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THE MANAGER

Good afternoon, happy new year and welcome back to Kenilworth Road after what seems like an eternity!

I hope you all stayed as safe and well as possible, enjoyed some quality time with your loved ones and have returned today ready to recreate the kind of atmosphere we had here for the game against Fulham, almost a month ago.

I always talk about wanting a bit of romance in an FA Cup draw, and today's tie gives us exactly that. Opposition from a different division, a club Luton Town have never played before, and one who have been on an upward trajectory for several seasons since winning promotion from National League North less than four years ago.

We welcome Simon Weaver, his staff and their squad, along with the supporters who have made the journey down from Yorkshire – a wonderful part of the country, as we experienced in pre-season.

Harrogate are going well this season so we know they will provide a tough test, but we've had the experience of going to Newcastle as a League Two club, and last season playing Chelsea away, and we are determined to put on a performance to give us the chance to sample that kind of occasion again.

While it has been frustrating having the recent matches called off due to Covid issues, training has been excellent and the players who have had to isolate have returned to training in much better health than when we were affected during the summer.

They will all be desperate to get back out there on the pitch this afternoon as we embark on a hectic couple of months, having to cram so many matches into a short space of time.

You will hopefully have seen that I have signed a new long-term contract to remain as manager, and as I said in the statement, I'm so proud to manage this wonderful club and of the fact that the board have entrusted me to take Luton Town onto the next phase of our journey. I thank them, everyone I work with here, and you, the supporters, for what I consider our special relationship.

Two people who have been a huge part of my time here will be back in the home dugout today, with Mick feeling well enough and comfortable with returning to work full-time having kept his hand in with the odd day in recent weeks, and Alan Sheehan joining the coaching staff having spent two years away from the club furthering his coaching education at Northampton and Oldham.

It's fantastic to have both back in our environment. We all know how important Mick is to everyone and Sheez was a wonderful player, captain and human being for this club, so I know you will give them the ovation they both deserve.

Enjoy the game, get behind the boys and let's see where we can go in this wonderful competition.

COYH!



NOTES FROM THE BOARDROOM

DAVID WILKINSON
CHAIRMAN



Good afternoon everyone and a warm welcome to Kenilworth Road.

We all hope you have had a good time over the festive season and were able to enjoy spending it with your family and friends. We also wish you all a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

This is our first game since we played Fulham, here, a month ago. It is so frustrating to have had such a lengthy enforced layoff due to the rapid spread of Covid 19. Before it was called off we were due to play Swansea behind closed doors for the third year in a row, so hopefully that won't be the case when its rearranged. Recent games have shown us the joy of being able to share the live experience with our fellow supporters and have served to remind us what an important part of our game it is.

Our last game here against Fulham was a brilliant example. A memorable game full of excitement and passion along with, what seems to be the norm, a certain amount of controversy. Our best performance of the season? Not far off in my view. What a competition the Championship is!

Our visitors today are Harrogate Town for a third round FA Cup tie, the first in their history. Having only turned full-time professional in 2017 they were promoted to the EFL for the first time in 2020.

Even though some of the flavour and glamour of the FA Cup has been eroded in recent years, the early rounds continue to excite. Last year we lost to Chelsea in the fourth round and I'm sure that Harrogate will be dreaming of beating us to get a big club in the next round.

These games are often nervy affairs with non-supporters and media favouring the underdog and hoping for a giant killing to fill the back pages. So

we should expect some drama and a tense 90 minutes.

I recently had the privilege of travelling on the team coach for the FA Youth Cup game with Burnley at the Lancashire FA ground in Leyland. It was my first time and very interesting to get a flavour of what it's like and get the chance to spend a bit of time with Mick, Andy, Dan, Benno and others. It gladdens all of our hearts to see Mick as positive as ever and looking in such good form. It was a long trek in dreadful weather, but despite losing, the lads put up a tremendous display against a Category 1 academy in atrocious conditions. It seemed like an even longer trip back.

A huge thank you and congratulations to everyone who participated in Family Fun Day on December 11. It was as always an extremely enjoyable and heart-warming event. Everyone seemed to be having fun despite the ghastly weather.

Anyway, we all want some good news so can I take this opportunity of publicly congratulating our fellow director Rob Stringer for, not only, receiving a CBE in the Queen's New Year Honours, but also for being awarded the 2022 Grammy Salute to Industry Icons award. Rob is Group Chairman of Sony Music and the award is for his leadership, impact and dedication to advancing innovation in the music industry. Harvey Mason Jr. CEO of the Recording Academy, said that Rob has been one of the most influential leaders in the industry for decades. Rob is due to receive his award in person at the Pre-Grammy Gala at the end of January. It goes without saying that we are immensely proud of our friend and colleague for all that he has done to deserve these honours.

For those of you who don't know Rob has been a lifelong fan, and even though he lives in New York, is often seen at games.



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We also received some very sad news with the passing of our club photographer Gareth Owen's wife, Angela, after a long battle with illness. Our thoughts and condolences are with Gareth and his family at this difficult time.

I hope you got to see Stephen Browne's excellent notes in the Fulham Programme about the state of football. There is so much wrong, but for now I'd like to concentrate on the positive and tell you our hopes and wishes for the New Year.

The two main planks of our 2020 mission that Gary presented to us and which we all bought into, were to reach the Championship and gain planning from which we relocate into a brand-new stadium.

You will probably have seen that we have announced that a deal to sell our asset at Junction 10 has now been agreed with an investment fund advised by Morgan Stanley REIT and Wrenbridge for their development of Newlands Park. As Gary says in the Press Release, even though there is still a lot of work to do, this is an important step towards funding the delivery of our new home at Power Court.

As you should be aware since acquiring the land in the first place, the World has seen some of the most unpredictable changes – from Brexit to the Virus – which we have been beset with difficulties that have or could have hindered our

development plans, making the project hugely more challenging. However, the first part of the plan is now in place, and we can concentrate on the principal ambition.

So, the first wish is to see continued progress at Power Court and the finalisation of detailed stadium plans prior to starting work, and I can assure you that this is happening.

The second wish is to see us continue to punch above our weight. Our performances in the first half of the season have been very encouraging and bely our league position as independent data puts us in the top four. However, it does show that we are moving in the right direction and bodes well for the remainder of this interrupted season. We don't need stats to see how well we've played and how far we've come. We are all delighted and excited that Nathan has agreed to commit himself to the club by extending his contract until 2027.

“Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow” - Albert Einstein.

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David

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SONNY BRADLEY

Good afternoon everyone and welcome back to Kenilworth Road at long last!

It feels like forever since we last played a game, and we are all delighted that we could return to action today.

