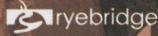


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THE MANAGER

Good evening and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for the second of our matches that have been rearranged following the four postponements over the festive period.

We know those rescheduled fixtures are going to present a real challenge, but after a month of training only - but training hard with the numbers we had available - we are now enjoying this run of consecutive matches.

It helps when you are getting results, of course, and since we returned with the FA Cup game against Harrogate that enabled us to blow the cobwebs off, we recorded excellent wins over Bournemouth and Reading before Saturday's trip to Sheffield United.

Although we lost at Bramall Lane, we have to take into account what had gone before and if someone had offered us six points from a three-game week before we'd kicked off against Bournemouth, we'd have all taken it.

Of course, once you've beaten the league leaders and followed it up with another three points at Reading to record back-to-back wins for the first time in the season, you get greedy and want more.

But you have to put things into perspective and going to a huge club like Sheffield United - with a Premier League stadium, budget and what I believe is the strongest squad in the Championship depth-wise, having spent the past two seasons in the top

flight - is always going to be a tough ask just three days after your previous away trip.

There was no chance to train properly, just to recover, so when you take into account the travelling and the fact we are still getting up to speed after the lay-off, we have to look at it as a decent week.

I think that was appreciated by the near 2,000 of you who sang from start to finish in the away end. Thank you for that unbelievable support.

Tonight we welcome Bristol City, their manager Nigel Pearson, his staff, squad and everyone who has travelled from the West Country.

We love midweek games here because nothing beats the atmosphere of a packed Kenilworth Road under the lights - although I've got to admit that with the circumstances of the win, that Saturday lunchtime atmosphere the last time we were here comes pretty close!

We know we don't have too many chances left to soak it in, so we have to embrace every Tuesday or Wednesday night match that comes along before we make the move to Power Court.

We missed out on the Boxing Day fixture, so tonight is a midweek bonus and we intend to make the most of it. Get behind the lads as you always do, make the old girl rock and enjoy the game.

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NOTES FROM THE BOARDROOM

STEPHEN BROWNE
DIRECTOR



Good evening to Hatters around the world as these games come thick and fast.

Tonight, the famous floodlights welcome Bristol City, Nigel Pearson, his staff, and players. We will remember Jay DaSilva from our Academy, and of course we welcome back Chris Martin. Chris has returned to Kenilworth Road a few times since his departure, and we all remember that Wembley goal way back in 2009 that helped us to lift the JPT Trophy.

Six points out of the previous nine have bought the Robins up to the mid-table positions where every point is vital, so tonight's points will be fought over.

Due to our enforced game postponements, we will be needing everyone in the squad to be ready to play their part. As you will have heard Nathan say in his interviews, what is fantastic is that we have a squad where 'everyone is rowing'...there are no passengers and every single person is giving 110 per cent. Everyone is ready to give their best as soon as they are called upon.

That makes a huge difference to how the coaches, physios and Nathan can work with the players and ensure that we maintain maximum progress whilst protecting tired legs and aching muscles.

We have already shown this season that we can give the very best a good game and that we can surprise people. There is no doubt that Kaldini's goal will go down in 'Legends History', evoking recent memories of George Moncur and Keith Keane. Even half a planet away, Kaldini had me running around my living room in unbridled joy with a cool, calm, and 'sensational' finish...and thanks to the Simon Oxley for a great commentary that shows just how good Simon is...and yes, we could see the 'roof coming off' too!

We've now played half the season and the table

is very tight. We rue some points thrown away earlier in the season, but nevertheless, we are in a great position. We are in the mix and in the points battle; we have great team spirit; we have an amazing work ethic; everyone is developing and growing fast; and we look like a very solid team now in this league. There is a confidence amongst the players and a 'never-say-die' attitude.

Let's see how far we can go this season, and the possibilities are exciting and exactly why players come to Luton Town to play their game - we never have a dull moment!

2022 has also seen the return of Big Mick to the dugout, and I know we are overjoyed to see that. Every game you have sung his name and that support is worth so much.

The New Year has also seen Alan Sheehan return and take his place in the coaching set up. Again, everyone is excited at his arrival and he has huge respect from everyone.

To look at our set up now proudly raises hairs on the back of the neck. Over the years we have tried to do things the right way and make friends. Now we see Paul Benson, Wayne Turner, Big Mick, Alan and Alan McCormack, even Nathan and a few others working hard, helping out, and spreading the 'Luton Way' amongst all the youngsters and young pros...people coming back to Luton Town after their playing days are over.

This type of continuity is what we have always wanted to see at Kenilworth Road. This helps to embed the culture we want that inspires young talent to be the very best the person can be. These people have all made it to the 'big time' and command respect amongst those young talents that want to do the same - like JJ or Andre.

Listening to these amazing minds, and the

experience that people like Paul Hart have, is a wonderful opportunity for any young player. Years ago, maybe Luton Town didn't have so much to offer players except unproven dreams...but now it's a key part of our recruitment programme that we only want a certain type of player - players that can understand and work hard to replicate the 'Luton way', like all of those Legends before them.

There is a real buzz around the training ground and the Academy at the moment, and when you arrive we have the same at Kenilworth Road too. We can all see that, slowly, we are getting stronger and stronger as we continue to build our Club up to where we want it to be. The squad we have today can go on to great things, and with our help we can show players that we might be minnows on budgets, but we are Goliaths concerning effort and heart.

We have to use our strengths and respect our weaknesses. Every day we try and improve both and be the best we can be. We never wish to go on about our lack of financial strength but for newer fans, and for those that are not so close to Club matters, it is always worth remembering that our record-ever signing is well under £2m, and at this level you cannot compete with figures that are regularly ten times that.

Our philosophy is one of sound financial management within the means we have, and for many of us 'old hands' this mantra is a stuck record. But both Hatters near and far (and especially fans of other clubs around the country) are not always aware of circumstances, or do not see the reasons why we sign some players and not others, so, both pundits and us alike do remind people that our success over the years is built upon a very solid foundation and culture. After all, we want others to follow our lead - just like some are now doing on betting sponsorships and the Living Wage - and just imagine where we would be if the playing field was level!

I will always caution about getting ahead of ourselves. Our rise so far has been careful and planned, but always ambitious and stretching. Sometimes it has been two steps forward and one step back. There will never be any dice being thrown hoping for an elusive double 6. There is no failure in failure if we have given our best and try to improve at every step.

But...sometimes...just sometimes, things can take you to exciting places, so whilst we must not place pressure on ourselves or have unrealistic expectations, it is wonderful to dream! And I think taking four points from the promotion favourites is reason to dream!

Finally, I could not write these notes without congratulating our wonderful director Rob Stringer on his recent awards. To gain recognition from such a level is rare, and special. To gain plaudits from peers is an honour. To be acknowledged by your entire industry is extraordinary. To be given a Commander of the British Empire by the Queen is sen-sa-tion-al (to steal a word....).

