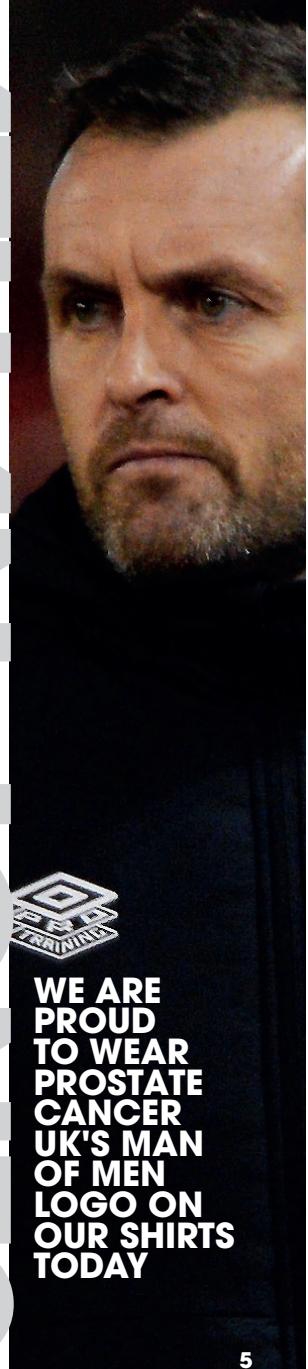
We start today in 12th place – the same as we finished last season – with 25 points from 19 matches. This time last season we had one more point but were a place lower in the table. We were six points off the play-offs and ten above the relegation zone, both exactly the same as we are now.

We feel we should have more points and we should be higher in the table. But we are punching well above our weight and are well on course for improving on last term.

We'll need your support as ever today, and I'd like to thank you personally for the backing you have shown to Mick Harford, Prostate Cancer UK and all of the staff at the club and community trust who are close to completing the Prostate United challenge.

We are proud to wear the charity's Man of Men logo on our shirts today as a special nod to what everyone has achieved this month with their runs and cycles, so sing Mick's name as loud as you can again, and get behind our men to help us end the month in style.

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# NOTES FROM THE BOARDROOM

**MICK HARFORD**  
ASSISTANT-MANAGER



**Good afternoon everyone, I hope you're all safe and well and looking forward to our game this afternoon against a team that will always make it difficult to play against.**

One thing for certain is that Nathan and the staff will have the boys prepared mentally, physically and tactically for any eventuality that is thrown at us over the 90 minutes today. Congratulations also to Nathan on managing the club for the 250th time at Nottingham Forest in midweek.

We welcome Cardiff City and especially James Collins, who left to join the Welsh club in the summer. Collo was a great professional in his time with us and was a huge part of our rise from League Two to establishing us in the Championship, becoming an international striker as a Luton Town player. I know you'll offer him the reception his achievements deserve this afternoon, and we all thank him for his service to this Club over four memorable years.

Earlier in the month I was part of a Zoom, listening only, when the supporters had the opportunity to Meet The Manager. Over a two-hour call, I thought the questions from those in the Eric Morecambe Lounge were excellent and very thoughtful. The responses from Nathan and Gary Sweet were very positive and informative, to give our supporters a really good insight to where we believe our Club can be in the future, without putting any timescales on the process.

As we sit here now, I believe the Club is in a real good place both on and off the football pitch. The camaraderie, spirit and togetherness amongst everyone at the Club is a special feeling. At the training ground and the stadium, there is a great atmosphere, with everyone looking to support each other in any way we can. In the Kenny, the support, and the noise and the way you all get behind the team is as special as it gets, and I can say the from my experience.

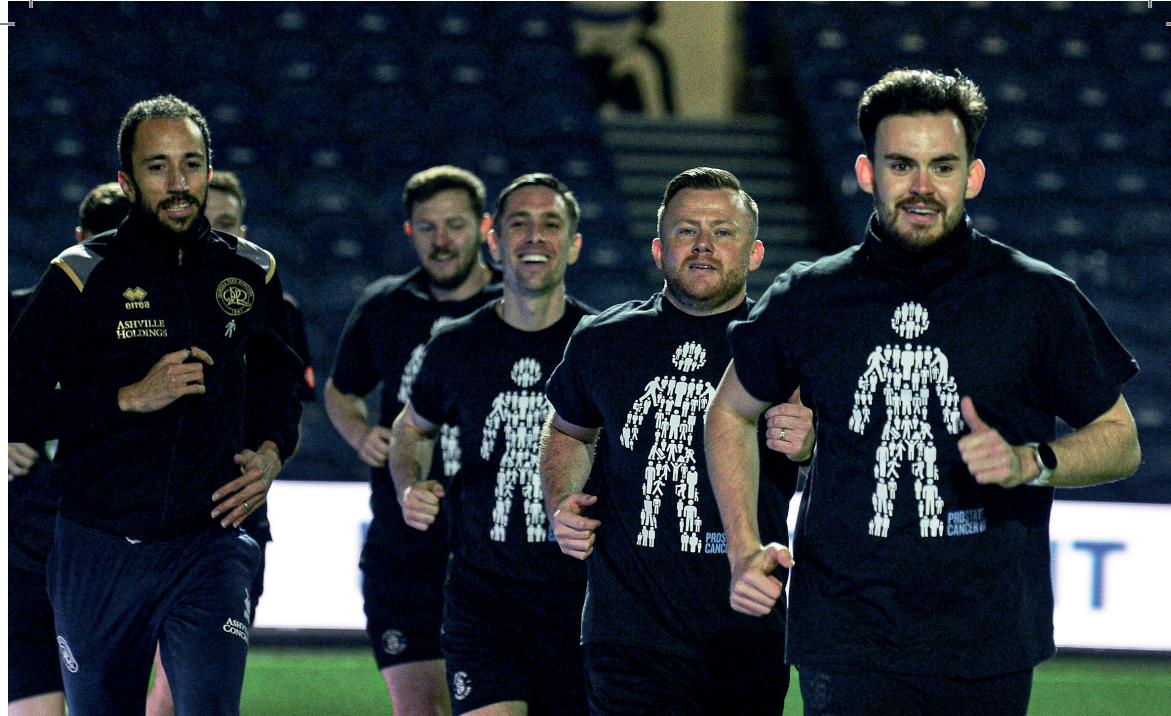
Power Court is on its way, and what an achievement by Gary and 2020 to get us in a position that we will be playing in a new stadium in the near future, which opens up different avenues for us as a club.

One day we will leave Kenilworth Road, and it will be a sad day for all of us. The memories, the good times and the bad, come flooding back. I vividly remember my first game at Kenilworth Road – 17th January 1981. It was Luton v Newcastle and I was playing for the opposition this time. It was fierce, the Oak Road was full and loud, and Luton had a team that out-played us on the day with some fast, flowing football. I was fortunate enough to score my first goal at Kenilworth Road that day and we got away with a 1-0 win.

My second game at Kenilworth Road was on 18th December 1984 on a Tuesday night under the floodlights. After a good 2-2 draw at Leicester on the Saturday, with goals from myself and Brian Stein, against West Brom we unfortunately went down to a 2-1 defeat that evening.

Through my playing career I had lots ups and downs, but being part of a great LTFC squad in the 1980s is the highlight of my career. It was the best team I was part of throughout the whole of my career and was full of internationals – Steve





Foster, Mal Donaghy, Ashley Grimes, Brian Stein, Ricky Hill, Mitchell Thomas, Tim Breacker, Danny Wilson and Kingsley Black. We gelled, the spirit, camaraderie and belief shone thorough, especially from our leader Steve Foster.

The team was blessed with immense talent and had a real desire to work hard for the football club, and playing at Kenilworth Road was special for me and my team-mates. Many a time, you got us over the line in vital games with that intimidating noise and such glorious backing.

As November comes to an end, I was to say a big thank you and congratulate all my colleagues, friends, and many people I do not know, for taking up the Prostate United challenge. I have watched the effort, pain and hurt a lot of you guys have put yourself through for myself and Prostate Cancer UK, and as a Club are proud to wear the charity's logo on the front of our shirts for today's game.