Like you I'm sure, I have equally been very bored sat at home watching Soccer Saturday instead of playing through the Christmas period. I actually said whilst sat on the sofa with my girlfriend and my little man, that if this is what it could be like when I finish playing, I'm never going to finish!

So first of all, thank you for hanging in there with us. It's no one's fault of course, because this is now a part of the world we live in.

It is equally frustrating because we had been on a good run prior to the break. A good clean sheet and win at Blackpool was followed by a draw against Fulham, a game that arguably could have been more.

There have been a few occasions where we've said that this season. We've lost games we could have won, and we've drawn games, like Forest away, that we should have won.

We don't want to let that be the story at the end of the season, we don't want to think what if, we want to turn those draws into wins and that will give us a better chance of reaching our goals at the end of the campaign.

Turning our attention to today's game, it's a game we want to win. We want to go on a cup run and play against some of the biggest clubs in England, but first, we've got to get past Harrogate, which won't be an easy task.

Having had a brief spell at Harrogate myself at the beginning of my career during a loan from Hull, I know full well that we have to approach the match in the right manner if we want to win the game, and then, if we do that, we can hopefully enjoy a cup run this year, which I'm sure the fans would love.

It may have been more than a decade ago, but it's remarkable to think the manager is still the same – Simon Weaver – and he has done a wonderful job to get Harrogate into the position they are in. Simon had his own ideas, everything we did in training was well structured and we liked to play on the front foot. He was a really good manager and I wish him all the best moving forward.

I also scored my first senior goal there and like my other loans, playing for Harrogate helped me appreciate what playing men's football was all about, so I'm grateful for the time I spent there.

Looking ahead, we know that the next few months will be even busier than usual because of the number of games we now have to fit in, but we are ready as a squad and we know you will be with us all the way, starting with today.

All that's left to say is enjoy the match and come on you Hatters!





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THE OPPOSITION

WRITTEN BY 13-YEAR-OLD ZAC NEAL.

Harrogate Town AFC were founded in 1914 and play in League Two, having had a sudden rise in recent years, going from the National League North to the EFL in such quick succession.

Nicknamed the Sulphurites, the Yorkshire club won the FA Trophy in the 19/20 season, beating Concord Rangers 1-0 at Wembley - although the final was delayed until last May. This wasn't their only big moment from the Covid-interrupted campaign as Simon Weaver's men gained promotion to the Football League for the first time in their 107-year history in 2020.

3 THINGS I BET YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT HARROGATE TOWN!

- This is the first meeting between the two clubs.
- Simon Weaver has managed the club for 12 years and 6 months, making him the current longest serving manager in the EFL.
- Harrogate have never spent a penny on a player before.

**HISTORIC HARROGATE GAME:
Portsmouth 1-2 Harrogate Town - 04/12/21**

The Sulphurites booked themselves in for the third round of the FA Cup for the first time in the club's history following late drama against Portsmouth.

Simon Weaver's men travelled down to Fratton Park in the hope of booking a spot in the third

round of the FA Cup. Portsmouth are no easy side to beat, especially on their home patch, everyone at Harrogate were fully aware of the challenge and they took it head on.

Starting the game off strongly, the team began to believe that it was possible to defy the odds. On the brink of half-time a goal finally came, with new signing Luke Armstrong scoring just before the break. It only took a minute for Pompey to equalise, through Ellis Harrison striking in injury time of the first half.

There must have been some encouraging words from Weaver at half-time because Harrogate came out fully prepared to cause an upset. A very equal match with both sides trying to go for that goal to get that spot in round three continued, but it never seemed like it would come for either side, with extra-time looking like a certainty.

Portsmouth could have easily put the game to bed but so could Harrogate. Incredibly in the 95th minute a goal finally came, and it came from Sunderland loanee Jack Diamond, firing Harrogate into the third round for the first time in their history right in front of the travelling fans.

This was a massive win for Harrogate Town and with the third-round draw looming, the fans were dreaming of Chelsea, Arsenal, Manchester United etc at home, but it was us Hatters who came out of the pot for the clubs' first-ever meeting here at Kenilworth Road.



THE GOALKEEPER: MARK OXLEY

Goalkeeper Mark Oxley began his career with Rotherham, before moving to Hull. He spent seven years with the Tigers, featuring once in the first-team. Oxley had a number of loan spells, including stints at Grimsby, Burton, Oldham and Hibernian. His time at Hibs turned into a permanent stay, and he made 34 Scottish Championship appearances during the 2015/16 season. The 31-year-old would return to England in 2016, signing for Southend, where he made over 150 league appearances in five years at Roots Hall. After the Essex club's relegation from League Two, the keeper signed for Harrogate.



THE DEFENDER: WARREN BURRELL

A product of Mansfield Town's academy, Warren Burrell made his one and only appearance for the Stags in the final game of the 2007/08 season. He then spent two years at Harrogate, before leaving in 2011. Burrell enjoyed a spell in the depths of non-league, playing for the likes of Sheffield FC, Leek Town and Buxton, before returning to Wetherby Road to re-sign for the Sulphurites in 2016. Since his return to the Yorkshire club, the 31-year-old has been a regular in Town's defence. Burrell has made over 170 league appearances for Harrogate, helping them reach the Football League in 2020.



THE MANAGER: SIMON WEAVER

In charge of the club since 2009, Simon Weaver has taken Harrogate Town from the National League North to League Two and celebrated his 600th game in charge on Tuesday night. As a player, Weaver had notable spells at Nuneaton and Lincoln, amongst others. In 2009, he became player-manager at Wetherby Road and in 2018, he guided Harrogate to promotion into the National League after beating Brackley Town in the play-off final. Two years later, he led Harrogate into EFL for the first time after a 3-1 win over Notts County in the 2020 play-off final at Wembley.



**ON THE RADAR:
HARROGATE TOWN**

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THE MIDFIELDER: JOSH FALKINGHAM

After spending time at Leeds in his youth, Josh Falkingham made his professional debut for Scottish side St Johnstone. After only a short time at the club, he was released and signed for Abroath. He spent two seasons with the Red Lichties, before joining Dunfermline Athletic. Falkingham made 120 appearances in the Scottish third tier, before joining Non-League club Darlington in the 2016/17 season. After featuring for the Quakers, the 31-year-old signed for Harrogate. Since his move to the Yorkshire club, the midfielder has over 150 appearances and has won promotion on two occasions.



THE ATTACKER: JACK DIAMOND

Joining Sunderland's academy at the age of 14, Jack Diamond made his debut for the Black Cats in the EFL Trophy in October 2018. During the 2018/19 season, he spent time on loan at Harrogate in the National League. Diamond made 27 appearances for the club, before returning to the Stadium of Light. He made 24 League One appearances for Sunderland last season. For the 2021/22 season, Diamond was sent out on loan once again, re-joining Harrogate on loan. So far this season, he has five League Two goals to his name.

