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THE MANAGER

Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for our second home game of the week, following the 2-1 win over Bristol City in midweek.

The games continue to come thick and fast as we play catch-up on the backlog from our unexpected winter break, and for the third time in four home matches, we welcome a side in the automatic promotion places.

Our performances and results against Fulham and Bournemouth, who were both top of the Championship table when they came here, were wonderful, so we come into this afternoon's game with firm belief that we can compete with the top teams in this division.

We welcome Tony Mowbray, his staff, their squad and everyone who has made the journey down from Lancashire, and wish them a safe trip back home this evening.

Tuesday's game against Bristol City wasn't our most fluent performance of the season, but we found a way to win. They are a good, experienced side at this level and they played well on the night, but Championship wins and points aren't given to you on a plate, and we worked hard to achieve them.

We were missing big players like our captain, Sonny, Jordan Clark and Harry Cornick through injury, as well as Reece Burke with his suspension, and Cameron Jerome, who had put in four big shifts in less than a fortnight. We also had players starting who haven't had much game time for one

reason or another in recent months, but Admiral Muskwe, Glen Rea, Gabe Osho, Luke Berry and Tom Lockyer all came in and did exactly what we asked of them, proving that we have some wonderful depth to the squad now.

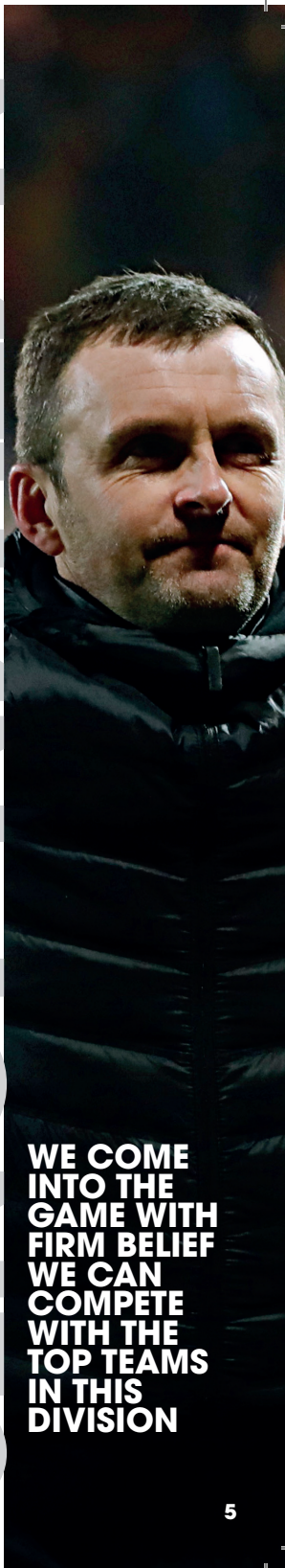
We're going to need that in the coming weeks, as players can't play every game with the intensity we ask for during this Saturday-Wednesday, Saturday-Tuesday spell that we're now in.

We are delighted to have picked up nine points from 12 since we belatedly kicked off 2022 with that win over Bournemouth here, and if you factor in the FA Cup win over Harrogate, it's three wins out of three at home, with the Fulham draw just before the break, when we should have won.

That shows how important you are to us here. We've had some wonderful occasions already this season, and whenever we face Blackburn, I always think back to that memorable night when we secured our status in 2020.

The one main ingredient missing that night was you, our fans, so I'm so glad we were able to pull off The Great Escape to give you the opportunity to be back here, enjoying big matches in the Championship like this.

We are currently in 10th, the fifth highest scorers in the division and we've already scored more goals from open play than we did in the whole of last season. So please get behind the lads again today, sing your hearts out and enjoy the game. COYH!



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NOTES FROM THE BOARDROOM

DAVID WILKINSON
CHAIRMAN



Good afternoon to Kenilworth Road.

Today we welcome Blackburn Rovers, who are flying high, at the moment, and, as I write these notes, sitting in second place behind the seemingly unstoppable Fulham.

Despite not being a level playing field, what a fantastic competition the Championship is! It is still more likely that those coming up from League One go back down, and those coming down from the Premier League go back up, but that just adds to the challenge and the satisfaction in performing well against those clubs. Our recent results against two such sides in Fulham and Bournemouth not only demonstrate that, but also show us how far we have come and how much we have improved as a squad without the benefit of massive investment and parachute payments.

Although not one of those, as Rovers were relegated from the Premier League in 2012, they are a club with a fantastic history having been founder members of the Football League in 1888 and been League champions three times, won six FA Cups, one League Cup and one Full Members Cup. We look forward to pitting our wits against another promotion chasing team today and hope we can mirror our performances against Fulham and Bournemouth.

Thirteen points from our last six league games shows we are capable of competing with the best and I'm sure that today will be another tough test. The Covid postponements and our third round cup win mean that we are catching up on those fixtures. Two games a week leaves little time for recovery, particularly from injury and niggles. So, there is the need to use much, if not all of the squad, which is fine because it's what it's for, but players coming in are bound to be a bit rusty and take time to adjust to the pace of the game.

In the olden days there were reserve games every week, which gave the whole squad and those returning from injury a chance to either recover or impress. But now seven, who might have played, are sitting on the bench with some of them possibly playing just few minutes. It's the same for all clubs, of course, but the quality and depth of squads vary considerably, and that and the seemingly random scheduling of fixtures may go some way to explain the unpredictability of results in this Covid affected season.

Your support is so important to us home and away, and we always hear you from our "lofty" positions and it makes us very proud and we often wish that we were in there with you. However, when we were at Sheffield United's, Bramall Lane, we noticed that you were quieter than usual, which we found difficult to understand as there were nearly 2,000 of you there. Then we noticed that hanging from the roofs of the away stand were drapes of material, which, it seems were significantly deadening the sound. Not sure if that was the intended purpose, but we couldn't see the same materials in any other stands. We take a completely different view and believe that it is often the away end that makes the atmosphere for home fans to bounce off.

This leads me on quite nicely to the next piece, which is about stadium design. I was very pleased to be invited to a meeting late last week with those involved prior to Gary and Mike submitting their plans for costing. The amount of detail and things to be considered is staggering particularly in the current climate. It's not just "let's stick up four stands as steep as we can and close to the pitch".

Following on from my previous comments about atmosphere, we are paying as much attention to the acoustics as you might in a concert hall, which makes a lot of sense if you visit any of the recently built soulless bowls.



In today's world there are so many things to consider before making a final commitment. What materials will be used in construction? What energy sources are economically viable? How do we achieve sustainability? How far can we go in using technology to future proof?

There are rules fixing the rake of the seats and distance from the pitch. How can we fit within these and still achieve our desired result? Site, location and size of space for Press and Media. Location of cameras. Then deciding where to put offices, matchday space including dressing rooms, medical facilities, space for officials, hospitality including cafes, bars, restaurants etc, and museum, classrooms etc.

All of the above are, of course, conditioned by affordability and practicality. Gary and Mike and all the advisors should be applauded for the care and passion with which they are handling this project. It's going to be magnificent.

Further to the recent news of the agreement to sell our asset at Junction 10 to an investment fund advised by Morgan Stanley REIT and Wrenbridge, we were delighted that late on Wednesday, both revised planning applications for Newlands Park were finally recommended for approval at the Council's development management committee meeting, having been deferred earlier in the

month. This is great news for both the Club and our town as we continue to prepare for Power Court.

Some sad news reached us last week with the passing of Dennis Keech, a well-known local businessman, who of course made that wonderful donation to help establish the hospice in the town that bears his name. Few will know this, but Dennis helped keep the Club from the clutches of Milton Keynes in the early 1980s as a regular host of clandestine meetings of supporters fighting the move, so we are forever grateful and our condolences go to his family.

As a final point could I mention Mark Crowther (pictured), who is cycling to every away game for charity this season. He is doing an amazing job in often very adverse weather conditions. He's on justgiving.com as his name, and deserves a look.

"It is good to have an end to journey toward; but it is the journey that matters in the end." - **Ursula K Le Guin**

Enjoy the game.

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David

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ALAN SHEEHAN

**ANSWERS THE FANS' QUESTIONS
FROM TWITTER...#ASKSHEEZ**

WORDS: DAN BRIARD

Alan Sheehan admitted he has already learned ‘more than he could explain’ since returning to the club as first team coach, relishing the opportunity to learn off those he idolised during his playing days.

The former captain was a popular figure, admired by fans, staff and players alike during his four years as a Hatter, before spells at Northampton Town and most recently Oldham Athletic, where he was able to hone his skills as a coach.

“It’s so good to be back,” Sheehan admitted. “It’s an incredible opportunity to work hard, an opportunity to contribute and I’m so happy to be here.