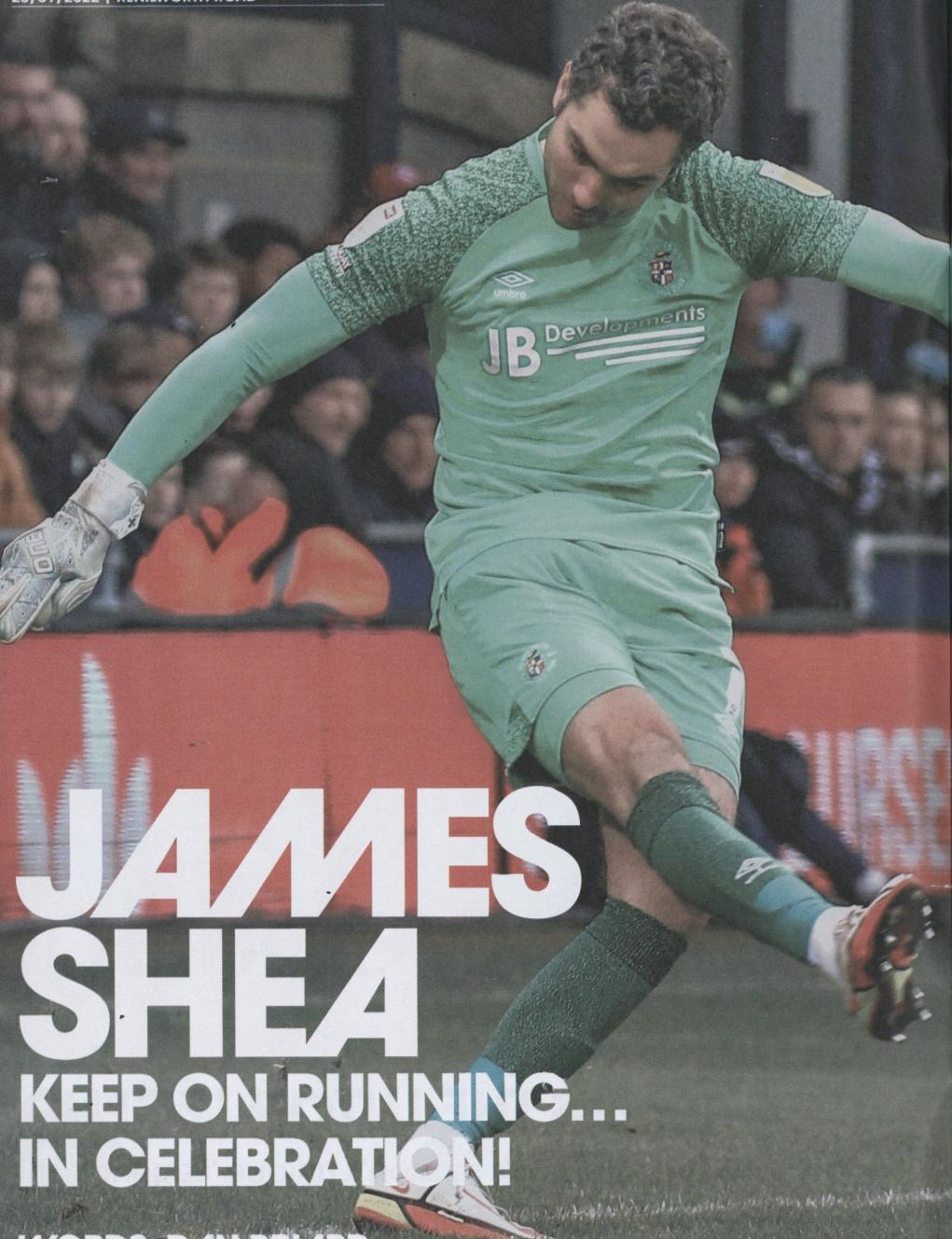
Many of you will know Rob and of course his love of orange. For those that do not, Rob is humble, kind, and the friendliest person you will meet. His smile hides his immense knowledge and network in the music industry, and the long list of impressive achievements he has had over many years. His talk of all things Luton belies his deeds on a world stage. It is not just about 'what' Rob has done to be recognised in such a way, but 'how' he has done those things. A Legend of a Hatter. On behalf of Hatters from every corner of the globe, we are so proud of you Rob, thank you for all you have done to gain these awards, it's so fully deserved, and we luv ya!

Sing loud, and let's see where the season takes us...!

COYH

Stephen





JAMES SHEA KEEP ON RUNNING... IN CELEBRATION!

WORDS: DAN BRIARD

James Shea made an exception to his rule of not celebrating a goal and did so in style, running the length of the pitch to join his team-mates and staff in a huddle after Kal Naismith lifted the roof off Kenilworth Road!

It was a moment he ranks up there amongst his favourite memories, as a Luton Town player demonstrated best by the fact he broke his own golden rule.

"I don't normally celebrate goals, I don't like doing it because I think 'right we've scored, concentrate on the next thing,'" he told the Luton Town Supporters' Trust podcast. "But as soon as that goal went in, I thought I've got to get involved, and I couldn't help myself! The worst thing was when I'm walking back to my goal thinking 'they can't score now, I've ran 60 yards, they can't score now'.

"Thankfully the ref blew up straight away and I thought thank god for that, I could celebrate even more. It was unbelievable and I had a great view for the goal. I was right behind it so I could see how Kal has bent it round the player, and I just heard the net nestle and I thought, I'm going.

"Your emotions take over and there is nothing you can do. You think I have to get involved, you can not help yourself and honestly if you could bottle up the feeling and sell it, you'd be a rich man I'd tell you.

"Not going to lie, it's up there with one of the best footballing memories I've had if I'm honest, Shea continued. "The last time something happened like that, I remember Hull away when Kaz scored and everyone jumped

on then, the only difference is there was no crowd. There's three I remember - the other day, Portsmouth and Kaz's goal against Hull, those three were big, big moments."

Ever since joining in the summer of 2017, Shea has found a way into the team despite not always being between the sticks from the offset. But testament to his character, he has seized his opportunity this season and at the time of writing, Town are unbeaten in the league with Shea in goal.

"Whoever is playing, me, Simon (Sluga), or Harry (Isted), I will back them one million per cent. In training I work hard and keep my head down and when I get the chance, I want to take it. I don't want it to be a case of Simon gets injured or when he was having problems with covid, I don't want it to be Sheasy is playing one game but don't worry Simon is back next week. I want it to be, Sheasy has gone in, and Sheasy has done well.

"I want to give the manager something to think about and that's all I can do and that's then up to the manager to make a decision. Whatever he then decides is not a problem but for my own personal pride I want to show I'm a good goalkeeper and I want to be playing.

"I've been at Harrow Borough and Needham Market. I went a different way to other people and now I'm in the Championship and I've either been playing or sat on the bench. If you would have offered me that when I was Harrow Borough or Needham Market, I would have bit your hand off."

Shea is now part of a Town side looking to upset the odds in a

division they only just survived in one and a half years ago but since it has been an upwards trajectory under Nathan Jones.

"I think there is a sense of 'where can we go'. We went back-to-back for the first time this season which is massive in the Championship because if you can get a little run together, you can fly up the table. We will take each game as it comes and then at the end of season, we will see where it takes us.

"The boys would love to get in those play-off places, it would be an amazing achievement from where we've come. I remember a couple of years ago staying up on the last day of the season, so we've come a long way in such a short space of time, and we have to see where it takes us. We're hard working, we're a good team and if we veer from that, that's when we will get found out."

