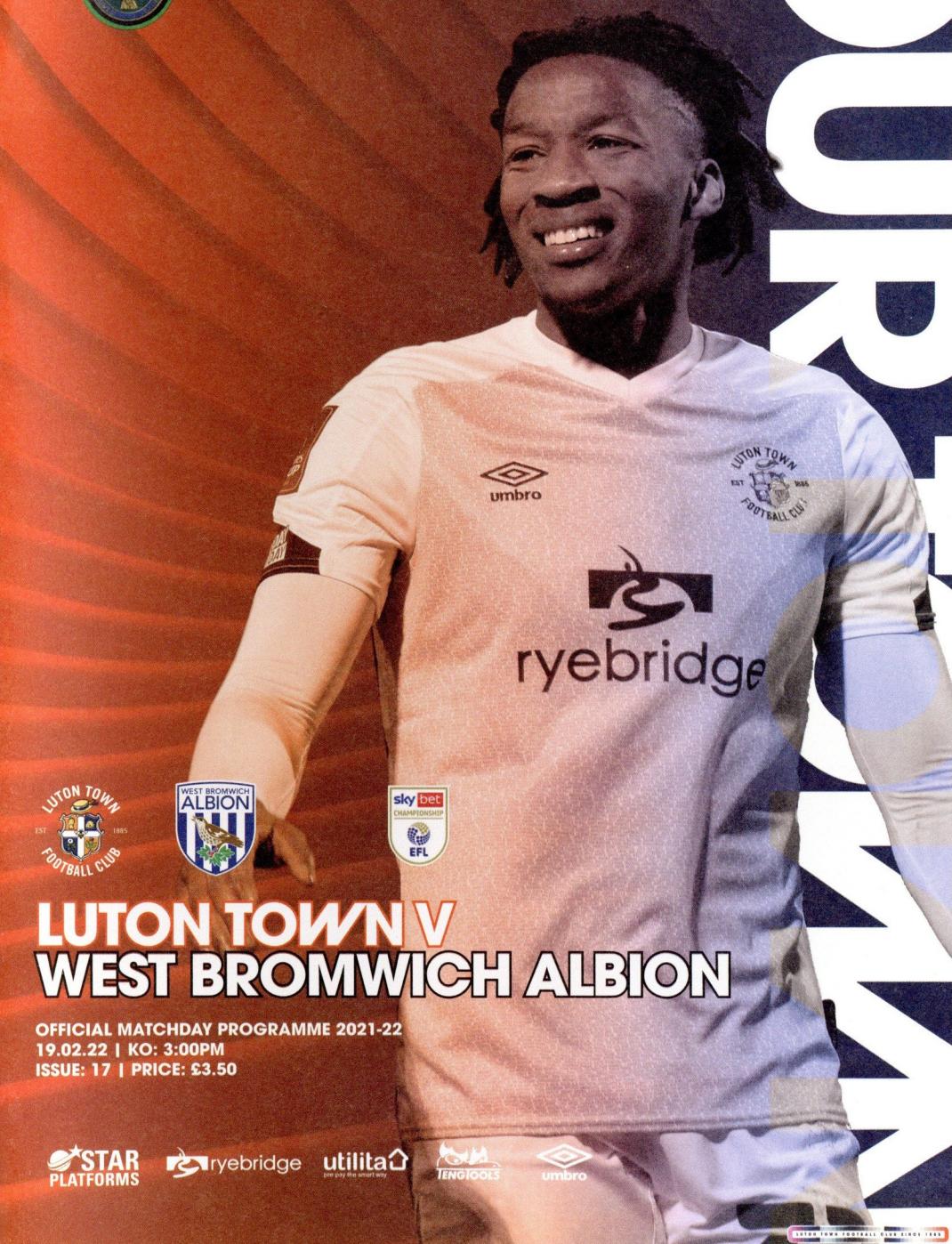


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THE MANAGER

Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for another big game in the Sky Bet Championship, with West Bromwich Albion the visitors.

We welcome their new manager Steve Bruce, his staff, their squad and everyone who has travelled in support of Albion today, and wish them a safe journey back to the Midlands this evening.

West Brom is one of English football's great, traditional names, and with so much of their recent past spent in the Premier League, they are a huge club in this division.

For us to be competing with them on a level, with the chance to go above them and close the gap on the play-off places with a win today, is a massive achievement by everyone here at Luton Town, both on the pitch and off it.

We have had a tremendous run since returning to action in the new year. For the players to put the results together that they did, prior to Saturday's defeat at Birmingham, is a credit to them all and the hard-working, diligent staff we have here.

We played ten matches in 35 days, and when you throw into the equation that we travelled to Reading, Sheffield, Swansea, Cambridge and Birmingham, to win seven of them is some return.

We'd ground out a win against Barnsley in our last game here, and as evidenced that night, the players have put in some massive shifts, full of

character and desire, to win matches we might have lost last season.

Maybe it caught up with us at St Andrew's, where I thought we started very well and were enjoying all the possession inside their half in the early stages, when the tennis balls came on. Of course, that steward stepping on the pitch when Elijah was about to cross the ball wasn't the reason we lost, but we never quite regained our early rhythm after that.

It was the final game of another three-game week, however, and having won the first two, it would be very harsh to be critical of anyone.

We changed our plans for this week, which were originally to give the players an extra couple of days off as we looked to strike the right balance between training and rest and recovery. They were back in on Tuesday, and as expected, fully focussed on being right for a big game this afternoon.

The support we had from almost 2,000 of you at St Andrew's was phenomenal, and again, the way you stayed to the end to applaud the players was symbolic of what this club is about.

We were so sorry to learn on the way home that one of our supporters hadn't made it to the game, but had tragically passed away in a Birmingham pub in the build-up. We thank Barry Lake for a life spent following his team, and our thoughts and prayers go to his family and friends at such a difficult time.

Enjoy today's game and COYH!

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NOTES FROM THE BOARDROOM

GARY SWEET
CHIEF EXECUTIVE



Welcome back to Kenilworth Road for the sixth time already this calendar year, and what a rewarding time it has been so far. We've already taken four points from promotion candidates in Bournemouth and Blackburn, and today we host a side with whom we are currently jostling for position in the upper reaches of the table.

We welcome everyone who has travelled from the Hawthorns in support of West Brom, including their directors and officials, as well as their new manager Steve Bruce, who would have hopefully returned home from his scouting mission at St Andrew's last Saturday with little to work from!

It wasn't a great day all-round at Birmingham, with the fans' half-hearted tennis ball protests against their owners clearly having an impact on our momentum at the time, although didn't change the disappointing outcome.



The result paled into insignificance, however, when we learned of the death of one of our own in the minutes before kick-off. We talk about the Luton Town family, and Barry Lake had spent a lifetime following the team around the country, a popular figure in the stands and away from matches.

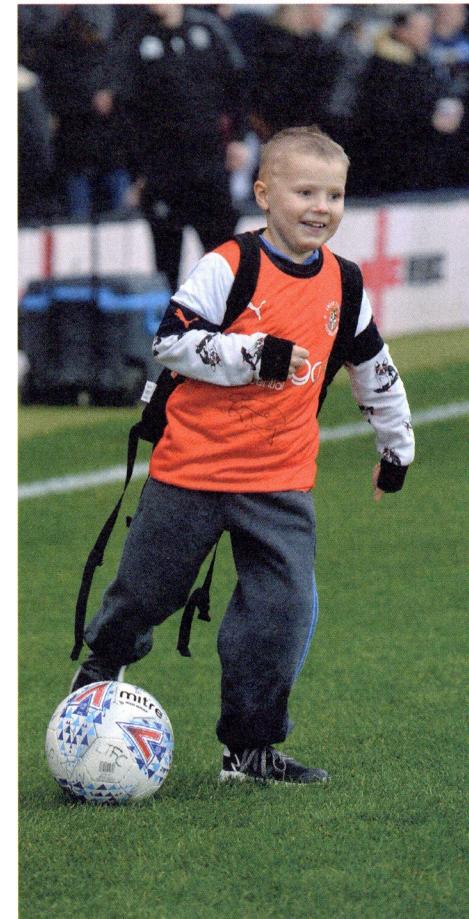
I sat with Wayne Turner at Leighton Town watching the development squad on Tuesday night, and Wayne explained that Barry was his plasterer on his many building projects. Along with his sons, he had done work for us at Kenilworth Road, too. His other sporting love was cricket, so it is with tragic irony that he passed after suffering a cardiac arrest in the Cricketers pub in Birmingham.

On behalf of everyone at the Club, I would like to thank everyone who did what they could to try to save Barry and send our heartfelt condolences to his family. There will be a period of applause in the 75th minute of today's game as a tribute to Barry.

We don't forget the families of those who have passed here at Kenilworth Road, and today marks the second anniversary of the passing of little Ethan (pictured). Ethan was only eight years old when a brain tumour sadly claimed his life, and the tin foil cup he made for us in his final days at the wonderful Keech Hospice still stands proudly atop our cabinet in the Trophy Room. We hope his family enjoy being back here today and that we have the same result as on Ethan's final two visits, when we beat Wigan and Derby in our first season back in the Championship.

We know that trophy cabinet has many more pieces of silverware in it than some nearby clubs, but the Beds Senior Cup won't be added this season. Wilko and I were given great hospitality at Leighton and despite the result we enjoyed our visit to Bell Close, as we always do when we go to any of our non-league neighbours.

It was disappointing to lose on penalties, but it was a great education for our young players against senior opposition, in difficult conditions. We wish Leighton Town the best for the rest of their Spartan South Midlands League campaign.



last couple of difficult seasons by the sales plan so well implemented by Mike and his ticket office staff, but also to strictly cut the number of payable tickets requested by friends and dignitaries.

We make no apology to those who we have had no alternative but to decline tickets to for this tie, and would warmly welcome their attendance at another game. The demand is a firm reminder exactly why we need Power Court, which we'd have easily filled both in the stands and hospitality areas.

Of course, this sets me up nicely to provide a brief update on stadium relocation matters. Without getting technical and boring, there's little specific to say at this time despite so much activity behind the scenes, taking up a vast majority of my time.

But, I can assure you that all is going to plan, even if that plan gets more difficult by the harsh further decline in the retail market (brought about by the pandemic) and the sharp increase in materials and labour prices. But we've never hidden from a challenge and are taking these obstacles in our stride.

We are still on track for a 'first-half' 2022 detailed planning application at which point those plans will be made public. We're also in the middle of engaging with the various stakeholder supporters' groups on specific matters relating to them, such as Hatters Heritage and our Disabled Supporters Association.