“This is a great football club. I’ve said it before when I was here as a player, there is a sense of everyone pulling in the same direction and it keeps getting better and better.

“I’ve gone away because I wanted to get as much experience as I could, and you see different environments and different football clubs. But here, everybody is so good at what they do. Everybody grafts, and everybody works hard. The people here are humble, down to earth, the fans are great and there is a great set of players here.”

Working alongside Nathan Jones is something that the 35-year-old was keen to do ever since exploring the avenue of coaching, adding: “I’m fortunate that he’s seen something in me that he thinks can improve the football club.

“There’s a lot of ex-players that have done exceptionally at this football club, so for me to get this opportunity, I’m not going to leave any stone unturned. To work with him is unbelievable, I’ve learned more in the last two weeks than I can even explain. It’s an unbelievable environment to work in, I honestly mean that.”

Following his return to the club, Sheehan sat down and answered questions sent in by supporters on Twitter, ranging from his time at the club, his journey in football, to unravelling the meaning behind his “full duck or no dinner” quote...



Emma Orchard (@emmaorch) – What’s it like being back at the club following some incredible memories you’ve had with us?

It’s unbelievable. I’ve been in a few weeks and the amount of learning, I can’t even explain. For me the opportunity to work under the manager is unbelievable, I loved playing for him and I always had a really good relationship with him, With Paul and Mick also, they have so much experience and so much knowledge to learn off and with Chris Cohen, he’s somebody I can chase which is unbelievable for me. To have somebody who is that good at what they do, for me to watch him, to learn off him, to mix ideas with him, it’s just brilliant. I’m absolutely loving it and I look forward to coming in early every day because everyone works so hard here.

Gary Nash (@soccercess6) – What were the biggest challenges coming over from Ireland as a young lad on your football journey?

Where I lived, in Athlone, the league wasn’t great and there were only a few clubs. I went over to Aston Villa when I was 12. Dad drove me up to Dublin – an hour and a half’s drive – two or three times a week, gave up his weekends for that because the league was better there, and then I came over here to sign for Leicester at 16. I always said to myself coming over at 16, I’m not going back there, I want to make it as a professional footballer and thank God I’ve been fortunate enough to do that.

My whole family was so happy for me to be back here as a coach. It felt like it was meant to be, but it’s an opportunity for me to work hard, to graft



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and get better and better. I want to keep learning and to work with the people I work with every day is unbelievable. Dad will be delighted to come back over to Luton. The four years I was here, he was over as much as he could be and to be fair, he's been like that with every club I've been at, but he loved it here.

Dylan Haughton (@King_Haughton) – How difficult was it to leave Luton as a player and what was the main reason for coming back as a coach?

To be honest, I had achilles surgery in the May of 2019 and I wasn't meant to be back training until September, but I came back early and played the Cardiff game in the Carabao cup. I had a decent game that night and scored a free-kick, but then I never really got that run in the team, the consistency that I needed. I didn't really feel myself, I'd lost my spring, whatever rapid pace I had was probably gone (said with a smile!), but it was January and me and Gary (Sweet) had a chat and basically said it's time to go. It was excellently done, I'd had a great time and it was all mutually agreed. It was just time. I hadn't been playing, I wasn't a regular. I'd been captain of the club and the successful times were great but sometimes I felt the club was outgrowing me as a player. I contributed a lot at those times, and I didn't want to keep being there.

Max Ashton (@lutonnewsreader) – Favourite moment in a town shirt?

Notts County is definitely up there and something that will live with me for a long time, a lot of great times at Notts County and for them and the Luton fans to react in the way they did, it was a double whammy and I got quite emotional on the pitch.

Swindon away in 2017. I think the manager went in on us at half-time for being too deep or something, and then we won 5-0 in the second half. Cambridge, Yeovil, Exeter games, they were special. Carlisle away when we got promoted, that was good. Barnet on TV was a big game to turn the tide, just after Martin Allen had take over there.

In League One, the Accrington Stanley game was good for me, Oxford game was great. Then when we were in the Championship, the night at Cardiff because when you're out for three or four months, I had spoken to the manager to say I couldn't play two games in quick succession, but the Cardiff game was a brilliant night, to graft through 90 – and we won.

Rich Hardy (@richyhardy) – Full duck or no dinner?

I've heard it a lot since. Maybe it's an Irish saying, whatever it is, it means all or nothing basically!

Rahat (@rahatchdry) – Who's the best Luton Town player you have ever played with?

Paddy McCourt was a special, special talent. JJ obviously, with what he's gone on to do. Then you've got the lads that are still here like Bez and Hylts, Bez keeps getting better and better in every division. Hylts has been out, but he was sensational for a long time for the football club.



Hayden Cooper (@Haydencoop123) – How does it feel being a coach to your former teammates?

I had special times with the lads, some of them who are still here from the League One and League Two seasons, even playing together in the Championship sometimes. It was similar at Northampton as a player-coach, I played a lot at the start and then I coached during the week. At Oldham I had to play a couple of games because they didn't have a lot of players at the time, but I'd take a lot of the sessions during the week. The lads are really professional so it's no problem to me.

JH (Hatter_JH) – If there was one moment in sporting history that you could change, what would it be?

At the time, that Blackpool play-off game, I was sick after that. That was my lowest point as a Luton player, I've never been successful in play-off games – lost the final for Leeds against Doncaster, the final for Swindon against Millwall. It was difficult times, but everything happens for a reason and we got promoted the following season.

Luton Town Exile (@LutonTownExile) – Would you rather win a game 5-4 or 1-0?

You can't keep everybody happy. If you win 5-4, they will complain about the defence and if you win 1-0, it's probably a boring game!

Jason (@JasonLTFC) – What's the most noticeable difference between being a League Champion captain and coach?

It's longer hours. As player I knew what I had to do, I knew what I wanted to get done but being on the staff now, I want to come in, graft and learn all the time. As a captain I was probably more about setting standards, how we train, how we treat each other.

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THE OPPOSITION

WORDS: RYAN PAYNE

The 2011/12 season saw Blackburn Rovers relegated from the Premier League. Now, ten years on, Rovers will be aiming to make a return to the top flight and have enjoyed a fantastic Sky Bet Championship campaign so far.

A 15th place finish in the Championship last season and the departure of top goalscorer Adam Armstrong in the summer might have meant a season of struggle for Tony Mowbray's side, but they've done anything but.

Currently sitting in second place, Rovers are fighting it out with the likes of Fulham and Bournemouth at the top of the table. Their 10-game unbeaten run was ended at the hands of Hull City 11 days ago, but they bounced back immediately with their most recent result being a 1-0 win at home to Middlesbrough on Monday night, courtesy of a Sam Gallagher goal.

As they were for that match, they will be without top scorer Ben Brereton Diaz this afternoon, who is away on international duty with Chile. The striker, who has 20 Championship goals this season, linked up with his national side for their World Cup Qualifying fixtures against Argentina and Bolivia.

In last season's meeting at the Kenny, the game ended in a 1-1 draw. Luke Berry put the Hatters ahead in the second half, before substitute Sam Gallagher netted the equaliser for Rovers. You'll have to go back to January 2007 for Blackburn's

last win at Kenilworth Road, with then top flight Rovers winning in the FA Cup.

Berry certainly enjoys playing against the Lancashire side, having also netted twice as a second-half substitute to bring the Town back from two down in our last meeting at Ewood Park in September.

The most memorable clash of recent times, from a Town perspective, came in July 2020 when a 3-2 win completed The Great Escape in Project Restart following the Covid-enforced break.

Nathan Jones' side come into this fixture on the back of a midweek game, with Bristol City the visitors on Tuesday night. The game, originally scheduled for Boxing Day, ended with a 2-1 win for Town, who moved up to tenth in the table.

We welcome the Blackburn Rovers supporters who have made the trip from Ewood Park this afternoon.





THE GOALKEEPER: THOMAS KAMINSKI

Born in Belgium, Kaminski made his pro debut for Germinal Beerschot, going on to feature regularly in the Belgian Pro League.

The keeper then moved on, signing for OH Leuven. He spent a season at the club, before signing for Anderlecht, where he won two league titles while also enjoying loan spells at Anorthosis Famagusta and FC Copenhagen.

After later permanent spells in Belgium with both Kortrijk and Gent, the 29-year-old signed for Blackburn in August 2020.



THE DEFENDER: LEWIS TRAVIS

After spending 10 years as a youth player at Liverpool, Travis signed for Blackburn in 2014 and signed professional terms three years later.

