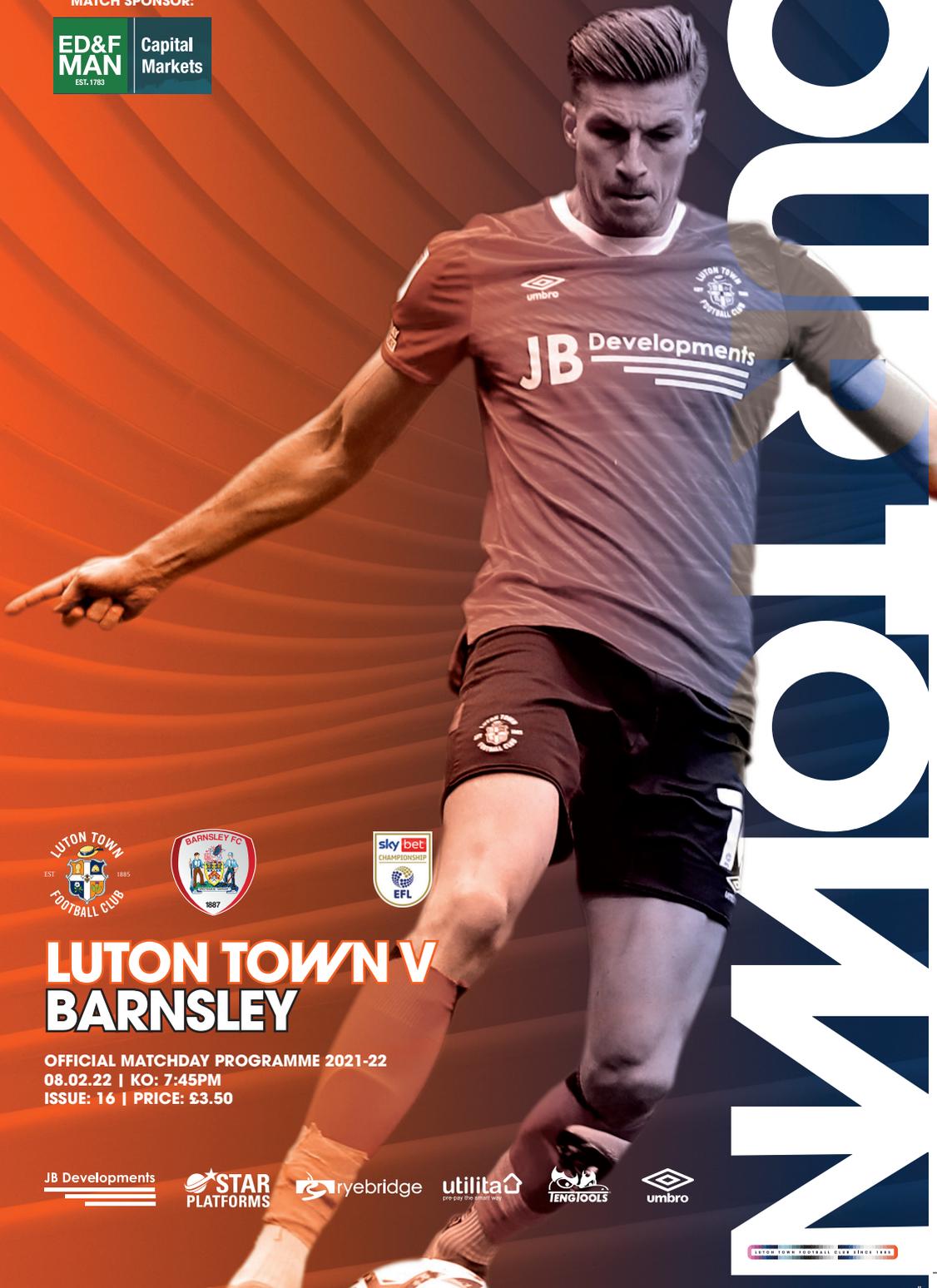


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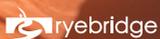


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THE MANAGER

Good evening and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for another game under the lights, with Barnsley the visitors.

I welcome Poya Asbaghi, his staff, their players and everyone who has travelled south, and wish them all a safe journey back to Yorkshire tonight. We have had a lot in common with Barnsley in recent seasons, with so many players moving between the two clubs and winning promotion together from League One.

We know tonight will be as tough a test as ever, and they remain, with what they achieved last season, very much an example for us to follow as we look to push on towards the play-offs.

I am proud of the way we have gone about our work, especially since we had the lay-off with the four postponements. It is important you take advantage of those games in hand, and so far we have won three of the four rearranged fixtures, with the latest being last Tuesday's 1-0 win at Swansea.

I loved our performance down there because we were in control of the game, despite not having the ball for long periods, which is something you have to accept with the way they play. When we did have it, we looked like hurting them every time we went forward, and might have had two or three before Harry came on and finished off a brilliant move.

We had every right to celebrate afterwards because Swansea is a tough place to go, as second-placed

Blackburn found out on Saturday, having come here a week earlier and been clearly relieved to take a point home with them.

I think those last two league results show just how far we've come, and now we want to kick on and bridge that three-point gap to the play-offs to really have a shot at it over the final 18 games of the season.

At the same time, we have an FA Cup run to enjoy after Saturday's thoroughly professional performance at Cambridge, and Sunday's fifth round draw. We showed that we haven't forgotten where we have come from with the way we went about it at the Abbey, where we faced an excellent side at League One level, with a full house mainly behind them – apart from the magnificent support from almost 1,500 of you in the away end.

We got the job done in difficult conditions with minimum fuss, avoiding the kind of upsets and scares other clubs experienced, and now we get to give you something to really get excited about having had to watch the Manchester United and Chelsea games from your living rooms last season.

We always talk about famous nights under these lights, and the European champions coming here will be another one to savour, but we have five hugely important league games to navigate before we think properly about that.

That starts tonight, so please give it everything you've got from the stands, get behind the lads and enjoy the game. COYH!



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CARLOS MENDES GOMES

Words: Dan Briard

Carlos Mendes Gomes says he is biding his time as a Luton player after scoring his first Hatters goal in the 3-0 FA Cup fourth round win against Cambridge United to help set up a home tie with European champions Chelsea.

Starting for the second cup match in a row, it was a game that had all the ingredients for an upset but Nathan Jones' side didn't allow it, much helped by two quick first-half goals, the second of which was fired home by Mendes Gomes.

"We knew that it would be a tough game," the forward admitted. "Cambridge are doing really well in League One and playing at their ground, we saw how they played last round beating Newcastle and we knew it was never going to be easy. We tried to come here with a positive mindset, do our job and get through to the next round.

"The goals came at a really good time. We were never going to sit back or just hold on to the score. We tried to still play our game, second half with the wind against us was a bit more difficult, but it was a solid performance, professional and we're into the next round."

After scoring his first goal for the Hatters, the Spaniard credited Cameron Jerome for his role in the goal, saying: "Everyone knows what Cam has done in the game. He's an amazing player, not just on the pitch but off the pitch he has helped me a lot, and it's always nice to play with him and learn day-by-day.

"It is nice to get on the scoresheet especially when you're an attacking player. I know that it hasn't been easy, but I knew it wasn't going to be easy. My journey hasn't been easy so far but it's about improving as a player, learning and then making the next step. I believe I am being patient and heading in the right direction."

Back to league action tonight and the 23-year-old spoke of the need to be professional should the Hatters continue their good run of form.

"Something that I have learned this season is don't take any game for granted," said the ex-Morecambe man. "The championship is a tough league and anyone can beat anyone. We fancy ourselves at home if we do the basics right and we play to our standard, hopefully we get the three points."





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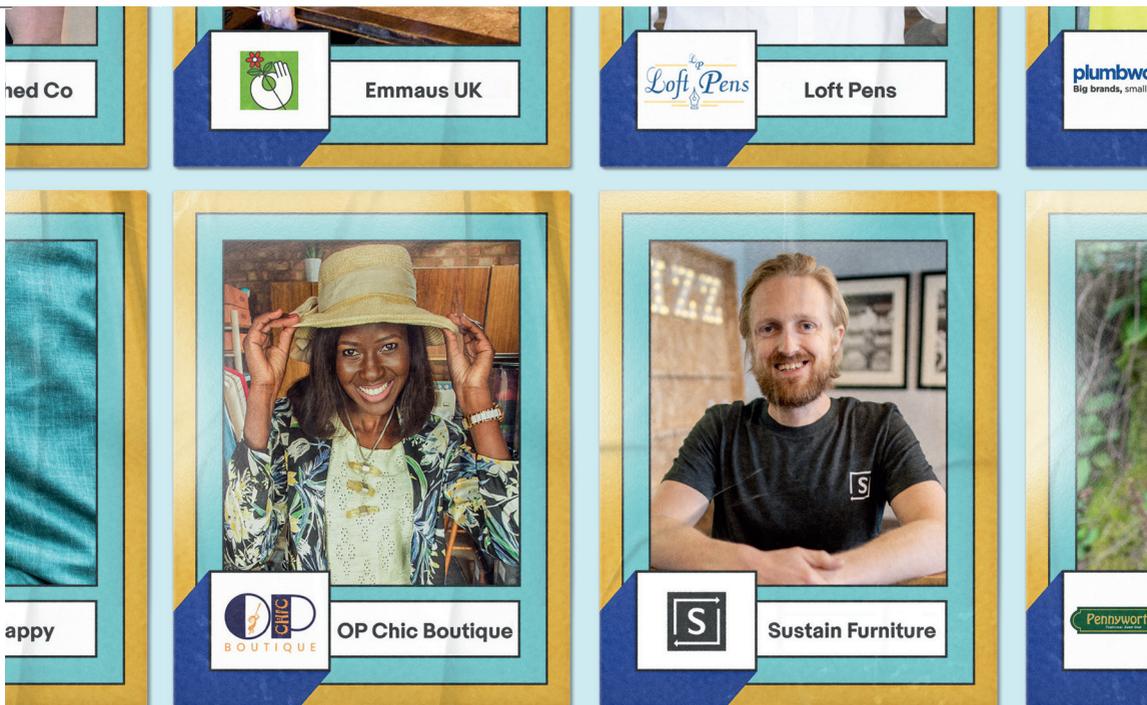
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I've always liked Andy Cole. He certainly delivered on Sunday with that fifth round draw.