Please let me tell you I am, and will always be grateful, for the support shown to myself and others. There has been some tough times over the last 11 months or so, but I've been able to draw on your loyalty, support and best wishes to get me through this.

One thing I have learnt on my journey is that I am not alone, so as I am still trying to beat this illness, I want to say a special thank you to my family, Gary Sweet and the 2020 board, Nathan and all the staff at the football club, and a special thank you to you, the supporters., I am totally indebted to all of you for the support you have shown me.

I am so proud of my football club, LTFC. To be part of this club is a great honour. The memories will live with me forever. The honesty and the integrity in the way the club works, and is run, is paramount to all its employees. This comes from the 2020 board filtering down. Their belief, work ethic, spirit and togetherness, which is vitally important to us all.

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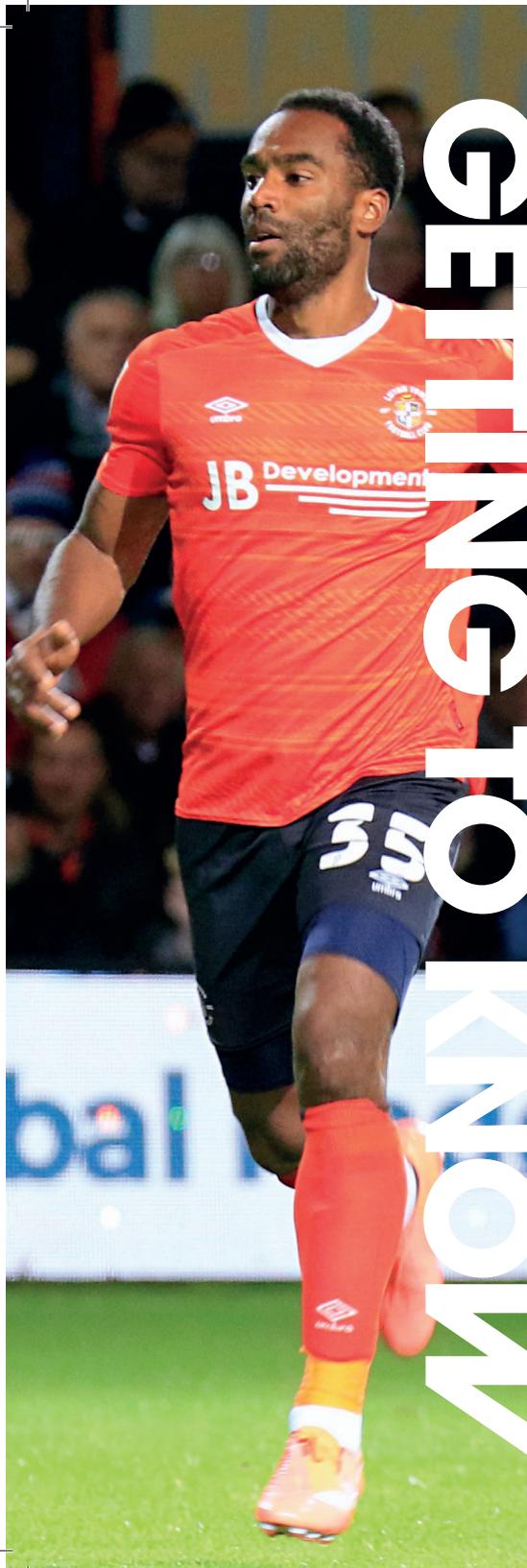
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**Cameron Jerome, up against his old club today, took on Sky Sports' 'Ten to tackle' podcast with Jonathan Oakes last week...**

**What do your team-mates call you?**

CJ or Cam, but I've had quite a few nicknames throughout my career. When I was in Turkey they couldn't say Cameron so they called me Jeromey, which was quite funny!

**Smartest team-mate?**

There are one or two clever boys actually. We had a quiz night in pre-season and I was surprised with the amount some were getting! Luke Berry seems like he is quite intelligent, Dan Potts also.

**Career highlight?**

It is hard to measure which achievement trumps the other one because they are all very proud moments for me. I wouldn't necessarily say one is better, but winning the Carling Cup with Birmingham City and scoring at Wembley in the play-off final for Norwich is another achievement. I have been proud of my whole career to be honest with you, not having a club at 17 to still playing at 35 is no mean feat, so I'm going to keep plugging away and enjoy it whilst I can.

**What moment in your career would you like to change?**

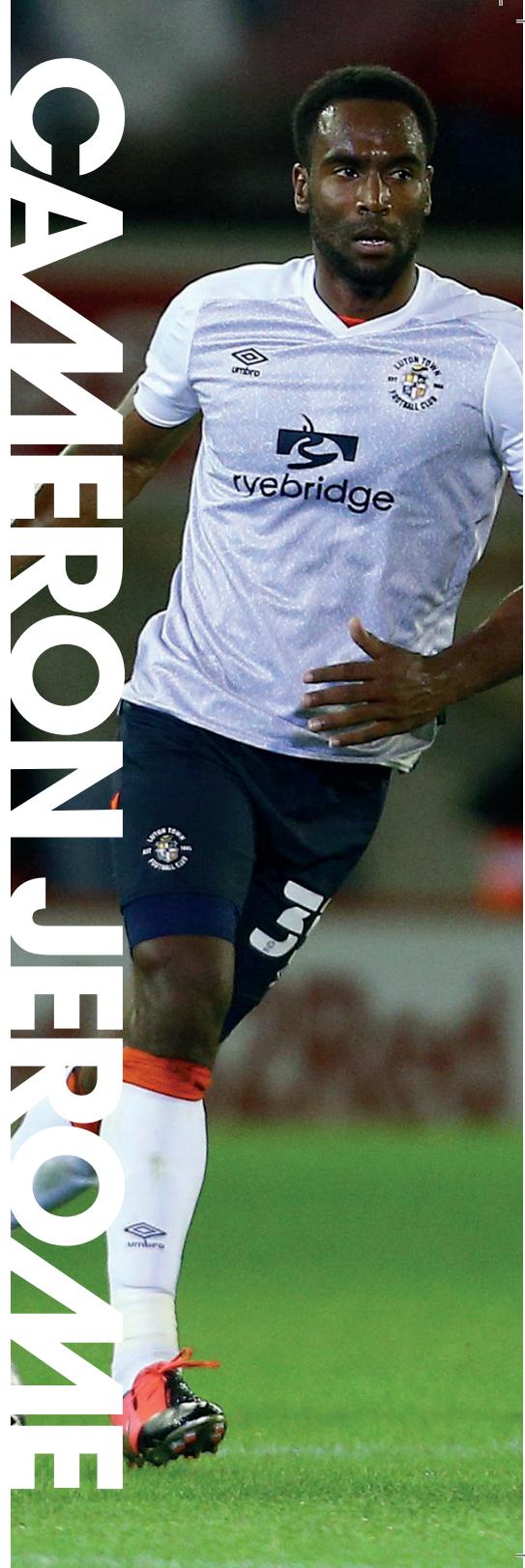
I wouldn't say I have any regrets. I think the dynamics of football have changed, if I knew the things that are around today, if I could maybe go back to when I was a little bit younger and implement them into my lifestyle, the things I know now I'm wiser and older then I would do that, but I certainly have no regrets.

**Best player you've played with?**

I had such an unbelievable relationship with Wes Hoolahan at Norwich. He was a little magician for me! He would drift in and out of pockets, he had a goal in him, a pass and he could get stuck in for someone at a disadvantage in terms of height and physical attributes. James Maddison is another one I played with at Norwich, he's a really talented individual.

**Do you have a matchday routine?**

I actually don't. I know a lot of people do but I don't generally tend to repeat myself, for example eating something similar at a certain time or putting my boots on a certain way.



### **Most treasured item?**

I've kept a signed jersey from every club I have been at. Then I've got cup final medals, my play-off winners medal and bits and pieces from England.

### **Best skill other than football?**

Football is all I know in terms of an actual skill. I would like to think in terms of being a dad first and foremost, a family man, a good friend to my closest friends on a regular basis. I think I could go into any circle of team-mates and have a laugh, and I think it is a strength personally.