WATCH OUT FOR... LUKE ARMSTRONG

After spending time at both Middlesbrough and Birmingham in his youth, Luke Armstrong made his professional debut at Cowdenbeath in Scottish League One, before joining Blyth Spartans. Armstrong scored 23 times in the Northern Premier League Premier Division, and earned a move back to Middlesbrough. He made three appearances in the EFL Trophy for Boro's Under-21s, and had loan spells at Gateshead and Accrington Stanley. He then joined Salford, but struggled for form, and later signed for Hartlepool on loan. In the summer of 2021, the striker signed for Harrogate.



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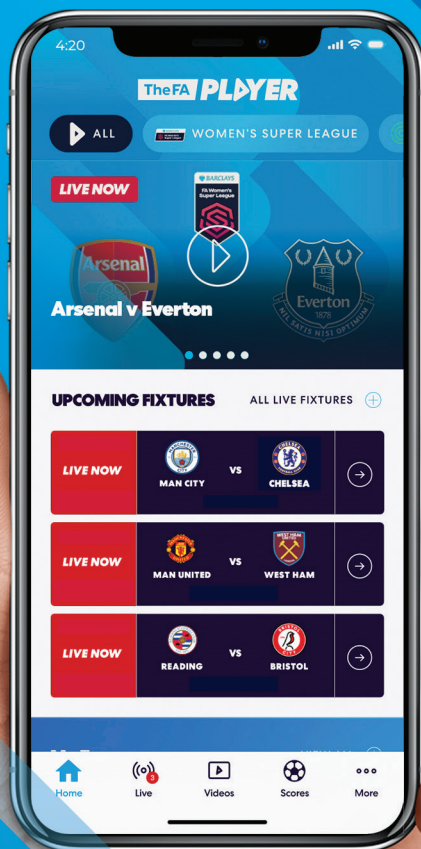
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Second game: Standen, Dunne, Bramwell, Morton, Kelly, Groves, Noake, Ashworth, Turner, McGuffie, Fleming.

MANCHESTER CITY:

Both games: Trautmann, Leivers, Betts, Barnes, Plenderleith, Shawcross, Barlow, Hannah, Baker, Law, Hayes.

As was normal at the time, whenever the FA Cup competition came into view the whole town went 'cup crazy', which was perfectly understandable as the Hatters were defeated finalists in 1959 and had reached the fifth round the year after.

When the Town were drawn out of the hat to play Northampton at Kenilworth Road in the third round in 1960/61, such was the interest in the game that it was immediately made all-ticket.

For the first local derby meeting against the



Cobblers since 1937, over 26,000 turned up on a day hindered by a local bus strike to see the Town use skill against brawn and win comfortably to the tune of 4-0.

The reward was another home all-ticket affair with top-flight Manchester City the visitors for the third time in eight years in the competition. City ominously boasted the mercurial Denis Law, who had become the most expensive player in the country when transferring from Huddersfield the previous year for a staggering £53,000.

Lutonians woke up on the day of the game to a downpour which persisted throughout the morning and into the afternoon, leaving the Kenilworth Road pitch under water and the match in doubt.

Over 23,000 turned up, though, and were relieved when the referee started the game - and were even more so when Alec Ashworth put the Town two up inside 18 minutes. Then came the Denis Law show.

Gliding over the surface, Law netted a hat-trick by half-time and repeated the feat in the second half before the rain got steadily worse, until an absolute deluge led the



Alec Ashworth nets the Town's first goal past Bert Trautmann in the Manchester City goal.

referee to call the players off after 69 minutes with City leading 6-2.

It has been repeated over the years that the referee only intended to keep the players off the pitch until the rain had subsided a little but, showing admirable quick thinking, the Luton players leapt into the bath. When the officials decided to re-start the game, a quick visit to the Luton changing room left them with little alternative but to abandon the game.

The replay took place on the following Wednesday afternoon due to complaints by City's German goalkeeper Bert Trautmann that the Kenilworth Road floodlights were not good enough.

The midweek afternoon kick-off kept the crowd down to 15,583, who saw a Kenilworth Road pitch turned from a waterlogged but even surface to thick, sticky mud which would hold the ball up.

Bob Morton was recalled to the side to man-mark Law, while John Groves was told to shadow City's playmaker George Hannah. City were naturally unchanged!

This time the Town went two up in 22 minutes with Ashworth taking advantage of a poor clearance from City's defence to ram the ball past

Trautmann, and then unselfishly setting up Jim Fleming to tap home.

Law was again on the scoresheet just before half-time when he made sure that a Joe Hayes shot that had already beaten Jim Standen in the Luton goal, crossed the line.

City rallied briefly after the interval, but it was the Town who regained the initiative and in the 65th minute made sure of victory with another goal from the alert Ashworth this time from a cross from John Bramwell.

From then on the confident Hatters were content to repulse a flurry of desperate raids, led by the irrepressible Law, the unlucky man who scored seven goals and still finished on the losing side.

"I'm terribly disappointed," said Law afterwards. "I could not get going today on the sticky mud. I preferred it on Saturday. At least he ball would move then."

A pleased Luton manager Sam Bartram felt fully vindicated by his team changes. "I decided the man to watch was George Hannah. Cut out Hannah and you have Law by the scruff of the neck. John Groves gave him hardly a kick today."

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SIMON OXLEY



This game will get its own chapter if I ever write an autobiography – the town which has been my footballing home for so many of the last 35 and a half years, up against the home town I left in 1986.

Back then I would never have imagined such a meeting. Luton were in the top flight and embarking on a season which would see them finish a best-ever seventh, whilst Harrogate were in the Northern Counties East League.

The club was nowhere near the national sporting agenda when I was growing up. Harrogate Rugby Club got a mention when star winger Peter Squires played for England or the British Lions, and the town's cricket club hosted an annual festival week which included a county match for Yorkshire and our equivalent of a royal visit if 'Sir' Geoffrey played (*pictured right*).

Like many others, I got the coach from Harrogate to watch Leeds, with Bradford and York an occasional alternative. I did venture to Harrogate's Wetherby Road ground for pre-season friendlies, peering over the advertising boards trying to recognise who Leeds had sent in their 'eleven', and I was there when Eddie Gray switched on the new floodlights.

League football was a distant dream. Dr Who (I think it was Tom Baker) had a Farrah's Harrogate Toffee tin, and the

town's Conference Centre hosted the Eurovision Song Contest. But it never felt as though we were on the sporting map. Now, after several promotions and a National League play-off final win over Notts County at an empty Wembley, Harrogate Town are in the Football League. They might even challenge for promotion again.