It was just as NJ had predicted. A tie against a big club which would make up for fans missing out on last season's cup matches against Manchester United and Chelsea. The fact that it's at home is also a bonus.

It would have been great to have a trip to Liverpool or Manchester City, but the fact that this round is now in midweek would have prevented so many from heading north, especially those with school the next morning. Now everyone can enjoy it, and those who can't will almost certainly have the back-up of live television.

It will stir a few memories as well, not least in the FA Cup and thoughts of that Wembley semi-final in 1994. It had been a great cup run, but having the semi-final there was not the norm as it is now, and I always felt it became an occasion rather than a game to win.

But this tie will mean another midweek game which will prompt an interesting selection decision. Does the manager select his "strongest" side to take on the current champions of Europe, or prioritise the Championship matches that follow?

It will also be the first fifth round appearance since 2013, but

Saturday's win at Cambridge didn't quite match the victory at Norwich nine years ago for excitement.

There were some links of course. Wes Hoolahan was once again on the losing side; Greg Taylor was on the bench for Cambridge having played for Luton in 2013; we drove part of the way on the A14; and coming home I listened to Harry Kane playing for Tottenham, and in 2013 he was playing for.... ok, ok, enough already... it's getting very tenuous.

It was a good weekend for the FA Cup though, especially with Kidderminster going so close, although I was dismayed to hear John Murray on Radio 5 report the demise of the Kidderminster pie. Anyone who made the trip to Aggborough back in the day must have sampled that culinary delight.

Back to the Championship tonight though. There are five league games before Chelsea, and the current run of form has left us dreaming.

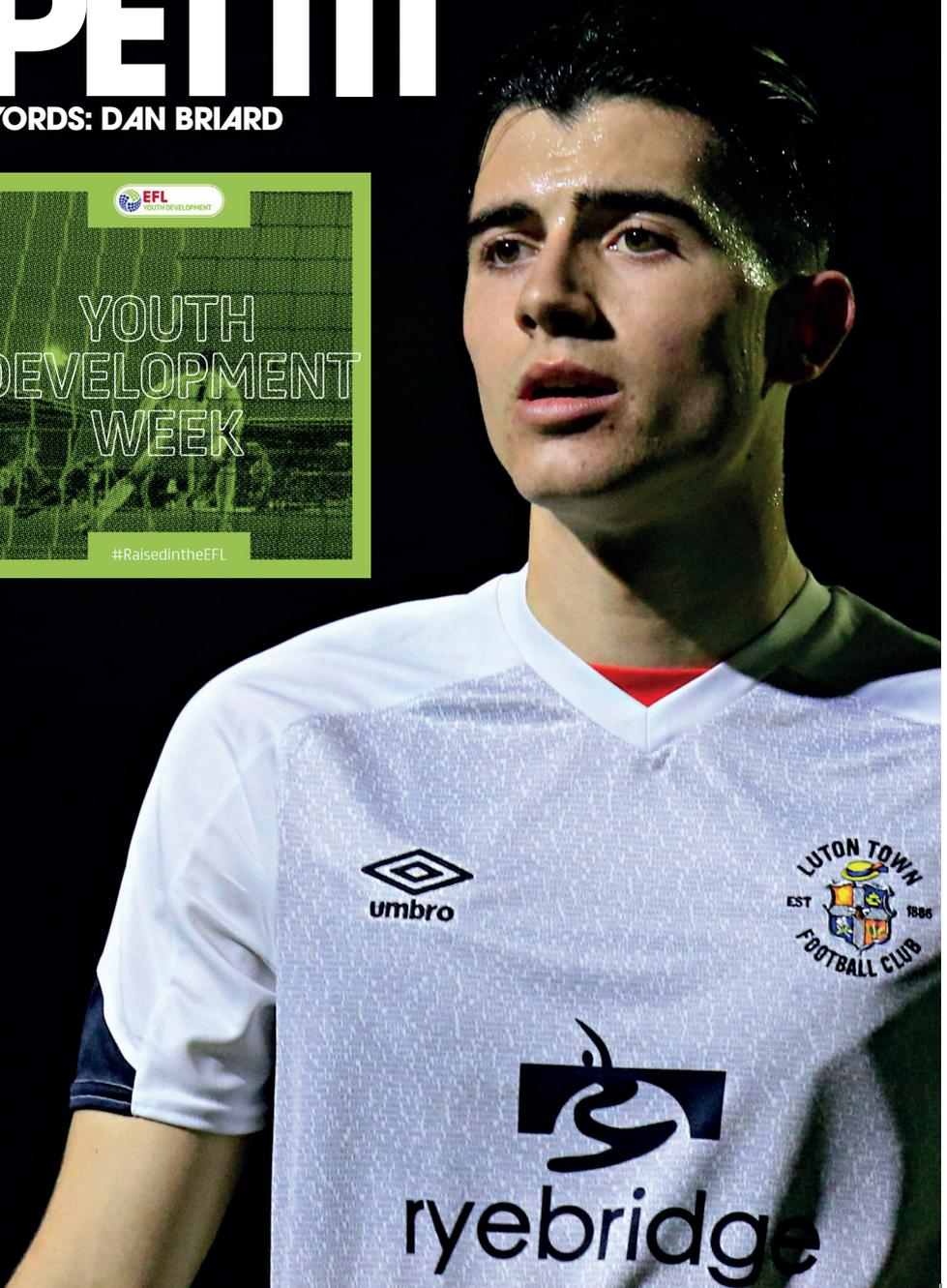
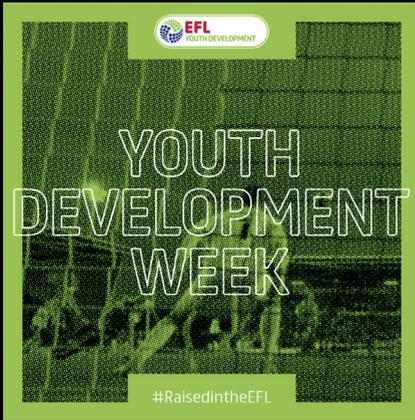
What sets Luton apart from so many in the top 10 is that promotion is a nice ambition not a necessity to make up for financial foolishness.

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CASEY PETTT

WORDS: DAN BRIARD



Balancing not only his time between training with the Luton senior squad and enjoying his first senior loan spell with Non-League Lewes, where he scored his first goal on Saturday, Casey Pettit has also been busy becoming one of the youngest professional footballers to earn his UEFA B coaching badge last month.

Supplementing his hopes of having a successful career as a player, 19-year-old Casey discussed why he went down the coaching route so early as part of the EFL's Youth Development Week.

"During my scholarship I did my Level 2 and then during the first outbreak of covid when I was 17, I got on the UEFA B course because I thought what else could I be doing in this time. I just started up doing some one-to-one coaching. I have been on the course for a while and covid prevented me from signing off fairly early.

"I think I could have been the youngest ever person to get it, but now I still have it signed off early and they're just checking the system as to whether I could be the youngest professional player to get it, which is obviously good. It is something linked with football, and it gives me a back-up if I get injured or don't make it, I have something to fall back on and something that I'm interested in.

"Whatever you do, I think you have to do something you have a passion in, and you really want to do because that is what you will want to improve upon and you are going to want to work every day. That is something I find with my coaching.

As well as enjoyment, coaching has provided improvement to his own game, explaining: "I have been speaking to a few of the coaches, Adrian Forbes and the guys in and around the academy. They've seen it in me as well, when I do train and play, it is coming out in that. They can tell where I'm getting into positions earlier, I'm able to tell people a lot more information than I was before, and ultimately it is helping my own football."

After being released from boyhood club West Ham United and later Millwall, Casey has found a home at Kenilworth Road and admitted: "The reason I signed here was because it was a real family

friendly club, everyone was lovely, welcomed me in and they rated me, which ultimately you want as a player. I got my opportunity to be with the first team in training and I've really enjoyed it. It has been a good environment where I've got on with all the coaches and I've been able to come through, improve, get my first professional contract and go from there.

"I'm loving it. Every single day is great, you wake up and think 'what's next', you're having banter with the boys now, I've got a nickname of brylcreem because of my barnet, they love a bit of that! That is the top of the club so it's where you want to be, where you want to strive for and obviously the next progression from that is getting in the matchday squad, getting on the bench, getting some minutes. It's exactly where I want to be and if I can play and train up to their standards, it's only going to make me better."