Further questionnaires will ask for your feedback in due course too, to gather more intelligence on your opinions on matters such as safe-standing, hospitality and travel. Your response levels are always amazingly engaging, for which we thank you.

Over the next few weeks, you'll notice some activity at Power Court as the site gets tidied up in general, some buildings start to get demolished and we carry out more exploratory work on certain groundworks, all in readiness.

Thank you for your patience. It won't be in vain.

On the pitch, as I have already touched upon, we have been on a fantastic run both in league and Cup. To win six and draw two – both against sides in the automatic promotion places – of our last nine league games leading up to Birmingham was phenomenal. To travel in great numbers to



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Birmingham City with a big expectation of a win from most is a sign of how far we have come in the last couple of seasons.

Such expectation is great to see and being on such a run increases our own confidence to a point where we expect, too. However, we are faithful to our 'feet-on-the-ground' principles here and still think the initials PO still stand for the Post Office, as far as we are concerned!

Along those lines, we had a quiet January transfer window, maybe a disappointment to some, but not to us. Every supporter at every club wants their team to buy that new big-named striker, of course, and we are always on the look-out, as you know. But we will only recruit if a certain player improves our squad immediately or is one we can develop for the future and we can lighten the headcount in the meantime, especially in the winter window!

January is a pitfall for disaster, which we've experienced in the past but not, thankfully in the last couple of years. The truth is, if the summer is your offensive window, January is the defensive one where you need to keep your players and snap up value opportunities that may arise.

Indeed, as you will remember, we effectively conducted three windows' worth of business last summer, which was a necessity due to some key players departing and us reaching a period of transition. New, younger, hungry players were recruited, and our expectation is that all of them will be nothing other than a success if we all have the faith and patience to allow them to develop.

We were happy to allow Simon Sluga to leave

to join Ludogorets – a decent club on top of the Bulgarian League – and we are more than happy with the arrangement for him. We couldn't block an opportunity for him to play in the Champions League, where if he plays and does well, we will also do very well out of it.

Simon made the journey back a couple of days afterwards to walk the building and say goodbye and a thank you to everyone, which tells you all you need to know about him. He overcame a very difficult start on the pitch, and all the pressures that come with moving to a new country, getting married and having your first child there in the middle of a global pandemic, to really consider Luton his home and influence our improvement as a Championship club with his performances in goal.

We wish him every success, while welcoming Jed Steer on loan from Aston Villa – a player who we know is a good character, and who brings vital experience of not only playing in the Premier League, but also of winning promotion from the Championship via those POs!

Finally, a very happy birthday to Roger Wash, who turned 70 this week. Wilko has written some extra words for today's programme detailing our Club historian's valuable contribution over the past four decades. But from me, thank you for all you do Roger, enjoy the game today and let's celebrate with three more points towards hopefully another memorable entry to the Club's annals.

Come on you Rip Roaring Hatters!

Gary



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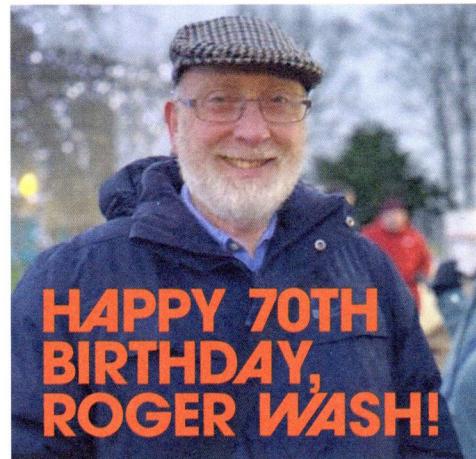
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HAPPY 70TH BIRTHDAY, ROGER WASH!

Roger has been the Club Historian for the last 37 years and his knowledge of our history is second to none. He is chairman of Hatters Heritage and the driving force behind its amazing and comprehensive website.

He has a house full of memorabilia from our formation in 1885 to date, which is being rapidly loaded onto the site and will play a large part in the proposed museum and educational base at Power Court. Roger and other members of the committee recently met with Gary and others involved in design of the stadium to discuss ideas and requirements.

For those who are unfamiliar with Hatters Heritage, once finalised, the website will be one of, if not, the most complete records in the whole of football. If it had not been for Roger's incredible commitment and persistence, we would not be in this position and he deserves all our thanks for preserving so much of our wonderful club's amazing and varied history.

Apart from this Roger has been a fan for over 60 years and rarely misses a game. He is supported by Mary, his wife of 48 years, son Phil and grandson Stanley, whose first away game was our recent FA Cup win at Cambridge.

The work that Hatters Heritage has done is quite remarkable so please take a look when you get the chance.

So thank you Roger, and a very happy 70th birthday.

David Wilkinson – Chairman

AND HAPPY 60TH, VAL BACON!

Also celebrating a birthday at today's match is lifelong supporter Val Bacon, who turns 60 tomorrow.

"Val was on the original committee that formed the Bobbers Travel Club in late 1979, and followed the Hatters home and away, as did the whole of the Luton Town FC mad 'Riley family,'" said fellow fan and friend, John Pyper.



Val and husband Martyn started the celebrations in a box here at last week's win over Barnsley, and will continue with a party at the Crawley Green club, where they are both committee members.

Have a lovely day, Val!

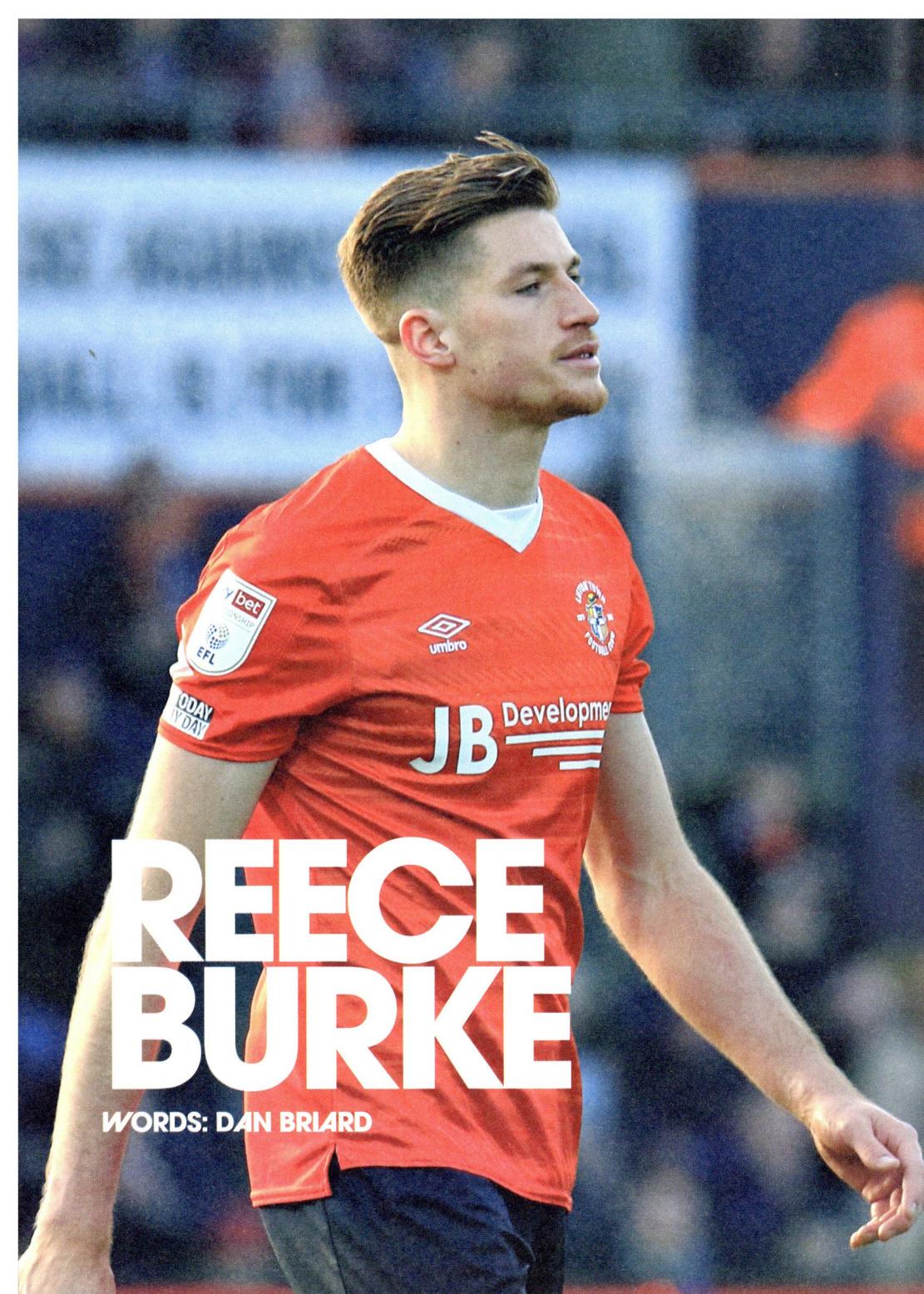
WELCOME, KEVIN!

We would like to offer a warm welcome to Kenilworth Road today for the first time to Kevin Frantz, who is visiting from America.

"I have a very dear friend called Clare Cook who over 25 years ago was a nanny in America for a few years," wrote Mark Stathers. "Clare taught her young charges all about the beauty that is the game of football."

"One of the lads has since that time been a huge Luton Town fan, and has watched them from the other side of the world for over 20 years. This weekend he will be here in the UK and Clare is bringing him to the match. To say they are excited is an under-statement!"

Thanks for all your support from afar Kevin, and welcome to the Kenny!



Reece Burke insists that the Hatters aren't just making up numbers in the Sky Bet Championship this season and is determined to make this season one to remember.

After making a big impression since signing for the club in the summer, and more recently scoring his first goal in the FA Cup win at Cambridge United, Burke looked back on when he first joined and the progress he and the team have since made.

"I felt like I had my time at Hull, and I wanted a fresh start," the defender admitted when speaking to the Luton Supporters' Trust podcast in midweek.

"After speaking with Nathan, the things that he said and then speaking to people about the club, it's such a good place to be, and I knew that as soon as I got here. We've got a great squad here and I'm enjoying it, we're doing well and the only thing that is going to stop us is ourselves.

"Everyone is pushing each other on and I think that's what makes such a strong squad. I think my time at Hull was done, I enjoyed it there, I haven't got a bad thing to say about the club itself, but I just felt for me at that time in my career. I wanted a fresh start and a new beginning which I managed to get here."