I'll be honest, I would have preferred Harrogate versus Luton, and with the entirely understandable decision to scrap replays there's no chance of a midweek visit home either, but today will more than suffice.

And of course it will be a relief to see the Hatters playing again. It's been a long month since the impressive draw at home to Fulham, although I have been on football commentary duty elsewhere and also took in some Championship rugby at Ampthill.

There have been some off-the-field developments to keep us busy, with the announcement about the sale of Newlands Park to help fund Power Court, and the manager's contract extension to 2027.

What will we be contemplating in five years' time? Maybe a first FA Cup tie at Power Court, or might it be a distraction from the Premier League? Or perhaps re-signing Charlie Patino from Arsenal as Rob Stringer persuades Adele to invest the proceeds from '35'?

Dare to dream. Back in the day, league football was exactly that in Harrogate.

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JAMES SHEA

Matchday routine?

I try and stay away from them to be honest.

Superstitions?

I have a little chat with myself before a game if I'm playing when I'm out on the pitch, but I try to stay away from doing anything else.

Biggest influence?

It's the standard answer but it has to be my parents. When I was younger, they were brilliant, taking me up and down the country and you don't realise how hard it is until you have your own kids yourself what they do and what they sacrifice.

Sporting hero?

It was Dennis Bergkamp, I absolutely loved him. I grew up around the corner from the stadium and I supported Arsenal, so I would say him. Goalkeeping wise I'd say David Seaman, he was unbelievable.

Current day I would have to say Manuel Neuer.

Best player you've played alongside?

I'd say Jack Wilshere. We grew up together and played from under 10s until I left when I was 22. He was brilliant.

Toughest opponent?

I played against Didier Drogba once and he was very, very good.

Most treasured possession?

It's got to be my two children, Amelia and Sophia. If I'm choosing one object though, it would be my Golden Glove from the League One title-winning season.

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

I'd most likely be working with my dad. He works in the property business, so I would imagine something like that.

Best stadium played at?

As an Arsenal boy, it has to be the Emirates stadium, doesn't it?

Something people may not know about you?

I'm a twin, not sure how many people will know that!

Favourite song?

Drops of Jupiter by Train.

Favourite film?

Has to be Shawshank redemption. It's a classic.

Favourite meal?

It's a hard choice between Chinese or a curry. Can't decide!

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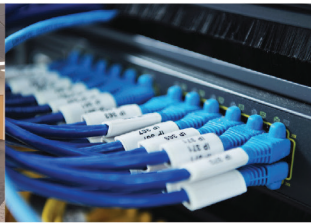
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Cup fever 1935 style! Luton supporters at Burnley for the FA Cup fourth round tie at Turf Moor in January 1935. Sadly, the Town were to lose 3-1.

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DYLAN BHUNDIA

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A month ago, my family brought our two young nephews Trishul and Theeran, aged 8 and 9, to Kenilworth Road for the first time as the Hatters played out an entertaining 1-1 draw with Fulham. They left the game donning their new woolly hats from the club shop and with smiles that reflected the joy of experiencing 90 minutes of football at our unique home.

My dad said it brought back memories of the first time that he took me to Kenilworth Road 14 years ago - the obliviousness of being that age, oblivious of the club's perilous ownership situation at the time, of what analysis, tactics and formations were and any sense of league tables, promotions, and relegations.

In a non-footballing sense, at that age you don't quite grasp the dynamics and meaning behind what's happening around you. Every new experience is a mystery to be uncovered.

What is it then that made my nephews leave the game with the warm feeling of joy? Because it's not the story of Luton Town that brought that feeling, unlike perhaps for us fans who have watched the Hatters throughout this season and for several years.

It's not the thrill of seeing the game in the context of the recruitment of this young, hungry, and athletic group of players, or the relative closeness of the promised land of Premier League football, or the deep and meaningful history that the club and its home embodies. My nephews have no understanding of what any of that is or means.

Strip all your understanding and experience back of the memories, successes, failures and what you know about any players, managers, or context and what do you get? A feeling.

A feeling of walking into a football stadium and knowing that this is a place for you. A feeling of excitement and attachment with what is going on around you. A feeling of belonging, of togetherness.

Much of this you can't truly put your finger on or understand at the time – it all gathers up into one big knot within you, and it takes strong reflection to untangle and understand the different things within that feeling. But that process of untangling isn't important because the knot itself is something strong in itself.

My nephews are too young to go about that process of untangling and understanding. But that's the point – they walked away from Kenilworth Road two weeks ago with a multitude of feelings that combined to create something good.

That is what Kenilworth Road and Luton Town does. It did it to me 14 years ago, it's done it to you, and it did it to my nephews two weeks ago. When you strip it all back, supporting this club really is just about that raw emotion – the 'bug' it's sometimes called.

That feeling is one that is unique to this club, and we as fans can continue to create and sustain it for future generations.

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DEREK BROYD

Best wishes to Derek Broyd from all of his friends in The Kenny Upper stand. Derek, a lifelong Hatter who was there at the 1959 FA Cup Final, hasn't been able to attend games lately. We look forward to seeing you back in 2022, Derek, in your Legends shirt!



MARTIN DEVEREAU

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Martin Devereau, aged 47. Having first been attracted to Luton Town due to the kit colours Martin continued his passion for The Hatters in later life travelling from his home on the Isle of Man to numerous games home and away. Most notably a visit to Wembley in 2009 for the Johnstone Paints Trophy Final, where Claude Gnaka whose kit Martin sponsored at the time hit the winning goal in extra time much to his delight. Martin leaves behind his partner Tamar and loving family and friends.

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DEE CLINTON

Season Ticket holder in the Main Stand Enclosure, Dee Clinton originally from Portstewart, Northern Ireland, sadly passed away on November 17th 2021.

Dee attended matches with her son's Darren (Daz), David and family members regularly from 1977 to 2021, including being the Assistant Catering manager. She attended her first match at Kenilworth Road in 1974 and was a coach steward for our trip to Wembley, when we won the JPT Final, under the management of Luton Town legend Big Mick in 2009. Her favourite players over the years range from Mal Donaghy, Mark Tyler, to Alan Sheehan and Luke Berry.

She will be missed by her friends and fellow season ticket holders who sat around her at home matches.



SHANE O'CONNOR

Less than 24 hours after attending Luton's draw v Fulham on Saturday, Kenilworth Road regular Shane O'Connor died at home at the tragically young age of 45.

Shane had enjoyed the game with friends and his son, Niall, and was a familiar face to many who visit Kenilworth Road each week, whether through school, work, the local football scene or life around the town he loved so much. Shane's death has come as a huge shock and is a devastating loss to family, friends and his community of St Joseph's.

Condolences to Shane's wife Steph; children Sennaya and Niall; parents PJ & Bridie; sister Erin; all his family and friends and the many people who knew him.