Casey is now developing his game further on loan with Isthmian League Premier Division side Lewes FC, where he has since made his debut.

"You go into a different environment and it's a little bit better than being on trial because you're not trying to sign anywhere, it's nothing like that, but the boys respect you because they know where you've come from, which is good," he says. "It's a different type of football and I think it's one that is definitely helping me because it's all experience at the end of the day, and one I think that is only going to benefit me."

Casey has gone straight into a promotion-chasing side, which he added was the major difference between playing for the Rooks, rather than the development squad.

"Every game you have to get three points and a lot of the time in the U21s, apart from the cup game we had recently, it is all about developing as players.

"There's an element of having a crowd, having a must-win game and things are done on the basis of just do it, instead of let's try this and see what happens. You have to do it, got to get through it and get the three points, so it's different in terms of that but it's better for me because I haven't really had that too much."



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THE OPPOSITION

WORDS: RYAN PAYNE

Sitting bottom of the Championship, it's been a tough season for Barnsley so far. Markus Schopp's brief time at Oakwell came to an end in November, with former Sweden U21 manager Poya Asbaghi brought in as his replacement.

The Tykes have only won two league games this season. Their first win came in their second game, beating Coventry at home with a Dominik Frieser goal. They had to wait until November for their second, when they beat Derby 2-1. Barnsley came from a goal down to secure three points with efforts from Victor Adeboyejo and Aaron Leya Iseka, but that win was sandwiched by ten defeats, with Schopp departing before Asbaghi picked up his first point in a 0-0 draw at Peterborough.

The Iranian has three draws to show for his time in charge, along with a 5-4 extra-time win over League Two Barrow in the Emirates FA Cup third round, but is still awaiting his first league victory and continues to be without ex-Town youngster Cauley Woodrow, as the four-goal top scorer recently underwent surgery on a knee injury.

Barnsley were Cup action over the weekend, as they travelled away to fellow Championship club Huddersfield Town. Their hopes of a run towards Wembley came to an end at the fourth round, however, with a Duane Holmes goal enough for the Terriers to record a 1-0 win.

In their last visit to Kenilworth Road, Barnsley recorded a 2-1 win over the Hatters in April

last year as the Tykes, then under the charge of Valerien Ismael, secured an unexpected place in the second tier play-offs. United States international Daryl Dike scored twice for the Tykes, with James Collins pulling one back for Town.

The Hatters had won 1-0 in the reverse fixture earlier that season, Collins scoring the winner, and this season Nathan Jones' men repeated that feat at oakwell, running out winners courtesy of Amari'i Bell's fourth-minute strike.

Like Barnsley, Town were also in FA Cup action over the weekend, Reece Burke, Carlos Mendes Gomes and Admiral Muskwe scoring as the Hatters recorded a 3-0 win over League One side Cambridge United. In the next round, Town play host to European champions Chelsea, having visited Stamford Bridge in round four last term.

We welcome all the traveling Barnsley supporters who have made the trip from Oakwell and wish them a safe journey home after the game.





THE GOALKEEPER: BRAD COLLINS

Collins began his career at Chelsea, joining the club at Under-12s level. During his time at Stamford Bridge, he won a number of competitions at youth level, before heading out on loan.

The goalkeeper featured 39 times for Forest Green Rovers in League Two during the 2017/18 season, before spending the next season on loan in League One with Burton, where he made 31 league appearances.

The 24-year-old departed Chelsea permanently in the summer of 2019, signing for Barnley.



THE DEFENDER: MICHAL HELIK

Born in Chorzow, Poland, Helik started his footballing journey at his local club Ruch Chorzow. He made 48 appearances in the Ekstraklasa for the club, before moving across Poland to sign for Cracovia.

Helik spent three seasons with the Krakow-based club, before making the move to England to sign for Barnley in September 2020.

Since his move to Oakwell, the 26-year-old has been a mainstay in Barnley's defence.



THE MANAGER: POYA ASBAGHI

Born in Iran, Asbaghi and his family left the country and moved to Sweden. It was there that the 36-year-old began his coaching career.

His first managerial role was with Dalkurd FF, before a later spell at Gefle IF. As manager of IFK Goteborg, he won the Svenska Cupen in the 2019/20 season. After leaving Goteborg, he was appointed boss of Sweden's U21s.

After a year in the role, the 36-year-old was announced as Markus Schopp's replacement as Barnley manager in November 2021.



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THE MIDFIELDER: CALLUM STYLES

A product of the Burnley academy, Styles was released by the Clarets before he could earn a professional deal at Turf Moor. He later signed for Bury, featuring 26 times for the first-team in league competition.

He signed for Barnsley in August 2018, but would stay at Gigg Lane on loan up until January 2019. In the second half of the season, he made a handful of appearances for Barnsley.

The 21-year-old has played over 70 times for the Tykes and is a key part of their midfield.



THE ATTACKER: AARON LEYA ISEKA

With top scorer Cauley Woodrow out through injury, Aaron Leya Iseka will be one of the Tykes' attacking threats. He began his career at Anderlecht, and had loan spells at Marseille and Zulte Waregem.

A three year spell at Toulouse followed, where he featured 52 times for the club in Ligue 1. He spent time on loan at Metz last season, scoring four times in the French top flight.

In August 2021, Iseka made the move to England to sign for Barnsley.

WATCH OUT FOR... DOMINGOS QUINA

A Deadline Day signing, Domingos Quina signed for Barnsley on loan for the remainder of the 2021/22 season from Watford.

Quina spent time at Benfica and Chelsea in his youth, before joining West Ham. He made his senior debut in the Europa League in July 2016. He spent two years as a Hammer, before joining Watford.

The 22-year-old has featured 26 times for Watford and has spent time on loan at Granada and Fulham, prior to his spell at Barnsley.



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JAMES BREE

A HAT IN BOTH CAMPS

Wakefield lad James Bree had already been on trial at Leeds and Bradford City, who wanted to keep him, before he joined Barnsley at the age of 12 along with his best mate Jack Alton.

He was an Under-16 playing in the U18s when manager Danny Wilson handed him his senior debut for the already-relegated Tykes against QPR on the final day of the 2013-14 Championship season, becoming the second youngest player in Barnsley's history, aged 16 years and 143 days.

That game may have ended in a 3-2 defeat, but coming up against Croatian international winger Nico Kranjcar was a valuable learning experience and Bree would go on to make 61 appearances, helping Barnsley win promotion from League One back up to the second tier in 2015-16.

Towards the end of the January transfer window of the following season, Championship big guns Aston Villa swooped to sign the 19-year-old on a four-and-a-half year deal for a reported £3.15m, and he made 12 appearances that season.

Another ten followed in 2017-18, including playing alongside John Terry at centre-half and in the Championship play-off semi-final against Middlesbrough, before the following campaign was split between helping Villa finally secure promotion back to the Premier League, and a loan at Ipswich.

In the summer of 2019, Bree arrived at Kenilworth Road on loan, making 42 appearances and impressing especially after the post-Lockdown restart, when he played in all nine matches under Nathan Jones to help pull off the Great Escape.

His permanent signing was one of the Welshman's priorities that summer, and Bree has gone on to impress on the right side of the Town back four, or as a wing-back, with his crossing and set-piece delivery crucial to the side as he approaches a century of appearances.

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James Collins fires in the Town's goal which brought about a frantic end to the game.

LAST TIME AT THE KENNY

LUTON TOWN:

Sluga, Cranie (LuaLua), Pearson, Rea (Bradley), Tunnicliffe (Berry), Clark, Naismith, Mpanzu, Dewsbury-Hall, Nombe (Cornick), Adebayo (Collins).

BARNSELY:

Collins, Helik, Andersen, Brittain, Sibbick, Mowatt, Palmer (Halme), Woodrow (Frieser), Adeboyejo (Morris), Styles, Dike.

HATTERS 1 TYKES 2

5th April 2021. Championship.
Words: Roger Wash

Any worries that the Town might be dragged into a relegation struggle had been fully put to bed following a 1-0 win at Preston the week before Easter.

This brought the points total up to 50 but in a poor display, and 2-0 defeat at Derby on Good Friday, manager Nathan Jones felt that some of the players had 'taken their eye off the ball'.

Two changes were made to the side for the Easter Monday clash with high-flying Barnsley with Sam Nombe given his first Championship start and Martin Cranie coming in for James Bree.

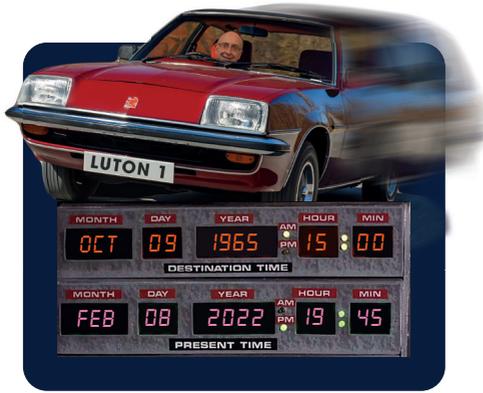
Although the Hatters started brightly they were soon pushed back and it was no surprise when Daryl Dike opened the scoring for the visitors when he took a pass from former Town starlet

Cauley Woodrow and, after holding off Matty Pearson, fired past Simon Sluga in the Luton goal.

Jones made two changes at the interval and for a time the Town were on top until Woodrow drove forward and toe poked a shot which was fumbled by Sluga with the loose ball falling nicely to Dike who doubled Barnsley's lead.