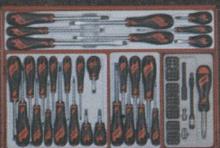


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The Hatters are therefore lending their full support to this campaign and will wear the white kit this evening for Bristol City's visit Kenilworth Road, with the Robins also changing from their home kit in solidarity with Town and Shelter.

The Town's 'Legends' shirt features the name of every season ticket holder who donated the refund to which they were entitled when the 2019-20 season was suspended, and was the kit the Hatters wore at Ashton Gate when the sides last met in September when Danny Hylton netted the injury-time equaliser (pictured).

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THE OPPOSITION

WORDS: RYAN PAYNE

Currently sitting in 16th place in the Sky Bet Championship, Bristol City's season so far has been a mix of highs and lows. Nigel Pearson took over at Ashton Gate in February last year and is approaching a year in the job. Now into 2022, the Robins will hope for a run of form to boost themselves up the Championship table.

Out of their 27 league games this season, Bristol City have won nine times. The Robins have recorded wins against Reading, Cardiff, QPR, Peterborough, Barnsley, Stoke, Derby, Millwall and Cardiff City, the latter who they beat 3-2 in their most recent outing on Saturday.

Chris Martin and Andreas Weimann have been amongst the goals so far this season, and were again in that Severnside derby. Martin, the former Hatters loanee who starred in the JPT win in 2008-09, has netted seven times in the Championship, with the Austrian leading the charts for the Robins with 13. Youngster Alex Scott is one to keep an eye on, having made his breakthrough at Ashton Gate towards the end of last season.

The Robins were defeated on their last visit to the Kenny. In December 2020, Kiernan Dewsbury-Hall scored the winner as the Hatters recorded a 2-1 win. Glen Rea put Luton ahead, before Bristol City got an equaliser through a Sonny Bradley own goal.

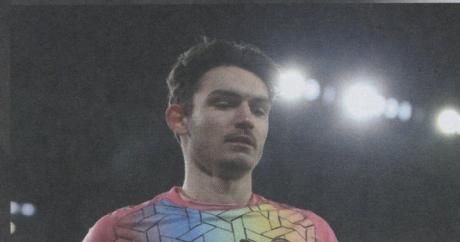
Town completed the double over City last season, coming from two goals down at half-time to win

3-2 with goals from Elijah Adebayo, James Colling and Harry Cornick - with his first and only goal of the campaign. In the Robins' side that day was Henri Lansbury, who by the time we went to Ashton Gate again in September, had become a Hatter, pulling the strings with a fine midfield display as Danny Hylton's late equaliser secured a much-deserved point in a 1-1 draw.

The Hatters were last in action at the Kenny on January 15th, welcoming then-league leaders AFC Bournemouth. A Lloyd Kelly own goal and Allan Campbell put Town 2-0 up, before the Cherries came back to level. Kal Naismith netted in the final seconds of the game to ensure Town were 3-2 winners, however, and after recording back-to-back victories for the first time this season at Reading in midweek, Town kick-off today in 13th.

We welcome the Bristol City supporters who have made the trip from Ashton Gate this evening and wish them a safe journey home after the game.





THE GOALKEEPER: MAX O'LEARY

A product of Bristol City's academy, O'Leary made his debut for the club in January 2016, featuring against West Bromwich Albion in the FA Cup. The 25-year-old goalkeeper spent time away on loan at Non-League sides Kidderminster Harriers, Bath City and Solihull Moors, before returning to Ashton Gate. He made 15 Championship appearances in the 2008/19 season, joining Shrewsbury Town on loan the following season. O'Leary has played back-up to Dan Bentley in recent seasons, but has been starting for the Robins in recent weeks, starting each of their league and Cup matches since the end of December.



THE DEFENDER: TOMAS KALAS

Beginning his career in his native Czech Republic with Sigma Olomouc, Kalas later moved onto Chelsea, where he made two Premier League appearances. Most of his time at Stamford Bridge was spent out on loan. The defender had spells at Vitesse Arnhem, FC Koln, Middlesbrough, Fulham and Bristol City. He'd eventually join the latter on a permanent basis in the summer of 2019, ending his nine-year association at the West London club. The centre-half made 23 league appearances in the 2019/20 season, and featured in 40 Championship games during the following campaign.



THE MIDFIELDER: ANDY KING

Barnstaple-born midfielder King spent time at the Chelsea academy in his youth, before progressing through the system at Leicester. Joining the Foxes as a 15-year-old, King went onto make over 300 league appearances for the club, and was part of the side that were Premier League winners in 2015/16. After a number of loans away from the club, including spells at Swansea, Derby and Rangers, King made the move to Belgian side OH Leuven, before being reunited with former Leicester manager Nigel Pearson at Bristol City in July 2021. The Wales international has 50 caps for his country.



THE ATTACKER: CHRIS MARTIN

A vastly experienced striker, Martin began his career at Norwich City, where he made over 100 league appearances for the Canaries. He also spent time on loan with the Hatters, featuring 40 times in League Two. After other loan spells, he left Norwich in 2013 and signed for Derby. He spent seven years with the Rams, scoring 65 times in 186 league appearances. After loan spells at Fulham, Reading, and Hull, Martin left the club permanently in 2020. In September 2020, he signed for Bristol City. He scored his first goal for the club against Northampton. So far this season, he has seven Championship goals.



THE MANAGER: NIGEL PEARSON

In his playing days, Pearson spent time at Shrewsbury, Sheffield Wednesday and Middlesbrough. Carlisle was his first managerial role, later having coaching jobs at a number of clubs, and went on to manage Southampton. He had the first of two spells at Leicester in 2008, before a brief spell at Hull. Pearson later returned to the Foxes, winning promotion to the Premier League, but he left Leicester in 2015. The 58-year-old would later manage Derby, OH Leuven of Belgium and Watford. He left Watford in July 2020, and joined City as boss last February.

WATCH OUT FOR... ALEX SCOTT

One of the club's promising young players, Scott began his footballing career at Guernsey. He made 22 appearances in the Isthmian League South East Division as a 16-year-old, before joining the Robins. Initially playing for the club's academy, Scott made his debut for City in a 3-2 defeat against the Hatters in April 2021. He featured three times in the Championship in the 2020/21 season. This season has seen Scott become a regular for the club. In 20 Championship games, he has scored three, with goals coming against Nottingham Forest, Derby and QPR.



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LAST TIME AT THE KENNY HATTERS 2 ROBINS 1

29th December 2020. Championship.

Words: Roger Wash

With restrictions on crowds attending certain football matches being lifted at the beginning of December 2020, the Town made Kenilworth Road seem like a fortress again with a 3-1 win over eventual champions Norwich in front of 1,000 noisy supporters, and 2,000 in attendance for the visit of Preston in a game which was won 3-0.

The drawbridge was then pulled up again and the home clash with Bristol City just after Christmas was back to 'behind closed doors', with the subsequent loss of any atmosphere.

Luton manager Nathan Jones made six changes following a Boxing Day defeat at Reading with one of the incoming players, Kiernan Dewsbury-Hall, sending over a perfect corner in the 13th minute, which was volleyed in at close range by Glen Rea.