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Favourite Player:
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Name:
JJ Burnhope-Smart

Age: 9

Hobbies:
Football, plays for Northampton Town Academy

Favourite Player:
Elijah Adebayo



Name:
Oscar Umney

Age: 10

Hobbies:
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Admiral Muskwe will become only the second Hatter to feature for his country in the Africa Cup of Nations, as Zimbabwe kick-off their campaign on Monday!

Relishing the opportunity to go head-to-head with the best African players, Muskwe will get the chance to do exactly that against Senegal – facing the likes of Sadio Mane, Kalidou Koulibaly and Edouard Mendy in the Group B opener.

“It doesn’t get much tougher than that,” Muskwe admitted prior to flying out to host country Cameroon last Tuesday. “It’s definitely one I’m excited about and looking forward to playing in.

“You’ve got players from the best leagues in the world and they’re all coming together to play in one tournament, so it’s going to be a good experience that’s for sure.

“Every time I’ve watched it it’s always been exciting football, end to end, it’s a good showcase of football in Africa and football in general.

“Events with fans are always good and African fans are very, very enthusiastic, and they are very passionate, so it’s always good to play for your country.”

Further on his involvement for Zimbabwe, for whom he has earned four caps thus far, the 23-year-old added: “I’m very excited. It’s a huge honour for myself and my family and I’m looking forward to the whole experience.

“As a young boy you always dream about playing in a major tournament, playing for your country is a huge honour, especially being able to do it at such a prestigious tournament like the Africa Cup of Nations. It is something I’ve always wanted to do it and now I’m going to get the opportunity to do so.”

After moving to Kenilworth Road in July, the former Leicester City forward is looking to make a big impact upon returning from the competition.

“I’m very happy to have made the move. I think when I first moved in the summer I reiterated it was the perfect fit for myself and the club, and maybe I haven’t got off to the start I would have wanted, picked up a little niggles, few injuries here and there, but everyone’s been great.

“The staff are great, everyone around the place is great, the boys are great, the fans are great, I don’t have a bad word to say about Luton. It’s a great place to be and hopefully I can repay the fans and the faith the club have shown in me once I’m back from the Africa Cup of Nations.”

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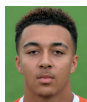
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ANDY AWFORD



Good afternoon everyone and a Happy New Year from the Academy.

Development Squad

Unfortunately, along with the first team postponements, the away game at Leicester City on Tuesday December 21st had to be cancelled and therefore the Development squad do not play again until we host Stevenage at Hitchin Town FC this coming Tuesday, January 11th (1pm kick-off).

The squad have continued to train hard over the recent period to support the first team, and will look to kick on in the second half of the season, which will include the Beds Senior Cup first round tie away to Dunstable Town on Tuesday January 18th (7.45pm kick-off).

Schoolboys

The schoolboy programme took a well-earned break over the festive period, with training restarting last Tuesday evening.

The fixtures before the break, against Arsenal, West Brom, Cambridge United, Spurs, Ipswich Town and Crystal Palace gave the boys a really competitive set of games, and we look forward to testing them further in 2022 with fixtures organised against Millwall (today), Southend United, Portsmouth and Crystal Palace.

U15 EFL Floodlit Cup

Drawn in a six-team group with Oxford United, Portsmouth, AFC Wimbledon, Peterborough United and Leyton Orient, we have played three of the five group games so far.

We beat Oxford 2-1 in the opening game and followed that with hard fought draws against AFC Wimbledon (2-2) & Peterborough United (0-0). So, it's all to play for as we host Orient and travel down to Portsmouth to complete the group games.

Hopefully, the boys can get the points needed and top the group as only the winners progress through to the knockout stage in February.

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ED McJANNET

How did you get into football?

I got into it at quite a young age. My dad took me to the local pitches outside my house and I absolutely loved it.

Do you have a matchday routine?

Just before the game I reflect, get into the right headspace and trust that we can do well and focus on the match.

Who is your favourite footballer and why?

My favourite is Cristiano Ronaldo. It was watching him play that got me into football. I just love the way he plays and what he has achieved.

What music are you into?

I love a bit of everything, which is similar to the other lads. At the minute though I'm quite big into Adele's new album. She's really good. Matt Moloney has some good tunes, he gets it going. Conor Lawless has some good ones too.

Favourite film?

I'm prefer to watch a series and my favourite is Peaky Blinders. Films is a tough one, I like a good comedy or a drama.

What do you do to relax?

I watch YouTube, a bit of Netflix, listen to some music, just chill out. I play a bit of golf, I like my golf so if I can ever get out and play I try to because that's quite fun. If I'm not playing football I'm usually watching, but I like doing other things away from it, like walking the dog with my family.

Biggest fear?

I'm not too keen on heights, also tight spaces when you are enclosed.

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

Teleportation so I could just appear somewhere else, it would be quite cool and save a lot of time, especially if someone needed your help.

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

A football - I think that would keep me the most sane!





COMMUNITY TRUST ANNUAL REVIEW 2021

2021 was a year of significant achievements for the Trust, in spite of Covid restrictions and national lockdowns. It pushed many projects on-line as we attempted to reach as many individuals and families as possible.

The response of our team to re-engineer programme delivery and identify and secure new opportunities to support for the Trust is something we are all extremely proud of. None of this was easy and tough decisions around furlough and salary reductions had to be made to ensure the sustainability of the charity during lockdown.

We knew face to face delivery was not going to be possible during lockdown, and decisive action was needed to ensure as many projects as possible continued on-line. With support from the Police Crime Commissioners Office, we designed our 'Get Up Get Fit' project of daily online exercise routines for boys and girls aged 14 and above. The project's aim was to literally get teenagers up and out of bed and exercise while schools and colleges were closed. Fit Hatters also remained on-line with

exercise routines designed to make sure the gains made pre-lockdown were maintained.

Our 'Tackling Loneliness Together' project became a major focus with support from the EFL and DCMS as the government recognised the consequences of millions of people forced to self-isolate or for those living alone during lockdown. Staff organised walking groups, gardening classes, coffee mornings as well as on-line activities including Hatter Chatter, our weekly supporters Zoom footy catch up. We also teamed up with Active Luton to continue Luton Central Library's click and deliver book service and delivered over 5,000 books across Town.

In March we launched our new 4 year strategy to 'Rebuild Capacity & Reconnect Communities'. The Trust will focus on 4 core strategic areas of sport, health, education and inclusion and through the power of our badge, bring people back together again. The strategy provided a timely springboard as the lifting of lockdown on 29th March in time for the Easter school holidays was akin to a



starting gun – we were inundated with kids and adults looking to get out and meet, play and enjoy the fresh air!