He progressed through the academy at Ewood Park, and made his first-team debut in the EFL Trophy against Stoke Under-21s. Travis eventually broke into the first-team on a regular basis, playing regularly under Mowbray.

So far in his Blackburn career, the 24-year-old has made over 100 league appearances.



THE MANAGER: TONY MOWBRAY

As a player, Mowbray played for three clubs - Middlesbrough, Celtic and Ipswich. After retiring, he was a coach at Ipswich, before becoming manager of Hibernian in 2004.

After two years at Hibs, he moved onto West Brom. After a short-lived spell at Celtic, the 58-year-old then spent just under three years at Middlesbrough.

Mowbray then had just over a year in charge at Coventry, before he was appointed Blackburn manager in February 2017.



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THE MIDFIELDER: JOHN BUCKLEY

Joining Blackburn at the age of six, the 22-year-old progressed through the youth ranks at Ewood Park and signed a professional deal in January 2018.

He made his debut for Rovers in March 2019 against Sheffield Wednesday, and then scored his first goal for the club in November of the same year, also coming against the Owls.

Buckley has been a regular in Blackburn's midfield, and has featured over 70 times in the league for the club.



THE ATTACKER: REDA KHADRA

In his youth, Khadra spent time at CFC Hertha 06 and TeBe Berlin, before joining Borussia Dortmund. The German featured mostly for the club's youth teams, and played once for Borussia Dortmund II in the Regionalliga West.

He joined Brighton in October 2020, linking up with the Under-23s. The 20-year-old made his Premier League debut against Manchester City in January 2021.

In August, he signed on a season-long loan at Blackburn.

WATCH OUT FOR... SAM GALLAGHER

With Ben Brereton Diaz away with Chile, Rovers will look to other attacking options to fill the void. Gallagher, who joined the club in 2019, is likely to be the go-to option for Mowbray.

After spending time at Plymouth in his youth, Gallagher joined Southampton in April 2012. He made 18 Premier League appearances for the Saints, before loan spells to MK Dons, Blackburn and Birmingham.

He made a further four top flight appearances for Saints before his move to Ewood Park.



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Luke Berry seems pleased with himself after opening the scoring.

LAST TIME AT THE KENNY

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21st November 2020. Championship.

Words: Roger Wash

LUTON TOWN:

Sluga, Cranie (Tunncliffe), Pearson, Bradley, Norrington-Davies, Rea, Berry (Mpanzu), Dewsbury-Hall, Cornick (Bree), Moncur (LuaLua), Lee (Collins).

BLACKBURN ROVERS:

Kaminski, Rankin-Costello (Nyambe), Lenihan, Wharton, Douglas, Johnson, Trybull (Gallagher), Rothwell, Elliott, Brereton, Armstrong.

An international break had interrupted the season following the Town's 1-1 draw at Huddersfield, so the players were raring to go for the home clash with Blackburn.

The Town were sitting comfortably in mid-table and brought back Rhys Norrington-Davies and Elliot Lee to the starting line-up.

The Town started quite brightly with both recalled players going close, but chances were few and far between in a fairly dull first period.

Things livened up in the second half though after Luton manager Nathan Jones introduced James Bree and James Collins to the fray, with the latter making an almost immediate impact when his shot was diverted by Luke Berry into the goal on 69 minutes.

The joy was short-lived, however, as Rovers levelled three minutes later when substitute Sam Gallagher, who had just come on the pitch, netted from close range.

The game then intensified with both sides going for the win. Thomas Kaminski in the Blackburn goal denied Glen Rea, while at the other end Simon Sluga had to be at his best to prevent Joe Rothwell from snatching the winner.

At the end of a hard fought game, Nathan Jones felt it was a fair result between two evenly matched sides while Blackburn boss Tony Mowbray said: "We're disappointed we didn't get the three points. Respect to Luton. I think they stayed up last season by the skin of their teeth, they're very well organised, they carry a threat, but ultimately we're disappointed."



MEMORY MATCH

**LUTON TOWN 2 BLACKBURN ROVERS 0
DIVISION TWO (NOW THE CHAMPIONSHIP).
15TH FEBRUARY 1977.**

WORDS: ROGER WASH

LUTON TOWN:

Aleksic, Price, Buckley, Faulkner, Paul Futcher, Chambers, Fuccillo, West, Geddis, Ron Futcher, Aston.

BLACKBURN ROVERS:

Bradshaw, Hird, Wood, Fazackerley, Keeley, Metcalf, Byrom (Mitchell), Parkes, Waddington, Taylor, Svarc.

The summer of 1976 saw Luton manager Harry Haslam have a clearout, dispensing with the services of several players who had been with the club some time, but were now no longer likely to earn a regular starting place in the side.

Out went Adrian Alston, Peter Spiring, John Seasman, Matt Pollock and Bobby Thomson, while incoming saw only one signing of note, the former Celtic and Scotland international forward Dixie Deans as Haslam looked to give the promising youngsters starting to emerge at Kenilworth Road a chance.

The season started brightly with Deans scoring both goals in a 2-0 home win over relegated



Sheffield United, but this opening euphoria was soon replaced by frustration as the Town became gloriously inconsistent. A victory at heavily fancied Wolves and 4-0 wins over both Notts County and Chelsea were sandwiched between dismal 1-0 defeats at Plymouth, Blackburn and Orient.

By the turn of the year, following yet another 1-0 away defeat, this time at Bristol Rovers, the Hatters sat in 12th spot and it was a disgruntled crowd of 8,965 who turned up at a cold and frosty Kenilworth Road on Bank Holiday, January 3rd 1977, to see if the Town could finally put a run together starting with visitors Blackburn.

The pitch was hard and rutted and the game would not have been started today, but Haslam and his Blackburn counterpart Jim Smith were happy with the surface, and it was the Town who were soon in the ascendancy mastering the conditions with ease.

The Town took a deserved lead on 27 minutes when Paul Price fired in a 20 yard shot which was deflected into his own goal by Blackburn defender Mick Wood. A second goal arrived ten minutes later when a slick passing move involving Deans, Lil Fuccillo and Alan West set up Brian Chambers to score with a smart shot.



The referee is about to be surrounded by irate Luton players after calling the original game off.

The fans were now fully warmed up and energised, and looked forward to the Town putting Rovers to the sword in the second period. Sadly, Rovers had other ideas as within a couple of minutes of the re-start, their players started slipping around theatrically and when defenders Derek Fazackerley and Terry Allcock went over within seconds of each other, the referee called the game off with five minutes played.

The Blackburn players trooped off with knowing winks while the crowd was incensed. The Town had been conned.

The game was replayed six weeks later and in the intervening time, the Town had played four, won four. Wins at Sheffield United and Nottingham Forest, together with home victories over Hull and Burnley, had catapulted the side up to sixth spot and it was now on to unfinished business with Blackburn.

Making his full debut for the Town that night was Ipswich loanee, teenager David Geddis, replacing Jimmy Husband who had a 'poisoned knee'. On a muddy pitch, Blackburn set up with three centre-halves, but had difficulty containing Geddis, who was a handful.

This was proved when the young forward was put through by Ron Futcher, only to be brought down from behind by Fazackerley, who seemed as

shocked as anyone when the same referee who had overseen the January debacle, Brian Martin, waved play on.

The supporters were now up for it and raised the temperature even more, sensing there was some sort of vendetta. But the referee had to award a goal on 34 minutes when Geddis scored with a diving header from a cross by John Aston.

The linesman was flagging for offside when Aston received the ball but the referee, probably fearing for his life, overruled him!

The game was made safe on 65 minutes when Ron Futcher fired in a shot which was deflected into the net by the unfortunate Wood. Blackburn then offered up a couple of token efforts but it was Geddis, who on another night might have netted a hat-trick, spurning a couple of good opportunities. 'Trying too hard' said Haslam afterwards.

Jim Smith was big enough afterwards to admit that the result was poetic justice!

That was now five wins in a row and the Town were to make it nine before a home draw with Plymouth brought the run to an end.

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Matchday routine?

The only thing I always do the same is put my right boot before my left boot.

Superstitions?

I pray three times before getting on the pitch.

Biggest influence?

I would say my parents. They worked really hard when I was growing up and I really look up to them and admire all they did for me.

Sporting hero?

Ronaldinho. I just loved the way he played football, even though I was and still am a Real Madrid fan, but watching him made me happy.

Best player you've played alongside?

I have played with a lot of fantastic footballers. When I was at Morecambe it was Toumani Diagouraga, and here I really look up to Henri Lansbury, he's an unbelievable player. The things that he does and the way that he thinks. The same with Kal (Naismith), the way he dribbles past players and the things he does on the pitch.

Toughest opponent?