Elaborating on the manager and the way he is around training and on a matchday, the former West Ham youngster said: "He demands everything from his players, and he knows everyone's strengths and weaknesses. The way he is around the training ground, he wants the best and there is no sloppiness.

"That is what drives everyone on and if you're not performing, he's not afraid to drop you to the bench. I think it's that determination you need as a player to always be at it all the time, you can't take your foot off the pedal because you will end up seeing yourself out of the team."

Whilst his defensive contribution has been noticeable with a hand in a number of clean sheets, his first goal proved to be a little more elusive than he had planned!

"It was a long time coming! I nearly had one at Bournemouth, but it was given as an own goal! I'm glad I got my first goal, now I just need to try and get a few in the league if I can.

"Being a defender, especially wanting to be a top defender, you need to get goals which adds a little bit to your game. It's something I've always been trying to work on, I had a good season with Hull last season in League One, the Championship is completely different now. I need to try and get my first in the league and I'm sure many will follow after."

His goal was scored away from home in the 3-0 fourth round win at the Abbey Stadium a couple of weeks ago, but that didn't stop Reece speaking about the impact Kenilworth Road has on the team as they hope to continue upset the odds on home turf.

"The fans are brilliant and the support here is really good," he said. "The fans, the staff and the players, everyone is on the same page and the togetherness throughout the club is something that I haven't seen for a long time.

"I remember coming here a few years ago playing against Luton and it wasn't a nice place to come as an away team. It's a tight pitch, the fans are on top of you but now it's the home ground, I'm sure it's like it for the other teams knowing it's not a nice place, and I think you can see that with the top teams coming to the Kenny and they struggle."

With play-off rivals West Brom visitors to the Kenny this afternoon, Burke hopes that trend can continue against the side who were in the Premier League as recently as last May.

"We're not just a name in this division at all," he adds. "In the next few weeks, we have some points up for grabs and we want to see ourselves pushing for the top six. That is our aim now because we know it's achievable."

"The weekend wasn't a good result for us, but we need to push on now. We have West Brom and we know they are a good team, but I'm hoping it will be a good game for us and hopefully we will get a result."

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THE OPPOSITION

WORDS: RYAN PAYNE

Sitting a point above the Hatters in the Sky Bet Championship, West Bromwich Albion's first season back in the second tier has been far from straightforward. Valerien Ismael was appointed manager of the Baggies in the summer after Sam Allardyce's departure, but the Frenchman only lasted until February.

Steve Bruce was appointed as his successor at the start of the month, signing an 18-month deal at The Hawthorns with the Baggies becoming the 11th club the former Manchester United captain has managed.

In the ex-Newcastle manager's first two games at the helm, West Brom are yet to pick up three points. A Billy Sharp brace saw Sheffield United victorious in Bruce's first game, before Monday's draw at home to automatic promotion-chasing Blackburn Rovers.

in the early weeks of the season, that fixture would have been expected to feature the Baggies in the top two, rather than former Albion boss Tony Mowbray's Blackburn. With Ismael's direct style that worked so well for Barnsley last term seeming to have been transferred to great effect in the West Midlands, Albion were unbeaten in their first ten matches, including a 3-2 win over the Hatters in August at The Hawthorns.

The downturn in form, with just six wins in the 21 games since, ultimately cost the ex-Barnsley boss his job and now under the charge of Bruce

- Albion's sixth boss in three years - they arrive at Kenilworth Road eighth in the Championship table following that goalless draw with Rovers.

Karlan Grant is their top scorer with ten goals, and January signing Daryl Dike, the 21-year-old USA international striker who helped former boss Ismael fire Barnsley into last season's play-offs, is currently sidelined by an injury suffered in only his second appearance for the club. Former England striker Andy Carroll also joined the club as a free agent last month, and much of their striking burden will now fall on his experienced shoulders.

On their last visit to Kenilworth Road in August 2019, the Baggies were 2-1 winners. Harry Cornick putting the Hatters ahead before a double from Grady Diangana meant all three points would go to West Brom.

We welcome all the traveling West Brom supporters who have made the trip south this afternoon.





THE GOALKEEPER: SAM JOHNSTONE

Johnstone began his career at Manchester United, but never made a first-team appearance at Old Trafford. He had loan spells at a number of clubs, and made his professional debut whilst at Scunthorpe.

Loans followed at Walsall, Yeovil, Doncaster, and Preston, before he had two stints with Aston Villa. He featured over 60 times for Villa across both seasons, before he signed for West Brom permanently in 2018.

Since the move to Albion, he has played over 150 times and has won three England caps.



THE DEFENDER: KYLE BARTLEY

Beginning at Arsenal, Bartley progressed through the academy and played once for the first-team, in a Champions League game against Olympiacos.

Loan spells at Sheffield United and Rangers followed, before he joined Swansea permanently in 2012. He failed to maintain regular football with the Swans, and had loan moves to Birmingham and Leeds.

In July 2018, he signed for West Brom. He has featured over 130 times all competitions for the Baggies.



THE MIDFIELDER: JAKE LIVERMORE

Another England international in their side, Livermore began his career at Tottenham, where he made 36 Premier League appearances.

He also had loan spells at MK Dons, Derby, Peterborough, Ipswich, Leeds, and Hull. He'd eventually join the Tigers permanently, spending three years with the club.

Departing Hull in 2017, Livermore signed for West Brom. Since the reported £10m move, the midfielder has been a regular for the club, rapidly approaching 200 appearances.

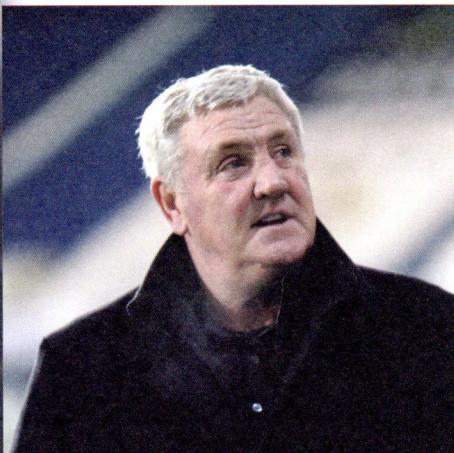


THE ATTACKER: ANDY CARROLL

Carroll signed for West Brom in the January transfer window on a deal until the end of the season, after a short stint with Reading.

He made his start at Newcastle, scoring 31 in 80 league games. His form earned him a big money move to Liverpool. The striker couldn't recapture his form at Anfield, and he later signed for West Ham after a loan spell.

Carroll spent six years at West Ham, scoring 33 league goals. After leaving West Ham, the ex-England man returned to Newcastle for a two-year spell before his spell at Reading.



THE MANAGER: STEVE BRUCE

Appointed at the start of the month, Bruce replaced Valerien Ismael as manager of West Brom. As a player, Bruce had stints at Norwich and Manchester United, amongst others.

A vastly experienced manager, the 61-year-old has managed over 1,000 games and started his managerial career in 1998 at Sheffield United. He has also managed the likes of Birmingham, Hull City and Aston Villa.

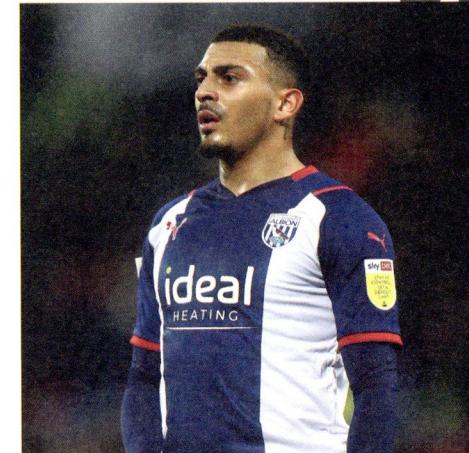
Prior to West Brom, Bruce was manager of Newcastle from July 2019 to October 2021.

WATCH OUT FOR... KARLAN GRANT

Progressing through the Charlton academy, Grant made his professional debut for the club in 2014. After loan spells at Cambridge and Crawley, he broke into the Addicks' first team.

Grant went on to make just under 100 appearances in all competitions for Charlton, before moving to Huddersfield, then in the Premier League.

In October 2020, he moved clubs again, as he signed for West Brom. This season, he has scored 10 Championship goals.



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Harry Cornick heads in the opening goal.

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ALBION:
Johnstone, Ferguson, Ajayi, Bartley, Gibbs, Sawyers, Livermore, Phillips (Costa Pereira, Krovinovic, Edwards (Diangana), Zohore (Austin)).

LAST TIME AT THE KENNY

**HATTERS 1
BAGGIES 2**

17th August 2019. Championship.

Words: Roger Wash

Back in the second tier for the first time since 2007, the Town opened the season before anyone else with a Friday night televised game against Middlesbrough at Kenilworth Road.

A pulsating game ended 3-3, but any euphoria felt at the end soon disappeared when the Town were beaten by a last gasp goal by ex-Hatter Isaac Vassell at Cardiff in their next outing.

Next up were promotion favourites West Brom at Kenilworth Road, and another full house saw the Town take a shock lead after 15 minutes when Harry Cornick raced on to a pin-point cross from Martin Cranie to power a spectacular header into the top corner of the net.

Cornick was denied a second due to the quick thinking of Baggies goalkeeper Sam Johnstone,

who was out sharply to smother the ball as the forward was about to shoot.

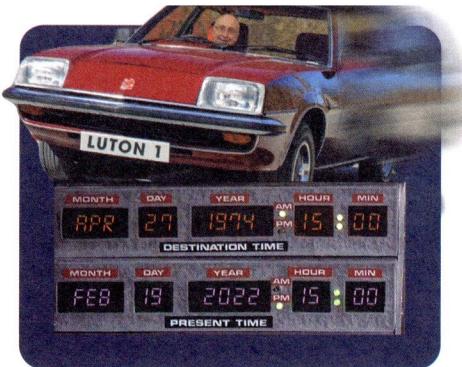
Baggies manager Slaven Bilic was not happy with his side's first half performance and bringing on substitute, West Ham loanee Grady Diangana, certainly proved a masterstroke.

Within three minutes of the restart, Diangana, with virtually his first touch, arrowed a drive past Simon Sluga in the Luton goal from 25 yards.

Three minutes later Diangana put Albion into the lead when instinctively diving to head home a deflected shot from close range. Charlie Austin, a £4 million signing from Southampton, was then introduced to the fray, scuffing a shot wide when it looked easier to score, crashing an effort against a post and hammering a presentable chance over the bar.