### **Initiation song when joining?**

I sang Wonderwall by Oasis. We had a night out in pre-season and we managed to get a karaoke machine! It was an easier moment rather than being round the table at a hotel, it was quite a comfortable situation. The lads had spent a good pre-season bonding and working together, so it was nice to have a good, relaxed environment.

### **What makes Luton special?**

It is such a family run club. In terms of the size of the club, it isn't the biggest in the Championship, it doesn't have the biggest budget but what it does have is the fans, the spirit of the place.

It's one of the best changing rooms I have been in, there's no egos, no attitudes. The manager is intense, he drives that every day. He is a winner, he wants everyone to improve and wants everyone to work hard first and foremost but he drives that passion and desire, the players do as well. It has been an enjoyable start to my career so far here and it is nice atmosphere to be around.

Coming to the latter stages of my career where there are a lot of young players within the squad, it is nice to pass on one or two little details and bits of information to the players. There is such an array of talent and untapped potential in one or two players, this club could definitely go places. The plans that the club have, the steps for the future, building different things in terms of the stadium, training ground, always looking to improve.

They're not going beyond their means like some clubs in this division, take one step at a time and that isn't an easy thing to do, especially in this division when the temptation for the level above is so great.



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# THE OPPOSITION

WORDS: RYAN PAYNE

**Cardiff City sit three points above the Sky Bet Championship relegation zone ahead of their visit to Kenilworth Road this afternoon. A 1-0 defeat at home to Hull City on Wednesday night means the Bluebirds currently sit in 20th position, eight places and seven points below the Hatters with both sides having played 19 matches.**

It's been all change for Cardiff in the last few weeks. Previous manager Mick McCarthy left his role towards the end of October, and former Stevenage and Millwall striker Steve Morison was eventually appointed until the end of the 2021/22 season, following a role as interim.

Since Morison took the reins, the Welsh side's form has picked up. Cardiff came from three goals down to claim a 3-3 draw away at Stoke City in the 38-year-old's first game in charge. A 1-0 defeat to QPR followed that game, before the Bluebirds recorded back-to-back wins. Kieffer Moore scored twice in a 2-1 win over Huddersfield, before former Hatter James Collins netted his first goal for Cardiff in another 2-1 win, this time against Preston. They were denied a third consecutive victory in midweek, however, with Hull taking the points away from south Wales with a 1-0 win.

Last season, the visitors did the double over Town. In November, Cardiff recorded a 4-0 victory at the Cardiff City Stadium, and in the return fixture at the Kenny, the Bluebirds were 2-0 victors with

goals from Harry Wilson and Will Vaulks.

Aden Flint and the aforementioned Moore lead the goalscoring charts for the away side going into the game, both scoring four times in the league so far this season. Flint, a part of the Cardiff defence, has a knack for coming up with a goal, and Moore netted 20 times in his debut season for the club.

The Hatters come into this game on the back of a goalless draw away at Nottingham Forest on Tuesday night. Nathan Jones' side currently sit in 12th place in the league, six points off the final play-off spot.

Despite defeat to the Tigers on Wednesday, Cardiff's form has definitely picked up since the appointment of Morison, and will look to build on that when they make the trip to Bedfordshire. We welcome the Cardiff City fans who have made the trip from South Wales this afternoon.





## THE GOALKEEPER: ALEX SMITHIES

Born in Huddersfield, goalkeeper Smithies progressed through the academy at his hometown club, having joined the Terriers as an eight-year-old. He made his first-team debut in December 2007, appearing as a 76th-minute substitute, and made his first start three days later. Smithies would go on to make over 270 appearances in all competitions before leaving for QPR in 2015. During three seasons in west London, he made 109 appearances in all competitions for the Hoops. The 31-year-old made the switch to Cardiff in 2018, and has featured regularly for the Bluebirds in the Championship since.

## THE DEFENDER: ADEN FLINT

Flint began his footballing career at non-league side Pixton, before joining then-Conference North side Alfreton. He spent three years with the Reds, making 100 appearances, but the Football League came calling in January 2011 and he signed for Swindon. Flint spent two-and-a-half years at the County Ground, before signing for Bristol City. The defender had a five-year spell at Ashton Gate, appearing over 200 times for the Robins. He moved to Middlesbrough in 2018, then joined Cardiff in July 2019. After a brief spell on loan at Sheffield Wednesday last season, Flint returned to the City first-team this season.



## THE MANAGER: STEVE MORISON

Morison was appointed manager of Cardiff earlier this month, on an initial deal until the end of the 2021/22 season. As a player, Morison spent time at Northampton, Bishop's Stortford, Stevenage, Millwall, Norwich, Leeds and Shrewsbury. He retired in 2019, going on to coach at Northampton's academy. He later coached at Millwall's academy, before being appointed U23 manager at Cardiff in February 2020. After the dismissal of Mick McCarthy last month, Morison was announced as caretaker manager, and was later given the role until the end of the season.



## ON THE RADAR: CARDIFF CITY



## THE MIDFIELDER: MARLON PACK

Another player who crossed the River Severn to play for both Cardiff and Bristol City, Pack has been a Bluebird since joining the club in August 2019. He began his career at his hometown club Portsmouth and made a single league appearance for Pompey. Pack spent time on loan at Wycombe, Dagenham & Redbridge and Cheltenham, eventually joining the latter permanently. After two seasons at Cheltenham, the 30-year-old had a six-year-long spell at Ashton Gate, making over 240 league appearances for the Robins, before Neil Warnock took him to Cardiff City Stadium two years ago.



## THE STRIKER: KIEFFER MOORE

Early in his career, Moore spent time in Non-League football with Truro City, Dorchester Town and Yeovil, before having a spell in Norway with Viking. He returned to England in 2016, signing for Forest Green Rovers. After a loan spell at fellow National League club Torquay, Moore signed for Ipswich for £10,000. His time at Portman Road didn't last long, and he joined Rotherham on loan. The 29-year-old then had a spell at Barnsley, and later moved onto Wigan. In 2020, he signed for Cardiff and in his first season at the club, he scored 20 times in the Championship. Internationally, he has 24 caps and eight goals for Wales.

## WATCH OUT FOR... RUBIN COLWILL

Born in Neath, Colwill joined Cardiff when he was only eight. The now 19-year-old progressed through the club's academy sides, featuring for the U18s and U23s. He made his senior debut in February this year, coming on as a late sub against Coventry. Colwill's first start for the club came in April, featuring in a win against Wycombe. The midfielder netted his first goals earlier this season, scoring a brace against Nottingham Forest in September. He was a part of Wales' squad for Euro 2020, and made his international debut against France, coming on as a substitute for former Hatter Joe Morrell.



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## A HAT IN BOTH CAMPS

Words: DAN BRIARD

James Collins returns to Kenilworth Road this afternoon after ending his four-year stay at the club to join Cardiff City in the summer.

Prior to his days in a Luton shirt, Collins spent a single season with Crawley, scoring 22 times for the Reds including goals in both games against the Town. He made an immediate impression on his Kenilworth Road debut in August 2017, when he scored a hat-trick and provided two assists in the 8-2 thumping of Yeovil.

The goal contributions continued throughout the campaign as he recorded 19 goals and 10 assists in the League Two promotion-winning season, plus one in the FA Cup to make it 20 goals for the season. He and Danny Hylton formed a brilliant strike partnership, scoring 40 of the 94 league goals Town scored under Nathan Jones' management during that memorable campaign.

Despite not scoring until the 10th match of the League One season, Collins would go on to net 25 times as the Hatters earned back-to-back promotions. With two hat-tricks and three braces, the striker was the League One player of the year, golden boot winner and rightly named in the division's team of the year. He also earned an international call-up with the Republic of Ireland.

Collo retained the crown of the club's top scorer in the following two seasons as well, and the now 30-year-old scored arguably his most important Luton goal last season, certainly in the eyes of supporters, when scoring the winner against rivals Watford in April 2021 with his first touch, having been brought on as a substitute to take arguably the most famous penalty in Hatters history.

He left for the Cardiff City Stadium in July with the best wishes of everyone at Kenilworth Road, and last week he netted his first goal for the Bluebirds in their 2-1 win at Preston.