I don't have a particular name. I've played against a lot of players and defensively they are really tough. In training though, if I had to pick someone, I'd say Gabe Osho.

Most treasured possession?

The promotion medal with Morecambe!

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

I was doing engineering at college and I was going to go to university, I still want to at some point, but that is what I wanted to do from a young age apart from being a footballer.

Best stadium played at?

Wembley, 100 per cent!

Something people may not know about you?

I really like bowling. I've been with mates a lot and I'm always top two!

Favourite song?

I don't have a favourite as such, my taste is quite good because I like different kinds of music and I don't stick to one genre.

Favourite film?

The Equaliser with Denzel Washington. I only watched it recently but I will definitely watch again.

Favourite meal?

I love jollof rice, it's an African dish.



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Hopefully Covid is behind us, but unfortunately it brings a fixture backlog. So, times have been hectic with match preparations, but the plans to keep the lads fit are working out at present.

It's good to see our club secretary Chris Clark back at work following a fall from his bike. He discovered the hardest part of riding a bike, is the pavement. It was a shock for the Policeman finding him roaming around in his Spandex carrying a bike and not knowing who he was.

When asked at hospital about his memory loss. He replied, what memory loss? On a serious note, the bike helmet saved him from more serious injury. Welcome back Chris, and good to see that he came back with a nice hat (pictured right) for his mid-season trip to Russia!

A man that was shocked recently was James Shea when he was interviewed after his first league game of the season up at Nottingham Forest. What a great opening question: "Is it good to be back between the sheets?" I am sure Mrs Shea awaited the answer. Not sure where the interviewer's mind was when he asked. Luckily a quick change to between the sticks helped.

Injury wise we have some issues. We have Harry Cornick

at present with a calf injury. Thankfully we shifted Tom Lockyer and he is back training, and as you saw on Tuesday, playing and scoring goals.

I'm not sure I could stand another Harry Potter quiz between those two. My world has been introduced to Slytherins, Voldemart and Dumbledore. We used to talk football. Harry is now working on the final stages of his rehab and we are hopeful of a quick return now. Also on the bench is Sonny with a foot problem.

Whilst not our injury it was great to see James Justin return to first team action at Leicester. Those injuries are always tricky and everyone here is delighted to see JJ back where he belongs.

Also, since my last notes we have seen the arrival of baby George Clark. Obviously happy times, but annoying when George is already taller than Dad.

Whilst I need to keep the identity a secret, quote of the week was: "Do you have to be an African country to play in the Africa Cup of Nations?" Then to top things off, when asked who won the 1966 World Cup, the reply was Italy! Then I was reminded that the person answering wasn't even born.

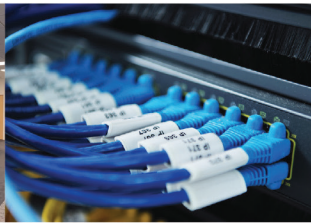
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Support for Luton Town Football Club and the town itself comes about in a number of different ways, and Dads Army is the epitome of that.

A WhatsApp group which started in the height of the pandemic during 2020 as a place for Luton fans to keep in touch with the absence of football, has now turned into a group with more than 80 members who not only talk about all things Luton Town, but fundraise for the town itself with monthly donations.

One of the members, Brian Jenkins, was the man who suggested doing something for the people of Luton, specifically the Luton Foodbank, and the idea later came to fruition following discussions with the rest of the group, all equally as keen to help.

Daniel Toomey, a member and a Luton fan since his first match in 1977, spoke of how much Dads Army have managed to impact the town thus far, saying: "We have managed to raise over £4,000 which was spent at Bookers cash and carry, and all food brought was donated to the Luton Foodbank, which they were extremely grateful for.

"We are going to continue donating to the Luton foodbank. This was the first suggestion that came

from Brian because we knew a lot of people were struggle due to the impact of the pandemic.

"He just said why don't we donate a couple of quid here and there and see how it goes. It has been brilliant. Everybody says the feeling that they get after donating is magical so it's such a great feeling and the people that work for the foodbank are all lovely people."

The WhatsApp chat which consists of avid Luton fans ranging from 40 and upwards is looking for local small business to help continue growing Dads Army in the near future.

Furthermore, a group email – ltfcdadsarmy@outlook.com – has been set-up for supporters keen to get in contact and help donate to the Luton Foodbank as well.

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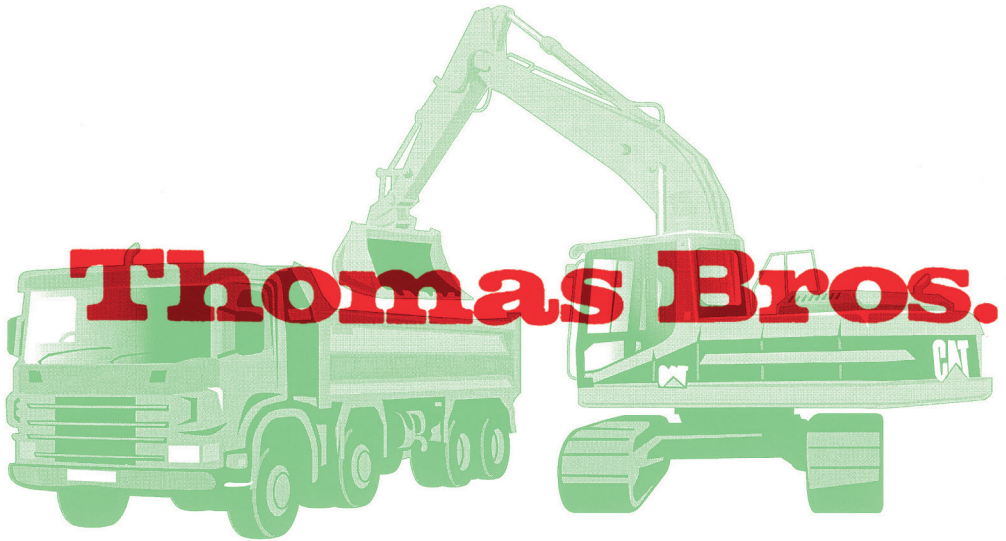
An aerial photograph of Kenilworth Road stadium and the surrounding residential area in Luton. The stadium is a large, rectangular structure with a flat roof, surrounded by terraced houses. A camera is superimposed on the bottom left of the image.

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An aerial view of Kenilworth Road from the mid-1960s after the 'new' floodlights had been installed. The absence of parked cars is quite staggering.

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Tuesday night's win over Bristol City showed the tremendous strength in depth that the Hatters have within their ranks.

In an intense run of fixtures where Luton play nine games in less than a month, rotating team selection to keep players fresh whilst continuing to pick up points will be crucially important in the Hatters mounting a late charge towards the play-offs.

Nathan Jones brought back the likes of Tom Lockyer, Glen Rea, Gabe Osho and Luke Berry into the starting line-up after Saturday's loss to Sheffield United, four players who have hardly featured in the new year but who all epitomise the importance of players being ready to step in and perform.

The inexperienced Osho had the unenviable task of slotting into the centre of the Hatters' back three in the place of skipper Sonny Bradley and, despite some difficult moments, showed himself to be a very able option should the Hatters need to continue to turn to him in the absence of key players.

Glen Rea came in for his first league start since Luton's 2-1 defeat to Cardiff City in late November. Town's long-serving midfielder's performance will undoubtedly go under the radar – whilst being guilty of giving away possession too easily at times, Rea was crucially important in protecting what was a makeshift back three and compensating for the loss of the aerial dominance of Reece Burke and Sonny Bradley, breaking up the play and deflecting pressure away from

the Hatters' back line. Like any Glen Rea performance, it might not always have been easy on the eye, but most importantly, it got the job done.

Lockyer scored his first goal for the club on his return and Berry grafted and harried in his trademark fashion for 60 minutes before being replaced by Allan Campbell. All eyes will be on the former Cambridge man to discover whether he can rediscover the 'sixth sense' for space in and around the box that has so far earned him five goals, well and truly shutting down any doubts about his ability to compete in the Championship.

Whilst the performance was flawed and the Hatters rode their luck at points, digging in and finding a way to win is a trait that every team in the Championship needs to be successful.

Bringing in four players who had barely featured in recent months and making an additional two changes will always lead to an element of disjointedness. However, the benefits of those players having minutes under their belts as the games continue to come thick and fast will be felt further down the line.

Jones can now continue to rotate his side, knowing that his squad is match ready, enabling Luton to continue to be the front-footed, high-pressing and aggressive side that they have set themselves out to be.

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Good afternoon everyone and welcome to today's game versus Blackburn Rovers.

Development Squad

The U21s have been handed a tough away tie at Leighton Town in the next round of the Beds Senior Cup following the victory (5-0) over Dunstable Town in the last round.