The Hatters had no answer to all this with manager Graeme Jones saying afterwards: "Slaven threw on a bit of power and changed the game. Physically, we didn't really come out after half-time."

It was going to be a long season.



MEMORY MATCH

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APRIL 27TH 1974.

WORDS: ROGER WASH

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Latchford, Thompson, Wilson, Hughes, Wile, Robertson, Johnston, Tony Brown, Mayo, Alistair Brown, Glover.

Easter has never been a good time for the Hatters and 1974 was no exception. Our hopes of promotion to the top flight looked all but dashed as we could only manage draws at lowly Oxford and Sheffield Wednesday.

The situation became even more bleak when we were frustrated by Oxford in the return at Kenilworth Road. After they scored an early goal it was 'ten man defence' time, and the Town forwards just could not find a way through.

It was a sad crowd of 16,353 that trudged home that evening, thinking back to the game only a month earlier when promotion rivals Orient

were seen off in a quality performance at Kenilworth Road and dreams of First Division football for the first time since 1960.

Three games were left to play and a crowd of 15,740, later labelled 'pathetic' by the local press, turned up at Kenilworth Road for the game against Millwall, to see if anything could be salvaged from the season. As it turned out, the Town put in a superb performance that afternoon and with Peter Anderson dictating the midfield and John Aston exhibiting a masterful display on the wing, the Lions were swept aside as three goals were scored without reply.

Our day was made complete when the final scores from the other games dictated that a point at West Bromwich the following Saturday would ensure Division One football. What a difference a week makes in this crazy game!

The Baggies had been seen as promotion candidates all through the season, but had blown their chances in losing 1-0 at Oxford, of all places, as the Town were beating Millwall.

West Brom manager Don Howe was not a happy man and decided to drop Asa Hartford and Len Cantello for 'not trying', replacing them with Alastair Brown and Joe Mayo for the visit of Luton.

Town supporters made up a good part of the 13,227 crowd at the Hawthorns, and they were treated to the best possible start when top goalscorer Barry Butlin put the Hatters ahead in the fifth minute, heading home a long punt upfield from John Faulkner. From then on, the Town were in control and played some clever football, and were unlucky on several occasions not to increase their lead.

It was only strong-arm tactics from the home side that prevented a rout, and the busiest person on the field was certainly Luton trainer Reg Game who had to treat Faulkner, Anderson, Alan West and Alan Garner for lengthy periods. Even so, the Town looked good for the win until 17 minutes from the end when Albion winger Willie Johnston ran into Faulkner, and referee McNally amazingly pointed to the spot.



Barry Butlin (far right) wheels away in delight after opening the scoring.

Tony Brown made no mistake with the kick and for the remainder of the match, Albion stepped up a couple of gears and gave the Town defence a testing time. Ably marshalled by skipper and ex-England full-back Bobby Thomson, the Town rearguard managed to hold on and after what seemed like a lifetime, the referee decided to halt proceedings to put the Hatters back in the top flight.

The scenes of joy on the terraces were mirrored in the changing room, and it was a happy party that drove back to Luton that evening.

John Faulkner had recovered sufficiently from a concussion received during the game to take part in the festivities. "There were times when I didn't really know where I was, but I knew I had to keep going and the shock of that penalty decision brought me round."

It had been a strange season with Middlesbrough walking away with the title and a raft of other clubs seemingly intent on not winning the other promotion spot. The Town proved to be the most consistent of an inconsistent bunch, but their total of 50 points was a poor return for a promoted side.

Manager Harry Haslam had the final word. "The promotion of such clubs as Luton into the First Division is good for the game," he said. "Ipswich and more recently QPR have proved that small clubs can grow with driving ambition inspired by playing in the First Division.

"The players have responded magnificently to my demands for attacking football and have scored 70 goals this season. But I have told them to enjoy the success while they can because next season will be really hard. We are not going into the First Division with any despondency as we are prepared to accept the challenge of higher football."

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MANAGING TO SUCCEED - WEST BROM

Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS profiles ten leading West Bromwich Albion managers

FRED EVERISS

Fred Everiss gave West Brom record service as secretary-manager. Born locally, he joined Albion as an office boy in September 1896 and became secretary-manager in July 1902. During his 46 years in the post, West Brom won the Second Division title in 1910-11, League Championship in 1919-20 and a unique promotion and FA Cup 'double' in 1930-31. In July 1948 he became a director for the last three years of his life, succeeded as secretary by his brother-in-law Eph Smith until May 1960. Fred's son Alan then became West Brom's secretary after 27 years on the office staff, holding the post until retiring in August 1980.

VIC BUCKINGHAM

Flamboyant manager Vic Buckingham plotted West Brom's 1954 FA Cup final triumph. Signing professional for Spurs in May 1935, the wing-half was an England wartime international and became Bradford PA's manager in June 1951. He took charge of West Brom in February 1953, guiding them to League Championship runners-up in 1953-54 and the FA Cup semi-finals in 1956-57. Leaving in May 1959 to manage Ajax, he achieved Dutch League and Cup success during a two-year reign, then managed Sheffield Wednesday and Fulham, coaching Ethnikos, Barcelona and Seville. He died in January 1995.

JIMMY HAGAN

Ex-England international inside-forward Jimmy Hagan managed West Brom's 1966 League Cup final success. He played for Liverpool and Derby County prior to joining Sheffield United in November 1938, starring in their 1952-53 Second Division title triumph. Appointed Peterborough's boss in August 1958, he steered them to the Fourth Division title in 1960-61 and became West Brom's manager in April 1963. He also led Albion to the 1967 League Cup final but left shortly after and then managed Benfica to three successive

Portuguese League titles, Sporting Lisbon and Porto. He died in Sheffied in February 1998.

ALAN ASHMAN

Alan Ashman plotted West Brom's 1968 FA Cup final triumph. A former centre-forward with Nottingham Forest and Carlisle United, he managed Penrith prior to rejoining Carlisle as manager in February 1963. He plotted two promotion campaigns and became West Brom's boss in July 1967, also guiding them to the 1970 League Cup final. Leaving in July 1971, he coached Olympiakos before returning to Carlisle as boss in August 1972, completing their rise to the top-flight. He resigned in October 1975, then managed Workington and Walsall and assisted John Newman at Derby and Hereford. He died in November 2002.

JOHNNY GILES

Republic of Ireland international midfielder Johnny Giles managed West Brom back to the top-flight in 1975-76. Initially with Manchester United, he featured in their 1963 FA Cup final triumph and moved to Leeds United in August 1963. He helped win all three major domestic honours under Don Revie and became West Brom's player-boss in July 1975. Scoring three goals in 75 League games, he resigned in May 1977, then managed Shamrock Rovers, Republic of Ireland and Vancouver Whitecaps. He was Albion's boss again from February 1984 until September 1985, then a football pundit, notably with RTE Sport.

RON ATKINSON

Ron Atkinson had two spells as West Brom's manager. Initially with Aston Villa, the wing-half joined Oxford United in July 1959 and skippered their rise to the Second Division. He became Kettering's player-boss in December 1971, then Cambridge United in November 1974. Plotting their 1976-77 Fourth Division title triumph, he took charge of West Brom in January 1978 and led them to the FA Cup semi-finals. Big Ron left in June 1981 to manage Manchester United, then managed West Brom again from September 1987 until October 1988 and later Atletico Madrid, Sheffield Wednesday, Aston Villa, Coventry and Forest.

OSSIE ARDILES

Former Argentina international midfielder Ossie

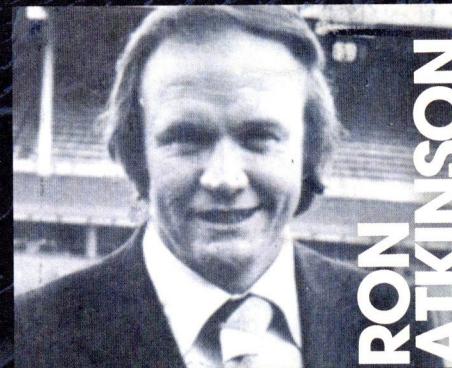
Ardiles plotted West Brom's 1992-93 Second Division play-off final triumph. Together with Ricky Villa, he made headlines with his transfer from Huracan to Tottenham Hotspur in July 1978, shortly after helping his country to win the World Cup. He helped Spurs win the FA Cup in 1981 and UEFA Cup in 1984, moving to QPR in May 1988. After spells in charge of Swindon Town and Newcastle United, he was West Brom's boss from May 1992 until leaving in June 1993 to manage Spurs. He later managed numerous clubs overseas and has since run his own soccer school.

GARY MEGSON

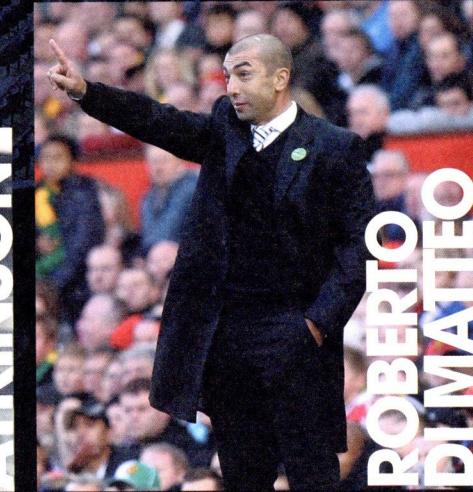
Gary Megson managed West Brom to the Premier League in 2001-02 and 2003-04. The son of Don Megson, he began with Plymouth and moved via Everton to Sheffield Wednesday in August 1981. He was a promotion winner in 1983-84, then had spells with Forest, Newcastle, Wednesday again, Manchester City, Norwich, Lincoln and Shrewsbury. Rejoining Norwich as boss in November 1995, he then managed Blackpool, Stockport and Stoke. He was West Brom's boss from March 2000 until October 2004, then managed Forest, Leicester, Bolton and Wednesday, also briefly assisting Tony Pulis back at West Brom.

TONY MOWBRAY

Former England B international defender Tony Mowbray managed West Brom to the Championship title and FA Cup semi-finals in 2007-08. Initially with Middlesbrough, he skippered them from the Third Division to First in consecutive seasons under Bruce Rioch and was twice 'Player of the Year'. He joined Celtic for £1,000,000 in November 1991, then moved to Ipswich Town in October 1995 and helped win



RON ATKINSON

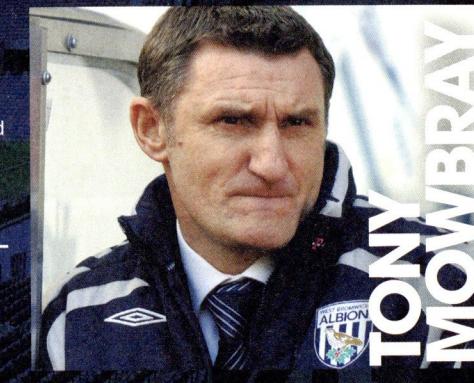


ROBERTO DI MATTEO

promotion in 1999-2000. Briefly their coach, he was Hibernian's boss before managing West Brom from October 2006 until June 2009. He has since managed Celtic, Middlesbrough, Coventry and Blackburn.