### LUTON TOWN (2017-2021)

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# LAST TIME AT THE KENNY

## HATTERS 0 BLUEBIRDS 2

16th February 2021. Championship.

Words: Roger Wash

After a Dan Potts goal secured a 1-0 win at Birmingham on February 13th, the Town's first win in a month, everyone at Kenilworth Road breathed a small sigh of relief. Although seemingly safe in mid-table, a prolonging of the run could have set alarm bells ringing among the less optimistic of the supporter base.

It was now back to Kenilworth Road for a game against a Cardiff City side who had won three games on the spin following the appointment of Mick McCarthy as manager. Two changes were made to the Luton team that beat Birmingham, with Jordan Clark and Harry Cornick being replaced by Danny Hylton and Kal Naismith, who was making his full Town League debut.

The ball was in the air a lot in the opening stages before Bluebirds Will Vaulks sent in a strong shot from the edge of the box which was well saved by

### LUTON TOWN:

Sluga, Pearson (Berry), Lockyer (Cranie), Bradley, Potts, Naismith (Cornick), Dewsbury-Hall, Rea, Mpanzu, Hylton (Ince), Collins (Adebayo).

### CARDIFF CITY

Phillips, Bennett, Morrison, Flint, Vaulks, Moore (Watters), Murphy (Bagan), Nelson, Pack, Wilson (Bacuna), Ng.

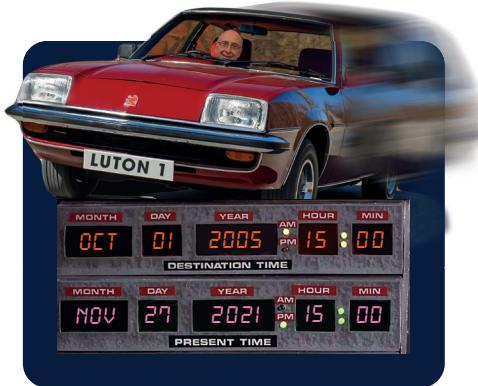
Substitute Elijah Adebayo, on his Luton debut, lays the ball off.

Simon Sluga, while at the other end both James Collins and Kiernan Dewsbury-Hall saw efforts go wide.

The Town were dealt a blow when Tom Lockyer received an ankle injury in a challenge which turned out to end his season. The re-shuffled side continued to spurn opportunities though, with Hylton missing out on two occasions.

The second half started with two quick Cardiff goals out of the blue. Firstly, a long ball was not cleared properly and Bluebirds loanee Harry Wilson fired in a wonderful effort to open the scoring. This was quickly followed when the Town failed to clear the ball sufficiently from a corner, leaving Vaulks to hammer the ball into the net via a deflection.

The Hatters still had the better of the chances over the remainder of the game, but did not show the same ruthlessness in front of goal as displayed by the Welsh side.



# MEMORY MATCH

**Cardiff City 1 Luton Town 2.  
Championship. 1st October 2005.**

**WORDS: ROGER WASH**

**LUTON TOWN:**

Beresford, Edwards, Heikkinen, Coyne, Davis, Morgan (Underwood), Nicholls, Holmes, Brkovic (Keane), Howard, Feeney (Showunmi).

**CARDIFF CITY:**

Alexander, Loovens, Weston (Lee), Purse, Barker, Cooper (Parry), Koumas (Mulyne), Ledley, Ardley, Ricketts, Jerome.

**Luton supporters certainly looked forward to the start of the 2005-06 campaign. After winning the Championship of Division One (now League One) in glorious record breaking style the previous season the high scoring Hatters, with a settled side, were not looking to merely consolidate but to push on.**

Forwards Carlos Edwards and Dean Morgan, together with Finland international midfielder Markus Heikkinen, were added to a squad which included attacking duo Steve Howard and Rowan Vine, solid defensive pairing Chris Coyne and Curtis Davies and influential midfield general Kevin Nicholls.

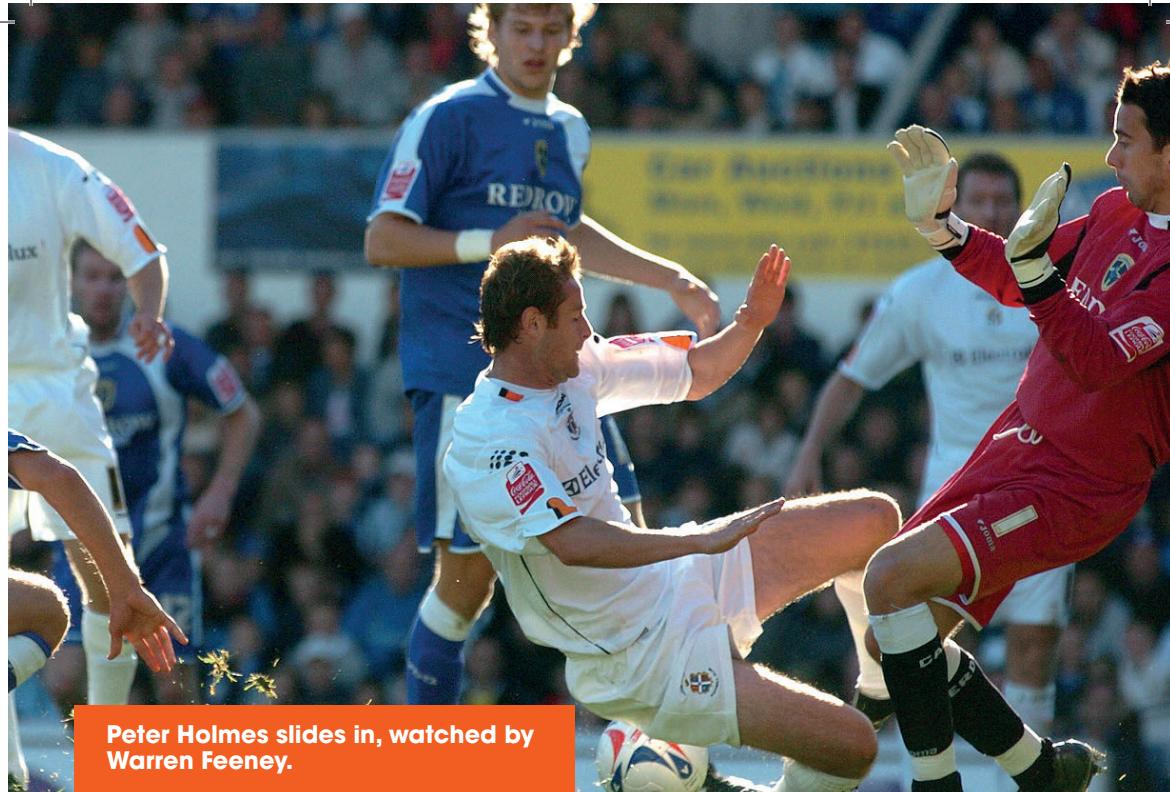
Coyne and Morgan were injured for the opening



game, away at newly-relegated Crystal Palace, with Heikkinen forced to play in an unfamiliar central defensive role. Heikkinen seemed like he had played in that position all his career as he slipped seamlessly into the side with the Town going on to upset the pundits with a 2-1 victory. Manager Mike Newell, making huge mileage out of an unfortunate comment in the Eagles programme of the 'little Luton' variety, certainly fired up the players to secure the memorable win.

Next up were another relegated side, Harry Redknapp's Southampton, and in front of a boisterous capacity Kenilworth Road crowd, a last minute shot into the top corner from Morgan earned a 3-2 win. The following weekend a 0-0 home draw with Leeds saw the Hatters sit proudly on top of the first published League table of the season.

Although top spot could not be maintained by the time of the visit to Cardiff in early October, the Town were sat third, with the loss of Davies with everyone's good wishes to Premiership West Brom for £3 million not being felt at all.



**Peter Holmes slides in, watched by Warren Feeney.**

The Bluebirds were protecting an eight game unbeaten run and had not conceded a goal in four. This run looked like it might be extended when Michael Ricketts and teenage strike partner Cameron Jerome combined in the ninth minute leaving the former to fire past Marlon Beresford in the Luton goal.