Underpinning our diverse activities is our core schools and football delivery. We experienced huge demand for our soccer camps as kids were desperate to play after their schools had been closed for months. Our youth development system returned with over 500 recruited boys training each week, and we re-started our two flagship cohesion projects for young people in Luton, KICKs and Luton Street League. Our school sports delivery teams return to school playing fields bigger than ever to deliver PE lessons and class based lessons in literacy and numeracy. So much to be positive about again with thousands of participants all engaging with the Trust every week!

We couldn't hold our annual Hatters Cup due to spectator restrictions, but our annual KICKs Cup took place at the stadium and our Fit Hatters also returned to the Kenny after 6 months. Our Ely Way Training Ground burst back into life with hundreds of children attending football camps and training, and our disability footballers slowly emerged from isolation and it was great to see our old friends. We even managed to organise our first residential trip to Stowe School and over a two week spell,

over 500 boys enjoying the fantastic facilities.

Off pitch, we finally opened our new youth club for local children in Marsh Farm, supported through the Luton Youth Fund, and our BTEC elite footballers educational scheme returned with our first cohort of girls who joined our boys teams beginning 6th Form at Chalk Hills in September, and both competing in the EFL CEFA Leagues. In October we began delivery of the government's National Citizen Service (NCS) and our BTEC boys and girls enjoyed a fortnight of challenges and activities including a project aimed at school uniform poverty in Luton.

So, we enter 2022 excited about the opportunities, but not complacent, acutely aware that factors beyond our control will continue to play a large part in our destiny. Our staff will need to continue being flexible and recognise that there are likely to be bumps in the road, however, we are confident that if we continue to show the passion and dedication to overcome the challenges that 2021 presented, we can look forward to a positive 2022.

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IT'S ALL ABOUT DEVELOPMENT

Following on from the last update, we continue to grow and include all levels of football in our development within the pathway through to the Ladies Senior Teams.

We are still looking for girls in years 5 and 6 for the U11s team, so if you have a daughter who likes football, we have spaces to wear the orange kit.

The football camps completed before Christmas were nothing but a success (see picture), and we are looking forward to welcoming them back in the Easter school breaks.

Mixing it up with different activities throughout the day, and the regular hot chocolate breaks for the outdoor camp at Lancaster Avenue, gave the girls welcome breaks in the session plans.

Thank you to Luton Schools Games and Adventures Intro for coming along and introducing these activities, along with partnering the club going forward.

We have also picked up a new sponsorship deal with HATTERS CARS SALES, to allow us to purchase winter wear and equipment for the youth training venues.

Our Christmas break took place between 21st December to yesterday, when the teams continue their leagues and cups in the Bedfordshire Girls Football league.

The club has also recently signed with the Beds FA to implement the Wildcats Girls Programme into our very successful Tiny Hatters sessions on a Saturday morning, to which more details will follow in our next update.

We also now have Sunday friendly games against teams who are also trying to develop the girls' sections, and having Luton visit their Wildcats centres has proven great for relationships and confidence on all sides. We mix our teams to give those who need more encouragement to flourish and build on their own confidence.

Our coaches hope that you read this section and would like to get involved soon.