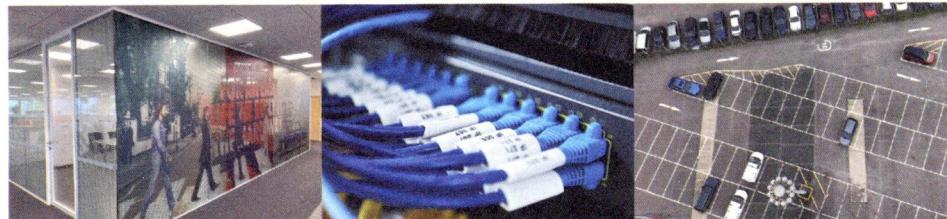
ROBERTO DI MATTEO

Former Italy international midfielder Roberto Di Matteo managed West Brom back to the top-flight in 2009-10. Born in Switzerland of Italian parents, he played for Schaffhausen, Zurich, Aarau and Lazio before joining Chelsea in July 1996. He helped win the FA Cup twice and the League Cup and ECWC in 1998. His managerial career began at MK Dons, guiding them to the League One play-offs in 2008-09. He was West Brom's boss from June 2009 until February 2011, then returned to Chelsea and managed them to an FA Cup and European Cup 'double' in 2012 before spells in charge of Schalke 04 and Aston Villa.





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What is it with so-called 'bogey' teams? They lurk in what appears to be mediocrity before swooping from nowhere, throwing all recent form and supposed momentum out of the window, and somehow come to occupy this label of 'bogey' team.

The Hatters headed to the Midlands last Saturday fuelled by a run of five wins in seven, sitting in 9th place and just a point off the Championship play-off places. Despite a patchy performance in midweek against Barnsley, the Town were oozing with momentum and confidence.

That marked a stark contrast to their opponents who sat five points above the relegation zone, having played two extra games, and on a run of just one win in 11. Fan protests rife, a damp atmosphere and confidence clearly lacking.

But this is a 'bogey' team. The Hatters collapsed to a 5-0 defeat in the reverse home fixture back in August, and those demons came back to haunt a Luton side that is far more disciplined, consistent, and dangerous than the one that the Blues faced at the start of the season. All form went out of the window as the Town were well beaten 3-0, rejuvenating their opponents and bringing the Hatters crashing back down to earth.

The term 'bogey' team is vague, and I think the fact Luton have conceded eight with no reply against one of the poorer teams in the division just goes to emphasise the fine margins of the Championship, rather than the supposed impact of so-called 'bogey' teams. But over the years the Hatters have had their fair share of 'bogey' sides who they simply couldn't overcome.

York City spring to mind, defeating Luton 2-0 on aggregate in the 2009/10 Conference play-off semi-final, before beating the Hatters again two years later at Wembley to secure promotion to the Football League. Again, the margins were fine – a last minute winner against the run of play, direct free-kick and offside goal proved the difference across those three crucial games.

Moving to the present day, Stoke City also seem to have Luton's number. The Hatters haven't beaten the Potters since the turn of the millennium, facing defeat in their last three meetings by an aggregate score of 6-0.

But it's not a one-way street - the Hatters dealt out the kind of treatment they faced against Birmingham City to their neighbours Coventry City. On a run of six games without a win, the Town came out swinging against an opposition who had won seven of their opening nine league games, thrashing them 5-0 under lights at Kenilworth Road as they smothered their usually free-flowing opponents and extended their unbeaten run against them to six games.

Are 'bogey' teams really a thing? To an extent, yes. There are just some teams where all form and momentum becomes irrelevant for reasons beyond explanation.

But I think the phenomena of so-called 'bogey' teams says more about the nature of football as a game of the finest margins than much about a specific team or opposition.

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A moody look from four Town players modelling the latest Hatters baseball themed caps and jackets in 1996. Left to right: Graham Alexander, Dwight Marshall, Marvin Johnson and Ceri Hughes.

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LUTON TOWN LADIES

First team suffer League Cup exit while reserves win 3-0 in East London

The first team have had a tough few games, firstly drawing against Haringey 3-3, twice throwing away the lead.

Fiona Constable, Leyah Maddix and Shanice Thompson were the scorers, and the ladies missed out on an opportunity to go into third place in the league.

Last Sunday we hosted Needham Market in the League Cup. Town took an early lead through Fiona Constable, and should have been two up when she fired her shot goalwards a few minutes later, but the keeper made a great save.

The Hatters again came close after eight minutes from a superbly delivered corner, but it was just cleared and the Norfolk side survived.

In the second half, however, the away side came out strong and equalised, through a defensive error. Midway through the half some controversial decisions saw two Luton midfielders Jess McKay and Olivia Abraham sin binned at the same time, and the remaining nine players had to fight under pressure.

Just before the ten minutes were up, Needham created a good chance and slotted into the bottom corner. It was a huge uphill battle from there and despite two great saves, a clearance off the line and some last ditch efforts, the ladies just couldn't find an equaliser and bowed out of the cup.

Manager Nikki Baker was disappointed with the result. "I am really gutted with the result and performance today," she said. "We just weren't good enough and the girls have to take some responsibility. We will be looking at the footage in detail and trying to improve what's going wrong. We set this cup as one of our targets so to go out so early on is so disappointing."

The reserves bagged themselves a good win away at East London Ladies this week, with new striker Sapphire Rogan scoring twice and Laura Johnson adding the other.

Next week the first team travel the short journey to Bedford Ladies for the County Cup semi-final.

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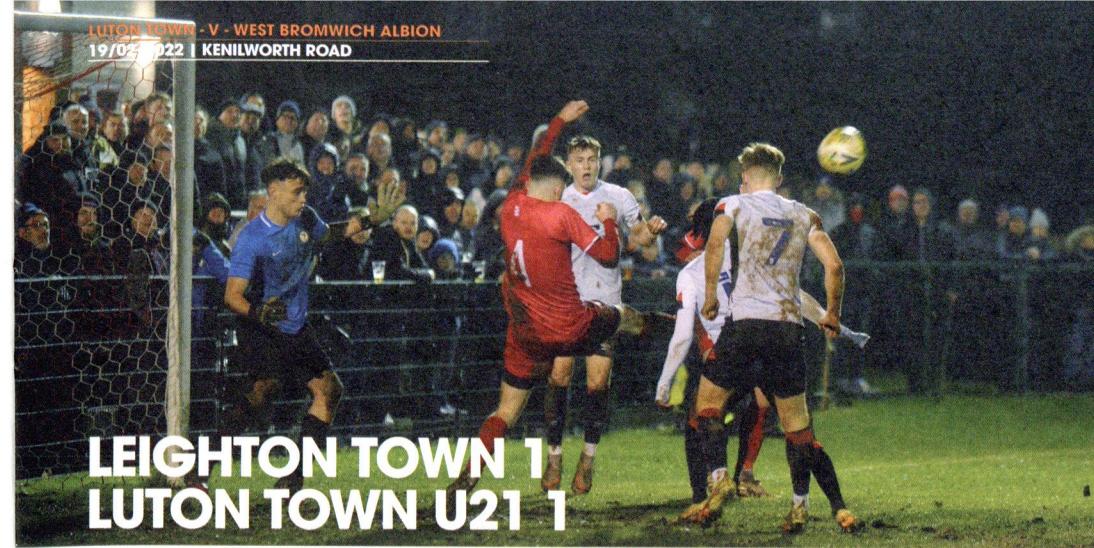
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**LEIGHTON TOWN 1
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Beds Senior Cup R2 – Tues 15th February (Leighton win 4-2 on penalties)

Luton Town were knocked out of the Beds Senior Cup in midweek after the development squad suffered a 4-2 penalty shoot-out defeat against Spartan South Midlands League neighbours Leighton Town.

With the game level at 1-1 after goals from Tyrelle Newton and late equaliser from Leighton's Luke Pyman, the hosts were clinical from the spot and after misses from Josh Allen and TQ Addy, Town's cup journey was ended at the second round stage.

Professional Player Development coach Adrian Forbes made five changes from the first round win against Dunstable Town last month, and Zack Nelson, one of those brought into the fold, came closest to opening the scoring early on.

Ed McJannet's free-kick was met by Nelson, whose header bounced off the post and was cleared by the hosts, before they had a golden chance of their own in the 28th minute.

Eddie Corbit was dispossessed in defence and the ball fell to Jervon Campbell, who couldn't find the target with only Jameson Horlick to beat.

Leighton, who are flying high in third place at Step 5 of the Non-League pyramid, had two further chances to take the lead either side of the half-time. Both gilt-edged opportunities fell to striker Ashton Campbell, but he failed to find the target with either attempt.

As the weather worsened during the second half, Josh Neufville was introduced just after the hour mark, his first action in any competitive fixture since May last year when he suffered a broken ankle on loan with Yeovil Town, although he was on the bench for the first team in the FA Cup at Cambridge United recently.

It could have been a dream return for the winger as he was played though on goal and about to pull the trigger, before Joe Fitzgerald produced a vital block to deny him.