The Luton response was immediate though with Warren Feeney heading against the bar and Howard missing a great opportunity before the deserved equaliser came after 30 minutes. With the Cardiff defence pushing out to trap Howard offside, Morgan ghosted in to get on the end of an Ahmet Brkovic through ball to then beat Neil Alexander with an emphatic shot.

The Town remained in the ascendancy and took the lead with 58 minutes gone. After going close with a powerful volley, Peter Holmes was not to be denied and bundled in a clipped pass from Howard following a cross from Brkovic.

Cardiff came more into the game after this with Darren Purse hammering a volley against the woodwork, while at the other end Howard struck a post. The final action saw Ricketts head against the bar in the closing seconds, which would have

produced an undeserved point for the Welsh side.

Bluebirds manager Dave Jones bemoaned the fact that after his side's early goal, they seemed to sit back and allow the Town to take over the game. "We could have equalised with our late rally but whether we deserved to is another point," he said.

Hatters boss Newell was not getting carried away. "I was disappointed we didn't add to our tally as we created ample opportunities to take the game away from Cardiff," he said. "I would have been very upset to have come away with anything less than three points."

Newell also gave the waiting press corps his views on the Town's solid start to the campaign.

"Our plan is to carry on going the same way we have been playing. Other people's expectations have changed – not ours. We didn't set any targets as we didn't know what we were capable of doing."

"We always try to play decent football and to be honest we haven't been bettered yet. We haven't scraped any points or come away from games thinking we've been lucky."

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# LACE UP AND SPEAK UP

**Today's game is dedicated to Stonewall's Rainbow Laces campaign, in which LGBTQ+ supporters are being encouraged to start a conversation – to Lace Up and Speak Up – to help make sport everyone's game. Here, Hatters Michael Nanton-Knight asks for fellow LGBTQ+ fans to get in touch...**

There is something magical about a football match. It can unite people, a football community who all want the same thing, to celebrate, support and win, regardless of sexuality, gender or race.

I was a Junior Hatter, playing on the supporters' team at away games. I enjoyed playing football but as I got older the macho environment knocked my confidence and I stopped.

Reaching my late teens, I had questioned my sexuality for years and was very much confused and found navigating who I was difficult, challenging and at times depressing.

At the time, if you were gay in Luton, there was a high chance you would be verbally abused or beaten. So I lived in fear of being exposed and sat firmly in the closet.

## **Two-thirds (64%) of LGBTQ+ people have experienced anti-LGBT+ violence or abuse.**

Justin Fashanu was a brave man and one of my heroes. He was the first £1m black footballer in Britain. He was also the first and only player in British football to come out as gay.

What happened to Fashanu in the years that followed petrified me. The abuse he received for



being gay on and off the pitch led to his suicide.

Over 30 years since Justin came out and he is still the only one. Sadly, the environment in football can still be toxic and some players are too scared to be their authentic selves.

Thankfully, in the battle against Homophobia and Biphobia in football, certain individuals are starting to stand up to perpetrators to show them that derogatory comments are not acceptable in this current progressive footballing environment in the UK.

Life in Luton as a gay man hasn't changed much either, so the need for safe spaces is very important.

As Luton South Constituency LGBTQ+ Officer I would like to create safe spaces within football for LGBTQ+ people and their allies to play, support and enjoy football. With the support of Luton Town FC, we would like to create an LGBTQ+ supporters' network. Maybe, further down the line, a team?

If you're interested, please get in touch and if you need somebody to talk to regarding your sexuality, my door is open and I will be discreet.

All the best,

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## DYLAN BHUNDIA

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### **It's fair to say that midfield maestro Henri Lansbury has adjusted to life at Kenilworth Road with ease since signing for Luton in the summer.**

The former Arsenal youngster, whose first experience of the Hatters came during the 2009 Johnstone's Paint Trophy Final whilst on-loan at Scunthorpe United, has graced the Town faithful with some eye-catching performances and has proved to be a crucial cog in Nathan Jones' well-oiled machine.

What makes the recruitment of Lansbury over the summer interesting is how it marked a deviation from the types of targets identified by the Town who could drive the club forwards in the long run – the likes of Admiral Muskwe, Allan Campbell and Fred Onyedinma, brought in as young, athletic players who fit the aim of adding 'pace and power' to the squad.

Lansbury doesn't necessarily fit that bill. So why was he brought in?

"With all the youth and energy and all the qualities that we are bringing in, we felt we needed...that real know-how at the level" is how Jones explained the signing of the former Nottingham Forest and Aston Villa midfielder, suggesting that he was brought in as someone who could provide the kind of leadership by example to support the addition of several younger, less experienced, players.

But right from his first start of the season against Barnsley, where his quick-thinking from a free-kick deep in his own half created what would prove to be Luton's winning goal, it's Lansbury's quality and tenacious nature that has earned the praise of the Hatters faithful.

When he picks the ball up it's obvious that he sees pictures that nobody else does, be it a dangerous through pass, a flat switch of play into a wing-back or an ability to dictate and control possession from deep.

He ranks as Luton's best progressive passer, meaning that he's frequently able to play into team-mates higher up the pitch, crucial in the Hatters' ability to break the opposition's lines and get into goalscoring positions.

Combined with a tenacity and aggression that makes him the kind of leader by example that Nathan Jones was looking for, Lansbury makes Luton tick. He's the fulcrum for the pace, power and athleticism of the rest of the team, linking them together and providing the quality in possession that they need to thrive – the recent defeat to Stoke City showed just how crucial he is to the Hatters.

The signing of Lansbury shows the importance of balance in squad building. Sticking to the overarching philosophy and direction that you want to go in is important, but slight deviations are necessary to ensure that those different pieces can be glued together.

Lansbury is that glue, and he's already looking like one of Luton's smartest signings yet.

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# THE CAMERA NEVER LIES

In this 1960 shot, Luton manager Sam Bartram, regarded in his playing days as 'England's best uncapped goalkeeper', gives some tips to young reserve Les Ker.

Roger Wash



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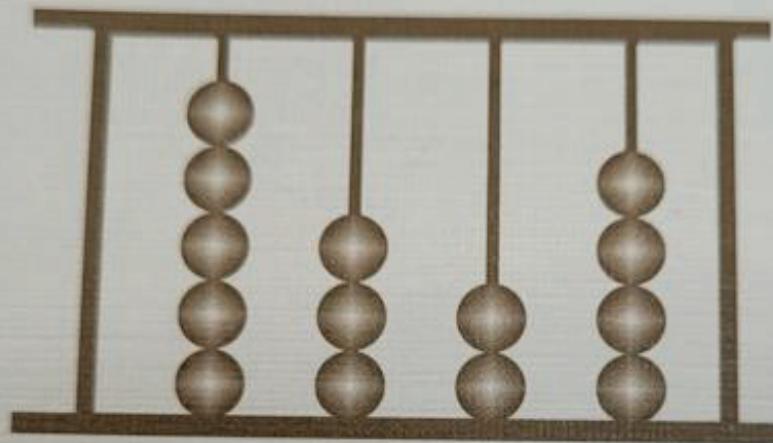
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# KEVIN PILKINGTON

Words: DAN BRIARD

Goalkeeping coach Kevin Pilkington is relishing the opportunity to be back at Kenilworth Road, but admitted coaching plans weren't part of his plans after football initially!

Pilkington, 47, played for the Hatters in two spells throughout his career, a career he started at Manchester United under the wing of Peter Schmeichel.

Reminiscing about his time at Old Trafford, he said: "I learned so much from my time there, not just as a footballer but as a person as well. You hear a lot of the boys from that era say that if they hadn't made it as a footballer, they would have been okay because they would have made it as a person.

"That was the biggest thing instilled in the team, discipline, respect, how to treat people. I had that all from my mum and dad anyway, but it was even further enforced by the football club as well. to work with them was incredible. Sir Alex, I can't speak highly enough of him. He was brilliant to me then and brilliant to me now."

Now plying his trade as a coach working alongside Kevin Dearden, who continues with a broader role on the management team, Pilkington revealed his delight at being back with the club.