City, on the attack, had a penalty shout turned

Glen Rea celebrates after opening the scoring.

LUTON TOWN:
Sluga, Pearson, Lockyer, Bradley, Norrington-Davies, Rea, Tunnicliffe (LuaLua), Mpanzu (Potts), Dewsbury-Hall, Cornick (Clark), Collins.

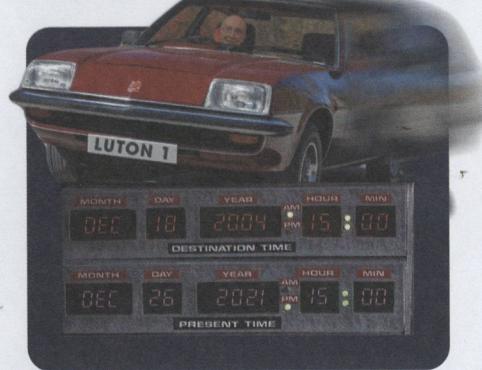
BRISTOL CITY:
Bentley, Hunt (Mariappa), Vyner, Kalas, Rowe, Bakinson, Nagy, Massengo (Diedhiou), Semeyo, Wells (Bell), Martin.

down after Antoine Semeyo went down after a tackle from Rhys Norrington-Davies, and then saw former Hatter Chris Martin hit the bar with a close range header.

Daniel Bentley, in the City goal, then brought off a brave save when one on one with James Collins, who had been set free by Harry Cornick as the game ebbed and flowed.

The scores were level on the hour mark when a cross from Nakhi Wells was turned in by Town skipper Sonny Bradley, who was trying to clear the danger.

Back came the Town, though, with Cornick firing narrowly wide before Dewsbury-Hall netted the eventual winner on 68 minutes. Picking the ball up 25 yards out the Leicester loanee fired into the bottom corner, with Bentley helpless, for his first goal for the club.



MEMORY MATCH

BRISTOL CITY 1 - 2 LUTON TOWN
LEAGUE ONE. 18TH DECEMBER 2004

WORDS: ROGER WASH

LUTON TOWN:

Beresford, Foley, Coyne, Davies, Davis, Brkovic, Nicholls, Holmes, Underwood, Vine, Showunmi.

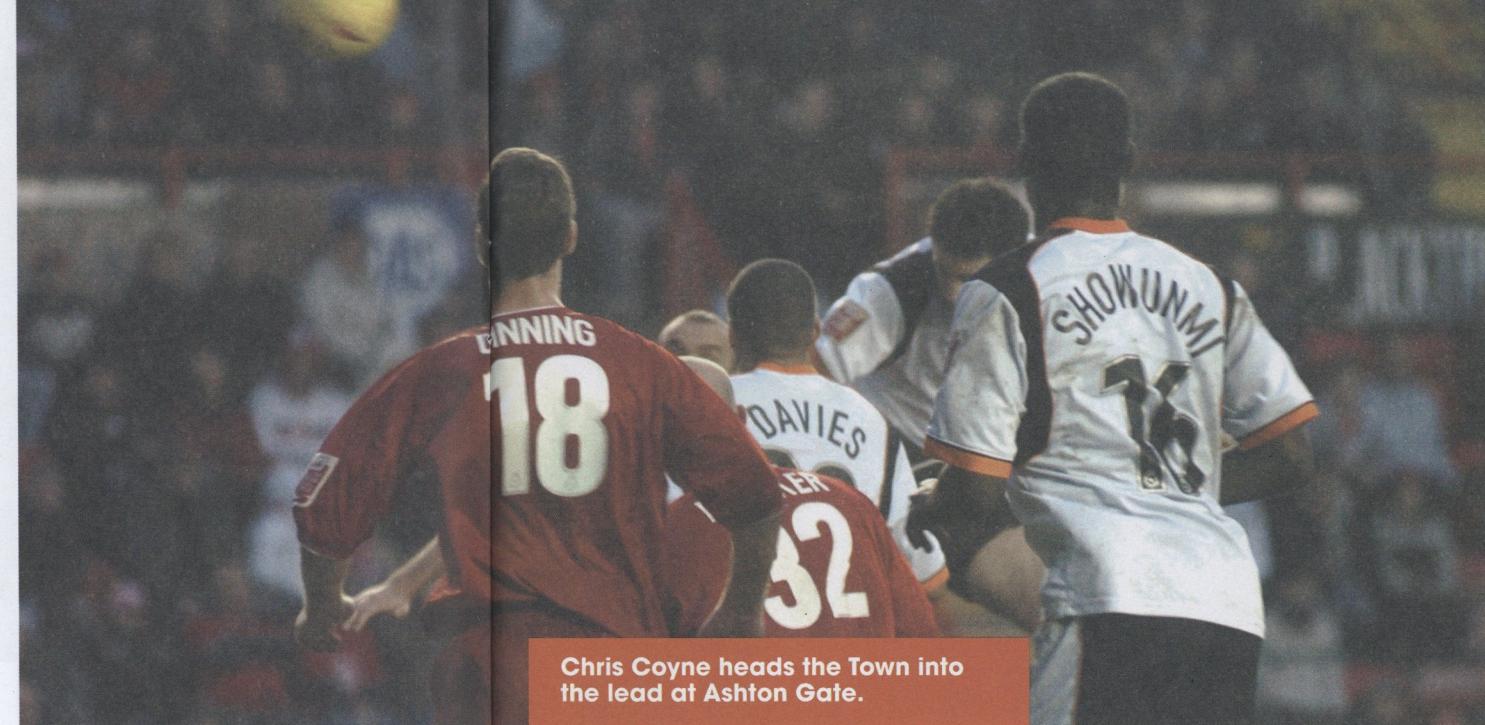
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After the shenanigans of the summer of 2003, with John Gurney making the club a laughing stock, the following campaign passed fairly gently with a final League One placing of tenth, seven points off the play-offs, which was respectable given the circumstances.

Manager Mike Newell, appointed in bizarre circumstances during the 'summer of Gurney', had now been accepted by the supporters and while we were hoping to push on for a possible chance of the play-offs what happened next exceeded our wildest dreams.

The loss of Emerson Boyce to Premier League Crystal Palace at the end of his Luton contract was a blow, but his replacement from within, teenager Curtis Davies, soon became a mainstay in the side. Rowan Vine, on loan from Portsmouth,



Chris Coyne heads the Town into the lead at Ashton Gate.

was the only incoming player although Paul Underwood, signed the previous spring but injured on his debut, could be looked upon as a 'new' player.

The season opened with a workmanlike 2-1 home victory over Oldham, which did not set the pulses racing. But after 12 games, recording ten wins and two draws, we were streets ahead at the top of the table.

Although there were a few blips along the way, such as three defeats in a week during October, we always managed to bounce back in devastating fashion to hold off our challengers. As Christmas approached we went down 2-0 to a physical Brentford side at Griffin Park for only our fourth defeat of the campaign, but bounced back with a 1-0 victory over Port Vale at Kenilworth Road.