With ten minutes remaining Dike was fouled by Pearson in the box but Sluga atoned for his earlier error by bringing off a superb double save to the penalty and follow-up before the Town surged down the other end where Kazenga Lua-Lua set up top scorer James Collins to blast in a shot to reduce the deficit.

The Hatters then threw the kitchen sink at Barnsley but the Tykes rearguard held firm to win three deserved points in their bid for promotion.



MEMORY MATCH

**LUTON TOWN 5 BARNSELY 4
DIVISION FOUR (NOW LEAGUE TWO).
OCTOBER 9TH 1965.**

WORDS: ROGER WASH

LUTON TOWN:

Tinsley, Thomson, Jardine, Reid, Rivers, Moore, Harber, Read, O'Rourke, Stark, Whittaker.

BARNSELY:

Ironside, Parker, Brookes, Jackson, Swallow, Duearden, Earnshaw, Bettany, Kerr (Murphy), Ferguson, Hewitt.

Season 1965/66 saw the Town enter Division Four for the first time in their history after a fall from grace that had seen the side tumble from the top flight to the basement in five short years.

Manager George Martin, who had reluctantly taken the hot-seat in February 1965, was 66 and tired but did attempt to instil some badly needed discipline into the squad, firstly insisting that all the players should live in the Luton area.

He signed the experienced Matt Woods, who was seen as the centre-half the Town had missed since the retirement of Syd Owen, and tough defender Bobby Thomson, as well as a little known half-back from Motherwell by the name of John



Moore. Just as the season was about to start speedy winger David Pleat broke a leg in training, but on the flip side young striker John O'Rourke was fully fit and hopefully back to his best.

Early results were mixed as the players tried to find their feet at this new level, but gradually results started to turn and leading up to a pair of home games in early October, the first away win had been recorded to add to an improving home record.

The Town had started to play their midweek home games on a Thursday with the club's directors reasoning that as all the major employers in the town paid wages on that day, the club needed to get in quick before the money was blown!

The Thursday before the home clash with Barnsley saw the visit of Doncaster Rovers with the now customary fleet of managers and scouts, who were tracking ace marksman John O'Rourke, joined the Kenilworth Road faithful to see their man score a hat-trick and miss several more chances.



The Town line up at the start of the 1965-66 campaign. Players only, back row left to right. Pleat, Slough, Edwards, Fry, Tinsley, Whittaker, O'Rourke, Reid, McKechnie. Middle row. Rivers, Caleb, Read, Riddick, Phillips, Gibson, Jardine, Rioch, Moore. Front row. Hyde, Long.

On a wet night, Alick Jeffrey opened the scoring for Rovers only for O'Rourke to equalise straight after with a shot from 20 yards. Ray Whittaker then put the Town into the lead from the restart.

Rovers levelled once more in the 26th minute, but from then on it was all Luton, with the Doncaster goal leading a charmed life as half-time approached, with shots from O'Rourke hitting the post and crossbar.

All came right in the second half as O'Rourke scored twice early on, and a last-minute effort from Jeffrey only served to give the scoreline an unrealistic look based on the balance of play.

Two days later, Barnsley came to Kenilworth Road and the ongoing exploits of O'Rourke, together with the entertainment served up in the Doncaster game, swelled the crowd by almost 1,000 to 5,948.

The crowd were not to be disappointed as Billy Stark, Tony Read, Whittaker and O'Rourke all flashed the ball past the bewildered Roy Ironside in the Barnsley goal in the first half-hour. Unfortunately, after putting themselves into a seemingly impregnable position, the players let

Barnsley off the hook by fiddling in midfield, with the result that by half-time two goals had been pulled back by John Bettany and Martin Ferguson.

Luton manager George Martin had some strong words to say at half-time and the Town started the second period with more purpose and goalkeeper-turned-striker, Tony Read, scored a glorious fifth to lessen the crowd's fears of a Barnsley fight back.

But fight back they did with George Kerr scoring a third 20 minutes from the end, before being carried off after colliding with Luton goalkeeper Colin Tinsley, and Martin Ferguson reducing the arrears still further in injury-time.

Apparently the air was blue in the changing room afterwards due to the lack of concentration at the back, although the Luton supporters could not really complain having seen 16 goals scored and two wins to boot.

In the next three home games, however, 13 goals were scored by the Hatters with only two conceded giving rise to Martin's claim that you could play attractive, attacking football while at the same time remaining tight at the back.

MANAGING TO SUCCEED - BARNLSLEY

Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS profiles ten leading Barnsley managers

ARTHUR FAIRCLOUGH

Arthur Fairclough plotted Barnsley's 1912 FA Cup final triumph. Born locally, he briefly played for Barnsley reserves until injury ended his career, then became a director and secretary-manager in July 1899. He vacated the post in May 1901 but returned as manager in July 1904 and guided them to the FA Cup final in 1910, taking Newcastle to a replay. Moving to Huddersfield Town as manager in April 1912, he took charge of Leeds in February 1920 and steered them to the Second Division title in 1923-24. He managed Barnsley again from May 1928 until May 1930, then was a director and died in March 1947.

BROUGH FLETCHER

Versatile forward Brough Fletcher was both a player and manager at Barnsley. He played for Shildon and Chilton Colliery before moving to Oakwell in November 1914. Joining Sheffield Wednesday in January 1922, he rejoined Barnsley in December 1926 and had a spell as coach prior to becoming manager in July 1930. He guided the Tykes to the Third Division (North) title in 1933-34 and FA Cup quarter-finals in 1935-36 before leaving in February 1937. Managing Bristol Rovers between January 1938 and December 1949, he later spent a year in charge of Walsall and resided in Bristol until his death in May 1972.

ANGUS SEED

Long-serving manager Angus Seed guided Barnsley to the Third Division (North) title with a record 67 points in 1938-39. He was a defender with Reading and Mid Rhondda before managing Workington and took charge of Aldershot in July 1927, leading them to the Southern League title in 1929-30. Appointed manager of Barnsley in February 1937, he brought many fine players to Oakwell including Danny Blanchflower, George Robledo and Johnny Kelly. He suffered ill health in latter years, remaining in charge of the Tykes until

his death in February 1953. His younger brother Jimmy managed Charlton Athletic.

TIM WARD

Former England international wing-half Tim Ward managed Barnsley to the Third Division (North) title in 1954-55. Initially with Cheltenham Town, he joined Derby County in April 1937 and was an FA Cup semi-finalist in 1947-48. He moved to Barnsley as Danny Blanchflower's replacement in March 1951, returning from a brief spell at Exeter City to succeed Angus Seed as Barnsley's manager in March 1953. Remaining in charge until becoming Grimsby Town's manager in February 1960, he took them to promotion in 1961-62, then managed Derby, Carlisle United and scouted for Nottingham Forest. He died in January 1993.

JOHNNY STEELE

Scottish inside-left Johnny Steele was both a player and manager at Barnsley. Starting with East Fife, he helped Ayr United win the Scottish Second Division title in 1936-37 and moved to Oakwell in June 1938. He starred in Barnsley's 1938-39 Third Division (North) title triumph and spent nine years as coach before becoming manager in March 1960. Guiding them to the FA Cup quarter-finals in 1960-61, then promotion in 1967-68, he was appointed Barnsley's general manager in September 1971. Holding that post for 11 years, he had another spell in charge of team affairs and became a director. He died in January 2008.

ALLAN CLARKE

Former England international striker Allan Clarke had two spells in charge of Barnsley. From a notable footballing family, he began with Walsall and moved via Fulham to Leicester City in June 1968. He was an FA Cup finalist shortly before joining Leeds United in July 1969, helping them win the FA Cup in 1972 and League Championship in 1973-74. Moving to Barnsley as player-boss in May 1978, he plotted promotion in 1978-79, rejoining Leeds as manager in October 1980. He led Scunthorpe to promotion in 1982-83, managing Barnsley again from July 1985 until November 1989, then managed Lincoln City.

NORMAN HUNTER

Former England international defender Norman Hunter managed Barnsley to promotion in 1980-

81. He turned professional with Leeds United in April 1961 and was a key figure in their successes under Don Revie, helping win all three major domestic honours before joining Bristol City in October 1976. Reuniting with Allan Clarke as Barnsley's player-coach in June 1979, he became player-manager in October 1980 and plotted successive Cup runs. He left in February 1984, then managed Rotherham before assisting Johnny Giles at West Brom, Billy Bremner at Leeds and Terry Yorath at Bradford City. He died in April 2020.

DANNY WILSON

Ex-Northern Ireland international Danny Wilson managed Barnsley to the Premier League in 1996-97. He played for Wigan, Bury, Chesterfield, Nottingham Forest and Brighton before joining Luton in July 1987, scoring in their 1988 League Cup final triumph. Moving to Sheffield Wednesday in August 1990, he helped win promotion and the League Cup in 1990-91, joining Barnsley in July 1993. Appointed manager in June 1994, he plotted their 1997-98 FA Cup run and rejoined Wednesday as boss in July 1998, then managed Bristol City, MK Dons, Hartlepool, Swindon, Sheffield United, Barnsley again and Chesterfield.