"I loved the environment," he said. "I loved Kenilworth Road and playing in that atmosphere was brilliant for me. I kept in touch with the people who are still here. Gary Sweet I know really well, I know Paul Hart and Mick Harford as well. It's a good move for me, it's one I'm really excited about, one that I'm really looking forward to and hope it goes well."

But while some already have aspirations to continue working within football during their playing days, the transition into coaching wasn't at the forefront of Pilkington's mind to begin with.

"It wasn't something I thought I'd step into but once I got into it, I really enjoyed it. I started doing my badges, I went to Ilkeston Town in Non-League and helped them out on a Tuesday and Thursday evening when I wasn't playing. It just evolved from there.

"I got involved with the Great Britain university team and then at the back end of my time at Luton, I got a phone call from Notts County to go in there as their goalkeeping coach. I wasn't quite sure about it initially but once I got into it, I loved it and have really enjoyed it since.

"Nothing beats playing but it is the next best thing. I love goalkeeping, it is my passion."



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# ANDY AWFORD



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

#### **Development Squad**

The latest U21 fixture away at Arsenal saw us come away with an impressive 1-0 victory. Our goal midway through the first half was enough to secure victory against a young Arsenal team. It was a good, solid team performance with the added bonus of Josh Williams completing his first 90 minutes following his injury at the start of the season.

Next up we host the UK Combined Armed Forces at Hitchin Town on Tuesday afternoon, with spectators welcome to attend. Tickets are available at £4 Adults, £2 Concessions, £1 Teenagers and Under 13s from the Hitchin Town website.

#### **Youth Team**

Following a poor display and result (3-0 loss) in the league away at Northampton Town a couple of weeks ago, the U18s bounced back in some style to beat the same opponents 5-2 in the Southern Area League Cup Semi Final at The Brache last Saturday. Josh Allen took the match-ball home, scoring four fine goals and a second half Ed McJannet strike enabled us to progress through to the Area Final where we'll face AFC Wimbledon, who beat Exeter City 2-0. The date and venue for this fixture will be announced in the New Year.

#### **FA Youth Cup**

The Youth Team have been drawn away to Premier League and Category 1 club Burnley in the 3rd Round of the FA Youth Cup. The tie will take place on Tuesday December 7th (7.00pm kick off) at the Lancashire FA headquarters just south of Preston.

#### **EFL U15 Floodlit Cup**

Our U15s have started well in their opening two games of the initial mini league before the knock-out fixtures kick in for the winners of the four regional groups. Winning 2-1 away at Oxford was a fine start a couple of weeks ago, and this was followed with a hard earned 2-2 draw at home to AFC Wimbledon on Tuesday night. Two down at half-time, the boys showed good character to recover in the second half. Next up we travel to Peterborough on Wednesday night and follow this up with a home fixture against Leyton Orient and an away trip to Portsmouth in the New Year.

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**Congratulations to Lincroft Academy from Bedford who won the Bedfordshire final of the EFL Girls Cup held at our Ely Way Training Ground earlier this month.**

We had over 16 schools taking part, and the girls will now go on to represent the Hatters at the Regional to be held at Colchester United early next year against all of the other Clubs in the east. The winners then progressing to a Southern Final and possibly National Finals at Wembley should they progress as The EFL Utilita Girls Cup competition culminates in a final prior to the EFL Papa John's Trophy Final at Wembley Stadium in March. Good luck to the girls who will play the winning schools from Wycombe, Cambridge Utd, Stevenage, Colchester, Ipswich Town and MK Dons. In 2020's Girls Cup, our representatives from Queensbury High reached the latter stages, only losing out in the last game from appearing at Wembley – let's hope Lincroft can go one better!

## EFL UTILITA U11 KIDS CUP – ANOTHER ROAD TO WEMBLEY!



**More congratulations, this time to Lakeview School from Bedford who won the North Bedfordshire final of the Kids Cup held at Biddenham Upper School earlier this month.**

We had over 11 schools taking part and the boys will now go on to play the winners of our Luton and South Beds tournament held yesterday at Powerleague for over 20 schools for the honour of representing the Hatters at the Regional to be held at Reading FC early next year.

The winners of our Bedfordshire final will also then progress to a Southern Final and possibly National Finals at Wembley should they progress as The EFL Utilita Kids Cup competition culminates in a final prior to one of the EFL play-off finals at Wembley Stadium in March.

Thanks to Kelly Rolfe, Bedford School Sport Organiser and Vicky Dockerill, Luton School Sport Organiser, for their assistance in organising both the Girls and Kids Cup this year.

## BTEC BOYS & GIRLS ELITE ACADEMY DECEMBER TRIALS ANNOUNCED

We're opening up our recruitment process for our 2022-23 boys and girls BTEC programme next month, with the girls' trial on Thursday 16th December followed by the boys' trials on Saturday 20th December.

The programme is spread across three sites, with education provided at the Chalk Hills Sixth Form, games and training at our Ely Way Training Ground and practical gym and swim sessions at Active Luton's Lewsey Sports Village. There are 4 blocks of classroom work, 4 blocks of football training including games every Wednesday against other EFL Clubs and two blocks at Lewsey Sports Centre. Each block represents a morning or afternoon.

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# LUTON LADIES

## Luton Town Ladies FC Youth

**With 2021 drawing to a close, we are looking at a very successful year for the girl teams, with many of them sitting at the top of their leagues or in a position with games in hand to do so.**

So far it has been a great season with the introduction of our Tiny Hatters and the development of the Little Hatters into the Under-8s squad and National Championships for the U15s.

Vastly approaching 150 girls are now wearing the official Luton kit on a Saturday morning through from local grass-roots leagues to national level competitions, and we are looking to add more teams to the mix, particularly in the U9s and U11s age groups.

Focusing on the lower end for the youth section we are ensuring that the pathway is clear for our girls with the progression through to the Ladies first team and reserves.

Currently the pathway starts with Nikki Baker in the Tiny Hatters and completes with selection with Nikki for the first team squad, which highlights the progression of the system in place.

Development takes its pride of place across the squads and it is our place to ensure the girls enjoy training and representing the club.

Football camps are currently being put in place to bring new players into the club, starting with the 21st & 22nd December 2021 for 3-6yrs, 7-11yrs 10am till 3pm. Details will be issued on social media shortly for booking.

We always welcome support for the girls at our home ground, Lancaster Avenue, LU2 7AD with details of games to watch provided on Facebook and Twitter weekly @LTLFCYT. Look us up.

Continued thanks goes to Kim Newns, our head of the youth section and her admin team for the time and effort spent in volunteering.

We would love to see many more girls supporting Luton Town on a Saturday afternoon wear the badge on a pitch playing for Luton Town Ladies FC.

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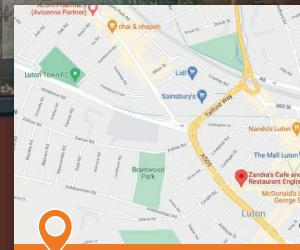
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# JUNIOR HATTERS



## TODAY'S MASCOTS



**NAME:** Ella Dockerill  
**AGE:** 8  
**HOBBIES:** Ella plays for Luton Town Ladies U8s. She loves to sing and play roblox  
**FAVOURITE PLAYER:** Admiral Muskwe



**NAME:** Evie Dockerill  
**AGE:** 5  
**HOBBIES:** Evie enjoys swimming, football and dancing. She loves playing Roblox and dolphins  
**FAVOURITE PLAYER:** Harry Cornick



**NAME:** Ella Laney  
**AGE:** 12  
**HOBBIES:** Football & Music  
**FAVOURITE PLAYER:** Simon Sluga



**NAME:** Hugo Elkington  
**AGE:** 8  
**HOBBIES:** Football (plays for Leighton Town & Linslade Galaxy) and following Luton Away  
**FAVOURITE PLAYER:** Harry Cornick

### CARDIFF CITY TINYSTATS

**Formed:** 1899  
**Stadium:** Cardiff City Stadium (Welsh: Stadiwm Dinas Caerdydd)  
**Capacity:** 33,280  
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**Manager:** Steve Morison





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# MORTON HOUSE

**Luton Rising, the new trading name for London Luton Airport Ltd the owners of the airport, have announced a new skills, innovation and business hub at a re-furbished Vauxhall 'K' block in Kimpton Road.**

The new hub, which will fully open next year, has been named Morton House after the late, great Hatters legend Bob and at a formal naming ceremony on 18th November, his widow June was present to give her blessing.