The game will take place on Tuesday February 15th with a 7.45pm kick off. As always your support for our young players is greatly appreciated.

Prior to the cup game, we travel to take on Crystal Palace on Tuesday and have organised a visit to Loughborough University the following week which will involve a game and a tour of their facilities, which we all look forward to.

U15 EFL Floodlit Cup

The U15s finished off their group fixtures in the EFL Floodlit Trophy with a superb performance away at Portsmouth on Monday. Winning 13-0, we are now in pole position to qualify for the knockout stages, from the regional group we were drawn in.

There are still some outstanding fixtures to be played, however we hope that going unbeaten with three wins and two draws will be enough to see us through. Fingers crossed!

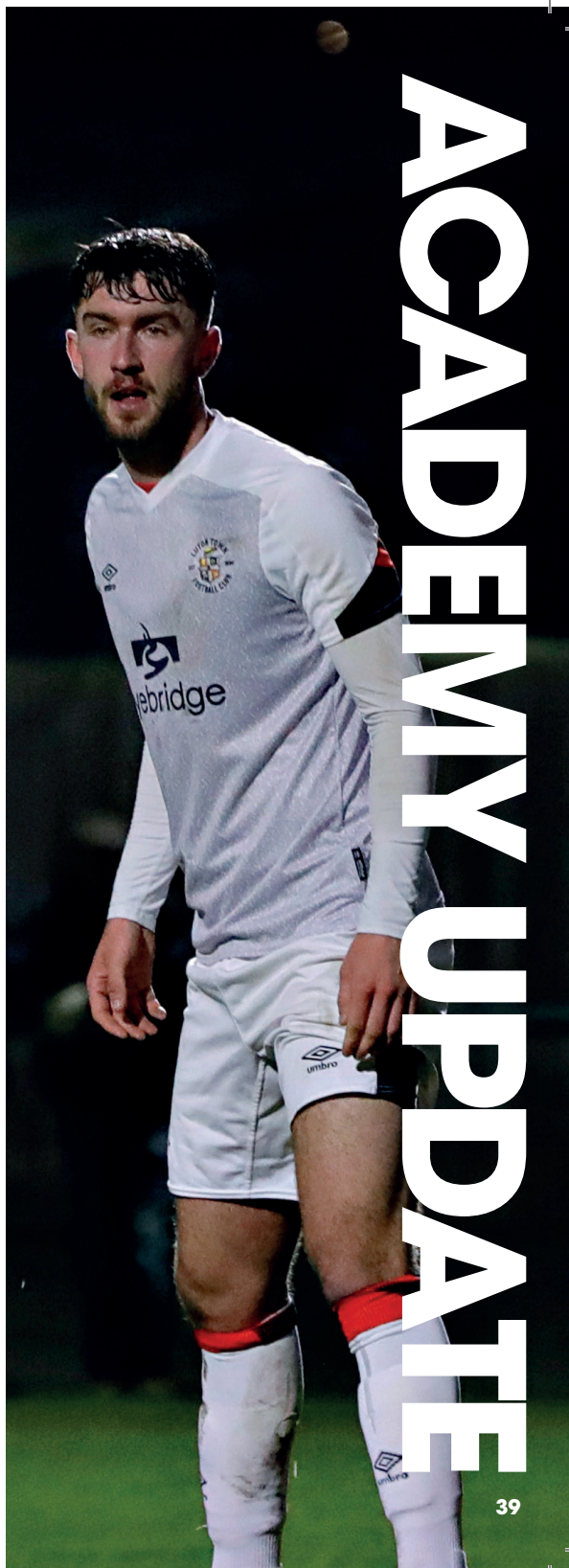
U18s

A three week break from the regular league programme gives the U18s an opportunity to play fixtures against 'different' opposition that includes Crystal Palace, Portsmouth and AFC Bournemouth, after a 3-2 win at Sutton United on Wednesday morning, courtesy of goals from Tyrell Newton, Darcy Moffat and Ed McJannet.

The next league fixture is scheduled for February 12th, at home to Leyton Orient, whilst we are still awaiting a date to be confirmed for the Southern Area League Cup Final away at AFC Wimbledon.

Enjoy the game and COYH!

Andy



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How did you get into football?

Just from a young age, played for my local team and my dad was a big influence, he played for Leighton Town back in the day.

Do you have a matchday routine?

For a home game, I wake up at 7am. Breakfast is oats with yogurts and fruits. I don't have any stipulations, just get ready for the game and listen to a bit of music in the car before, but that's it.

Who is your favourite footballer and why?

Erling Haaland because we're both strikers, similar in terms of stature and that's who I look up to and want to play like. He's aggressive, good finisher, he's the ideal player.

What music are you into?

At the minute I listen to pop, rap, American rap. Lil Tjay is a good artist at the minute that I like.

Favourite film?

I like so many films, but my favourite is Spiderman. I took my brother to the cinema when the new one came out. My favourite series is Money Heist.

What do you do to relax?

Play a bit of Xbox with my mates, FIFA and Fortnite are my favourites, and I watch Netflix and YouTube as well.

Biggest fear?

Rats and mice. I can't deal with them! I see it on I'm a Celebrity and I could never do that.

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

Invisibility because you could just do what you want, get into places, football matches it would be beneficial too! I think the ability to fly would be a good one also.

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

I'd want to bring another person with me. Take someone that would help me with food., constructing things. If it was a team-mate, I would take Jacob Pinnington but family I would take my older brother Ben.

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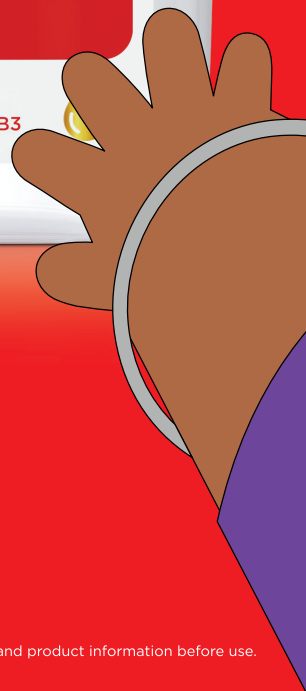
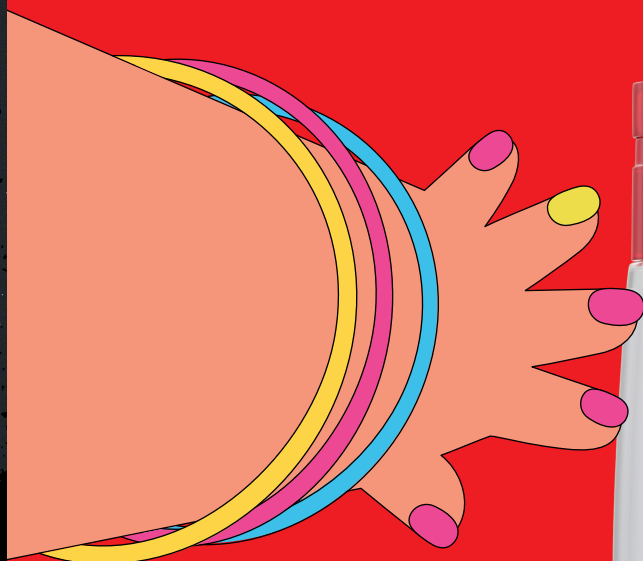
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The EFLT Utilita Cup is for Yr 8 girls and is the biggest female tournament in England, with all 72 EFL clubs taking part with local competitions, and then winners going onto regional finals across the country and qualifiers then facing a North Final and a South Final to determine who has the opportunity to play at Wembley.

It was heart-breaking for the girls, who had already progressed from the Bedfordshire finals for the honour to represent Luton Town in the East Finals,

and with victories over Ipswich Town, Peterborough United, Northampton Town, Colchester United and Stevenage in the semi-finals, they only fell at the very last hurdle. They say lightning doesn't strike twice in the same place, but in 2020 when the Girls Cup was last held, Queensbury High School from Dunstable, who were representing the Club, also fell at the death in the East Region Final. Third time lucky maybe!

Charlotte South from Lincroft Academy said: "Everyone was so proud of the girls' magnificent effort on the day. To make the East Final the girls had already won 12 games, so despite their disappointment in the final, they should be extremely proud of their overall effort."

A great effort from the Girls!



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The pandemic has affected almost everyone in different ways, and especially school children who have had huge disruption to both their home and school lives. The Trust were delighted to receive an unexpected small grant from the Premier League Charitable Fund to work with school children on a 1 to 1 basis, who were currently struggling with attending school or whose classroom behaviour was putting them at risk of exclusion from school, as well as being involved in anti-social behaviour outside of school.