ANDY RITCHIE

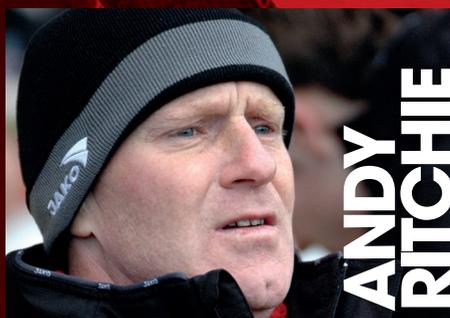
Former England U-21 striker Andy Ritchie plotted Barnsley's 2006 League One play-off final triumph. Initially with Manchester United, he joined Brighton in October 1980, then Leeds United in March 1983. He moved to Oldham Athletic in August 1987 and starred as they were League Cup finalists in 1990, won the Second Division title in 1990-91 and were twice FA Cup semi-finalists. Joining Scarborough in August 1995, he returned to Oldham in February 1997 and was



player-boss, then Leeds United's Academy director. He managed Barnsley from March 2005 until November 2006, then had a spell in charge of Huddersfield.

PAUL HECKINGBOTTOM

Paul Heckingbottom managed hometown Barnsley to a Football League Trophy and promotion 'double' in 2016. A former defender, he played for Sunderland, Darlington, Norwich City and Bradford City before helping Sheffield Wednesday to win promotion in 2004-05. He joined Barnsley in January 2006 and was a promotion winner again that season, scoring once in 49 League games prior to rejoining Bradford City in July 2007. Returning to Barnsley as a coach, he became caretaker-boss in February 2016 and was manager from June 2016 until February 2018. He has since managed Leeds United, Hibernian and Sheffield United.



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Four wins, one draw, one defeat. That's the form that has propelled the Hatters within three points of the Championship play-offs after last week's 1-0 victory at the Swansea.com Stadium, a night that ended with manager Nathan Jones leaping into the away end and showing just how much every three points means to him and the club.

It marked the end of a month that began with Kal Naismith's late winner against Bournemouth, with the Hatters maintaining the momentum created by that moment of euphoria, and ended with Harry Cornick's first time finish to give the Hatters just rewards for an intelligent and hard-working performance against their possession heavy counterparts.

That win on Luton's return to Championship action after over a month can certainly be viewed as a catalyst for their propulsion up the table in recent weeks. Catalysts are difficult to quantify, but looking back at previous Town campaigns, each season has a moment where the Luton juggernaut truly takes off after a moment much like Naismith's late winner.

Cast your minds back to the League Two promotion winning campaign of the 2017/18 season. The Hatters had taken just 11 points from their opening seven league games and sat in ninth place – by no means a poor start but one of inconsistency – before 90th and 98th minute goals from Scott Cuthbert and James Collins turned the tide on Wycombe Wanderers and a potential third defeat in eight. The Hatters went on to win five of their next six games and climb

to the League Two Summit, eventually securing promotion to League One.

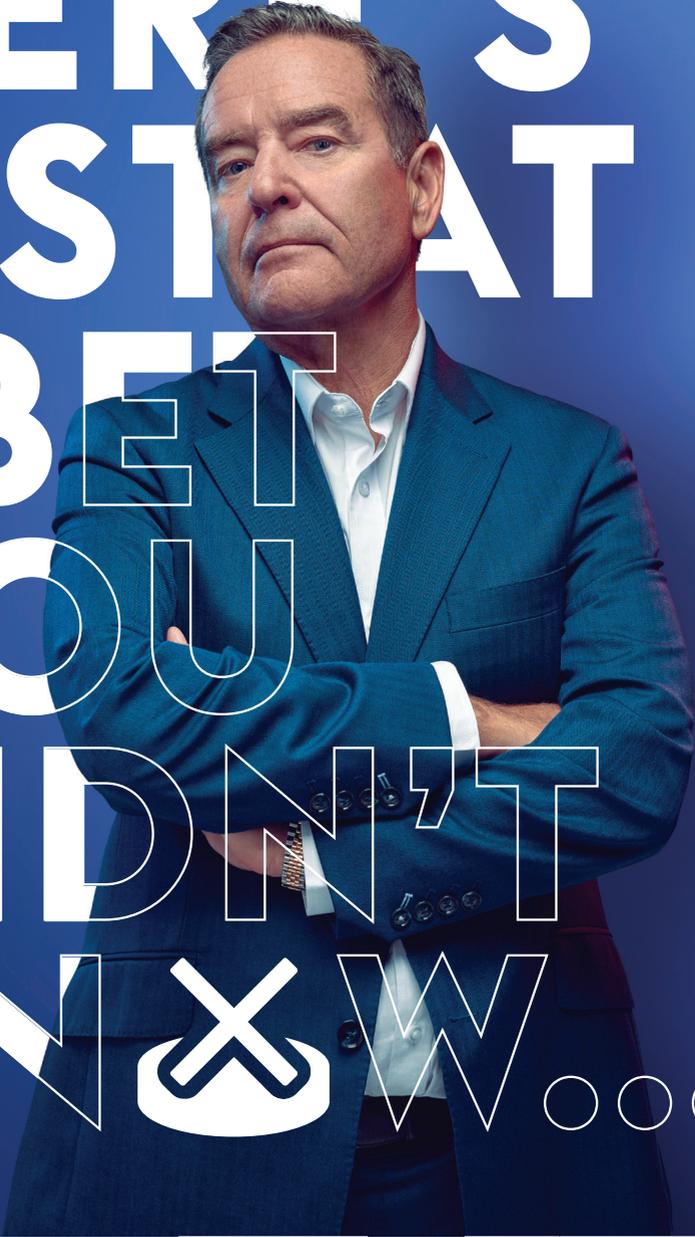
Similarly, as the Hatters battled relegation from the Championship in early 2020, a late 3-2 victory over Derby County sparked a run of four wins in seven games, a remarkable turnaround given the Hatters had only won six of their previous twenty-eight games. That run would prove pivotal in the Town securing survival on the final day of the season after the return of manager Nathan Jones.

So, could Naismith's late winner prove to be the catalyst for Luton's season heading towards the lofty aspirations that Hatters fans have dreamed of for years? As Jones clambered over the barriers to the away end last Tuesday, geeing up his players and thumping his chest with the characteristic passion that Town fans have become so endeared to, perhaps he thought so.

Catalysts don't define seasons. What defines a season is the way a team performs across 46 games, and there's no doubting that this Luton team was teetering on the edge of showing what they're truly capable of before the turn of the year.

But what Naismith's goal has potentially done is light the match that blows the barrel, injecting the club with the energy and confidence that something truly special is possible this season. Only time will tell whether that has been the case.

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Luton players being handed out samples of Heinz Baked Beans after training in 1934. Until that time they were regarded as a luxury item. The wooden Oak Road terraces are seen in the background.

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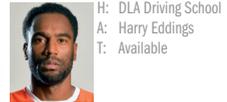
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LUTON TOWN LADIES

Special report from the Hatters Ladies reserves in the cup...

With the first team without a fixture a couple of Sundays ago, all attention was on the reserves squad and their 2nd Round cup game against South London Laces Women. After a successful 1st round beating Wandsworth Borough in December 6-1, the Hatters Ladies reserves were aiming for a repeat.

It was a chilly afternoon kick-off in South London, and the reserves were set up to press from the start, utilising Hobbs and Johnson on the right to deliver many spectacular crosses into the box, startling the Laces' defence.

The first half continued to be a great game of football with both sides showing equal possession and domination for parts of the game. The first goal came from an outstanding bit of Luton teamwork, Malpass playing out from the back line to Sanders, who played a quick ball to Maddix, who sent the Laces midfielder the wrong way with a skilful turn. She then played a through ball to Rafeeqe, who took a shot that deflected out towards Johnson for her to finish for 1-0.

More threat from the reserves came with an Oliver clearance into midfield then Bacon, Horsley and Pierides linking up to create an opportunity from a Pierides cross in to the Laces box for Paine to receive and win a corner, while at the other end Kitana made multiple saves under pressure before the Laces scored their first goal from the

penalty spot. The Londoners then scored a second and third before half-time with a free-kick and a cross from outside the box, but it was only 3-1 at half-time and very much all still to play for.

The second half started with a formation change to 3-4-3 and a switch in goal, with centre forward Rafeeqe stepping in to replace the injured Kitana. The reserves pressed high from the start to force mistakes from the Laces defence with Hobbs, Thompson and Sanders causing immediate problems.

Player of the match Maddix went past five Laces' players before being taken out in the box, winning a penalty. Sadly, this spot-kick - and a second one awarded for another foul by Laces - were both saved by the keeper. The luck seemed to be running out for the Reserves, but they fought on. Three more chances followed with a number of great runs by Johnson, Horsley and Sanders. The pressure was on but Laces got there first with two more goals from their right wing to make it 5-1.

After a great one-on-one save by Rafeeqe, our final goal arrived in the 82nd minute when Johnson won a Laces goal kick, knocked it on to Sanders who chipped it up, broke through the defence and slotted it past the keeper for 5-2. Not the result we wanted but a good learning experience for the reserves with great creativity and promise on show throughout.

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Development Squad

The Development Squad were unfortunate to be on the wrong end of a 2-1 defeat at Crystal Palace last week. A highly competitive game gave the players a real good test against a Premier League outfit, and we were unlucky not to grab a draw in the final minutes after Corey Panter had scored a second half free-kick to reduce the arrears.

After a lengthy spell out with an achilles injury, it was great to see Tra Lucas (pictured) back in action. Fingers crossed he now stays fit for the remainder of the season and looks to build his way back up to playing a full 90 minutes.