Next up was a trip to Ashton Gate, Bristol, which was never one of our happy hunting grounds with our last victory there coming in 1973. The Town needed to dig deep into their squad to make up a team for the trip with both Enoch Showunmi and Peter

Holmes making their first starts of the campaign to replace flu victims Calvin Andrew and Stephen O'Leary. Andrew had previously just come in to the side for the still banned Steve Howard, who had been dismissed during the 'Battle of Brentford'.

A crowd of 13,414 saw City out of the blocks the quicker with both Tony Dinning and Luke Wilkshire going close, before the Town started to exert some pressure on the home defence.

The Hatters took the lead on 34 minutes when central defender Chris Coyne, on a foray upfield, got on the end of a Paul Underwood cross to send a firm header past Steve Phillips in the Robins goal. The Town almost doubled the lead soon after the break when Holmes was given the freedom of Ashton Gate to waltz through a statuesque defence to fire in a fierce shot, which was brilliantly saved by Phillips.

City player-manager Brian Tinnion had now seen enough and made a triple substitution, which included bringing himself on, and the home side upped their game to such an extent that they levelled on 66 minutes. Top scorer, 19-year-old Leroy Lita, had been well held up to that point,

but there was little the Hatters could do about the equaliser with the youngster launching himself at a loose ball and netting with an overhead kick.

Thankfully City could not build on this moment of brilliance and with the Town playing within themselves, which was understandable given the changes to the side, a draw looked on the cards.

That is until the 89th minute when Underwood out on the wing did well to retrieve the ball under pressure before firing in a low cross which was touched in at the near post by the predatory Showunmi right in front of the Luton supporters. The long winless streak at Ashton Gate was now over as the Hatters continued their ultimately successful promotion push.

Simon Parkinson, in the Bristol Sports Final bemoaned the Town's 'lucky' late winner, but had cooled down by the time he wrote his Monday piece for the Bristol Evening Post. He said: "Luton demonstrated why they are such a force with a deserved win following a hard-working and confident display, although City hardly helped their own cause with some careless moments, the two goals included."

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SIMON OXLEY



I often say to people that lunchtime kick-offs often mean the game is a bit of a let down. The early start can mean a subdued atmosphere, and often results in a fairly unmemorable game. Not any more.

Last Saturday's win over Bournemouth will be one of those games that stay in the memory for a very long time. Yes there have been last minute winning goals before, wider margins, and wins against better teams. But it was the perceived injustice that had simmered away for an hour or so which prompted my reaction, and thousands of you, both in the stadium and listening/watching around the world.

Having covered Premier League football with VAR, I don't mind it at all, as long as the decision is reached relatively quickly and with spectators in the ground kept informed. We all know what is going on, and can see the video which prompts the decision via big screens.

Sometimes in the Championship, we have commented that it would be a useful addition to clear up controversial moments. But we don't have it. Therefore we have to go with the original decision and stick with it. Sometimes a decision is proved later to have been wrong, and we accept that. We may not like it, but we accept it. Until we get VAR in the

Championship that's the way it will be. Or should be.

What we can't have is players surrounding the officials until they change their minds. Players and coaches shouldn't do it, and officials shouldn't give in to it. And to be honest, the TV pictures of the build up to Cameron Jerome's disallowed goal weren't crystal clear anyway. So how they could reach a conclusion with the naked eye is beyond me.

Still, it raised the crowd contribution to new levels, and provided a finish which will be stored away in my memory bank alongside some Scott Oakes moments from the 1990s, and going 3-1 up against European Champions Liverpool in 2006.

I've just watched the highlights from the win at Reading, and ahead of the trip to Sheffield United we look in pretty good shape. Games in hand aren't always a good thing. I'm usually a "points on the board" man, but once you get a run going it can really catapult a team up the table.

The season is coming to the boil nicely for BBC3CR, with promotion and relegation issues. It is not inconceivable that we could have four of our teams in the Championship next season, or two in the Premier League!

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Kal Naismith. He's played every position from goalkeeper to centre-forward throughout his career, but the Scotsman has found a home in Luton's back three that has provided the foundations for the recent strong run of form.

Joining during last season's January transfer window as Luton responded to the recall of Sheffield United's Rhys Norrington-Davies, Naismith's signing was not greeted with the usual glee that one would expect. Even manager Nathan Jones admitted that signing the ex-Wigan man raised a few eyebrows at the club:

"He's not what we go for...we go for young, hungry ones who we believe are on their way up, but I've watched Kal and he's hungry."

That hunger has translated into some of the most complete central defensive performances seen at Kenilworth Road in recent years. Not only does Naismith perform his defensive duties with aplomb, switching between the middle and left of a back three, it's his composure on the ball and the ease with which he carries it forwards that catches the eye and makes him such a crucial cog in Jones' machinery.

His winner against Bournemouth will be forever etched in the memories of Town fans, showing composure and technique that almost made a mockery of the intensity and emotion of the previous 97 minutes. But it was his role in Luton's second goal that best summed up where he has contributed most for the Hatters this season.

Receiving the ball under pressure deep inside his

own half, 'Kaldini' dropped his shoulder to jink his way past Bournemouth's high pressing front line, carrying the ball forwards before threading a delicate line breaking pass into fellow Scotsman Alan Campbell, who drove forwards and fired home from outside the box.

It's that ball-carrying ability from deep that is so rare but crucial that makes Naismith so valuable to the Hatters. Within Luton's overall style of play which is to be direct into athletic front players who can chase and earn territory, having Naismith as someone who can carry the ball through an opposition's press adds another crucially important dimension to Luton's forward play. He adds something that most teams with Luton's lack of financial clout at this level simply don't have.

With this quality comes an air of leadership. Not just in the traditional sense of a vocal motivator, but a technical leader who players can trust and look towards when in the heat of battle that imbues calm and patience to everyone around him, even the fans.

All of this comes from what was at the time a relatively low-key January signing made in response to a January loan recall. As Naismith stepped out in Luton colours for the first time against Bournemouth in January 2021 as a second-half substitute, coming on as a left-winger, nobody could've imagined the impact the Scotsman would have had after just a year at the club.

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Beds Senior Cup R1 – Tuesday 18th January

The Hatters booked their place in the second round of the Beds Senior Cup with an impressive 5-0 win against Dunstable Town last week.

Ed McJannet scored twice in the opening 45 before Elliot Thorpe added a second-half brace, followed by a fifth goal from Josh Allen in the closing stages.

Town enjoyed plenty of possession in the opening stages and went close to an early goal through McJannet.

Allen danced away from two defenders with good footwork, before McJannet took over on the edge of the box, dragging his shot just wide of the target.

Thorpe went even closer after Dan Gould was called into action to deny the midfielder twice from close range after Josh Allen's cross deflected kindly into his path.

Moments later, Town would take the lead through McJannet, who rose highest to head home Josh Williams' cross from the right-hand-side.

The Republic of Ireland U19 international doubled his tally with 10 minutes left of the first half with a low finish from the edge of the box, following a swift counter-attack.

Dunstable had a chance to reduce the deficit on

the stroke of half-time after Terrence Muchineripi accelerated towards the byline and crossed well, but Jacob Cowler was able to gather Jack Percy's tame header.

It was a chance they would rue after Thorpe added a third for the Hatters after the hour mark. The hard-working McJannet forced the home side into conceding possession and Thorpe fired low into the bottom corner with Gould unsighted.