Working with Lea Manor High School our cohesion team have developed a 12 week programme divided equally between classroom based engagement and physical activity. The school identified a group of Yr 8 boys and girls who were not really engaging with lessons and during January, February and March, the pupils will attend one afternoon a week with our team to see if we can re-engage them in education and also change their behaviours.

The programme uses football to show how important discipline is for a team to be successful, the respect campaign to recognise individuality and equality as well as group working and life goals which determine choices later in life. It's not all class based as the boys and girls spend time in the sports hall working on individual goals, teamwork and enjoying themselves without the pressure of the normal timetable.

Daniel Douglas, Community Operations Manager, said: 'The boys and girls will explore and focus on the factors associated with anti-social behaviour, school exclusion and the benefits of staying in education, aspirations, life experiences, role models and links to the importance of education in later life'.

The Cohesion team will need to measure and demonstrate the positive (or negative) effects of the project, with the Premier League looking to roll out the programme across the country if the 1 to 1 approach is seen by pupils and school as an effective way to change behaviour and prevent pupils from exclusion.



FIT HATTERS FINAL CALL!

We're looking to drum up the last 3 or 4 male participants to start our FREE 12 week lifestyle change programme this month.

The ladies course is now full and we are hoping to match this with the gents. The programme started at the stadium this week but there is still time to join if you are over 35, so – c'mon fella's, the last cohorts are now regularly playing walking football having formed two teams to maintain fitness levels and great friendships made over last year's programme.

Give Tom a call at the community office on 01582 561622 for information or drop him an email at health@lutontown.co.uk

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JUNIOR HATTERS



TODAY'S MASCOTS



CUINN

NAME: Cuinn Conroy

AGE: 8

HOBBIES: Football & Golf

FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Sonny Bradley



CHARLIE

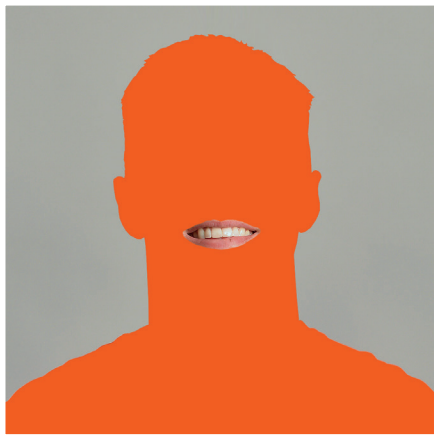
NAME: Charlie Lee

AGE: 10

HOBBIES: Football, he plays CDM for a local academy in Wales and he also runs at the local Athletic Club.

FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Elijah Adebayo

**Can you tell which player
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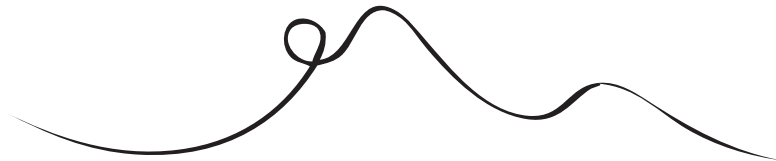
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Vice-Chairman's Message

Hello and welcome to our first column of 2022. May I begin by saying that I hope that you had a good Christmas despite the shortage of football to enjoy, and belatedly wish you a healthy and happy new year.

This is our first Saturday trip back to the Kenny since those amazing scenes at the end of the win over Bournemouth two weeks ago. Everything that is great about our wonderful club was on show that afternoon, from the passion in the stands to the togetherness of players and staff on the pitch. The refusal to pick up anything but a win from a match against a very good side was there in evidence like it always is when we are the supposed underdogs. I never need a reason to be proud to support Luton, but I was especially proud that afternoon.

This is a busy period for the club on the pitch, and it is a busy time for us as well. We are currently working on a number of projects which will provide your membership with even more value for money and also strengthen our position as one of the leading Supporters' Trusts in the country.

Our reputation has already allowed us to contribute to the Fan-led Review delivered by Tracey Crouch and we are also founder members of the Fair Game movement. It is a huge priority to us to continue to get the voice of our members heard and to ensure the recommended changes to the game are made. We will continue to keep our members updated regarding this throughout the coming weeks and months.

Finally, it was encouraging to hear that Brian

Rourke is starting his recovery from the horrendous attack he suffered after our match at QPR in November. Nobody should go to a football match and not return home safely. We are in discussions with QPR about the events of the evening and will report the outcome in due course.

In the meantime, enjoy the game this afternoon. If it is half as good as the last time we were here on a Saturday it will provide plenty of entertainment!

COYH!

Mark Chapman,
LTST Vice-Chairman

AGM

We held our AGM at the end of November where the Trust board for 2022 was elected. There was one change to the board which we will elaborate on below.

The event was held on Zoom due to the restrictions of the pandemic, with our special guest being the Luton Town FC Head of Medical Simon Parsell, who was a fantastic guest offering insights into his actions on a match day, what happens in and around the training ground and how the safety of the players continues to improve. We thank Simon for giving up some of his time.

Brian Thompson

The one change to our board for this year is that Brian Thompson has stepped down as Membership Secretary to be replaced by Mick Follett. Brian was part of the Trust board for a number of years, serving initially in the role



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of Secretary before taking on the challenging position of Membership Secretary, under which he modified our membership database as well as opening up a much more regular chain of communication with our members. Brian also put in place our affiliation with international supporter groups and created the option for members to renew their membership when paying for their season ticket, among lots of other important work.

Brian will be sorely missed on the board and while we are aware that he will still be available to assist if required, the entire board would like to thank him for the fantastic service he has given to LTST.

Family Fun Day

We were honoured to have a presence at the excellent Family Fun Day which was staged on the Kenilworth Road forecourt prior to the Fulham match last month. We offered the chance for Town supporters to become a member of the Trust as well as running a couple of competitions. For a full report of our events on the day and the winners of the competitions, head over to our website.

SoLYD

One of the aims we have this year is to raise as much funds as we can for SoLYD. We got the ball rolling with an evening with Marvin Johnson on Zoom earlier this month. The enjoyable night was hosted by the 'Voice of Luton Town' Simon Pitts, with Luton fans getting the chance to ask the popular defender questions of their own. The evening raised £350 for SoLYD. We thank Marvin and Simon for giving up their time. Further events will be announced in due course.

Zoom Events

While we wait for the Covid restrictions to ease to allow us to stage events in person, we will continue to run events on Zoom. We have already held a fun Q&A with former Town forward Enoch Showunmi, and we can announce that our next event will be an evening with Tony Thorpe, which will be hosted by our media officer Kevin Harper on Thursday 24 February at 7pm. This is an event for Trust members only so join now to be present at this event! Ticket details will follow at a later date.

Podcast

Our popular podcast has continued to run throughout the season with Kev, James and Tony offering their opinions on events regarding LTFC and football as a wider subject.

Kev has also hosted special episodes in the last couple of months with Town stars Jordan Clark and James Shea. The episode with Shea dropped last week. Both podcasts can be found and listened to on our website –