Next up for the Development Squad is the next round of the Beds Senior Cup away at Leighton Town on Tuesday February 15th (7.45pm kick off). As always, your support of our young players is greatly appreciated.

Youth Team

With no game last weekend, the U18s have had a few days of intense training as they look forward to a trip up the M1 to Loughborough University tomorrow. The day will include a fixture versus the University first team and then a tour around the facilities. Dale Brunton, our Head of Education Officer will showcase to the boys the academic education options that are available to the players at Loughborough and we thank them for the opportunity.

The next league action for the U18s is versus Leyton Orient on Saturday.

Schoolboys

All schoolboy age groups have enjoyed a fantastic few weeks since returning from the Festive break.

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How did you get into football?

My dad took me to games when I was younger. I haven't always wanted to be a goalkeeper, but I've always wanted to play football and I've loved it ever since. When I first started playing football about five-year-old, I played up-front and then became a goalkeeper when I was about eight or nine. It was genuinely because my local team was dreadful and I'd come home and I'd be fuming so I thought I'd take it upon myself to do the job!

Do you have a matchday routine?

Listening to music, I love even when I'm at home just listening to music to calm me down before a game. Before the game I will always go around the goalmouth and look at the goal. I always start on the goal line every game, I don't know why but that's something I always do.

Who is your favourite footballer and why?

I like a lot but I'd probably say Mohamed Salah, I love watching him play. It looks like he enjoys what he does and he's a humble man. Keeper wise, it has to be Ederson - the future of goalkeeping.

What music are you into?

I love a bit of American hip-hop. Before games it gets me going and then when I'm at home I listen to more chilled music. There's a few artists I like - Lil Baby and Lil Durk are probably my favourites.

Favourite film?

I don't usually watch films but if I had to pick one, I'd probably say Shrek, I love a bit of Shrek! I'm a series guy, I love The Stranger on Netflix.

What do you do to relax?

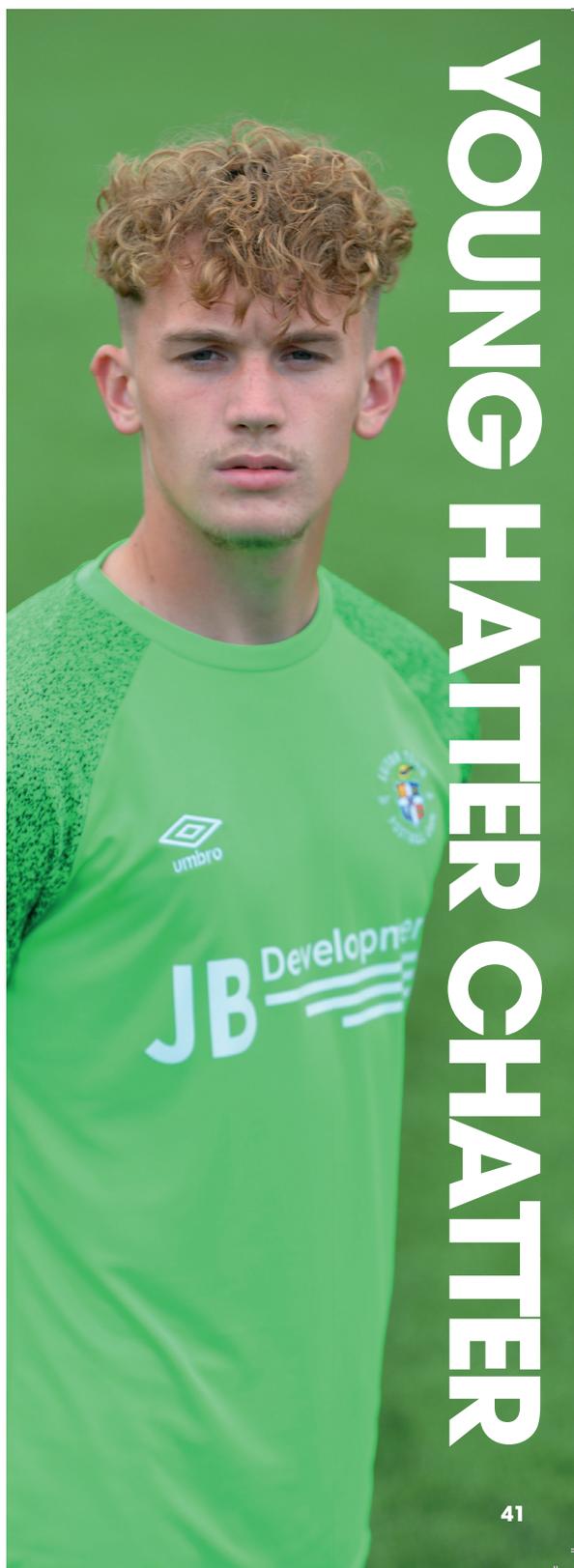
Go out with my mates, play Xbox, what every normal teenager would do! I like being with my family as well, I go and take my younger brother out to play football, he's football mad so that chills me out without me even noticing.

Biggest fear?

Plane crashing and I hate spiders as well!

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

Probably some sun-cream. I can soak up the sun and have a break!



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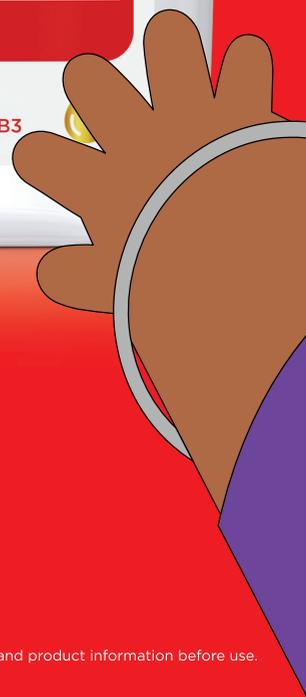
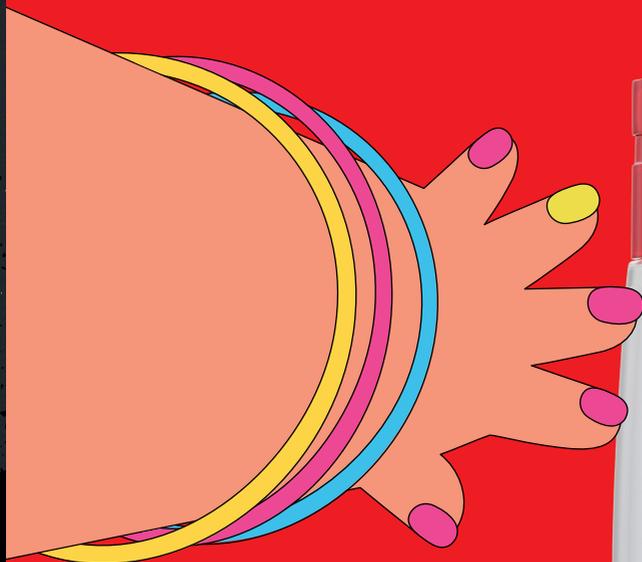
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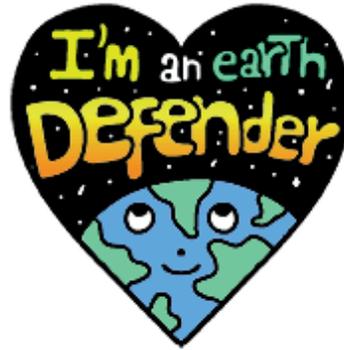
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tonnes per household per year, in line with 2050 sustainability goals with the ambition of reducing the effects of climate change and limit the global temperature rise to well below 2 degrees Celsius.

Planet Super League's activities cover at least 9 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and allow our local schools to not only learn and make changes to the way they're run, but also promote a sustainable lifestyle to their families, so they can save money, energy, water and the planet!

In the last 12 months, the Trust have linked with 153 teams who are fighting climate change, and together they've completed 978 activities. In this time, we've scored a huge 1679 goals, and saved 3270 KG of CO2 equivalent.

We still have another two weeks to go in the Planet Super League 'schools v climate change' and both Lark Rise Academy and Ferrars Academy pupils are looking to score as many goals as they can to win the local battle. Ferrars Academy Eco coordinator Samantha Riley said: "We have had so much fun engaging in different environmentally friendly activities during the school hours and we have seen lots of the pupils' families taking part in the activities at home as well. The programme has been of real benefit with our Eco programme at the school, where we have embedded the programme in with our Eco Warriors shaping our Eco planning and delivery in the future."

James Hatch, who has been promoting the Planet Super League project for the Community Trust, said: "We have been involved with Planet Super league since COP26 now, where it started as a fan initiative where we engaged with supporters and participants through social media to complete activities, the project has now moved on to working with schools through the Schools vs Climate Change programme. It has been great to see the activities taking place and families and staff engaging from home to make a difference to the environment."

Head of Trust Kevin Thoburn said: "The programme has made us as the Club's charity really think about how we are going about our daily project delivery and also individual activities, and to assess what we can change operationally to reduce the impact we are having on the environment. We are now required by both the Premier League Charitable Fund and EFL Trust to demonstrate our Environmental and Sustainability aims, and as part of this requirement we are developing a new policy in this area. The Schools v Climate Change project has really helped raise awareness in the community but also helped us in terms of our environmental impact and how we can mitigate this as an organisation."

Good luck to Ferrars Academy and Lark Rise Academy as they look to break into the top ten schools in the country!