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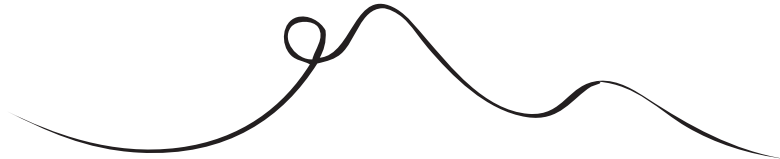
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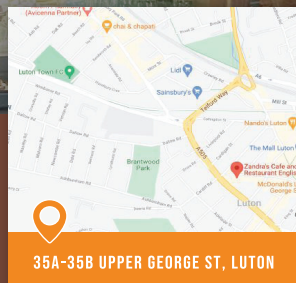
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| DATE | TIME | H/A | OPPOSITION | SCORE | ATT | AWAY | POS | PENALTY (F) | PENALTY (A) | OWN GOALS | SENT OFF | OPP. SENT OFF | SHEA | BREE | POTTS | NASMITH | BRADLEY | REA | CORNICK | BERRY | HYLTON | LEE | ADGANO |
|------------------|---------|-----|----------------------------|--------|--------|-------|-----|-------------|-------------|-----------|----------|---------------|------|------|-------|---------|---------|-----|---------|-------|--------|-----|--------|
| AUGUST | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 7 | 3.00pm | H | Peterborough United | W 3-0 | 10,019 | 1,032 | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | * | y | | | | * | 1a | | | | 1 |
| Tue 10 | 7.45pm | A | Stevenage (Carabao Cup R1) | D 2-2* | 3,052 | 1,291 | - | - | - | - | - | - | * | | | | | y | a | | | c | |
| Sat 14 | 3.00pm | A | West Bromwich Albion | L 2-3 | 23,283 | 1,433 | 11 | - | - | 1 | - | - | * | | | | | | 1 | | | | d |
| Tue 17 | 7.45pm | A | Barnsley | W 1-0 | 12,999 | 748 | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | * | | | | | c | a | y | | * | y |
| Sat 21 | 3.00pm | H | Birmingham City | L 0-5 | 10,014 | 1,006 | 11 | - | - | - | - | - | * | | | | | a | y | c | | * | |
| Sat 28 | 3.00pm | H | Sheffield United | D 0-0 | 9,774 | 1,036 | 12 | - | - | - | - | - | * | | | y | | | | | | | |
| SEPTEMBER | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 11 | 3.00pm | A | Blackburn Rovers | D 2-2 | 11,241 | 810 | 12 | - | - | - | - | - | * | | b | y | b | | | c | 2 | | |
| Wed 15 | 7.45pm | A | Bristol City | D 1-1 | 16,878 | 572 | 13 | - | - | - | - | - | * | y | | | | * | a | c | b | 1 | 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 |
| OCTOBER | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 2 | 3.00pm | H | Huddersfield Town | D 0-0 | 9,977 | 1,009 | 13 | - | - | - | - | - | * | | | | | y | a | c | | | |
| Sat 16 | 3.00pm | A | Millwall | W 2-0 | 14,227 | 1,631 | 10 | - | - | - | - | - | * | y | | y | | | 2 | a | * | | c |
| Tue 19 | 7.45pm | A | Derby County | D 2-2 | 20,258 | 1,057 | 9 | - | - | - | - | - | * | | | y | a | | 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 | | * | |
| NOVEMBER | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wed 2 | 7.45pm | H | Middlesbrough | W 3-1 | 9,790 | 987 | 6 | - | - | - | - | - | * | y | y | a | | 1 | * | 1 | b | b | 1 c |
| Sat 6 | 3.00pm | H | Stoke City | L 0-1 | 10,068 | 1,005 | 11 | - | - | - | - | - | * | | | | | * | b | | * | | |
| Fri 19 | 7.45pm | A | QPR | L 0-2 | 15,062 | 2,452 | 11 | - | - | - | - | - | * | | | | y | | a | | * | | y |
| 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 | L 1-2 | 9,987 | 1,032 | 14 | - | - | - | - | - | * | | | | | y | c | b | | b | |
| DECEMBER | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 4 | 3.00pm | A | Blackpool | W 3-0 | 11,366 | 1,391 | 12 | - | - | - | - | - | * | | | | | 1 | | | | b | 1 c |
| Sat 11 | 3.00pm | H | Fulham | D 1-1 | 9,992 | 1,029 | 12 | - | - | - | - | - | * | | | | | | | | * | | 1 |
| JANUARY | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sun 9 | 12.30pm | H | Harrogate Town (FAC3) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 15 | 12.30pm | H | AFC Bournemouth | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wed 19 | 8.00pm | A | Reading | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 22 | 7.45pm | A | Sheffield United | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tue 25 | 7.45pm | H | Bristol City | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 29 | 3.00pm | H | Blackburn Rovers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FEBRUARY | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 5 | 3.00pm | A | Peterborough United | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tue 8 | 7.45pm | H | Barnsley | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 12 | 3.00pm | A | Birmingham City | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 19 | 3.00pm | H | West Bromwich Albion | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wed 23 | 8.00pm | A | Stoke City | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 26 | 3.00pm | H | Derby County | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MARCH | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 5 | 3.00pm | A | Middlesbrough | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 12 | 3.00pm | H | QPR | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wed 16 | 7.45pm | H | Preston North End | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 19 | 3.00pm | A | Hull City | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| APRIL | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 2 | 3.00pm | H | Millwall | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 9 | 3.00pm | A | Huddersfield Town | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fri 15 | 3.00pm | H | Nottingham Forest | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mon 18 | 3.00pm | A | Cardiff City | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 23 | 3.00pm | H | Blackpool | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 30 | 3.00pm | A | Fulham | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MAY | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 7 | 3.00pm | H | Reading | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TBA | TBA | A | Swansea City | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TBA | TBA | A | Coventry City | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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|-------|-------|--------------|---------|-------|--------|-------|---------|------|-------|----------|----------|----------|--------|------|------|----------|--------|-------|---------|----------------|-----------|----|----|----|----------|----|-----------------------|
| 1 | 12 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 26 | 29 | 32 | 33 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 40 | a | b | c | d* | L# | O# | |
| | | b | | | c | | * | | | c | 1b | a | | | | | * | | | | 78 | 82 | 85 | - | - | - | 30, 68, 71 |
| | | | | | | b | | * | c | y | | 1b | | y | | 1a | * | * | | | 72 | 72 | 79 | - | - | - | 2, 5, 26, 40 |
| | * | | | 1 | b | * | c | | yc | a | a | b | | y | | d | | | | | 46 | 60 | 74 | 89 | - | - | 5, 36, 66, 70, 98 |
| | * | b | | | | | * | * | b | | y | yc | 1 | b | | a | | | | | 69 | 88 | 90 | - | - | - | 4 |
| | * | | | | | | a | * | b | | b | | | * | | c | | | | | 28 | 46 | 57 | - | - | - | 7, 26, 47, 84, 88 |
| | * | | | | | | * | * | a | | b | b | | | | | | | | | 83 | 84 | - | - | - | - | |
| | y | c | * | | | | * | | * | a | ay | | | | y | | y | | | | 11 | 46 | 59 | - | - | - | 27, 31, 73, 98 |
| a | | c | | | | | * | | | y | | | | * | | b | | | | | 63 | 63 | 74 | - | - | - | 57, 91 |
| c | | * | | | | a | * | | | y | | | | | | | | | * | | 61 | 76 | 89 | - | - | - | 7, 15, 23, 63, 86, 92 |
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| b | | a | | * | | | | | * | * | | | | c | | b | | | | | 71 | 71 | 80 | - | - | - | 3, 18, 30, 45+7, 58 |
| | | c | * | | | b | | | * | b | | | | * | | ay | | | | | 66 | 73 | 87 | - | - | - | |
| c | | | d | d | y | b | | | | b | * | c | | | | a | | | | | 68 | 76 | 79 | 87 | - | - | 11, 53 |
| l | | | * | y | b | | | | | c | a | 1 | b | | | * | | | | | 31 | 31 | 65 | - | - | - | 20, 48, 60, 83 |
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| c | | | | | | | | | * | y | ay | * | | | | c | | | | | 55 | 81 | 89 | - | - | - | 15, 57, 60, 62 |
| y | | | | a | | c | | | | y | b | a | | c | | * | | | | | 63 | 64 | 80 | - | - | - | 34 |
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| | | | | y | b | | | * | | b | | a | * | | | * | | | | | 74 | 74 | 87 | - | - | - | 61 |
| | | | * | | 1 | | | * | * | c | a | | a | | | * | | | | | 57 | 66 | 84 | - | - | - | 10, 64, 77 |
| c | | b | | | a | 1 | * | | * | | a | * | c | | * | | | | | | 46 | 77 | 82 | - | - | - | 42, 54, 91 |
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GROUND: VITALITY STADIUM

MANAGER: SCOTT PARKER

WHO?

The Cherries spent five consecutive seasons competing in the Premier League before they were relegated at the end of 2019-20. They came close to an immediate return to the top-flight, losing to eventual promotion winners Brentford in the play-off semi-final last season. The Dorset outfit have been among the pace-setters in the Championship all season since Scott Parker took charge in the summer, and are currently three points clear at the top having won their last two league matches.

GROUND?

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

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

The two sides last met in September at the Vitality Stadium, with first half goals from Phillip Billing and ex-Chelsea and Liverpool forward Dominic Solanke consigning Luton to a 2-1 defeat on the road, despite a spirited second-half display after Lloyd Kelly's second half own-goal halved the deficit. Last season, the Hatters took four points out of six against their former Premier League Opponents, including a stunning 1-0 victory courtesy of Kiernan Dewsbury-Hall's second half strike.


KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU

Former Hatter Jack Stacey won back-to-back promotions with the Hatters before moving to the Cherries in 2019, going on to make 19 appearances in the Premier League. He has now played more than 50 times for Bournemouth. Current Town forward Harry Cornick joined from Bournemouth in 2017, having originally joined the Cherries' academy as a 17-year-old after coming to prominence at Non-League Christchurch. Harry is now in his fifth season as a Hatter.