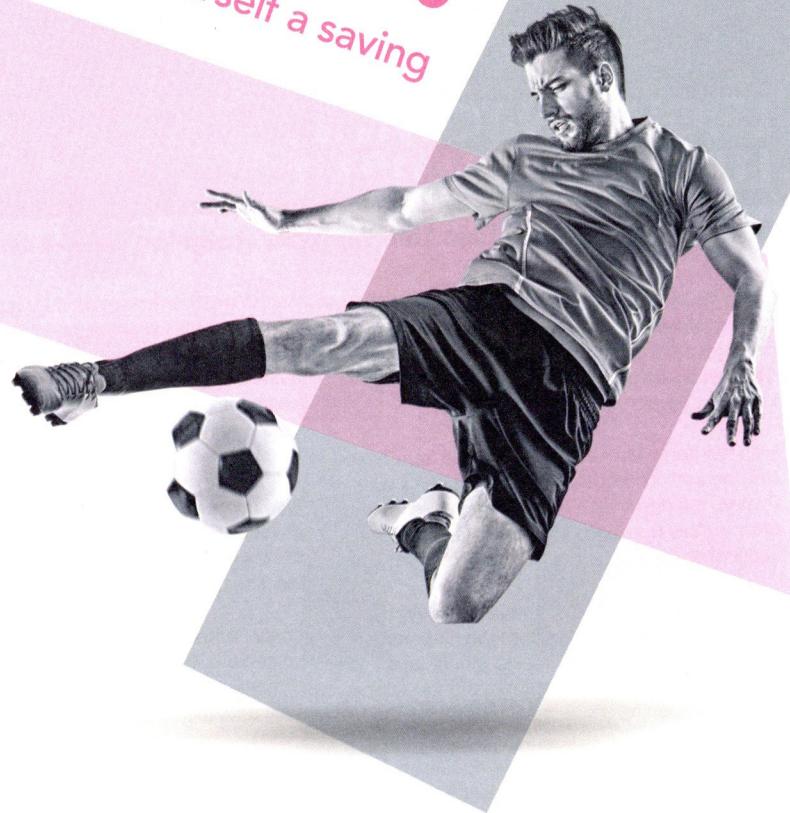
Corey Panter was denied minutes later with a point-blank save from Coulson as the Hatters continued their quest for an opener, but to no avail until the 83rd minute.

Newton found the back of the net after great work from Neufville, who drove through midfield and picked out Panter in space, and his cross was diverted across goal by Allen, then finished by Newton.

In added time, however, there was a final twist in the tale as Pyman slotted into an empty net after Horlick misjudged a cross, sending the game to penalties.

Allen and TQ Addy failed to find the target from 12 yards, as the clinical Leighton progressed into the next round, with Ross Adams scoring the decisive spot-kick.

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How did you get into football?

Mainly just watching it on the TV, watching the scores come in and my dad would always buy the newspaper, so I'd look at the scores in there too. I started playing when I was six and have continued since then.

Do you have a matchday routine?

I wouldn't say a particular routine, but I always have to eat something before, usually a grenade bar.

Who is your favourite footballer and why?

I would probably say Sergio Ramos because he can score, he can defend, he can do everything. I use to play centre-half so I used to like watching him play.

What music are you into?

Bit of everything. I don't mind a bit of pop, old school R&B. I wouldn't say I'm near being the changing room DJ, that's Josh Allen!

Favourite film?

I'd say San Andreas with Dwayne Johnson.

What do you do to relax?

Watch a bit of Netflix. Got a few series I like, Brooklyn Nine-Nine especially, and Narcos was a good one too. I do like a binge watch. I also play video games, mainly FIFA and Fortnite, standard things really.

Biggest fear?

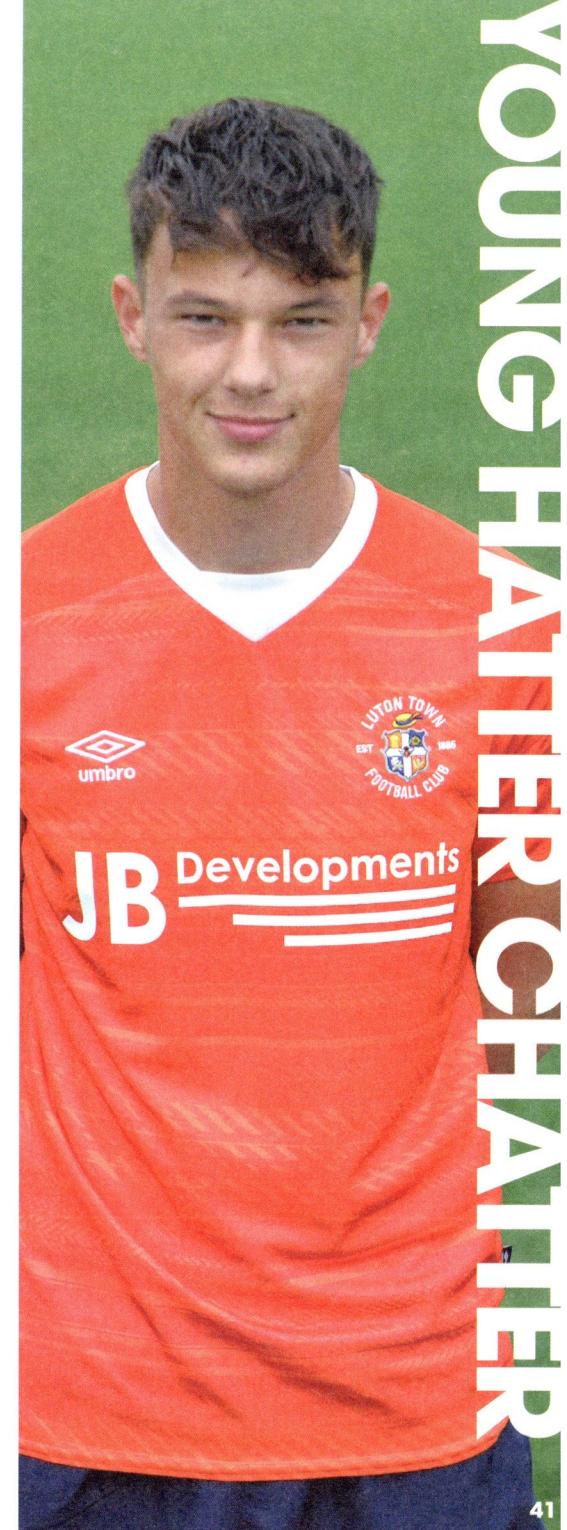
Being buried alive.

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

Time travel. I could go back and change decisions I've made things like that, and then go forward to see what I'm doing in the future.

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

It's a tough one. I was going to say soap, but you'd run out! Something like a board game to keep me entertained, a bit of monopoly would keep me going but I'd need to find someone to play against!



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COMMUNITY TRUST DONATES SPORTS EQUIPMENT TO LOCAL SCHOOLS

As part of deal between the Professional Footballers Association (PFA) and the retailer Sports Direct, the Community Trust has recently been able to donate sports equipment to local schools.

Including last season and the next two years, the Trust will receive £15,000 of multi sports equipment, balls, bibs and portable goals for the benefit of the community as part of a huge £1m donation from Sports Direct covering all 72 EFL Club Community Trusts. As part of the deal, Sports Direct will now become the 'official supplier to the PFA Community Programme'.

Every season as members of the EFL and as the Club's registered charity, the Hatters Community Trust receives central funding from both the EFL

Trust and the Professional Footballers' Association as part of their commitment to see Community Player Engagement at the heart of all professional Clubs' social responsibility work.

Schools who have received a free sports equipment pack this month include Beechwood Primary, Foxdell Junior and Beech Hill Primary, and School Sport manager James Hatch commented: "This is a fantastic kit donation to the Trust and while we will be using lots of the equipment ourselves in delivering sessions to over 30 local schools each week, we thought that by donating some of the multi-sport packs to schools, we would gain maximum use with the equipment in use all day long by pupils. It reinforces our commitment to increasing physical activity among young people and also helps under pressure school budgets."

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BOYS & GIRLS FOOTBALL + EDUCATION BTEC PROGRAMME HOLD SUCCESSFUL TRIALS

We held an excellent trials day during half-term with over 30 boys and 12 girls attending our first induction day of 2022 at Chalk Hills Sixth Form ahead of the 2022-2023 season starting in July.

Our BTEC programme is spread across three sites, education at the Chalk Hills Sixth Form, games and training at our Ely Way Training Ground and practical gym and swim sessions at Active Luton's Lewsey Sports Village. There will be four blocks of classroom work, four blocks of football training including games every Wednesday against other EFL Clubs, and two blocks at Lewsey Sports Centre. Each block represents a morning or afternoon. The elite boys and girls programme is designed for those Yr 11 leavers who want to take a sports qualification whilst receiving a full-time football training programme.

Additional GCSE support is available in Maths and English. Football training sessions and gym sessions will work around a student's study on a full-time daily basis with our full-time coaching staff from the Trust. This gives students the opportunity to progress into the professional or semi-professional game, as well as preparing them to move onto university or USA Scholarships. The scheme is open to students who are Year 11 leavers from July 2022

Our next trial date will be early May and if you are a year 11 leaver and wonder, 'Is this for me?' Then if you meet one of the following, this course could be for you:

- I have played a good standard of competitive football
- I am keen to study sport and achieve a qualification
- I want to start a career in football, sport or leisure management
- I want to continue my education blending football & sport.

You can follow us on Instagram at [lutontownbtec](#) or visit our website for further information or to apply for a place on our next trial date: www.lutontowncommunity.co.uk/bteceliteacademy

PREMIER LEAGUE PRIMARY STARS U11 NATIONAL GIRLS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to Leighton Middle School from Leighton Buzzard, who won through to the East Regional knockouts to represent Luton Town and compete for the chance to reach the Finals day at Watford FC at the end of the season. The Year 6 girls won a closely fought final against Someries Junior School from Stopsley.

The Luton & Bedfordshire regional competition was held at Queen Elizabeth Academy in Luton, and attended by 18 schools from across the County. The 6-a-side regional finals will pull together tournament winners from 9 other EFL and PL clubs and take place at Milton Keynes FC.

Let's hope the U11 girls have better luck than our U13 girls from Lincroft Academy near Bedford, who lost out in the regional knockouts with literally the last kick in the final to Milton Keynes. Time to reap revenge on their hosts!

So far this season the Trust have involved almost 30 schools across the County in our tournaments involving almost 300 girls aged between 11 and 13 years, and this is testament to the growth and interest in the game. The Trust will shortly be announcing an exciting development in partnership with the EFL and FA for girls football in Luton, with the aim of opening up the opportunity for lots of local girls to access football in the Town.