Local boy Bob stayed loyal to his roots and ended up spending nearly 20 years with his only Football League side, Luton Town, making 495 League appearances in that time, a club record.

After playing locally for Waterlows, Bob signed amateur forms for the Hatters as the War drew to a close and then signed full-time in 1946. After making his debut in 1948 at centre-forward in a 1-0 win at West Ham, Bob never looked back and the only question mark in his long career was whether he was a better wing-half or forward.

His versatility doubtless cost him senior international honours but whether he was stopping goals as a strong, tough tackling defender or knocking them in at the other end he never gave less than 100% and always played with a smile on his face.

After leaving Luton at the age of 38 in 1965, Bob became player-manager of Bletchley Town and then enjoyed 16 years with Luton Sports Press before sadly passing away in 2002.



## JOIN AN AWARD-WINNING TEAM

**We are currently recruiting for our Here To Help matchday volunteer team.**

If you are interested in helping fellow supporters on matchdays, please email John Miller (Supporters' Liaison Officer): [john.miller@lutontown.co.uk](mailto:john.miller@lutontown.co.uk) for full information on the role.



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## 0 LUTON TOWN 1 STOKE CITY

Kenilworth Road – Sat 6th November 2021 –  
Sky Bet Championship

**Luton Town:** Sluga; Bree, Burke, Naismith,  
Bradley (C), Bell; Osho (Clark 80'), Campbell,  
Mpanzu; Cornick (Onyedinma 64'), Adebayo.

**Stoke:** Bursik; Smith (Wilmot 75'), Ostigard,  
Souttar, Batt, Tymon; Sawyers, Allen (C),  
Thompson; Fletcher (Vrancic 64'), Brown  
(Surridge 84').

**Scorers:**  
SC - Brown 34

**“It is always difficult when you don’t win the game, so I’m a bit disappointed because you put so much into as a team that you want to get something from it, but I’m just glad to be back in and playing, trying to do my best for the team.”**

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## 2 QPR 0 LUTON TOWN

Kiyan Prince Foundation Stadium – Fri 19th November 2021 - Sky Bet Championship

**QPR:** Dieng; Dickie, Dunne, Barbet; Adomah (Kakay 80'), Dozzell, Johansen (C), Wallace; Willock, Chair (Amos 89'); Austin (Field 79').

**Luton Town:** Sluga; Bree, Lockyer, Bradley (C), Naismith, Onyedinma; Campbell (Jerome 79'), Mpanzu, Lansbury; Cornick (Muskwe 68'), Adebayo.

### Scorers:

QPR - Willock 10, Austin 55

**"We have to show more quality. Same as the Stoke game, we had more situations and they had one opportunity and won the game. Today they had two and won the game and that's the way it is."**

**NATHAN JONES**



## 0 NOTTINGHAM FOREST 0 LUTON TOWN

City Ground – Tues 23rd November 2021 –  
Sky Bet Championship

**Forest:** Samba; Spence, Worrall (C), McKenna, Colback; Ojeda, Garner; Lolley (Bong 69'), Zinckernagel (Dias 81'), Johnson; Taylor (Figueiredo 65').

**Luton Town:** Shea; Bree, Lockyer, Bradley (C), Naismith, Onyedinma; Campbell, Lansbury (Clark 74'), Mpanzu; Muskwe (Cornick 74'), Adebayo (Hylton 87').

**"We've had 26 shots and five on target (across the last two matches), one in five which is not good enough. We're creating enough, keeping the ball well enough, we're defending well enough, our X.G is top three, but I'm sick of the numbers."**

**NATHAN JONES**

## JAMES SHEA

Words: Dan Briard

**James Shea is hopeful the Town's fortunes will change this afternoon after a frustrating draw against Nottingham Forest in midweek.**

For the goalkeeper, it was a first league outing since Boxing Day last year in the absence of Simon Sluga, and he helped preserve an eighth clean sheet of the Sky Bet Championship campaign.

Reflecting firstly on a personal note, Shea said: "I thoroughly enjoyed it. It was great to be back out there and even better to keep a clean sheet. It has been a long time and it has been frustrating because I'm like any player, I want to play."

"To be fair, Simon has been brilliant, he has done really well and I just have to be ready when I'm called upon. It's not the first time I've done it, I'm used to it, and I'll be ready when I get my chance."

"The hardest day of the week is the game day. You want to be out there in front of 25,000 like we were tonight. I got that buzz today, which I was over the moon. If Simon plays on Saturday, then I'll be right back behind him and likewise I had messages from Si today saying 'good luck', 'all the best' - it's the goalkeepers union!"

But after missing the opportunity to move up the table, the keeper added: "Everyone is annoyed we didn't get the three points because we deserved it. I thought we played really well especially first half. I never felt under threat at all, even when they had 11 men. The only time they had a real threat was when they had a free-kick in the last minute."

"We work hard on the training ground, Elijah takes penalties every single day and it just hasn't happened for him today which is one of those things. We will keep sticking at it, keep working hard and hopefully our performances will earn the points they deserve."

Finally, the 30-year-old commented on the arrival of goalkeeper coach Kevin Pilkington, who has supplemented the background staff further.

"He gets the way we work which is massive. We've got two Kevs now and it has been brilliant. Training has been great, he has fitted in like he's been here for years."

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# FIXTURES 2021-22

DATE	TIME	H/A	OPOSITION	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS	PENALTY (F)	PENALTY (A)	OWN GOALS	SENT OFF	OPP. SENT OFF	SHEA	BREE	POTTS	NAISMITH	BRADLEY	REA	CORNICK	BERRY	HYLTON	LEE	ADEBAYO
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<b>AUGUST</b>																							
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	-	-	-	-	-	•								c			
Sat 14	3.00pm	A	West Bromwich Albion	L 2-3	23,283	1,433	11	-	-	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	-	-	-	-	-							ay 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		a		
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					
Wed 29	7.45pm	H	Coventry City	W 5-0	9,805	1,032	9	1	-	-	-	•			c	2 a	1			2 b			
<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>																							
Wed 2	7.45pm	H	Middlesbrough	W 3-1	9,790	987	6	-	-	-	-	•	y	ya	1	•	1 b	b		1 c			
Sat 6	3.00pm	H	Stoke City	L 0-1	10,068	1,005	11	-	-	-	-	•				•	b	•			y		
Fri 19	7.45pm	A	QPR	L 0-2	15,062	2,452	11	-	-	-	-	•			y	•	a	•					
Tue 23	7.45pm	A	Nottingham Forest	D 0-0	25,715	1,418	11	-	-	-	1			y	*	a	c		c				
Sat 27	3.00pm	H	Cardiff City																				
<b>DECEMBER</b>																							
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																				
<b>JANUARY</b>																							
Sat 1	3.00pm	A	Coventry City																				
Sat 15	3.00pm	H	AFC Bournemouth																				
Sat 22	7.45pm	A	Sheffield United																				
Sat 29	3.00pm	H	Blackburn Rovers																				
<b>FEBRUARY</b>																							
Sat 5	3.00pm	A	Peterborough United																				
Tue 8	7.45pm	H	Barnsley																				
Sat 12	3.00pm	A	Birmingham City																				
Sat 19	3.00pm	H	West Bromwich Albion																				
Wed 23	8.00pm	A	Stoke City																				
Sat 26	3.00pm	H	Derby County																				
<b>MARCH</b>																							
Sat 5	3.00pm	A	Middlesbrough																				
Sat 12	3.00pm	H	QPR																				
Wed 16	7.45pm	H	Preston North End																				
Sat 19	3.00pm	A	Hull City																				
<b>APRIL</b>																							
Sat 2	3.00pm	H	Millwall																				
Sat 9	3.00pm	A	Huddersfield Town																				
Fri 15	3.00pm	H	Nottingham Forest																				
Mon 18	3.00pm	A	Cardiff City																				
Sat 23	3.00pm	H	Blackpool																				
Sat 30	3.00pm	A	Fulham																				
<b>MAY</b>																							
Sat 7	3.00pm	H	Reading																				

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

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AVERDUU	SLUGA	MENDES GOMES	LOCKERY	BURKE	MARZU	CLARK	PEREIRA	KIOSO	ISTED	CAMPBELL	LANSBURY	ONYEDINMA	MUSRWE	BELL	OSHO	BECKWITH	JEROME	JONES	MCANNET	FRANCIS-CLARKE	SUB TIMES				SENT OFF		GOAL TIMES		
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## BARRIE (BAZ) WATERFIELD

Barrie (Baz) Waterfield, a Hatters fan since attending his first game in 1956, passed away on October 29th. He was a season ticket holder in the Kenny End for the last few years, but had sat in the Main Stand and Enclosure over the years, attending with sons Paul and John alongside Mick, Nick, Terry and, for last six years, grandson Ben.