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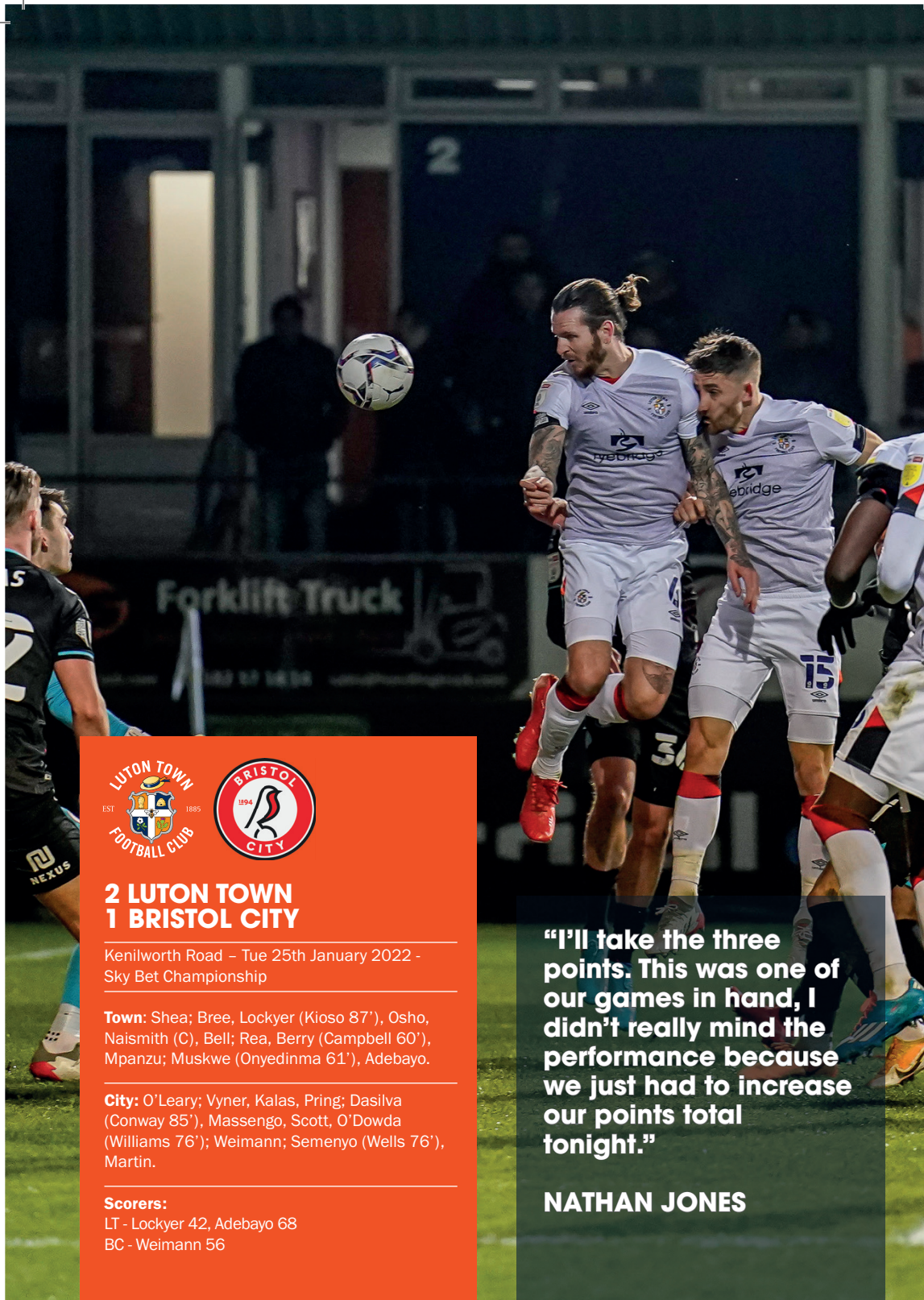


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Kenilworth Road – Tue 25th January 2022 -
Sky Bet Championship

Town: Shea; Bree, Lockyer (Kioso 87'), Osho, Naismith (C), Bell; Rea, Berry (Campbell 60'), Mpanzu; Muskwe (Onyedimma 61'), Adebayo.

City: O'Leary; Vyner, Kalas, Pring; Dasilva (Conway 85'), Massengo, Scott, O'Dowda (Williams 76'); Weimann; Semenyo (Wells 76'), Martin.

Scorers:

LT - Lockyer 42, Adebayo 68

BC - Weimann 56

"I'll take the three points. This was one of our games in hand, I didn't really mind the performance because we just had to increase our points total tonight."

NATHAN JONES

TOM LOCKYER

Words: Dan Briard

There was no better time to get off the mark in a Luton shirt for Tom Lockyer than against Bristol City, and he made sure to make that remarkably obvious when wheeling away in celebration past the away end!

The ex-Bristol Rovers defender was ecstatic to cap his return to the side with a goal after being absent from the matchday squad through injury since November.

From a team perspective, it was a moment that turned the match in which the Hatters had struggled to assert themselves before making the breakthrough.

But as both Nathan Jones and Lockyer reflected post-match, it was simply about getting another three points on the board, no matter how it happened.

"It wasn't pretty at all," the defender admitted. "We had to dig in and show character. We knew they were going to put pressure on us, we expected nothing less. We didn't play at all well but if you would have said to the fans before the game, we're going to get three points tonight, they would have taken it regardless of how that was.

"Don't get me wrong, we'd love to turn up every week and play teams off the park, but it's not going to be like that in the Championship," Lockyer continued. "A win is a win and the team spirit is unbelievable. Boys have to be patient because it's hard at times, but everyone wants the best for the team. Whether you've got to sit and wait patiently for your time then sobeit, but everyone is rooting for each other which is brilliant."

On his 39th appearance for the club, Lockyer was delighted to make a big impact at the other end of the pitch, and knew deep down it was destined to happen when it did.

"To be honest I can't really remember too much about it. Just remember it came off my head, I looked at the linesman and he didn't have his flag up, so I was buzzing. I went to sleep last night thinking I was going to score down that end, which obviously happened!

"It is not a bad time to hit some form. It can change easily in this league like we know. Normally we're quite good at bouncing back from defeats and draws but we try not to get carried away too much, although it was great to get a win tonight."



FIXTURES 2021-22

| DATE | TIME | H/A | OPPOSITION | SCORE | ATT | AWAY | POS | PENALTY (F) | PENALTY (A) | OWN GOALS | SENT OFF | OPP. SENT OFF | SHEA | BREE | POTTS | NASMITH | BRADLEY | REA | CORNICK | BERRY | HYLTON | LEE | ADGANO |
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| AUGUST | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 7 | 3.00pm | H | Peterborough United | W 3-0 | 10,019 | 1,032 | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | * | y | | | | * | 1a | | | | 1 |
| Tue 10 | 7.45pm | A | Stevenage (Carabao Cup R1) | D 2-2* | 3,052 | 1,291 | - | - | - | - | - | - | * | | | | | y | a | | | c | |
| Sat 14 | 3.00pm | A | West Bromwich Albion | L 2-3 | 23,283 | 1,433 | 11 | - | - | 1 | - | - | * | | | | | | 1 | | | | d |
| Tue 17 | 7.45pm | A | Barnsley | W 1-0 | 12,999 | 748 | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | * | | | | | c | a | y | | * | y |
| Sat 21 | 3.00pm | H | Birmingham City | L 0-5 | 10,014 | 1,006 | 11 | - | - | - | - | - | * | | | | | a | y | c | | * | |
| Sat 28 | 3.00pm | H | Sheffield United | D 0-0 | 9,774 | 1,036 | 12 | - | - | - | - | - | * | | | y | | | a | | | | |
| SEPTEMBER | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 11 | 3.00pm | A | Blackburn Rovers | D 2-2 | 11,241 | 810 | 12 | - | - | - | - | - | * | | b | y | b | | | c | 2 | | |
| Wed 15 | 7.45pm | A | Bristol City | D 1-1 | 16,878 | 572 | 13 | - | - | - | - | - | * | y | | | | * | a | c | b | 1 | 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 2-1 | 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 | | | 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 | | | | * | | 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 | | | c | | 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) | W 4-0 | 4,834 | 330 | - | - | - | - | - | - | * | | * | 1 | | * | | a | 1 | e | 1 e |
| Sat 15 | 12.30pm | H | AFC Bournemouth | W 3-2 | 9,649 | 1,032 | 13 | - | - | 1 | - | - | * | | * | 1 | | | | * | | | |
| Wed 19 | 8.00pm | A | Reading | W 2-0 | 9,611 | 849 | 11 | - | - | 1 | - | - | * | | * | | | | * | | | | |
| Sat 22 | 3.00pm | A | Sheffield United | L 0-2 | 27,780 | 1,843 | 13 | - | - | - | 1 | - | * | | | | | | * | | | | a |
| Tue 25 | 7.45pm | H | Bristol City | W 2-1 | 9,202 | 586 | 10 | - | - | - | - | - | * | | * | | | | y | a | | | 1 |
| Sat 29 | 3.00pm | H | Blackburn Rovers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FEBRUARY | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tue 1 | 7.45pm | A | Swansea City | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 5 | 5.30pm | A | Cambridge United (FAC4) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tue 8 | 7.45pm | A | Coventry City | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tue 5 | 7.45pm | A | Peterborough United | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |



RIP PAUL CAUNTER

On the 23rd January 2022, Luton Town lost one of their own to mental health. Paul Caunter has been a lifelong Hatter and has proudly and passionately supported Luton Town on the other side of the world in New Zealand. Take a moment to spare a thought for your fellow Hatter Paul, he'd love nothing more than to be at Kenilworth Road with you one more time.

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

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| l | * | * | | | | | | | | y | b | * | a | a | b | | * | | | | 78 | 78 | - | - | - | - | - | 19, 62 |
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| | * | * | | b | | | | | | 1a | c | a | | | b | | c | | | | 60 | 65 | 82 | - | - | - | - | 30, 42, 51, 78, 97 |
| | * | * | | | a | | | | | 1c | a | b | | | c | | b | | | | 69 | 74 | 79 | - | - | - | - | 33, 58 |
| a | * | | r | | b | | | | | * | * | | c | b | c | | a | | | | 54 | 60 | 63 | - | - | 61 | - | 48, 51 |
| l | * | * | 1c | | | | c | y | | a | * | b | b | | | | | | | | 61 | 61 | 87 | - | - | - | - | 42, 56, 68 |



RIP PETER QUINCE

Long time Luton Town Supporter, who was born on 23/09/1938 and who saw the club go through its ups and downs, sadly passed away on 14th January, aged 84. He will be missed deeply by his loving family.