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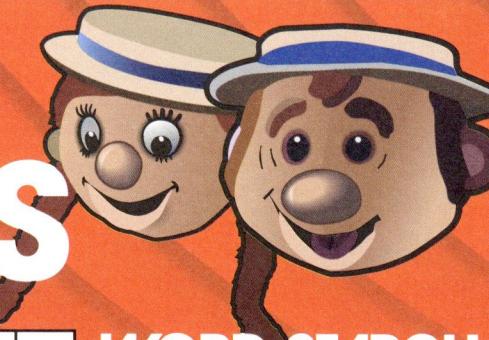
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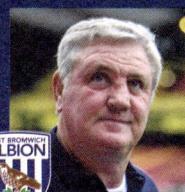
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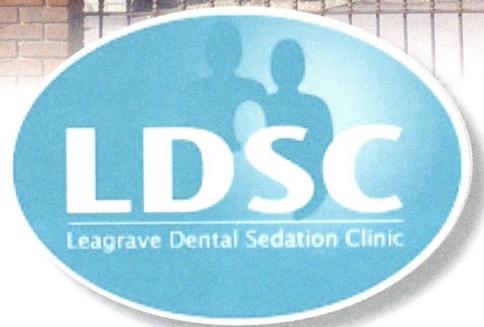
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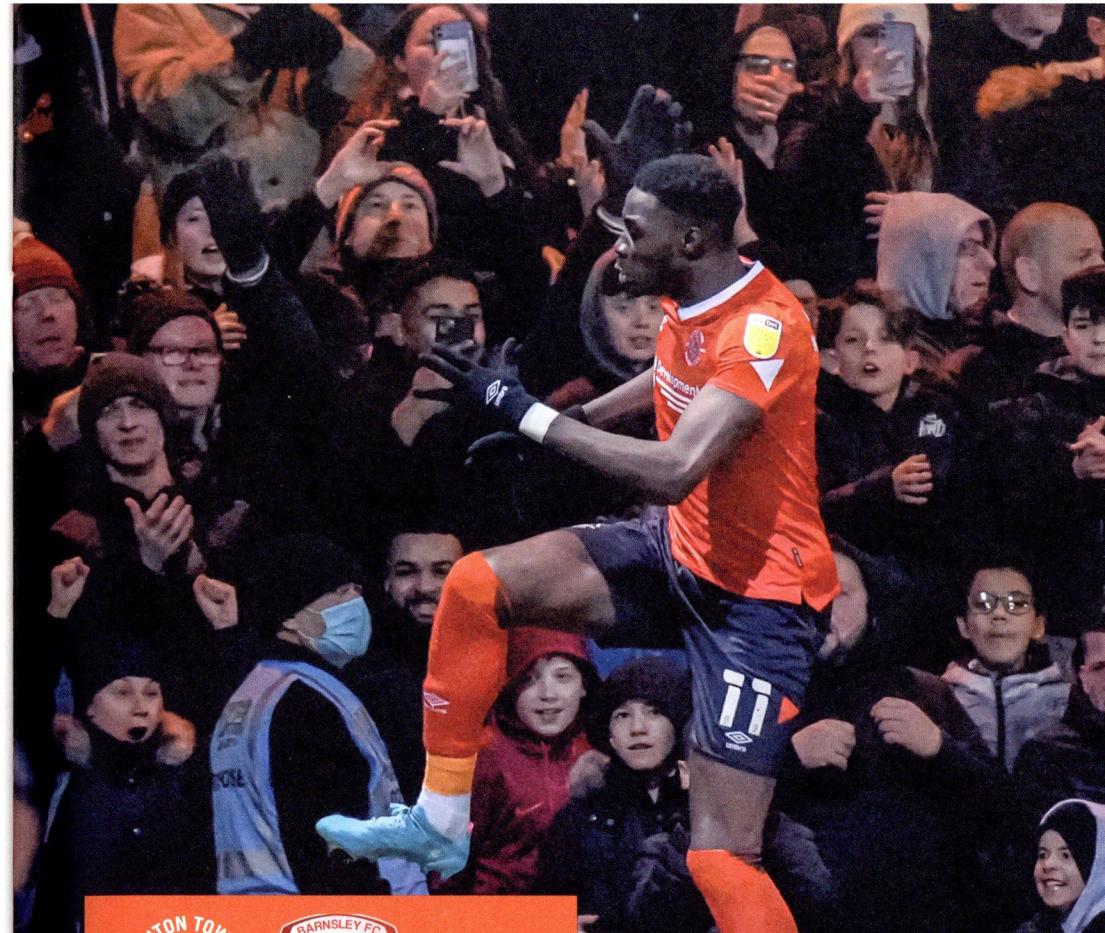
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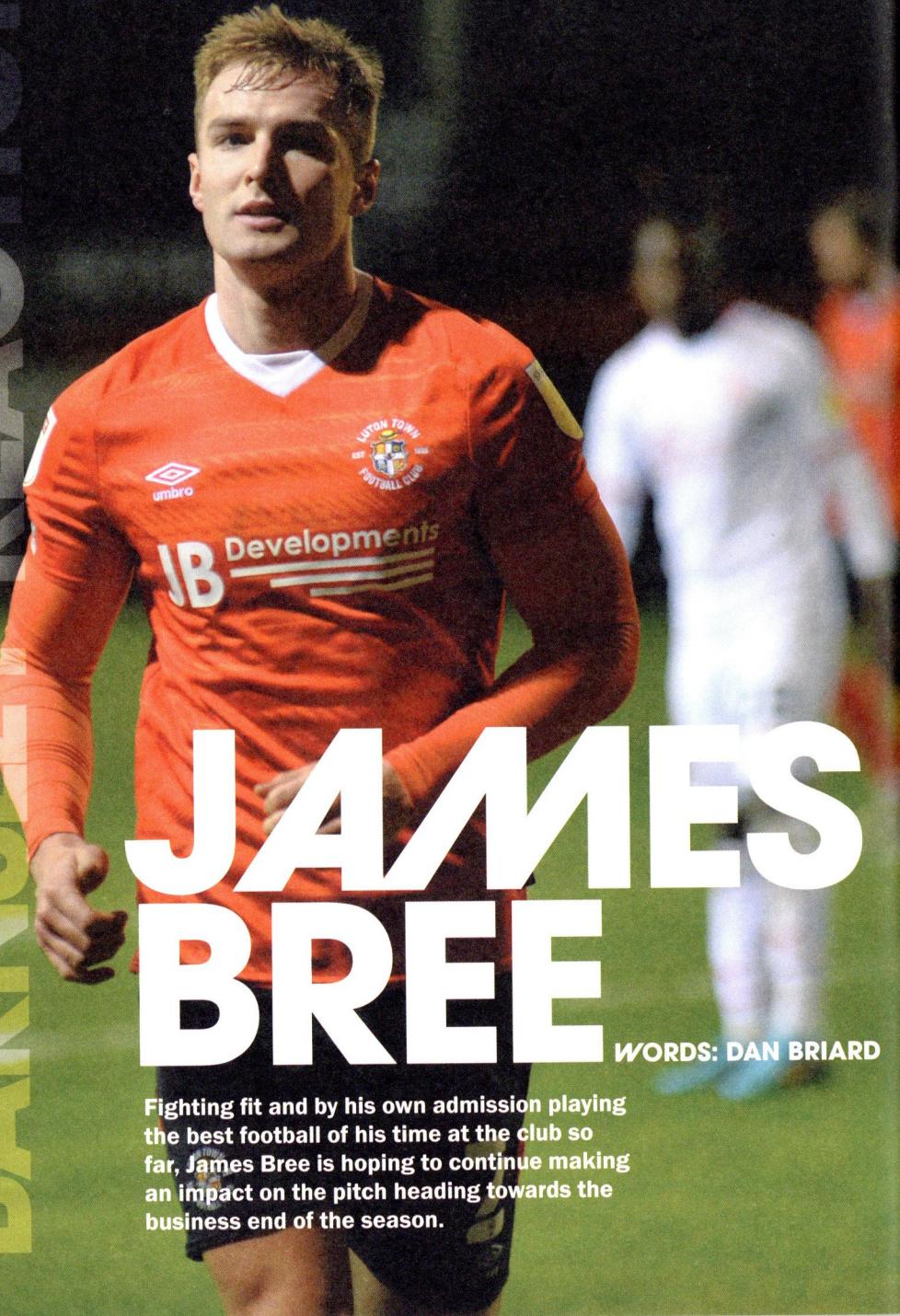
Town: Shea; Bree, Burke, Osho (Onyedinma 55'), Naismith, Bell; Campbell, Lansbury, Mpanzu; Cornick (Kioso 80'), Adebayo (Hylton 85').

Barnsley: Collins; Andersen, Helik, Kitching, Styles, Benson (Palmer 77'), Gomes, Vita (Williams 64'), Bassi (Cole 64'), Quina, Morris.

Scorers:
LT - Campbell 28', Adebayo (pen) 59'
B - Morris 44'

“A year ago or two seasons ago we would have lost that game, and we haven't beaten them here, so to do that in a scrappy game shows we can dig them out as well.”

NATHAN JONES



JAMES BREE

WORDS: DAN BRIARD

Fighting fit and by his own admission playing the best football of his time at the club so far, James Bree is hoping to continue making an impact on the pitch heading towards the business end of the season.

Speaking after the hard-fought win against his former club Barnsley, the defender admitted that whilst it wasn't the team's finest display of the season, winning ugly is a good trait to have.

"I don't think it was pretty, I don't think it was our best football, but I don't think we've played our best football for a while now and we're grinding out results, which is the main thing," said the 24-year-old.

"They came out and played quite well in the first 20 minutes. We sat off them and we didn't give the fans much to shout about, but then we nicked a goal and should have kept a clean sheet but in the end it was a good three points.

"We always go on about starting quick and for whatever reason we didn't do that tonight. It was a great goal by them to be fair, they played it really well. I think we've defended well recently, and it was disappointing because it came from one of our corners, but like I said, it doesn't matter now."

Since the turn of the year, the right-back has relished competition from Peter Kioso, who returned from a loan spell to play his part in Championship and FA Cup fixtures in recent weeks.

"Pete's a really good player. He's aggressive, a really good defender and good going forward as well. It just gives me that little kick up the backside that I need if I'm slacking, it's good competition to have.

"We get on well with each other so when he comes on for the

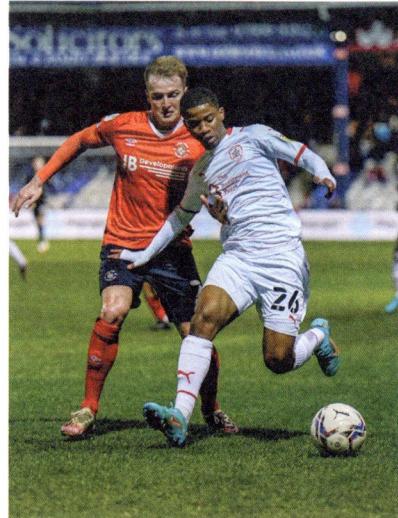
last 15 minutes like he did today, it's really nice having him behind me because I know he's a solid defender."

Prior to the win at Reading, Bree had played every minute in the Championship, but a slight injury prevented him continuing that record.