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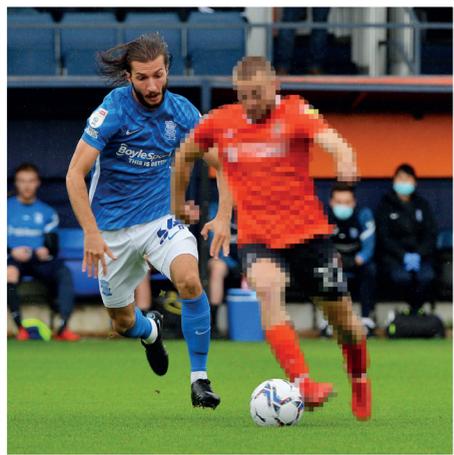
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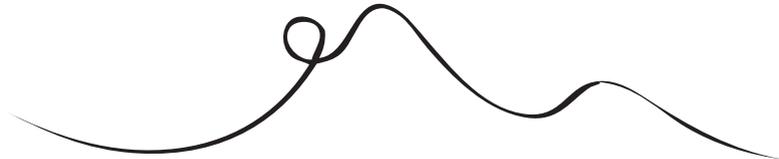
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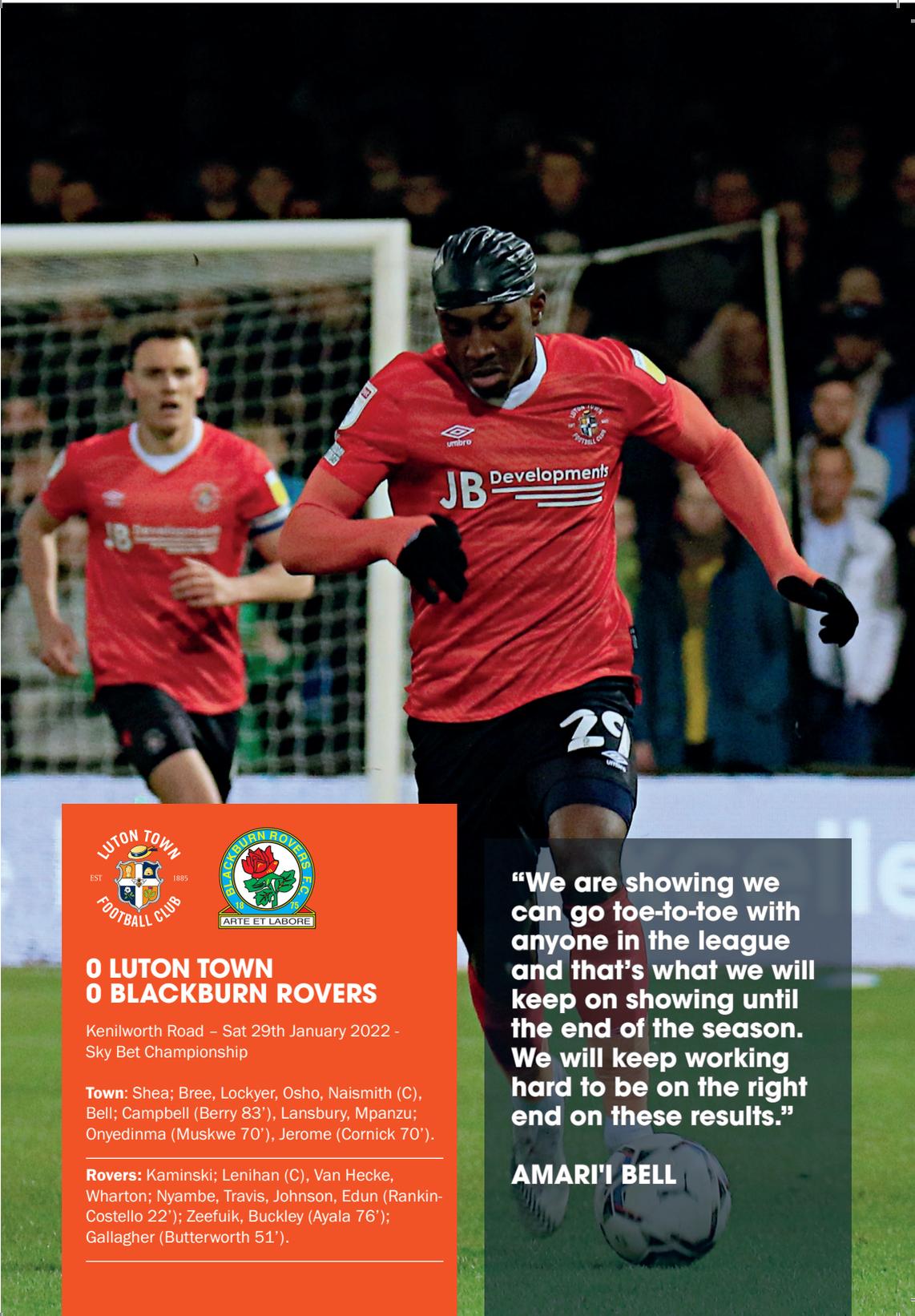
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Kenilworth Road – Sat 29th January 2022 -
Sky Bet Championship

Town: Shea; Bree, Lockyer, Osho, Naismith (C), Bell; Campbell (Berry 83'), Lansbury, Mpanzu; Onyedinnma (Muskwe 70'), Jerome (Cornick 70').

Rovers: Kaminski; Lenihan (C), Van Hecke, Wharton; Nyambe, Travis, Johnson, Edun (Rankin-Costello 22'); Zeefuik, Buckley (Ayala 76'); Gallagher (Butterworth 51').

“We are showing we can go toe-to-toe with anyone in the league and that’s what we will keep on showing until the end of the season. We will keep working hard to be on the right end on these results.”

AMARI'I BELL



0 SWANSEA CITY 1 LUTON TOWN

Swansea.com Stadium – Tue 1st February 2022 -
Sky Bet Championship

Swansea: Fisher; Christie, Naughton, Bennett,
Cabango, Manning; Downes, Grimes (C); Ntcham,
Wolf; Obafemi.

Town: Shea; Bree, Burke, Osho, Naismith (C),
Bell; Campbell, Lansbury (Berry 81'), Mpanzu;
Onyedinda (Cornick 63'), Hylton (Jerome 63').

Scorer:
Cornick 72

**“It’s a massive win.
These are as difficult
a side to play against,
they dominate
possession and cause
real problems. You
have to be organised,
aggressive and clinical
when you get the
opportunities and that’s
what we were today.”**

NATHAN JONES

HARRY CORNICK

Words: Dan Briard

Harry Cornick made his mark off the bench, scoring the vital winning goal at Swansea City last week in just his second run-out since returning from injury!

It was a fantastic team goal that led to a stunning finish from Cornick, who after netting his eighth goal of the season, said: "I'm not scoring tap-ins! The other day I saw the stat that Eli has scored the most goals in the six-yard box in the Championship, so if he's tapping them in, and if I can be scoring from the edge of the box, then it's a good combo!

"Delighted with the finish, delighted with the goal, but three points is the main thing. To come away from home at this place, they play good football and they're hard to beat, so it's a massive credit to the team and how we're playing at the minute."

As the Hatters continue to push boundaries and strive for a higher finish in the Championship, Cornick insisted: "It's a great team and it's a great squad. All 25 of us work so hard in training and any one of us on a Saturday or Tuesday that gets called-up, knows they're going to play their part. The unity in the team is great.

"We all work hard for each other and to be fair I've been injured for eight or nine weeks now, and when I came back the team have been playing so well, I can't believe how well we're playing at the minute."

"It sums it up with Henri Lansbury, he runs around kicking everyone. When you look back and see him sprinting around booting people, you think I better do a bit of work here. Everyone was excellent tonight, Sheasy making a few big saves, back three excellent – clean sheet away from home against Swansea. Not many teams come here and do that, which is huge for us."

After a couple of months sidelined through injury, the forward spoke of his frustration at the time which has now turned to delight being back on the pitch.

"It was no fun sitting in there watching the boys get results and Eli scoring as well! I'm getting there, it's a long process. I have to thank a lot of people, Chris (Phillips), Si (Simon Parsell), and the whole of the staff. When I first got injured I was sad and I was upset. They were the ones I first went to with the rehab that got around me, made sure I was doing all my little bits fine and making sure I was working hard."





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Abbey Stadium – Sat 5th February 2022 -
Emirates FA Cup Fourth Round

United: Mitov; Williams, Okedina, Sherring,
Dunk; Digby, May (Worman 75'); Knibbs (Tolaj
75'), Hoolahan, Brophy (Lankester 75'); Smith.

Town: Steer; Kioso, Lockyer, Burke, Potts (C),
Onyedina (Bell 85'); Osho, Thorpe (Hylton
69'), Mendes Gomes (Campbell 85'); Muskwe,
Jerome (Cornick 78').

Scorers:

LT - Burke 16, Mendes Gomes 23, Muskwe 88

“It's a tough place to come, it was a cup upset on the cards but I thought we were thoroughly professional. When we had opportunities, we took them and with a bit more quality, we could have had more.”