Highlights were the League Two-winning season and, of course, the League Cup win at Wembley. Baz was never seen without a LTFC top on, no matter the occasion, and holidays were not allowed to be booked before fixtures came out to ensure home games weren't missed. He had already purchased a replica kit for first great grandchild due in December.

Rip Baz – COYH!



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

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## WHO?

The Seasiders won promotion from League One via the play-offs last season, beating Lincoln City in the final thanks to a Kenny Dougall brace which put them in England's second tier for the first time since 2015. Blackpool have one piece of major silverware, winning the FA Cup in 1953 as they secured a seventh placed finish in Division One.

## GROUND?

The Tangerines have played their home fixtures at Bloomfield Road since 1899 and boasts a capacity of 16,616, posting an average attendance this season of 12,186.



## HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

The two sides last met in April 2019 at Kenilworth Road, with the Hatters coming from behind to draw 2-2 despite going down to ten men. The reverse fixture in Luton's League One title winning campaign ended in a 0-0 draw, whilst Blackpool came out on top in the 2016/17 League Two play-offs.

## KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU

Former Luton Conference promotion winner Mark Cullen moved to Blackpool from Luton in 2015 after two seasons at the club, scoring against the Hatters in the 2016/17 League Two play-offs. Goalkeeper Stuart Moore signed for Blackpool in February 2021 having joined the Hatters on-loan in 2017, and has made one league appearance for the Tangerines this season.

Words: Dylan Bhundia

## LUTON TOWN PLAYER STATISTICS

	2020-21 SEASON								CAREER	
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		CARDS		APPS	G
	APPS	G	APPS	G	APPS	G	YEL	RED	APPS	G
Elijah Adebayo	16	(1)	8	0	(0)	0	16	(1)	8	2
Sam Beakwith	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0
Aman'i Bell	13	(1)	1	0	(0)	0	13	(1)	1	0
Luke Berry	6	(1)	4	0	(0)	0	6	(1)	4	0
Sonny Bradley	10	(1)	1	0	(0)	0	10	(1)	1	2
James Bree	19	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	19	(0)	0	4
Reece Burke	7	(2)	0	0	(0)	0	7	(2)	0	0
Allan Campbell	8	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	8	(1)	0	2
Jordan Clark	9	(3)	0	0	(0)	0	9	(3)	0	1
Harry Cornick	17	(2)	7	0	(1)	0	17	(3)	7	1
Danny Hylton	0	(3)	1	0	(0)	0	0	(3)	1	0
Cameron Jerome	4	(10)	0	1	(0)	1	5	(10)	1	2
Peter Kioso	2	(1)	0	1	(0)	0	3	(1)	0	0
Henri Lansbury	7	(7)	0	1	(0)	0	8	(7)	0	7
Elliot Lee	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0
Tom Lockyer	13	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	14	(0)	0	2
Carlos Mendes Gomes	1	(5)	0	1	(0)	0	2	(5)	0	0
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	15	(1)	1	0	(0)	0	15	(1)	1	2
Admiral Musoke	3	(8)	0	1	(0)	1	4	(8)	1	1
Kai Naismith	18	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	18	(0)	0	5
Fred Onyedinma	6	(5)	2	0	(0)	0	6	(5)	2	1
Gabriel Osho	8	(2)	0	1	(0)	0	9	(2)	0	3
Dion Pereira	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0
Dan Potts	2	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	1
Glen Rea	6	(4)	0	1	(0)	0	7	(4)	0	3
James Shea	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	0
Simon Sluga	18	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	18	(0)	0	1
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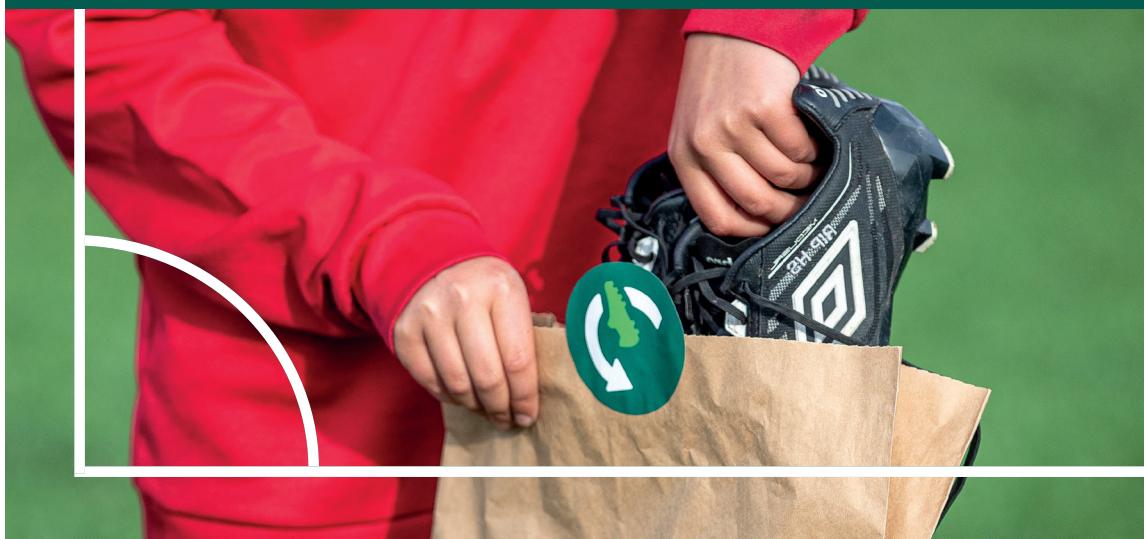
## 2021-22 CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

#	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Fulham	19	13	3	3	48	15	33	42
2	Bournemouth	19	12	5	2	34	14	20	41
3	West Bromwich Albion	19	9	6	4	27	16	11	33
4	Queens Park Rangers	19	9	5	5	31	24	7	32
5	Coventry City	19	9	5	5	25	21	4	32
6	Stoke City	19	9	4	6	24	20	4	31
7	Blackburn Rovers	19	8	6	5	33	27	6	30
8	Huddersfield Town	19	8	4	7	22	21	1	28
9	Swansea City	19	7	6	6	23	23	0	27
10	Millwall	19	6	9	4	19	19	0	27
11	Blackpool	19	7	6	6	20	21	-1	27
12	Luton Town	19	6	7	6	26	24	2	25
13	Nottingham Forest	19	6	6	7	24	23	1	24
14	Preston North End	19	6	6	7	21	25	-4	24
15	Middlesbrough	19	6	5	8	21	22	-1	23
16	Sheffield United	19	6	5	8	23	26	-3	23
17	Birmingham City	19	6	5	8	18	21	-3	23
18	Bristol City	19	6	5	8	21	28	-7	23
19	Hull City	19	5	3	11	14	22	-8	18
20	Cardiff City	19	5	3	11	19	33	-14	18
21	Reading *	19	7	2	10	23	30	-7	17
22	Peterborough United	19	4	3	12	17	38	-21	15
23	Barnsley	19	2	5	12	13	31	-18	11
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