TQ Addy was looking for a fourth shortly after as he drove past a handful of players to race into the box but his shot was deflected behind for a corner.

Relentless in their pursuit of a fourth goal, it was just minutes later that Thorpe added his second.

Allen and Conor Lawless combined with a neat one-two inside the area. The latter had the awareness to then pick out Thorpe who charged into the box and lifted his shot above the goalkeeper and into the top corner.

In the closing stages Town scored a fifth through Allen after he tapped home from close range to round off a good team performance at Creasey Park.

The Hatters will now face Leighton Town in the second round of the competition, with the tie to be played at Bell Close on Tuesday 15th February, 7.45pm kick-off.

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What a start to the year for Luton Town Ladies Youth, with continued growth and four teams into the semi-finals of the league cup.

On the league front the Under-18s continue to dominate and remain unbeaten from the summer leagues with Paul Matthews doing a great job in helping the girls transition for the U16s to the U18s.

The U15s turned in a great performance against Flitwick Eagles a couple of weeks ago with a 3-2 away win after trailing 2-0 at half time.

Chris Chew and the U13s continue to develop, keeping high levels in the race to the top spot and league cup glory.

After a few quiet weeks, the U10s are starting to fight for their rightful position in the top part of the league with new signing Jessie gaining player

of the match against Aylesbury United Girls last weekend.

The Tiny Hatters group continues to grow in numbers for the 3 to 6yrs age group, and the girls continue to train on frosty Saturday mornings with passion and commitment under the guidance of Nikki Baker.

Final word for this week is a big thank you to Kim Newns and Mark Wareham, who put so much time and effort into the weekly organisation of training and fixtures.

Come on you Hatters!

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LUTON SCHOOL KIDS EMBRACE SOCIAL ACTION THROUGH THE TRUST'S PL PRIMARY STARS PROJECT

There have been some really fantastic social action projects taking place recently as part of our Premier League funded Primary Stars schools project. Children in hospital, homeless people in Luton, families living in poverty and even the planet have all benefitted from some of the projects carried out by Luton school children.

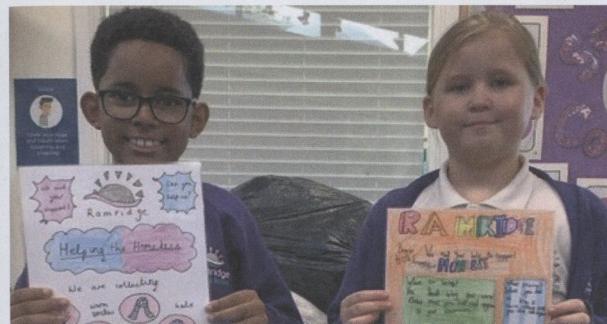
The Primary Stars schools project is now in its fourth year, and was initially aimed at increasing the number of primary school children able to enjoy the benefits of sport at school, while providing mentoring support to PE delivery staff to improve delivery. Four years down the line and Primary Stars has now grown to include lots of class based activities delivered by the Trust, including numeracy and literacy lessons and also a growing focus on raising children's awareness of issues in their local community, and how through social action they can make a change.

Recently pupils at Chalton Lower School near Houghton Regis held a toy donation-a-thon to bring some cheer to children spending Christmas in the L&D, and all toys collected were donated

to the Bedfordshire Hospitals NHS Charitable Fund. Francesca Mudd, Y3/4 teacher at Chalton Lower said: "The pupils were really concerned about children spending Christmas in hospital and we were so proud they chose to help them." Isabella Gilmore, Community Fund-raiser at the Bedfordshire Hospitals NHS Charitable Fund said: "These gifts were amazing and our patients were so grateful to open these on Christmas Day - it really put a smile on their faces and our staff working over the holiday."

Ramridge Primary School Year 4 pupils in Luton decided they wanted to help the local homeless community by collecting and donating warm items of clothing such as hats, scarves, coats and blankets. A recent report named Luton as one of the top homelessness blackspots in the UK and this obviously caught the attention of the pupils.

One of the pupils put it well that 'they had chosen this as their project to make sure that the homeless are kept safe and warm over the winter months when it can get really cold'. The pupils designed posters which were placed around the school encouraging all pupils, teachers and



parents to get involved with the project and on collection day a fantastic 150 items of clothing; blankets, coats, hats, scarves and socks were donated then delivered to the NOAH Enterprise Welfare Centre on Park Street, where homeless people can go to have a hot shower and collect items of clothing and food.

Paul Prosser, Head of Welfare Services at NOAH said: "I want to say a big thank you to the pupils and the Community Trust at the football Club for their support - this fantastic donation will make a big difference to the lives of those in poverty this winter."

Meanwhile, the problem of single use plastics and recycling was chosen by pupils from Chantry Primary School as the issue they wanted to tackle, and particularly how the school itself could help in the way plastic was used and re-used. Pupils designed and made recycling bins for each classroom from waste plastic to make sure that all recycled materials in the school could be easily collected and sent to re-cycling centres. A simple but very effective project that showed just how concerned the entire school was about their environment.

Our BTEC footballers also took on their own social action project as part of their National Citizen Service and began with a 'Dragon's

Den' presentation to decide which ideas would be chosen as part of the students Social Action Project and from all of the ideas the vote went to tackling school uniform poverty. Many families rely on charitable donations to make sure all of their children turn up for school in the right uniform and the students linked in with our friends at local charity Level Trust's Uniform Exchange. Over 3 days, over 100 items of school uniform were collected and delivered to the Uniform Exchange who distribute the uniform to families referred by each academy. CEO of The shared learning Trust, Cathy Barr said 'how proud they were of their footballers'.

These are just a few examples of the social action projects we've been involved in over the last few months. James Hatch at the Trust, who has overall responsibility for the Primary Stars project, said: "Children are very aware of the issues within our community and almost always come up with the simplest but most effective solutions to the problems - it's up to the adults to look at the causes!"



3 LUTON TOWN 2 AFC BOURNEMOUTH

Kenilworth Road - Sat 15th January 2022 -
Sky Bet Championship

Town: Shea; Bree, Burke (Osho 65'), Bradley (C), Naismith, Bell; Mpamvu, Campbell (Onyedinma 60'), Clark; Adebayo, Jerome (Lansbury 82').

Bournemouth: Travers; Stacey, Cahill, Kelly (C), Davis; Cook (Rogers 76'), Lerma, Marcondes; Christie, Anthony (Lowe 45'), Solanke.

Scorers:

LT - Kelly (OG) 30, Campbell 42, Naismith 90+7
AFCB - Marcondes 51, Rogers 78

"To go 2-0 up, but just for them to get back in it at 2-2, it was a feeling that we could have let that one slip. But honestly, I'm still struggling to process the goal at the end, it's just a special feeling."

KAL NAISMITH

ALLAN CAMPBELL

Words: Dan Briard

It had been a long time coming, but the wait was worth it after Allan Campbell scored his first Luton Town goal in the dramatic 3-2 win against AFC Bournemouth!

On his 11th league appearance for the club, he got off and running with a brilliant strike from distance, and was pleased to do so especially in front of his dad in the stands, who came down from Scotland to watch the match.