NATHAN JONES

FIXTURES 2021-22

DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS	PENALTY (P)	PENALTY (A)	OWN GOALS	SENT OFF	OPP. SENT OFF	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
AUGUST																									
Sat 7	3.00pm	H	Peterborough United	W 3-0	10,019	1,032	2	-	-	-	-	-	*	y				*	1a				1		
Tue 10	7.45pm	A	Stevenage (Carabao Cup R1)	D 2-2*	3,052	1,291		-	-	-	-	-		*					y	a		c			
Sat 14	3.00pm	A	West Bromwich Albion	L 2-3	23,283	1,433	11	-	-	1	-	-	*							1			d		
Tue 17	7.45pm	A	Barnsley	W 1-0	12,999	748	3	-	-	-	-	-	*						c	a	y		*	y	
Sat 21	3.00pm	H	Birmingham City	L 0-5	10,014	1,006	11	-	-	-	-	-	*						a	y	c		*		
Sat 28	3.00pm	H	Sheffield United	D 0-0	9,774	1,036	12	-	-	-	-	-	*			y									
SEPTEMBER																									
Sat 11	3.00pm	A	Blackburn Rovers	D 2-2	11,241	810	12	-	-	-	-	-	*		b	y	b				c	2			y
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
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
OCTOBER																									
Sat 2	3.00pm	H	Huddersfield Town	D 0-0	9,977	1,009	13	-	-	-	-	-	*						y	a	c				
Sat 16	3.00pm	A	Millwall	W 2-0	14,227	1,631	10	-	-	-	-	-	*	y			y			2	a	*			c
Tue 19	7.45pm	A	Derby County	D 2-2	20,258	1,057	9	-	-	-	-	-	*				y	a		c					1
Sat 23	3.00pm	H	Hull City	W 1-0	9,999	793	5	-	-	-	-	-	*												1
Sat 30	3.00pm	A	Preston North End	L 0-2	11,059	989	10	-	1	-	-	-	*						a	b	c		*		
NOVEMBER																									
Wed 2	7.45pm	H	Middlesbrough	W 3-1	9,790	987	6	-	-	-	-	-	*	y	y	a			1	*	1	b	b		1
Sat 6	3.00pm	H	Stoke City	L 0-1	10,068	1,005	11	-	-	-	-	-	*						*	b					
Fri 19	7.45pm	A	QPR	L 0-2	15,062	2,452	11	-	-	-	-	-	*						y		a				y
Tue 23	7.45pm	A	Nottingham Forest	D 0-0	25,715	1,418	11	-	-	-	1	-	*						y	*	a				*c
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
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
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	-	-	-	-	-	*												1
Sat 29	3.00pm	H	Blackburn Rovers	D 0-0	9,987	1,032	10	-	-	-	-	-	*	y	*				b	y	c				
FEBRUARY																									
Tue 1	7.45pm	A	Swansea City	W 1-0	16,598	310	9	-	-	-	-	-	*						a	1	c	y	y	b	
Sat 5	5.30pm	A	Cambridge United (FAC4)	W 3-0	7,937	1,470		-	-	-	-	-	*			*				b		a			
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																						
Sun 13	12.00pm	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																						
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Sat 30	3.00pm	A	Fulham																						
MAY																									
Sat 7	3.00pm	H	Reading																						

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

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		*	b		1	b	*	c		yc	a	a					y		d				46	60	74	89	-	-	-	5, 36, 66, 70, 98	
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WHO?

The Blues have spent the last ten seasons competing in the Championship after they were relegated from the Premier League in 2011, however only last finished in the top half of England's second tier in 2015/16. After winning the League Cup in the same year that they were relegated to the Championship, Birmingham competed in the Europa League group stages and despite winning three of their six group games, the Blues failed to qualify for the knockout stages of the competition.

GROUND?

The Blues have played their home games at St Andrew's since the ground opened in 1906 to replace Muntz Street after 29 years. Originally, St Andrew's held an estimated 75,000 spectators with its record capacity of 67,341 coming in Birmingham's 1939 FA Cup tie against Everton.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

The two sides last met in August at Kenilworth Road, with the visitors dominating proceedings and running out 5-0 winners after goals from Marc Roberts, Scott Hogan, Gary Gardner and Chuks Aneke. Last season, the Hatters secured a 1-0 victory on the road after Dan Potts' header, whilst playing out a 1-1 draw in the reverse fixture in November 2020.

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Forward Isaac Vassell joined Birmingham City under then manager Harry Redknapp from the Hatters in 2017 after impressing in League Two, whilst current Luton assistant-manager and former striker Mick Harford signed for Luton in 1984 after scoring 25 goals across four seasons at St Andrew's. The Hatters also signed playmaker Andrew Shinnie on-loan from Birmingham as they won promotion from League Two in 2017/18, before signing him permanently that summer.

Words: Dylan Bhundia

LUTON TOWN PLAYER STATISTICS

LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB 1885	2021-22 SEASON								CAREER				
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		CARDS		TOTAL				
	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	22	(1)	1	1	(1)	0	23	(2)	1	1	0	25	1
Luke Barry	7	(3)	4	0	(1)	1	7	(4)	5	2	0	133	19
Sonny Bradley	16	(1)	2	1	(0)	0	17	(1)	2	2	0	149	5
James Brose	26	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	27	(0)	0	5	0	96	1
Reece Burke	13	(2)	0	2	(0)	1	15	(2)	1	1	1	17	1
Allan Campbell	15	(1)	2	0	(3)	0	15	(4)	2	3	0	19	2
Jordan Clark	14	(4)	2	1	(0)	0	15	(4)	2	1	0	58	5
Harry Cornick	18	(4)	8	0	(2)	0	18	(6)	8	2	0	193	31
Danny Hylton	1	(5)	1	0	(2)	0	1	(7)	1	1	0	156	59
Cameron Jerome	8	(11)	0	3	(0)	2	11	(11)	2	2	0	22	2
Peter Koso	4	(2)	0	2	(0)	0	6	(2)	0	2	0	11	0
Henri Lansbury	11	(10)	0	2	(0)	0	13	(10)	0	9	0	23	0
Elliott Lee	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	124	30
Tom Lockyer	16	(0)	1	2	(0)	0	18	(0)	1	3	0	41	1
Carlos Mendes Gomes	2	(5)	0	3	(0)	1	5	(5)	1	0	0	10	1
Pelly-Raddock Mpanzu	23	(2)	1	0	(1)	0	23	(3)	1	2	0	324	20
Admiral Muskhoe	6	(10)	0	2	(0)	2	8	(10)	2	1	0	18	2
Kai Naismith	27	(0)	1	1	(0)	1	28	(0)	2	5	0	51	3
Fred Onyedima	8	(10)	2	1	(1)	0	9	(11)	2	2	0	20	2
Gabriel Osho	11	(6)	0	2	(0)	0	13	(6)	0	3	0	20	0
Dian Pereira	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	2	0
Dan Potts	2	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	1	0	179	11
Gen Rea	8	(4)	0	1	(0)	0	9	(4)	0	4	0	207	8
James Shea	9	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	11	(0)	0	0	0	96	0
Simon Sluga	19	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	19	(0)	0	1	0	94	0
Jail Sheer	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	1	0
Elliott Thorpe	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	1	0

2021-22 CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

#	Team	Pt	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Fulham	28	17	7	4	74	26	48	58
2	Blackburn Rovers	30	15	8	7	45	31	14	53
3	Bournemouth	28	15	7	6	44	24	20	52
4	Queens Park Rangers	28	15	6	7	44	31	13	51
5	Huddersfield Town	30	13	9	8	40	34	6	48
6	West Bromwich Albion	29	12	9	8	34	24	10	45
7	Middlesbrough	28	13	6	9	32	26	6	45
8	Nottingham Forest	29	12	7	10	39	31	8	43
9	Luton Town	28	11	9	8	39	32	7	42
10	Sheffield United	27	12	6	9	37	33	4	42
11	Preston North End	30	10	11	9	34	35	-1	41
12	Coventry City	27	11	7	9	35	31	4	40
13	Blackpool	29	11	7	11	32	34	-2	40
14	Stoke City	28	11	6	11	33	30	3	39
15	Millwall	28	9	10	9	29	29	0	37
16	Swansea City	28	9	8	11	29	35	-6	35
17	Bristol City	30	9	7	14	39	54	-15	34
18	Birmingham City	30	8	9	13	33	46	-13	33
19	Hull City	29	9	5	15	25	32	-7	32
20	Cardiff City	28	8	5	15	31	48	-17	29
21	Reading *	28	8	4	16	33	55	-22	22
22	Peterborough United	27	5	5	17	23	55	-32	20
23	Derby County *	29	8	12	9	28	30	-2	15
24	Barnsley	28	2	8	18	17	43	-26	14



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- 03 DAN POTTS
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- 07 HARRY CORNICK
- 08 LUKE BERRY
- 09 DANNY HYLTON
- 11 ELIJAH ADEBAYO
- 14 CARLOS MENDES GOMES
- 15 TOM LOCKYER
- 16 REECE BURKE
- 17 PELLY-RUDDOCK MPANZU
- 18 JORDAN CLARK
- 20 PETER KIOSO
- 21 HARRY ISTD
- 22 ALLAN CAMPBELL
- 23 HENRI LANSBURY
- 24 FRED ONYEDINMA
- 25 JED STEER
- 26 ADMIRAL MUSKWE
- 28 ELLIOT THORPE
- 29 AMARI'I BELL
- 32 GABRIEL OSHO
- 35 CAMERON JEROME

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- 04 CALLUM STYLES
- 05 LIAM KITCHING
- 06 MADS ANDERSEN
- 07 CALLUM BRITTAIN
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