"I'll be honest, that (ever-present record) was on my mind. I really wanted to play, I didn't want to come out of the team, but I needed a little rest. I had a little problem with my hamstring which was upsetting, but Pete came in and did really well.

"I always knew that if I get games and gather consistency, I will play my best football. I think recently I have been, you feel fit, you're sharper, quality of pass is better, and everything just feels really good this year. I'm fighting fit so hopefully I can continue for the rest of the season."

The addition of first-team coach Alan Sheehan is a move Bree credits for being part of his improvements on the pitch, adding: "I think I just put a little bit of pressure on myself at the time because I was getting a bit of stick for hitting the first man. It was something we were trying to work on and the fans don't know that. Deliveries weren't great but I've been doing a bit of work with Sheez here and there, he talks to me and says you have good delivery, just don't put as much on it and put it in good areas.



"Sheez has been doing all the set pieces for us and he's been really good. That's his main focus, and what we spoke about was because it's only a two or three step run-up here, it's hard to take corners especially when you're stepping off the astro turf at the side of the pitch. He said just take a little bit off it and leave it in there, and I think it's working, so long may it continue."

Support has been not only provided by the coaching staff but from the manager Nathan Jones himself, who has on a number of occasions, come to the defence of the former Aston Villa full-back.

"The gaffer has said since day one that he backs me 100 per cent and he will get on me now and again, which I need sometimes. It fills me with confidence, I know he believes in me, I know all the lads believe in me, and I'm glad the fans are backing me as well."

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City: Etheridge; Colin, Mengi, Pedersen; Graham, Gardner (C), Bacuna (Sunjic 76'), Woods, Bela (James 90'); Hernandez, Taylor (Jutkiewicz 74').

Town: Shea; Bree, Lockyer (Mendes Gomes 57'), Burke, Naismith, Bell; Campbell, Lansbury (Onyedigba 57'), Mpanzu; Cornick (Osho 75'), Adebayo.

Scorers:
Bacuna 25', Taylor 46', Hernandez 69'

"We didn't defend well enough today, the first goal is poor, second goal is even worse, and then we're chasing the game and they got a third but that is what happens, that is the Championship."

NATHAN JONES

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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	ay	-	-	y	-	-	-	-
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Sat 28	3.00pm	H	Sheffield United	D 0-0	9,774	1,036	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	y	a	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Wed 15	7.45pm	A	Bristol City	D 1-1	16,878	572	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	y	-	-	-	1a	1b	-	-	82
Sat 18	3.00pm	H	Swansea City	D 3-3	9,721	831	14	1	-	-	-	-	-	*	y	c	b 1a	2c	-	b	y	85	-
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Sat 16	3.00pm	A	Millwall	W 2-0	14,227	1,631	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	a	c	b 1	a	-	b	-	-	-
Tue 19	7.45pm	A	Derby County	D 2-2	20,258	1,057	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	y	a	c	-	1a	1b	2c	-	-
Sat 23	3.00pm	H	Hull City	W 1-0	9,999	793	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	a	c	-	-	b	-	-	-	-
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Sat 6	3.00pm	H	Stoke City	L 0-1	10,068	1,005	11	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	b	*	*	1	-	b	*	c	-
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Sat 27	3.00pm	H	Cardiff City	L 1-2	9,987	1,032	14	-	-	-	-	-	*	y	c	b	b	1	*	c	a	*	-
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Sat 11	3.00pm	H	Fulham	D 1-1	9,992	1,029	12	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	1	*	*	1	*	a	*	b	*
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Wed 19	8.00pm	A	Reading	W 2-0	9,611	849	11	-	1	-	-	*	*	*	a	*	1c	a	b	*	b	*	1d
Sat 22	3.00pm	A	Sheffield United	L 0-2	27,780	1,843	13	-	-	1	-	-	*	*	a	*	r	b	*	c	*	b	*
Tue 25	7.45pm	H	Bristol City	W 2-1	9,202	586	10	-	-	-	-	*	*	y	a	1	*	1c	cy	a	*	b	b
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MANAGER: MICHAEL O'NEILL

WHO?

Stoke were founded in 1863 and are the oldest professional Football League club in the world, having been one of the 12 founder members of the Football League in 1888. The Potters' last piece of major silverware came in 2000 when they won the Football League Trophy, in addition to their League Cup victory back in 1972. Stoke's last piece of league silverware came in 1993 after winning the old Second Division (Third tier).

GROUND?

Stoke's home ground was built in 1998 and previously called the "Britannia Stadium" until changing names due to sponsorship in 2016. The bet365 Stadium has a capacity of 30,089, making it the 10th largest stadium in the Championship.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

The two sides last met in November at Kenilworth Road, with Jacob Brown's first-half strike proving the difference between them. The Hatters haven't beaten the Potters since 2000, and have lost 14 of their last 19 games against them in a run stretching back to 1995.

KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU

Current Town Manager Nathan Jones took charge of Stoke for 10 months before returning to Luton in June 2020. Former Hatter Mark Stein, the younger brother of Brian Stein, made 84 appearances for Luton across two spells at the club, scoring 22 goals. He also had two spells at Stoke, scoring 50 goals in 89 appearances. Current Weymouth manager David Oldfield made 140 appearances for the Hatters over three seasons, before moving to Stoke in 1998.

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LUTON TOWN PLAYER STATISTICS

LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB	2021-22 SEASON								CAREER				
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		CARDS		TOTAL				
	APPS	G	APPS	G	APPS	G	APPS	G	APPS	G			
Elijah Adebayo	24	(2)	12	1	(0)	1	25	(2)	13	2	0	45	18
Sam Beckwith	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	1	0
Amari'i Bell	24	(1)	1	1	(1)	0	25	(2)	1	1	0	27	1
Luke Berry	7	(3)	4	0	(1)	1	7	(4)	5	2	0	133	19
Sammy Bradley	16	(1)	2	1	(0)	0	17	(1)	2	2	0	149	5
James Bree	28	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	29	(0)	0	5	0	98	1
Renee Burke	15	(2)	0	2	(0)	1	17	(2)	1	1	1	19	1
Allan Campbell	17	(1)	3	0	(0)	0	17	(4)	3	4	0	21	3
Jordan Clark	14	(4)	2	1	(0)	0	15	(10)	2	1	0	56	5
Harry Cornick	20	(4)	8	0	(2)	0	20	(6)	8	2	0	195	31
Danny Hylton	1	(6)	1	0	(2)	0	1	(8)	1	1	0	157	59
Cameron Jerome	8	(11)	0	3	(0)	2	11	(11)	2	2	0	22	2
Peter Kioso	4	(3)	0	2	(0)	0	6	(3)	0	2	0	12	0
Henri Lansbury	13	(10)	0	2	(0)	0	15	(10)	0	9	0	25	0
Elliot Lee	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	124	30
Tom Lockyer	17	(0)	1	2	(0)	0	19	(0)	1	3	0	42	1
Carlos Mendes Gomes	2	(6)	0	3	(0)	1	5	(6)	1	0	0	11	1
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	25	(2)	1	0	(1)	0	25	(3)	1	2	0	326	20
Admiral Muskwe	6	(10)	0	2	(0)	2	8	(10)	2	1	0	18	2
Kai Nahomik	29	(0)	1	1	(0)	1	30	(0)	2	5	0	53	3
Fred Onyedinma	8	(12)	2	1	(1)	0	9	(13)	2	2	0	22	2
Gabriel Osho	12	(7)	0	2	(0)	0	14	(7)	0	4	0	22	0
Dion Perica	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
Glen Rea	8	(4)	0	1	(0)	0	9	(4)	0	4	0	207	8
James Shea	11	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	13	(0)	0	0	0	98	0
Simon Slaga	19	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	19	(0)	0	1	0	94	0
Jed Steer	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	1	0
Elliot Thorpe	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0

2021-22 CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

#	Team	P1	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Fulham	30	19	7	4	78	26	52	64
2	Bournemouth	30	17	7	6	49	26	23	58
3	Blackburn Rovers	32	15	9	8	45	33	12	54
4	Queens Park Rangers	31	15	7	9	46	36	10	52
5	Huddersfield Town	32	13	11	8	40	34	6	50
6	Middlesbrough	30	14	7	9	38	29	9	49
7	Nottingham Forest	31	13	8	10	43	33	10	47
8	Sheffield United	30	13	8	9	39	33	6	47
9	West Bromwich Albion	31	12	10	9	34	26	8	46
10	Luton Town	30	12	9	9	41	36	5	45
11	Preston North End	32	11	12	9	35	35	0	45
12	Coventry City	30	12	8	10	39	36	3	44
13	Stoke City	30	12	7	11	38	32	6	43
14	Millwall	31	11	10	10	33	37	0	43
15	Blackpool	31	11	8	12	34	37	-3	41
16	Swansea City	30	10	8	12	32	39	-7	38
17	Bristol City	32	10	7	15	42	58	-16	37
18	Birmingham City	32	9	9	14	37	49	-12	36
19	Cardiff City	31	10	5	16	38	50	-12	35
20	Hull City	32	9	6	17	26	36	-10	33
21	Reading *	31	8	5	18	36	60	-24	23
22	Peterborough United	30	5	6	19	23	60	-37	21
23	Derby County *	31	9	12	10	32	35	-3	18
24	Barnsley	30	3	8	19	19	45	-26	1

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02 JAMES BREE
03 DAN POTTS
04 KAL NAISMITH
05 SONNY BRADLEY
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 ISTED
22 ALLAN CAMPBELL
23 HENRI LANSBURY
24 FRED ONYEDINIMA
25 JED STEER
26 ADMIRAL MUSKWE
28 ELLIOT THORPE
29 AMARI'I BELL
32 GABRIEL OSHO
35 CAMERON JEROME

STEVE BRUCE

01 SAM JOHNSTONE
02 DARNELL FURLONG
03 CONOR TOWNSEND
04 DARA O'SHEA
05 KYLE BARTLEY
06 SEMI AJAYI
07 CALLUM ROBINSON
08 JAKE LIVERMORE
09 KENNETH ZOHORE
10 MATT PHILLIPS
11 GRADY DIANGANA
12 DARYL DIKE
14 JAYSON MOLUMBY
15 ANDY CARROLL
16 MATT CLARKE
18 KARLAN GRANT
19 ROMAINE SAWYERS
20 ADAM REACH
21 CEDRIC KIPRE
22 KEAN BRYAN
25 DAVID BUTTON
27 ALEX MOWATT
28 RAYHAAN TULLOCH
29 TAYLOR GARDNER-HICKMAN
36 ALEX PALMER

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