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FORMED: 1912

NICKNAME: THE SWANS

LAST SEASON: 4TH IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP

FOLLOW THEM ON TWITTER: @SWANSOFFICIAL

COLOURS: WHITE SHIRT, BLACK SHORTS

GROUND: LIBERTY STADIUM

MANAGER: RUSSELL MARTIN

WHO?

The Swans were relegated from the Premier League in 2018 after a seven-year stay, registering sixth and fourth placed finishes in the Championship over the last two seasons ending in a play-off semi-final defeat to Brentford. Swansea's last piece of silverware came in 2013 as they were crowned League Cup winners, beating League Two side Bradford City in the final.

GROUND?

Swansea moved to the Liberty Stadium in 2005 after 93 years at previous ground Vetch Field. With a capacity of 21,088, it is the third largest stadium in Wales behind the Millennium Stadium and Cardiff City stadium. The Swans share their ground with Welsh rugby union side the Osprey's.



HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?


The two sides last met in a thrilling 3-3 draw at Kenilworth Road in September, as the Swans fought back from behind after the Hatters raced into a three goal lead through Luke Berry and an Elijah Adebayo brace. The two teams have a near identical head-to-head record since they first met in 1979, with the Hatters winning 22 and losing 21 of the 55 matches.

KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU

Ex-Hatters keeper Keith Barber made 142 appearances for Luton in a seven-year spell before moving to Swansea in 1977. Defender Cameron Carter-Vickers spent the 2018/19 season on-loan in south Wales, joining Town on loan in January 2020.

Words: Dylan Bhundia

LUTON TOWN PLAYER STATISTICS

|  | 2020-21 SEASON | | | | | | | | | | CAREER | | |
|---|----------------|------|------|---|-------|---|-------|------|-------|---|--------|-----|----|
| | LEAGUE | | CUP | | TOTAL | | CARDS | | TOTAL | | APPS | G | |
| | APPS | G | APPS | G | APPS | G | Y | R | APPS | G | | | |
| Elijah Adebayo | 22 | (2) | 11 | 1 | (0) | 1 | 23 | (2) | 12 | 2 | 0 | 43 | 17 |
| Sam Beckwith | 0 | (0) | 0 | 1 | (0) | 0 | 1 | (0) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Amari'i Bell | 20 | (1) | 1 | 1 | (0) | 0 | 21 | (1) | 1 | 1 | 0 | 22 | 1 |
| Luke Berry | 7 | (1) | 4 | 0 | (1) | 1 | 7 | (2) | 5 | 1 | 0 | 131 | 19 |
| Sunny Bradley | 16 | (1) | 2 | 1 | (0) | 0 | 17 | (1) | 2 | 2 | 0 | 149 | 5 |
| James Bree | 24 | (0) | 0 | 1 | (0) | 0 | 25 | (0) | 0 | 4 | 0 | 94 | 1 |
| Rance Burke | 12 | (2) | 0 | 1 | (0) | 0 | 13 | (2) | 0 | 0 | 1 | 15 | 0 |
| Allan Campbell | 13 | (1) | 2 | 0 | (2) | 0 | 13 | (3) | 2 | 3 | 0 | 16 | 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 | (6) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 154 | 59 |
| Cameron Jerome | 7 | (10) | 0 | 2 | (0) | 2 | 9 | (10) | 2 | 2 | 0 | 19 | 2 |
| Peter Kioso | 4 | (2) | 0 | 1 | (0) | 0 | 5 | (2) | 0 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 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 | 15 | (0) | 1 | 1 | (0) | 0 | 16 | (0) | 1 | 2 | 0 | 39 | 1 |
| Carlos Mendes Gomes | 2 | (5) | 0 | 2 | (0) | 0 | 4 | (5) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 |
| Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu | 21 | (2) | 1 | 0 | (1) | 0 | 21 | (3) | 1 | 2 | 0 | 322 | 20 |
| Admiral Muckwe | 6 | (0) | 0 | 1 | (0) | 1 | 7 | (0) | 1 | 1 | 0 | 16 | 1 |
| Kai Naismith | 25 | (0) | 1 | 1 | (0) | 1 | 26 | (0) | 2 | 5 | 0 | 49 | 3 |
| Fred Onyedinma | 6 | (10) | 2 | 0 | (1) | 0 | 6 | (11) | 2 | 1 | 0 | 17 | 2 |
| Gabriel Osho | 9 | (0) | 0 | 1 | (0) | 0 | 10 | (6) | 0 | 3 | 0 | 17 | 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 | 8 | (4) | 0 | 1 | (0) | 0 | 9 | (4) | 0 | 4 | 0 | 207 | 8 |
| James Shea | 7 | (0) | 0 | 2 | (0) | 0 | 9 | (0) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 94 | 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 | Fulham | 27 | 17 | 6 | 4 | 73 | 25 | 48 | 57 |
| 2 | Blackburn Rovers | 28 | 15 | 7 | 6 | 45 | 30 | 15 | 52 |
| 3 | Bournemouth | 27 | 14 | 7 | 6 | 43 | 24 | 19 | 49 |
| 4 | Queens Park Rangers | 27 | 14 | 6 | 7 | 40 | 31 | 9 | 48 |
| 5 | West Bromwich Albion | 28 | 12 | 9 | 7 | 34 | 22 | 12 | 45 |
| 6 | Huddersfield Town | 28 | 12 | 8 | 8 | 37 | 33 | 4 | 44 |
| 7 | Nottingham Forest | 28 | 12 | 7 | 9 | 38 | 29 | 9 | 43 |
| 8 | Middlesbrough | 27 | 12 | 6 | 9 | 31 | 26 | 5 | 42 |
| 9 | Coventry City | 26 | 11 | 7 | 8 | 35 | 30 | 5 | 40 |
| 10 | Luton Town | 26 | 10 | 8 | 8 | 38 | 32 | 6 | 38 |
| 11 | Stoke City | 27 | 11 | 5 | 11 | 32 | 29 | 3 | 38 |
| 12 | Sheffield United | 25 | 10 | 6 | 9 | 33 | 32 | 1 | 36 |
| 13 | Preston North End | 27 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 31 | 33 | -2 | 36 |
| 14 | Blackpool | 27 | 10 | 6 | 11 | 28 | 32 | -4 | 36 |
| 15 | Millwall | 26 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 27 | 29 | -2 | 33 |
| 16 | Bristol City | 28 | 9 | 6 | 13 | 36 | 49 | -13 | 33 |
| 17 | Swansea City | 25 | 8 | 8 | 9 | 28 | 32 | -4 | 32 |
| 18 | Birmingham City | 28 | 8 | 8 | 12 | 30 | 42 | -12 | 32 |
| 19 | Hull City | 27 | 8 | 5 | 14 | 23 | 31 | -8 | 29 |
| 20 | Cardiff City | 26 | 6 | 5 | 15 | 28 | 47 | -19 | 23 |
| 21 | Reading * | 27 | 8 | 4 | 15 | 33 | 51 | -18 | 22 |
| 22 | Peterborough United | 26 | 5 | 5 | 16 | 23 | 53 | -30 | 20 |
| 23 | Derby County * | 27 | 8 | 11 | 8 | 26 | 26 | 0 | 14 |
| 24 | Barnsley | 26 | 2 | 8 | 16 | 17 | 41 | -24 | 14 |

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- 08 LUKE BERRY
- 09 DANNY HYLTON
- 11 ELIJAH ADEBAYO
- 12 SIMON SLUGA
- 14 CARLOS MENDES GOMES
- 15 TOM LOCKYER
- 16 REECE BURKE
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- 21 HARRY ISTD
- 22 ALLAN CAMPBELL
- 23 HENRI LANSBURY
- 24 FRED ONYEDINMA
- 26 ADMIRAL MUSKWE
- 28 ELLIOT THORPE
- 29 AMARI'I BELL
- 32 GABRIEL OSHO
- 35 CAMERON JEROME



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- 03 HARRY PICKERING
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- 25 JAN PAUL VAN HECKE
- 26 DARRAGH LENIHAN
- 27 LEWIS TRAVIS
- 30 IAN POVEDA-OCAMPO
- 42 DEYOVAISIO ZEEFUIK

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