"I've been trying my best to get on the scoresheet, but it just fell in my path brilliantly," Campbell said post-match. "I hit a shot in the bottom corner and I was delighted, my dad was down as well so it was a good time to score.

"When I got the ball, I could hear them screaming for me to pass and I was just waiting for the right time, but I'd seen the chance to shoot and I just thought I'm going to hit it. Thankfully it went in! I hit it so sweet, I'm delighted with it and I'm delighted the team got the win!"

The victory against Scott Parker's Bournemouth meant that the Hatters had taken four points off high-flying Fulham and the Cherries in their last two matches and Campbell credited the 'never say die' attitude in the team after doing so.

"I think the main thing for us was to press them, get in their faces, make it difficult for them and then show our quality. I think we did that brilliantly in the first half. Obviously in the second half they came out and caused us a bit of problems but then Kal came up with the last-minute goal, it was great scenes and that is what football is all about. It's what you love about football, scoring goals and the excitement and buzz around the place, it was brilliant.

"We have that never say die attitude in the team. I think the manager drives it on the training pitch always pushing for more and the crowd pushing here. It showed in the last 15/20 minutes of the game, there was only one team that looked likely to go on and win it, thankfully it was us."





0 READING 2 LUTON TOWN

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Reading: Southwood; Ashcroft (Camara 79'),
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Rinomhota, Swift, Dele-Bashiru (Clarke 69');
Puscas (Joao 59').

Town: Shea; Kioso, Burke, Bradley (C), Naismith,
Bell; Mpanzu, Campbell (Osho 79'), Clark
(Lansbury 69'); Adebayo, Jerome (Onyedinma
74').

Scorers:

Holmes (OG) 33, Campbell 58

"Our application was brilliant. We defended our box really well and we looked a threat and had enough quality to win the game, which is what we did."

NATHAN JONES

PELLY-RUDDOCK MPANZU

Words: Dan Briard

Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu believes he is performing to the best of his capabilities and hopes to continue impressing in the heart of midfield for Luton Town.

Mpanzu produced another tenacious performance and helped the Hatters to a 2-0 victory against Reading last Wednesday, and speaking post-match, he vowed: "I think now in these recent run of games, I've performed arguably to the best of my capabilities.

"I can't sit off now, the games are coming thick and fast, I have to keep my head level, keep churning out performances and then hopefully it will show on the pitch.

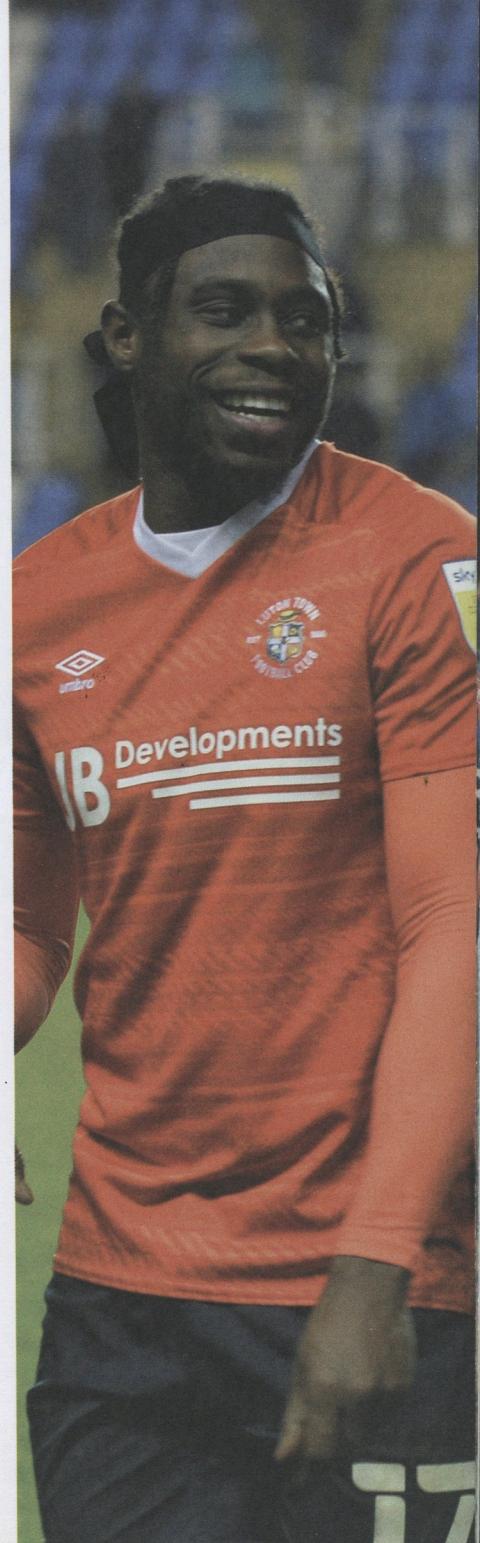
"Reading is an established Championship club, but we came here to get three points and that's what we've done. First half could have been a bit better, moving the ball was a bit slow but then we got the goal and didn't look back.

"We knew we had to come here and get back-to-back wins as the gaffer said," Pelly continued. "It was a euphoric win against Bournemouth on the weekend so to come here and drop points wasn't what we wanted, we made sure to come here and get the three points."

Wins against Bournemouth and Reading was the first time that Nathan Jones' side had won successive league matches in the 2021/22 season, to which the midfielder added: "We know what a good club we are. Now we've got to prove it, obviously we've still got a couple of games in hand on the table, so we have to keep the momentum going, keep trying to get three points and then move up the table."

With the congested fixture list also in his mind, the 27-year-old also admitted, "We're going to need the whole squad, gaffer has developed a good squad here. Everyone is going to be used, everyone can't churn out 90 minutes every single week, we're going to have to chop and change but I know the boys are ready if picked and they're raring to go."

"We still have to take it game by game, our aim was at the beginning of the season to make the play-offs so if we achieve that, it's a wonderful thing. Obviously we're going day by day at the moment, we can't look too far ahead but that was our goal at the start of the season."





2 SHEFFIELD UNITED 0 LUTON TOWN

Bramall Lane - Sat 22nd January 2022 -
Sky Bet Championship

Sheff Utd: Foderingham; Basham, Egan,
Robinson; Bogle, Norwood, Hourihane,
Norrington-Davies; Ndiaye (McGoldrick 83'),
Brewster (Berge 70'), Sharp (McBurnie 86').

Town: Shea; Kioso, Burke, Bradley (C), Naismith,
Bell (Clark 60'); Lansbury, Mpanzu, Campbell;
Muswé (Osho 63'), Jerome (Adebayo 54').

Scorers:

SU - Brewster 48, Robinson 51

"The overriding message is that I would have taken six points realistically from Bournemouth, Reading and Sheffield United. Let's not forget it's been a decent week."

NATHAN JONES

SONNY BRADLEY

Words: Dan Briard

Sonny Bradley insisted that following Saturday's defeat against Sheffield United, it is important he and his teammates regroup and get back to winning ways this evening.

The defender had the ball in the back of the net in the first half, but rueled his offside effort and Town's early second half performance as the Hatters were condemned to a first defeat in five league matches at Bramall Lane.