Words: Dylan Bhundia

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LUTON TOWN PLAYER STATISTICS

|  | 2020-21 SEASON | | | | | | | | | | CAREER | | |
|---|----------------|------|------|---|-------|---|-------|------|-------|---|--------|-----|----|
| | LEAGUE | | CUP | | TOTAL | | CARDS | | TOTAL | | APPS | G | |
| | APPS | G | APPS | G | APPS | G | | | APPS | G | | | |
| Elijah Adebayo | 19 | (1) | 10 | 0 | (0) | 0 | 19 | (1) | 10 | 2 | 0 | 38 | 15 |
| Sam Beckett | 0 | (0) | 0 | 1 | (0) | 0 | 1 | (0) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Amari'i Bell | 16 | (1) | 1 | 0 | (0) | 0 | 16 | (1) | 1 | 1 | 0 | 17 | 1 |
| Luke Berry | 6 | (1) | 4 | 0 | (0) | 0 | 6 | (1) | 4 | 0 | 0 | 129 | 18 |
| Sonny Bradley | 13 | (1) | 2 | 0 | (0) | 0 | 13 | (1) | 2 | 2 | 0 | 145 | 5 |
| James Bree | 22 | (0) | 0 | 0 | (0) | 0 | 22 | (0) | 0 | 4 | 0 | 91 | 1 |
| Roscoe Burke | 9 | (2) | 0 | 0 | (0) | 0 | 9 | (2) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 |
| Allan Campbell | 10 | (0) | 0 | 0 | (1) | 0 | 10 | (1) | 0 | 3 | 0 | 11 | 0 |
| Jordan Clark | 12 | (3) | 2 | 0 | (0) | 0 | 12 | (3) | 2 | 1 | 0 | 54 | 5 |
| Harry Cornick | 18 | (2) | 7 | 0 | (1) | 0 | 18 | (3) | 7 | 1 | 0 | 190 | 30 |
| Danny Hylton | 0 | (5) | 1 | 0 | (0) | 0 | 0 | (5) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 153 | 59 |
| Cameron Jerome | 4 | (10) | 0 | 1 | (0) | 1 | 5 | (10) | 1 | 2 | 0 | 15 | 1 |
| Peter Kioso | 2 | (1) | 0 | 1 | (0) | 0 | 3 | (1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 |
| Henri Lansbury | 8 | (0) | 0 | 1 | (0) | 0 | 9 | (0) | 0 | 7 | 0 | 17 | 0 |
| Elliot Lee | 0 | (0) | 0 | 1 | (0) | 0 | 1 | (0) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 124 | 30 |
| Tom Lockyer | 14 | (0) | 0 | 1 | (0) | 0 | 15 | (0) | 0 | 2 | 0 | 38 | 0 |
| Carlos Mendes Gomes | 2 | (5) | 0 | 1 | (0) | 0 | 3 | (5) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu | 17 | (2) | 1 | 0 | (0) | 0 | 17 | (2) | 1 | 2 | 0 | 317 | 20 |
| Admiral Muckwe | 4 | (0) | 0 | 1 | (0) | 1 | 5 | (0) | 1 | 1 | 0 | 14 | 1 |
| Kai Naismith | 21 | (0) | 0 | 0 | (0) | 0 | 21 | (0) | 0 | 5 | 0 | 44 | 1 |
| Fred Onyedima | 6 | (7) | 2 | 0 | (0) | 0 | 6 | (7) | 2 | 1 | 0 | 13 | 2 |
| Gabriel Osho | 8 | (3) | 0 | 1 | (0) | 0 | 9 | (3) | 0 | 3 | 0 | 13 | 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 | 7 | (4) | 0 | 1 | (0) | 0 | 8 | (4) | 0 | 4 | 0 | 206 | 8 |
| James Shea | 3 | (0) | 0 | 1 | (0) | 0 | 4 | (0) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 89 | 0 |
| Simon Sluga | 19 | (0) | 0 | 0 | (0) | 0 | 19 | (0) | 0 | 1 | 0 | 94 | 0 |

2021-22 CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

| # | Team | PL | W | D | L | F | A | GD | Pts |
|----|----------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1 | Bournemouth | 25 | 14 | 7 | 4 | 41 | 20 | 21 | 49 |
| 2 | Blackburn Rovers | 25 | 13 | 7 | 5 | 43 | 28 | 15 | 46 |
| 3 | Fulham | 23 | 13 | 6 | 4 | 51 | 19 | 32 | 45 |
| 4 | West Bromwich Albion | 25 | 11 | 9 | 5 | 31 | 19 | 12 | 42 |
| 5 | Queens Park Rangers | 24 | 12 | 5 | 7 | 37 | 30 | 7 | 41 |
| 6 | Huddersfield Town | 26 | 11 | 7 | 8 | 32 | 29 | 3 | 40 |
| 7 | Middlesbrough | 25 | 11 | 6 | 8 | 29 | 24 | 5 | 39 |
| 8 | Stoke City | 24 | 10 | 5 | 9 | 28 | 25 | 3 | 35 |
| 9 | Nottingham Forest | 25 | 9 | 7 | 9 | 32 | 28 | 4 | 34 |
| 10 | Coventry City | 23 | 9 | 7 | 7 | 29 | 27 | 2 | 34 |
| 11 | Millwall | 24 | 8 | 9 | 7 | 27 | 27 | 0 | 33 |
| 12 | Blackpool | 26 | 9 | 6 | 11 | 27 | 32 | -5 | 33 |
| 13 | Sheffield United | 22 | 9 | 5 | 8 | 29 | 28 | 1 | 32 |
| 14 | Preston North End | 23 | 8 | 7 | 8 | 26 | 29 | -3 | 31 |
| 15 | Bristol City | 25 | 8 | 6 | 11 | 30 | 39 | -9 | 30 |
| 16 | Luton Town | 22 | 7 | 8 | 7 | 31 | 27 | 4 | 29 |
| 17 | Swansea City | 22 | 7 | 6 | 9 | 26 | 31 | -5 | 27 |
| 18 | Birmingham City | 24 | 7 | 6 | 11 | 23 | 32 | -9 | 27 |
| 19 | Hull City | 24 | 6 | 5 | 13 | 20 | 29 | -9 | 23 |
| 20 | Cardiff City | 24 | 6 | 5 | 13 | 26 | 43 | -17 | 23 |
| 21 | Reading * | 23 | 8 | 4 | 11 | 29 | 36 | -7 | 22 |
| 22 | Peterborough United | 23 | 5 | 4 | 14 | 20 | 44 | -24 | 19 |
| 23 | Barnsley | 24 | 2 | 8 | 14 | 16 | 36 | -20 | 14 |
| 24 | Derby County * | 25 | 7 | 11 | 7 | 23 | 24 | -1 | 11 |

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- 30 SIMON POWER

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