"We started slowly second half," Bradley admitted. "It wasn't a reflection on how we played in the first half and when you come to grounds like this and you're playing against quality opposition, you can't afford to switch off for 10 minutes because like we have showed today, the game can be killed and that's what happened. It's disappointing but I think as a club and as a squad, we're in a really good place."

After Sheffield United's quality prevailed on the pitch, the defender took a moment to appreciate the travelling fans, saying: "It was a fantastic effort from the fans and they continued to sing throughout the game and they clapped us off at the end, which you don't always expect but they do appreciate it has been a tough week and we really have thrown everything at it."

"They'll be slightly disappointed just like we are with that second half performance, but they were fantastic all game. I'm sure on Tuesday night they will fill the Kenny and help us hopefully get another win."

He went on to admit just how special nights at the Kenny are for himself, adding: "Right now playing for the club, these are my favorite fixtures to play - night games at the Kenny. Hopefully we're moving grounds soon, and there won't be too many more so we have to embrace every night game we get now and off the back of the Bournemouth game, I'm sure fans will be there in their numbers."

"We're still in a really good position, it's just about putting runs together, we have to get straight back on it now and I'm sure the squad will be used. Let's go on another run and see how far it can take us."



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GROUND: EWOOD PARK

MANAGER: TONY MOWBRAY

WHO?

Rovers have spent the last three seasons competing in the Championship after winning promotion from League One in 2018, recording a top-half finish in 2020. Rovers won the Premier League in 1995 and won the FA Cup six times between 1883 and 1928.

GROUND?

Blackburn have played their home fixtures at Ewood Park since its construction in 1882, before undergoing major development in 1994, transforming the ground into an all-seater stadium with a capacity of 31,000.



HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

The two sides last met at Ewood Park in September 2021 as Luke Berry's 98th minute equaliser earned a deserved point on the road for the Hatters. Last season, it was Luton who fell to last minute heartbreak, with Adam Armstrong scoring with five minutes remaining to secure a 1-0 home victory for Rovers.

KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU

Former Hatters player and manager Mike Newell made 130 appearances at Ewood Park in a five-year spell at the club, whilst former US international Roy Wegerle played for Blackburn during the 1992/3 season after two seasons at Kenilworth Road. Former Blackburn youth player Matty Pearson left the Hatters after three seasons last year, while current Town left-back Amari'i Bell helped Rovers win promotion from League One in 2017-18.

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LUTON TOWN PLAYER STATISTICS

LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB	2020-21 SEASON										CAREER		
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		CARDS		TOTAL				
	APPS	G	APPS	G	APPS	G	CARD		APPS	G			
Elijah Adebayo	21	(2)	10	1	(0)	1	22	(2)	11	2	0	42	16
Sam Beckwith	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	1	0
Amar'i Bell	19	(1)	1	1	(0)	0	20	(1)	1	1	0	21	1
Luke Berry	6	(1)	4	0	(1)	1	6	(2)	5	0	0	130	19
Sonny Bradley	16	(1)	2	1	(0)	0	17	(1)	2	2	0	149	5
James Bree	23	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	24	(0)	0	4	0	93	1
Reece Burke	12	(2)	0	1	(0)	0	13	(2)	0	0	1	15	0
Alian Campbell	13	(0)	2	0	(2)	0	13	(2)	2	3	0	15	2
Jordan Clark	14	(4)	2	1	(0)	0	15	(4)	2	1	0	58	5
Harry Cornick	18	(2)	7	0	(1)	0	18	(3)	7	1	0	190	30
Danny Hylton	0	(5)	1	0	(1)	0	0	(6)	1	0	0	154	59
Cameron Jerome	7	(10)	0	2	(0)	2	9	(10)	2	2	0	19	2
Peter Kioso	4	(1)	0	1	(0)	0	5	(1)	0	0	0	9	0
Henri Lansbury	9	(10)	0	2	(0)	0	11	(10)	0	8	0	21	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	2	(0)	0	4	(5)	0	0	0	9	0
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	20	(2)	1	0	(1)	0	20	(2)	1	2	0	321	20
Admir Musoke	5	(9)	0	1	(0)	1	6	(9)	1	1	0	15	1
Kai Nsimbi	24	(0)	1	1	(0)	1	25	(0)	2	5	0	48	3
Fred Onyedinma	6	(9)	2	0	(1)	0	6	(10)	2	1	0	16	2
Gabriel Osho	8	(6)	0	1	(0)	0	9	(6)	0	3	0	16	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 Rea	7	(4)	0	1	(0)	0	8	(4)	0	4	0	206	8
James Shea	6	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	8	(0)	0	0	0	93	0
Simon Sluga	19	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	19	(0)	0	1	0	94	0

2021-22 CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

#	Team	PI	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Fulham	26	16	6	4	70	23	47	54
2	Bournemouth	26	14	7	5	43	23	20	49
3	Blackburn Rovers	27	14	7	6	44	30	14	49
4	Queens Park Rangers	25	13	5	7	38	30	8	44
5	West Bromwich Albion	26	11	9	6	31	20	11	42
6	Middlesbrough	26	12	6	8	31	25	6	42
7	Huddersfield Town	27	11	8	8	33	30	3	41
8	Nottingham Forest	27	11	7	9	35	29	6	40
9	Stoke City	25	11	5	9	30	25	5	38
10	Coventry City	24	10	7	7	33	28	5	37
11	Luton Town	24	9	8	7	36	29	7	35
12	Sheffield United	24	9	6	9	31	32	-1	33
13	Millwall	25	8	9	8	27	28	-1	33
14	Preston North End	25	8	9	8	29	32	-3	33
15	Blackpool	26	9	6	11	27	32	-5	33
16	Bristol City	27	9	6	12	35	47	-12	33
17	Swansea City	23	7	7	9	27	32	-5	28
18	Birmingham City	26	7	7	12	26	39	-13	28
19	Hull City	26	7	5	14	22	31	-9	26
20	Cardiff City	26	6	5	15	28	47	-19	23
21	Reading	26	8	4	14	30	47	-17	22
22	Peterborough United	24	5	4	15	21	48	-27	19
23	Derby County	27	8	11	8	26	26	0	14
24	Barnsley	24	2	8	14	16	36	-20	14

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

NIGEL PEARSON

- 01 DAN BENTLEY
- 02 DANNY SIMPSON
- 03 JAY DASILVA
- 05 ROB ATKINSON
- 06 MATTY JAMES
- 08 JOE WILLIAMS
- 09 CHRIS MARTIN
- 10 ANDY KING
- 11 CALLUM O'DOWDA
- 12 MAX O'LEARY
- 14 ANDREAS WEIMANN
- 16 CAMERON PRING
- 17 NATHAN BAKER
- 18 ANTOINE SEMENYO
- 19 GEORGE TANNER
- 21 NAHKI WELLS
- 22 TOMAS KALAS
- 24 ROBBIE CUNDY
- 26 ZAK VYNER
- 33 SAM BELL
- 36 ALEX SCOTT
- 37 TOMMY CONWAY
- 38 AYMAN BENAROUS
- 42 HAN-NOAH MASSENGEO
- 45 KASEY PALMER
- 46 SAIKOU JANNEH

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REFEREE
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